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DAVID EDWARD MOULTON

M. W. Brother MOULTON was born in Falmouth, Me., on September 16, 1871, coming from old New England Colonial stock.

He received his early education in the public schools of Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth, where his father moved when David was still a lad, and was graduated from Westbrook Seminary in 1888. Choosing the profession of law he entered Yale Law School and was graduated therefrom with the degree of L. L. B. in 1897, and received the degree of M. L. the year following. He was an instructor in the Yale Law School for one year.

In 1899 Brother MOULTON began to practice law in Portland, where he has since remained, specializing in corporation and public utility law.

In 1901 he represented the City of South Portland in the State Legislature and was City Solicitor of South Portland from 1899 to 1907. Probably, however, Brother MOULTON is best known by his connection with and valuable service for the Portland Water District which he has served as attorney and clerk since 1908. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Chapman National Bank.

Brother MOULTON has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Etta B. Knight to whom he was married on October 30, 1901, and of which union two daughters were born. Mrs. Moulton died in 1911 and in November 1918 he married Miss Helen S. Leavitt of Portland.

Brother MOULTON'S hobbies are farming and horticulture, not by any means forgetting his interest in Masonry. He has a farm at Falmouth where may be found some of the best bread Jersey stock in America, while his acres devoted to raising the rarest varieties of peonies afford for him a pleasant and profitable pastime.

Brother MOULTON was initiated in Hiram Lodge, No. 180, at South Portland, June 20, 1899. He served in every office and was elected Worshipful Master in 1913. He was exalted in Greenleaf R. A. Chapter, November 20, 1906; greeted in Portland Council, R. & S. M., November 30, 1907, and knighted in Portland Commandery, No. 2, K. T., February 22, 1907. He served as Eminent Commander in 1916. He received the degrees of the A. & A. Scottish Rite from the Fourth to the Thirty-second in 1912.

In Grand Lodge he served in several minor offices and in 1922 was elected Deputy Grand Master succeeding M. W. Brother SPEAR in May, 1924, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Maine, performing the manifold duties of the office so acceptably that he was unanimously re-elected at the Annual Communication in May, 1925.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1925

One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Tuesday, May 5, 1925. }

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.

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Portland
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Bath
FRANK P. DENACO,	" Senior Grand Warden	Bangor
ERWIN G. RYDER,	" Junior Grand Warden, Brownville Junc.	
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary,	Portland
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. " Chaplain	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.	" " "	Bangor
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	" " Marshal,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " "	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" " Sword Bearer,	South Paris
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 262 delegates, representing 180 of the 206 chartered lodges, six of the nine living Past Grand Masters, with 31 out of the other 41 Permanent Members, including 42 of the 55 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, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. DAVID L. WILSON,

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. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. WILLIAM H. OHLER,

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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regret for unavoidable non-attendance from R. W. Bro. CHARLES F. WOODWARD, D. D. G. M. for the Fifth District; R. W. Bro. H. W. RICHARDSON, D. D. G. M. for the Twenty-third District; and Wor. LESTER M. ANDREWS, Grand Representative of Arizona.

Voted that the same be made a matter of record.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read the following letter of greeting:

138 Woodward Avenue,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Canada,
May 2, 1925.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Esq., *Grand Secretary*,
Masonic Temple, Portland, Me.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER:

Another cycle is about completed which will mark the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and I desire to extend the Greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in this Province, to The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Officers and Brethren, and to express the sincere hope that your deliberations, and the influence of the personal intercourse, will result in much benefit to the Ancient and Honorable Brotherhood.

Permit me to say that I appreciate very much the receipt of the Annual Journal of Proceedings of your Grand Lodge, from which I receive much satisfaction in discerning how closely you adhere to the Ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity.

In these days there is a tendency to seek after novelties which as I see them, will only encumber, if not retard our most laudable endeavors, and it is well that we stand fast to the essence of those objects for which we were instituted.

With kindest regards, and very best of good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

J. B. WAY,

Grand Representative.

The following telegram was read, and ordered made a matter of record.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 4, 1925.

M. W. DAVID E. MOULTON,

Grand Master of Masons, Portland, Me.

Conference here with Grand Master and Leader of Illinois Grand Lodge makes my intended visit impossible. I convey the greetings and best wishes of the Masonic Service Association to you and your Grand Lodge with congratulations upon a harmonious and beautiful year; and with best wishes for the future am glad to report the Association is better organized and more successful than ever before in its history.

ANDREW L. RANDALL.

TELEGRAM TO R. W. BROTHER TALBOT.

For the second time since 1872 (the first being in 1911 when he was detained by a broken leg) R. W. Bro. ARCHIE LEE TALBOT was absent at the opening

of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He was at the home of his son in Connecticut suffering from a serious accident sustained a few weeks before. The Grand Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of greeting to R. W. Bro. TALBOT. The following was immediately prepared and sent:

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Grand Lodge of Maine in Annual Communication notes with regret your absence, the first for many years, extends deepest sympathy because of your accident and hopes for early complete recovery.

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
Grand Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Doing of Grand Officers.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, ALBERT M. PENLEY.

On Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, EDWARD K. GOULD.

On Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, WALTER E. DILLON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

He also appointed EDWARD W. WHEELER as a member of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for this session in place of ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS for the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation attended to the duties assigned to it and beg leave to report that in January we took up the matter of reduced fares for transportation to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, with all the transportation companies operating in the state.

With the exception of the Boston & Maine Railroad, which has not favored us with any concessions since war-time, we found all the others willing to co-operate and offer reduced fares.

The Maine Central Railroad, which of course is used by the larger number of representatives, offered fare and one-half for the round trip, tickets on sale May 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, good to return up to midnight of May 8th.

The Grand Trunk offered like reduction from all stations over its line in Maine.

The little narrow gauge lines from Bridgton and Franklin County offered their regular thirty-day ticket.

The Bangor & Aroostook offered a fare of one and one-third for the round trip from all of its stations to Dover-Foxcroft and Northern Maine Junction, through tickets being sold at such rate plus the reduced fare from its junction points to Portland over the Maine Central.

The Boston & Maine declined to make any concession over any of its lines to Portland, although there might be representatives from at least twenty-five lodges who would travel over this road.

Your Committee has already tendered the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the various railroads for the courtesy which they have extended by these rate reductions.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
WM. FREEMAN LORD,	
ERNEST J. RECORD,	

The report was accepted and the action of the committee in extending the thanks of the Grand Lodge, approved.

CREDENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by T. Jefferson Foster, M.; Sylvan Shurtleff, S. W.; Guy S. Bibber, J. W.; Edwin L. Lynch, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Charles L. Cates, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Alexander G. Grover, M.; Sidney G. Evans, J. W.
- 4 ——— HANCOCK, not represented.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Leslie E. Gray, M.; Leigh Webber, J. W.
- 6 AMITY, by Harold L. Ames, M.

- 7 EASTERN, by Nelson B. Camick, M.; John A. Ferris, S. W.; Edward G. Buxton, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by Edwin C. Patten, M.; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Rufus L. Doe, M.; Thomas H. Hooper, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Tuttle, Proxy.
- 11 ———PYTHAGOREAN, not represented.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Dana L. Shackford, S. W.; John I. Doughty, J. W.; Henry W. Loring, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by J. Henry Halkett, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Henry G. Shaw, M.; Sanford B. Nickerson, S. W.; Luther S. Thompson, J. W.; Roy F. Shackford, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by William B. Matthews, Proxy.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by William A. Lowell, M.; Ralph M. Bonney, S. W.; Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., J. W.; David F. Drew, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Percy Y. Fogg, M.; Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by G. Raymond Whitmore, M.; Henry B. Voter, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by Raymond J. Currier, M.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Charles A. Libby, M.
- 22 YORK, by Ralph Andrews, M.; Elmer A. Mitchell, S. W.; Arthur L. Leech, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Elwin L. Davis, M.; Alpheus G. Dyer, S. W.; Fred A. Taylor, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Warren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Linwood B. Jones, Proxy.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Franklin K. Jack, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Samuel N. Small, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Benjamin W. Ela, Proxy.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Lawrence M. Watson, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Adam M. Young, M.
- 31 ———UNION, not represented.
- 32 HERMON, by Arthur H. Lander, M.; Arthur L. Purdy, S. W.; Harold C. Smith, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by George T. Williams, M.; George W. Hoxie, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by George W. Fogg, M.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Emmon E. Heald, M.; George S. Croudis, S. W.; Henry C. Rogers, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by John W. Peabody, M.
- 38 HARMONY, by William P. F. Robie, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Charles S. Hutchinson, M.; Harvey L. Haskell, J. W.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Earl H. Jordan, M.; Harry E. Rowe, Proxy.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Delmar R. Small, M.; Charles E. Walker, S. W.; Henry Taylor, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Arhtur L. Hayes, Proxy.
- 43 ———ALNA, not represented.

- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Charles W. Mills, M.; Walter E. Dillon, Proxy.
45 ———CENTRAL, not represented.
46 St. CROIX, by Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
47 DUNLAP, by Arthur F. Maxwell, M.; Lloyd G. Woodman, J. W.;
Herbert E. Haley, Proxy.
48 LAFAYETTE, by Costello Weston, Proxy.
49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Elmer O. Small, S. W.
50 AURORA, by Frank A. Maxcy, M.
51 St. JOHN'S, by Maurice E. Hobbs, M.; George A. Emery, Proxy.
52 MOSAIC, by Philip E. Washburn, M.
53 RURAL, by Frank A. Barnard, M.
54 VASSALBORO, by James Hooper, Proxy.
55 FRATERNAL, by Freeman B. Trafton, M.; Burleigh Ricker, S. W.;
Walter Davis, J. W.
56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Ralph O. Libby, M.
57 KING HIRAM, by Elisha L. Stetson, S. W.
58 UNITY, by Leroy W. Gordon, Proxy.
59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
60 STAR IN THE EAST, by John D. Small, M.; George M. McLellan, Proxy.
61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Stacy E. Castner, S. W.
62 KING DAVID'S by Warren Pitcher, Proxy.
63 RICHMOND, by John Franklin Harris, M.; S. Stanley Card, Proxy.
64 PACIFIC, by Vernon B. Packard, M.; Everett L. Noble, J. W.
65 MYSTIC, by Frederick A. Baker, M.
66 MECHANICS', by Myron E. Pratt, M.
67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Charles W. Dennison, Proxy.
68 ———MARINERS', not represented.
69 HOWARD, by Bert R. Chandler, M.
70 ———STANDISH, not represented.
71 RISING SUN, by Oscar R. Saunders, M.
72 PIONEER, by H. Clive LeMasurier, Proxy.
73 ———TYRIAN, not represented.
74 BRISTOL, by Stephen H. Carter, J. W.
75 PLYMOUTH, by Anthony P. Welch, M.
76 ARUNDEL, by Frank H. Morrell, Proxy.
77 TREMONT, by Eben F. Richardson, Proxy.
78 CRESCENT, by Fred L. Gardner, Proxy.
79 ROCKLAND, by Walter G. Dimick, S. W.
80 ———KEYSTONE, not represented.
81 ATLANTIC, by Otto P. Kimball, M.; Herman C. Day, Proxy.
82 St. PAUL'S, by Harry C. MacDonald, M.
83 St. ANDREW'S, by Donald S. Higgins, M.
84 EUREKA, by G. Henry Robinson, M.
85 STAR IN THE EAST, by Lloyd W. Tozier, Proxy.
86 TEMPLE, by Lawreston W. Sawyer, M.; Frank H. Robie, J. W.
87 BENEVOLENT, by Burton L. Dyer, M.
88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Frank E. Patten, M.

- 89 ISLAND, by Melville F. Grover, M.
 90 HIRAM ABIF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 HARWOOD, by Otis W. Means, M.
 92 ————SILOAM, not represented.
 93 HOREB, by Elmer A. Dow, M.
 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
 95 CORINTHIAN, by Harold C. Getchell, M.
 96 MONUMENT, by George W. Haskell, M.
 97 BETHEL, by Herbert C. Rowe, J. W.
 98 KATAHDIN, by Fred S. Huston, M.; John Hal. Patterson, Proxy.
 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carl F. Fellows, M.
 100 JEFFERSON, by Clarence Perham, M.
 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles F. Bradford, Proxy.
 102 ————MARSH RIVER, not represented.
 103 ————DRESDEN, not represented.
 104 DIRIGO, by Lester R. Nelson, M.
 105 ASHLAR, Carroll H. Brewster, M.; Edward S. Stetson, Jr., J. W.;
 Ray H. Gilpatrick, Proxy.
 106 TUSCAN, by Whitney L. Bradley, M.
 107 DAY SPRING, by Mahlon W. Staples, M.
 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
 109 MOUNT KINEO, by John A. McSorley, M.
 110 MONMOUTH, by Roy D. Woodbury, M.
 111 LIBERTY, by Justin V. Jackson, S. W.; Edgar E. Tasker, Proxy.
 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Walter M. Reed, M.; William S. Davidson,
 Proxy.
 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Arthur M. Greeley, M.; Frank E. Dingley, Proxy.
 114 POLAR STAR, by Harold E. Cutting, M.
 115 BUXTON, by William H. Rowe, Proxy.
 116 LEBANON, by George F. Lyons, M.
 117 GREENLEAF, by Harry G. Swasey, Proxy.
 118 DRUMMOND, by Benjamin H. Fuller, Proxy.
 119 ————POWNAI, not represented.
 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*
 121 ————ACACIA, not represented.
 122 MARINE, by Fred P. Eaton, M.; Moses D. Joyce, Proxy.
 123 FRANKLIN, Archie H. Taylor, M.; George E. Hopkins, S. W.
 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Fred H. Burton, M.
 125 MERIDIAN, by J. Edward McMichael, M.; Walter M. Prilay, Proxy.
 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Charles O'Connell, Proxy.
 127 PRESUMPCOT, Orville V. Haskell, M.; Loring S. Mains, J. W.;
 Joseph B. Manchester, Proxy.
 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Eugene P. Clapp, Proxy.
 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Frank W. Bryant, M.; Ernest S. Wing, Proxy.
 130 TRINITY, by Clyde P. Johnston, M.
 131 LOOKOUT, by Charles E. Maker, Proxy.
 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.

- 133 ASYLUM, by Malcolm M. Soule, M., Charles C. Clark, Proxy.
 134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
 135 RIVERSIDE, by Danford D. Drake, Proxy.
 136 IONIC, *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
 137 KENDUSKEAG, by George I. Emery, M.
 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Harry C. McDowell, Proxy.
 139 ARCHON, by John J. Dunivan, M.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
 140 MOUNT DESERT, by James H. Ketchum, M.
 141 AUGUSTA, by Ralph W. Farris, M.; William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
 142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
 143 PREBLE, by William Smith, M.; Frederic A. Allen, Proxy.
 144 SEASIDE, by Chester A. Swett, M.
 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Edward A. Smalley, M.
 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Omar C. Gerald, M.; Albert D. Billings, Proxy.
 147 EVENING STAR, by Herbert A. Spaulding, M.; Augustus F. Cloutier,
 Proxy.
 148 FOREST, by Edwin B. Cole, Proxy.
 149 DORIC, by William R. Hughes, Proxy.
 150 RABBONI, by Arthur Booth, Proxy.
 151 EXCELSIOR, by Everett L. Bird, Proxy.
 152 ———CROOKED RIVER, not represented.
 153 ———DELTA, not represented.
 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Thomas S. Schofield, M.
 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Everett H. Plummer, M.; Elliott K. Hale, S. W.;
 Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
 156 WILTON, by Joseph W. Perkins, M.; Will F. Allen, Proxy.
 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Fred C. Eldridge, Proxy.
 158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
 159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
 160 PARIAN, by Lindley F. Hayden, J. W.
 161 CARRABASSET, by Fred C. Dunlap, Proxy.
 162 ———ARION, not represented.
 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Charles H. MacDonald, M.; George W. Evans,
 Proxy.
 164 WEBSTER, by George W. Wood, M.
 165 MOLUNKUS, by Phillip B. Seavey, M.
 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Benjamin J. Sherman, Proxy.
 167 WHITNEY, by Percy M. Brown, M.
 168 COMPOSITE, by Roy C. Ames, M.; Lewis M. Blake, Proxy.
 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Harry E. Durgin, M.
 170 CARIBOU, by Laurence A. Hutchinson, M.; Foye R. Belyea, Proxy.
 171 ———NASKEAG, not represented.
 172 PINE-TREE, by Carroll F. Shedd, M.
 173 PLEIADES, by George M. Jackson, M.
 174 LYNDE, by Willard Andrew Kitchen, M.
 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Frank E. Trafton, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
 176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in Sept. 23, 1895.*

- 177 ——— RISING STAR, not represented.
 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Ned P. Willis, Proxy.
 179 YORKSHIRE, by Clarence M. Staples, M.; Frank H. McCrillis, Proxy.
 180 HIRAM, by Ernest B. Small, M.; George H. Minot, Proxy.
 181 RUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 GRANITE, by Harry Jacobs, S. W.
 183 DEERING, by John H. Adams, M.; William W. Shaw, S. W.; J. Warren Day, J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Robert C. Whitman, M.; Charles A. Gerry, J. W.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by Frank J. Haskell, S. W.; Carroll C. Brown, J. W.; Benjamin L. Hadley, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Ernest W. Jamieson, M.; Maurice Hawkes, S. W.; Edward W. Rome, Proxy.
 187 IRA BERRY, by Walter E. Stover, S. W.; William B. Snow, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Frank C. Smith, M.
 189 KNOX, by Charles R. Crowley, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, Lysle W. Folsom, M.
 191 DAVIS, by Dan E. Leighton, Proxy.
 192 ——— WINTER HARBOR, not represented.
 193 ——— WASHBURN, not represented.
 194 EUCLID, by James M. Spence, Proxy.
 195 ——— RELIANCE, not represented.
 196 BAY VIEW, by Edwin T. Gamage, M.; Converse O. Hodgdon, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Mahlon A. Whitten Proxy.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Chester L. White, M.
 199 BINGHAM, by Thales E. Spaulding, Jr., Proxy.
 200 COLUMBIA, by Russell S. Taylor, M.; William S. Gould, Proxy.
 210 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Peter Milne, M.; Angus S. Milne, S. W.
 202 ——— MOUNT BIGELOW, not represented.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Willard E. Overlock, M.
 204 ——— MOUNT ABRAM, not represented.
 205 ——— NOLLESEMIC, not represented.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Daniel D. James, Proxy.
 207 ABNER WADE, by George S. Leighton, M.
 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by James P. Bunker, M.
 209 FORT KENT, by Harry Martin, Proxy.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, J. W.
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by John D. Mitchell, S. W.
 212 ——— MCKINLEY, not represented.
 213 ——— KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by Edward F. Foster, Proxy.
 215 ORCHARD, by King E. Sears, S. W.; Frank H. Libby, Proxy.

(Chartered Lodges, 206; represented, 180; delegates, 262).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	P. G. M.
" THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
" WALDO PETTENGILL,	"
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
" EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
" ALBERT M. SPEAR,	"
R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRANK E. MONROE,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	"
" LEWMAN B. SOPER,	"
" FREDERIC O. EATON,	"
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	P. J. G. W.
" W. FREEMAN LORD,	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	"
" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	"
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	"
" FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	"
" JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	"
" CHARLES F. PAINE,	"
" EDWARD G. WESTON,	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" ALLEN L. CURTIS,	"
" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
FRANK P. DENACO,	" Senior Grand Warden
ERWIN G. RYDER,	" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary.
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary

JAMES ABERNETHY,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	2nd Dist.
GEORGE E. PARSONS,	" "	3rd "
FREEMAN N. BOWDEN,	" "	4th "
ELLERY BOWDEN,	" "	6th "
JOHN W. LEVENSELLER,	" "	7th "
WILLIAM E. MURPHY,	" "	9th "
ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON,	" "	11th "
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL,	" "	12th "
HARRY B. HARRIS,	" "	13th "
FRANCIS G. COOKE,	" "	14th "
F. PERLEY CASWELL,	" "	15th "
LESTER D. BRYANT,	" "	16th "
HAROLD B. CHASE,	" "	17th "
PERLEY F. SMITH,	" "	18th "
ALBERT F. BILLINGS,	" "	19th "
AUSTIN G. HAYNES,	" "	20th "
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	" "	21st "
FRANK H. FARNUM,	" "	22nd "
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	" "	24th "
MANSON D. BROWN,	" "	25th "
JOHN L. DELANO,	" "	26th "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain	
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " "	
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	" "	Marshal
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" "	Senior Deacon
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" "	Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" "	Steward
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" "	"
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" "	"
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" "	Sword Bearer
EDWARD K. GOULD,	" "	Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,	" "	Pursuivant
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" "	Lecturer
WALTER S. SMITH,	" "	Organist
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	" "	Tyler

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.

Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.

Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.

British Columbia — ALLEN L. CURTIS.

Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES.

Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON.

District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.

Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.

Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMEUL B. FURBISH.
 New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — W. FREEMAN LORD.
 Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGILL.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Vermont — A. FRANCIS WALCH.
 Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.
 Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, E. MURRAY GRAHAM, WARREN C. KING,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The report was accepted and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions and corrections might be made.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maine:

BRETHREN:

On year ago you conferred upon me the greatest honor within the gift of Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry in Maine. At this time I wish to voice my appreciation therefor, and to express my sincere thanks for the confidence bestowed, and for the valuable co-operation and assistance I have received from all the brethren.

It seems hardly possible that another year has passed, so swiftly do the days go by. Much that was hoped for is still unaccomplished, and must await further, but no more earnest effort. It is a source of wonder to me how my predecessors contributed so much to the Craft from out their busy lives. It is a tribute to the quality of their leadership that makes me most humble in my efforts to follow in their footsteps.

A time honored custom renders it incumbent upon me to lay before you a detailed account of my official acts, but before doing so, let us pause for a moment to remember those who were pleased to meet with us in the past, but for whom we today look in vain, members of this Grand Lodge whom we have learned to love and respect, who since our last Communication have crossed the threshold and passed to the Great Beyond.

NECROLOGY.

Rev. John M. Bieler, Grand Chaplain, of North Berwick, died October 13, 1924. Brother Bieler was intensely interested in all Masonic activities and was regular in attendance at Grand Lodge. It was my privilege to attend the funeral services to his memory at North Berwick. The esteem and honor in which he was held as man and Mason was eloquently testified to by the goodly number of friends and brethren who attended these last sad services.

R. W. Charles M. Farrar died at his home in Milo, August 22, 1924. Brother Farrar served on the Committee on Pay Roll of the Grand Lodge for many years and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1922. His deep interest in Masonry was evidenced not only by his constant attendance at Grand Lodge but by a substantial gift to the Charity Fund which he made in his last will and testament.

R. W. Winfield S. Hinckley died in Thomaston, Maine, January 8, 1925. Brother Hinckley became a Permanent Member of the Grand Lodge by being elected Junior Grand Warden in 1909. Both before and after that time he was a regular attendant and served on many important committees, rarely missing an annual communication until within the past three years when failing health prevented it.

R. W. George R. Shaw, Past Senior Grand Warden, died in Boston, April 5, 1925. Brother Shaw was a former resident of Portland, and twenty-five years or more ago was very active in the affairs of the Grand Lodge. He was elected Senior Grand Warden in 1891, and continued his interest in the affairs of the Grand body until his business called him to Massachusetts where he has since resided.

Suitable memorials to our departed brethren will be presented later on in this Communication.

Reports from other Grand Jurisdictions show that hardly any one of them escaped loss by death of Past Grand Masters or men prominent in the work of their various Grand Bodies. One that came as a great shock to us in Maine, was the death of M. W. Brother William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which occurred on Tuesday evening September 1, 1924. M. W. Brother Kuhn was just about packing his grip to start for Portland, Maine, to preside over the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, which held its 39th Triennial in Portland last September, and his sudden death cast a shadow of gloom over that assembly.

Many more of our brethren in less conspicuous positions have passed away during the year, all of whom will be missed by their friends and associates.

The Grand Lodge extends its sympathy to the families of the deceased, to the lodges that have lost valuable members and to the communities that have lost good citizens.

"Look where we may the wide world o'er,
Those lighted faces smile no more,
Yet love will dream and faith will trust,
(Since He who knows our need is just)
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.
Alas for him who never sees the stars that shine
Through his cypress trees,
And hopeless lays his dead away."

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Passing from a consideration of the depletion of our ranks by death to the growth of the Fraternity, we find a healthy, but not unusual increase. During the year, the Grand Secretary's report will show a net gain of 431, and a total membership of 42,981.

In 1883, M. W. Marquis F. King, then Grand Master, took pride in stating that Maine with its 19,466 Master Masons stood first in all the jurisdictions of the world in the proportion of Masons to population. At that time three per cent. of the population in Maine were Master Masons. Nevada stood second with two and five-tenths per cent. Vermont, third with two and one-half per cent., Connecticut, fourth with two and three-quarters per cent., and New Hampshire, fifth with two and one-quarter per cent. Today with our 42,981 Masons in a population of 768,000 we have a percentage of five and six-tenths per cent., and still hold the proud position of first in percentage in this country and probably in the world. Vermont comes second with a percentage of five and two-tenths per cent., and the District of Columbia third with four and eight-tenths per cent., New Hampshire fourth with three and four-tenths per cent., while Nevada, originally second in percentage, is now fifth with three and ninety-eight hundredths per cent.

To gain and hold for more than forty years the distinction of having the highest percentage of Masons to population of all the jurisdictions in the world is a source of satisfaction to this

Grand Lodge. It has even greater interest in connection with the history and traditions of our people. Such a percentage of Masons should have had, and undoubtedly has had, great influence in shaping the character of our citizenship. Men from Maine have always been noted for their ability, integrity, sobriety, strength of character, and general reliability. To hail from the State of Maine is a recommendation in itself. No small part of this well deserved reputation has been due to the influence and teachings, the precept and example of the many Master Masons in our state. From their ranks have come the greatest and noblest of our leaders from the day of our first Governor and Grand Master William King, down to our dearly beloved and esteemed M. W. Brother, Justice Albert M. Spear. Masonry in Maine has reason to be proud not only of its total membership, but of the truly Masonic lives and influence of the Craft.

We must not forget, however, that more than twenty-five per cent. of these 42,981 Masons have come into the Order within the past five years. From their ranks must come the future leaders of the Craft. To qualify for these positions of responsibility, they must realize that Masonic education begins rather than ends with the third degree, and as they have covenanted to learn, so we are obligated to teach. Some method must be devised to carry to this membership, information and instruction in the symbolism, the history and the ultimate purposes of the Fraternity. It has been suggested that this might be accomplished by a Speaking Bureau to be organized from our own membership. Efforts along these lines during the past year have not met with such success as would warrant dependence on that plan alone. If our educational work is to be confined to such methods, it is bound to be spasmodic and disconnected, with correspondingly poor results I am convinced that the time is rapidly approaching when it will be found necessary to employ a capable man to devote this entire time to educational work among the lodges, utilizing a Speakers' Bureau to supplement the work, rather than as our main effort.

The subject of Masonic education brings us to a consideration of the

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Two years ago this Grand Lodge voted to join the Masonic Service Association. In so far as the purpose of the Association has been to provide a representative unit to act and speak for the different Masonic bodies and jurisdictions, this Grand Lodge has shown no particular interest. In fact many of our members have been unalterably opposed to such purpose, as a matter of principle. Our membership was taken in acknowledgment of the great need and demand of the Fraternity for Masonic education, and in the hope that the Association might furnish the medium for this work. We have now the experience of two years' membership which has cost the sum of \$4,114.30, represented by a per capita charge of five cents per member per year, amounting to \$2,086.50, in 1924, and \$2,127.80 in 1925. In return for these payments, each lodge in the jurisdiction has received copies of the educational bulletin periodically issued by the Association. The value of these bulletins to our membership has depended entirely upon the extent of their use by the lodge, and there is grave doubt if the results have justified the expense.

Beginning on January 1, 1924, the Association has issued a monthly Masonic magazine known as "The Master Mason," a copy of which has been sent to each lodge. It is a publication of inestimable value to the Fraternity, ably edited by one of the foremost Masonic students of the day, the Rev. Brother Joseph Fort Newton, and it is providing a wonderful fund of Masonic information and instruction. Every Mason should subscribe for this magazine and read it regularly.

The Association has also performed a meritorious and much appreciated work in publishing a set of Masonic books known as the "Little Masonic Library," consisting of twenty volumes and containing a wealth of information as to the history, principles and practice of Freemasonry such as has never before been put in such concise and available form. The twenty volumes are sold for the nominal price of \$5.00 for the set. The publication of "The Master Mason" and the sale at popular prices of these most interesting and instructive Masonic text books have been the outstanding service of the Association to the Craft.

Considerable criticism has been made as to the expense of conducting the Association, and several jurisdictions have withdrawn therefrom. A copy of the auditor's report of the receipts and disbursements of the Association from its inception has been furnished this Grand Lodge and is accessible in the Secretary's office to all who are interested therein. Our obligations to the Association have been paid in full, and we are at liberty to withdraw or continue our membership as seems best. It is my belief that its educational work is worthy of support, and that we should contribute our fair proportion of the cost thereof. Whether we can afford the sum of five cents per capita of our membership, is a matter for your consideration. It may be sufficient to have "The Master Mason" sent to each of our lodges at a cost of \$3.00 per lodge, and withdraw other support until the lodges can be so organized as to take better advantage of membership in the Association.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1925, in company with M. W. Thomas H. Bodge, Chairman of the Association for the State of Maine, I attended the fifteenth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia.

The meeting was most interesting and inspiring. Representatives were present from nearly every state, and all reported great enthusiasm for the completion of the Memorial.

The structure has now reached an elevation of about eighteen feet above the cornerstone by the distance around the building of approximately 850 feet. While there, we were privileged to see placed in position the last of the eight great columns in Memorial Hall. These are of polished granite thirty-nine feet high and over four feet in diameter, and are said to be the most elaborate of anything in this country and probably in the world. They are constructed of dark green granite from the Redstone quarries of the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Corporation at Conway, New Hampshire. We may well share in the pride of our neighboring state that the master builders

of this most majestic monument, turned to the granite hills of New England for the material from which to erect the structure designed to perpetuate in most enduring form, the admiration of the Masonic Fraternity for the great Mason, "The Master Builder of our Nation, George Washington."

It seems particularly appropriate that this monument should be carved from the hills of New Hampshire, because the brethren of New Hampshire had the honor of first officially suggesting a memorial to Washington the Mason.

In 1824, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire made an appropriation and authorized the Grand Master to correspond with other Grand Lodges inviting them to join the movement. In response to that invitation, we find that our own Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication held on January 13, 1825, appointed a committee consisting of Simon Greenleaf, Esq., Charles Fox, and Joseph M. Gerrish to consider the subject of a contemplated monument over the tomb of Washington. Later in the session the committee reported as follows:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to correspond with other Grand Lodges and also with members of the Fraternity in Washington on the subject of erecting a suitable monument over the remains of our illustrious brother, George Washington, at Mt. Vernon, and to assure them of the hearty co-operation of this Grand Lodge to carry it into effect, and that the sum of One Thousand Dollars may be calculated on from this state, if necessary, and that said committee correspond with the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction to recommend and invite them to contribute in aid thereof," which resolve was accepted, and the following brethren were appointed a committee of correspondence, namely: Most Worshipful William Swan, Esq., Right Worshipful Simon Greenleaf, Esq., Charles Fox, Esq., and Robert P. Dunlap, Esq.

As our brethren of one hundred years ago were prompt in tendering their assistance to begin this great work, I trust that the brethren of today will not be backward in contributing to its completion.

The Memorial is more than a testimonial to Washington. It is notice to all the world that Masonry stands forever upon the two basic principles of "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man;" that no man is acceptable to our Order who denies the existence of almighty God and no man is worthy of our fellowship who is unwilling to assume a just and fair obligation to his brother man. It is because George Washington the Mason exemplifies these two great principles of life more than any other character in our history, that the Fraternity honors his memory and rededicates itself to those principles through the erection of this temple, "designed to stand through the ages and destined to carry to generations yet unborn, and to those to whom we may seem an ancient race, the message of human brotherhood." "A symbol of the unity and power of Freemasonry in whose fellowship our first President lived and wrought, led by its light, taught by its truth, hallowed by its spirit, the Republic itself at once its monument and his Memorial."

This Grand Lodge has already underwritten the work to the extent of one dollar per capita of our membership and I recommend that a definite program for the payment of the same be adopted at once.

DECISIONS.

Nothing worthy of being classed as a decision has been passed upon by me. Many questions have been asked and answered by reference to the constitution or reported decisions. As some of the answers may be of interest to the Craft, a few are mentioned as follows:

June 2, 1924. In answer to the question, "Can a lodge allow a brother to use its hall for his marriage service?" I replied that the lodge should not allow the use of its hall for such service; that Masonic halls are dedicated to Masonic purposes and the marriage ceremony could hardly be construed as Masonic.

May 22, 1924. In answer to the question whether a lodge can accept an invitation to attend a church service where the pastor is not a Mason, I rendered the opinion that it was entirely proper to do so.

June 11, 1924. In answer to the question whether an application could be received from a man 63 years old who had lost one foot at the ankle, but had an artificial foot, and will be able to give and receive all signs necessary for Masonic recognition. I stated that in my opinion, he was eligible for Masonry.

September 5, 1924. As to whether a brother who had creditably passed through the several offices and had served as Senior Warden for three years but who had not taken out final naturalization papers was eligible to election as Master. I answered that if otherwise qualified, he was eligible.

July 26, 1924. As to the propriety of a lodge attending as such, the funeral service of a brother where no Masonic service were performed, I decided that such action is not in accordance with Masonic usage. That while the provisions of the constitution as to public processions, if standing alone, would seem to permit a lodge to attend the funeral service of a brother even though the lodge did not perform the burial service, decisions heretofore approved by the Grand Lodge, seem to render such action improper, namely:

"It is contrary to the usages of the order and improper for the Fraternity to take part in their Masonic character in any public demonstration except to perform some Masonic labor." 1865, P. 117.

"It is not proper for a lodge to appear as such in Masonic clothing at the funeral service of a deceased brother whose body is not present." 1855, P. 148.

"It is not proper for a lodge to appear as such at a public memorial service for a deceased brother after the funeral and burial." 1915, P. 190.

It seems therefore to be contrary to the spirit, if not indeed to the letter of Masonic law, for a Masonic lodge to attend as such the funeral of a brother unless it conducts the burial service in other words, "performs Masonic labor."

July 25, 1924. In response to a question whether a person who had an artificial right fore arm and hand was eligible for the degrees, I replied as follows:

"It appears that this matter was settled in the Proceedings of 1923, P. 416, and unless the candidate is able to receive

and impart all signs and tokens necessary for Masonic information in each degree, he is not eligible. While a certain amount of discretion is left in the master of the lodge to determine these questions, it is my opinion that this discretion would not permit a candidate to be received who has lost his right fore arm and hand, for although he has an artificial arm and hand he obviously would not be able to receive all the work or impart it to another."

DISPENSATIONS.

A number of requests to receive and ballot on applications in less than the required time, have been received; also to receive applications when the candidate has resided within the state for less than one year. In all these cases dispensations were refused in the firm belief that the laws were made to be observed and no personal inconvenience should be considered sufficient to set the law aside.

Article VI of the Constitution was amended last year and fourteen days must now elapse between conferring degrees except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the required time. I have construed "necessity" in this case to mean what it says and have refused dispensations for the accommodation of lodges or candidates except in cases where it was obviously impossible to confer the degrees in regular order.

No mere inconvenience to the candidate or even his temporary absence from the jurisdiction has seemed to warrant a dispensation. A reasonable regard for the dignity and prestige of the Order requires that candidates conform to its laws and regulations. To lightly set them aside for the convenience of individuals, however worthy, is unmasonic, savors of favoritism and cannot fail to belittle the institution in the eyes of the candidate himself.

That my actions in these matters may have you approval or disapproval and thereby become a guide for the future, I have reported all dispensations together with the reasons which seemed to warrant the same, viz:

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

August 4, 1924. Tremont Lodge, No. 77, to work both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees upon George Albert Lagoutte, at the special meeting of said lodge to be held August 7, 1924, his occupation as captain of a tanker plying between New York and California making it impossible for the degrees to be conferred in regular manner within a reasonable time, and his application having been heretofore regularly received, voted on and accepted.

August 27, 1924. To David A. Hooper Lodge, No. 201, to confer both the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon Walter Hanna at a communication of said lodge to be held on the 30th day of August, A. D. 1924, the said Hanna having received the Entered Apprentice degree in said lodge in regular manner on the sixteenth day of August, 1924, and being obliged to leave the state for a year, during which time he will be located in a jurisdiction where degrees are not conferred by courtesy, this dispensation being granted upon condition that the candidate will agree to acquire proficiency in said degrees to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master of David A. Hooper Lodge before leaving the state.

September 12, 1924. To Lookout Lodge, No. 131, to confer the Fellow Craft degree upon Brother Carl Wilder Smith in less than fourteen days from the date he was given the Entered Apprentice degree, he being obliged to leave the state before the expiration of said fourteen days and having received his Entered Apprentice degree in due course and shown suitable proficiency therein.

September 12, 1924. To Eggemoggin Lodge, No. 128, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees upon Paul F. Byard, a seaman in the United States Navy, without waiting the stipulated fourteen days between degrees, it being impossible to confer the degrees in regular course during his furlough. This dispensation was granted with the understanding that the candidate show suitable proficiency in the preceding degree before advancement and agrees to learn the work of the Master Mason's degree to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master before leaving the state.

September 19, 1924. To Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to open

the lodge for work upon its own candidates in a hall not its own, but examined and approved by the Worshipful Master, at Wilson's Mills, within its own jurisdiction.

September 24, 1924. To Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 203, to confer the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees on September 26, 1924, upon Clarence Forrest Lissner, and to confer the Master Mason's degree upon the same candidate on October 31, 1924, provided he shows suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees to entitle him to advancement, the candidate having been regularly accepted in June, 1924, and being on furlough from the United States Navy on leave which is not long enough for the degrees to be conferred in regular course.

December 16, 1924. To Bristol Lodge, No. 74, to hold a special meeting of the lodge on Monday, December 22, 1924, for the purpose of electing officers, the lodge having failed to do so on the regular date, as provided in the by-laws.

January 27, 1925. To Reliance Lodge, No. 195, to elect a Master at a meeting of said Lodge to be held on January 31, 1925, the Master elected at the Annual Meeting having declined to be installed.

February 6, 1925. To Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, to elect a Senior Warden at the next stated meeting of said Lodge, the Senior Warden elect, having declined to be installed, also to elect any other officers necessary to fill vacancies that might occur because of such election.

March 4, 1925. To Pythagorean Lodge, No. 11, to elect a Worshipful Master at the next stated meeting of said Lodge, the Master elect, having declined to be installed; also to elect any other officers necessary to fill vacancies that might occur because of such election or elections.

April 22, 1925. To Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to confer both the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degree upon Harold P. Luce in one evening, his application having been presented to the Lodge on April 14, 1924, in regular form, accepted May 12, 1924, and the Entered Apprentice degree conferred on October 10, 1924, it being understood that Brother Luce and the Lodge have heretofore made special

effort to arrange to confer the degrees in regular form, but owing to the absence of Brother Luce and the nature of his work, it has been found impossible to do so.

April 30, 1925. To Orient Lodge, No. 15, to work the Fellow Craft degree on John T. Creighton, on May 5, 1925, whose application was accepted March 4, 1924, and who received the Entered Apprentice degree on April 28, 1925, he having been called to Costa Rico, and now expects to be gone eighteen months or longer; also to work the Master Mason's degree on said Creighton on the 12th of May, 1925. This dispensation is granted on condition that said Creighton shows suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees to entitle him to advancement.

CHARITABLE WORK.

Is Masonry in Maine doing the amount of benevolent work which it should do? Many states are maintaining Masonic homes, hospitals, orphan asylums and schools. New York with approximately 300,000 members spends annually for charitable purposes more than \$350,000. Illinois with its 270,000 members spends \$130,000 per year in maintaining its Masonic homes, besides doing other charitable work. Pennsylvania with about 200,000 Masons maintains several homes and hospitals including one which accommodates over 700 guests and is the largest Masonic home in the world. It has more than \$2,000,000 devoted to benevolent purposes. To accomplish these results every initiate in Pennsylvania has been required to contribute \$20.00 for charity in addition to the regular fees for the degrees. Last year this amount was raised to \$40.00 to be paid by each initiate. Compare this contribution with the minimum fee of \$30.00 charged by most of our lodges in Maine where often times the entire amount is spent for running expenses of the lodge before the end of the year, leaving nothing for charity. Ohio with 187,000 members already has a home for over 200 guests and is building a hospital to cost \$700,000. Indiana with 120,000 Masons spent last year nearly \$100,000 in running its home where over 300 guests are cared for. Georgia with 67,000 Masons spends over \$40,000 per year for charity. Alabama with 50,000 members cares for its adult dependents and orphans at an annual expense

of \$65,000. Connecticut with 41,000 members spent in 1923 over \$100,000 in charitable work. New Jersey with 78,000 cares for its dependents at an annual expense of over \$65,000 and also provides adequate hospital facilities for the sick. Kentucky with 72,000 Masons spends \$75,000 per year for its orphan children and is raising a fund of \$1,000,000 to provide a home and hospital. Massachusetts has recently voted an annual assessment of \$2.00 per year, for each member, for charitable purposes. These instances show that Masonry in Maine is not doing as much charitable work as other jurisdictions.

While the responsibility of our Fraternity in dispensing charity is individual, and should be kept so and never entirely transferred to the lodges or the Grand Lodge, it is difficult to adjust ancient usages to modern conditions. There has been a vast change since the days when our lodges were small, the members closely in touch with each other, and Masonic relief easily given by brother to brother. Today with many lodges counting their membership by hundreds, the calls for assistance have proportionally increased with no adequate means of distributing the burden. The faithful few attending the meetings should not be expected to bear the entire expense. The alternative seems to be to provide a fund to which all should contribute and from which the needy may secure assistance under proper conditions. It does not follow that this assistance need be, or can best be afforded, by the establishment of Masonic Homes. In fact there is grave question if Masonic relief cannot be more graciously and efficiently extended by assisting in maintaining the needy in their own homes. Many worthy cases are partially self-supporting, and much prefer assistance at home rather than to be a charge upon the Fraternity in any institution, however cordial their welcome thereto.

An interesting comparison of the cost of assistance rendered in this manner, with the expense of maintaining a Masonic home is found in the report of one of the larger jurisdictions where one hundred and eighty persons were assisted in their own homes among friends and neighbors at an expense of \$100 per year per person, while it cost the same jurisdiction

over \$500 per year for each person maintained in its Masonic home, and these figures made no allowance whatever for the original cost of the home.

Believing that some plan is imperative for increasing the funds available for charitable work in our state, I recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at our next communication.

MEMORIAL DAY SUGGESTIONS.

Some ten years ago, Brother George A. Carpenter, of Freedom Lodge, No. 42, presented to his lodge, Masonic memorial flags with which to decorate the graves of its deceased members on Memorial Day. Since then the practice has been continued. The flags are white with the square and compasses and letter "G" in blue in the center, and the words "In Memoriam" across the bottom. Each year a committee is appointed by the lodge to see that the flags are properly placed and no brother forgotten.

Honoring the memory of our departed brethren is ever a kindly and gracious act, and this method may well appeal to other lodges.

CHAIN LETTERS.

These perennial nuisances, like the letters in behalf of the "Fair Spanish Prisoner" refuse to die a natural and well merited death. Your Grand Master has been importuned to issue an edict against the chain letter, but the matter seemed too inconsequential to warrant that amount of attention.

If every Mason who receives such letters will throw them into the waste basket where they belong, these relics of ignorance and superstition will soon cease to annoy.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges have been approved, namely:

Orchard Lodge, No. 215; Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178; Saco Lodge, No. 9; Solar Lodge, No. 14; Warren Lodge, No. 2; Whitney Lodge, No. 167; Davis Lodge, No. 191; Tranquil Lodge, No. 29; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82; Portland Lodge, No.

1; Wilton Lodge, No. 156; Central Lodge, No. 45; Monmouth Lodge, No. 110; Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88; Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186; Polar Star Lodge, No. 114; Day Spring Lodge, No. 107; Waterville Lodge, No. 33; Oxford Lodge, No. 18; Fraternal Lodge, No. 55; Crescent Lodge No. 78; Cumberland Lodge, No. 12; Pownal Lodge, No. 119; Meduncook Lodge, No. 211; Messalonskee Lodge, No. 113; Nollensesmic Lodge, No. 205; Morning Star Lodge, No. 41; Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30; Doric Lodge, No. 149; Mystic Lodge, No. 65; Alna Lodge, No. 43; Reliance Lodge, No. 195; Mechanics' Lodge, No. 66; King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61; Springvale Lodge, 1No. 90.

Most of these amendments were for the purpose of increasing the annual dues. A few provided for increase in the fees for the degrees and others were to change the day of meeting from the moon's phases to a fixed date. The fees for the degrees in the majority of the lodges are still fixed at \$30.00, the minimum amount allowed by the Grand Lodge. Considering the purchasing power of the dollar of 1925 as compared with its pre-war value, an increase in the minimum fees for the degrees would seem advisable. Perhaps the time has not yet arrived for the Grand Lodge to require such increase, but it is a pleasure to note that so many lodges recognize the necessity and are making the increase of their own volition. Masonry is neither a rich man's institution nor a pauper institution. By the old charges a member was required to possess not only the physical qualifications but the financial ability to provide a living for himself and an excess to contribute to the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his widow and orphans. To charge too little for the degrees and annual dues cheapens the Order in the eyes of the Craft and injures it to that extent.

MAINE REPRESENTATIVE NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

On August 20, 1924, in accordance with the request of the Grand Master of Tennessee, I was pleased to direct the Grand Secretary to issue a Commission to Brother James Harry Swan to act as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

I am happy to report but one case of invasion of jurisdiction for the attention of our Committee and I trust that this will not prove to be of a serious nature. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction to a marked degree for which we are truly grateful.

VISITATIONS.

Many invitations to attend lodges and social functions have been received during the year and whenever possible have been accepted.

On many occasions I have had the pleasure of the company of other Grand Officers. Everywhere we have met with a most cordial reception and found the brethren keenly alive to the finer things in Masonry. I firmly believe that such visitations are productive of much good to the lodges as well as to the visiting officials.

Time will not permit mentioning these many interesting and inspiring occasions, but one of the outstanding affairs of the kind was at Calais on September 25, 1924, when the lodges of the Second District met in their annual Convention. The three degrees were exemplified in admirable form and with almost perfect rendition of the ritual. Each lodge had a representative who criticized the work and all showed an intimate acquaintance not only with the ritual but a wonderful appreciation of the spirit and symbolism of the degrees. The discussions were carried on in the most kindly and fraternal spirit and evidenced a most intimate acquaintance and good will. Such co-operation and team work I have never seen at a Masonic gathering and it showed most conclusively the result of true Masonic intercourse and instruction.

It was an added pleasure to have Wor. Brother Samuel B. Furbush, Grand Lecturer, present on this occasion. After the work, it was our privilege to address the members and we both received a most sympathetic hearing.

These Conventions have been an annual event in the Second District for many years and it would be a great benefit to the Fraternity if similar gatherings could be held throughout the state.

Another event that I cannot omit to mention was the splendid reception tendered me by my own lodge, Hiram, No. 180, at South Portland, on April 25, 1925. The spacious auditorium of the New High School was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the efficient committee in charge omitted nothing that could contribute to the festivities of the evening. The banquet and the music were above criticism. The spirit of fellowship and good will which pervaded the entire assembly made it one of the outstanding events in my life. R. W. Bro. David L. Wilson and other Grand Officers added to the pleasure of the evening by their presence and kindly sentiments. Finally to render me hopelessly in their debt, my good brethren of Hiram Lodge through Wor. Bro. George H. Minott, presented me with a magnificent Past Grand Master's Jewel. My deep and sincere thanks are due the mother lodge to whom I am indebted for the opportunity of advancement in Masonry and for whatever achievements I have been able to accomplish. Long may she live and prosper.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close without acknowledging my indebtedness to our Grand Secretary, Rt. W. Bro. Charles B. Davis and to Past Master Thomas H. Bodge for the very great assistance they have given me. It takes a year at least for a Grand Master to find his way around and I candidly confess that I should have been lost many times but for their kindly advice.

Now my brethren the business of the Communication is in your hands. We are assembled today to hear reports of those entrusted with the duties of office and to provide as best we may for the needs of the year to come. Carlyle once said, "Our great business undoubtedly is not to *see* what lies dimly at a distance but to *do* what lies clearly at hand." Let this be our task. May the result of our deliberations meet the approval of the Grand Architect of the Universe and advance the glory and usefulness of the Fraternity for there is much to be done.

Live on ! O Masonry, live on! Thy work hath scarce begun;
 Live on! nor end, if end there be, till earth's last setting sun.
 Live on! thy work in ages past hath but prepared the way;
 For every truth thy symbols teach, there's pressing need today.
 In cultured or unlettered age humanity's the same,
 And evermore the passions rage whose furies thou wouldst tame;
 Would but the nations heed thy Plumb—war's carnage soon would
 end,
 Thy Level rivalries subdue, thy Square to virtue tend,
 Thy trowel spread that true cement which doth all hearts unite.
 And darkness comprehend and glow with thy immortal Light —
 Live on, O Masonry, live on!

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID E. MOULTON,

Grand Master.

The Address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the same Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail affairs of my office have been attended to promptly during the year. There have been but four secular days since our last annual communication that I have not been in my office at least a part of the day, and every urgent matter has thus received almost immediate attention. The work of systematizing the office has gone forward during the year, and much has been accomplished, although there seems to be an ever increasing opportunity for this line of endeavor.

I am happy to report that the most cordial and friendly relations exist between the Grand Secretary's office and the more than two hundred local Secretaries of the lodges down through the state. Our letters to them during the past year have been very numerous, in many instances carrying inquiries which necessitated considerable time in examination of records, but they have without exception received courteous and prompt attention. In every instance where errors have been made by Secretaries, I believe it has been that they were rather uninformed than because of their wilful neglect. I have the greatest consideration for a lodge Secretary, because I know that every one of them perform hours and hours of painstaking work purely as a labor of love.

RETURNS.

The annual returns came in about as usual, with twenty-eight delinquent ones tagging on after March 15th. Ten days later, March 25th, I wrote to the nine then delinquents and two of them offered very satisfactory excuses. It required sixteen letters and one telegram to bring in the other seven, the last one arriving April 6th. A vast amount of work has been done during the past year establishing the true membership of the lodges. Probably before the required submission of lodge lists of membership one year ago, no attempt was ever made to thoroughly check the lists. The discovery of an almost incredible number of inaccuracies has been the result. Many lodges have shown their returns numerically correct for years, but when the names of members were checked it would appear that the list contained names of brethren dead, suspended or dimitted years and years ago, while on the other hand, the names of active members had never been reported to the Grand Secretary and there was no record here whatever of the dates on which they received their degrees. It is a significant fact too, that more than ninety per cent. of such errors occurred when the full list of members was returned every year. More than six hundred letters have been written during the past year in an endeavor to untangle the situation, in some instances as many as eight or ten to establish the correctness of the status of a single individual name. I wish here to thank the Secretaries for their co-operation in this matter.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

In accord with the recommendation of Grand Master Spear in his annual address last year, and action by this Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, a questionnaire for District Deputy Grand Masters' report was prepared and a copy sent to each Secretary last fall. While it is evident that a considerable number of the Secretaries were not in a position to comply and properly fill the blanks, enough have done so to prove conclusively that much valuable data will be accumulated by their use. Some Secretaries have remonstrated, claiming that the questionnaires have amassed a large amount of extra work upon them. The blank does not, however, contain a single question the reply to which should not be a matter of record in every lodge. If the blank serves no other purpose than to cause the negligent Secretary to make his records thus complete, it will have served a valuable purpose. No doubt another report will later be presented which will bring out more detail information.

COURTESY.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of requests for degrees by courtesy, both by lodges in this state and those from other grand jurisdictions. I have only handled eighteen such cases during the year, although perhaps three of these are worthy of special mention. Upon request of a small lodge down in Waldo County, I arranged to have all three of the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates who is now sojourning in Fairbanks, Alaska. The request was made of the

Grand Lodge of Washington, under whose authority the lodge at Fairbanks is working. I also arranged to have the F. C. and M. M. degrees conferred upon a candidate of Naval Lodge, of Kittery, by a lodge in the Philippine Islands, this arrangement being made through the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands with which we are in regular communication. The most interesting case, however, is that where I arranged to have all three of the degrees conferred by Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, of Hong Kong, China, as an act of courtesy to our Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland. The candidate is a yeoman in the United States Navy, a native of Portland whose father is a member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge. The ship to which he is attached has been in Asiatic waters for nearly a year and is not expected to return to America for some three years yet. The correspondence in this case has been carried on through the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under which authority the lodge in Hong Kong is working. A singular coincidence is that this is the second case where Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Hong Kong has conferred the degrees as an act of courtesy to Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Portland, the candidate in the former case being the late Leander W. Fobes, of Portland, who was well known to the Masonic craft of the entire state.

NEW LODGES.

I have received letters of inquiry from interested brethren asking about the establishment of new lodges in two different towns of the state, during the past year. To each I explained the course to be followed, the approximate cost of establishing a new lodge, enclosing a blank petition for a dispensation. Neither movement, however seems to have developed into any definite shape.

LODGE LISTS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The experience of the past year has demonstrated the fact that only a very few of the lodge Secretaries keep anything that may be termed an accurate and up-to-date list of their lodge membership. If a list of the members of his lodge were required, more than seventy-five per cent. of the Secretaries would doubtless have to go through the ledger and dig out the names from those dead, suspended or dimitted. Oversights and mistakes, especially in old ledgers, under such conditions are very easily made. It has also been emphatically proven that the old regulation of yearly return of the full roll of members was no proof of accuracy. While I am not in favor of burdening our code with needless standing regulations, there are two matters which every lodge, in my opinion, should do voluntarily or by regulation; one to provide the Secretary with a loose-leaf ledger, which would contain at all times an alphabetically arranged list of the membership, or at least a card index so arranged that the roster might be kept strictly up-to-date. The other matter which the Grand Lodge might well consider, is that of requiring every lodge to provide a fireproof safe for its records, files of returns and similar archives.

CARD INDEX.

Satisfactory progress has been made during the year on the card index of membership. As this work goes on, the almost limitless scope of gathering information of individual members and having it available at any time is more apparent than ever. A vast amount of data is being continually brought to light from old lodge returns, histories and other sources, carefully and systematically indexed and filed. I recommend that the usual appropriation for carrying on this work be made.

THE FARRAR BEQUEST.

On August 22, 1924, R. W. Charles M. Farrar, Past Junior Grand Warden, died at his home in Milo. A few days thereafter, I received a copy of his will and found that he had left his entire estate, with the exception of a few inconsequential family heirlooms to relatives, to be held in trust by myself as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, or my successor, during the lifetime of his widow, Mrs. Nellie M. Farrar, the income to be paid to her semi-annually for her support, and at her death the remaining portion of the estate to become the absolute property of the Grand Lodge to be forever held as a separate fund, its income only to be expended for charity. The estate appraised a little over thirty thousand dollars, and is now in process of settlement. While it is most sincerely hoped that it will be many years before the income from this fund will be available, eventually there will be a substantial increase in the amount of money yearly at the disposal of the Trustees of the Charity Fund of our Grand Lodge, because of the wish during his life-time of this philanthropic brother.

FINANCIAL.

I have sold 196 Text Books and 588 Grand Lodge Certificates. I also made the four Certificates of Charter voted at the last annual communication. The money received for these, together with other incidental office receipts, make a total of \$996.30. After deducting postage and other sundry office expenses, I have turned over to the Grand Treasurer \$870.90, as his account and the report of the Committee on Finance will show.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary.

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 5, 1925.

*To the Wor. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the
Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M.*

I herewith submit my annual report as Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1925.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M., in account with HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Grand Treasurer :

RECEIPTS.

To Balance brought forward.	\$11,268.20
Grand Chapter of Maine, rent and office exp.	732.45
Grand Commandery of Maine, rent and office expenses.	488.30
Mount Olivet Lodge, error in returns.	1.20
A. M. Spear, Grand Master, Unexpended Contingent Fund	134.28
Dispensations.	15.00
Interest on deposit.	93.99
Trustees Charity Fund, Loan.	2,500.00
Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, receipts of office.	870.99
Receipts of D. D. Grand Masters:	
1st District, Albert H. Damon.	936.50
2nd " James Abernethy.	587.50
3rd " George E. Parsons.	651.00
4th " Freeman N. Bowden.	613.00
5th " Charles F. Woodard.	1,164.00
6th " Ellery Bowden.	1,582.50
7th " John W. Levenseller.	442.00
8th " Lincoln A. Gardner.	517.50
9th " Wm. E. Murphy.	1,309.50
10th " Joseph E. Odiorne.	869.00
11th " Archibald B. Morrison.	1,243.00
12th " Augustus E. Campbell.	816.50
13th " Harry B. Harris.	908.50
14th " Francis G. Cooke.	1,119.50
15th " F. Perley Caswell.	819.50
16th " Lester D. Bryant.	579.00
17th " Harold B. Chase.	3,000.50
18th " Perley F. Smith.	501.00
19th " Albert F. Billings.	1,455.50
20th " Austin G. Haynes.	469.00

21st District, William S. Holmes.....	\$ 1,062.00
22nd " Frank H. Farnum.....	666.50
23rd " Howard L. Richardson.....	784.90
24th " John M. Littlefield.....	1,442.50
25th " Manson D. Brown.....	645.50
26th " John L. Delano.....	470.50

Total.....	\$40,760.81
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DISBURSEMENTS.

May 8. Pay Roll.....	\$ 5,022.75
Ashley A. Smith, Com. on Correspondence	500.00
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Box rent and Treasurer's bond.....	35.00
E. M. Gray, work on cards.....	8.31
Tucker Printing Co.....	1,779.25
Robert's Office Supply Co.....	117.30
Three B. Bindery.....	101.00
M. L. Hills, work on cards.....	557.40
C. M. Rice Paper Co.....	.90
The Eagle Press.....	61.50
W. J. Longhurst.....	2.36
Cutting Stencils for pay roll.....	12.82
W. E. Howell, extra services.....	74.00
Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer.....	100.00
F. M. Hunnewell, moving chairs.....	2.00
David E. Moulton, Grand Master, contin- gent fund.....	500.00
Portland Directory Co.....	7.00
Mount Vernon R. A. Chapter, stencils for pay roll.....	8.14
Grand Secretary, mailing Proceedings....	58.17
R. L. Elliot, repairing clock.....	5.00
Merrill, Webber & Co., printing.....	72.75
Lakeside Printing Co.....	459.00
W. E. Dunham Co., mimeograph.....	110.00
J. L. Brackett & Co.....	9.75
J. A. Merrill & Co.....	10.00
Masonic Service Association, 1924 and 1925 quotas.....	4,214.30
Trustees Charity Fund, loan and interest.	2,562.50
George Washington Memorial Association.	500.00
Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co....	70.00
Grand Secretary, office supplies.....	14.78
Limestone Lodge, No. 214, error in returns	6.00
Tuscan Lodge, No. 106, error in returns. .	4.00
Masonic Trustees, rent.....	2,340.00
New England Telegraph & Telephone Co.,	81.36

Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary.	\$ 2,000.00
Harry L. Warren, Asst. Grand Secretary, salary.....	1,500.00
H. N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, salary...	500.00
Grand Treasurer, postage.....	4.00
Expenses of D. D. Grand Masters:	
1st District, Albert H. Damon.....	6.80
2nd " James Abernethy.....	15.32
3rd " George E. Parson, no bill.....	....
4th " Freeman N. Bowden....	31.00
5th " Charles F. Woodard....	48.20
6th " Ellery Bowden, no ex- penses.....	....
7th " John W. Levenseller....	32.45
8th " Lincoln A. Gardner.....	36.23
9th " Wm. E. Murphy.....	18.80
10th " Joseph E. Odiorne.....	42.28
11th " Archibald B. Morrison..	38.92
12th " Augustus E. Campbell..	35.11
13th " Harry B. Harris.....	12.60
14th " Francis G. Cooke.....	4.14
15th " F. Perley Caswell.....	42.70
16th " Lester D. Bryant, no bill.....	....
17th " Harold B. Chase.....	12.34
18th " Perley F. Smith.....	22.80
19th " Albert F. Billings.....	15.22
20th " Austin G. Haynes.....	14.08
21st " William S. Holmes.....	58.63
22nd " Frank H. Farnum.....	41.00
23rd " Howard L. Richardson..	10.00
24th " John M. Littlefield, no bill.....	....
25th " Manson D. Brown.....	47.10
26th " John L. Delano.....	4.59
Total.....	\$24,001.65
Balance in Portland National Bank.....	16,759.16
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	\$40,760.81

THE GEORGE R. RICH MEMORIAL FUND.

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	\$1,150.00
Deposit Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	250.26
Total.....	\$1,400.26

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Special Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

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

Below is an itemized account of receipts and disbursements by your committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

RECEIPTS.

Collected by E. B. MALLET, Chairman.

Pythagorean, No. 11.....	\$ 16.00	
Vassalboro, No. 54.....	23.00	
Oxford, No. 18.....	1.00	
Wilton, No. 156.....	1.00	
Freeport, No. 23.....	102.00	
St. Paul's, No. 82.....	100.00	
Unknown source.....	2.00	
		\$245.00

1923.

July 1	Interest on Deposit.....	\$ 1.97
Nov. 20	Arundel, No. 76.....	1.00
Dec. 1	St. Aspinquid, No. 198.....	20.00
Dec. 29	Monument, No. 96.....	100.00

1924.

Jan. 8	Arundel, No. 76.....	1.00
Jan. 19	Mt. Kineo, No. 109.....	157.00
Jan. 22	Fraternal, No. 55.....	50.00
Jan. 22	Orchard, No. 215.....	94.00
Jan. 28	Interest on check account.....	.82
Jan. 31	Mosaic, No. 52.....	119.50
Feb. 2	Lookout, No. 131.....	25.00
Feb. 4	Eastern Frontier, No. 112.....	222.00
Feb. 4	Neguemkeag, No. 166.....	15.00
Feb. 5	Knox, No. 189.....	20.00
Feb. 6	Augusta, No. 141.....	250.00
Feb. 8	Marine, No. 122.....	150.00
Feb. 16	Neguemkeag, No. 166.....	15.00
Feb. 19	Springvale, No. 190.....	247.00
Feb. 20	St. George, No. 16.....	155.00
Feb. 20	Adoniram, No. 27.....	37.00
Feb. 21	Asylum, No. 133.....	15.00
Feb. 23	Bingham, No. 199.....	121.00

Feb. 25	Oriental Star, No. 21.....	\$209.00
Feb. 27	York, No. 22.....	75.00
Feb. 27	Interest on check account.....	1.59
Mch. 4	Day Spring, No. 107.....	89.00
Mch. 5	Meduncook, No. 211.....	64.00
Mch. 6	Temple, No. 25.....	156.00
Mch. 6	Orient, No. 15.....	164.00
Mch. 7	Knox, No. 189.....	20.00
Mch. 13	Aurora, No. 50.....	100.00
Mch. 15	Jonesport, No. 188.....	140.00
Mch. 17	Yorkshire, No. 179.....	138.00
Mch. 19	Liberty, No. 111.....	112.00
Mch. 20	Eastern, No. 7.....	100.00
Mch. 22	Island Falls, No. 206.....	222.00
Mch. 24	Northern Star, No. 28.....	131.00
Mch. 24	Vassalboro, No. 54.....	78.00
Mch. 25	Bethlehem, No. 35.....	166.00
Mch. 25	Neguemkeag, No. 166.....	15.00
Mch. 26	Pleasant River, No. 163.....	200.00
Mch. 27	Ocean, No. 142.....	109.00
Mch. 28	Columbia, No. 200.....	169.00
Mch. 29	Monument, No. 96.....	113.00
Apr. 8	Jefferson, No. 100.....	50.00
Apr. 8	Sebasticook, No. 146.....	153.00
Mch.	Interest on check account.....	2.58
Apr. 9	Pacific, No. 64.....	50.00
Apr. 10	Limestone, No. 214.....	87.00
Apr. 12	Mount Abram, No. 204.....	134.00
Apr. 14	Cumberland, No. 12.....	247.00
Apr. 15	Island, No. 89.....	128.00
Apr. 17	St. Paul's, No. 82.....	112.00
Apr. 18	Eggemoggin, No. 128.....	137.00
Apr. 23	Howard, No. 69.....	91.50
Apr. 23	Olive Branch, No. 124.....	25.00
Apr. 26	Mosaic, No. 52.....	119.50
Apr. 26	Freedom, No. 42.....	45.00
	Interest on check account.....	5.15
Apr. 28	Crooked River, No. 152.....	134.00
Apr. 28	Rockland, No. 79.....	50.00
Apr. 28	Asylum, No. 133.....	30.00
Apr. 30	Pleasant River, No. 163.....	108.00
Apr. 30	King Hiram, No. 57.....	72.00
Apr. 30	Knox, No. 189.....	20.00
May 1	Moses Webster, No. 145.....	100.00
May 1	Ancient York, No. 155.....	40.00
May 2	Augusta, No. 141.....	235.00
May 3	Somerset, No. 34.....	285.00

May 5	Crescent, No. 78.....	\$ 75.00
May 6	Rabboni, No. 150.....	400.00
May 9	Evening Star, No. 147.....	107.00
May 9	Nezinscot, No. 101.....	106.00
May 9	Adoniram, No. 27.....	20.00
May 10	St. Andrew's, No. 83.....	601.00
May 10	Arion, No. 162.....	50.00
May 17	Ashlar, No. 105.....	476.00
May 17	Rising Star, No. 177.....	25.00
May 17	Piscataquis, No. 44.....	160.00
May 22	Bethlehem, No. 35.....	1.75
May 27	Interest on check account.....	3.93
June 3	Ancient Brothers', No. 178.....	445.00
June 7	Warren, No. 2.....	101.00
June 17	Mystic, No. 65.....	100.00
June 19	Tuscan, No. 106.....	237.00
June 27	Interest on check account.....	2.36
June 30	Bristol, No. 74.....	161.00
July 1	Interest on savings account.....	10.00
July 15	King David's, No. 62.....	46.00
July 18	Aroostook, No. 197.....	62.00
July 24	Warren, No. 2.....	40.00
Aug. 19	Union, No. 31.....	74.00
Sept. 13	Oxford, No. 18.....	240.00
Sept. 23	Jefferson, No. 100.....	30.00
Sept. 25	King Hiram, No. 57.....	54.00
Sept. 27	Interest on check account.....	44
Oct. 1	Interest on savings account.....	13.10
Oct. 6	Warren, No. 2.....	28.00
Oct. 18	Piscataquis, No. 44.....	87.00
Oct. 31	Eureka, No. 84.....	51.00
Nov. 12	Whitney, No. 167.....	101.00
Nov. 13	Northeast Harbor, No. 208.....	25.00
Dec. 6	Knox, No. 189.....	20.00
Dec. 9	Parian, No. 160.....	128.00
Dec. 16	Felicity, No. 19.....	171.00
Dec. 24	Knox, No. 189.....	24.00

1925.

Jan. 1	Interest on savings account.....	21.25
Jan. 1	Ancient York, No. 155.....	60.00
Jan. 6	Webster, No. 164.....	73.00
Jan. 8	Kennebec, No. 5.....	177.00
Jan. 8	Interest.....	8.94
Jan. 9	Wilton, No. 156.....	220.00
Jan. 10	Jefferson, No. 100.....	27.00
Jan. 26	Meridian, No. 125.....	105.00
Feb. 5	Casco, No. 36.....	182.00

Feb. 6	Carrabassett, No. 161.....	\$100.00
Feb. 7	Euclid, No. 194.....	217.00
Feb. 5	Cambridge, No. 157.....	70.00
Feb. 7	Adoniram, No. 27.....	13.00
Feb. 7	Eastern, No. 7.....	90.00
Feb. 10	Rising Virtue, No. 10.....	472.00
Feb. 10	Rural, No. 53.....	100.00
Feb. 10	Kemankeag, No. 213.....	72.00
Feb. 10	Forest, No. 148.....	50.00
Feb. 10	Trinity, No. 130.....	200.00
Feb. 10	Drummond, No. 118.....	25.00
Feb. 11	Mount Tire'm, No. 132.....	85.00
Feb. 13	Waterville, No. 33.....	334.00
Feb. 16	Hermon, No. 32.....	200.00
Feb. 19	Warren, No. 2.....	23.00
Feb. 20	Richmond, No. 63.....	100.00
Feb. 27	Granite, No. 182.....	64.00
Feb. 27	Polar Star, No. 114.....	250.00
Feb. 27	McKinley, No. 212.....	120.00
Feb. 27	Abner Wade, No. 207.....	50.00
Mch. 2	Composite, No. 168.....	194.00
Mch. 4	Saco, No. 9.....	385.00
Mch. 4	Bay View, No. 196.....	145.00
Mch. 10	Tremont, No. 77.....	72.00
Mch. 10	February interest on check account.....	4.11
Mch. 10	Rising Sun, No. 71.....	25.00
Mch. 10	King Solomon's, No. 61.....	28.00
Mch. 10	Aurora, No. 50.....	414.00
Mch. 11	Vernon Valley, No. 99.....	57.00
Mch. 12	Standish, No. 70.....	40.00
Mch. 16	Atlantic, No. 81.....	100.00
Mch. 16	Warren Phillips, No. 186.....	200.00
Mch. 17	Tyrian, No. 73.....	148.00
Mch. 17	Temple, No. 86.....	239.00
Mch. 18	Deering, No. 183.....	843.00
Mch. 23	Abner Wade, No. 207.....	71.00
Mch. 28	Kenduskeag, No. 137.....	50.00
Apr. 1	Interest on savings account.....	27.42
Apr. 1	Ancient York, No. 155.....	35.00
Apr. 6	Tremont, No. 77.....	36.00
Apr. 7	Seaside, No. 144.....	150.00
Apr. 7	Piscataquis, No. 44.....	95.00
Apr. 7	Bethlehem, No. 35.....	60.00
Apr. 9	Monmouth, No. 110.....	35.00
Apr. 9	Casco, No. 36.....	58.00
Apr. 13	King Solomon's, No. 61.....	27.00
Apr. 13	Asylum, No. 133.....	44.00

Apr. 14	Atlantic, No. 81.....	\$100.00	
Apr. 15	Amity, No. 6.....	80.00	
Apr. 16	Delta, No. 153.....	111.00	
Apr. 18	Dirigo No. 104.....	93.00	
Apr. 18	Cambridge, No. 157.....	70.00	
Apr. 18	Washington, No. 37.....	50.00	
Apr. 22	Meridian Splendor, No. 49.....	130.00	
Apr. 22	Dunlap, No. 47.....	200.00	
Apr. 24	Bethel, No. 97.....	176.00	
Apr. 27	Mt. Moriah, No. 56.....	97.00	
Apr. 27	Vernon Valley, No. 99.....	22.00	
Apr. 28	Corinthian, No. 95.....	87.00	
Apr. 28	Neguemkeag, No. 166.....	15.00	
Apr. 29	Paris, No. 94.....	162.00	
Apr. 29	Lewey's Island, No. 138.....	60.00	
Apr. 30	United, No. 8.....	197.00	
Apr. 30	Excelsior, No. 151.....	39.00	
May 1	Solar, No. 14.....	200.00	
May 1	April interest on check account.....	33	
May 2	Presumpscot, No. 127.....	167.00	
May 2	Unity, No. 5S.....	100.00	
May 2	Morning Star, No. 41.....	21.00	
May 2	Trinity, No. 130.....	104.00	
May 4	Archon, No. 139.....	66.00	
May 4	Molunkus, No. 165.....	115.00	
			\$20,925.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

1923.

Nov. 17	Record book.....	\$ 2.25	
Nov. 28	Harold E. Cook, expenses.....	55.68	
Nov. 28	Harold E. Cook, expenses.....	29.63	
Dec. 31	500 No. 5 two cent envelopes.....	10.96	
1924.			
Jan. 23	Harold E. Cook, Expenses.....	104.82	
Jan. 24	Harold E. Cook, advance.....	50.00	
Feb. 5	Tucker Printing Co.....	6.75	
Feb. 19	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Feb. 25	Tucker Printing Co.....	12.75	
Mch. 3	Harold E. Cook.....	25.33	
Mch. 3	500 No. 13 two cent envelopes.....	11.04	
Mch. 20	Chas. E. Nash & Son.....	8.25	
Apr. 8	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Apr. 28	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00	2,000.00
May 1	Harold E. Cook.....	300.00	
May 1	Harold E. Cook.....	29.93	
June 28	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Oct. 22	500 No. 13 two cent envelopes.....	11.04	

1925.			
Feb. 7	Harold E. Cook.....	\$ 8.50	
Feb. 17	Chas. E. Nash & Son.....	11.00	
Feb. 20	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mch. 6	Harold E. Cook, advance.....	25.00	
Apr. 21	J. F. Pierce Store.....	3.10	
Apr. 21	Postage stamps.....	7.00	
Apr. 23	Fred S. Rand.....	1.35	
Apr. 28	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	8,000.00	8,000.00
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		\$19,712.38	\$19,000.00

An analysis of the above will show seventy-three lodges have paid their pro rata in full, viz.: Nos. 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 25, 28, 34, 36, 44, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 74, 82, 89, 94, 97, 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 127, 130, 132, 133, 137, 141, 142, 146, 147, 150, 151, 152, 153, 156, 157, 160, 161, 163, 164, 167, 168, 178, 179, 183, 188, 189, 190, 194, 196, 200, 204, 206, 207, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215.

The following sixty-two lodges have paid in part: Nos. 2, 6, 8, 11, 14, 22, 23, 27, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 41, 42, 47, 49, 55, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 71, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 84, 86, 95, 96, 99, 110, 114, 118, 122, 124, 125, 128, 131, 138, 139, 144, 145, 148, 155, 162, 165, 166, 177, 182, 186, 197, 198, 199, 208.

The balance of the lodges have so far paid nothing though several have written the work is under way. The larger part, however, have made no response to our various communications.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
DAVID E. MOULTON,	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

- St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, vs. Clarence Henry Richards.
- Augusta Lodge, No. 141, vs. B. Earl Bither.
- Aurora Lodge, No. 50, vs. Knox Lodge, No. 189.
- Communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- Communication from Preble Lodge, No. 143.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer SAMUEL B. FURBISH, was presented as follows:

BRUNSWICK, ME., May 1, 1925.

MOST WORSHIPFUL DAVID E. MOULTON,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer for the year, and can assure you that it is a pleasure to state that increased attendance at the Lodges of Instruction, and deeper interest in the ritual and the reason as to why certain things are, have held the attention of the brethren at the several "schools."

Four Lodges of Instruction have been held: With Ira Berry Lodge, No. 187, at Blue Hill, on September 22nd, with sixty-one present; with Horeb Lodge, No. 93, at Lincoln, on September 26th, with forty-six present; with Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, at Livermore Falls, on October 8th, with fifty-eight present; and with United Lodge, No. 8, at Brunswick, on November 11th, with seventy-eight present, eleven of this number being District Deputies.

The total attendance was two hundred and forty-three, including thirty presiding Masters and twenty-four of the twenty-six District Deputies. The 25th and 26th Districts not being represented.

The Deputies from the 10th, 12th, 13th, and 15th Districts attended two "schools."

A special "school" was held with Crescent Lodge, No. 78, at Pembroke, on the evening of September 24th, for the purpose of instructing the officers of this lodge and those of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, of Eastport. Eastern Lodge officers were particularly desirous of assistance as they wished to present perfect work in the Entered Apprentice Degree the following evening at the District Convention.

I was present at this Convention of the Second District, held with St. Croix Lodge, No. 46, at Calais, on the 25th of September. All three degrees were extremely well presented, showing the result of attention to details. The occasion drew a large attendance and enthusiastic praise.

Now that the District Deputies are approaching one hundred per cent. attendance, the presiding Masters should take notice of the fact and attempt to reach this much talked of figure.

A glance at the distribution of the "schools" will show that different sections of the State have been covered with the exception of Aroostook County which should have a "school" at the time of year when harvesting is not in progress.

The uniform hospitality that has been extended to the Grand Lecturer

by the several lodges that have assisted him during the work of the year is greatly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. FURBISH,
Grand Lecturer.

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE AT HARMONY.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition signed by Bro. ASHLEY A. ROWELL and forty others praying for a Dispensation to form and open a new Lodge in the town of Harmony in Somerset County, and moved its reference to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, which was done.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the report of the Committee on Returns as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in full in the Proceedings, together with the Abstract of Returns from Lodges.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your committee have examined the returns from the 206 chartered lodges, and beg leave to submit the following report:

It is doubtful if ever before the returns from the chartered lodges showed the confusing results to be found in this year's tabulation. The most striking feature is that 72 lodges show a net loss in membership since the returns of 1924. Last year there were 36 lodges making a loss, the total being 123. This year the total loss for the 72 lodges is 317. Very many of the losses of the individual lodges is only 1 or 2, also several other lodges just failed to get on the black list by 1 or 2. No section of the state seems to have been immune from the loss contagion. Large city lodges shared the same fate as the little ones in the thinly settled rural community. Even Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, of Portland, landed with a net gain of only 1, while on the other hand, Rural Lodge, No. 53, in a town without a village or post office made a net gain for the year of 3, passed the 100 mark and now has 102 members. So too, Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, with 9

initiates, 1 affiliate and 3 deaths, increased its membership from 94 to 101. Both the Rockland lodges sustained losses, as did one of those in Auburn. The largest individual loss in the state was in Rockland Lodge, No. 79, the net being a decrease of 20, occasioned largely by 16 suspensions-for non-payment of dues and 5 deaths.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues seems to be a primary cause for the great loss, because only 3 of the lodges of the entire state report having had no work. These are 54, 75 and 158. The number of suspensions for non-payment of dues reached the enormous total of 409, almost double that in last year which was at that time an increase of nearly 70 per cent. over the number of suspensions of any former year. The death rate too has been larger this year than any year in the history of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of 1923 the year that the influenza made such inroads.

The net gain for the year has been 431 against 826 one year ago and 2,829 the peak year ending March 1, 1921.

The lodges making a loss are Nos. 2, 4, 7, 19, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 49, 50, 54, 57, 68, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 84, 86, 87, 89, 92, 93, 96, 103, 107, 111, 114, 117, 118, 121, 122, 124, 128, 130, 135, 138, 139, 145, 146, 147, 148, 152, 157, 158, 160, 165, 169, 170, 174, 175, 188, 191, 193, 196, 202, 203, 205, 209, 213.

Lodges Nos 15, 26, 27, 40, 56, 62, 63, 78, 94, 106, 119, 154, 155, 172, 182, 185 and 210 report the same number of members as were returned in 1924.

The largest number of suspension for non-payment of dues comes from Monument, No. 96, 35 being their total, which with 8 deaths, and 2 dimitts made their total loss 45. Sixteen raisings, 2 affiliations and 13 re-instate-ments, however, made their net loss only 14.

The largest net gain made by any lodge was in Hiram, No. 180, where there were 40 initiated, 1 affiliated, and their total losses were only 6, 5 by death and 1 by dimit. St. Andrew's, No. 83, of Bangor, however, had a larger number of candidates, 48 having been initiated, but only 34 of them were raised.

The relative place of the leaders is not changed. Deering, No. 183, of Portland, however, increased its lead over Ancient Land-Mark of 3 of a year ago to 32. Waterville, No. 33, the third lodge in size, increased its membership from 639 to 670, but it will take many years to close the gap between that and its next leading competitor. Two other lodges have passed the 600 mark during the year, Portland, No. 1, and Hiram, No. 183, at South Portland. United, No. 8, at Brunswick, passed from the 200 to the 300 class. Timothy Chase, No. 126, increased its membership from 199 to 216. There are now only 30 lodges in the state with a membership less than 100. Excelsior, No. 151, still remains the smallest lodge, although it increased its membership 1 during the year and reported 39 in membership.

The death rate has been 16.45 to 1,000.

The number of rejected candidates this year was 509, a considerable falling off from the number reported last year, or in fact any year since the pre-war activity.

The net gain for the year was 431. The average lodge membership has been increased from 206.7 to 208.89.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
JAMES C. AYER,
CHARLES W. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

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

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Initiated.....	3,524	2,718	1,846	1,590	1,572
Raised.....	3,471	2,856	1,858	1,698	1,534
Affiliated.....	158	150	126	96	114
Re-instated.....	139	79	59	66	111
Dimitted.....	220	168	152	143	188
Died.....	593	600	697	667	729
Suspended.....	1	0	2	5	1
Expelled.....	0	2	6	0	2
Susp. from membership...	112	106	137	223	409
Deprived of membership..	5	1	7	6	3
Error 1924 returns.....	0	0	0	0	2
Number of members.....	38,499	40,677	41,730	42,556	42,981
Rejected.....	1,121	1,065	736	691	509

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1925

Nos.	LOGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-initiated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	35	35	0	3	0	7	0	0	8	0	616	11
2	Warren	4	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	216	0
3	Lincoln	7	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	217	2
4	Hancock	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	105	0
5	Kennebec	6	8	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	179	2
6	Amity	12	10	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	340	4
7	Eastern	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	188	2
8	United	14	21	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	310	9
9	Saco	12	13	0	2	0	6	0	0	3	0	385	23
10	Rising Virtue	27	25	2	3	0	3	1	0	5	0	493	18
11	Pythagorean	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	160	0
12	Cumberland	17	13	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	252	4
13	Oriental	8	16	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	231	1
14	Solar	11	11	3	1	3	5	0	0	3	0	437	1
15	Orient	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	164	2
16	St. George	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	0
17	Ancient Land-Mark.	31	24	2	1	2	10	0	0	14	0	836	10
18	Oxford	11	12	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	247	4
19	Felicity	2	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	166	2
20	Maine	10	6	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	212	0
21	Oriental Star	10	10	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	217	5
22	York	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	191	2
23	Freeport	4	5	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	215	3
24	Phoenix	9	10	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	191	1
25	Temple	5	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	154	0
26	Village	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	133	0
27	Adoniram	4	4	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	89	0
28	Northern Star	5	8	1	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	128	4
29	Tranquil	12	12	3	1	5	14	0	0	0	0	561	3
30	Blazing Star	24	23	5	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	445	11
31	Union	3	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	128	0
32	Hermon	27	30	7	2	1	13	0	0	0	0	553	5
33	Waterville	25	27	2	1	4	12	0	0	3	0	670	11
34	Somerset	6	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	288	3
35	Bethlehem	12	15	7	2	1	6	0	1	3	0	446	3
36	Casco	15	15	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	254	1
37	Washington	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	189	0
38	Harmony	11	5	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	238	4
39	Penobscot	19	15	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	278	5
40	Lygonia	14	11	0	2	1	8	0	0	4	0	375	2
41	Morning Star	2	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	113	1
42	Freedom	7	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	116	1
43	Alna	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	228	0
44	Piscataquis	5	7	0	0	3	10	0	0	5	0	331	4
45	Central	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	129	0
46	St. Croix	15	14	0	0	3	6	0	0	3	0	276	4
47	Dunlap	7	5	0	2	1	5	0	0	1	0	401	2
48	Lafayette	4	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	156	1
49	Meridian Splendor	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	203	1
50	Aurora	15	13	0	1	2	8	0	0	12	0	506	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	8	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	251	4
52	Mosaic	10	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	244	5
53	Rural	7	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	1
54	Vassalboro	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	98	0
55	Fraternal	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0
56	Mount Moriah	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	97	0
57	King Hiram	4	3	3	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	154	0
58	Unity	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	0
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	30	25	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	368	9
61	King Solomon's	6	4	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	177	4
62	King David's	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	83	0
63	Richmond	4	4	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	193	2
64	Pacific	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	137	1
65	Mystic	9	9	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	211	3
66	Mechanics'	10	11	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	254	7
67	Blue Mountain	2	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	139	1
68	Mariners'	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	123	0
69	Howard	4	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	186	0
70	Standish	4	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	160	0
71	Rising Sun	8	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	106	0
72	Pioneer	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	13	0	205	3
73	Tyrian	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	212	1
74	Bristol	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	159	0
75	Plymouth	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	0
76	Arundel	5	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	182	3
77	Tremont	13	9	2	1	2	4	0	0	8	0	181	0
78	Crescent	7	8	0	1	0	5	0	0	3	0	154	2
79	Rockland	10	2	0	2	3	5	0	0	16	0	225	0
80	Keystone	5	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	137	0
81	Atlantic	27	35	1	0	1	5	0	0	7	1	583	13
82	St. Paul's	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	215	0
83	St. Andrew's	48	34	7	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	632	17
84	Eureka	4	4	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	126	0
85	Star in the West	9	9	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	101	1
86	Temple	10	7	1	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	341	1
87	Benevolent	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	113	1
88	Narraguagus	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	128	0
89	Island	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	123	3
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	7	7	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	212	0
92	Siloam	7	9	0	0	0	8	0	0	10	2	276	13
93	Horeb	4	4	0	0	3	6	0	0	1	0	300	1
94	Paris	7	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	162	1
95	Corinthian	8	8	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	167	1
96	Monument	20	16	2	13	2	8	0	0	35	0	425	5
97	Bethel	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	176	0
98	Kathadin	4	3	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	186	2
99	Vernon Valley	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	115	1
100	Jefferson	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	4
101	Nezinscot	5	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	110	0
102	Marsh River	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	0
103	Dresden	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	94	0
104	Dirigo	4	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	93	0
105	Ashlar	20	22	1	0	3	10	0	0	1	0	488	3
105	Tuscan	3	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	237	0

Nos.	LOGGES.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	87	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	7	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	160	3
110	Monmouth	5	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	168	1
111	Liberty	2	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	111	1
112	Eastern Frontier	13	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	228	0
113	Messalonskee	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	127	0
114	Polar Star	12	11	1	0	4	9	0	0	7	0	420	2
115	Buxton	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	160	3
116	Lebanon	4	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	148	3
117	Greenleaf	5	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	195	0
118	Drummond	5	5	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	118	0
119	Pownal	2	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	4	0	120	0
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	107	0
122	Marine	1	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	292	0
123	Franklin	5	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	99	0
124	Olive Branch	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	128	2
125	Meridian	8	8	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	233	0
126	Timothy Chase	20	20	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	216	4
127	Presumpscot	4	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	167	1
128	Eggmoggin	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	134	0
129	Quantabacook	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0
130	Trinity	7	6	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	0	304	0
131	Lookout	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	0
132	Mount Tire'm	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	0
133	Asylum	4	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	89	0
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	158	2
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	3	6	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	119	1
138	Lewy's Island	5	4	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	232	6
139	Archon	3	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	0	98	0
140	Mount Desert	4	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	90	0
141	Augusta	10	16	3	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	498	0
142	Ocean	12	12	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	119	2
143	Preble	27	26	1	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	369	16
144	Seaside	12	10	2	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	317	4
145	Moses Webster	4	2	0	1	1	6	0	0	1	0	223	2
146	Sebastcook	3	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	150	1
147	Evening Star	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	108	0
148	Forest	5	6	0	5	2	5	0	0	21	0	180	4
149	Doric	13	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	110	2
150	Rabboni	14	12	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	388	8
151	Excelsior	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0
152	Crooked River	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	131	0
153	Delta	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	111	0
154	Mystic Tie	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	92	0
155	Ancient York	5	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	192	4
156	Wilton	10	10	1	2	3	4	0	0	2	0	224	3
157	Cambridge	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	138	0
158	Anchor	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	81	0
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)												
160	Parian	7	8	0	2	0	4	0	0	8	0	126	2
161	Carrabassett	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	101	1
162	Arion	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	112	4

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River	16	16	0	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	316	9
164	Webster	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	73	0
165	Molunkus	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	159	0
166	Neguemkeag	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	84	0
167	Whitney	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	3
168	Composite	6	9	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	194	2
169	Shepherd's River	3	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	87	0
170	Caribou	8	5	1	0	3	9	0	0	15	0	246	4
171	Naskeag	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	93	0
172	Pine Tree	6	5	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	158	0
173	Pleiades	6	6	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	178	1
174	Lynde	3	3	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	110	3
175	Baskahegan	6	6	0	0	1	7	0	0	8	0	224	6
176	Palestine (consol'd)												
177	Rising Star	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	107	0
178	Ancient Brothers'	13	13	0	3	0	5	0	0	7	0	449	7
179	Yorkshire	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	143	8
180	Hiram	32	40	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	622	15
181	Reuel Washburn (con.)												
182	Granite	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	103	0
183	Deering	35	35	3	0	0	9	0	0	5	0	868	17
184	Naval	13	9	4	1	5	5	0	0	3	0	436	3
185	Bar Harbor	7	8	1	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	315	0
186	Warren Phillips	14	22	0	2	1	5	0	0	4	0	432	3
187	Ira Berry	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	76	0
188	Jonesport	4	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	15	0	132	0
189	Knox	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	0
190	Springvale	8	7	1	1	3	4	0	0	1	0	248	12
191	Davis	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	134	0
192	Winter Harbor	6	5	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	135	0
193	Washburn	9	10	0	4	0	1	0	0	14	0	148	2
194	Euclid	17	17	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	234	4
195	Reliance	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	237	0
196	Bay View	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	145	0
197	Aroostook	4	6	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	171	3
198	St. Aspinquid	7	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	258	4
199	Bingham	16	16	0	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	254	3
200	Columbia	14	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	172	15
201	David A. Hooper	6	6	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	181	0
202	Mount Bigelow	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	106	0
203	Mount Olivet	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	99	0
204	Mount Abram	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	140	0
205	Nollesemic	13	16	0	1	3	8	0	0	15	0	250	5
206	Island Falls	8	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	230	2
207	Abner Wade	10	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	8	0	121	0
208	Northeast Harbor	12	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	131	1
209	Fort Kent	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	113	2
210	Bagaduce	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	73	0
211	Meduncook	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0
212	McKinley	9	9	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	120	1
213	Kemankeag	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	72	0
214	Limestone	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	0
215	Orchard	6	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	95	6
		1572	1534	114	111	185	727	1	2	413	3	42981	509

MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

The Grand Secretary read the following, the same being a part of the annual address of Brother FREDERICK C. THAYER, Deputy for Maine, at the last annual convocation of Maine Council of Deliberation, A. A. & S. R.

"There are however, other fundamental elements, important, yes, indispensable characteristics concerning which we are not giving proper attention, and which I am sorry to say we are not cultivating as we should. As a matter of fact the outstanding basic feature of the great Masonic Institution, giving the precedence always to the acknowledgement of our dependence upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe, is the wonderful ideal of the Brotherhood of Man and its practical application in the every day affairs of life. An occasional accounting is always salutary, even though frequently disappointing, in all the duties, responsibilities and activities of life. And we may well pause and question ourselves as to whether or not we are translating the ideal and our promises as well into the concrete activities of true Brotherhood.

There are more than forty thousand Master Masons in Maine, ten per cent. of which are members of this Rite. I wonder how many — not of the forty thousand — but of the four thousand who have ever made any calculation as to the relative expenditure for entertainment and for charitable or philanthropic purposes I am sure the per capita investment for charitable purposes would be so pitifully small, in comparison, as to cause the interrogator's head to bow in confusion if not in actual shame. It is in nowise, my desire to belittle the entertainment either of ourselves or our brethren for I full recognize the advantage, yes, the necessity of the maintenance of good fellowship. I am also as certain that all the rank and file of our membership require to interest them in charitable activities is to have the facts, the necessities fairly and plainly placed before them. More properly I think such matters should emanate from the Grand Lodge, nevertheless, I believe the time is ripe to set in motion such influences as will result in the establishment of some sort of a Masonic Charitable Foundation in Maine and I also believe that it is not only competent but wise for this Council of Deliberation to appoint a Committee whose duty it shall be to confer with such Committee as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to consider what may and should be done in the premises. I trust this will receive your serious attention. And thus may we materially and actually "help to speed the coming of the day when brotherly love shall find full and true and universal expression in the affairs and lives of men."

On motion of the Grand Secretary the Grand Lodge voted to entertain the proposition and refer

it to a special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, who should arrange to meet the special committee of Maine Council of Deliberation for conferences, with a view of formulating some definite plan for activity, and to make subsequent report to this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed as members of that committee Brothers ASHLEY A. SMITH, Chairman, CHARLES F. JOHNSON, ALBERT M. SPEAR and WALDO PETTENGILL.

REFRESHMENT.

At 11.50 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 6, 1925. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren as possible. He assured them that to prepare it had required many hours labor, of which he hoped would result in better education of the craft in Maine. He had endeavored to condense the best ideas found by reading the reports from other Grand Jurisdictions into shape and space to make their reading interesting and profitable. He hoped that

the report might be read in lodge meetings when there was no work or important business for consideration because he believed the brethren would have broader ideas of Masonry after learning something of the doings in other states and countries.

It was voted that the report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report.

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has considered the request for fraternal recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives from the M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

While this particular Grand Lodge of Mexico has received such recognition from several Grand Lodges of the United States and several Foreign Jurisdictions, we must face the fact that there are other alleged Grand Lodges in Mexico also claiming the same authority, and endeavoring to exercise the same exclusive rights of Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. In this unfortunate and unmasonic division of authority, a few of our American Grand Lodges have recognized two, or even more M. W. Grand Lodges in Mexico.

In 1922, for instance, the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico considered a resolution to the effect, that recognition be withdrawn from this York Grand Lodge, and extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Their Committee on Foreign Correspondence succeeded in defeating this resolution.

Your Committee is citing this special instance because it is typical of the vacillation and uncertainty on the part of many Grand Lodges as to which particular Grand Lodge of Mexico to choose for such fraternal recognition. If there is such a difference of opinion and confusion of ideas, not to say vacillating policies, on the very border of Mexico respecting which Grand Lodge to recognize, surely it rather behooves such far away Jurisdictions as ours to "go slow" in the matter of choosing either. Indeed, it seems to your Committee that for forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, to say nothing of those distributed over the world, to choose in a kind of uncalculating venture, one or the other of these Grand Lodges, is only to add to *their* confusion and to *confirm* their very divisions and differences by strengthening one against the other. Maine will be content to wait until such fraternal divisions are healed

and there is something like a M. W. *United* Grand Lodge of Mexico. At present, such recognition, some of our Grand Lodges choosing to recognize the York Grand Lodge and others de Valle de Mexico, can easily lead to "confusion worse confounded."

The truth of the Great Light may well stay precipitate action, "Who made me a judge and divider over you?" Indeed, we have read so much on both sides of the question, and each, on paper, makes out such a convincingly clear case for itself, that we are rather forced to the conclusion, that when "the house is swept and garnished," and no longer "a house divided against itself," it will be time for us to consider such recognition. "First be reconciled with thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift," saith the Great Light, and we may well take that counsel as "the rule and guide of our faith and conduct" in the matter of recognition of either opposing Mexican Grand Lodge.

Your Committee, would therefore recommend, that this request be indefinitely deferred.

The following request from "Columbia" Lodge, No. 4682, of Buenos Aires, District of South America, Southern Division, has been received by this M. W. Grand Lodge, and referred to your Committee by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Charles B. Davis:

Buenos Aires, January 7, 1925.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Esq.,

Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.,
Portland, Maine, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND W. BRO.:

This Lodge was consecrated on December 3, 1924, by W. Bro. W. E. O. Haxell, Deputy District Grand Master, under a Warrant from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Officers Designate being the following:

W. M., W. Bro. Ralph W. Huntington;
S. W., W. Bro. George G. Cobean;
J. W., Bro. Wm. R. Fraser.

The Lodge will use the Ritual approved by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Under the English U. G. L. Constitutions there exists what is known as "Joining Membership," for which it is not required that the brother so joining must take a dimit from his mother lodge; an arrangement which is particularly desirable in foreign countries.

Many American brethren sojourning here for a term of years for business reasons, would gladly join with us if possible to do so without severing relations with their home lodges, thus helping to sustain, in this foreign land, a lodge which (Art. 3 of our By-Laws) "if formed for the association and convenience of those who speak the English language fluently, especially — though not exclusively — Americans who reside in the Argentine Republic, and instructing them in the ancient traditions of the Craft in the manner best adapted for fitting them to be creditably received in lodges of their own land."

I am requested by the W. M. to ask if you will kindly let us know what will be the attitude of your Grand Lodge in the possible case of brethren from your jurisdiction desiring to take "joining membership" in this Lodge.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this request, I am

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. J. COBB,
Secretary.

Your Committee, by its Chairman, replied as follows:

BANGOR, MAINE, March 31, 1925.

MR. W. J. COBB,

Secretary "Columbia" Lodge, No. 4682,
Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., I am pleased to answer your note received by R. W. Brother Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary, and forwarded to me for such action as might be proper under the outlined conditions.

I need hardly say, after this somewhat extended delay, that I have given the matter a great deal of attention, and been in conference with several well informed brethren respecting the matter. This has all been rather unsatisfactory, largely because your letter, which was clear enough probably from your point of view, leaves us in considerable doubt and uncertainty as to the exact intention of the "Joining Membership" proposition.

I can put the matter in a nut-shell,—if you mean by "Joining Membership" what is commonly called "Dual Membership," our attitude must be one of courteous declination, or to be entirely candid — downright opposition.

But,—if you contemplate merely what is commonly called "Honorary Membership," that is both permissible, and under your "Columbia" Lodge circumstances, commendable. Such would have our cordial sanction and fraternal benison.

Your letter leaves the matter of "Joining Membership" in doubt as to its real meaning, whether the one or the other.

Now, a few words in elucidation of the above: If it is a kind of club-organization, composed of brethren from all parts of the Masonic world, who chance to be sojourning in your jurisdiction, that is permissible under our honorary membership clause. On the other hand if your intention is to establish a new lodge, receiving applications and conferring degrees, we must respectfully decline. It all comes to this,—to speak plainly the Grand Lodge of Maine cannot permit its members to be in affiliation with a working lodge in Buenos Aires, and at the same time members of a lodge in Maine. Such would be a plain violation of our clear law on Dual Membership.

If you have access to our Maine Constitution you will find the matter covered by Sections 3 and 4 (page 306). But perhaps it is sufficient to cite Section 134 which reads: "No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge."

"Honorary Membership" is permitted under Section 1 on page 292 (Maine Blue Book). Such a membership gives no voting right, and permits of no participation in the business of the Lodge.

Trusting I have made the situation clear, I remain

Yours cordially and Fraternally,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

*Chairman, the Committee on Foreign
Correspondence, Grand Lodge of
Maine, F. & A. M.*

An interesting and significant Edict, issued by the M. W. Grand Master in the State of New York, has been received by your Committee which reads as follows:

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK
MASONIC HALL, NEW YORK.

EDICT

April 2d, 1925.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of each
Lodge of the State of New York,*

GREETING:

I am credibly informed that the Grand Orient of Belgium has abandoned the requirement of belief in God, and removed the Bible from its Altar, and from the Altars of its constituent lodges.

The body which was the Grand Orient of Belgium has attempted to accomplish that which it is not within the power of any man or body of men to do. In abandoning the requirement of belief in God, and laying violent and profane hands upon the Great Light in Masonry, it has attempted to change the plan and very groundwork of the institution.

That the Bible is a book containing sacred truth is one of the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry. Howsoever men differ in creed or theology, all good men are agreed that within the covers of the Bible are found those principles of morality which are the foundations upon which to build a righteous life.

The institution of Freemasonry therefore opens this book upon its altars with the command to each of its votaries that he diligently study therein to learn the way to everlasting life; adopting no particular creed, forbidding sectarian discussion within its lodge rooms, encouraging each to be steadfast in the faith of his acceptance, Freemasonry takes all good men by the hand, and, leading them to its altars, points to the open Bible thereon, and urges upon each that he faithfully direct his steps through life by the Light he there shall find and as he there shall find it.

While therefore Freemasonry inclines no initiate to depart from the faith of his fathers, nor to desist from the prayers learned at his mother's knee, it pronounces the Bible to be a book in which the most sacred truths are taught to man, and it will always place the Bible before its votaries as a safe, sure and everlasting "basis of morality."

The requirement of the Bible as part of the furniture of a lodge is universal equally with the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and its prerequisite as an essential cannot be gainsaid.

Whosoever, therefore, shall declare to the contrary, no matter what his previous station nor how high sounding his previous title, does thereby place himself, and all acknowledging allegiance to him, without the pale of Freemasonry.

By virtue of the powers and prerogatives in me vested as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, I do announce and declare that the action of the Grand Orient of Belgium in abandoning the requirement of belief in God and removing the Bible from its altars has terminated all relations heretofore existing between the Grand Orient of Belgium and the Grand Lodge of New York; and I do, by these presents, command all brethren under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York henceforth to abstain from any and all Masonic intercourse with the so-called Grand Orient of Belgium, and with any body of men claiming or professing to be Freemasons, acknowledging jurisdiction of the same; and all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New

York are hereby forbidden henceforth to receive as visitors or to hold any Masonic intercourse with any persons acknowledging allegiance to the said Grand Orient of Belgium.

The commission heretofore issued to R. W. Paul Duchaine, whereby the said R. W. Paul Duchaine was nominated and appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Orient of Belgium, is hereby summarily recalled and revoked.

Let this edict be at once promulgated to all the Lodges within the State of New York and read therein at the next stated communication after its receipt.

Let copies hereof be also at once certified to all Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the world as well as to the said R. W. Paul Duchaine.

Given under my hand and private seal, the day and year first above written.

(SEAL)
By the Grand Master

W. A. LOWAN,
Grand Master.

ROBT. JUDSON KENWORTHY,
Grand Secretary.

The significance of the above commendable and justifiable Edict so far as the Grand Lodge of Maine is concerned, is in the fact that such necessary and truly Masonic action on the part of New York, entirely justifies the conservative action and attitude which has characterized this Grand Lodge of Maine from the beginning, respecting fraternal recognition of many Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, which, like the Grand Orient of Belgium have abandoned belief in God, and removed the Great Light from their Altars, and from the Altars, of their constituent lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,	} <i>Committee</i>	
FRANK J. COLE,		<i>on Foreign</i>
WALLACE N. PRICE,		<i>Correspondence.</i>

The report of the committee was accepted.

On motion the Grand Lodge voted that the matter of recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be indefinitely postponed.

That the recommendation of the committee in the matter of "Columbia" Lodge of Buenos Aires be adopted.

That recognition by the Grand Lodge of Maine of the Grand Orient of Belgium be withdrawn and the Commission of our Grand Representative near that Grand Body be recalled.

FINANCE.

Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1925.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers. We find the balance in hands of Treasurer to be as according to his report, \$16,759.16.

We have also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and find them correct, that the balance of cash received by him has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for which the Grand Secretary holds his receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} Committee of Finance.
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	

The report was accepted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED.

On motion of Bro. SILAS B. ADAMS it was voted that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as submitted at the morning session be accepted.

FINANCE, WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1925.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee and find that they have collected from the several lodges the sum of \$20,925.24, up to and including May 4, 1925. Of this amount the sum of \$712.38 has been expended for miscellaneous expenses and the sum of \$19,000.00 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association, leaving a balance in the hands of the committee of \$1,212.86.

The total collections reported this year include the amount that was reported as collected last year, and in the amount of the disbursements

reported this year is included the amount which was reported in last year's report from this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,	} Committee of Finance.
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	

The report was accepted.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 5, 1925.

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers to whom were referred the Address of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, have given the same careful consideration.

We wish to commend the Grand Master for the effort he has made to visit so many of the lodges, as we consider a visit from the Grand Master an event sure to create greater interest in our work, especially when the visitor has a message such as he has for the craft. We also commend the work done by others in disseminating light to the brethren on different occasions. It is to be hoped a systematic program of instruction may be inaugurated in the near future.

We compliment the Grand Master in having granted no dispensations to receive and ballot on applications out of time. That only seven requests for permission to confer degrees without the required fourteen days between any two were granted after careful investigation indicates how infrequently the good of masonry dictates such action is advisable. While the Grand Master modestly refrained from reporting how many such requests were refused, we must presume they were many as this is the first year the new law has been in operation. Each instance of permission appears to have been particularly meritorious.

We are pleased to observe the splendid attendance of the District Deputies at the "schools" held by the Grand Lecturer, and also that he was able to hold one "special" in addition to the four authorized by vote. We hope it may be possible for such extra conventions, under competent supervision may be arranged frequently. As different localities may be accommodated by holding meetings at seasonal dates it might be well to spread the regular "schools" over a wider range of time.

That all details connected with his office have been promptly discharged was to be expected from our Grand Secretary, and we are to be congratulated on having in that most important office one who can maintain "most cordial and friendly relations" with not only the craft of this but of other jurisdictions. The secretaries are urged to and in every way

to bring the membership list to perfection and completion. No action appears necessary to enable secretaries to provide a loose-leaf record or card index of members, but we strongly advise the adoption of such adjuncts.

We recommend the address of the Grand Master, except such portions as are otherwise specifically assigned; the tabulations of the Grand Secretary; and the report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend the dispensations and decision of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; that his recommendation in regard to the further payments for the Washington Memorial, and his allusion to our continuing as members of the Masonic Service Association be referred to a special committee of three members each; all financial items in the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the recommendation for a special committee to consider the formulation of a plan to increase our funds available for charitable work be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
A. M. PENLEY,

} Committee.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The Grand Master appointed as the special committee in regard to Washington Memorial and Masonic Service Association, Brothers EDWARD W. WHEELER, ALBERT M. SPEAR and SILAS B. ADAMS.

HISTORY.

BRO. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, May 5, 1925.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on History beg leave to report that during the year there have been submitted histories of two lodges, Eureka, No. 84, and Deering, No. 183.

The history of Eureka Lodge is a paper bound volume of forty-eight pages and includes the history of that lodge from 1909 to 1924, written by Granville N. Batchelder, Secretary. The text covers the important transactions of the lodge year by year, and at the end is included a record of all the candidates who received the degrees during the time, with the dates conveniently arranged, also the list of dimits and deaths.

The history of Deering Lodge is a cloth bound book of over 200 pages, covering the history of the lodge from its organization to 1924, written by Past Master George F. Grant, who devoted a great deal of time to the work and as a result has an admirably arranged and authentic history. A feature of the book is that it contains a half-tone portrait of every Master who has presided over the lodge. He also has a biographical sketch of all but one of the charter members of the lodge, also a short sketch of each of the Worshipful Masters. The press work is artistically done and the binding attractive.

Both histories have been placed on file in the Grand Lodge office.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,	} Committee.
WALDO PETTENGILL,	
CONVERS E. LEACH,	

The report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

EXCUSE.

Brother DONALD S. HIGGINS, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, presented good reasons and asked to be excused from attendance after the close of this afternoon session, which was allowed.

CREDENTIALS — FINAL REPORT.

Brother BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, made final report which was accepted as follows:

2.00 P. M., May 5, 1925.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

According to directions we have added to the report of this morning the names of representatives and Permanent Members arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present, and entitled to vote:

Permanent Members present (1 vote each).....	37
Grand Officers present (1 vote each).....	42
180 Lodges represented (3 votes each).....	540
Duplicates.....	2

Total number of votes..... 621

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee on Credentials.
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	
WARREN C. KING,	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine were assembled back of the Altar and most cordial and fraternal greeting was extended them by M. W. Grand Master MOULTON. He requested that each convey to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary or Grand Representative of the grand jurisdiction he represented the felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Maine and so endeavor to make the grand representative system something more than a mere matter of form. Several of the Grand Representatives responded and it developed that even now many of them are in constant correspondence with the jurisdictions represented.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived the Grand Master invited M. W. Brother THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Brother BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, RALPH W. FARRIS, WALLACE N. PRICE.
 II. EDWARD G. WESTON, WILLIAM N. SHAW, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

The Committees having attended to their duties reported the choice of

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Portland
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Bath
HARRY E. ROWE,	“ Senior Grand Warden,	Ellsworth
JAMES A. RICHAN	“ Junior Grand Warden,	Rockland
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	“ Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	“ Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland; FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years—HOWARD D. SMITH, EDWARD W. WHEELER.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

Grand Master MOULTON resumed the East and thanked M. W. Brother BODGE for the service he had rendered.

CERTIFICATE OF CHARTER.

Brother HARRY C. MACDONALD, Worshipful Master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, at Rockport, requested a Certificate of Charter for that lodge, which was voted.

UNANIMOUS BALLOT NECESSARY FOR RESTORATION.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 5, 1925.

The Committee on Amendments to the Constitution has had under consideration a proposed amendment to the constitution which was referred to it at the annual communication in 1924 and reading as follows:

" Amend Section 117 of the Constitution by striking from the fifth line of the second paragraph the word 'two-thirds' and substituting therefor the word 'unanimous,' so that the whole section as amended shall read:

" Sec. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

" A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears."

We approve the adoption of the foregoing amendment and recommend that Section 117 of the constitution be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

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" A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears."

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	} Committee on	
EDWARD W. WHEELER,		} Amendments to
W. FREEMAN LORD,			} the Constitution.

The report of the committee was accepted, and on subsequent vote the recommendation as contained in the report was adopted.

PUBLICATION.

Brother MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Brother WILLIAM H. OHLER, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME., May 7, 1925.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to their duty and would report that the questionnaires used by the District Deputies in their visitations have been examined, and they are a distinct improvement over the former method used and provide the means of allowing this committee to present facts on the condition of the Craft, which may be more or less interesting. But it is evident that in some cases the blanks have not been correctly interpreted, and it is recommended that the Grand Lecturer instruct the District Deputies, at the Schools of Instruction, in the compilation of the necessary data for the correct filling out of these questionnaires.

The average number of meetings held by the lodges has been fifteen, with the attendance averaging seventeen. Ninety-five lodges own their own halls, the estimated value of which is \$1,079,850.00, with a debt of \$206,965.62. Other assets total \$330,504.07. The various lodges report having a Charity Fund of \$115,840.96 and \$10,625.21 was expended last year to assist brothers and their families. The tabulation of the reports show that the average fee charged for the degrees is \$32.25 and for dues \$2.45. The various lodges have expended \$18,358.10 for free suppers, and your committee feel that it would be good policy for more of the lodges to adopt the practice of making at least a nominal charge for suppers.

We notice that twenty-six lodges do not require candidates to learn the prescribed lessons before advancement, and would recommend that each District Deputy be instructed to inform the lodges in his District that candidates must perfect themselves in the lectures of the previous degree before advancement.

The tabulation submitted by the Grand Secretary and referred to this Committee have been examined and as they contain much concrete information, they are respectfully referred to the Craft for their consideration.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows painstaking care in the work, and his conduct of the office is commended.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. OILER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	
F. E. MONROE,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

WINFIELD SCOTT HINCKLEY.

Brother EDWARD G. WESTON presented the following Memorial which was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

WINFIELD SCOTT HINCKLEY.

"Our Bark is ever sailing upon the treacherous sea of life
Here and there a great sea sweeps from our vision those we love.
We wave our farewells from shore they are seen by us no more."

Such thoughts teach us that we cannot too kindly remember our dead nor in our sorrow turn away from their memory.

That which we call death, is but casting aside the earthly habitation which we wear, while traveling through this vale of tears, and the soul immortal still lives.

On January 5, 1925, death the grim reaper invaded the portals of this Grand Lodge, and carried from our midst R. W. Bro. WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY, P. J. G. W. of this Grand Lodge.

By his demise this jurisdiction lost a stalwart Mason, who ever had the interest of the Craft at heart, and in the immediate vicinity of which he dwelt, his influence was ever felt among the Craftsmen.

Brother HINCKLEY was made a Mason at the age of twenty-four and at the time of his death had been sixty-one years a Mason.

He was initiated in Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, Me., July 17, 1864, passed August 15th, and raised August 16, 1864, dimitting from that lodge to become a charter member of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, and at the time of his death its oldest Past Master.

He was exalted in Androscoggin Chapter, No. 24, then located at Canton, and dimitted from there to become a charter member of Franklin Chapter, No. 44, of Farmington, and filled the office of Scribe while under dispensation, at its constitution he was elected King August 14, 1879. He dimitted from Franklin Chapter July 14, 1885, to become a charter member of Henry Knox Chapter, of Thomaston, Me., and was the promoter of that chapter and its oldest Past High Priest.

Our Brother while of a quiet nature was a man of strong character, we may well say he was always within the precepts of his square and compass, his promise was always kept, all men associated with or under his direction got a square deal, and he most assuredly expected it from them.

For eight years he held the responsible position of Deputy Warden of the Maine State Prison, having full charge and responsibility of those confined within the walls, as well as officers in charge. During his administration the Institution ranked second for department in the Prison Congress of the United States, the large prison at Kankakee, Ill., being the only one outranking.

An Overseer in one of the departments told the writer once, that when Deputy Hinckley had been in charge three months, the sentiment of both officers and men was strongly against him, and said he for the reason he showed us our places and required us to keep them, after that the time he said any man who would have said aught of the Deputy took chances of his life from other officers or convict for we soon learned we were to have a fair square hearing on every difficulty that arose.

Our late Brother also held other positions of trust during his life time, he served the Government as Consul at Point Petre Gaudaloup and at St. Pierre Martinique, leaving the later position for the prison. He also served the town of Lisbon in legislature.

He was a man whose aims and ambitions were high and his daily life corresponded.

Gentlemanly and courteous he had many friends especially among those who did business with him.

At the ripe age of four score and six years, a well earned rest covers his busy life.

" The record of a life well spent
We know at parting, though we grieve
A noble life is man's best monument."

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.20 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 6, 1925. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—APPROPRIATIONS.

Brother WALDO PETTENGILL, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, ME.,

May 6, 1925.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1926, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1926, the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1925, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1925, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty-one Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for stenographic assistance and to pay for continuing the card index system for the year ending May 1, 1926.

The Grand Master having reported to the Finance Committee that there is remaining in his hands from last year's appropriation for contingent expenses a sufficient sum to defray his contingent expenses, we recommend that no further appropriation be made for this purpose this year.

Fraternally submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL,
 FRED C. TOLMAN,
 FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

} Committee
 of Finance.

The report was accepted and the recommendations as contained therein were adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then in most happy manner introduced to the Brethren the special guest of this Annual Communication, M. W. Brother CHARLES H. CALLAHAN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, who was accorded the grand honors.

M. W. Brother CALLAHAN spoke for over an hour in most eloquent manner, his theme being the life and character of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, the Man, the Patriot and the Mason. He explained in detail the purpose of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association rehearsing an account of the activity and accomplishment of that association to date. He commanded the closest attention of the vast audience, the large hall being filled to capacity, enlightening all present on many important and interesting phases of the desired accomplishment. At his conclusion the speaker was given a tremendous burst of applause.

A PRESENTATION.

Grand Master CALLAHAN then presented to the Grand Lodge of Maine in behalf of his own Grand Lodge of Virginia, a gavel which will, as times goes on, become a priceless memento, not only because of the fact that it is an expression of the fraternal relations existing between the two Grand Lodges at the present time but further because of its historical connection. The head of the gavel was made from a walnut tree which grew on the Mount Vernon estate, the home of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, and it is supposed that the tree was planted by him.

The gavel was accepted in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Maine by Grand Master MOULTON in most happy manner.

RECESS.

A recess of fifteen minutes was then taken during which time many of the Brethren personally met and extended their greetings to M. W. Brother CALLAHAN, until the sound of the gavel in the East.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem.

CHARLES S. HUTCHINSON, Penobscot, No. 39.

ALEXANDER G. GROVE, Lincoln, No. 3.

CHARLES W. MILLER, Piscataquis, No. 44.

LESTER E. GRAY, Kennebec, No. 5.

CHARLES M. FARRAR.

Brother FRANK E. MONROE presented the following Memorial which was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

CHARLES MERRILL FARRAR.

CHARLES MERRILL FARRAR, youngest son of Sewell and Elethier Farrar, was born at Charleston, Maine, January 14, 1864, where he resided until twenty-one years of age. At that time he entered the employ of the late Charles McLaughlin of Bangor, Maine, of whom he learned the harness maker's trade. He opened a shop in Milo, Maine, October 1, 1888, continuing same until the fall of 1923, at which time he disposed of it on account of ill health.

It was in the early spring of 1923 that he suffered a severe illness from which he never fully recovered. Acting on the advice of his physician, he spent the following winter in Florida, returning to his home the next spring somewhat improved in health. But the improvement was of short duration, for on July 1, he again took his bed and after a great deal of suffering he, on August 22, 1924, joined the Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master presides.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, at Charleston, Maine, on December 30, 1887, was dimitted February 8, 1895, affiliating with Piscataquis at Milo; was elected Master of Piscataquis Lodge in 1907; was a charter member of Aldworth Chapter, O. E. S., and elected Patron in 1912; was exalted in Piscataquis Royal

Arch Chapter, March 4, 1890; was dimitted March 4, 1904, to become a charter member of Rabboni Chapter at Brownville, Maine; was elected High Priest of Rabboni Chapter in 1910, receiving the order of High Priesthood, May 4, of that year. He was knighted in St. John's Commandery at Bangor, June 15, 1903; was greeted in Bangor Council R. and S. M., May 26, 1904. He received the degrees of the A. A. and S. Rite from the fourth to and including the thirty-second in 1904. He was a member of Tamerlane Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He joined Kora Temple at Lewiston, Maine, April 19, 1906; was dimitted to become a charter member of Anah Temple at Bangor.

He was for many years a most regular attendant of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge; was in 1916 appointed a member of the Pay Roll Committee; but it was at the Annual Session of 1922 that he received what was to him his greatest Masonic honor, being elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

He was, on June 28, 1890, united in marriage with Miss Nellie Savage, of Milo, who survives him. While his first love was his beloved wife, his second was truly Masonry, particularly this Grand Lodge. This is evidenced by the fact that, after making suitable provision for his wife, he left the residue of his estate, amounting to a number of thousands of dollars, to this Grand Body.

"To have known him was to have loved him." No one appreciates this fact better than I do. Charles, goodbye!

"We have no dearer word for our heart's friend,
For him who journeys to the world's far end,
And scars our soul with going; thus we say
As unto him who steps but o'er the way,
Goodbye!"

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 3.30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9.00 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Thursday, May 7, 1924. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 7, 1925.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master has carefully considered the same and find them to be in accord with the law and practice of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The decisions appear to be answers to new forms of old questions and include no matters not considered in the past. The reiteration is to more forcibly bring to the attention of the brethren decisions already approved. While more latitude than formerly is permitted in the cases of petitioners having maim or defect, there are limits beyond which no decision should reach.

Considering the past year is the first under which lodges have been constrained from advancing candidates at will, we think the dispensations to permit shortening time between degrees have been pleasantly infrequent. As lodges become accustomed to arranging their work to conform to the new requirements the supposed need for special consideration will largely disappear.

For several years (almost without exception) dispensations have been granted Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to open for work on its own candidates at Wilsons Mills, within its jurisdiction, some forty miles from its lodge room. While such procedure may have been desirable from a masonic point of view at some time, its continued repetition causes the committee to wonder if the lodge has not sometime substituted expediency for necessity when making the request.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,

EDWARD W. WHEELER,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

} Committee
 on
 } Jurisprudence.

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

PAY ROLL.

Brother JOHN C. ARNOLD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
PORTLAND, May 6, 1925.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,	} Committee.
EDWARD K. GOULD,	
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 7, 1925.

The Committee on Dispensation and Charters, to which was referred the petition of Ashley H. Rowell and forty other Master Masons for a dispensation for a regular lodge at Harmony in the County of Somerset and the remonstrance of the Worshipful Master and other officers and members of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, against granting such dispensation, have had the same under consideration and, after hearing the petitioners and remonstrants, report as follows:

The petitioners are members of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, and live for the most part in the village of Harmony, which is five miles from the Masonic Hall in Cambridge. It is urged in support of the petition that members of this lodge living in Harmony are unable to attend the meetings of the lodge during the winter months, as the roads are not passable for automobiles, and horses and sleighs are not readily available. The brethren residing in Harmony desire to establish a new lodge in that town in order that they may regularly attend lodge meetings, fill the various offices of the lodge and enjoy to a larger extent the privileges and benefits of Masonic instruction, influence and intercourse. No discrimination on the part of the members of Cambridge Lodge against the brethren of Harmony is claimed and no rancor or bitterness developed at the hearing before the-committee. In fact, a spirit of the utmost friendliness and goodwill abounds in the membership of this lodge. The lodge owns its hall and has about six hundred dollars of surplus income in its treasury. It has afforded ample relief to worthy members of the Craft and has faithfully discharged its

Masonic obligations. Its present membership is one hundred and thirty-eight.

Owing to a misunderstanding or lack of time, no formal consideration has been given to this matter by any of the lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected by the establishment of a new lodge at Harmony and no investigation, recommendation or report has been made by the District Deputy Grand Master of the district. The committee are of the opinion that there is some merit in the position of the petitioners and that their request should have careful consideration by the Grand Lodge, but in view of the uncertainty of the success of the new lodge, and the resulting injury to other lodges in the sparsely settled section of the state in which this proposed lodge would be located we believe that the granting of this dispensation at this annual communication of the Grand Lodge would be ill-advised. We therefore recommend that the petition and remonstrance be referred to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge in order that ample opportunity may be given to the different lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected to give the matter proper consideration and that further information may be developed which is not now available.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. WHEELER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOHN J. MARR,	
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee was adopted and the petition of the brethren of Harmony for a dispensation for a new lodge thus referred to the next Annual Communication.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

BROTHER EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the special committee to consider that part of the address of the Grand Master relating to membership in the Masonic Service Association, made an oral report in which he said that the committee had given the subject due consideration and had prepared a resolution which he was ready to submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the committee was accepted.

RESOLUTION.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER then presented the following:

Whereas, This Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1923 voted to enter the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and

Whereas, The benefits derived from said membership, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, do not justify its further continuance,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maine withdraw its membership in said Masonic Service Association of the United States and that the Grand Secretary give notice to the Association accordingly.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Master be authorized to enter such subscriptions for the "Master Mason," published by said Association, as he may deem advisable, for the use of subordinate lodges, District Deputy Grand Masters and other members of the Grand Lodge.

A hand vote then being taken on the adoption of the resolution as prepared by the committee and read by Brother WHEELER the expression was almost unanimously in the affirmative.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the special committee to consider a time limit which the several lodges might have to pay their respective quotas for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial made an oral report which was accepted.

TIME LIMIT FIXED.

On motion of Brother WHEELER the Grand Lodge

Voted, That the time limit in which the several subordinate lodges of the State may have in which to pay their quotas for the building fund of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial be fixed at two year from now, or to be exact, until May 1, 1927.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE of the special committee on George Washington Memorial made oral report telling in detail of the work that had been done by the committee in its endeavor to get the matter properly and intelligently before the several

lodges. He answered many questions asked of him and no doubt cleared the minds of many of those present, who in turn, might explain the conditions and requirements to their home lodges in a more thorough manner.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Brother ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 7, 1925.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In matter of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, against Clarence Harry Richards for unmasonic conduct in deserting his wife and children, we find that the charges were properly submitted, trial had in regular order, and by unanimous vote of the Lodge was expelled.

We therefore recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That Clarence Harry Richards be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In matter of Augusta Lodge, No. 141, against B. Earl Bither for unmasonic conduct in violation of the prohibitory law, we find that charges were properly preferred, trial held in regular order, with a verdict of acquittal on both counts.

The case now comes before your committee on an appeal by Bro. Harvey B. Smith, a member of the Lodge from the ruling of the Master, and the vote of the Lodge.

There were two specifications, one for being a common seller, and the other a single sale. The respondent pleaded guilty on the second specification, and the evidence showed that he was serving sentence at time of trial.

Your committee feel that the verdict was clearly wrong, and recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That the appeal be sustained, the action of the Lodge be reversed, the vote rescinded; and that B. Earl Bither be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

In case of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, vs. Knox Lodge, No. 189, for invasion of jurisdiction, we find there was a technical and innocent invasion on the part of Knox Lodge in receiving the application of Charles Livingston, and conferring the E. A. degree.

By an act of the Legislature in 1921, the town of South Thomaston was divided, and the town of Owls Head, in which the candidate resides,

created, thus changing the jurisdiction under the general masonic law. In view of the act of the Legislature, and the very amicable attitude assumed on both lodges, we recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That the jurisdiction of Knox Lodge be restored to its former state, as existed before the separation of South Thomaston and the creation of Owls head, also to include the application of candidate Livingston, and that Knox Lodge be allowed to complete the degrees upon Charles Livingston, and he become a member of its lodge.

In matter of application of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, requesting this Grand Lodge consider the case of one Nehimiah Goodkowsky who received his Masonic degrees in Coeurs Unis Lodge some twenty (20) years ago, having been rejected in a Biddeford, Maine, Lodge within the prohibitive time. Learning the fact of prior rejection, his name was erased from their records, as will appear in their report for 1905, pages 107 and 108.

Inasmuch as more than five (5) years have elapsed, over which this Grand Lodge held restricted jurisdiction, we recommend the following, viz:

That the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., hereby waives any and all control of, or jurisdiction over Nehimiah Goodkowsky and allow the Grand Lodge of Quebec to exercise its own will in the premises for the rights of the Brother, and the good of the Order.

In matter of application of Herbert J. Hope, of Sanford, Maine, for recognition as a Master Mason in this State, we find from the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge in 1913, page 227, that he was made a Mason in Redlands Lodge, No. 300, California, in 1911, that there were mis-representations in his petition to that Lodge, but he explains it was not wholly his fault, as it was represented to him, that his application complied with their rules and regulations. He has kept up his membership in that lodge, and is in good standing there at present time.

By vote of this Grand Lodge as per proceedings before referred to, he was deprived of recognition as a Mason in this State.

Preble Lodge, by its Worshipful Master, and other influential members come before your committee and urgently, and unanimously pray that the ban so placed upon him in 1913, be lifted.

While we do not in the least wish to lose sight of the hard and fast regulations governing the fraternity, and in view of the earnest solicitation and appeal, made by Preble Lodge, the only lodge really interested, we recommend that the ban so placed upon Brother Herbert J. Hope, be, and hereby is removed, and that he be recognized as a Master Mason in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,
ALBERT N. PENLEY,
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,

} Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

A separate vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee.

The recommendation in the matter of Clarence Harry Richards was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of B. Earl Bither was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Charles Livingstone was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Nehimiah Goodkowsky was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Herbert J. Hope was adopted.

STANDING REGULATION.

Brother CHAS. B. DAVIS presented the following as a Standing Regulation and moved its adoption without reference. The Grand Lodge so voted and this Standing Regulation was adopted.

Resolved, That Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, be and hereby is given exclusive jurisdiction over the inhabitants eligible for the degrees of masonry residing within the town of Owl's Head, in Knox County.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE, Past Grand Master, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He did so and requested the Grand Marshal to present DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. A. FRANCIS WALCH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
ARTHUR H. DAMON,	" D. D. G. M., 1st Dist.,	Limestone
EBEN H. BENNETT	" " 2nd "	Lubec

JOSEPH L. HALL,	R. W. D. D. G. M.,	3rd Dist.,	Machias
No appointment,	"	4th "	
LOUIS M. BLAKE,	"	5th "	Lagrange
Ellery Bowden,	"	6th "	Winterport
GEORGE H. FOSTER,	"	7th "	Unity
ROBIE L. AMES,	"	8th "	Lincolville
WILLIAM E. MURPHY,	"	9th "	Rockport
JOSEPH E. ODIORNE,	"	10th "	Whitefield
ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON,	"	11th "	Weeks Mills
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL,	"	12th "	North Leeds
HARRY B. HARRIS,	"	13th "	Canaan
FRANCIS G. COOKE,	"	14th "	Bath,
			(37 Court St.)
FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD,	"	15th "	Weld
LESTER D. BYRANT,	"	16th "	Bryant's Pond
ALFRED W. DOUGHTY,	"	17th "	Cumberland Ctr.
PERLEY F. SMITH,	"	18th "	E. Brownfield
ALBERT F. BILLINGS,	"	19th "	Kittery
AUSTIN G. HAYNES,	"	20th "	Lincoln
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	"	21st "	Northeast Harbor
FRANK H. FARNUM,	"	22nd "	Hartland
WILLIAM D. LEAVITT,	"	23rd "	Limerick,
			R. F. D. 2
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	24th "	Auburn
MANSON D. BROWN,	"	25th "	Patten
ARTHUR M. PACKARD,	"	26th "	Canton,
			(P. O. Rumford)
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain,		Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.	"	"	Bangor
" ARTHUR F. STRAY,	"	"	Auburn
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	"	"	Portland
" A FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"	Augusta
" WM. A. RICHARDSON,	"	"	Bridgton
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	"	Marshal,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	"	Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward,	Biddeford
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	"	"	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"	Portland
WALTER E. DILLON,	"	"	Milo
RALPH W. FARRIS,	"	Sword Bearer	Augusta
EDWARD K. GOULD,	"	Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS,	"	"	Lisbon Falls
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	"	Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	"	Tyler,	Portland

He then invited M. W. Bro. BODGE to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. BODGE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers BODGE, OHLER and WALCH.

He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

RALPH H. BURBANK, E. MURRAY GRAHAM, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. PENLEY, CLARK D. CHAPMAN.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, WALDO PETTENGILL, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, JOHN J. MARR.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, EDWARD W. WHEELER, W. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM H. OHLER, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, W. FREEMAN LORD, ERNEST J. RECORD.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11.25 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 5, 1925.

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

Present — DAVID E. MOULTON, *President*.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

FRANK J. COLE,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

EDWARD G. WESTON,

FRANK P. DENACO.

ERWIN G. RYDER.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 5, 1925.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

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

Your Treasurer reports that the Invested Fund consists of:

	Amount	Rate	Income
1 Bond Town of Rumford, 1941.	\$ 1,000.00	5½	\$ 55.00
1 " East St. Louis & Interburban, 1942.	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " Wheeling Traction, 1931.	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 " Indiana Railway & Light Co., 1943.	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 " Michigan Northern Power Co., 1941.	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 " Laurentide Power Co., 1946.	2,000.00	5	100.00
4 " Oxford Paper Co., 1947.	4,000.00	6	240.00
3 " Chicago & Northwestern Rail- way Co., 1926.	3,000.00	4	120.00
5 " Portland Water Co., 1927.	5,000.00	4	200.00
1 " Delaware Water Co., 1934.	500.00	5	25.00
2 " Bar Harbor & Union River, 1935. .	2,000.00	5	100.00
3 " Third Liberty Loan, 1928.	3,000.00	4½	127.50
6 " Boston and Maine Railroad Co., 1926.	6,000.00	4	240.00

	Amount	Rate	Income
1 Bond Utica & Mohawk Valley Railway Co., 1941.....	\$1,000.00	4½	\$45.00
1 " Huntington Water Co., 1954.....	1,000.00	6	85.00
2 " Rumford Falls Power Co., 1945....	2,000.00	4	80.00
1 " Denver Tramway Co., 1927.....	500.00	6	30.00
1 " Muncie Water Works, 1939.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " St. Joseph Water Co., 1941.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
3 " Camden & Rockland Water Co., 1937.....	2,500.00	5	125.00
9 " Fourth Liberty Loan, 1938.....	9,000.00	4½	382.50
3 " Toledo Terminal Railroad Co., 1957.....	2,200.00	4½	99.00
1 " Portland, Oregon, Railway Co., 1930.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., 1954.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 " Central Maine Power Co., 1939....	2,000.00	5	100.00
1 " Portland & Rumford Falls Railway Co., 1935.....	1,000.00	4	40.00
3 " Americal Tel. & Tel. Co., 1946....	3,000.00	5	150.00
20 shares Westbrook Trust Co.....	2,000.00		160.00
25 " Canal National Bank.....	2,500.00		175.00
14 " First National Bank.....	1,400.00		112.00
18 " Casco Mercantile Trust Co.....	1,800.00		180.00
	Waterville Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	41.22
	Augusta Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Skowhegan Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Bath Savings Institution.....	1,000.00	40.40
	Brunswick Savings Institution....	1,000.00	40.40
	Gardiner Savings Institution....	1,000.00	40.40
Interest Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co...			168.73
Deposits Portland National Bank.....	1,092.46		
	Portland Savings Bank.....	1,757.42	
	Maine Savings Bank.....	1,407.14	
	Chapman National Bank.....	899.35	
	Fidelity Trust Co.....	2,343.27	
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	\$81,899.64		\$3,882.95

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward from old account.....	\$5,637.86
Income on Investments.....	3,882.95
For Huntington Water Co. Bond 5%.....	1,001.53
A. M. Spear, Unexpended Emergency Fund.....	556.37
Grand Lodge (Loan).....	2,500.00
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	\$13,578.71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Beneficiaries.....	\$2,840.00
David E. Moulton, G. M., per vote.....	800.00
Grand Lodge (Loan).....	2,500.00
Huntington Water Co. Bond 6%.....	979.33
Deposit, Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	6,459.38
	\$13,578.71

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

Brother DAVID E. MOULTON reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 65 applications for relief, which were referred to a committee of three.

Adjourned to Wednesday at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1925.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — DAVID E. MOULTON, *President*,
 CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*,
 HOWARD D. SMITH,
 ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,
 EDWARD G. WESTON,
 ERWIN G. RYDER.

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

Voted, That one represent twenty-two dollars.

Voted, That \$3,080.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$500.00 be placed in hands of President.

Voted, That a Standing Committee of Distribution be appointed; and the President appointed Brothers HOWARD D. SMITH, EDWARD G. WESTON, and ASHLEY A. SMITH, for that Committee.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Secretary.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine

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.

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 forwarded said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE
1925

DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
DAVID L. WILSON, Deputy Grand Master,	“
HARRY E. ROWE, Senior Grand Warden,	“
JAMES A. RICHAN, Junior Grand Warden,	“
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	“
SILAS B. ADAMS,	elected May 1, 1923, for three years.
ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	“ “ 1, 1923, “ “ “
*ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	“ “ 6, 1924, “ “ “
EDWARD G. WESTON,	“ “ 6, 1924, “ “ “
FRANK J. COLE,	“ “ 6, 1924, “ “ “
HOWARD D. SMITH,	“ “ 5, 1925, “ “ “
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	“ “ 5, 1925, “ “ “

* Brother Talbot was unanimously re-elected, but declined, stating that he had served forty-two consecutive years, and it might not be convenient for him to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge as constantly in the future as in the past, and said he would like to have R. W. Brother Frank J. Cole, of Bangor, elected his successor. Brother Cole was accordingly elected.

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).

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. (1919, p. 260).

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. (119, p. 267).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars. (1920, p. 451).

Resolved, That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239).

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury. (1924, p. 641).

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed. (1924, p. 645).

Resolved, That Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, be and hereby is given exclusive jurisdiction over the inhabitants eligible for the degrees of masonry residing within the town of Owl's Head, in Knox County. (1925, p. 81).

Amendments to the Constitution

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1900

(Part Fourth, Article 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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever." (1921, p. 48).

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge fifty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. (1924, p. 637).

Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable." (1924, p. 641).

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time. (1924, p. 627).

SEC. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. (1925, p. 67).

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

From the report of the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity:

"Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have attended to their duty and would report that the questionnaires used by the District Deputies in their visitations have been examined, and they are a distinct improvement over the former method used and provide the means of allowing this committee to present facts on the condition of the Craft, which may be more or less interesting. But it is evident that in some cases the blanks have not been correctly interpreted, and it is recommended that the Grand Lecturer instruct the District Deputies, at the Schools of Instruction, in the compilation of the necessary data for the correct filling out of these questionnaires.

"The average number of meetings held by the lodges has been fifteen, with the attendance averaging seventeen. Ninety-five lodges own their own halls, the estimated value of which is \$1,079,850.00, with a debt of \$206,965.62. Other assets total \$330,504.07. The various lodges report having a Charity Fund of \$115,840.96 and \$10,625.21 was expended last year to assist brothers and their families. The tabulation of the reports show that the average fee charged for the degrees is \$32.25 and for dues \$2.45. The various lodges have expended \$18,358.10 for free suppers, and your committee feel that it would be good policy for more of the lodges to adopt the practice of making at least a nominal charge for suppers.

"We notice that twenty-six lodges do not require candidates to learn the prescribed lessons before advancement, and would recommend that each District Deputy be instructed to inform the lodges in his District that candidates must perfect themselves in the lectures of the previous degree before advancement."

Tabulated abstracts from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follows:

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. ALBERT H. DAMON, LIMESTONE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided. Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supplies, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supplies.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
96	Monument	M.M.	F 49 31 32 46 47 47 48 45	Yes	100,000	1,000.00	None	None	None	50.00	1 45 5.00	1,481	133	13,160	2,782	166.00	No	Yes	No							
112	Eastern Frontier.M.M.	F 24 31 23 22 21 24 21 21	Yes	15,000	882.00	None	None	None	0 30 5.00	767	48	1,350	730	26.00	Yes	Yes	Yes									
130	Trinity	F.C.	F 19 25 15 12 14 19 18 16	No	—	7,738.25	None	None	75.00	1 30 4.00	880	114	1,375	1,300	145.00	No	Yes	No								
170	Caribou	E.A.	F 14 20 14 12 9 14 14 12	No	—	4,000.00	None	None	None	0 30 2.00	750	143	682	585	46.00	No	Yes	No								
193	Washburn	M.M.	F 19 10 19 9 6 10 13 12	No	—	1,313.10	None	None	61.80	3 30 2.00	96	16	374	261	184.00	No	No	No								
197	Aroostook	M.M.	F 18 24 16 10 12 16 11 16	Yes	1,000	2,000.00	None	15.45	None	0 30 5.00	1,434	78	775	100	57.00	No	Yes	No								
214	Limestone	M.M.	P 14 13 14 8 10 13 10 9	No	—	2,156.50	None	None	None	0 40 5.00	356	25	1,387	1,173	None	Yes	Yes	Yes								

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. JAMES ABERNETHY, W. PEMBROKE, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
7	Eastern	M.M. C	15 26	14 12	8	13	12	14	Yes		15,000	931.72	None		7,650.00	275.00	2	30	2.50	212	68	468	312	38.00	No	Yes	No
37	Washington	M.M. C	14 17	14 11	8	12	13	11	Yes		8,000	276.12	None		1,871.25	None	0	30	2.00	193	79	431	370	23.00	No	Yes	No
46	St. Croix	M.M. C	21 22	3*17	15	17	16	18	No		—	1,292.30	None		None	135.00	2	30	3.00	750	165	1,000	750	None	No	Yes	No
78	Crescent	M.M. C	23 21	23 13	14	19	10	15	Yes		6,000	159.07	None		1,068.15	43.00	1	30	2.00	53	20	472	242	35.00	No	Yes	No
138	Lewy's Island	E.A. C	24 14	24 20	15	22	12	17	Yes		3,000	1,930.32	None		1,709.86	120.00	3	30	2.00	101	20	575	445	43.00	No	Yes	No

* Died during the year.

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. GEORGE E. PARSONS, MILLBRIDGE, D. D. G. M.**

The District Deputy made no visits to the lodges and no reports were submitted.

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. FREEMAN N. BOWDEN, BLUE HILL, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
4	Hancock	No report.																								
122	Marine	None	12 18 12	7	8	9	5	8	Yes		5,000	866.11	300.00	None	75.00	8 30 2.00	268	12	675	310	24.00	No	Yes	No		
128	Eggemoggin	F.C.	G 18 13 18	7	15	15	7	15	Yes		6,000	—	None	None	None	0 30 1.50	235	79	352	235	85.00	No	Yes	No		
171	Naskeag	.....	E.A.	F 15 16 12 10 12 14	6	5	Yes.				7,000	202.74	None	None	None	0 30 1.50	87	47	225	50	None	No	No	No		
177	Rising Star	.....	M.M.	C 18 16 14 15 13 18 12	7	Yes					1,000	500.00	None	None	13.17	2 30 2.00	20	6	326	60	None	No	Yes	No		
187	Ira Berry	.....	M.M.	F 14 30 14 13 12 7 10 11	No						—	1,291.34	None	None	None	0 30 3.00	40	20	330	170	5.00	No	Yes	No		
195	Reliance	.....	F.C.	F 21 10 18 15 5 21 18 10	Yes						5,000	300.00	None	None	None	0 30 3.00	200	15	720	525	40.00	No	Yes	No		
210	Bagaduce	.....	F.C.	F 19 12 18 17 9 19 4 5	Yes						5,000	132.00	None	20.00	None	0 30 5.00	130	21	342	130	20.00	Yes	No	Yes		

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. CHARLES F. WOODARD, GREENVILLE JUNC., D. D. G. M.**

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by I. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	%	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
39	Penobscot	M.M.	C	21	20	20	13	18	21	18	21	No	—	2,664.91	None	None	120.00	4	35	3.00	75	18	1,530	355	30.00	No	Yes	No
44	Piscataquis	E.A.	C	17	30	16	17	17	16	11	12	Yes	30,000	—	None	278.44	207.37	7	35	3.00	90	30	1,290	653	71.00	No	Yes	No
52	Mosaic	M.M.	F	18	22	18	17	16	18	16	16	Yes	12,500	3,269.00	None	411.16	25.00	1	30	2.00	130	10	.800	668	58.00	Yes	Yes	No
109	Mount Kineo	E.A.	C	18	21	18	18	16	17	15	16	No	—	8,168.16	None	None	473.20	3	30	2.00	18	5	1,000	260	80.00	No	Yes	No
149	Doric	F.C.	C	17	20	17	17	16	17	11	11	Yes	20,000	—	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	133	16	2,334	1,745	36.00	Yes	Yes	No
163	Pleasant River	M.M.	C	20	33	20	18	18	18	9	18	Yes	15,000	2,654.37	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	6	2	3,128	2,625	194.00	No	Yes	No
168	Composite	M.M.	C	14	40	14	10	11	14	10	10	Yes	5,000	203.97	None	None	35.00	8	30	2.00	226	27	847	425	48.00	No	No	No
200	Columbia	F.C.	F	18	25	17	7	12	14	9	17	No	—	1,186.24	None	365.08	None	0	30	2.00	40	20	560	475	250.00	No	No	No
207	Abner Wade	M.M.	C	15	18	15	15	10	15	15	13	No	—	1,600.00	None	None	30.00	2	30	3.00	72	22	540	420	None	Yes	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. ELLERY BOWDEN, WINTERPORT, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
10	Rising Virtue . . .	E.A.	C	34	27	34	33	34	34	34	27	Yes	100,000	7,199.68	None	5,000.00	200.00	—	40	2.00	100	—	2,462	—	—	No	Yes	No
60	Star in the East . F.C.	F	35	25	34	16	30	33	29	30	Yes	40,000	1,484.18	None	605.05	150.00	3	40	4.00	200	—	3,958	520	127.00	No	Yes	No	
65	Mystic	M.M.	C	24	40	23	15	22	22	22	Yes	15,000	100.00	25.00	450.00	170.60	3	30	1.00	35	14	353	225	24.00	No	No	No	
66	Mechanics'	M.M.	C	26	25	25	24	20	25	24	No	—	821.66	499.00	4.18	232.44	4	40	2.00	68	14	911	—	255.00	No	Yes	No	
69	Howard	M.M.	F	22	30	26	28	27	29	26	Yes	1,500	985.00	None	None	90.00	3	30	2.00	246	—	—	—	200.00	No	Yes	Yes	
83	St. Andrew's . . .	E.A.	C	38	43	38	34	27	38	37	Yes	—	18,517.03	None	—	152.00	4	40	2.00	486	—	3,032	1,402	493.00	No	Yes	No	
87	Benevolent	M.M.	F	14	20	14	14	13	12	14	No	—	125.00	None	None	—	1	30	2.00	50	—	—	—	None	Yes	Yes	No	
24	Olive Branch	None	—	15	18	9	8	10	6	6	Yes	5,000	—	None	1,100.00	70.00	1	30	—	—	—	302	51	60.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
37	Kenduskeag	M.M.	C	14	—	14	11	11	14	14	Yes	5,000	—	—	—	63.52	2	30	2.00	68	9	336	198	—	No	Yes	No	
74	Lynde	F.C.	F	11	—	5	9	6	11	8	Yes	1,500	172.22	None	None	23.00	1	30	1.00	—	—	190	—	—	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. JOHN W. LEVENSELLER, SEARSMONT, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Reverend. Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$	\$	%	%	\$	%	\$	Yes	Yes	No
45	Central.....	M.M.—	12 29	8 10	9 12	4 9	Yes	—	—	None	None	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	55	30	143	80	—	48.00	No	Yes	No		
58	Unity.....	M.M. F	— —	12 12	8 12	12 12	8 No	—	1,400.00	None	None	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	55	30	143	80	—	48.00	No	Yes	Yes		
85	Star in the West.	None	— 14	— 14	12 10	9 9	6 Yes	2,000	511.45	None	295.22	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	84	46	315	214	64.00	64.00	No	Yes	No		
02	March River....	F.C. F	15 14	12 13	11 13	13 8	Yes	0,000	229.64	None	68.25	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	87	8	375	126	27.00	27.00	No	Yes	No		
11	Liberty.....	None	— 15	22 13	5 14	15 9	No	—	1,141.25	None	None	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	42	20	332	400	—	—	No	Yes	No		
29	Quantabacook..	None	— 15	17 13	7 15	15 15	6 No	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	40	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
46	Sebasticook....	M.M. F	16 —	15 16	13 15	5 2	Yes	12,000	613.12	None	62.76	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	94	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	—		

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. LINCOLN A. GARDNER, STOCKTON SPRINGS, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%	\$	%		\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No		
24	Phoenix	M.M. C	13	41	13	13	12	13	13	10	No		—	2,544.62	1,800.00	None	65.50	1	30	4.00	178	30	1,030	1,000	85	00	No	Yes	No
62	King David's	No report.																											
68	Mariners'	E.A. C	15	15	12	12	11	15	10	8	Yes		5,000	899.16	None	None	12.50	1	30	2.00	54	20	240	213	38.00	No	No	No	
89	Island	F.C. C	29	15	28	8	20	23	27	2	Yes		5,000	126.54	None	None	None	0	30	4.00	76	—	750	647	93.00	No	No	No	
19	Pownal	M.M. C	13	12	12	3	10	12	8	5	No		—	—	None	None	None	0	35	2.00	518	46	206	150	22.00	No	Yes	No	
26	Timothy Chase	M.M. C	20	35	20	16	17	20	18	20	No		—	3,640.00	None	None	192.00	1	30	4.00	240	—	1,651	603	51.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
51	Excelsior	E.A. F	6	10	6	6	4	6	6	4	No		—	—	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	18	5	32	22	—	No	No	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. WILLIAM E. MURPHY, ROCKPORT, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Amity.....	F.C.	F	25	13	24	22	23	21	18	22	No	—	8,565.37	None	819.00	50.00	1	30	2.00	250	75	1,556	925	125.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
15	Orient.....	M.M.	F	14	21	13	12	9	14	10	2	No	—	2,897.72	None	None	10.68	1	30	2.00	72	4	430	155	50.00	No	Yes	No	
16	St. George.....	E.A.	F	18	30	17	17	15	16	18	13	Yes	7,000	73.50	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	73	—	611	121	50.00	No	Yes	No	
31	Union.....	F.C.	F	19	13	19	19	3	15	15	13	Yes	1,200	700.00	100.00	600.00	100.00	3	30	2.00	206	53	351	87	None	No	Yes	No	
50	Aurora.....	F.C.	C	28	26	27	25	23	26	22	25	No	—	14,341.50	2,172.00	All	708.10	11	35	5.00	200	100	3,256	1,340	157.00	No	Yes	No	
79	Rockland.....	F.C.	F	19	—	19	15	17	19	19	19	No	—	4,900.00	None	None	18.00	1	—	5.00	100	20	998	546	51.00	No	Yes	No	
82	St. Paul's.....	M.M.	F	19	26	13	0	11	19	11	13	Yes	5,000	462.00	None	265.00	—	1	30	3.00	462	54	900	581	70.00	No	Yes	Yes	
84	Eureka.....	M.M.	F	21	16	20	17	11	19	17	14	Yes	7,000	519.00	None	None	—	1	30	3.00	156	45	492	280	50.00	No	No	No	
145	Moses Webster...	M.M.	F	13	22	12	10	9	12	4	7	Yes	10,000	356.73	50.00	None	87.50	3	30	4.00	162	38	1,800	1,220	35.00	No	Yes	No	
189	Knox.....	M.M.	F	13	20	13	11	5	13	9	5	Yes	2,000	110.00	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	40	14	—	35	None	No	Yes	Yes	
203	Mount Olivet...	E.A.	F	22	—	22	15	22	18	21	20	Yes	2,000	30.00	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	30	—	415	9	None	No	No	No	
211	Meduncook.....	M.M.	F	12	15	12	8	8	10	12	10	No	—	569.00	None	None	None	0	30	2.50	80	3	—	135	57.28	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. ARCHIBALD B. MUNSON, WEEKS MILLS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
5	Kennebec.....	M.M.	F	19	—	18	19	14	12	14	11	No	—	7,508.98	None	5,000.00	156.00	7	30	2.00	130	32	1,010	970	71.00	No	Yes	No	
25	Temple.....	E.A.	C	16	17	16	16	14	15	13	16	No	—	277.62	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	114	72	228	224	60.00	No	Yes	No	
32	Hermon.....	M.M.	F	38	25	36	34	34	37	30	19	Yes	15,000	1,504.88	None	500.00	177.50	5	30	3.00	309	57	3,297	2,356	118.00	Yes	Yes	No	
35	Bethlehem.....	M.M.	F	23	25	23	22	15	22	18	22	Yes*	75,000	239.79	None	None	256.50	2	40	3.00	150	50	1,908	818	338.00	Yes	Yes	No	
41	Morning Star....	M.M.	P	20	20	19	20	18	19	13	15	Yes	3,000	417.22	None	None	50.00	1	30	1.00	25	10	332	306	35.00	No	Yes	No	
104	Dirigo.....	M.M.	P	17	14	17	13	14	16	13	10	Yes	4,500	711.31	None	None	18.30	1	30	2.00	137	43	304	67	36.00	No	Yes	No	
110	Monmouth.....	M.M.	C	22	—	22	18	16	21	16	9	No	—	1,500.00	None	None	—	3	30	3.00	65	45	333	1,091	None	Yes	Yes	No	
141	Augusta.....	M.M.	F	34	12	32	31	32	33	19	23	No	—	2,664.01	None	None	262.66	2	35	3.00	585	149	2,087	928	400.00	No	Yes	No	

* In connection with other Masonic Bodies.

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWELFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL, NO. LEEDS, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by I. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
33	Waterville.....	M.M. C	40	35	39	37	32	39	37	32	No	—	5,352.29	None	4,096.20	92.00	3 50	4.00	40	20	3,716	2,930	285.00	No	Yes	No	
48	Lafayette.....	F.C. C	15	—	13	12	14	15	8	9	Yes	15,000	3,000.00	None	None	40.00	4 45	5.00	239	—	1,639	1,060	None	No	No	No	
53	Rural.....	M.M. C	21	25	21	20	19	16	18	18	Yes	2,500	140.00	None	None	5.00	1 30	2.00	24	9	240	115	125.00	No	Yes	No	
54	Vassalboro.....	M.M. C	12	19	12	4	5	12	7	9	No	—	609.92	None	None	None	0 30	2.00	49	14	310	98	6.00	No	No	No	
99	Vernon Valley...	M.M. C	17	15	17	17	8	17	7	1	Yes	2,500	325.39	None	30.84	45.00	3 30	2.00	108	44	296	326	31.00	No	Yes	No	
113	Messalonskee...	M.M. C	10	19	9	10	9	10	6	8	No	—	952.16	None	None	None	0 30	2.00	110	49	120	110	None	No	Yes	No	
133	Asylum.....	None	—	16	14	16	13	12	16	6	10	—	800.00	75.00	996.00	30.00	2 30	3.00	60	14	—	—	15.00	No	Yes	No	
166	Neguemkeag....	F.C. C	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	566.00	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	—	

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. HARRY B. HARRIS, CANAAN, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No	
28	Northern Star...	None	—	21 20 18 16 15 16 14 15	Yes	10,000	600.00	None	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	43	8	837	—	None	No	Yes	No						
34	Somerset.....	M.M.	C	17 35 16 13 15 17 17 14	Part	30,000	430.74	None	2,357.94	50.00	1	35	4.00	272	68	1,250	1,000	40.00	Yes	Yes	No							
80	Keystone.....	E.A.	F	16 18 16 13 8 12 9 0	Half	5,000	2,857.27	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	286	85	464	178	109.00	No	Yes	No							
92	Siloam.....	No report.																										
116	Lebanon.....	No report.																										
161	Carrabasset....	M.M.	F	21 16 19 11 10 20 11 11	Yes	2,000	327.18	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	192	20	155	108	None	Yes	Yes	No							
194	Euclid.....	E.A.	F	14 35 35 35 35 35 35	No	—	—	—	—	10.00	1	30	3.00	12	1	734	615	59.00	No	Yes	No							
199	Bingham.....	M.M.	C	17 20 17 9 12 17 16 13	Yes	10,000	554.41	300.00	None	50.00	2	35	2.00	156	39	1,033	1,050	209.00	No	Yes	No							

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. FRANCIS G. COOKE, BATH, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	¢	¢	\$	\$	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢
8	United	F.C.	C	20	18	17	14	18	19	18	19	No	—	3,874.00	16.00	9,047.00	170.00	2	30	3.00	84	28	1,013	1,454	328.00	No	Yes	No
14	Solar	No report.																										
23	Freeport	F.C.	C	16	25	16	15	14	15	15	12	Yes	3,000	1,930.00	None	None	63.50	6	30	2.00	25	8	604	512	24.00	Yes	No	No
26	Village	No report.																										
63	Richmond	M.M.	F	12	20	12	12	9	12	6	8	No	—	2,024.00	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	200	40	526	524	50.00	No	Yes	No
114	Polar Star	M.M.	C	18	35	17	17	18	18	16	18	No	—	4,800.00	None	None	130.00	2	50	6.00	256	55	2,107	2,741	301.00	Yes	Yes	No
121	Acacia	F.C.	P	12	10	12	9	10	8	11	10	Yes	1,500	314.00	None	340.00	None	0	30	2.00	126	9	194	126	None	No	No	No
155	Ancient York	E.A.	C	12	23	6	6	12	9	10	7	No	—	2,071.00	None	93.00	None	0	35	3.00	100	32	1,029	618	92.00	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. F. PERLEY CASWELL, NEW SHARON, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by I. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
20	Maine.....	F.C.	F 10	— 9 10	5 9 9	7 No						—	1,527.54	None	671.12	None	0 30	2.00	16	8	547	422	54.00	No	Yes	No	
21	Oriental Star....	M.M.	C 20 21	18 12 16	20 15 11	No						—	1,851.34	None	None	254.84	1 30	2.00	90	—	915	855	45.00	No	Yes	No	
67	Blue Mountain....	None	— 12 21	8 7 12 12	7 9 No							—	1,660.37	None	None	25.00	1 30	1.00	—	—	190	172	56.00	No	Yes	No	
123	Franklin.....	M.M.	C 15 16 13	12 8 15 14	14 Yes							1,200	100.00	None	None	None	0 30	2.00	15	2	200	132	22.00	No	Yes	No	
154	Mystic Tie.....	M.M.	C 15 16 15	15 14 15	8 10 No							—	—	—	400.00	None	0 35	2.00	28	—	285	106	4.00	No	Yes	No	
156	Wilton.....	None	— 19 28	19 19 19 12	13 Yes							1,500	601.47	210.24	15.68	None	0 30	4.00	50	8	1,757	1,050	85.00	No	No	No	
191	Davis.....	M.M.	C 13 18 13	13 13 11 12	8 Yes							2,000	807.32	None	None	—	2 30	3.00	35	—	371	397	36.00	No	Yes	No	
202	Mount Bigelow....	M.M.	C 12 — 6	4 1 12 6	3 Yes							4,000	417.00	None	None	70.00	— 30	2.00	172	—	365	172	43.00	No	Yes	No	
204	Mount Abram....	M.M.	C 17 23 15	15 5 16 16	10 Yes							3,000	733.86	None	None	—	1 30	2.00	158	—	761	694	120.00	No	Yes	No	
213	Kemankeag.....	None	— 12 18 10	9 9 10 9	9 No							—	166.56	None	None	None	0 30	2.00	200	—	193	300	105.00	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. LESTER D. BRYANT, BRYANTS POND, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
18	Oxford	E.A.	C 17 22	17 15	12 17	17 15	17 15	Yes	7,500	456.52	None	1,303.53	29.00	1 30	3.00	26 10	840	382	37.00	No	Yes	No					
94	Paris	F.C.	C 18 27	18 17	16 16	15 17	Yes	6,000	1,300.00	256.83	50.59	92.33	1 30	2.00	116 48	577	580	64.00	No	No	No						
97	Bethel	No report.																									
100	Jefferson	None	— 15 18	15 12	15 13	11 11	Yes	3,000	214.43	None	None	20.00	1 30	2.00	194 18	300	194	32.00	No	Yes	No						
132	Mount Tir'em	None	— 12, 18	12 11	9 12	9 10	Yes	1,200	590.92	None	None	None	0 30	2.00	64 24	203	50	12.00	No	Yes	Yes						
152	Crooked River	M.M.	F 13 10	11 8	3 12	1 0	Yes	3,000	375.00	None	None	31.00	2 30	1.00	95 12	162	100	30.00	No	Yes	Yes						
182	Granite	M.M.	C 15 18	15 15	9 15	7 10	Yes	—	1,032.86	None	None	35.00	2 30	2.00	215 95	558	214	42.00	No	Yes	No						

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. HAROLD B. CHASE, PORTLAND, D. D. G. M.

1925.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degress.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
1	Portland.....	M.M.	C	28	—	28	25	19	28	24	23	No	—	7,537.19	—	13,000.00	516.18	7	50	5.00	2,794	18	4,750	5,865	1,528.00	Yes	Yes	No
17	Ancient Land-Mark.....	F.C.	C	29	37	26	26	23	26	23	24	No	—	—	—	25,700.00	531.66	16	60	2.00	227	—	5,177	6,568	1,500.00	Yes	Yes	No
36	Casco.....	M.M.	F	25	37	25	23	18	25	22	24	Yes	10,000	3,300.00	None	1,287.00	25.00	1	40	3.00	—	—	1,400	—	None	Yes	Yes	No
38	Harmony.....	F.C.	G	15	—	13	11	15	14	10	10	Yes	25,000	49.59	None	13,000.00	96.00	1	40	2.00	104	7	475	185	145.00	No	Yes	Yes
70	Standish.....	F.C.	C	12	30	12	10	9	11	10	6	Yes	4,000	496.28	None	132.00	None	0	30	2.00	228	6	608	30	104.00	Yes	Yes	No
81	Atlantic.....	M.M.	C	30	47	27	29	29	30	27	28	No	—	12,642.48	None	None	675.21	20	50	5.00	604	—	4,928	3,175	304.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
86	Temple.....	F.C.	C	22	35	21	22	22	21	18	17	No	—	4,564.40	200.14	None	None	0	40	2.00	719	246	1,961	1,650	157.00	Yes	Yes	No
127	Presumpscot... .	F.C.	C	15	—	15	14	15	13	15	14	Yes	3,000	879.39	None	165.00	207.00	1	30	1.00	60	33	346	118	138.00	No	Yes	Yes
180	Hiram.....	E.A.	C	33	53	33	33	33	33	32	32	Yes	45,000	884.74	None	2,515.00	106.69	—	50	3.00	1,200	300	7,420	3,485	334.00	No	Yes	Yes
183	Deering.....	M.M.	C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	—	13,000.00	None	13,000.00	—	—	60	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	No
186	Warren Phillips.	M.M.	F	24	36	23	23	23	22	21	24	No	—	5,000.00	None	None	30.00	3	35	2.00	203	148	1,065	200	296.00	No	Yes	No

Grand Lodge of Maine.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. PERLEY F. SMITH, E. BROWNFIELD, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
11	Pythagorean . . .	E.A.	C	15	28	15	10	3	14	13	11	Yes	\$ 4,000	\$ 827.13	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	\$ 80	4	1,061	295	56.00	No	Yes	No
13	Oriental	E.A.	C	17	32	16	12	16	17	17	14	Yes	20,000	1,140.34	173 00	21,043.00	369.45	2	30	2.00	226	31	1,728	638	311.00	No	Yes	No
56	Mount Moriah . . .	None	—	15	17	15	11	8	15	11	6	Yes	—	150 00	None	None	None	0	30	1.50	150	12	217	56	25.00	No	Yes	No
117	Greenleaf	M.M.	C	11	18	11	8	7	11	10	8	Yes	—	720.45	None	465.00	20.00	1	30	1.00	40	—	275	137	30.00	No	Yes	Yes
153	Delta	M.M.	F	10	20	9	7	6	10	8	7	Yes	4,000	433.25	56.59	None	None	0	30	2.00	250	—	280	203	25.00	No	Yes	No
169	Shepherd's River	None	—	9	25	7	9	9	8	9	3	No	—	1,200.00	None	None	None	0	30	1.50	25	10	257	138	80.00	No	Yes	Yes

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1925. ALBERT F. BILLINGS, KITTERY, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
9	Saco	M.M.	C	25	64	25	13	25	25	25	No		2,978.95	None	1,085.81	50.00	2	40	5.00	6	2	1,893	4,500	623.00	Yes	Yes	No	
22	York	F.C.	F	10	16	10	7	10	8	10	No		928.65	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	97	—	1,241	1,815	—	Yes	Yes	No	
47	Dunlap	M.M.	C	17	36	17	10	17	17	15	No		6,269.85	None	3,900.00	150.00	2	40	3.00	1,234	324	1,545	1,220	642.00	Yes	Yes	No	
51	St. John's	M.M.	F	19	18	17	18	4	18	18	Yes		1,000.00	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	32	10	769	878	178.00	Yes	Yes	No	
76	Arundel	M.M.	P	14	15	14	14	14	14	10	No		814.58	None	374.29	34.70	7	30	3.00	79	11	945	490	None	No	Yes	No	
142	Ocean	M.M.	F	17	25	17	14	17	17	14	No		1,359.00	None	150.00	None	0	30	2.50	56	8	715	348	182.00	No	Yes	No	
162	Arion			No report.																								
179	Yorkshire	M.M.	F	17	18	17	14	15	17	17	No		1,901.17	None	1,500.51	92.85	1	32	3.00	60	3	617	538	95.00	No	Yes	No	
184	Naval	M.M.	F	14	25	8	12	11	14	13	No		7,000.00	None	None	None	0	50	3.00	80	4	1,600	540	400.00	Yes	Yes	No	
198	St. Aspinquid	E.A.	F	16	18	16	16	6	16	16	No		1,151.08	None	150.00	None	0	35	3.00	177	59	858	650	154.00	Yes	Yes	No	
215	Orchard	E.A.	F	13	22	13	1	12	13	11	No		1,216.91	None	None	None	0	40	4.00	120	25	475	215	35.00	Yes	Yes	No	

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTIETH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. AUSTIN G. HAYNES, LINCOLN, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
93	Horeb.....	M.M.	F	16	20	16	2	16	14	15	12	Yes	20,000	400.00	None	60.00	60.00	1	30	2.00	200	71	1,478	91	None	No	Yes	No
148	Forest.....	{ E.A. M.M.	F	20	19	11	14	11	14	12	6	No	—	—	—	—	71.00	2	30	2.00	75	17	485	75	None	No	Yes	No
172	Pine Tree.....	M.M.	F	12	15	12	12	12	12	8	10	No	—	—	None	None	75.00	3	40	2.00	100	20	632	414	50.00	No	Yes	No
175	Baskahegan....	M.M.	F	21	25	19	15	19	13	13	12	Yes	3,500	1,500.00	None	67.10	None	0	30	2.00	—	—	769	574	145.00	No	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. WILLIAM S. HOLMES, NORTHEAST HARBOR, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
19	Felicity	M.M.	F	15 18 12 12 12 14	4 3	No	—	\$	260.44	\$	None	2,955.83	25.00	1 30 2.00	176	12	386	230	80.00	No	Yes	No						
40	Lygonia	M.M.	F	18 18 17 16 11 17 16	7	No	—	2,897.23	194.56	56.75	145.59	4 30 2.00	300	7	1,345	914	297.00	Yes	Yes	No								
71	Rising Sun	M.M.	C	17 16 16 15 15 14	8 7	Yes	1,800	175.48	None	None	None	0 30 2.00	75	5	338	310	12.00	No	Yes	No								
77	Tremont	M.M.	F	24 23 22 20 19 22 20 17	Yes	6,000	304.23	102.60	None	None	None	0 30 3.00	21	3	288	128	None	Yes	Yes	No								
140	Mount Desert	M.M.	F	14 15 13 13 10 14 14	9	Yes	5,000	1,069.68	None	None	None	0 30 3.00	21	3	288	128	None	Yes	Yes	No								
185	Bar Harbor	M.M.	F	23 11 23 16 20 15 8 16	Yes	—	4,516.67	94.50	None	65.00	1 35 4.00	1,561	49	1,800	1,561	7.85	Yes	Yes	No									
192	Winter Harbor	M.M.	F	27 15 22 21 22 24 24 18	No	—	793.97	None	None	13.99	2 30 2.00	122	26	397	122	20.22	No	Yes	No									
201	David A. Hooper	M.M.	F	27 18 27 22 6 26 0 16	No	—	1,595.68	None	None	208.49	11 30 2.00	450	71	415	357	50.00	No	Yes	No									
208	N. E. Harbor	M.M.	F	28 14 24 18 28 25 23 28	Yes	18,000	213.78	None	None	None	0 30 3.00	398	15	660	395	None	Yes	Yes	No									
212	McKinley	M.M.	F	26 15 11 17 12 25 4 12	No	—	892.61	100.00	None	8.00	2 30 2.00	108	37	730	250	30.00	Yes	No	No									

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. FRANK H. FARNUM, HARTLAND, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided. Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income. of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	Yes
49	Meridian Splendor	M.M.	F 14 22 13 13 12 13 10	9	No	—	1,698.10	109.00	None	None	None	4,000.00	25.00	2 30	—	295	89	350	295	75.00	No	Yes	Yes			
64	Pacific	E.A.	F 15 — 13 8 9 13 12 10	Yes	7,000	—	None	None	None	None	0	—	—	300	—	384	45	36.00	—	—	—	—	—	—		
75	Plymouth	No report.																								
95	Corinthian	M.M.	C 16 20 16 15 15 16 13 12	No	—	3,256.61	None	4,000.00	25.00	2 30	—	252	—	268	155	112.00	No	Yes	No							
125	Meridian	M.M.	F 20 23 19 11 17 18 8 16	Yes	—	176.74	None	607.93	41.50	1 35	3.00	150	45	1,170	844	60.00	Yes	Yes	No							
139	Archon	M.M.	C 11 20 8 9 4 11 11 8	Yes	3,500	82.75	—	—	—	—	—	108	23	156	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	No		
157	Cambridge	E.A.	F 13 22 12 9 8 10 12 11	Yes	1,200	746.96	None	20.00	None	0 30	—	120	—	—	—	50.00	No	Yes	No							
160	Parian	M.M.	C 10 20 9 8 9 10 5 8	Yes	1,500	1,500.00	None	None	None	0 —	2.00	194	144	—	—	25.00	No	Yes	No							

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. HOWARD L. RICHARDSON, SPRINGVALE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
27	Andoniram	No report.																										
42	Freedom F.C.	C	12	10	12	11	11	12	10	7	No	—	224.80	None	None	None	0	30	1.00	119	60	199	180	275.00*	No	No	No	
55	Fraternal E.A.	C	14	17	14	11	13	12	11	12	No	—	365.34	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	320	40	433	320	124.00	No	Yes	No	
107	Day Spring M.M.	P	13	10	4	12	11	12	11	6	No	—	129.08	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	40	25	236	95	63.00	No	Yes	No	
115	Buxton	No report.																										
118	Drummond	No report.																										
143	Preble M.M.	F	29	36	29	29	24	24	20	26	Yes	200,000	27,273.00	215.00	400.00	None	0	50	10.00	1,002	87	4,000	1,800	483.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
190	Springvale M.M.	C	15	27	15	15	14	15	15	15	No	—	2,224.75	None	None	50.00	1	30	3.00	33	9	1,000	750	150.00	No	Yes	No	

* Expense covering celebration of Centennial Anniversary of Lodge.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, AUBURN, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
12	Cumberland	F.C.	C	22	30	22	18	12	21	20	12	Yes	6,000	539.00	None	None	15.00	2	30	2.00	539	132	1,250	1,140	84.00	No	Yes	No
29	Tranquil	M.M.	C	22	25	22	17	20	19	20	14	No	—	6,778.23	None	None	None	0	50	2.00	846	295	2,182	2,070	634.00	No	Yes	No
73	Tyrian	F.C.	F	18	19	17	17	15	17	10	9	No	—	463.65	None	2,936.88	10.00	1	30	2.00	296	94	660	280	60.00	No	Yes	No
101	Nezinscot	F.A.	C	10	30	10	10	6	10	10	3	Yes	3,000	3,962.07	—	—	50.00	2	30	2.00	71	8	302	305	50.00	No	Yes	No
105	Ashlar	M.M.	C	20	15	20	19	18	20	20	19	No	—	8,079.47	None	3,483.52	159.35	5	50	3.00	436	34	3,154	2,489	775.00	No	Yes	No
150	Rabboni	M.M.	C	18	30	18	12	18	17	18	18	No	—	3,856.18	185.00	1,918.95	89.84	2	50	4.00	590	73	1,875	1,413	5.00	No	Yes	No
164	Webster	F.C.	F	13	13	7	10	9	8	8	7	No	—	248.03	None	352.97	None	0	30	2.00	126	47	238	164	22.00	No	Yes	No
178	Ancient Brothers'	M.M.	F	22	21	19	19	19	20	20	16	No	—	5,760.36	None	None	90.00	2	50	2.00	1,354	325	1,372	1,354	243.00	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. MANSON D. BROWN, PATTEN, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
72	Pioneer.....	E.A.	C	14	14	12	13	14	13	14	13	Yes	5,000	387.03	None	None	None	1	40	3.00	357	—	715	566	30.00	No	Yes	No	
98	Katahdin.....	F.C.	C	12	13	10	10	7	12	10	5	Yes	6,000	425.20	None	None	None	1	30	3.00	386	48	600	386	None	Yes	Yes	No	
165	Molunkus.....	M.M.	C	18	19	17	17	15	18	4	11	Yes	2,500	449.89	None	778.51	20.00	1	30	2.00	422	19	432	285	58.00	Yes	Yes	No	
205	Nollesemic.....	E.A.	C	28	30	24	23	22	27	23	20	No	—	3,914.58	None	None	50.00	3	40	4.00	100	—	2,050	2,000	50.00	No	Yes	No	
206	Island Falls....	F.C.	F	22	20	19	14	10	19	15	9	Yes	7,000	182.01	None	None	50.00	1	30	2.00	122	38	818	185	14.00	No	No	Yes	
209	Fort Kent.....	E.A.	F	11	12	10	9	8	4	8	1	No	—	837.84	None	None	None	0	30	3.00	483	52	467	483	None	Yes	No	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1925. JOHN L. DELANO, DIXFIELD, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supports, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supports.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
36	Blazing Star.	M.M.	C	32	41	32	32	29	31	32	31	Yes	\$ 15,000	\$ 174.00	None	None	\$ 36.00	—	\$ 40	\$ 2.00	\$ 174	52	\$ 2,774	\$ 1,083	\$ 489	No	Yes	Yes
57	King Hiram.	M.M.	P	16	9	15	15	14	16	8	16	Yes	6,000	1,200.00	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	30	—	976	733	None	No	Yes	No
147	Evening Star.	M.M.	F	14	6	13	5	9	14	10	10	No	—	—	None	None	None	0	30	2.00	12	—	259	210	None	No	Yes	Yes
167	Whitney.	M.M.	P	16	17	16	13	8	15	15	9	No	—	493.45	None	None	20.00	1	30	3.00	57	6	320	225	20.00	No	Yes	No

Proceedings of the

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Officers of the Grand Lodge 1925

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Portland
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Bath
HARRY E. ROWE.....	" Senior Grand Warden	Ellsworth
JAMES A. RICHAN.....	" Junior Grand Warden,	Rockland
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD.....	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS.....	" Secretary,	Portland
CONVERS E. LEACH.....	" Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
ALBERT H. DAMON.....	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Limestone
EBEN L. BENNETT.....	" " 2nd "	Lubec
JOSEPH L. HALL.....	" " 3rd "	Machias
Appointment Withheld.....	" " 4th "	
LOUIS M. BLAKE.....	" " 5th "	Lagrange
ELLERY BOWDEN.....	" " 6th "	Winterport
GEORGE H. FOSTER.....	" " 7th "	Unity
ROBIE L. AMES.....	" " 8th "	Lincolntonville
WILLIAM E. MURPHY.....	" " 9th "	Rockport
JOSEPH E. ODIORNE.....	" " 10th "	Whitefield
ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON.....	" " 11th "	Weeks Mills
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL.....	" " 12th "	North Leeds
HARRY B. HARRIS.....	" " 13th "	Canaan
FRANCIS G. COOKE.....	" " 14th "	Bath, (37 Court St.)
FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD.....	" " 15th "	Weld
LESTER D. BRYANT.....	" " 16th "	Bryant's Pond
ALFRED W. DOUGHTY.....	" " 17th "	Cumberland Ctr.
PERLEY F. SMITH.....	" " 18th "	East Brownfield
ALBERT F. BILLINGS.....	" " 19th "	Kittery
AUSTIN G. HAYNES.....	" " 20th "	Lincoln
WILLIAM S. HOLMES.....	" " 21st "	Northeast Harbor
FRANK H. FARNUM.....	" " 22nd "	Hartland
WILLIAM D. LEAVITT.....	" " 23rd "	Limerick, R. F. D. 2
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD.....	" " 24th "	Auburn
MANSON D. BROWN.....	" " 25th "	Patten
ARTHUR M. PACKARD.....	" " 26th "	Canton (P. O. Rumford)
REV. I. JAMES MERRY.....	W. Grand Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.	" " "	Bangor
" ARTHUR F. STRAY.....	" " "	Auburn
" DANIEL I. GROSS.....	" " "	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH.....	" " "	Augusta

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WILLIAM H. OHLER.....	" " Marshal,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM.....	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN.....	" " Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK.....	" " Steward,	Biddeford
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN.....	" " "	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN.....	" " "	Portland
WALTER E. DILLON.....	" " "	Milo
RALPH W. FARRIS.....	" " Sword Bearer,	Augusta
EDWARD K. GOULD.....	" " Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING.....	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WILLIAM H. DOUGLASS....	" " "	Lisbon Falls
SAMUEL B. FURBISH.....	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH.....	" " Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL....	" " Tyler,	Portland

List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1925

	DISTRICT
Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. George S. Leighton, (North Dexter), M.; Henry D. Young, S. W.; Clifford L. Mellow, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September.	5
Acacia, 121, Durham. Albert C. Bowie, (Auburn, R. F. D. No. 1), M.; Thomas J. Vosmus, S. W.; Howard J. Merrill, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole, (Auburn R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Adoniram, 27, Limington. Lincoln J. Aikens, M.; H. Warren Pitts, S. W.; Chester L. Holmes, J. W.; Harris P. Isley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	23
Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Dwight T. Hussey, M.; Wallace W. Chadwick, S. W.; Moses A. Bragdon, J. W.; George W. Singer, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December.	10
Amity, 6, Camden. Harold L. Ames, M.; Herbert M. Rankin, S. W.; George E. Boynton, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October.	9
Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Arthur E. Gamage, M.; Wilford Gamage, S. W.; John H. Frey, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	10
Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Charles J. Spearen, (48 Union St.), M.; Herbert A. Given, S. W.; Adelbert F. Piper, J. W.; Ned P. Willis, (49 High St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October.	24
Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. William A. Lowell, M.; Ralph M. Bonney, S. W.; Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd (138 Beacon Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	17
Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Everett H. Plummer, M.; Elliott K. Hale, S. W.; John H. Doughty, Jr., J. W.; Asbury M. Blake (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Archon, 139, Dixmont. John J. Dunivan, M.; George E. Littlefield, S. W.; John W. Goodwin, J. W.; Leroy L. Chadbourne, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October.	22
Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Benjamin A. Goodwin (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), M.; Frank P. Murphy, S. W.; Louis E. Tibbetts, J. W.; John W. Peterson (Biddeford R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November.	19

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Stetson H. Hussey (Mars Hill), M.; Oscar B. Robinson, S. W.; Fred C. English, J. W.; Alton A. McPhetres (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. George G. Rand, M.; LeRoy E. Smith, S. W.; Clyde B. Rand, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Carroll H. Brewster, M.; Arthur H. Field, S. W.; Edward S. Stetson, Jr., J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Malcolm M. Soule, M.; Raleigh D. Knapp, S. W.; Frank N. Parcher, J. W.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Otto P. Kimball, M.; Emil A. Rhedin, S. W.; John T. Farr, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Ralph W. Farris, M.; Harvey B. Smith, S. W.; Raymond S. Kimball, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Frank A. Maxey, M.; Raymond L. Watts, S. W.; Ralph U. Clarke, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Bentley Grindle, M.; Leon B. Hopkins, S. W.; Charles E. Babbridge, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Harry M. Comers, M.; Frank J. Haskell, S. W.; Carroll C. Brown, J. W.; Clifford F. Came, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Frank E. Trafton, M.; Austin M. Anderson, S. W.; Horace M. Pullen, J. W.; Guy P. Rowe, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Edwin T. Gammage, M.; Everett E. Barlow, S. W.; Malcolm H. Brewer, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Burton L. Dyer, (R. F. D. 1), M.; Clinton E. Harvey, S. W.; Ivan B. Friend, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. David M. Forbes, M.; William J. MacKay, S. W.; Herbert C. Rowe, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Harold M. Stone, M.; Almon B. Sullivan, S. W.; E. Brooks Chase, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Ernest A. Sterling, M.; Robert W. Smith, S. W.; John H. Gordon, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13
- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Adam M. Young, M.; Clyde W. Watson, S. W.; Carl G. Thurston, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26

- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Lynn S. Dennison, M.; Ralph H. Trecartin, S. W.; Everett P. Knapp, J. W.; Cony M. Hoyt, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Charles H. Gorham (Round Pond), M.; Ralph E. Gorham, S. W.; Stephen H. Carter, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter (Damariscotta), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Norris O. Tarbox, M.; Alfred Whitehouse, S. W.; Russell M. Haley, J. W.; Oliver E. Earle (Hollis Center), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Ray E. Bean (Dexter, R. F. D. 4), M.; John H. Scott, S. W.; Bert J. Folsom, J. W.; Carroll F. Bailey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Lawrence A. Hutchinson, M.; Archie L. Belyca, S. W.; Linwood W. Wellington, J. W.; Waldo O. Lowney, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabasset, 161, Canaan. Abel P. Gleason, M.; Moses Ames, S. W.; Earl W. Bean, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Emmons E. Heald (Portland, R. F. D. 4), M.; George S. Croudís, S. W.; Paul C. Loring, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Robert A. Fletcher, M.; Clive E. Bagley, S. W.; Joseph H. Burrill, J. W.; G. Wayland Jones, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Russell S. Taylor, M.; Norman H. Nickerson, S. W.; Rodney A. Young, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Roy C. Ames, M.; Bela McKenzie, S. W.; Linden C. Fowle, J. W.; Oman C. Ames, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Howard C. Getchell, M.; Melvin L. Wyman, S. W.; Carroll H. Webber, J. W.; Bert H. Moulton, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Fred E. Tuell (Dennysville), M.; Herbert H. Best, S. W.; A. Bert Coggins, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Lewis F. Briggs (Harrison), M.; Albert W. Weston, S. W.; Fred Pierce, J. W.; Edward J. Scribner (Harrison), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Merle A. Chipman (So. Poland), M.; Dana L. Shackford, S. W.; John T. Doughty, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24

- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Peter Milne, M.; Angus S. Milne, S. W.; Ralph A. Springer, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Albert R. Huff, M.; Harry E. Lambert, S. W.; Ralph A. Haines, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Mahlon W. Staples (Limerick, R. F. D.), M.; Earle F. Cook, S. W.; Clair E. Bond, J. W.; Thomas Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. John H. Adams, M.; William N. Shaw, S. W.; J. Warren Day, J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Herman W. Merrill, M.; James S. Plummer, S. W.; Fred D. Kimball, J. W.; Wilbert F. Harriman, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. Lester R. Nelson (Palermo), M.; George T. Foster, S. W.; Fred A. Pierce, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Henry S. Knight, M.; Eugene H. Flint, S. W.; Franklin H. Killam, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Ernest W. Cate, M.; Frank J. Preble, S. W.; John E. Bodge, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Fred N. Leavitt (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), M.; Frank W. Lord, S. W.; Elwyn F. Towne, J. W.; Reuben Fenderson (East Parsonfield), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Arthur F. Maxwell, M.; Weston A. Goldthwaite, S. W.; Lloyd G. Woodman, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday, except July and August; election, December. 19
- Eastern 7, Eastport. Nelson B. Camick, M.; John A. Ferris, S. W.; Earl J. McInnis, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 182), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Walter M. Reed, M.; Raymond H. Skofield, S. W.; Harold H. Hopkinson, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Roy S. Dority, M.; Harry O. Ford, S. W.; Arthur H. Cousins, J. W.; Eugene P. Clapp, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. George Hillman, M.; Clayton D. Weston, S. W.; James P. Herd, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. George H. Robinson, M.; Fred Chillis, S. W.; Harold Watts, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9

- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Herbert A. Spaulding, M.; Morton P. Garland, S. W.; Charles T. Bowen, Jr., J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 161, Northport. E. Clyde Flanders, M.; Frank McCabe, W. S.; Walter Nealey, J. W.; Everett L. Bird, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. George R. Whitmore, M.; Ulysess G. Houston, S. W.; William M. Mitchell, J. W.; Everett Pierce, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Raymond Ham, M.; Earl C. Blanchard, S. W.; Clough I. Murdock, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Niles C. Pinkham, M.; Augustus D. Dow, S. W.; Elmer McIntire, J. W.; James I. Hoyt, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Archie H. Taylor (Starks), M.; George E. Hopkins, S. W.; John Leeman, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Freeman B. Trafton, M.; Burleigh S. Ricker, S. W.; Walter Davis, J. W.; Frederick A. Hobbs, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Wilbert Whiteley, M.; Ralph C. Cobb, S. W.; George G. Colby, J. W.; Arthur F. Lougee, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Elwin L. Davis, M.; Alpheus G. Dyer, S. W.; Guy H. Day, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. A. Elroy Dean, M.; Maynard T. Chase, S. W.; Herbert E. Hill, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Lincoln B. Copp, M.; Elwood R. Milliken, S. W.; Carroll F. Day, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Charles W. Richardson, Jr., M.; James Hatch, S. W.; Maxwell Leach, J. W.; Russell, J. Morgrage, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Charles C. Shaw, M.; Frank W. Twombly, S. W.; Roland Barrows, J. W.; Edgar F. Carswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Otis W. Means, M.; C. Alton Bagley, S. W.; Everett H. Tribou, J. W.; Frank L. Cates, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Arthur H. Lander, M.; Arthur L. Purdy, S. W.; Walter H. Underwood, J. W.; Harry E. Larrabee (29 Central St.), S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Ernest B. Small, M.; Albert W. Waterman, S. W.; George B. Jackson, J. W.; William A. Seyford (15 Cottage Farms Road), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17

- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Elmer A. Dow, M.; Ralph P. Jipson, S. W.; Elverson L. Aldrich, J. W.; George O. Webster, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Bert R. Chandler, M.; Frank C. Knowles, S. W.; James E. Larrabee, J. W.; Raymond F. Cole, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, September. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Pearl S. Emerson, M.; Walter E. Stover, S. W.; Andrew M. Moore, J. W.; Forrest B. Snow, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Melville F. Grover (Dark Harbor), M.; Harold D. Pendleton, S. W.; Forrest M. Hatch, J. W.; Henry P. Levitt (Prepit), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Raymond L. Emerson, M.; Warren E. Vincent, S. W.; Ralph W. Emerson, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Clarence J. Perham, M.; Aubrey O. Cummings, S. W.; Benjamin H. Abbott, J. W.; Lester D. Bryant, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Frank P. Smith, M.; Frank T. Higgins, J. W.; Morey C. Farnsworth, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Fred S. Huston, M.; Lester E. Grant, S. W.; Forrest S. Smith, J. W.; Ralph Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 25
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. James Mathieson, M.; A. Mason Russell, S. W.; Henry W. Badger, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. George I. Emery, M.; George L. Wiggin, S. W.; Harold A. Fitz, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Leslie E. Gray, M.; Frank P. Babbett, S. W.; Leigh Webber, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Leon M. Wyman, M.; Harlon Boyington, S. W.; Walter W. Knowles, J. W.; Clayton E. Eames, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. J. Henry Peavy, M.; Adin L. Hopkins, S. W.; Austin E. Rankin, J. W.; Fred E. Hardy, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, October. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. William M. White, M.; Elisha I. Stetson, S. W.; W. Fred Ellis, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred L. Burns, M.; Stacy E. Castner, S. W.; Merle S. Castner, J. W.; Fred S. Simmons, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd (Ash Point), M.; Maynard W. Curtis, S. W.; Fred B. Luscomb, J. W.; John M. Ingram, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9

- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Luther S. Russell (Kents Hill), M.; Benjamin H. Winters, S. W.; John E. Brown, J. W.; Costello Weston, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. George F. Lyons, M.; Edwin A. Gilman, S. W.; Verne T. Blaisdell, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Fred A. Robbins, M.; Asa L. Preston, S. W.; Ernest E. Pike, J. W.; Theodore Morrison (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Charles B. Hoit, M.; Justin V. Jackson, S. W.; Arthur A. Sprague, J. W.; Willis J. Greely, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. Edward F. Foster, M.; George S. Osborne, S. W.; Harold S. Chase, J. W.; Dennis F. Getchell, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Alexander G. Grover, M.; John Edward McKenney, S. W.; Sidney G. Evans, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. John A. McGuire, M.; William E. Ferris, S. W.; Mariner W. Ackley, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Earle H. Jordon, M.; Charles A. Haynes, S. W.; Charles D. Wiggin, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Willard Kitchen, M.; Josiah J. Staples, S. W.; Otis Patten, J. W.; Thurston Hunt (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Frank L. Manchester, M.; Hollis G. Reed, S. W.; William K. Hinton, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Raymond T. Currier, M.; (Vacant,) S. W.; Currier C. Holman, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Fred P. Eaton, M.; Percy S. Knowlton, S. W.; Leon C. Weed, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Earl F. Cunningham, M.; Joshua W. Curtis, S. W.; Harry P. McCaslin, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Albert J. Lowe (R. F. D.), M.; Garfield C. Godard, S. W.; Herbert F. Smith, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mchanics', 66, Orono. Myron E. Pratt, M.; Douglass M. Beale, S. W.; Herman P. Sweetser, J. W.; Everett W. Davee, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6

- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Foster D. Jameson (Waldoboro), M.; John D. Mitchell, S. W.; Harry L. Bessa J. W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. First meeting Monday; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. J. Edward McMichael, M.; Neil D. Stanley, S. W.; Fred M. Bean, J. W.; Walter M. Prilay, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. William B. Lewis, M.; Elmer O. Small, S. W.; William D. Bruce, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Arthur M. Greeley, M.; Harley P. Mairs, S. W.; Arthur L. Shaw, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Philip B. Seavey, M.; Ralph M. Robinson, S. W.; Melville L. Sides, J. W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Roy D. Woodbury, M.; Henry B. Hodsdon, S. W.; F. Maynard Foss, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. George W. Haskell, M.; Norris E. Estabrook, S. W.; Trescott P. Nelder, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday except June, July and August; election, March. 1
- Morning Star 41, Litchfield. Delmar R. Small (R. F. D. 17), M.; Charles E. Walker, S. W.; Cyrus M. Kendrick, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. Philip E. Washburn, M.; Harry G. Severence, S. W.; James A. Webber, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Edward A. Smalley, M.; Frank V. Mullen, S. W.; James E. Snow, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. G. Dane Vose, M.; Cecil S. French, S. W.; W. Riley Durrell, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. F. Elmer Blackwell (Stratton), M.; Harold T. Ricker, S. W.; Lee F. Ricker, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. James H. Ketchum, M.; James L. Grant, S. W.; Ezra G. Richardson, J. W.; Arthur L. Bunker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. John A. McSorely, M.; Fred A. Heath, S. W.; Selden D. Rice, S. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Ralph O. Libby, (East Brownfield), M.; Harold L. McIntire, S. W.; Ira A. Merrill, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Willard E. Overlock, M.; George Hanson, S. W.; William Lessner, J. W.; Leland M. Johnston, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Percy E. Kimball, M.; R. Eugene Pinkham, S. W.; Arthur R. Millett, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Frederick A. Barker (R. F. D 2, Hampden Highlands), M.; Everett E. Hewes, S. W.; Arthur C. Tibbetts, J. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield, (Hampden Highlands), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Thomas S. Schofield, M.; Ezra G. Noyes, S. W.; Adelbert D. McIntire, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Frank E. Patten, M.; Alton H. Benner, S. W.; Lincoln A. Haycock, J. W.; Percy Wakefield, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Rodney C. Smith, M.; William E. Herrick, S. W.; George A. Andrews, J. W.; Harlie E. Freechey, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Robert C. Whitman, M.; Alden C. Phillips, S. W.; Charles A. Gerry, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 19
- Neguemekeag, 166, Vassalboro. Wendall I. Robbins, M.; Forest J. Brown, S. W.; J. Percy Appleton, J. W.; Charles G. Jacobs, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Thomas B. Dunn, M.; Arch W. Beals, S. W.; Luther C. Bradford, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Frederick W. Mears, M.; Walter E. Trott, S. W.; Ira C. Craig, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. James P. Bunker, M.; Lawrence M. Branscom, S. W.; Russell D. Manchester, J. W.; Alvah L. Reed, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Joseph P. Murray, M.; Earl C. Wing, S. W.; Henry E. Marston, J. W.; Charles J. Holway, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Freeman S. Allen (No. Berwick, R. F. D.), M.; Edwin L. Kennedy, S. W.; Carroll H. Clark, J. W.; Francis W. Sawyer (Highpine), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Fred H. Burton (East Corinth), M.; John B. Bradford, S. W.; Leon F. Tiplady, J. W.; Hollis A. Soule, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Carroll C. Bicknell, M.; King E. Sears, S. W.; Clinton C. Mewer, J. W.; Clement P. Wight, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19

- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Samuel H. Reed, M.; Charles S. Woodcock-S. W.; Enoch M. Clark, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliott, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. John W. Emery, M.; Maurice E. Heath, S. W.; Raymond H. Larrabee, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Charles A. Libby, M.; William H. Hall, S. W.; Lewie W. Winter, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Percy Y. Fogg, M.; Herbert L. Gilman, S. W.; Walter F. Noyes, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Vernon B. Packard (Garland), M.; Ralph P. Eaton, S. W.; Everett L. Noble, J. W.; Byron B. Buswell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Fred J. Nutter, M.; Rafnel A. Leavitt, S. W.; Lindley F. Hayden, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Robert L. Hemmingway, M.; Robert E. Wise, S. W.; Donald P. Chapman, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Charles S. Hutchinson, M.; Alfred G. Reeks, S. W.; Harvey L. Haskell, J. W.; William A. Small, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Dana B. Southworth, M.; Stacy J. Noyes, S. W.; Clarence A. Paul, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Carroll F. Shedd, M.; Don C. Reynolds, S. W.; Alton C. Greenleaf, J. W.; Everett L. Crockett, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hermon H. Kirk, M.; Thomas G. Kirk, S. W.; Wilmer A. Mooers, J. W.; H. C. LeMasurier, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Charles W. Mills, M.; Chauncey L. Monroe, S. W.; Morton W. Hamlin, J. W.; Frank E. Monore, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Charles H. McDonald (Brownville Junc.), M.; Alvin R. Stanhope, S. W.; Joseph A. Ross, J. W.; Bert S. Hodgman (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. George M. Jackson, M.; James F. Morrison, S. W.; James W. Gray, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Anthony P. Welch (Etna, R. F. D.), M.; Edgar W. Harris, S. W.; Walter J. Hubbard, J. W.; Herbert E. Clark, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22

- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Harold E. Cutting, M.; Henry W. Owen, S. W.; Arthur B. Stilphen, J. W.; Arthur C. Hagan (69 Pearl St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday except July and August; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Thomas J. Foster, M.; Sylvan Shurtleff, S. W.; G. Sturgis Bibber, J. W.; Howard Moses (P. O. Box 143), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Percy L. Kneeland, M.; George C. Fletcher, S. W.; Ernest A. Partridge, J. W.; Robert Andrews, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. William Smith, M.; Edwin R. Thayer, S. W.; Kenneth E. Bradbury, J. W.; Elroy M. Moulton (P. O. Box 271), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Orville V. Haskell (South Windham, R. F. D.), M.; Almon S. Manchester, S. W.; Loring S. Mains, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. J. Howard Woodward, M.; Ruben C. Walker, S. W.; Elroy O. LaCasce, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Scarsmont. Frank W. Bennett (Union, R. F. D.), M.; Henry L. Buck, S. W.; Charles G. Hemenway, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. George E. Ramsdell, M.; Grover C. Roberson, S. W.; John L. Sise, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Alexander McGuffie, M.; Raymond C. Gross, S. W.; Albert M. Shepard, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. J. Franklin Harris, M.; Nathaniel A. Gilpatrick, S. W.; Frederick B. Peabody, J. W.; George W. Greene, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Herbert P. Grindle (South Penobscot), M.; Burton L. Wardwell, S. W.; Hill Wilson, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Oscar R. Sanders, M.; Nathaniel E. Hutchins, S. W.; Ernest L. Bennett, J. W.; Homer H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Lewis I. Knowles, M.; Frank W. Simmons, S. W.; George F. Eaton, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Earl A. Hodgkins, M.; Levander A. Hollowell, S. W.; Carl J. Longren, J. W.; Henry P. Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election September. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Isreal Snow, M.; John C. Dimick, S. W.; Galon L. Dow, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9

- Rural, 53, Sidney. Frank A. Barnard (Augusta, R. F. D. 7), M.; Eldon H. Wort, S. W.; Arthur B. Davenport, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Rufus L. Doe, M.; Joseph J. Sterling, S. W.; Neil M. Dow, J. W.; Elroy H. Mitchel, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Donald S. Higgins, M.; Edward C. Perkins, S. W.; Dana T. Whitman, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (290 Essex St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Chester L. White, M.; Forest E. Blaisdell, S. W.; Fred E. Welch, J. W.; Ernest E. Goss, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. John L. Polleys, M.; Charles H. Eye, S. W.; Frank N. Beckett, Jr., J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George 16, Warren. Alvah S. Simmons, M.; Frederick E. Mathews, S. W.; Josiah O. Jameson, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's 51, South Berwick. Maurice E. Hobbs, M.; Charles H. Hurd, S. W.; Clarence L. Blaisdell, J. W.; Arthur E. Muzzey, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's 82, Rockport. Harry C. McDonald, M.; Earle C. Dow, S. W.; Loring W. Philbrook, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Chester A. Swett, M.; Charles A. Burke, S. W.; Arthur R. Greenleaf, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchison, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 46, Clinton. Omer C. Gerald, M.; Herbert C. Roundy, S. W.; Earl S. Higgins, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Harry E. Durgan, M.; William H. Baker, S. W.; Charles O. Stickney, J. W.; Frank W. Harmon, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Otto L. Totman, M.; Harold E. Weeks, S. W.; Connell Y. Lawry, J. W.; George M. Chapman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Henry G. Shaw, M.; Sanford B. Nickerson, S. W.; Luther S. Thompson, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. George W. Fogg (R. F. D. 7), M. Floyd G. Nye, S. W.; Leon A. Wilbur, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Lysle W. Folsom, M.; Frank C. Reeks, S. W.; Fred Jewett, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 23

- Standish, 70, Standish. Orrin P. Dolloff, M.; Simon W. Moulton, S. W.; Guy E. Lombard, J. W.; Fred E. Cole, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. John D. Small, M.; Arthur L. Dennis, S. W.; C. Ivan Huntley, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill, (46 N. Main St.) S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Edwin B. Rand, M.; Rodney C. Whitaker, S. W.; Austin T. Myrick, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Ora M. Maxim, M.; S. Lee Woodman, S. W.; Eugene E. York, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Laureston W. Sawyer, (805 Main St.), M.; G. Frederic Joy, S. W.; Frank H. Robie, J. W.; Joshua H. Goodridge (15 Sargent St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Harold S. McKeen, M.; Harold R. Stone, S. W.; Claude F. Clement, J. W.; James H. Cilley, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Louis E. Flanders, M.; Milton Stetson, S. W.; Ralph E. C. Buck, J. W.; Irving M. Curtis (15 Forest Ave.), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. George L. Higgins, M.; Artemus J. Richardson, S. W.; Jesse P. Carpenter, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Clyde P. Johnston, M.; Ernest W. Loane, S. W.; George W. Perry, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Whitney L. Bradley, M.; Ernest L. Thompson, S. W.; Fred I. Bennett, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. F. Guy Campbell, M.; Samuel H. Hemphill, S. W.; Henry E. Rawson, J. W.; Windsor A. Goldermann, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Clarence L. Williams, M.; Clarence Leonard, S. W.; Edward A. Alden, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas (R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Edwin C. Patten (Topsham), M.; Edgar R. Comee, S. W.; Lawrence W. Smith, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson (P. O. Box 19), S. Meeting second Tuesday, election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Charles R. Bowley, M.; Claude L. Bessey, S. W.; Lawrence H. Ward, J. W.; Lewis P. Philbrick, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Ralph L. Canham (R. F. D. 48), M.; Adin D. Shorey, S. W.; Herbert H. Scott, J. W.; Mahlon M. McCurdy, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12

- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Carl F. Fellows, M.; Charles S. Brown, S. W.; Robert C. Castle, J. W.; Harry E. Williams, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Edward B. Sprague, M.; Nathan Doughty, S. W.; Clarence O. Purinton, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Charles L. Cates, M.; Fred B. Getchell, S. W.; George F. Ray, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Ernest W. Jameson, M.; Maurice Hawkes, S. W.; Edwin W. Mosher, J. W.; Edward W. Rome (417 Warren Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. John A. Story, M.; Earl M. Gibson, S. W.; Charles W. Staples, J. W.; Guy C. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. John W. Peabody, M.; DeCoster F. Bennett, S. W.; Charles E. Bodman, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. George T. Williams, M.; Arthur F. Roundy, S. W.; Willard H. Rockwood, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. George W. Wood, M.; Edward J. Bowley, S. W.; John Thompson, J. W.; Frank E. Sleeper, Jr., S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Percy M. Brown, M.; Leslie A. Richmond, S. W.; Dwight A. Bisbee, J. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Joseph W. Perkins, M.; Ralph E. Sawyer, S. W.; Frank E. Brann, J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Linwood W. Coombs, M.; Henry E. Frazier, S. W.; J. Howard Snyder, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Ralph Andrews, M.; Elmer A. Mitchell, S. W.; Arthur C. Goodwin, J. W.; Albert W. Merserve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Clarence M. Staples, M.; James A. MacCorrison, S. W.; Irving L. Boston, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — ALBERT H. DAMON, Limestone.

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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 — EBEN L. BENNETT, Lubec.

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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 — JOSEPH L. HALL, Machias.

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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 — Appointment Withheld.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master — LOUIS M. BLAKE, Lagrange.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, Lagrange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT No. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master — ELLERY BOWDEN, Winterport.

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 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 — GEORGE H. FOSTER, Unity.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabastcook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — ROBBIE L. AMES, 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 — WILLIAM E. MURPHY, Rockport.

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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, Vinalhaven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — JOSEPH E. ODIORNE, Whitefield.

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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. | |

DISTRICT No. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON, Weeks Mills.

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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 — AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL, North Leeds.

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 — HARRY B. HARRIS, Canaan.

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, Binham.

DISTRICT No. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRANCIS G. COOKE, Bath,
(37 Court Street).

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 — FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, Weld.

20 Maine, Farmington.	156 Wilton, Wilton.
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.

DISTRICT No. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master — LESTER D. BRYANT, Bryant's Pond.

18 Oxford, Norway.	132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford.
94 Paris, South Paris.	152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills.
97 Bethel, Bethel.	182 Granite, West Paris.
100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond.	

DISTRICT No. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master — ALFRED W. DOUGHTY, Cumberland
Centre.

1 Portland, Portland.	86 Temple, Westbrook.
17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland.	127 Presumpsot, 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 — PERLEY F. SMITH, East Brownfield.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT No. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master — ALBERT F. BILLINGS, Kittery.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells' Depot. | |

DISTRICT No. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master — AUSTIN G. HAYNES, Lincoln.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIAM S. HOLMES, Northeast Harbor.

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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 — FRANK H. FARNUM, Hartland.

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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 — WILLIAM D. LEAVITT, 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 — JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, Auburn.

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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 — MANSON D. BROWN, Patten.

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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. |

DISTRICT No. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTHUR M. PACKARD, Canton,
(P. O. Rumford).

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

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Bangor, Maine.

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
ADDISON,	Tuscan, 106,	3
ALFRED,	Fraternal, 55,	23
ASHLAND,	Pioneer, 72,	25
AUBURN,	Ancient Brothers', 178,	24
AUBURN,	Tranquil, 29,	24
AUGUSTA,	Augusta, 141,	11
AUGUSTA,	Bethlehem, 35,	11
BANGOR,	Rising Virtue, 10,	6
BANGOR,	St. Andrew's, 83,	6
BAR HARBOR,	Bar Harbor, 185,	21
BATH,	Polar Star, 114,	14
BATH,	Solar, 14,	14
BELFAST,	Phoenix, 24,	8
BELFAST,	Timothy Chase, 126,	8
BETHËL,	Bethel, 97,	16
BIDDEFORD,	Dunlap, 47,	19
BINGHAM,	Bingham, 199,	13
BLAINE,	Aroostook, 197,	1
BLUE HILL,	Ira Berry, 187,	4
BOLSTER'S MILLS,	Crooked River, 152,	16
BOOTHBAY HARBOR,	Seaside, 144,	10
BOWDOINHAM,	Village, 26,	14
BRIDGTON,	Oriental, 13,	18
BRISTOL,	Bristol, 74,	23
BROOKLIN,	Naskeag, 171,	4
BROOKS,	Marsh River, 102,	7
BROWNFIELD,	Shepherd's River, 169,	18
BROWNVILLE,	Pleasant River, 163,	5
BRUNSWICK,	United, 8,	14
BRYANT'S POND,	Jefferson, 100,	16
BUCKFIELD,	Evening Star, 147,	26
BUCKSPORT,	Felicity, 19,	21
CALAIS,	St. Croix, 46,	2
CAMBRIDGE,	Cambridge, 157,	22
CAMDEN,	Amity, 6,	9
CANAAN,	Carrabasset, 161,	13
CANTON,	Whitney, 167,	26
CARIBOU,	Caribou, 170,	1
CARMËL,	Benevolent, 87,	6

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticook, 146,	7
CORINNA,	Parian, 160,	22
CORNISH,	Greenleaf, 117,	18
CUMBERLAND MILLS,	Warren Phillips, 186,	17
CUTLER,	Lookout, 131,	3
DAMARISCOTTA,	Alna, 43,	10
DANFORTH,	Baskahegan, 175,	20
DENMARK,	Mount Moriah, 56,	18
DEER ISLE,	Marine, 122,	4
DEXTER,	Penobscoot, 39,	5
DIXFIELD,	King Hiram, 57,	26
DRESDEN MILLS,	Dresden, 103,	10
DURNHAM,	Acacia, 121,	14
EAST BOOTHBAY,	Bay View, 196,	10
EAST DIXMONT,	Archon, 139,	22
EAST MACHIAS,	Warren, 2,	3
EASTPORT,	Eastern 7,	2
ELLSWORTH,	Lygonia, 40,	21
EXETER,	Pacific, 64,	22
FAIRFIELD,	Siloam, 92,	13
FARMINGTON,	Maine, 20,	15
FLAGSTAFF,	Mount Bigelow, 202,	15
FORT FAIRFIELD,	Eastern Frontier, 112,	1
FORT KENT,	Fort Kent, 209,	25
FOXCROFT,	Mosaic, 52,	5
FREEPORT,	Freeport, 23,	14
FRIENDSHIP,	Meduncook, 211,	9
FRYEBURG,	Pathagorean, 11,	18
GARDINER,	Hermon, 32,	11
GOODWIN'S MILLS,	Ariou, 162,	19
GORHAM,	Harmony, 38,	17
GREENVILLE,	Columbia, 200,	5
GUILFORD,	Mount Kineo, 109,	5
HALLOWELL,	Kennebec, 5,	11
HAMPDEN,	Mystic, 65,	6
HARTLAND,	Corinthian, 95,	22
HERMON,	Lynde, 174,	6
HOULTON,	Monument, 96,	1
ISLAND FALLS,	Island Falls, 206,	25
ISLESBORO,	Island, 89,	8
JEFFERSON,	Riverside, 135,	10
JONESPORT,	Jonesport, 188,	3
KENDUSKEAG,	Kenduskeag, 137,	6

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 105,	24
LEWISTON,	Rabboni, 150,	24
LIBERTY,	Liberty, 111,	7
LIMERICK,	Freedom, 42,	23
LIMESTONE,	Limestone, 214,	1
LIMINGTON,	Adoniram, 27,	23
LINCOLN,	Horeb, 93,	20
LINCOLNVILLE,	King David's, 62,	8
LISBON FALLS,	Ancient York, 155,	14
LITCHFIELD,	Morning Star, 41,	11
LIVERMORE FALLS,	Oriental Star, 21,	15
LOVELL,	Delta, 153,	18
LUBEC,	Washington, 37,	2
MACHIAS,	Harwood, 91,	3
MADISON,	Euclid, 194,	13
MATTAWAMKEAG,	Pine Tree, 172,	20
McKINLEY,	McKinley, 212,	21
MECHANIC FALLS,	Tyrian, 73,	24
MILLBRIDGE,	Pleiades, 173,	3
MILLINOCKET,	Nollesemic, 205,	25
MILO,	Piscataquis, 44,	5
MONMOUTH,	Monmouth, 110,	11
MONSON,	Doric, 149,	5
MOUNT DESERT,	Mount Desert, 140,	21
MOUNT VERNON,	Vernon Valley, 99,	12
NEW GLOUCESTER,	Cumberland, 12,	24
NEWPORT,	Meridian Splendor, 49,	22
NEW SHARON,	Franklin, 123,	15
NORRIDGEWOCK,	Lebanon, 116,	13
NORTH ANSON,	Northern Star, 28,	13
NORTH BERWICK,	Yorkshire, 179,	19
NORTH BROOKSVILLE,	Bagaduce, 210,	4
NORTH EAST HARBOR,	North East Harbor, 208,	21
NORTH VASSALBORO,	Vassalboro, 54,	12
NORTH WINDHAM,	Presumpscot, 127,	17
NORTHPORT,	Excelsior, 151,	8
NORWAY,	Oxford, 18,	16
OAKLAND,	Messalonskee, 113,	12
OLD ORCHARD,	Orchard, 215,	19
OLD TOWN,	Star in the East, 60,	6
ORLAND,	Rising Sun, 71,	21
ORONO,	Mechanics', 66,	6

PARSONSFIELD,	Drummond, 118,	23
PATTEN,	Katahdin, 98,	25
PEMBROKE,	Crescent, 78,	2
PENOBSCOT,	Rising Star, 177,	4
PHILLIPS,	Blue Mountain, 67,	15
PITTSFIELD,	Meridian, 125,	22
PLYMOUTH,	Plymouth, 75,	22
PORTLAND,	Ancient Landmark, 17,	17
PORTLAND,	Atlantic, 81,	17
PORTLAND,	Deering, 183,	17
PORTLAND,	Portland, 1,	17
PRÉSQUE ISLE,	Trinity, 130,	1
PRINCETON,	Lewy's Island, 138,	2
RANGELEY,	Kamankeag, 213,	15
READFIELD,	Lafayette, 48,	12
RICHMOND,	Richmond, 63,	14
ROCKLAND,	Aurora, 50,	9
ROCKLAND,	Rockland, 79,	9
ROCKPORT,	St. Paul's, 82,	9
RUMFORD,	Blazing Star, 30,	26
SABATTUS,	Webster, 164,	24
SACO,	Saco, 9,	19
SANFORD,	Preble, 143,	23
SANGERVILLE,	Abner Wade, 207,	5
SEARSMONT,	Quantabacook, 129,	7
SEARSPORT,	Mariners', 68,	8
SEDGWICK,	Eggemoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
SOLON,	Keystone, 80,	13
SOUTH BERWICK,	St. John's, 51,	19
SOUTH BRISTOL,	Anchor, 158,	10
SOUTH PARIS,	Paris, 94,	16
SOUTH PORTLAND,	Hiram, 180,	17
SOUTH THOMASTON,	Knox, 189,	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S HARBOR,	Eureka, 84,	9
THOMASTON,	Orient, 15,	9
THORNDIKE,	Unity, 58,	7
TURNER,	Nezinscot, 101,	24

UNION,	Union, 31,	9
UNITY,	Star in the West, 85,	7
VASSALBORO,	Neguemkeag, 166,	12
VINALHAVEN,	Moses Webster, 145,	9
WALDOBORO,	King Solomon's, 61,	10
WARREN,	St. George, 16,	9
WASHBURN,	Washburn, 193,	1
WASHINGTON,	Mount Olivet, 203,	9
WATERFORD,	Mount Tir'em, 132,	16
WATERVILLE,	Waterville, 33,	12
WAYNE,	Asylum, 133,	12
WEEKS MILLS,	Dirigo, 104,	11
WELD,	Mystic Tie, 154,	15
WELLS DEPOT,	Ocean, 142,	19
WESTBROOK,	Temple, 86,	17
WEST BUXTON,	Buxton, 115,	23
WILTON,	Wilton, 156,	15
WINTER HARBOR,	Winter Harbor, 192,	19
WINTERPORT,	Howard, 69,	6
WINTHROP,	Temple, 25,	11
WISCASSET,	Lincoln, 3,	10
WEST NEWFIELD,	Day Spring, 107,	23
WEST PARIS,	Granite, 182,	16
WEST SULLIVAN,	David A. Hooper, 201	21
YARMOUTH,	Casco, 36,	17
YORK VILLAGE,	St. Aspinquid, 198,	19

Lodges in Maine

With Dates of Precedence and Charters

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 Saint 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. 9, 1823	Oct. 28, 1823
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824	April 8, 1824
46 Saint 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†
51 Saint John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827	Feb. 13, 1827

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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,	Old Town,	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',	Scarsport,	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
72 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 Saint Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
83 Saint 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,	Week's Mills,	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§
109 Mount Kineo,	Guilford,	May 10, 1861	May 8, 1862

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110	Monmouth,	May 21, 1861	May 8, 1862
111	Liberty,	Nov. 8, 1861	May 8, 1862
112	Eastern Frontier,	May 8, 1862	May 7, 1863
113	Messalonskee,	May 15, 1862	May 7, 1863
114	Polar Star,	Bath,	Mch. 7, 1863
115	Buxton,	West Buxton,	Mch. 18, 1863
116	Lebanon,	Norridgewock,	April 30, 1863
117	Greenleaf,	Cornish,	April 22, 1863
118	Drummond,	Parsonsfield,	May 7, 1863
119	Pownal,	Stockton,	July 4, 1863
120	Meduncook,	Friendship,	Feb. 6, 1864
121	Acacia,	Durham,	May 7, 1863
122	Marine,	Deer Isle,	Mch. 18, 1864
123	Franklin,	New Sharon,	May 4, 1864
124	Olive Branch,	Charleston,	May 4, 1864
125	Meridian,	Pittsfield,	June 7, 1864
126	Timothy Chase,	Belfast,	Oct. 26, 1864
127	Presumpscot,	Windham,	Nov. 19, 1864
128	Eggemoggin,	Sedgwick,	Mch. 1, 1865
129	Quantabacook,	Searsmont,	Mch. 28, 1865
130	Trinity,	Presque Isle,	July 17, 1865
131	Lookout,	Cutler,	July 18, 1865
132	Mount Tir'em,	Waterford,	Oct. 18, 1865
133	Asylum,	Wayne,	July 20, 1865
134	Trojan,	Troy,	Feb. 19, 1866
135	Riverside,	Jefferson,	Mch. 13, 1866
136	Ionic,	Gardiner,	April 24, 1866
137	Kenduskeag,	Kenduskeag,	May 3, 1866
138	Lewy's Island,	Princeton,	May 3, 1866
139	Archon,	Dixmont,	Sept. 26, 1866
140	Mount Desert,	Mount Desert,	Feb. 14, 1867
141	Augusta,	Augusta,	Mch. 21, 1867
142	Ocean,	Wells,	Mch. 22, 1867
143	Preble,	Sanford,	May 9, 1867
144	Seaside,	Boothbay Har.,	Oct. 7, 1867
145	Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868
146	Sebasticook,	Clinton,	Feb. 3, 1868
147	Evening Star,	Buckfield,	Feb. 22, 1869
148	Forest,	Springfield,	April 1, 1869
149	Doric,	Monson,	May 7, 1868
150	Rabboni,	Lewiston,	Dec. 28, 1868
151	Excelsior,	Northport,	Mch. 1, 1869
152	Crooked River,	Bolster's Mills,	April 15, 1869
153	Delta,	Lovell,	May 5, 1869
154	Mystic Tie,	Weld,	June 8, 1869
155	Ancient York,	Lisbon Falls,	Jan. 1, 1870
156	Wilton,	Wilton,	Jan. 31, 1870
157	Cambridge,	Cambridge,	May 5, 1870
158	Anchor,	South Bristol,	May 5, 1870
159	Esoteric,	Ellsworth,	Sept. 3, 1870
160	Parian,	Corinna,	Sept. 9, 1870
161	Carrabasset,	Canaan,	Mch. 2, 1871
162	Arion,	Goodwin's Mills,	Mch. 18, 1871
163	Pleasant River,	Brownville,	July 28, 1871
164	Webster,	Webster,	July 28, 1871
165	Molunkus,	Sherman Mills,	Aug. 26, 1871
166	Neguemkeag,	Vassalboro,	Dec. 22, 1871
167	Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872

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168 Composite,	Lagrange,	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,	South Portland,	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,	Stonington,	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 Saint 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 Nollesemie,	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,	No. East 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
215 Orchard,	Old Orchard,	May 4, 1916	May 3, 1917

NOTE.— 59 Mt. Hope, charter surrendered 1879.

90 Hiram Abif, 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. 42, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

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Joel Miller, 1835-37*	John B. Redman, 1881*
Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41*	Arlington B. Marston, 1882*
John T. Paine, 1842-44*	William H. Smith, 1883*
Alexander H. Putney, 1845, '46*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1884*
John C. Humphreys, 1847, '48*	Joseph M. Hayes, 1885*
Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50*	Albro E. Chase, 1886*
Timothy Chase, 1851, '52*	Horace H. Burbank, 1887*
Jabez True, 1853*	Leander M. Kenniston, 1888*
Ezra B. French, 1854, '55*	Manly G. Trask, 1898*
Isaac Downing, 1856*	Daniel P. Boynton, 1890*
William Allen, 1857*	George R. Shaw, 1891*
Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, '59*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1892*
John J. Bell, 1860, '61*	Joseph A. Locke, 1893*
David Bugbee, 1862*	Herbert Harris, 1894*
Edmund Hinckley, 1863*	Winfield S. Choate, 1895*
Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65*	Albert M. Penley, 1896
David Cargill, 1866-68*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1897*
Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1869, '70*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1898*

William J. Burnham, 1899*
 James E. Parsons, 1900*
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901
 Edwin A. Porter, 1902*
 Charles W. Crosby, 1903
 W. Scott Shorey, 1904
 Curtis R. Foster, 1905*
 James M. Larrabee, 1906*
 William N. Howe, 1907*
 John Clair Minot, 1908
 Frank J. Cole, 1909
 Isaac N. Jones, 1910
 Frank E. Monroe, 1911
 Waldo Pettengill, 1912

Fred C. Chalmers, 1913
 Isaac A. Clough, 1914
 Fred Raymond, 1915*
 Ralph W. Moore, 1916
 James H. Witherell, 1917*
 Willis A. Ricker, 1918
 William S. Davidson, 1919
 John J. Marr, 1920
 John M. Burleigh, 1921
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
 Frederic O. Eaton, 1923
 Frank P. Denaco, 1924
 Harry E. Rowe, 1925

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821*
 Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1823*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1824, '25*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27*
 Amos Nourse, 1828, '29*
 Reuben Nason, 1830, '31*
 David C. Magoun, 1832-34*
 Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37*
 Stephen Webber, 1838-40*
 John T. Paine, 1841*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44*
 John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46*
 Frye Hall, 1847*
 Joseph C. Stevens, 1848*
 Stephen Webber, 1849*
 Timothy Chase, 1850*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52*
 Thomas B. Johnston, 1853, '54*
 William Kimball, 1855*
 William Allen, 1856*
 John Williams, 1857*
 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858*
 Oliver Gerrish, 1859*
 Joseph Covell, 1860*
 Francis J. Day, 1861*
 T. K. Osgood, 1862*
 F. Loring Talbot, 1863*
 John H. Lynde, 1864, '65*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1866, '68*
 John W. Ballou, 1869, '70*
 Henry H. Dickey, 1871*
 William O. Poor, 1872-74*

Charles I. Collamore, 1875*
 A. M. Wetherbee, 1876*
 S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, '78*
 Edwin Howard Vose, 1879*
 Archie L. Talbot, 1880
 Fessenden I. Day, 1881*
 Charles W. Haney, 1882*
 Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883*
 Augustus Bailey, 1884*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1885*
 Benjamin Ames, 1886*
 Wilford J. Fisher, 1887*
 Samuel G. Davis, 1888*
 Algernon M. Roak, 1889*
 E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890*
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891*
 Howard D. Smith, 1892
 Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893
 Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894
 Moses Tait, 1895*
 Benjamin I. Hadley, 1896*
 Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897
 Millard M. Caswell, 1898
 Franklin R. Redlon, 1899
 John H. McGorrill, 1900
 Adelbert Millett, 1901*
 James C. Ayer, 1902
 Charles F. Paine, 1903
 George W. McClain, 1904*
 Edward G. Weston, 1905
 Albert M. Ames, 1906
 Leon S. Howe, 1907
 George W. Holmes, 1908*

Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909*
 Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910
 Convers E. Leach, 1911
 Ernest P. Parlin, 1912*
 George A. Gilpatric, 1913
 Clifford J. Pattee, 1914*
 Frank B. Arnold, 1915
 Albert H. Newbert, 1916
 Edwin K. Smith, 1917

Carroll S. Douglass, 1918
 Wallace N. Price, 1919
 Lee M. Smith, 1920
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrar, 1922*
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923
 Erwin G. Ryder, 1924
 James A. Richan, 1925

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to Septem-
 ber, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921 to 1923*
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 to

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31*
 Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35*
 Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44*
 Charles Fox, 1845*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55*
 Ira Berry, 1856-91*
 Stephen Berry, Sept. 1891-1917*
 Charles B. Davis, 1917 to

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. M. George R. Shahu

Senior Grand Warden in 1891

Born in Paris Hill, Me., May 5, 1844

Died in Boston, Mass., April 5, 1925

"Dust to dust — from whence — to where?
Here but a breath — then gone!
Life is a prison — death the release,
And then we journey on."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Winfield Scott Hinckley

Junior Grand Warden in 1909

Born in Lisbon, Me., April 29, 1839

Died in Thomaston, Me., January 5, 1925

"As golden grain in perfect sheaf
His years are numbered to the full extent,
And rest to him is sweet relief
Whose whole career was well and nobly spent."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Charles M. Farrar

Senior Grand Warden in 1922

Born in Charleston, Me., January 14, 1864

Died In Milo, Me., August 22, 1924

"The circle is broken, one seat is forsaken,
One bud from the tree of our friendship is shaken,
One heart from among us no longer shall thrill
With the joy in our gladness or grief in our ill."

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

W. John A. Bieler

Grand Chaplain since 1914

Died in North Berwick, Me., October 13, 1924

"Farewell! The maze has been threaded,
This is the ending of strife;
Say not that death should be dreaded—
'Tis but the beginning of life."

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1924, to March 1, 1925

Those marked with * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Charles M. Leighton, March 25; James W. Sterling,* March 30; Charles W. LeGrow,* May 11; Isaac W. Cobb,* July 20; Edward E. Staples, November 22; Josiah P. Clark, November 26; Leslie C. Speight,* February 19.

2 Warren, East Machias. Melzar B. Berry, March 22; Webber F. Grant, June 22; Wade S. Huntley,* September 7; Henry S. Bunall,* January 18.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. George F. Rines, March 4; William E. Fair-service, November 25; Richard H. T. Taylor, February 4.

4 Hancock, Castine. Frank S. Perkins, May 4, 1919; John F. Locke, November.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Joseph E. Brann, September 13; Thomas J. Jones, May 5; Calvin A. Cole, August 2; William G. Fish, July 2; Nathan L. Niles, February 13; Charles A. Perkins, February 22.

6 Amity, Camden. Emery J. Hopkins, April 20; Charles H. Hemingway, October 20; Benjamin D. E. Huse, July 9; Henry L. Payson, August 14; Charles A. Wilson, January 25.

7 Eastern, Eastport. George F. Raye,* June 15; Somerville R. Anderson,* September 11.

9 Saco, Saco. Harry A. McNeally, April 7; Robert Mowat, Jr., May 11; Jasper D. Cochrane, July 5; Fred O. Towle, August 14; William M. Harmon, December 12; Waldo A. Ricker, February 3.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Fred T. Thompson, May 1; Charles H. Emery, June 17; John P. Kane, January 26.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Owen C. Charles, February 19, 1924.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. James Ingalls Holt, March 28; John Dugoid Anderson,* September 29; John Cousens Hammond,* October 17; George Goss,* January 1; Charles Raymond Nelson,* January 29.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. George W. Lovejoy, 1924; Thomas B. Knapp, May 1; Harry L. Gray, December 30; Mellen Plummer, February 21.

14 Solar, Bath. Joseph C. Varnum, April 27; James Pittman, May 1. Felix U. Stinson, May 29; J. Clifford Spinney, September 15; Albert J. Grassy, November 18.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Ralph G. Whitney, April 21; Halsey Hathorn, August 30; Alfred C. Strout, November 2; Horace W. Welt, January 22.

17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. Thomas Payne, March 27; Adrian L. Ackley, April 30; Woodbury K. Dana, May 18; Everett Smith, September 7; George F. Loveitt, October 4; Edgar W. Small, December 17; Clyde W. Pierce,* January 8; Will H. Macdonald, February 8; George P. Cornish,* February 8; George L. Fogg, February 16.

18 Oxford, Norway. Josiah A. Seitz, September 30, 1922; David Flood, March 5; George F. Stone, April 3; William A. Lewis,* November 21; Charles W. Evers,* January 17; Winfield S. Cordwell,* January 21; George W. Devine, February 23.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Laithly L. Lewis, 1923; A. DeForest Snowman, March 6; Charles B. Richards, May 28; Clifton S. Richards, February 14.

20 Maine, Farmington. Rufus N. Lovejoy, December 21.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Romualdo P. Thorndike,* April 13; Fred Raymond,* April 25; Frederick C. Foss,* April 27; Aaron Smith Thompson,* May 28; Henry A. Strout,* November 25.

22 York, Kennebunk. Angier C. Merriman, March 27; Charles Shepherd, September 1; William F. Bowen,* October 26.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Robert Edward Soule, May 1; Nathan Dresser, Hyde, September 3; Fred Scott Soule, October 24; Josiah W. Dyer, December 6.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. George B. Dyer, March 4; Wallace W. Turner, March 23; Wilmer J. Dorman, February 3.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Leonard O. Cobb, April 12; A. Parker Lewis, June 25; Charles W. Taggart, July 20; John Bell, August 23; Joseph H. Bates, December 20.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. Marshall H. White,* July 6; George F. Howe, August 8; Robert W. Carr,* December 28.

27 Adoniram, Limington. Frank C. Parker, May 6; George F. Libby, May 17; Harry R. Chick, May 28; Thomas J. Brackett, September 24.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. George F. Sweet (date not given); James H. Collins, December 19, 1922; Anson Gratrix, March 9, 1922; Joseph C. Viles, July 17, 1923; Elmer E. Sawyer,* April 19; Clarence W. Witham, December 22; Charles H. Macklin, December; Fred W. Bunker,* December 31; Gustavus A. Steward,* February 5.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Horace C. Day, March 8; Irwin A. Smith, March 28; Everett F. Bowker, April 23; Frank E. White, May 1; William B. Kilbourne, June 20; Edgar L. Pennell, July 8; Harvey S. Schoppe, July 28; Luther C. Bateman, September 20; Fred G. Pelsey, October 15; Emery Bailey, October 31; Augustus L. Dyer, December 9; Arthur T. Parsons, December 15; Frank L. Bartlett, January 28; Frank Estes, February 23.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Samuel Betton, 1922; Eimore S. Daniels, 1923; Harry W. Derry, June 19; Josiah F. Hall, September 7; Victor L. Keith, October 9; George P. Thomas, November 10; Isaac H. Gee, November 21; Frank Littlefield, December 30; George H. Perry, January 25.

31 Union, Union. Frank Barker, 1918; Edwin L. Bills, April 6, 1918; Calvin C. Taylor, May 4.

32 Herman, Gardiner. John M. Teague, (date unknown); Edmund D. Tasker, March 1, 1923; Perley A. McMaster,* May 26; Clarence M. Day,* June 6; Melvin C. Wadsworth, June 16; Hosea H. Cary,* June 24; Winfield S. Philbrick,* June 30; Austin Linscott, August 23; Francis H. Enwright, October 8; Charles H. Wight,* October 11; Clarence S. Jackson, October 16; Joseph A. Glazier, February 14; Charles H. Dunton,* February 24.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Charles W. Chase,* May 3; George W. Cushman,* May 16; Joseph Marcellus Barker,* October 14; Charles A. Pendergast,* October 18; Everett M. Hunt,* October 26; Edward G. Meader, November 8; Warren Seaward, December 23; Albert E. Ellis,* December 24; Andrew L. McFadden,* January 14; Colby Getchell,* January 25; Louis P. Blanchard, February 17; Carl Meader, February 22.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Horace M. Weston, July 4; Charles F. Rochester, July 20.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. William S. Dudley, June 18; William S. Thompson, July 28; Horace M. Pullen, August 16; Eugene B. Stackpole, November 24; George H. Brickett, February 1; Frank E. Stevens, February 25.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Edward B. Chamberlain, February 2.

37 Washington, Lubec. Esley H. Dinsmore, February 14.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Charles Cash, December 28, 1923; Joseph W. Hale, March 19; Stephen P. Libby, April 5; John W. Jordan, April 7; Daniel M. Rand, May 1; Walter Harding, November 7; Mitchell H. Smith, February 6.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Charles H. Haines, February 22.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Charles Perry Hodgkins, June 29; Orlando W. Foss, July 15; Charles J. Brown, September; Charles W. Moor, October; Maudel A. Gasper, December; Edward C. Seigars, January 1; John H. Silvy, January 1; Theodore Stanley Smith, February 25.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. George N. Thurlow, March 16; Henry M. Temple, July 4; James P. Springer, January 2; Freeman W. Jordan, February 13.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Corydon Hewey; James F. Chadbourne, November 24.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Thomas J. Merrill, April 11; Edwin F. Stetson, May 13; Hartley A. Day, July 18.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Wilbur H. Parlin,* March 9, William S. Dunning, April 15; William A. Whitney,* June 24; Fred H. Levenseler,* July 3; Will H. Richardson,* July 4; Charles M. Farrar,* August 22; George B. Hanscom, December 24; Thomas S. Wilson,* January 19; Alfred F. Spearling,* January 27; Charles E. Wingate,* February 8.

45 Central, China. Allen George Knights, February 13, 1924; Fred O. Godwin, February, 1925.

46 St. Croix, Calais. George M. Hanson, April 4; Ellis Ray Hitchings,* April 18; Oramandal D. Lamb,* May 15; Daniel Philip Lamb, August 12; John A. Sears, September 13; James L. Thompson,* January 8.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Alfred L. McIntire, June 20; Frank L. Goldthwaite, July 16; Robert Bonser, August 31; Rev. A. Wormwood, January 11; Frank L. Hammond, January 25.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. George O. Fogg, September 18; Ernest W. Lewis, October 13; Edward J. Tingley, February 15.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Charles Ellis Jones, October 15; Albert E. Perham,* October 16; Wilbur H. Miles, August 1.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Charles L. Abbott, (about three years ago); Edward A. Butler, March 24; Merritt A. Johnson, April 17; Arthur S. Littlefield, May 14; Jonathan W. Crocker, June 14; Roy O. Martyn, August 4; Louis C. Bickford,* September 16; Alfred L. Carlton,* January 17.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Charles H. Wentworth, April 8; Charles M. Sleeper, August 26; John L. M. Willis, October 25; Frank P. Willard, January 28.

52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft. Claude Boyle, June 5.

53 Rural, Sidney. David Allen Field,* May 25.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. William Brooks, April 15; Charles W. Mason, May 9; Theodore E. Hardy, September 3; Edwin J. Taylor, February 8; George D. Milbury, February 8; William T. McLaughlin, August 26, 1922.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. Samuel L. Clemens, April 7, 1917. Edward Simonault, May 15, 1923; Perley R. F. Bradbury, May 19.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. John M. Holland, March 19; John S. Harlow, June 7; Ira J. Parlin, August 1; John S. Swett, October 27; William M. White, January 2; John J. Holman, February 23; Edward Stanley, December 10.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Edgar B. Weeks,* October 14; Eben T. Hartwell, December 1; Frederick W. Knowlton,* January 12.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. Herbert L. Leavitt, April 21; Fred C. Flint, June 10; Lendon A. Burgess, August 22; Fred L. Eugley, December 18.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Andrew Herbert, (date unknown); Samuel E. Batchelder, April 7, 1916; Russell True Young, June 1; Ordbury S. Sherburn, October 13; Henry F. Smith, October 22; Mark T. Costello, January 5.

64 Pacific, Exeter. Charles S. Emerson, February 8.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Andre R. Cushing, November 8, 1922; Roderick H. Pomeroy, September 13, 1923; John C. Rollins, April 19; Erastus W. Murch, September 26; Walter H. Nason, November 16.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Edwin L. Mann, May 8; John P. Thomson, December 24.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. George B. Denison, September 26; Joel Wilbur, November 5.

69 Howard, Winterport. Seth H. Morgan,* June 23; Henry H. Sanborn, February 1.

70 Standish, Standish. Robie C. Marean, September 20.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. John H. Davis, (date unknown); Elmer S. Barnard, December 7.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. Nat J. Smith, March 13.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Dimon B. Perry, April 11; Edward L. Charles, July 12; George A. Harmon, September 20; John H. King, December 20; Charles H. Tobie, February 19.

74 Bristol, Bristol. Walter Erskine, April 21; Jacob A. Keene, March 17; James H. Varney, October 30.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Frank N. Perkins, November 23; Vernon R. Burgess, December 28.

77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. John J. Carter, Jr., March 10; Sullivan W. Webster, June; Donald K. Mayo, July 1; Charles E. Spurling, January 28.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Ivanhoe C. Bryant, March 5; Frank G. Conant, March 18; Elbridge G. Wilder, April 3; John L. Campbell, December 4; James Mincher, January 18.

79 Rockland, Rockland. Oscar E. Blackington, September 13; John A. Karl, October 26; Charles E. Bicknell, January 25; William E. Hall, February 16; Edwin T. G. Rason, February 19.

80 Keystone, Solon. Isaac Holway, March 1; Thomas Matson,* June 15; Mottier L. French, August 8; Charles F. Dore, September 18; Fred Murphy, October 24; Albert J. Adams, Jr.,* December 29.

81 Atlantic, Portland. Franklin H. Wilkins,* April 14; William S. Dresser,* May 9; George H. Buxton, June 9; William T. Cousins,* August 28; Bernard J. McGraw,* January 28.

82 St. Paul's Rockport. Mortimer T. Hill, May 23; Matthew Rugeri, October 24.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Javan K. Moore, May 27, 1921; Sylvester Eastman, 1922; Edward J. Hunt, August 18, 1923; Edgar L. Brown, March 6; George Albert Hutchins, May 9; William S. Burbank, May 20; John A. Vickery, July 8; Harmon J. Stevens, July 10; Ralph E. James, September 8; Leslie E. Tozier, November 15; Daniel J. Doocy, December 17; Charles W. Witham, January 3; Charles M. Stewart, January 20.

84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. Thomas G. Hooper, September 11, 1919; Walter B. Wheeler, November 9, 1919; Samuel H. Hawkins, Jr., June 4; Peter Mont, June 13; Roderick D. Henderson, July 26; David H. Sumner, August 17; Charles F. Hart, November 3.

85 Star in the West, Unity. Matthew W. Monroe, January 30, 1924; Fred W. Brown, March 8; Tomothy W. Hawes, March 13.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Charles W. Bradlee, July 16, 1919; Francis O. J. Bodge, July 21, 1923; Wilbur F. Trask, March 7; Sam S. Sanborn, April 6; Sewell S. Leighton, May 4; George A. Whidden, August 29; Freeman L. Brown, September 7; Dana B. Cutter, November 17.

- 87 Benevolent, Carmel. George E. L. Hutchins, March 1; Elwin D. Cook, March 21; Harry A. Friend, March; Eben F. Otis, February 18.
- 88 Narragausus, Cherryfield. Ruel B. Oakes, April 10.
- 89 Island, Islesboro. Nathan Pendleton, May 19; George A. Warren,* November 11; Emery D. Williams,* December 6.
- 91 Harwood, Machias. Morey M. Gardner, March 28; Addi M. Foss, May 13; Murray Foss,* August 18; John M. Beiler,* October 13.
- 92 Siloam, Fairfield. Ralph B. Drisko, March 14; Arthur E. Reynolds, April 19; Edbert Kelley, May 11; Thomas F. Seavey, May 13; Arthur S. Page, July 9; Joseph W. Sawyer, September 29; Edward S. Hooper, January 15; John H. Smith, February 13.
- 93 Horeb, Lincoln. Joseph A. Stevens, March 14; Benjamin U. Dill, March 29; Daniel W. Ballantyne, April 5; Harry E. Clay, October 25; Edward McKeever, January 10; George W. Haynes, January 27.
- 94 Paris, South Paris. Orlando A. Thayer, January 17, 1923; J. Ferdinand King, September 17; Winfield S. Starbird, January 2; Charles C. Colby, January 18.
- 95 Corinthian, Hartland. Herbert S. Cyphers, May 12, 1921; Philander C. Hoyt, September 3.
- 96 Monument, Houlton. Aaron P. Bennett,* May 7; Henry B. Black,* April 5; William J. Bagley,* May 13; Daniel Worthley,* May 18; Fred A. Tarbell,* September 29; Nehemiah Seeley,* November 21; Alexander Newman,* December 2; Norman W. Rideout,* December 7; James K. Plummer,* January 8.
- 97 Bethel, Bethel. Moses E. Young, May 10; Harlan P. Wheeler, June 8.
- 98 Katahdin, Patten. Ira B. Carpenter, July 2.
- 99 Vernon Valley, Mt. Vernon. Samuel L. Davis,* January 31.
- 101 Nezinscot, Turner. Stanley M. Timberlake, April 11.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. Tilton A. Elliott,* November 6.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Walton W. Goud, August 4.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Edward H. Musher, January 11.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Sylvanus G. Pierce, September 20, 1922; Fred M. Furbush, March 10, 1923; George E. Faunce, March 7; Michael B. Gillespie, March 22; Horace Libby, April 18; George W. Furbush, April 19; Wilder Pettengill, November 6; Joseph Brown, November 7; John M. Porter, September 3; Franklin M. Drew, February 27.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Alexander McBarland, (date unknown); William N. Dyer, September 17; Elbridge F. Cole, February 5; Augustus W. Drisko, February 12.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. James Harris Moulton, October 27; Amos Carlton, November 27.
- 109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Leander W. Merrill, March 10; Chester E. Maher, January 28; Marcellus L. Hussey, January 29; James S. Monroe, ebruary 7.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. John M. Ayer, April 20.

111 Liberty, Liberty. Otis S. Wing, March 17; Weston B. Marden, August 16; Harry B. Wyman, October 1; Martin M. Trask, October 11; Lucius C. Morse, November 12; Stephen L. Bagley, January 5.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Samuel E. Jewett,* June 8; Alexander Marr,* July 30; Hiram Delbert Stevens,* September 5; John F. Currier,* December 18; Frank W. Burns,* February 14.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Fred E. Blake, April 1.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Osmar P. Coffin, May 1; Scott C. Perry, June 2; James W. Skillen, July 22; Everard W. Appleton, September 10; Herbert D. Maxwell, October 7; John H. Hughes, October 14; Levi S. Wiley, October 19; Harold M. Sewall, October 28; James T. Temple, February 27.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. Edwin L. Haley, 1923.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. William B. Longley,* November 17; William W. Huntoon, November 28; Charles W. Farrand,* January 22.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Walter E. Mason, March; Loring S. Boothby,* November 7.

118 Drummond, Parsonfield. George R. Young, November 13, 1920; Albert R. Leavitt, June 7; Claude E. Bickford, November 24; Cyrus E. Browne, May 4.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Horace Staples, March 20; Kristian Hansen, June 4.

121 Acacia, Durham. Charles W. Hall, July 29; George E. Warren, August 14; Samuel B. Libby, January 3.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Edmund F. Sylvester, July 1; Will N. Bessey, July 4; William A. Hamblen, August 25; Farrington C. Powers, October 30; Melville Thompson, November 12; George D. Haskell, November 2; Harry P. A. Spofford, November 25.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. Fred L. Clark, October 26; Samuel F. Swan, November 27; Edward I. Morse, February 10.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Melvin A. Bunker,* March 5; J. Hovey Leason,* June 30; Frank S. Farrar,* September 18.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. George W. Varney,* March 17; Thomas N. Drake,* August 17; John E. Little, August 24; Mabert L. Damon, November 19; Alfred H. Webendorfer, February 24; John J. Sawyer,* February 2.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Charles M. Havener, January 26, 1924; Bert W. Newcomb, May 20; Charles W. Lancaster, January 27.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Elias L. Baker, October 15; Gideon P. Davis,* October 24.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Roscoe D. Gray, December 10.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Hiram Burr Fornes,* May 15; James H. Phair,* July 24; George Hinckley Seamons, August 1; Gilford D. Coy,* August 7; Harold Lindow Hayden,* October 25; Nathaniel W. McCaughey,* December 4; Elijah Bishop,* February 13.

- 131 Lookout, Cutler. Silas E. Turner, April 28.
- 133 Asylum, Wayne. Chandler Francis Cobb,* March 27; Welcome Beals Gould,* May 17.
- 135 Riverside, Jefferson. Albert Shepherd, November 1922; Clifton A. Kennedy, 1924; Fred C. Linscott, February, 1924; James C. Moore, December 15.
- 137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. William K. Nason,* April 16, Valentine Patterson, January 14.
- 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. George Robinson, (no date given); Howard H. Jordan, February 8, 1924; True Varnum, March 10; William J. McDowell, November 10; Calvin C. Carle, December 30; Lewis Legacy, February 1.
- 139 Archon, Dixmont. Lewis I. Bickford, July 23.
- 140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Thomas M. Richardson, November 14.
- 141 Augusta, Augusta. Berthold Kende, March 24; Jefferson G. Longfellow, May 21; James Merrill, August 28; Fred O. Boynton, November 21; Francis B. Purinton, January 10; Levi Hallowell, January 24.
- 142 Ocean, Wells. Marcellus A. Donnell, March 3; Lyman F. Getchell, May 15.
- 143 Preble, Sanford. Charles S. Dyer, July 16; Sydney S. Spinney, January 1.
- 144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Walter T. Holton, November 27, 1921; Marston H. Thompson,* February 13, 1924; Harry B. Stuart,* April 10; Hardy McKnown, April 18; James C. Poole, June 23; Augustus Reed, August 5.
- 145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Nelson Mullen,* November 11, Ulmer B. Dyer, January 12; Hiram P. Stone, January 28; George R. Doak; February 3; Welman Pierce, February 8, George Kossuth, February 27.
- 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Willis I. Cain, August 21; Daniel H. Brown,* October 14; Brainard G. True,* October 16; Fred L. Lewis, December 15; Cecil Goodrich, December 22.
- 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Edward G. Cole, November 3, 1923; Henry H. Nulty,* July 7.
- 148 Forest, Springfield. Clair I. Howland, (date not known); Dana Young, May 31; Cabot M. Lombard, July 9; Herbert E. Murdock, July 13; Charles A. Nute, November 24.
- 149 Doric, Monson. Alvin Gray, January 1; Ira P. Wing, January 1.
- 150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Daniel P. Moulton, April 4; Harrison G. Dockum, April 8; Nelson D. Estes,* June 28; John C. Ackerson, July 8; Melvin J. Googin,* August 7; George W. Lane, October 25.
- 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. Archie C. Wilbur, April 15; George C. Jillson, November 14; Jonathan L. Dyer, November 24; Lewis W. Weston, February 22.
- 153 Delta, Lovell. Albion Heald, August 31.
- 154 Mystic Tie, Weld. John N. Sprague, July 24; Charles S. Foster,* September 8; Carl B. Skolfield,* October 18.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. John Rawstron, November 3; Charles Alton Jordan, November 22.

156 Wilton, Wilton. E. Edwin Young, July 11; Elmer E. Swift, September 23; Clarence A. Miller, January 9; Winfield S. Hinckley, January 5.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. John H. Wilson, January 1.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. Lenard E. Tibbitts, June 12; Marley S. Brewer, December 2.

160 Parian, Corinna. James F. Stevens, March 13; George W. Nutter, April 22; Stephen Lincoln, November 9; Charles R. Farrington, December 22.

161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Charles F. Horne, July 29; George W. Smith, September 9; Daniel M. Foster, October 8.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Henry T. Carle, March 15.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. George E. Hamlin, February 18, 1918; William Frederick McCann, March 29; George G. Brown, May 7; Walter E. Austin, September 2; George Harvey Tucker, October 1; Richard Roberts, December 10.

164 Webster, Sabattus. Allan Linn Bangs,* October 6.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. George H. Lovitt, (no date given); Darrell, L. Colson,* May 12.

167 Whitney, Canton. George Whafton Moore, August 10.

168 Composite, LaGrange. Marcellus N. Dyer, April 4; Nathaniel M. Jones, June 22.

169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Joseph H. Hutchens, December, 1918; Williams E. Davis, February 11.

170 Caribou, Caribou. John F. Jerrard, May 1; James H. Gray, May 3; Otis W. Gardner, May 10; George N. Beal, June 26; Joseph H. Gary, July 6; George V. Hammond, August 15; John R. Nelson, October 5; Clayton J. Lewis, October 10; Axel P. Anderson, December 7.

171 Naskag, Brooklin. George W. Herrick, December 9; Augustus J. Cousins, January 21; Joseph M. Tibbetts, January 31.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Walter E. Haynes,* November 30.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Foster E. Small, May 7, 1919; William F. Greeley, December 12, 1920; Marvin L. Ray, June 22, 1923; Elmer F. Mitchell, March 25; Carroll M. Strout, December 4.

174 Lynde, Hermon. Fred G. Eaton, March 11, 1919; Frank P. Whitaker, March 13, 1919; Charles E. Welch, May 16; Philip H. Nowell, July 30; William G. Bunker, November 20.

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. William Gellerson, (date not known); George C. Stewart, April 2, 1921; Bion B. Crabtree,* May 29, 1921; John Butterfield, January 29, 1924; Joseph Susec,* March 15; Ora W. Brown,* November 11; Frank W. Rhoades,* December 8.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Ernest York, February 14.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Elias A. Lothrop,* August; Charles Francis Crafts,* September; William F. Coombs, September; Augustus C. Myrick, September; Albion Libby, January 15.

- 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Albion A. Ford, October 3.
- 180 Hiram, South Portland. Freeman W. Smith,* April 25, 1924; William Willis Rich, July 9; Horace E. Mills,* November 11; William H. Perry,* January 1; James E. Marriner, February 2.
- 182 Granite, West Paris. George E. Ellingwood, August 5; Chester H. Lane, Jr.,* August 26.
- 183 Deering, Portland. Isaac L. Elder, April 5; Eugene H. Winslow, April 26; Frederick B. Marston, May 27; Charles R. Windell, June 6; Samuel W. Jordan, July 19; Robert B. Low, July 31; Lorenzo D. Mathis, November 8; Welden H. Norton, November 22; William G. Estes, September 23, 1923.
- 184 Naval, Kittery. Neil Monroe, October 9; William M. Lewis, November 9; Robert M. Brown, November 10; Levi L. Goodrich, February 22; William H. Ingram, February 25.
- 185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Bion E. Whitney, April 4; D. Wellington Bunker, April 15; Pearl J. Manchester, March 28; Orient C. Rich, April 17; Albert L. Morgan,* September 7; Isaac E. Parker,* September 11; Edwin H. Higgins,* November 23; Edward S. Clark, December 17.
- 186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Charles H. Berry, April 2, 1923; George F. Hunt, November 21, 1923; Fred E. Libby, July 16; William Taylor, January 14; Wesley E. Witham, January 15.
- 187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Alexander T. Gillis, July 10; Arthur C. Hinkley, November 16.
- 188 Jonesport, Jonesport. John A. Beal, April 4; Eugene Beal, November 23.
- 189 Knox, South Thomaston. Charles D. S. Godfrey, November 28.
- 190 Springvale, Springvale. James E. Cochrane, May 27; Herbert Smith, July 28; Nathaniel Johnson,* August 17; Alverse W. Trickey, Jr.,* September 4.
- 191 Davis, Strong. W. Henry Allen, July 20; Abner W. Mayo, August 6; Roy H. Spaulding, August 23; Alpheus B. Taylor, February 13.
- 192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Wallace W. Sumner, July, 1920; George T. Childs, March, 1921; Joseph D. Wood, May 9, 1921; Joseph J. Roberts, April 2.
- 193 Washburn, Washburn. John L. Woodman,* November 7.
- 195 Reliance, Stonington. Fred E. Webb, April 5; Charles A. Cleveland, August 14.
- 196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Granville J. Seavey, June 7.
- 197 Aroostook, Blaine. Thomas G. Huntington,* May 13; Leon E. Milliken,* June 5; Allen Boone,* June 26; Norman Tapley,* July 23; Howard Pierce, January 7.
- 198 St. Aspinquid, York. Charles L. Bowden, July 31; William H. Woodward, October 27.
- 199 Bingham, Bingham. Fred H. Preble, April 19, 1921; Robert Woods,* March 4; Ingraham C. Pierce,* May 4; Richard E. Morris,* June 2; Bernard J. Galland,* December 8; Gustavus S. Witham,* January 16.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Amos H. Walker, (date unknown); Lindley H. Folsom, May 30.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Herman Elwood Joy,* May 12; Freeman P. Kinsman, July 11; Harold Lloyd Cook,* August 4; George E. Patten, October 2; Truman M. Blaisdell, January 23.

202 Mt. Bigelow, Flagstaff. Dwight Remic Viles,* May 3.

203 Mt. Olivet, Washington. Harry A. Howes, September 24.

204 Mt. Abram, Kingfield. Modie Lionel Mitchell,* April 19.

205 Nollesemie, Millinocket. Peter W. Cody, James H. Gibbs, Charles N. Gordon, (dates unknown); George W. Powers, December 25, 1922; Charles J. McNutt, November 2, 1922; Allen T. Reed, April 24; Dennis H. Buckley, January 12; George H. Quinn, July 2, 1924.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. John E. Roach,* August 30.

207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. William G. Dexter, November 19.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. George Cousins,* June 24; Ira Cousins,* December 24.

212 McKinley, McKinley. Everett A. Stanley, April 12; David M. Murphy, April 19; Leslie E. Hamblin, May 11; Charles P. Lunt, May 28; Daniel F. Norwood, July 1; Watson J. Thurston, October 27; Cummings O. Martin, February.

213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. William S. Marble, April 20; Gerrie A. Proctor, July 11.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. Urias F. Alkazin, September 5; William J. Mewer, January 18.

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Alabama, Dec. 2, 1924,	Duncan C. Carmichael, Dotham.
Alberta, June 11, 1924,	Horace P. Reid, Edmonton.
Arizona, Feb. 12, 1924,	Otis J. Baughn, Phoenix.
Arkansas, Nov. 18, 1924,	Storm O. Whaley, Sulphur Springs.
British Columbia, June 19, 1924,	Stephen Jones, Victoria.
California, Oct. 14, 1924,	David J. Reese, Ventura.
Canada, July 16, 1924,	W. J. Drope, Grimsley.
Colorado, Sept. 16, 1924,	William N. Vaile, Denver.
Connecticut, Feb. 4, 1925,	Walter T. Arnold, Meriden.
Cuba, April 10, 1922,	Jorge E. Thornberry, Havana.
Delaware, October 1, 1924,	Charles D. Bird, Edge Moor.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 27, 1924,	Roe Fulkerson, Washington.
England, June 24, 1924,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, Jan. 15, 1924,	J. T. Todd, Pensacola.
Georgia, Oct. 28, 1924,	James D. Hamrick, Carrollton.
Idaho, Sept. 16, 1924,	Frank Knox, Emmett.
Illinois, Oct. 14, 1924,	R. C. Davenport, Harrisburg.
Indiana, May 27, 1924,	J. Lee Dinwiddie, Fowler.
Iowa, June 10, 1924,	Ernest R. Moore, Cedar Rapids.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1924,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 25, 1925,	Charles A. Loncks, Lakin.
Kentucky, Oct. 21, 1924,	H. M. Grundy, Springfield.
Louisiana, Feb. 3, 1925,	Haney B. Connor, St. Joseph.
Maine, May 5, 1925,	David E. Moulton, Portland.
Manitoba, June 11, 1924,	James S. MacEwing, Treherene.
Maryland, Nov. 18, 1924,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 10, 1924,	Dudley H. Farrell, Lynn.
Michigan, May 27, 1924,	Ben J. Henderson, Bay City.
Minnesota, Jan. 21, 1925,	Hayden French, Ortonville.
Mississippi, Feb. 24, 1925,	Thomas O. Ellis, Water Valley.
Missouri, Oct. 21, 1924,	Orestes Mitchell, St. Joseph.
Montana, Aug. 20, 1924,	Harlon I. Hart, Helena.
Nebraska, June 2, 1924,	Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill.
Nevada, June 11, 1924,	Edward A. Ducker, Carson City.
New Brunswick, Aug. 23, 1923,	LeBaron Wilson, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 21, 1924,	Frederic E. Everett, Concord.
New Jersey, April 16, 1924,	Andrew Foulds, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 18, 1925,	Jaffor Miller, Roswell.
N. South Wales, June 11, 1924,	John Goulston.
New York, May 8, 1924,	William A. Rowan, New York.
New Zealand, Nov. 26, 1924,	Charles Rhoades, Auckland.

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North Carolina, Jan. 15, 1924,	J. LeGrand Everett, Rockingham.
North Dakota, June 17, 1924,	Theodore S. Henry, Valley City.
Nova Scotia, June 11, 1924,	James H. Winfield, Halifax.
Ohio, Oct. 15, 1924,	James B. Ruhl, Cleveland.
Oklahoma, Feb. 26, 1924,	Henry S. Johnston, Perry.
Oregon, June 11, 1924,	Oliver P. Coshow, Salem.
Panama, Mar. 8, 1923,	Jose Oller, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1924,	Samuel M. Goodyear, Philadelphia.
Peru, March 24, 1919,	Alberto Baroni, Lima.
Philippine Islands, Jan. 22, 1924,	Wenceslao Trinidad, Manila.
Porto Rico, Mar. 19, 1923,	Luis M. Morales, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 25, 1924,	William C. Lawson, Zetland.
Quebec, Feb. 13, 1924,	Allan P. Shatford, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 19, 1924,	Henry C. Dexter, Pawtucket.
Saskatchewan, June 20, 1923,	J. W. MacNeill, Battleford.
Scotland, Apr. 27, 1925,	Earl of Stair.
South Australia, Apr. 16, 1924,	Thomas Slaney Poole.
South Carolina, Mar. 12, 1924,	Charles K. Chreitzberg, Rock Hill.
South Dakota, June 10, 1924,	Frederick Treon, Chamberlain.
Tasmania, Feb. 28, 1925,	Claude James.
Tennessee, Jan. 28, 1925,	Charles W. Polk, Millington.
Texas, Dec. 3, 1924,	Guinn Williams, Decatur.
Utah, Jan. 20, 1925,	Benjamin R. Howell, Salt Lake City.
Vermont, June 14, 1924,	Christie B. Crowell, Brattleboro.
Victoria, Sept. 19, 1923,	Earl of Stradbroke.
Virginia, Feb. 10, 1925,	Chas. H. Callahan, Alexandria.
Washington, June 12, 1924,	Robert C. McCroskey, Garfield.
West Virginia, Nov. 12, 1924,	Clyde T. Dutton, Parkersburg.
West Australia, May 20, 1924,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 10, 1924,	Frank Johnson, Black River Falls.
Wyoming, Aug. 27, 1924,	John I. Kirby, Sheridan.

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 Stith M. Cain, Nashville.
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 Jose Oller, Panama.
 Thomas F. Penman, Scranton.
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 Charles S. Barks, Manila.
 H. L. Moore, San Juan.
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 William H. Scott, Providence.
 Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina.
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RECAPITULATION—1925

Lodges enrolled.....	215
" extinct.....	9
" working.....	206
" represented at communication, 1925.....	180
Number of representatives.....	266
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	193
Initiated.....	1,572
Raised.....	1,534
Affiliated.....	114
Re-instated.....	111
Total increase.....	— 1,759
Demitted.....	188
Died.....	729
Expelled.....	2
Suspended.....	1
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	409
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	3
Errors 1924 returns.....	1
Total decrease.....	— 1,334
Net increase.....	— 425
Members March 1, 1924.....	42,556
Members March 1, 1925.....	42,981
Grand Lodge Receipts.....	\$29,362.61
" " Disbursements.....	\$24,001.65
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$81,899.64
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$3,640.00

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Grand Lodge of Maine

1925

Special Communication

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in the Masonic Building in Searsmont, at three o'clock P. M., for the purpose of dedicating the new hall built by Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129.

PRESENT:

DAVID E. MOULTON,		M. W. Grand Master
WILLIAM E. MURPHY,	as	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
HARRY E. ROWE,		" Senior Grand Warden
JAMES A. RICHAN,		" Junior Grand Warden
ORIN P. JACKSON,	as	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,		" " Secretary
ROBIE F. AMES,		" D. D. G. M. 18th District
OREN A. TIBBETTS,	as	W. Grand Chaplain
GEORGE W. BUTLER,	as	" " Marshal
ARCHIBALD MORRISON,	as	" " Senior Deacon
ALTON P. FRENCH,	as	" " Junior Deacon
WALTER E. DILLON,		" " Senior Steward
RALPH W. FARRIS,	as	" " Junior Steward
LOWELL H. WOODBURY,	as	" " Tyler

Also present, M. W. Thomas H. Bodge, P. G. M.; R. W. Albert M. Ames, P. S. G. W.; Allen L. Curtis, P. S. G. W.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Banquet Room of the New Masonic Building, and when Quantabacook Lodge, which was convened in the main hall, was ready, proceeded to the upper room and was received with due honors. Fully one hundred

brethren with nearly as many of their ladies were present to witness the ceremony of dedication, which was performed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Moulton with the assistance of the brethren.

At the conclusion a most inspiring address was delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, followed by short addresses by others.

The Grand Lodge was then declared closed without form.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1926

One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 4, 1926. }

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.

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Portland
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Bath
HARRY E. ROWE,	“ Senior Grand Warden,	Ellsworth
JAMES A. RICHAN,	“ Junior Grand Warden,	Rockland
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	“ Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	“ “ Secretary,	Portland
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. “ Chaplain,	Gray
“ ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.	“ “ “	Bangor
“ A. FRANCIS WALCH,	“ “ “	Augusta
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	“ “ Marshal,	Portland
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	“ “ Senior Deacon,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	“ “ Junior Deacon,	Portland
RALPH H. BURBANK,	“ “ Steward,	Biddeford
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	“ “ “	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	“ “ “	Portland
WALTER E. DILLON,	“ “ “	Milo
RALPH W. FARRIS,	“ “ Sword Bearer,	Augusta
EDWARD K. GOULD,	“ “ Standard Bearer,	Rockland
WARREN C. KING,	“ “ Pursuivant,	Portland
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	“ “ Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	“ “ Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	“ “ Tyler,	Portland

Also 255 delegates, representing 185 of the 206 chartered lodges, six of the nine living Past Grand Masters, with 33 out of the other 42 Permanent Members, including 44 of the 55 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, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. DAVID L. WILSON,

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. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. WILLIAM H. OHLER,

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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regret for unavoidable non-attendance from M. W. Bro. WALDO PETTENGILL, Past Grand Master; Rev. Bro. DANIEL I. GROSS, Grand Chaplain, R. W. FRANK E. MONROE, P. S. G. W., and Bro. FREEMAN C. HERSEY.

TELEGRAM.

The Grand Master ordered that a telegram of regret and sympathy be sent to Past Grand Master PETTENGILL, directing the Grand Secretary to attend to same at once. The following was sent:

PORTLAND, May 4, 1926.

HON. WALDO PETTENGILL, P. G. M.,
Rumford, Me.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine notes with deep regret your absence and the more than three hundred brethren assembled extend most sincere sympathy because of your present illness.

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

A DISTINGUISHED GUEST.

Announcement was made that the Right Worshipful JAMES VROOM, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was without, and wished to visit the Grand Lodge of Maine, whereupon the Grand Master directed the Grand Senior Deacon to retire and introduce the distinguished visitor. He did so and returning introduced R. W. Brother VROOM who was given most cordial greeting and invited to a seat in the East.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS for the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 5, 1926.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation has attended to the duties assigned to it and beg leave to report that early in January we took up with the various transportation companies operating in the state the matter of reduced fares for representatives and members attending the Grand Lodge.

We are pleased to say that we found the officials of every one of the companies willing to make favorable consideration.

The Maine Central Railroad offered fare and one-half for the round trip tickets on sale May 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, good to return up to midnight May 7th.

The Grand Trunk offered a like reduction from all their regular ticket stations in Maine.

The Boston & Maine offered one and one-half fare from all ticket stations in Maine, the first time that reduced rates have been offered our Masonic Grand Bodies by this company since 1920.

The narrow gauge lines from Bridgton to Bridgton Junction and in Franklin County offered their regular thirty-day tickets.

The Bangor and Aroostook offered one and one-third fare for the round trip from all of its stations to Dover-Foxcroft or to Northern Maine Junction, through tickets being sold at such plus the reduced fare from its junction points to Portland over the Maine Central.

As it was unlikely that there would be more than two or three passengers who would travel over the Waterville, Wiscasset and Farmington narrow gauge road, we did not ask of that company any reduced rate.

Your committee has already tended the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the various railroads for the courtesy which they have extended by these rate reductions.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. FREEMAN LORD,	
ERNEST J. RECORD,	

The report was accepted and the action of the committee in extending the thanks of the Grand Lodge, approved.

CREENTIALS.

BRO. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 4, 1926.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Sylvan Shurtleff, M.; Guy S. Bibber, S. W.; Robert D. Chase, J. W.
- 2 WARREN, by Raymond N. Hall, Proxy.
- 3 LINCOLN, by John E. McKenney, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by James Hatch, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Frank B. Babbitt, M.; Leigh Webber, S. W.
- 6 AMITY, by John L. Tewksbury, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Edward G. Buxton, M.; Wheeler C. Hawkes, Proxy.
- 8 UNITED, by Edgar R. Comee, M.; Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Joseph J. Sterling, M.; Edgar H. Pellerin, J. W.; Thomas H. Hooper, Proxy.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Tuttle, Proxy.
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by J. Howard Woodward, M.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Dana L. Shackford, M.; John T. Doughty, S. W.; Henry W. Loring, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by J. Henry Halkett, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Sanford B. Nickerson, M.; Luther S. Thompson, S. W.; Roy A. Shackford, J. W.; Jason A. Merrill, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Edward E. Hastings, J. W.

- 16 ST. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by Ralph M. Bonney, M.; Charles W. T. Godding, Jr., S. W.; Carroll S. Chaplin, J. W.; William A. Lowell, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by G. Raymond Whitmore, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry E. Knapp, M.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Charles A. Libby, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Arthur L. Leech, Proxy.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Alpheus G. Dyer, M.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Warren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 23 TEMPLE, by S. Lee Woodman, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Henry E. Cornish, Proxy.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by William A. Small, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Earl C. Wing, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Milton Stetson, M.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Ernest A. Rand, J. W.
- 31 UNION, by Clarence Leonard, M.
- 32 HERMON by Arthur L. Purdy, M.; Bradford H. White, J. W.; Harold C. Smith, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Arthur F. Roundy, M.; Willard H. Rockwood, S. W.; Charles L. Jones, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Leon E. Wilbur, S. W.; Ernest C. Butler, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Almon B. Sullivan, M.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by George S. Croudis, M.; Clarence L. Eaton, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by C. E. Bodman, S. W.; John W. Peabody, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by William P. F. Robie, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Alfred G. Reeks, M.; Harvey L. Haskell, S. W.; Edwin G. Call, Proxy.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Roger L. Higgins, Proxy.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Cyrus M. Kendrick, M.; Henry Taylor, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Martin S. Johnson, Proxy.
- 43 ———ALNA, not represented.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Chauncey L. Munroe, M.; Walter E. Dillon, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Charles W. Jones, Proxy.
- 46 ST CROIX, by Frank Beckett, Jr., M.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Lloyd G. Woodman, S. W.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Benjamin H. Winters, M.; Elliot J. Beal, Proxy.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by Elmer O. Small, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Raymond L. Watts, M.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Maurice E. Hobbs, M.; Arthur E. Muzzey, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Harry George Severance, M.
- 53 RURAL, by Arthur B. Davenport, S. W.; Frank B. Barnard, J. W.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Herbert Muir, J. W.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Burleigh S. Ricker, M.; Forrest H. Clark, S. W.
- 56 ———MOUNT MORIAH, not represented.
- 57 ———KING HIRAM, not represented.

- 58 UNITY, by Gaunce R. Hunter, Proxy.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Arthur L. Dennis, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Fred S. Simmons, M.; Woodbury S. Stowell, Proxy.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Fred W. Blood, Proxy.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Clifford E. Seekins, S. W.; Leslie F. Roberts, J. W.; Harry S. Jordan, Proxy.
- 64 PACIFIC by Joseph P. Eaton, M.
- 65 MYSTIC, by E. Everett Hewes, M.
- 66 MECHANICS', by Douglass M. Beale, M.
- 67 ———BLUE MOUNTAIN, not represented.
- 68 ———MARINERS', not represented.
- 69 HOWARD, by Newell F. Perry, J. W.
- 70 STANDISH, by Clifford C. Richardson, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Oscar R. Saunders, M.
- 72 PIONEER, by Herman H. Kirk, M.
- 73 TYRIAN, by William W. Farr, S. W.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Anthony P. Welch, M.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by George N. Stevens, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by Artemus J. Richardson, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by James Abernethy, Proxy.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Israel Snow, M.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myron C. Jewett, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Emil A. Rhedin, M.; John T. Farr, S. W.; Otto B. Kimball, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Earle C. Dow, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Edward C. Perkins, M.
- 84 ———EUREKA, not represented.
- 85 STAR IN THE EAST, by Edward S. Farwell, M.
- 86 TEMPLE, by G. Frederick Joy, M.; Frank H. Robie, S. W.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Mark W. McGown, S. W.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Frank E. Patten, M.
- 89 ———ISLAND, not represented.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by C. Alton Bagley, M.
- 92 SLOAM, by Harold E. Weeks, M.; William E. Burgess, Proxy.
- 93 HOREB, by Ralph Gipson, M.
- 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by Harold C. Getchell, Proxy.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Norris C. Estabrook, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Fred B. Hall, Proxy.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Daniel R. Woodbury, S. W.
- 99 VERNON VALLEY, by Carl F. Fellows, M.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Harry M. Swift, Proxy.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Donald C. Prince, Proxy.

- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Elmer G. Roberts, Proxy.
103 DRESDEN, by John E. Bodge, S. W.
104 DIRIGO, by Lester R. Nelson, M.
105 ASHLAR, by Arthur H. Field, M.; Edward S. Stetson, Jr., S. W.;
Ray H. Gilpatrick, J. W.; Edward S. Stetson, Proxy.
106 TUSCAN, by Whitney L. Bradley, M.
107 DAY SPRING, by Mahlon W. Staples, M.
108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
109 MOUNT KINEO, by Fred A. Heath, M.
110 MONMOUTH, by Henry B. Hodsdon, M.
111 LIBERTY, by Justin V. Jackson, M.
112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Raymond H. Skofield, M.; William S. David-
son, Proxy.
113 ——— MESSALONSKEE, not represented.
114 POLAR STAR, by Henry W. Owen, Jr., M.
115 ——— BUXTON, not represented.
116 LEBANON, by George O. Carr, Proxy.
117 GREENLEAF, by Wyer W. Pike, S. W.
118 ——— DRUMMOND, not represented.
119 POWNAL, by Isaac Littlefield, M.
120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*
121 ——— ACACIA, not represented.
122 MARINE, by Percy S. Knowlton, Proxy.
123 FRANKLIN, by George E. Hopkins, M.; Fred W. Sanders, Proxy.
124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Leon F. Tiplady, S. W.
125 MERIDIAN, by Neal Dow Stanley, M.; Frank W. Fuller, Proxy.
126 TIMOTHY Chase, Claude F. Clement, M.
127 PRESUMSCOT, by Orville V. Haskell, M.; Joseph B. Manchester,
Proxy.
128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Woodbury S. Stowell, Proxy.
129 QUANTABACOOK, by Charles G. Hemenway, S. W.; Ernest S. Wing,
Proxy.
130 TRINITY, by Ernest W. Loane, M.; George W. Perry, S. W.
131 LOOKOUT, by William E. Farris, M.
132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Percy E. Kimball, M.; Clarence H. Pride Proxy.
133 ——— ASYLUM, not represented.
134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
135 RIVERSIDE, by Maurice A. Brann, S. W.
136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by George I. Emery, M.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Asher S. Kneeland, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by George E. Littlefield, S. W.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by James L. Grant, M.
141 AUGUSTA, by Harvey B. Smith, M.; William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
143 PREBLE, by Frederic A. Allen, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Austin C. Beane, Proxy.

- 145 MOSES WEBSTER, by Claes. E. Boman, Proxy.
 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Harold R. Bean, Proxy.
 147 EVENING STAR, by Morton P. Garland, S. W.
 148 FOREST, by Eugene Dicker, M.
 149 DORIC, by William R. Hughes, Proxy.
 150 RABBONI, by Arthur Booth, J. W.
 151 ————EXCELSIOR, not represented.
 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Albert W. Weston, M.
 153 DELTA, by James S. Plummer, M.
 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Ezra G. Noyes, M.; E. Lubert Hutchinson, Proxy.
 155 ANCIENT YORK, Everett H. Plummer, M.; Elliott K. Hale, S. W.;
 John H. Doughty, Jr., J. W.; Asbury, M. Blake, Proxy.
 156 WILTON by Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Fred. C. Eldridge, Proxy.
 158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
 159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
 160 PARIAN, by Oliver L. Jones, Proxy.
 161 CARRABASSET, by Fred C. Dunlap, S. W.
 162 ARION, by Frank P. Murphy, Proxy.
 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Linwood A. Ryder, M.; Kenneth McLeod,
 S. W.; George W. Evans, Proxy.
 164 WEBSTER, by Ralph L. Winslow, Proxy.
 165 MOLUNKUS, by Oramel W. Sides, Proxy.
 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Fred B. Perley, Proxy.
 167 ————WHITNEY, not represented.
 168 COMPOSITE, by Bela M. McKenzie, M.
 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by William H. Baker, M.
 170 CARIBOU, by Lawrence Hutchinson, M.
 171 ————NASKEAG, not represented.
 172 PINE TREE, by Harold J. Shedd, Proxy.
 173 PLEIADES, by James F. Morrison, M.
 174 LYNDE, by Charles N. Patten, Proxy.
 175 BASKAHEGAN, by Frank E. Trafton, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
 176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
 177 ————RISING STAR, not represented.
 178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Ned P. Willis, Proxy.
 179 ————YORKSHIRE, not represented.
 180 HIRAM, by Albert W. Waterman, M.; George B. Jackson, S. W.;
 Thomas N. Weeks, J. W.; William A. Seyford, Proxy.
 181 REUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 GRANITE, by Harry R. Jacobs, J. W.
 183 DEERING, by William N. Shaw, M.; James W. Day, S. W.; George
 F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Alden C. Phillips, M.; Charles A. Gerry, S. W.; Robert
 C. Whitman, Proxy.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by Frank J. Haskell, M.; Carroll C. Brown, S. W.; Ben-
 jamin L. Hadley, Proxy.

- 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Maurice Hawkes, M.
 187 IRA BERRY, by Walter E. Stover, M.; Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Frank T. Higgins, S. W.
 189 KNOX, by John M. Ingraham, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Charles H. Ogden, Proxy.
 191 DAVIS, by Charles B. Luce, Proxy.
 192 ———WINTER HARBOR, nor represented.
 193 ———WASHBURN, not represented.
 194 EUCLID, by Clayton D. Weston, M.
 195 ———RELIANCE, not represented.
 196 BAY VIEW, by George W. Linekin, M.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Mahlon A. Whitten, Proxy.
 198 St. ASPINQUID, by Chester L. White, Proxy.
 199 BINGHAM, by Robert W. Smith, M.
 200 COLUMBIA, by William S. Gould, Jr., M.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, by Angus S. Milne, M.
 202 MOUNT BIGELOW, by Frank E. Blackwell, M.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Charles L. Finn, S. W.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Cecil S. French, M.
 205 NOLLESEMIC, by Walter E. Trott, M.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Ralph W. Emerson, M.
 207 ABNER WADE, by Clifford L. Merrow, M.
 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by Charles N. Small, Proxy.
 209 ———FORT KENT, not represented.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Charles H. Babbidge, S. W.
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by John D. Mitchell, S. W.
 212 MCKINLEY, by William K. Hinton, M.
 213 ———KEMANKEAG, not represented.
 214 LIMESTONE, by S. Waldo Burgess, Proxy.
 215 ORCHARD, by King E. Sears, M.; Frank H. Libby, Proxy.
 (Chartered Lodge, 206; represented, 185; delegates, 255).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	P. G. M.
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"
" THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
" EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
" ALBERT M. SPEAR,	"
" DAVID E. MOULTON,	"
R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"

R. W. ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	R. S. G. W.
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" JOHN M. BURLEIGH,	"
" LEWMAN B. SOPER,	"
" FREDERIC O. EATON,	"
" FRANK P. DENACO,	"
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	P. J. G. W.
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	"
" WM. FREEMAN LORD,	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	"
" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	"
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	"
" FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	"
" JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	"
" CHARLES F. PAINE,	"
" EDWARD G. WESTON,	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" ALLEN L. CURTIS	"
" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	"
" ERWIN G. RYDER,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

DAVID E. MOULTON,	M. W. Grand Master
DAVID L. WILSON,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
HARRY E. ROWE,	" Senior Grand Warden
JAMES A. RICHAN,	" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary
CONVERS E. LEACH,	Cor Grand Secretary
EBEN H. BENNETT,	" D. D. G. M. 2nd Dist.
FREEMAN N. BOWDEN,	" " 4th "
LOUIS M. BLAKE,	" " 5th "
GEORGE H. FOSTER,	" " 7th "
ROBIE L. AMES,	" " 8th "
WILLIAM E. MURPHY,	" " 9th "
ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON,	" " 11th "
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL,	" " 12th "
HARRY B. HARRIS,	" " 13th "
LESTER D. BRYANT,	" " 16th "
ALFRED W. DOUGHTY,	" " 17th "
PERLEY F. SMITH,	" " 18th "
ALBERT F. BILLINGS,	" " 19th "

AUSTIN G. HAYNES,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	20th Dist.
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	"	21st "
FRANK H. FARNUM,	"	22nd "
HOWARD L. RICHARDSON,	"	23rd "
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	24th "
MANSON D. BROWN,	"	25th "
ARTHUR M. PACKARD,	"	26th "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W.	Grand Chaplain
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	"	"
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"
WILLIAM H. OHLER,	"	Marshal
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	"	Senior Deacon
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	"	"
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"
WALTER E. DILLON,	"	"
RALPH W. FARRIS,	"	Sword Bearer
EDWARD K. GOULD,	"	Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer
WALTER S. SMITH,	"	Organist
WINSLOW E. HOWELL	"	Tyler

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama—GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta—WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arizona—LESTER M. ANDREWS.
 Arkansas—SILAS B. ADAMS.
 Colorado—HAROLD E. COOK.
 Connecticut—ISAAC N. JONES.
 Delaware—JAMES B. STEVENSON.
 District of Columbia—WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 Florida—FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Georgia—BIAL F. BRADBURY.
 Illinois—FRÉDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana—WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas—ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana—MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba—ALBERT M. AMES.
 Mississippi—ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri—CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana—SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 New Brunswick—WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire—HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey—ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales—I. JAMES MERRY.
 New York—EDWARD W. WHEELER.

New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSEY.
 Vermont — A. FRANCIS WALCH.
 Virginia — CHARLES F. PAINE.
 Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK, E. MURRAY GRAHAM, WARREN C. KING,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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The report was accepted and was left in the hands of the committee until 2 P. M., in order that additions and corrections might be made.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maine:

BRETHREN: It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this our One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. As we once more assemble to exchange fraternal greetings and take counsel for the good of Masonry, may we do so with an eye single to its welfare and in the light of the lessons of the past, devise and adopt such measures as may best advance the cause of our beloved institution.

It is said that in ancient Egypt, at all important gatherings each guest upon arrival, was reminded in some way of the brevity of life and the certainty of death. In like manner as we meet in Annual Communication, we are reminded by the absence of those whose faces we were accustomed to see, how brittle is the thread of life and how temporary is our sojourn here. Let us bow in gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master that we are privileged to meet once more in fraternal counsel and the more earnestly resolve to devote our remaining years to the service of God and our fellow men.

While the Grim Reaper has been busy in the ranks of the Craft, I am aware of the departure from this to the Grand Lodge above of but one of our official family. Brother William H. Douglass, Worshipful Grand Pursuivant, died at his home in Lisbon Falls, on December 15, 1925. We shall always remember him for his kindly disposition, his intense love of Masonry and his earnestness and zeal in its behalf.

Tenderly cherishing the memory of our departed brethren, the usual pages in our proceedings will be set apart for those whom we shall meet no more on the checkered floor.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

While we should be more solicitous for the character and integrity of our membership than for its numerical force, it is satisfactory to report a steady growth. Our Grand Secretary's report will show a total membership of 43,485, or a net gain of 504 for the year. While suspensions are only 288 as against 409 for the preceding year, it shows a wholesome pruning of our lodge membership that should be encouraged. Any member who is financially able, but persistently neglects to pay his dues, should be dropped at once. Our brethren, except in cases of misfortune, are expected not only to care for themselves, but to contribute to the support of the lodge and to the relief of the distressed. If they are unwilling to perform these Masonic duties, they are liabilities and not assets to the Fraternity.

One year ago the Grand Lodge by resolution withdrew its membership from the Masonic Service Association, and authorized the Grand Master in his discretion to enter subscriptions for "The Master Mason" for the use of subordinate

lodges. Inasmuch as only one request was received for such subscription, it has not seemed advisable to incur the expense of a general subscription for all the lodges.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There is cause for congratulation that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. A general disposition to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge has been everywhere manifest and the Craft have always been ready and willing to adjust differences in a true fraternal spirit. Wherever my authority has been invoked it has been cheerfully and willingly obeyed, and I wish at this time to tender my thanks to the brethren throughout the state for the consideration and co-operation which I have received from them.

The labor of our Committee on Grievances and Appeals will not be arduous as I know of but one case coming before them, and that an unintentional invasion of jurisdiction.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

This year I was again privileged to attend the Annual Convention of the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., in company with Most Wor. Thomas H. Bodge, Chairman of the Association for the State of Maine. As usual, the meeting was an inspiration to those who were fortunate to be in attendance, affording the opportunity of meeting brethren from nearly every state in the Union, and increasing our regard not only for the Fraternity as a whole, but our enthusiasm for the completion of the Memorial. Satisfactory progress has been made on the work and its splendid proportions are most imposing. Nothing measures the general character and intelligence of a people more than the reverence and respect it shows for those of its leaders who have best exemplified the virtues of citizenship, and in the erection of the memorial to Washington the Mason, the Craft can add no luster to his name, but it may dedicate itself anew to those great principles of Masonry in whose light he lived and wrought and through which the Republic itself was born.

Many of the states have already paid their quota of one

dollar per capita in full. Our neighboring state of New Hampshire has paid in almost double that amount. I believe that every Master Mason should have the privilege of contributing his dollar to this splendid work, and as our Grand Lodge has pledged its credit for that amount, it is necessary that proper action be taken to insure its payment. At the last Annual Communication, it was voted that the lodges be allowed two years or until 1927 to complete their payments, and I would respectfully direct their attention to the imperative need of doing so at once if this Grand Lodge is to maintain its proper place among our sister jurisdictions.

NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULAR SANATORIA ASSOCIATION.

For many years the influx of tuberculars in our Southwestern dry climate states has created a problem and imposed a tremendous burden upon our brethren in those territories. It has been estimated that sixteen per cent. of these unfortunates ask for assistance within a week after their arrival, one-third within one month, and one-half within three months, and ninety per cent. within one year. Many Masons are among their number and become objects of charity. In one town alone a survey identified over two hundred Masons from thirty-one different Grand Jurisdictions, all victims of tuberculosis, seeking health. It is impossible for our brethren in that territory to care for all the demands upon them, and they should not be expected to do so. For the purpose of affording some means of relief, under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Mexico, the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association has been incorporated, thus creating a legal body to care for the relief and hospitalization of consumptive Masons. While I have no evidence of our members seeking assistance in that territory, our share of the sickness and suffering due to this dread disease based upon a Masonic population of about 43,000, is estimated to be approximately fifty-eight annual deaths and 522 living cases. We are not therefore without interest in the movement, and I trust that this Grand Lodge may see its way to contribute something to the cause, and I recommend that the matter be considered by our Committee on Finance with that end in view.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

Many requests are still being made to our Grand Secretary for conferring the degrees by courtesy of other jurisdictions and our sister states have been most gracious in granting them. Nevertheless it seems to me that circumstances are rare when a foreign lodge should be called upon to confer all three degrees, and unless the candidate is able to get at least one of them in his own lodge, it is questionable if that is where he belongs. I suggest that a regulation be adopted, to the effect that no request for conferring degrees by courtesy be made unless the candidate has received his Entered Apprentice degree in his own lodge.

VISITATIONS.

More than the usual number of invitations to attend lodges have been received, and it is a source of great regret that I have been unable to accept them all. Space does not permit a detailed report of these visitations, but one seems particularly worthy of comment. This was the occasion of my visit to the Convention of the Twenty-first Masonic District held at Mt. Desert on October 29, 1925, under the direction of Right Wor. William S. Holmes, District Deputy Grand Master of that District. It was a pleasure to have with me on that occasion Right Wor. Harry E. Rowe, Senior Grand Warden, and a large number of Past District Deputies, among whom I remember the following well known Right Worshipful Brothers: Edgar J. Trussell and A. B. Hutchins, of Orland; A. E. Cushman, of Bangor; E. C. Clapham, of West Sullivan; Charles F. Paine, Eben K. Whitaker, George Harmon and Clarence E. Dow, of Bar Harbor.

There was a splendid attendance of at least three hundred, representing twenty-five different lodges, and the degrees were exemplified in a most excellent manner by McKinley Lodge, No. 212, with Wor. Bro. Frank E. Manchester as Master; Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208, with Wor. Bro. James P. Bunker, as Master; and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, with Wor. Bro. Oscar R. Saunders, as Master.

All the officers showed remarkable proficiency in the work, and a splendid spirit of fraternity was in evidence. Supper was served by the ladies of Harmony Chapter, O. E. S., and

before leaving, I was given the opportunity to address the brethren and was most graciously received.

Through the untiring efforts of our District Deputies, the individual lodges have acquired a marked degree of efficiency in ritualistic work. Among all the lodges I have visited, there has been slight cause for criticism in this direction. Our great need at present is not so much for precept as example. Nothing contributes more to that spirit of good fellowship for which Masonry is striving than these gatherings where the brethren meet on the level and grow to know and care for each other in a way that only Masons can understand and appreciate. I wish that it were possible for a convention to be held each year among the lodges of every District. Perhaps the organization of such conventions might be undertaken by our Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens. These officers, although willing and efficient Masonic workers, under our present arrangements have very little to do in their official capacity, while the demands upon the Grand Master are much more than he can properly attend to. If the several Districts could be apportioned among these officials they might perhaps find time in conjunction with the District Deputies to arrange for and attend the conventions, and I am sure that their presence and support as officers of the Grand Lodge would be highly appreciated by the brethren and could not fail of good results.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon suggestion and recommendation of the Grand Masters of the several states, I have had the pleasure of appointing eminent brethren in other jurisdictions empowering them to represent this Grand Lodge in their respective Grand Lodges as follows:

Francis M. Stillman, of Selma, Alabama, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Alabama; G. W. S. Eisonor, of Woodrow, Saskatchewan, near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

I have also recommended the appointment of the following representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Maine, namely: Right Wor. James Abernethy of West Pembroke, the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario; Right

Wor. Harry E. Rowe, of Ellsworth, the Grand Lodge of Maryland; Wor. E. Murray Graham, of Portland, the Grand Lodge of Michigan; Right Wor. James A. Richan, of Rockland, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; Right Wor. John M. Burleigh, of South Berwick, the Grand Lodge of Nevada; Right Wor. Allen L. Curtis, of Belfast, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; and Right Wor. Daniel Chaplin, of Corinsh, the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

On September 5, 1925, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Searsmont for the purpose of dedicating the splendid new hall built by Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129. In performing the work, I was ably assisted by Right Wor. Bro. William E. Murphy as Deputy Grand Master; Right Wor. Harry E. Rowe, Senior Grand Warden; Right Wor. James A. Richan, Junior Grand Warden; Wor. Oren A. Tibbetts, as Grand Chaplain, and other brethren whose names will appear in the Secretary's report of the proceedings. After the dedication, the members of the Grand Lodge were entertained in a most hospitable manner, and will long retain pleasant memories of their visit. The brethren of Quantabacook Lodge are to be congratulated for their energy and courage in building their splendid new edifice.

DISPENSATIONS.

The usual number of requests to receive and ballot on applications in less than the required time, and to receive applications where the candidate has resided within the state for less than a year, have been received. All such have been denied.

Many requests have been made for dispensations to permit work to be done with less than fourteen days between the degrees. Except in the few instances cited hereafter, I have felt compelled to decline such requests. In all, sixteen dispensations were issued. Seven of these require no comment as they were to permit the election of officers and the transaction of the business of the annual meeting in cases where the lodge had failed for some reason to attend to the same in accordance with its by-laws. Two were to permit the

use of other halls after approval by the District Deputy, in one case, owing to destruction of a hall by fire, and the other where the lodge has been forced to vacate its own hall.

The other dispensations granted were as follows:

Limestone Lodge, No. 214, June 23, 1925. To receive and ballot on the application of a resident of the Town of Limestone for the past ten years, but who had not personally been within the jurisdiction of the lodge for six months during the year next preceding his application.

Alna Lodge, No. 43, July 16, 1925. To receive the application of a resident of Newcastle, Maine, and within the jurisdiction of Alna Lodge, but who had not personally been within the jurisdiction of said lodge at least six months during the year next preceding.

Rockland Lodge, No. 79, November 23, 1925. To confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees on three brethren with less than the required time between conferring the degrees, the said brethren having already received their Entered Apprentice degrees in due course, and being seamen attached to the United States Steamship "Putnam," it being uncertain when the steamship will be near Maine again.

Richmond Lodge, No. 63, December 19, 1925. To confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees on a brother who had received the E. A. degree on December 14, 1925, and now resides in another State.

Orient Lodge, No. 15, January 7, 1926. To confer both the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees on a machinist on the U. S. S. "Raleigh," home on furlough and obliged to leave on January 13, 1926, for at least a year's absence.

Mystic Lodge, No. 65, January 21, 1926. To heal Llewellyn M. Rowe upon whom the degrees of Masonry were irregularly conferred by said Mystic Lodge, and to that end to confer the obligations of the several degrees upon said Llewellyn M. Rowe at one and the same meeting.

Narraguagus Lodge, No. 88, April 26, 1926. To confer F. C. and M. M. degrees on two brethren within less than the required time between the degrees, they having already received the E. A. degree in regular course and the nature of their employment necessitating absence from the state.

I have reported these dispensations in detail, not with the idea that they were of any great importance, but in the hopes that if the custom of so reporting them were adopted, it might tend to discourage the practice.

In connection with the matter of dispensations, I would respectfully call attention to the provisions of Section 92 of the Constitution which provides:

"No lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall receive the petition of a candidate until he has resided in this state one year, nor (except seafaring men absent only on a voyage to sea) unless he has had his dwelling place and personally been within the jurisdiction of the lodge at least six months during the year next preceding."

Grand Lodge in adopting this rule may have felt that personal presence in the jurisdiction for at least six months of the previous year was essential to a satisfactory investigation of the character of the applicant. Often, however, the rule operates as a hardship, especially in the case of college students and salesmen whose occupation, while not affecting their legal or Masonic residence, may necessitate their physical absence from the state for more than six months of the year. My investigation leads me to believe that the provision for personal presence is not generally understood or required, inasmuch as the signed application only requires a statement of residence. I recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and report as to the necessity of the requirement for personal presence within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

CASE OF LLEWELLYN M. ROWE.

Owing to the carelessness of the Investigating Committee of Mystic Lodge, No. 64, the degrees of Masonry were conferred upon Llewellyn M. Rowe, of Hampden, Maine, although he had not resided within the state one year previous to his application.

Owing to the fact that his furniture was never moved to Maine, but was left in Massachusetts in the same rent to which he subsequently returned, a grave question of in-

vasion of jurisdiction of Massachusetts was also involved. Happily, after considerable correspondence, which developed that Brother Rowe had acquired a voting residence in the State of Maine, it was conceded by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that there had been no invasion of its jurisdiction.

Mr. Rowe, however, unquestionably was illegally made a Mason and I so advised the Secretary of Mystic Lodge. Inasmuch as Mr. Rowe was not at fault and had made no misrepresentations in the matter, his application to be healed was favorably acted upon, and I requested Right Worshipful Brother Ellery Bowden, District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District to visit Mystic Lodge in his official capacity and reprimand the lodge for its carelessness in the matter and at the same time authorized him to reobligate the candidate.

As there were extenuating circumstances in this case owing to the fact that Bro. Rowe was formerly a resident of the town and the members of Mystic Lodge did not appreciate that he was not eligible to the degrees, I trust the Grand Lodge will feel that the reprimand administered is sufficient and no further action necessary.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges have been approved:

Ocean Lodge, No. 142; Springvale Lodge, No. 190; St. John's Lodge, No. 51; Temple Lodge, No. 86; Kamankeag Lodge, No. 213; Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99; Wilton Lodge, No. 156; Dunlap Lodge, No. 47; Molunkus Lodge, No. 165; Keystone Lodge, No. 80; Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154; Knox Lodge, No. 189; Davis Lodge, No. 191; Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21; Solar Lodge, No. 14; Aurora Lodge, No. 50; Atlantic Lodge, No. 81; Saco Lodge, No. 9.

As was the case last year, most of these amendments were for the purpose of increasing annual dues. In a few cases, increases in the fees for the degrees were made, and if we are not to be accused of valuing our Masonry too lightly, a general increase in both fees and dues throughout the state would seem to be warranted.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been asked and answered but no decisions rendered. The revised Text Book with its digest of decisions has proved a boon to the Grand Master.

Most questions are now answered by reference to the Constitution or Digest, and the officers of the lodges are becoming increasingly conversant with their provisions. No action of the Grand Lodge in recent years has been more beneficial than the revision of the Text Book, and our hearty thanks are due the Committee on Revision for their most excellent work.

FINANCES.

The report of the Grand Treasurer will show the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. We have now had the advantage of two years' increased per capita tax and the improvement is quite evident. Previous to 1924, the annual expenses of the Grand Lodge had reached a point where they exceeded the income. The accumulated deficiency has been paid off and a small surplus appears to be available for such uses as the Grand Lodge may determine. The cash on hand is \$29,196.45, from which must come the payroll of this session of over \$5,000 and current expenses for the coming year, of about \$15,000. It would seem that at least \$8,000 might with safety be transferred to the Charity Fund, and I recommend that that amount, or such other sum as the Finance Committee may approve, be turned over to the Trustees of the Charity Fund and such portion of the same as the Trustees may deem necessary be expended for the support of our needy brethren during the coming year and the balance added to the principal of said Fund.

FLOOR WORK.

While our ritual, so rich in its symbolism and splendid in its language, affords great opportunity for dramatic effect, we should never lose sight of the fact that its purpose is to inculcate the moral precepts rather than to exhibit dramatic ability; to appeal to the higher nature rather than the spectacular; to the substantial rather than the superficial. Nothing should be introduced to detract from the lessons intended to

be taught and it is a grave question if the time has not arrived to consider a change in nowise to affect the ritual, but which will restrict to some extent the floor work in the third degree. Certainly as the work is performed in many of our lodges, the dramatic feature completely overshadows the great lesson intended to be inculcated, and for that reason alone is fairly subject to criticism. There is another aspect of the matter, however, which has been forcibly called to our attention by a recent incident in one of our local lodges, sufficient in itself to raise grave question as to the propriety of the work as at present conducted. I would therefore suggest that the matter be referred to our Committee on Jurisprudence for careful consideration and report in the hope that some improvement may be suggested.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Only one who has assumed the duties of Grand Master can appreciate how fortunate this Grand Lodge is in its Grand Secretary, and I fully and gratefully record my indebtedness to him for his ever ready cheerful and efficient assistance. Long may he be spared in his labors for the Fraternity.

CONCLUSION.

And now after two years of the most absorbing and pleasant of duties, I am about to hand the jewel, emblematic of the highest office in Masonry, to my successor. I can wish for him no better fortune than that he may receive the same cordial and earnest support that you have so generously afforded me.

In some closing addresses, Grand Masters have most eloquently discussed the beauties of Masonry and pointed out the great benefits to mankind that must follow if it would adapt itself to modern conditions and exert its mighty influence in the general uplift of society. I confess that as Grand Master, I have had no such aspirations. If, during my term of office, the Ancient Landmarks have been preserved, I am content. No act of mine has contributed or will contribute to the reformation of Masonry in an attempt to adapt it to the present age or time. In my conception, it is not an order or society susceptible to amendment or

change. It has not, nor ever should have, any connection with so called schools of reform, however meritorious these may be, any of which may well adapt themselves to changes in the conditions which they attempt to control. "Masonry is an Institution, and its Usages, Customs, Laws and Ancient Regulations are fixed and unalterable." It is not within the power, and should never be the attempt of any body of men to make innovations therein. They make Masonry what it is, and when they are changed there is no Masonry. The only progress that is permissible is a better understanding of the nature of Masonry and a more perfect knowledge of its sublime truths. I have no sympathy for the individual Mason who is not ready and willing to do his full duty as he sees it in all civil, social and religious matters. He is not a good Mason if he fails to do so, but I have no good word for the misguided Mason who thinks it necessary and proper for Masonry as an organization, to give its support to the same civil, social, and religious cause, for the very good reason that some other Mason equally conscientious and eager to discharge his duties in like matters may feel that a contrary action should be taken. Each should act as his conscience directs and neither has any right to commit the institution as such to the support of any plan or program in any cause, however meritorious.

Masonry was handed down to us by our forefathers as a sacred trust. We received it as Ancient Craft Masonry, and so it should ever remain, free and unadulterated.

In the words of our illustrious Brother M. W. Josiah H. Drummond in closing his oration on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, words again repeated by our lamented Brother M. W. Albro E. Chase at its Centennial Anniversary,

"As you love Masonry, whatever betide, come prosperity, or come adversity, adhere with unflinching tenacity to the ancient usages of the Craft."

"Grand birthright of our sires:
Our altars and our fires
Keep we still pure."

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID E. MOULTON,

Grand Master.

The Address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the same Committee.

AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL SOUVENIR.

Brother HAROLD E. WEEKS, Worshipful Master of Siloam Lodge, No. 92, read the following historical anecdote:

In 1856 in the little town of Cawnpore, India, was a small Masonic Lodge. During that year the Sepoy rebellion spread all over India and among the places looted by the native troops was this small Masonic Lodge. All of the Masonic furniture and paraphernalia which after every meeting was stored in a chest was carried away by the rebels. On the retreat when pursued by British soldiers the chest was broken open and not containing any thing of value to the rebels was thrown away. A Lieutenant in the British army by the name of Sargent, who was in the Relief Column sent by the Government, came across this chest and salvaged all that it contained. Lieutenant Sargent was a Mason and he had the chest and its contents carried by his native servants to Calcutta where it remained until he returned to England, when he took it with him. This chest and its contents, upon Lieutenant Sargent's death, was inherited by his nephew, Dr. W. A. Sargent of the St. Thomas Hospital in London. In 1904, Dr. E. C. Hooper of Siloam Lodge was studying medicine in the St. Thomas Hospital in London and became quite friendly with Dr. W. A. Sargent, the nephew above mentioned. Dr. Sargent showed Dr. Hooper this chest and contents and very generously allowed him to take from it the gavel. Upon Dr. Hooper's return to the United States he brought with him this gavel which has been continuously used in Siloam Lodge since 1904. It has now become worn and cracked. At the last regular meeting of Siloam Lodge it was voted to have this gavel placed in the archives of the lodge as a memento to the universality of Masonry.

He then presented the gavel to Grand Master MOULTON, and it was used by him during the remainder of the session.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1926.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The detail affairs of my office have been promptly attended to during the year. The correspondence of the office is ever increasing, but very seldom have letters remained unanswered more than twenty-four hours.

Few people, I believe, realize the vast amount of correspondence which passes through my office. The days are exceedingly rare when less than twenty-five letters are written and sent out. Many of these are on interstate matters; many, in regard to lodge matters within the State of Maine, and many asking the secretaries of our Maine lodges for data to complete our personal record of membership.

The personal record cards are now in shape to be of most valuable assistance, but there remains much more information to be tabulated. During the year past, special attention has been given to collecting the lodge official record of members as obtainable from the returns of the lodges. Later on Grand Lodge official record will be added by following through the Grand Lodge records. Altogether there are now over one hundred thousand cards on file and new ones are being added daily. I wish again to here thank the various secretaries of the state who have almost without exception promptly and cheerfully attended to our every request. While the records as entered upon the cards are not complete, and likely never will be, lodge membership lists are pretty nearly correct. I cannot speak in too commendable praise of the tireless endeavor of those employed in the collecting and filing of this most valuable data.

RETURNS.

The returns came in a little more promptly this year than last. There were only twenty-one delinquent ones this year as against twenty-eight a year ago. It is also very gratifying to say that they came in better form than ever before; a larger number of them typewritten and all except two of the hand-made ones legibly written. There were only one or two instances of initials being given instead of full Christian names. There were, however, several secretaries, some of them old ones who should have known better, who began their tabulations with an incorrect number as returned last year. Others failed to report dates of conferring degrees. From some it is quite impossible to get the dates of the death of members. One, an old secretary, when I wrote him on March 21st calling attention to the fact that his returns were long overdue, replied that he had not received the blanks on which to make them. A set was mailed to his address more than six weeks before in an envelope with a return postage guarantee in case of non-delivery printed thereon. No doubt, the package was delivered but mislaid nor did the secretary think of it again, even though his return should have been made up weeks before, until I called his attention to his delinquency. Three secretaries wrote me after March 1st each asking the number of members returned by him last year, showing that at least that many do not keep their old returns on file. I know there are many others who do not do so. I believe visiting officers sometimes compliment the secretary on the neatness of his records without examining very closely as to their completeness. But while I have made these observations, perhaps rather severe in expression, it must be remembered that they apply to not more than ten per cent. of the two hundred and six secretaries of the state. The other ninety per cent. are accurate, prompt and courteous to every request made of them.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

Requests to have degrees conferred by courtesy by lodges in other jurisdictions continue to come in. While the most of such requests were apparently worthy, some seem to have been made with a view of entirely eliminating exertion by the candidate. It seems quite unjust, for instance to be obliged because our law does not permit it to be done, to deny a candidate of a lodge in Aroostook the privilege of receiving his Master Mason degree in a lodge in Portland, at the same time to entertain a request to have the degrees conferred upon a candidate of a Portland lodge by a lodge in Boston or Lowell. The first instance would cause the candidate to travel seven hundred miles and lose three full days time to receive his degree conferred in the electing lodge. In the other case, the candidate might leave Boston at 4.00 P. M. on any afternoon, receive his work in ample time to take a night train back and be at his work or business the next morning. And still such needless requests are not in request.

NEW LODGES.

No petitions for dispensations for new lodges have been received although there are several places in the state where new lodges are being considered. I have upon request supplied petition blanks to brethren in at least four different localities and have written as fully as possible explaining the necessary steps to be taken to secure a dispensation, and the approximate cost of starting and maintaining a new lodge. Perhaps the figures have been frightening. Possibly the consent of nearby lodges cannot be obtained. Be that as it may, none of the blanks have been returned. Letters that I have received in connection with the desire for new lodges have disclosed the fact that the automobile has made a change in attendance upon meetings of country lodges. When the horse and sleigh were the only means of travel, brethren would drive long distances on a winter's night, sometimes over poor roads, to attend a meeting of their lodge. Now when the roads are impassable for the auto, the old horse is too slow and cannot be endured. In nearly all the rural lodges the work is done during the winter months when those living at a distance feel under existing conditions they cannot attend. Consequently the desire for a new lodge at some central point nearer home. I am not offering this as an argument for splitting up our country lodges, many of them even now of small membership, but am simply calling attention to what appears to me to be an existing condition.

BINDING.

The supply of the bound copies of the reprint of Volume I of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge having become exhausted, I had the signatures of ten books bound. This action was taken because of a request for a file of our early proceedings by the Grand Lodge of a Western jurisdiction. I trust the nine remaining bound books will attend to our calls for some time to come.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

I have during the year as in years past received monthly bulletins of information of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and

Canada. More than ever am I convinced of the great service which that association is rendering to the craft of the country at large. While perhaps the name of the association may not suggest it, the real worth of this national body is that of advertising unworthy individuals seeking assistance of brethren and lodges in the name of masonry. I believe that our Grand Lodge could well afford to become a member of the association for the benefit it would be to our lodges and brethren of having a copy of the monthly bulletin exposing imposters placed on file in every lodge room in the state. The cost of the service would be about two cents per capita for our membership.

BEQUESTS.

While no bequests have been made to the Grand Lodge during the year, I have learned of two of our subordinate lodges that have been most generously remembered.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, at Lewiston, was made a bequest by the will of a deceased brother of \$30,000.00, which is to be held by the lodge as a trust fund the income to be used for relief of needy members of the lodge.

Orient Lodge, No. 15, of Thomaston, has been given the residue of an estate by the widow of one of the former members of the lodge, the money to be used in memory of the deceased brother, to provide a new home for the lodge, While the estate is still in process of settlement the brethren of Thomaston are confident that the amount after the settlement of the estate will reach a figure of at least \$15,000.00, possibly more.

FINANCIAL.

I have made and delivered the Certificate of Charter for St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82, voted at the last Annual Communication; also I have made 537 Grand Lodge Certificates for members. The cash received for these together with the amount received from sale of 154 Maine Masonic Text Books I have accounted for to the Committee of Finance, and paid the balance after deducting postage, etc., to the Grand Treasurer as his report will show.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 5, 1926.

To the Wor. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the

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

I herewith submit my annual report as Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1926.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M., in account with HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Grand Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

To Balance brought forward	\$16,759.16
Kennebec Lodge, No. 5, error in returns	1.00
Grand Chapter, R. A. M., rent and office expense	1,710.48
Grand Commandery, K. T., rent and office expense	1,140.32
Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, error in returns . . . . .	.50
Interest on Deposit, Portland Nat'l Bank	227.46
Dispensations	18.00
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, receipts of office	724.43
David E. Moulton, Grand Master, Unexpended Contingent Fund	290.83
Receipts of D. D. Grand Masters:	
1st District, Albert H. Damon	929.50
2nd " Eben L. Bennet	603.50
3rd " Joseph L. Hall	639.50
4th " Freeman N. Bowden	605.50
5th " Lewis M. Blake	1,091.50
6th " Ellery Bowden	1,663.00
7th " George H. Foster	462.00
8th " Robie L. Ames	532.00
9th " William E. Murphy	1,309.50
10th " Joseph E. Odiorne	912.00
11th " Archibald B. Morrison	1,231.50
12th " Augustus E. Campbell	799.00
13th " Harry B. Harris	929.50
14th " Sylvester H. Rowland	1,115.50
15th " Fessenden Skolfield	789.50
16th " Lester D. Bryant	540.00
17th " Alfred W. Doughty	2,984.00
18th " Perley F. Smith	491.50
19th " Albert F. Billings	1,480.00
20th " Austin G. Haynes	494.00
21st " William S. Holmes	1,072.00
22nd " Frank H. Farnum	657.00
23rd " Howard L. Richardson	767.50
24th " John M. Littlefield	1,412.50
25th " Manson D. Brown	675.50
26th " Arthur M. Packard	467.50
Total	\$45,526.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 6.	Pay Roll	\$ 4,782.20
	Masonic Trustees, rent	2,340.00
	Ashley A. Smith, Committee on Correspondence	500.00
	Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer	100.00
	J. W. Levenseller, D. D. G. M. Seventh District, error in expense	1.00
	L. D. Bryant, D. D. G. M. Sixteenth District, expense	24.08
	Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, error in returns	2.00
	Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Treas. Bond	25.00
	Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Box Rent	10.00
	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	93.40
	Tucker Printing Co.	1,559.75
	W. E. Howell, extra services	74.70
	Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, Postage on Proceedings	66.18
	Peoples Laundry	17.06
	Roberts Office Supply Co.	82.37
	The Three B Bindery	136.00
	Lakeside Printing Co.	414.00
	W. J. Songhurst	2.60
	Harry L. Warren, Salary	62.50
	Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer, expenses	69.75
	F. M. Hunnewell, trucking	11.00
	Lowell H. Woodbury, expense to Sears-mont	10.00
	Elliott Addressing Co.	11.70
	W. E. Dunham	3.25
	Errors in Returns	14.50
	Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, office supplies	7.08
	J. L. Brackett, case for Pay Roll Committee	20.00
	C. M. Rice Paper Co.	1.24
	Grand Treasurer, stamps	4.00
	Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary	2,500.00
	M. L. Hills	1,316.65
	N. M. Howarth	894.00
	H. N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, salary	500.00

Expenses of D. D. G. M.:		
Albert H. Damon,	1st District.	\$ 9.80
E. L. Bennet,	2nd "	18.14
Freeman N. Bowden,	4th "	33.12
Lewis N. Blake,	5th "	36.43
Ellery Bowden,	6th "	None
George H. Foster,	7th "	7.19
William E. Murphy,	9th "	39.13
Joseph E. Odiorne	10th "	54.00
A. B. Morrison,	11th "	61.84
Augustus E. Campbell,	12th "	44.50
Harry B. Harris,	13th "	12.00
Fessenden Skolfield,	15th "	88.08
Lester D. Bryant,	16th "	18.82
Alfred W. Doughty,	17th "	10.54
Perley F. Smith,	18th "	22.80
Albert F. Billings,	19th "	11.00
Austin G. Haynes,	20th "	14.08
William S. Holmes,	21st "	80.47
Frank H. Farnum,	22nd "	22.00
Howard L. Richardson,	23rd "	26.00
John M. Littlefield,	24th "	None
Manson D. Brown,	25th "	45.35
Arthur M. Packard,	26th "	18.93
Pay Roll, 1926.....		5,731.20
Total.....		\$22,061.43
Balance on Deposit.....		23,465.25
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		\$45,526.68

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

GEORGE R. RICH MEMORIAL FUND.

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds.....	\$1,150.00
Deposit Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	304.13
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	\$1,454.13

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer SAMUEL B. FURBISH, was presented as follows:

BRUNSWICK, ME., April 20, 1926.

MOST WORSHIPFUL DAVID E. MOULTON,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer for the year now closed.

There has been no lapse of interest on the part of the brethren, although six of the District Deputies failed to report at any one of the "schools" held during the year. The Deputies of the 5th, 6th and 25th attended two "schools."

The District Deputy of the Fourteenth District was not appointed until early in the winter so has a valid excuse. Very likely the Deputies of the 3rd, 4th, 16th and 22nd would have been present if it had been possible. R. W. District Deputy E. L. Bennet of the 2nd District was present at the Old Town "school" which necessitated a ride of over three hundred and twenty-five miles.

Four "schools" have been held as follows: With Star in the East, No. 60, at Old Town, on August 31st, with forty-one present from twelve lodges; with Eastern Frontier, No. 112, at Fort Fairfield, on September 2nd, with thirty-three present from nine lodges; with Saco, No. 9, at Saco, on October 22nd, with fifty-three present from sixteen lodges; with Amity, No. 6, at Camden on October 31st, with eighty-nine present from twenty-two lodges.

To speak particularly of the "School" held at Camden is not to the disparagement of any of the others, but simply because of its being the most largely attended and signally graced by the presence of the Grand Master.

Through the activity of a Master or a District Deputy the lodges at Winterport, Lagrange, Patten and New Gloucester have called upon the Grand Lecturer to be present with them for the purpose of a bit more intimate instruction and thus one hundred and forty-four of the brethren in the smaller and sometimes out of the way lodges have been instructed.

The total attendance at "schools" has been three hundred and sixty which included the Grand Master, a Grand Chaplain, twenty District Deputies, thirty-eight Masters, thirty-four Senior Wardens and twenty-two Junior Wardens, representing seventy-seven lodges.

I believe that experience has taught that instead of having a degree presented by a lodge on the evening following the "school" that an exemplification of a degree under the direction of the Grand Lecturer furnishes more instruction than to have the usual lodge work the degree on an actual candidate.

I wish to acknowledge the many personal attentions that have been received at the hands of the brethren and to state that due to the energy and assistance of whoever I have called upon the year has been a success.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. FURBISH, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

- Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, vs. Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124.
 Restoration of Fred L. Kent, expelled by Lygonia Lodge, No. 46, in 1893.
 Restoration of Carl E. Robinson, expelled by Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, in 1923.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE for the Special Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
 May 4, 1926.

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

Your Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial have attended to such duties as arose during the year. Owing to the vote one year ago that the lodges be given until May 1, 1927, in which to complete their quotas, we have felt it was hardly competent for us to urge too greatly that collections be immediately made. Your Grand Master and the Chairman were in attendance at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Association, February 22nd and 23rd, and it was by far the largest and most enthusiastic yet held. We requested a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes be sent us that we might send a copy to each lodge in the state; and promptly upon their receipt we mailed them, with a special letter to the several secretaries, that the craft might be kept informed as to the work accomplished.

Our report one year ago showed:

Total receipts.....	\$20,925.24
Total disbursements.....	19,712.38

Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,212.86
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Since then our receipts have been:

1925.

May 8	Lebanon, No. 116.....	\$148.00
May 8	Northeast Harbor, No. 208.....	33.00
May 8	Monmouth, No. 110.....	20.00
May 8	Pine Tree, No. 172.....	81.00

May 12	Timothy Chase, No. 126.	\$194.00
June 6	Monmouth, No. 110.	44.00
June 9	Forest, No. 148.	25.00
June 10	Harwood, No. 91.	100.00
June 13	Mount Desert, No. 140.	56.00
June 22	Shepherd's River, No. 169.	87.00
June 23	Horeb, No. 93.	152.00
June 24	Tremont, No. 77.	8.00
July 1	Interest on Savings Deposit.	29.97
July 6	Paul Schmitt, Paris, France.	1.00
July 6	Makepeace Lodge, Paris, France.	1.00
July 6	Atlantic, No. 81.	361.00
Aug. 14	Bethlehem, No. 35.	13.00
Aug. 14	Blazing Star, No. 30.	428.00
Aug. 17	Lewey's Island, No. 138.	65.00
Sept. 8	Bingham, No. 199.	120.00
Sept. 12	Vernon Valley, No. 99.	15.00
Sept. 16	Arion, No. 162.	62.00
Oct. 1	Interest on Savings Deposit.	27.01
Oct. 1	Plymouth, No. 75.	45.00
Oct. 9	Keystone, No. 80.	109.00
Nov. 9	Rising Star, No. 177.	30.00
Nov. 12	Monmouth, No. 110.	74.00
Nov. 30	Washington, No. 37.	50.00
Dec. 1	Pacific, No. 64.	25.00
Dec. 5	Phoenix, No. 24.	149.00
Dec. 18	Harmony, No. 38.	241.00
1926.		
Jan. 1	Interest on Savings Deposit.	34.65
Jan. 1	Pioneer, No. 72.	209.00
Jan. 20	Pythagorean, No. 11.	86.00
Jan. 26	Pine Tree, No. 172.	72.00
Jan. 30	Standish, No. 70.	90.00
Feb. 8	Greenleaf, No. 117.	60.00
Feb. 9	Tremont, No. 77.	22.00
Feb. 19	King Solomon's, No. 6.	21.00
Mar. 1	Olive Branch, No. 124.	50.00
Mar. 8	Ira Berry, No. 187.	80.00
Mar. 9	Warren, No. 2.	18.00
Mar. 13	Arundel, No. 76.	182.00
Mar. 16	Horeb, No. 93.	152.00
April 1	Interest on Savings Deposit.	11.43
April 15	Mechanics, No. 66.	246.00
April 15	North East Harbor, No. 208.	26.00
April 15	Standish, No. 70.	30.00
April 17	Hiram, No. 180.	275.00

 \$5,671.42

Our disbursements have been few:

1925.		
Sept. 16	Chas. E. Nash & Son.	\$ 6.75
Dec. 30	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.	3,000.00
1926.		
Feb. 26	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.	1,000.00
April 15	John C. Arnold, Postmaster.	5.00
		————— \$4,011.75

Last year we were able to report seventy-three lodges had paid their quotas in full; sixty-two had paid in part; the others had made no payments to us and many had made no response to the letters and pamphlets mailed. Since then seventeen more have been added to the first division, viz.: Nos. 30, 38, 66, 70, 72, 76, 81, 93, 110, 116, 126, 128, 162, 169, 172, 187, 199.

Singularly there are sixty-two this year which have paid in part, viz.: Nos. 2, 6, 8, 11, 14, 22, 23, 24, 27, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 41, 42, 47, 49, 55, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 84, 86, 91, 95, 96, 99, 114, 117, 118, 122, 124, 125, 131, 138, 139, 140, 144, 145, 148, 155, 165, 166, 177, 180, 182, 186, 197, 198, 208.

The lodges which have made no payments should be instructed to take immediate steps to get the work under way, for all payments must be in the hands of the committee before the Annual Grand Communication of 1927 if the vote of 1925 is carried into effect.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
DAVID E. MOULTON,	
HAROLD E. COOK,	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW LODGE AT HARMONY.

On motion of Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, the petition of Brother ASHLEY A. ROWELL and forty others praying for a Dispensation to form and open a new Lodge in the Town of Harmony in Somerset County, which was received at the last Annual Communication and referred to this one, was recommended to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

FINANCE.

Brother FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers. We find the balance in hands of Treasurer to be as according to his report, Twenty-three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-five Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$23,465.25).

We have also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and find them correct, that the balance of cash received by him has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for which the Grand Secretary holds his receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,

FRED C. TOLMAN,

FRANKLIN R. REDLON,

} *Committee*
} *of*
} *Finance.*

The report was accepted.

RELIEF WORK AT BANGOR.

The Grand Secretary presented a Preamble and Resolution adopted by the several Masonic bodies of Bangor looking to organized relief work by an incorporated body, with a request that the plan be approved by this Grand Lodge. The papers were received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the report of the Committee on Returns as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in full in the Proceedings, together with the Abstract of Returns from Lodges.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1926.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns have examined the returns as received from the 206 lodges and beg leave to submit the following report:

The dates as stamped on each return show there were twenty-one

delinquent ones received after March 15th, the last one being received in the office of the Grand Secretary on March 29th. It seems strange to your committee why any secretary cannot have his work well enough in hand to be able to make a complete return of his lodge and file it between March 1st and March 15th. While there are some delinquent ones, we find on the other hand nine secretaries who sent their returns before March 1st, one even bearing the date of February 17th, content to report the work as completed at the last stated communication of the lodge preceding without awaiting a possibility of a change in membership by death before March 1st.

About two-thirds of the returns came in this year in typewritten form and we hope the day will soon come when every one of them will be so made.

The tabulations show the gratifying fact that the membership of the entire state has made a healthful increase during the year, but the remarkable feature of this is that the increase has been made largely by the small rural lodges. Suspensions for non-payment of dues, while large, are hardly seventy-five per cent. of the number reported one year ago. Here, too, some of the largest losses are reported by the small lodges.

The tabulations show that sixty-seven lodges lost in membership and that fifteen remained the same, as against seventy-two making loss and seventeen marking time in the 1925 returns. The regrettable feature is that so many of the same lodges are included in both lists.

The following show loss: Nos. 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 26, 33, 35, 36, 39, 41, 42, 46, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 64, 67, 71, 75, 79, 80, 82, 87, 93, 94, 97, 98, 105, 111, 112, 114, 116, 119, 122, 127, 130, 131, 132, 138, 139, 141, 145, 150, 151, 155, 157, 158, 166, 167, 171, 173, 174, 178, 179, 182, 185, 186, 189, 190, 196, 201, 210 and 214.

The lodges reporting the same number of members as returned last year are: Nos. 4, 17, 34, 44, 74, 84, 88, 91, 121, 125, 133, 160, 169, 192 and 203.

The largest percentage of loss was sustained by Bagaduce, No. 210, which by fourteen suspensions for non-payment of dues, one death, and with only two initiates dropped its membership from 73 to 60, and is now the second smallest lodge in the state. No. 151, Excelsior, at Northport, closed the year with only thirty-eight members.

Polar Star, No. 114, at Bath, sustained the largest loss of any body, fifteen by suspension for non-payment of dues, four by demit, and five by death. The five initiates and one re-instatement resulted in a net decrease of eighteen from their 420 reported in 1925 to 402 in this year's return.

The largest gain was made by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 83, of Bangor, with fifty-six raisings, off-set by ten deaths, three suspensions, and one demit, thereby increasing its membership from 632 to 673 and passed over Waterville, No. 33, into the third place among the large bodies of the state. The seven lodges with membership of over 600 each are in order, Deering, No. 183, 888; Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, 836; St. Andrew's, No. 83, 673; Waterville, No. 33, 666; Hiram, No. 180, 645; Portland, No. 1, 634; Atlantic, No. 81, 605.

Rising Virtue, No. 10, increased its numbers from 493 to 525, making

now with Nos. 29, 32 and 50, four lodges in the state with membership between 500 and 600. Nos. 30, 35, 96, 105, 114, 141, 178, 184 and 186 have membership between 400 and 500; eleven lodges have between 300 and 400; forty-two between 200 and 300. There are twenty-six lodges of less than 100 each, four less than the number of one year ago.

The average lodge membership as increased during the year from 208.89 to 211.91.

The net gain during the year was 504.

With 703 deaths, the second largest number ever recorded, the death rate was 16.01 to 1,000, a slight falling off from the percentage of one year ago.

The number of rejections for the year was 436, which considering the number of petitions received is practically the same percentage as were the rejections for the year ending May, 1925.

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

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Initiated.	2,718	1,846	1,590	1,572	1,450
Raised.	2,856	1,858	1,698	1,534	1,455
Affiliated.	150	126	96	114	121
Re-instated.	79	59	66	111	82
Dimitted.	168	152	143	188	156
Died.	600	697	667	729	703
Suspended.	0	2	5	1	0
Expelled.	2	6	0	2	2
Susp. from membership.	106	137	223	490	288
Deprived of membership.	1	7	6	3	5
Error 1924 returns	0	0	0	2	0
Number of members.	40,677	41,730	42,556	42,981	43,485
Rejected.	1,065	736	691	509	436

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
 JAMES C. AYER,
 CHARLES W. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1926

Nos.	LOGES.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died	Suspended	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	23	23	3	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	634	3
2	Warren	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	216	0
3	Lincoln	4	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	219	0
4	Hancock	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	0
5	Kennebec	6	7	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	186	2
6	Amity	10	12	2	0	1	3	0	0	6	0	344	1
7	Eastern	7	8	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	190	1
8	United	21	23	6	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	333	3
9	Saco	10	7	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	388	11
10	Rising Virtue	34	36	2	1	1	5	0	0	1	0	525	15
11	Pythagorean	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	163	0
12	Cumberland	12	15	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	264	2
13	Oriental	9	7	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	234	9
14	Solar	11	13	0	0	4	11	0	0	3	0	432	0
15	Orient	8	7	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	168	1
16	St. George	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	158	1
17	Ancient Land-Mark.	25	24	0	0	3	12	0	0	8	1	836	17
18	Oxford	6	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	242	2
19	Felicity	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	0
20	Maine	4	10	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	215	5
21	Oriental Star	2	2	2	1	3	10	0	0	0	0	209	4
22	York	5	2	0	1	0	8	0	0	2	0	184	3
23	Freeport	5	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	217	1
24	Phoenix	11	11	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	200	0
25	Temple	2	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	159	0
26	Village	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	127	0
27	Adoniram	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	1
28	Northern Star	6	5	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	134	0
29	Tranquil	9	10	4	1	1	9	0	0	4	0	562	6
30	Blazing Star	15	16	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	457	6
31	Union	9	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	138	1
32	Hermon	12	15	1	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	558	6
33	Waterville	18	14	2	1	5	11	0	0	5	0	666	8
34	Somerset	6	5	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	0	288	2
35	Bethlehem	9	6	0	1	4	11	0	0	4	0	434	1
36	Casco	6	5	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	252	0
37	Washington	12	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	197	0
38	Harmony	6	10	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	243	1
39	Penobscot	5	7	0	0	3	8	0	0	1	1	272	8
40	Lygonia	15	13	2	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	378	3
41	Morning Star	6	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	111	0
42	Freedom	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	113	0
43	Alna	4	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	231	1
44	Piscataquis	10	8	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	331	11
45	Central	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	133	0
46	St. Croix	4	7	2	0	1	8	0	0	1	0	275	3
47	Dunlap	12	12	0	1	2	8	0	0	5	0	399	2
48	Lafayette	5	5	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	158	1
49	Meridian Splendor	11	9	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	207	1
50	Aurora	14	14	4	6	2	12	0	0	11	0	505	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	9	5	0	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	252	1
52	Mosaic	3	5	3	0	0	5	0	0	7	0	240	2
53	Rural	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	105	1
54	Vassalboro	3	3	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	96	0
55	Fraternal	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	0
56	Mount Moriah	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	93	0
57	King Hiram	4	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	153	0
58	Unity	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	20	21	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	383	12
61	King Solomon's	12	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	5
62	King David's	6	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	90	0
63	Richmond	7	8	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	198	3
64	Pacific	5	5	1	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	136	0
65	Mystic	17	13	0	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	215	5
66	Mechanics	10	9	3	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	259	2
67	Blue Mountain	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	136	0
68	Mariners'	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	126	0
69	Howard	8	8	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	192	3
70	Standish	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	162	1
71	Rising Sun	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	105	0
72	Pioneer	2	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	206	2
73	Tyrian	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	218	7
74	Bristol	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	159	2
75	Plymouth	2	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	9	0	86	0
76	Arundel	7	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	184	1
77	Tremont	3	6	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	182	0
78	Crescent	8	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	158	5
79	Rockland	7	8	1	5	3	4	0	0	13	0	219	0
80	Keystone	2	4	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	133	0
81	Atlantic	39	36	1	3	1	11	0	0	5	1	605	10
82	St. Paul's	4	4	0	0	1	7	0	0	2	0	209	4
83	St. Andrew's	43	56	0	0	1	10	0	0	3	0	673	20
84	Eureka	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	126	0
85	Star in the West	7	7	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	104	0
86	Temple	7	10	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	350	3
87	Benevolent	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	112	5
88	Narraguagus	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	128	0
89	Island	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	126	4
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	11	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	212	0
92	Siloam	9	9	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	285	3
93	Horeb	5	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	296	5
94	Paris	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	159	3
95	Corinthian	2	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	168	1
96	Monument	18	19	1	3	0	7	0	0	3	0	438	3
97	Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	174	2
98	Kathadin	6	8	0	0	1	2	0	0	6	0	185	1
99	Vernon Valley	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	0
100	Jefferson	6	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	1
101	Nezinscot	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	112	0
102	Marsh River	3	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	101	0
103	Dresden	5	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	96	1
104	Dirigo	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	97	2
105	Ashlar	8	7	1	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	487	4
106	Tuscan	6	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	242	1

Nos.	LOGDES.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	0
108	Relief (ch. rev.)												
109	Mount Kineo	8	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	165	2
110	Monmouth	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	177	4
111	Liberty	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	107	0
112	Eastern Frontier	5	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	227	2
113	Messalonskee	4	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	129	1
114	Polar Star	5	5	0	1	4	5	0	0	15	0	402	0
115	Buxton	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	165	1
116	Lebanon	4	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	147	1
117	Greenleaf	2	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	197	1
118	Drummond	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	121	0
119	Pownal	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	118	0
120	Meduncook (ch. sur.)												
121	Acacia	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	107	0
122	Marine	7	6	1	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	289	0
123	Franklin	7	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	103	1
124	Olive Branch	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	130	0
125	Meridian	8	5	2	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	233	2
126	Timothy Chase	8	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	222	3
127	Presumpscot	4	5	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	166	2
128	Eggemoggin	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	136	0
129	Quantabacook	8	7	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	97	0
130	Trinity	8	7	0	0	3	2	0	0	3	0	303	2
131	Lookout	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	77	0
132	Mount Tire'm	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	84	0
133	Asylum	3	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	89	1
134	Trojan (consol'd)												
135	Riverside	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	161	0
136	Ionic (ch. sur.)												
137	Kenduskeag	7	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	124	0
138	Lewy's Island	8	8	0	0	1	5	0	0	3	0	231	4
139	Archon	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	97	0
140	Mount Desert	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	96	0
141	Augusta	17	13	2	0	0	7	0	1	10	0	494	1
142	Ocean	13	13	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	128	7
143	Preble	22	22	0	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	385	11
144	Seaside	13	12	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	322	1
145	Moses Webster	2	3	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	219	1
146	Sebasticook	7	6	1	2	1	4	0	0	1	0	153	2
147	Evening Star	8	7	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	113	0
148	Forest	7	6	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	188	0
149	Doric	12	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	122	0
150	Rabboni	9	9	0	1	2	8	0	0	1	0	387	5
151	Excelsior	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38	0
152	Crooked River	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	132	0
153	Delta	5	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	113	0
154	Mystic Tie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	0
155	Ancient York	2	5	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	191	5
156	Wilton	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	227	0
157	Cambridge	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	130	0
158	Anchor	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	78	0
159	Esoteric (consol'd)												
160	Parian	2	4	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	126	1
161	Carrabassett	7	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	0
162	Arion	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	114	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River	12	12	2	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	324	8
164	Webster	7	8	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	80	1
165	Molunkus	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	162	1
166	Neguemekeag	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	83	0
167	Whitney	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	100	0
168	Composite	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	196	1
169	Shepherd's River	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	87	0
170	Caribou	5	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	247	3
171	Naskeag	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	91	1
172	Pine Tree	7	6	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	161	1
173	Pleiades	2	2	0	0	3	9	0	0	3	0	165	0
174	Lynde	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	109	1
175	Baskahegan	9	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	230	2
176	Palestine (consol'd)												
177	Rising Star	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	109	0
178	Ancient Brothers'	12	13	1	2	1	7	0	0	11	0	446	2
179	Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	141	3
180	Hiram	30	32	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	645	14
181	Reuel Washburn (con.)												
182	Granite	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	101	0
183	Deering	38	38	1	0	3	11	0	0	5	0	888	8
184	Naval	14	15	5	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	449	7
185	Bar Harbor	8	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	11	0	312	1
186	Warren Phillips	6	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	430	3
187	Ira Berry	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0
188	Jonesport	4	4	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	139	2
189	Knox	4	5	0	0	2	5	0	0	3	0	100	1
190	Springvale	6	6	2	1	0	5	0	0	5	0	247	5
191	Davis	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	137	0
192	Winter Harbor	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	135	0
193	Washburn	7	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	154	0
194	Euclid	13	16	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	248	4
195	Reliance	6	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	242	2
196	Bay View	8	8	0	2	1	2	0	0	8	0	144	1
197	Aroostook	13	9	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	175	0
198	St. Aspinquid	9	10	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	260	6
199	Bingham	16	16	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	267	2
200	Columbia	6	9	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	177	9
201	David A. Hooper	12	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	10	0	178	0
202	Mount Bigelow	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	0
203	Mount Olivet	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	0
204	Mount Abram	7	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	141	0
205	Nollesemic	22	22	1	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	265	16
206	Island Falls	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	238	3
207	Abner Wade	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	122	1
208	Northeast Harbor	13	14	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	143	0
209	Fort Kent	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	115	0
210	Bagaduce	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	60	0
211	Meduncook	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0
212	McKimley	13	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	125	1
213	Kemankeag	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	1
214	Limestone	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	86	0
215	Orchard	4	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
		1450	1455	121	82	156	703	0	2	288	5	43485	436

REFRESHMENT.

At 11.30 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 5, 1926. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren as possible. He assured them that a careful reading of the report would give the reader a very good understanding of Masonic activity in other jurisdictions in this country and those beyond the seas, not only as regards matters of ritual and jurisprudence but of practical Masonry in relief work and the like. He thought the brethren would find, if they read his reviews carefully, that in Maine the interest and activity in this direction was very much below the average, a condition he believed not the result of choice by the Masons in this state, but rather because of their neglect of informing themselves of the prevailing conditions elsewhere.

It was voted that the report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The following newly appointed Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge, presented their credentials, were given most cordial greeting and instructed to extend to the brethren of the jurisdictions represented a hope for the continued pleasant and fraternal relations now existing.

JAMES ABERNETHY, Canada,
 HARRY E. ROWE, Maryland,
 JOHN M. BURLEIGH, Nevada,
 I. JAMES MERRY, New South Wales,
 ALLEN L. CURTIS, South Carolina.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 4, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers have carefully considered the address of the Grand Master, also the reports of the District Deputies, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer which were referred to us.

While the Grand Masters in Maine have been actively engaged in their ordinary vocations during the years they have presided over the craft, it has been their aim to mingle with the brethren so far as possible, carrying to the lodges information and enthusiasm. The efforts of our present Grand Master along those lines are to be commended, and while we recognize the sacrifices he has made we trust he has his reward in the consciousness of duty well performed. We regret the "speaking bureau," he hoped to organize during his term, has not materialized but recommend his successor consider the advisability of completing its development.

We congratulate Grand Master Moulton and the Masters of the several lodges that no decisions have been required during the year. As all decisions are now easily available it would seem that a careful perusal of the Constitutions, Regulations and Digest should give sufficient reply to almost any question that may arise.

The reports of the District Deputies show they have attended carefully to the duties assigned, and the Grand Lecturer is to be congratulated on the success of the "schools" held over the state.

As was to be expected, the Grand Secretary has carried on the exacting work of his office with his usual unruffled calm, attended to every detail promptly, and efficiently performed all duties of whatever nature coming to his attention.

Except such portions as are specifically assigned to others, we recommend the address of the Grand Master, the reports of the District Deputies and Grand Lecturer and the tabulated returns by the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend that part of the address of the Grand Master relating to the improved financial condition of the Grand Lodge, with special consideration of his recommendations, and all financial references in the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee of Finance.

We recommend the dispensations by the Grand Master, together with his comments on same, and his reference to floor work be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We fully agree with the remarks of the Grand Master under the title "Degrees by Courtesy" and recommend the matter be referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

FINANCE.

BRO. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee for the year ending May 4, 1926, and find that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$1,212.89. Collections for the year amount to \$6,675.81, making a total of \$7,888.67. From this amount the sum of \$11.75 has been expended for miscellaneous expenses, and the sum of \$4,000.00 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association leaving a balance of \$3,876.92 in the hands of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, it was voted that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as submitted at the morning session be accepted.

On motion of Bro. CHAS. B. DAVIS it was voted that the report of Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as submitted at the morning session be accepted.

MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the special committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to consider the proposition to establish a Masonic Charitable Foundation of some form, submitted the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

May 4, 1926.

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

Your committee on "Masonic Charitable Foundation," suggested by Bro. Frederick C. Thayer, Ill. Deputy of Maine, and appointed by the Grand Master to "arrange to meet the special committee of Maine Council of Deliberation, with a view to formulating some definite plan for activity and to make subsequent report to this Grand Lodge of Maine," has given the same careful and conservative consideration.

The conviction of every member of this joint-committee is contained in the following recommendation:

That fifty cents (\$.50) per year be levied on each member of the constituted lodges of this Grand Lodge for this purpose, the same to be paid to and administered by the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

We further recommend that the provisions of this assessment take effect and be paid with the annual dues from each Lodge on March 1, 1927.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,
CHARLES F. JOHNSON,
ALBERT M. SPEAR,
WALDO PETTENGILL,

} Committee
for
Grand
Lodge.

FREDERICK C. THAYER,
HARRY R. VIRGIN,
FREDERIC W. ADAMS,

} Committee
for Maine
Council of
Deliberation.

The report was accepted and by a hand vote the recommendation was declared not adopted; whereupon Bro. GEORGE BOWMAN, who voted negatively on the question, moved a re-consideration, which was voted. After a lengthy and very thorough discussion another hand vote was taken and the recommendation as contained in the report of the committee was adopted almost unanimously.

CREENTIALS — FINAL REPORT.

Brother BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, made final report which was accepted as follows:

2.00 P. M., May 4, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

According to direction we have added to the report of this morning the names of the representatives and Permanent Members arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present and entitled to vote:

Permanent Members present (1 vote each).....	40
Grand Officers present (1 vote each).....	41
184 Lodges represented (3 votes each).....	552
	633
Duplicates.....	3
	630
Total number of votes.....	630

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee on Credentials.
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	
WARREN C. KING,	

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Brother THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Brother BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. W. SCOTT SHOREY, WALLACE N. PRICE, FRED C. CHALMERS.
- II. EDWARD G. WESTON, LEWMAN B. SOPER, EDWARD G. BUXTON.

The Committees having attended to their duties reported the choice of

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Bath
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" Senior Grand Warden,	West Pembroke
EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Dover-Foxcroft
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance—WALDO PETTENGILL, Rumford; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland; FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for three years—SILAS B. ADAMS, ASHLEY A. SMITH.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

HISTORY.

BRO. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 4, 1926.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on History beg leave to report that no histories have been submitted.

In view of the fact that a Standing Regulation of this Grand Lodge requires the Lodges to furnish their histories from decade to decade, it is the opinion of your Committee that there must be some Lodges which are very much remiss in their duty to this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
FRED C. CHALMERS,
CONVERS E. LEACH, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BROTHER WILLIAM H. OHLER, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE,
May 4, 1926.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have examined the District Deputies reports and notice an improvement in the compilation

of the same over last year, but would again recommend that the Grand Lecturer instruct the District Deputies at the Schools of Instruction in the correct method of filling these questionnaires.

The attendance of members has been well up to the average of last year.

There are quite a number of lodges reporting that they do not require candidates to learn the prescribed lessons before advancement, and this condition should be remedied.

The District Deputies' reports show that they have handled the affairs of their offices in a commendable manner.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. OHLER,
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,

} *Committee on
Condition of
the Fraternity.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

EXCUSES.

Brothers ARTHUR D. DAVENPORT, S. W., and F. BIGELOW BARNARD, J. W., of Rural Lodge, No. 53, at Sidney, presented good reasons and asked to be excused from attendance after the close of this afternoon session, which was allowed.

It was also voted to excuse Bro. WILLIAM W. FARR, S. W., of Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, at Mechanic Falls, and Bro. CLAYTON D. WESTON, W. M., of Euclid Lodge, No. 194, at Madison, after Wednesday's session.

The Grand Treasurer was directed to add the names of the four Brothers to the pay roll for travel allowance.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.40 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 5, 1926. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—APPROPRIATIONS.

Brother FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
 PORTLAND, MAINE, May 5, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Master for contingent expenses for the year ending May 1, 1927, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1927, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1927, the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1926, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1926, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty-one Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for stenographic assistance and to pay for continuing the card index system for the year ending May 1, 1927.

We recommend that the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) be transferred to the Trustees of the Charity Fund in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations as contained therein were adopted.

REPRESENTATIVE SEATED.

Bro. JOHN M. INGRAM presented his credentials as the representative of Knox Lodge, No. 189, explaining that he started from South Thomaston by auto, but because of engine trouble did not arrive in Portland until after Grand Lodge had called off Tuesday afternoon; whereupon the Grand Lodge voted that Knox Lodge be credited representation and that Bro. INGRAM be placed upon the pay roll.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem:

ERNEST A. RAND, Blazing Star, No. 30.
 ALTON BAGLEY, Harwood, No. 91.
 PERCY E. KIMBALL, Mt. Tir'em, No. 132.
 LAWRENCE E. HUTCHINSON, Caribou, No. 170.
 RALPH EMERSON, Island Falls, No. 206.

PAY ROLL.

Brother JOHN C. ARNOLD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
 Wednesday, May 6, 1926.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,	} Committee	
EDWARD K. GOULD,		on
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,		Pay Roll.

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

ADDRESS BY M. W. BROTHER FARRELL.

Grand Master MOULTON then with well chosen words introduced Brother DUDLEY H. FARRELL, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who spoke to the nearly four hundred brethren assembled for about an hour upon the subject, "Real Masonry," commanding the closest attention of everyone present for the entire time. At his conclusion he was given most hearty applause and a unanimous rising vote of thanks. It is to be regretted that no provision was made to have a stenographic report of the address taken so that the message of M. W. Bro. FARRELL might be circulated, without misinterpretation, more extensively among the craft of Maine.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The Grand Master then invited the Worshipful Master and officers of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, of Portland to assume their stations and exemplify the work of the Master Mason degree. The following named brethren, being the regular officers of the lodge, assumed their stations:

Worshipful Master,	RALPH M. BONNEY
Senior Warden,	CHARLES W. T. GODING, JR.
Junior Warden,	CARROLL S. CHAPLIN
Treasurer,	FRED C. TOLMAN
Secretary,	ARTHUR J. FLOYD
Senior Deacon,	CLIFFORD L. RUSSELL
Junior Deacon,	WALDO B. HAMMETT
Chaplain,	WILLIAM A. LOWELL
Marshal,	LOREN DYER
Senior Steward,	BENNETT NORTON
Junior Steward,	HAROLD V. BICKMORE
Organist,	FRED L. HILL
Tyler,	WINSLOW E. HOWELL

The work of the Master Mason degree was performed upon a regular candidate of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge in a manner so nearly perfect in both ritual rendition and floor movement as to call for merited applause by the brethren and the approbation of the Grand Lecturer.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At. 5.40 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9.00 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 6, 1926. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Brother FRANKLIN R. REDLON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 6, 1926.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance has considered the suggestion of the Grand Master relative to a contribution in aid of the National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association, and the Committee being in sympathy with this movement to aid our stricken brethren to regain health, recommend that the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.00) dollars be appropriated for the purpose above named.

We are in accord with the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that this Grand Lodge should become affiliated with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada and recommend affiliation with that organization at an annual cost of one-half cent per capita.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Brother ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, for the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 6, 1926.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to which was referred the petition of Ashley H. Rowell and forty other Master Masons for a dispensation for a regular lodge at Harmony in the County of Somerset, and the remonstrance of the Worshipful Master and other officers and members of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, against granting said dispensation which was last year referred to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge "in order that ample opportunity may be given to the different lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected to give the matter proper consideration and that further information may be developed which is not now available." (See Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1925, Page 76).

The Committee have had the matter under further consideration and after hearing the petitioners and the remonstrance report as follows:

The petitioners are members of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, and for the most part live in the village of Harmony which is five miles from the Masonic Hall in Cambridge. It is urged that they are unable to attend the meetings of the lodge during the winter months, as the roads are not passable for automobiles and horses and sleighs are not readily available. No discrimination on the part of the members of Cambridge Lodge against the brethren of Harmony is claimed and the utmost friendliness and good will abound in the membership of this lodge and it has faithfully discharged its Masonic obligations. Its present membership is one hundred and thirty-eight. The District Deputy Grand Master of that district reports that the lodge is up to date and correct in the work of conferring the degrees. The committee are still of the opinion given in a former report, "that there is some merit in the position of the petitioners" but the situation and conditions remain unchanged.

Harmony is located at the terminus of a railroad that has been built since Cambridge Lodge was chartered. A prosperous town has developed with good school privileges and hotel accommodations superior to most of the towns in Maine.

There is no question but what a new lodge could be maintained in Harmony but that it would greatly weaken Cambridge Lodge is certain.

The committee are unanimous in the opinion that two lodges cannot be successfully maintained in the present jurisdiction of Cambridge Lodge.

The committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,		
JOHN J. MARR,		

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

A RESIGNATION.

R. W. Brother TALBOT stated that he had been a member of the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for more than a generation, during which time nearly one-third of the Masonic lodges in Maine have been chartered on the recommendation of his committee, and as he probably would not be situated so that he could attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge as regularly in the future as in the past, he asked to be excused from further service on this or any other committee of the Grand Lodge. Brother TALBOT said he made this announcement that all may know he retired from further service on the Committee at his own request.

PUBLICATION.

Brother MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported that no business had been presented to them. The report was accepted.

STANDING REGULATION AMENDED.

Brother CHAS. B. DAVIS presented the following amendment to Standing Regulation No. 41, and moved its adoption without reference. The Grand Lodge so voted and this amendment to the Standing Regulation was adopted.

Amend Standing Regulation, No. 41, by striking out in the third and fourth lines in the first paragraph, the words "by special vote of the Grand Lodge in each case," so that the whole Regulation as amended, shall read as follows:

" 41. *Resolved*, That charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subject to the following regulations:

" 1. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Worshipful Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

" 2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

" 3. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

" 4. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coexistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

" 5. The fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing this certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners."

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Brother ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 6, 1926.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered such matters as have been presented to them, and respectfully submit the following report:

In matter of jurisdiction between Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, the case comes to your committee largely upon correspondence by and between the respective Lodges and our Grand Master. It appears that one Oscar Gould Tate made application to Olive Branch Lodge and was rejected.

A little later it was made apparent that Olive Branch had no jurisdiction over the candidate, but it was then, and is now conceded that he was in the jurisdiction of Kenduskeag Lodge.

Olive Branch refused to grant a waiver, claiming it had no original jurisdiction, and consequently nothing to waive.

We therefore recommend the following, viz: That the acts and doings of Olive Branch be, and hereby are, declared null and void; and that the candidate be allowed to make application to any Lodge which may have proper jurisdiction over him without any handicap.

In matter of petition of Carl E. Robinson for restoration it appears that the candidate made an erroneous statement in application to Rising

Virtue Lodge, No. 10, as to not having been rejected by any other Lodge; for which offence he was tried in Rising Virtue, and reprimanded. Later in 1924, he was by vote of the Grand Lodge indefinitely suspended. The petitioner herein represents and claims that the error was unintentional on his part, and that he has been sufficiently punished.

His petition is recommended by several prominent members, officers and past officers of Rising Virtue.

In view of the situation and surroundings we make the following recommendation: "That the ban on suspension be lifted, and said Robinson be restored to the full rights and benefit of Masonry, and a member of Rising Virtue Lodge."

In the matter of petition of Fred L. Kent for restoration to membership. This petition is supplemented by a copy of a unanimous vote of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, at Ellsworth, asking that said Lodge be allowed to reopen the case wherein he was by said Lodge expelled. We therefore recommend the passage of the following, viz: "That the petition and other matters connected therewith be remanded to Lygonia Lodge with power and authority to take such action, and make such disposition of the case as the facts may warrant; and the Lodge in its discretion and wisdom may deem proper and right, in the light of good masonry." Provided, however, that the result of such further action, if any, with all proper papers, be reported to this Grand Lodge for its ratification or rejection. Present conditions to prevail till further action by the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	} <i>Committee on Grievances and Appeals.</i>
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	

The report of the Committee was accepted.

A separate vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee.

The recommendation in the matter of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 138, vs. Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, was not adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Carl B. Robinson was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Fred L. Kent was indefinitely postponed.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 6, 1926.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has carefully considered the several dispensations granted by the Grand Master during the past year and find all to have been in accord with the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction. The few permitting action upon petitions from those who had not been able to comply with the requirements relating to "personal presence" or to waive the requirement that fourteen days elapse between degrees, were altogether out of the ordinary, so entitled to particular consideration.

When Sec. 92 of the Constitution was drafted conditions were not at all what they are today. Then men, almost without exception, had their homes and spent their time within a restricted area. Now, with our means of rapid transportation and changed conditions of life, the situation has materially changed. Even so long ago as 1898 the difficulty of following the strict letter of the law mentioned by Grand Master Moulton was discussed by Grand Master Locke. (*Pro.* 1898, p. 27).

It is the opinion of your committee that this matter may be easily taken care of, and much confusion and misunderstanding avoided, by striking out all of said Sec. 92, and substituting therefor the following:

"No lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall receive the petition of a candidate until he has resided in this State one year, and had his domicile within the jurisdiction of the lodge at least six months next preceding."

In the opinion of your committee no action is required by this Grand Lodge to enable the lodges in Bangor carrying into effect the provisions of the resolution and preamble referred to us.

We are confident the craft will put into operation only such plan for the dispensing of relief to the worthy as will carry out the intention of the Fraternity in a lawful manner, and if the proposed association will best serve the several masonic bodies of that city we see no objection to its functioning in the manner suggested.

The recommendation of the Grand Master for the consideration of a change in the floor work of lodges is worthy of thoughtful attention. We are mindful of the possibilities open to the thoughtless to fail to observe proper dignity under certain situations. However, the custom now practiced has been handed down from such a remote period, we think no hasty action should be advised.

We recommend that the Committee bear the suggestion in mind and be allowed till the next annual communication to make a more careful investigation. In the meantime we advise that the lodges give careful considera-

tion to the recommendation of the Grand Master in the premises and make such suggestions to your Committee as they desire.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	}	<i>Committee on Jurisprudence.</i>
EDWARD W. WHEELER,		
SILAS B. ADAMS,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

ADMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Brother EDWARD W. WHEELER, the Grand Lodge voted that the proposed amendment to the Constitution as embodied in the report of the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, just accepted, be entertained and referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to report at the next Annual Communication.

BRO. EDWARD W. WHEELER, for the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, submitted the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 6, 1926.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Amendments to the Constitution to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to "Degrees by Courtesy," have attended to the same and beg leave to report.

While we believe that it is often necessary to have a part of the work conferred upon candidates as a matter of courtesy, we believe that some restriction should be placed upon the privilege, and therefore recommend that a standing regulation be adopted by this Grand Lodge which will require that at least the Entered Apprentice degree be conferred by the electing lodge before entertaining a request by the lodge to have the degrees conferred by courtesy by a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relation.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
EDWARD W. WHEELER,		
W. FREEMAN LORD,		

The report was accepted and the recommendation contained therein was adopted.

STANDING REGULATION ADOPTED.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following as a Standing Regulation and moved its adoption without reference. The Grand Lodge so voted and this Standing Regulation was adopted.

Resolved, That no lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine shall ask to have the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates by a lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by the electing lodge and the fees for the degrees paid in full.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful THOMAS H. BODGE, Past Grand Master, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He did so and requested Grand Master DAVID E. MOULTON to present his successor DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. A. FRANCIS WALCH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
GEORGE R. FENDERSON,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Mars Hill
EBEN H. BENNETT,	" " 2nd "	Lubec
JOSEPH L. HALL,	" " 3rd "	Machias
ELIJAH S. HEATH,	" " 4th "	Penobscot
LOUIS M. BLAKE,	" " 5th "	Lagrange
ARTHUR M. BAKER,	" " 6th "	Hampden
GEORGE H. FOSTER,	" " 7th "	Unity
ROBIE F. AMES,	" " 8th "	Lincolntonville
JOHN L. TEWKSBURY,	" " 9th "	Camden
NORRIS S. LORD,	" " 10th "	Dresden Mills
GUY M. TOWLE,	" " 11th "	Hallowell
GEORGE W. HOXIE,	" " 12th "	Waterville
WILLIS L. HODGDON,	" " 13th "	No. Anson
HENRY G. SHAW,	" " 14th "	Bath
		(24 Oak St.)

FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	15th Dist.,	Weld
HERBERT C. ROWE,	"	16th "	Bethel
ALFRED W. DOUGHTY,	"	17th "	Cumberland Ctr.
JAMES W. TARBOX,	"	18th "	Fryeburg
FRANK H. LIBBY,	"	19th "	Old Orchard
J. ARTHUR HALEY,	"	20th "	Danforth
IRVING R. SAUNDERS,	"	21st "	Orland
SAMUEL P. IRELAND,	"	22nd "	Corinna
WILLIAM A. SMALL,	"	23rd "	Limington, (P. O. Westbrook)
HENRY W. LORING,	"	24th "	Lewiston
GEORGE A. PALMER,	"	25th "	Island Falls
ARTHUR M. PACKARD,	"	26th "	Canton (P. O. Rumford)
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W.	Grand Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.,	"	"	Eangor
" SUMNER H. SARGENT,	"	"	Newcastle
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	"	"	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"	Augusta
" WM. A. RICHARDSON,	"	"	Bridgton
EBEN J. MARSTON,	"	Marshal,	Bath
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	"	Senior Deacon,	Portland
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	"	Junior Deacon,	Lisbon Falls
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward,	Biddeford
BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	"	"	Bar Harbor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"	Portland
HAROLD C. SMITH,	"	"	Gardiner
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	Sword Bearer,	Auburn
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	"	Standard Bearer,	Fort Fairfield
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	"	Portland
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer,	Brunswick
WALTER S. SMITH,	"	Organist,	Portland
WINSLOW E. HOWELL,	"	Tyler,	Portland

He then invited M. W. Bro. BODGE to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. BODGE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers BODGE, MOULTON and WALCH.

He then announced the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, E. MURRAY GRAHAM, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. PENLEY, CLARK D. CHAPMAN.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, WALDO PETTENGILL, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

DAVID E. MOULTON, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, JOHN J. MARR.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, EDWARD W. WHEELER, W. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM H. OHLEK, FRANK E. MONROE, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, W. FREEMAN LORD, ERNEST J. RECORD.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE the Grand Lodge voted to instruct the Grand Secretary to arrange to have Grand Officers, elect and appointed, who were not present, installed in their respective lodges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Brother W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Unfinished business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11.25 the Grand Lodge was closed.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 4, 1926.

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

Present — DAVID E. MOULTON, *President*.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

FRANK J. COLE,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

EDWARD G. WESTON,

EDWARD W. WHEELER

HARRY E. ROWE.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

* PORTLAND, MAINE, May 4, 1926.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

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

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund	Income
1 Bond Town of Rumford, 1941.....	\$ 1,000.00	5½% \$ 55.00
1 " East St. Louis & Interurban, 1942.....	1,000.00	5 50.00
1 " Wheeling Traction, 1931.....	1,000.00	5 50.00
2 " Indiana Railway & Light Co., 1943.....	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Michigan Northern Power Co., 1941.....	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Laurentide Power Co., 1946.....	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Massachusetts Gas Co., 1946.....	2,000.00	5½
4 " Oxford Paper Co., 1947.....	4,000.00	6 240.00
3 " Chicago & Northwestern Rail- way Co., 1926.....	3,000.00	4 120.00
5 " Portland Water Co., 1927.....	.....	4 185.55
1 " Delaware Water Co., 1934.....	500.00	5 25.00
1 " New Jersey Water Co., 1950.....	1,000.00	5
2 " Bar Harbor & Union River, 1935.....	2,000.00	5 100.00
3 " Third Liberty Loan, 1928.....	3,000.00	4¼ 127.50
6 " Boston & Maine R. R., 1926.....	6,000.00	4 240.00

	Fund		Income
1 Bond Utica & Mohawk Valley Rail- way Co., 1941.....	\$1,000.00	4½	\$ 45.00
1 " Huntington Water Co., 1954. . . .	1,000.00	6	60.00
2 " Rumford Falls Power Co., 1945. . .	2,000.00	4	80.00
1 " Denver Tramway Co., 1927.	500.00	6	30.00
1 " Muncie Water Works, 1939.	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " St. Joseph Water Co., 1941. . . . .	.....	5	45.83
3 " Camden & Rockland Water Co., 1937.	2,500.00	5	125.00
9 " Fourth Liberty Loan, 1938.	9,000.00	4¼	382.50
1 " Portland Gas Light Co., 1950.	1,000.00	5	25.00
3 " Toledo Terminal R. R. Co., 1957. . .	2,200.00	4½	99.00
1 " Portland, Oregon, Railway Co., 1930.	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., 1954. . . . .	.....	5	25.00
2 " Central Maine Power Co., 1939. . .	2,000.00	5	100.00
3 " Mortgage-Bond Co. of New York, 1935.	3,000.00	5½	.....
1 " Portland & Rumford Falls Rail- way Co., 1935.	1,000.00	4	40.00
3 " American Tel. & Tel. Co., 1946. . .	3,000.00	5	150.00
40 Shares Westbrook Trust Co.	4,000.00		260.00
25 " Canal National Bank.	2,500.00		175.00
14 " First National Bank.	1,400.00		112.00
18 " Casco Mercantile Trust Co.	1,800.00		180.00
Waterville Savings Bank.	1,000.00		62.02
Augusta Savings Bank.	1,000.00		40.40
Skowhegan Savings Bank.	1,000.00		40.40
Bath Savings Institution.	1,000.00		40.40
Brunswick Savings Institution. . . .	1,000.00		40.40
Gardiner Savings Institution.	1,000.00		40.40
Interest Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co. . . . .	.....		332.86
Deposit Portland National Bank.	1,136.58		
" Portland Savings Bank.	1,828.40		
" Maine Savings Bank.	1,463.98		
" Chapman National Bank.	935.67		
" Fidelity Trust Co.	2,437.93		
Totals.	\$84,223.36		\$4,124.26

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.	\$ 6,459.38
Income on Investments.	4,124.26
Portland Lodge, No. 1, (Beneficiary Dead).	44.00
Oxford Lodge, No. 18, (Returned).	44.00

Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co., \$1,000 Bond.....	\$1,100.00
Portland Water Co., \$5,000 Bonds (sold).....	4,975.00
St. Joseph Water Co., \$1,000 Bond (sold).....	915.00
David E. Moulton, Grand Master, Unexpended Emergency Fund.....	90.00
	\$17,751.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Beneficiaries.....	\$ 3,036.00
Portland Gas Light Co., \$1,000 Bond (bought).....	985.00
Interest on same.....	11.11
Grand Master (per vote).....	500.00
Mortgage-Bond Co. of New York, \$3,000 Bonds (bought).....	3,000.00
Interest on same.....	29.33
Massachusetts Gas Co., \$2,000 Bonds (bought)...	1,970.00
Interest on same.....	1.22
New Jersey Water Co., \$1,000 Bond (bought).....	915.00
Interest on same.....	4.44
	\$10,452.10
Deposit Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.....	7,299.54
	\$17,751.64

Brother DAVID E. MOULTON reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 77 applications for relief, which were referred to the Standing Committee of Distribution.

Adjourned to Wednesday at one o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1926.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — DAVID E. MOULTON, *President*,

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

DAVID L. WILSON,

HOWARD D. SMITH,

SILAS B. ADAMS,

FRANK J. COLE,

ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,

EDWARD W. WHEELER,

EDWARD G. WESTON,

HARRY E. ROWE.

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

Voted, That one represent thirty-two dollars.

Voted, That \$5,380.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$745.00 be placed in hands of President.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Secretary.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine

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.

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 forwarded said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE
1926

DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
HAROLD E. COOK, Deputy Grand Master,	“
JAMES ABERNETHY, Senior Grand Warden,	“
EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, Junior Grand Warden,	“
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretay,	“
EDWARD G. WESTON, elected May 6, 1924, for three years	
FRANK J. COLE, “ “ 6, 1924, “ “ “	
HAROLD D. SMITH, “ “ 5, 1925, “ “ “	
EDWARD W. WHEELER, “ “ 5, 1925, “ “ “	
SILAS B. ADAMS, “ “ 4, 1926, “ “ “	
ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D., “ “ 4, 1926, “ “ “	

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).

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. (1919, p. 260).

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. (119, p. 267).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 1921, p. 35).

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars. (1920, p. 451).

Resolved That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239).

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury. (1924, p. 641).

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed. (1924, p. 645).

Resolved, That Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, be and hereby is given exclusive jurisdiction over the inhabitants eligible for the degrees of masonry residing within the town of Owl's Head, in Knox County. (1925, p. 81).

Resolved, That no lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine shall ask to have the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates by a lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by the electing lodge and the fees for the degrees paid in full. (1926, p. 246).

Amend Standing Regular No. 41, by striking out in the third and fourth lines in the first paragraph, the words " by special vote of the Grand Lodge in each class," so that the whole Regulation as amended, shall read as follows:

41. *Resolved*, That charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subject to the following regulations:

1. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Worshipful Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

3. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

4. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coexistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

5. The fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing this certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners. (1926, pp. 241, 242.).

Amendments to the Constitution

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1900

(Part Fourth, Article 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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever." (1921, p. 48).

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge fifty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. (1924, p. 637).

Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable." (1924, p. 641).

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time. (1924, p. 627).

Sec. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. (1925, p. 67).

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

From the report of the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity:

“ The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have examined the District Deputies reports and notice an improvement in the compilation of the same over last year, but would again recommend that the Grand Lecturer instruct the District Deputies at the Schools of Instruction in the correct method of filing these questionnaires.

“ The attendance of members has been well up to the average of last year.

“ There are quite a number of lodges reporting that they do not require candidates to learn the prescribed lessons before advancement, and this condition should be remedied.

The District Deputies' reports show that they have handled the affairs of their offices in a commendable manner.”

Tabulated abstracts from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follows:

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. ALBERT H. DAMON, LIMESTONE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
96	Monument	M.M.	C	40 47 39 36 32 38 33 30	Yes	100,000	2,403.78	317.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.49	1 45	5.00	1,125	205	3,219	2,942	201.66	Yes	Yes	No	
112	Eastern Frontier.M.M.	F	14 20 13 11 14 14 11 9	Yes	20,000	1,540.78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	5.00	699	65	1,220	699	33.25	Yes	Yes	No	
130	Trinity	M.M.	C	23 31 22 18 18 22 18 15	No	—	8,990.47	—	7,577.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	4.00	1,271	86	1,063	1,161	—	No	Yes	—	
170	Caribou	M.M.	F	17 20 16 17 14 17 15 13	No	—	6,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	670	138	1,330	715	100.00	No	Yes	No	
193	Washburn	F.C.	F	23 19 23 10 8 23 17 20	No	—	1,332.08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	200.00	30	2.00	226	75	493	504	167.62	No	Yes	No	
197	Aroostook	M.M.	C	16 28 14 14 13 9 14 15	Yes	1,000	2,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.45	40	5.00	1,434	78	1,050	517	325.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
214	Limestone	M.M.	F	15 19 14 13 7 11 12 14	No	—	939.34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	5.00	652	61	765	877	48.62	No	Yes	Yes	

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. EBEN H. BENNET, LUBEC, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
7	Eastern	None	— 15 24 14	5	9	15	8	12	Part			15,000	1,019.00	—	7,650.00	600.00	7	30	2.50	185	68	766	387	51.00	No	Yes	No
37	Washington	M.M. C	17 25 13 13	16	9	15	14	Yes				4,000	2,378.93	—	1,675.11	—	30	2.00	189	79	610	440	—	No	Yes	No	
46	St. Croix	F.C. C	15 23 11 10	12	13	13	10	No				—	1,236.37	—	—	198.00	2	30	3.00	230	72	1,091	1,292	—	No	Yes	No
78	Crescent	M.M. C	23 27 20 17	3*	16	19	14	Yes				6,000	1,132.85	—	1,068.15	40.00	1	30	2.00	122	39	488	282	40.00	No	Yes	No
138	Lewy's Island	M.M. C	26 19 26 21	22	24	22	25	Yes				2,500	3,067.94	—	1,746.43	199.00	3	30	2.00	95	32	677	382	210.00	No	Yes	No

* The Junior Warden died in office.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. JOSEPH L. HALL, MACHIAS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided. Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
2	Warren.....	E.A.	F 15 16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	\$ 5,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 25.00	—	—	—	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	—	—	—
88	Narraguagus....	No report.																								
91	Harwood.....	F.C.	F 18 10	7 10	17 18	15 8	No					—	—	—	487.00	—	30 2.00	178 11	490	125	46.00	No	No	No		
106	Tuscan.....	No report.																								
131	Lookout.....	E.A.	F 15 20	14 13	11 15	12 13	Yes					2,000	—	—	—	5.00	1 30 2.00	102 30	—	90	25.00	No	Yes	No		
173	Pleiades.....	E.A.	F 16 12	14 16	1 16	10 6	No					—	—	—	—	—	30 2.00	244 —	348	211	42.00	No	Yes	No		
188	Jonesport.....	F.C.	F 21 14	20 14	17 21	20 6	Yes					8,000	275.00	—	—	—	1 30 2.00	175 45	714	610	75.00	No	Yes	No		

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. FREEMAN N. BOWDEN, BLUE HILL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supplies, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supplies.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
4	Hancock,	M.M. F	14	7 13 14	14 12 12	13 13	14	12	13	Yes		\$ 5,000	\$ 200.00	\$ —	\$ 325.00	\$ 18.00	1 30 2.00	\$ 60	18	\$ 479	\$ 72	\$ —	No	Yes	Yes	
122	Marine,	M.M. C	20	26 19 12	11 17 11	11 11	11	11	11	Yes		2,500	593.44	151.35	—	100.00	6 30 2.00	268	68	714	273	37.60	No	Yes	Yes	
128	Eggemoggin	F.C. F	19	22 19 3	19 19 16	19 19	16	19	19	Yes		6,500	220.92	—	—	— 30 2.00	100	60	342	144	25.00	No	Yes	Yes		
171	Naskeag,	E.A. F	15	12 13 13	8 14 10	13 13	8	14	10	Yes		5,000	281.00	—	—	— 30 1.50	107	40	143	62	—	No	Yes	—		
177	Rising Star	M.M. C	22	16 21 15	19 21 14	12 12	15	19	21	Yes		3,000	600.00	—	—	44.00 1 30 2.00	100	41	279	73	36.00	No	Yes	No		
187	Ira Berry,	M.M. F	15	30 14 14	6 15 15	13 13	6	15	15	No		—	1,200.00	—	—	— 30 2.00	50	25	195	70	40.00	Yes	Yes	No		
195	Reliance,	F.C. F	27	14 12 11	4 27 21	10 10	4	27	21	Yes		5,000	250.00	176.00	125.00	50.00 1 30 2.00	150	30	750	450	75.00	No	Yes	No		
210	Bagaduce,	E.A. F	18	12 17 15	15 18 14	6 6	15	18	14	Yes		5,000	150.00	—	—	— 30 5.00	135	14	380	55	—	No	Yes	Yes		

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. LOUIS M. BLAKE, LAGRANGE, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Re rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
39	Penobscot	E.A.	F	18 22 15 13 14 17 16 14	No	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	2,664.91	—	—	201.65 110.00	1 35 3.00	162 18	1,110	300	150.00	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	
44	Piscataquis	E.A.	C	17 30 16 13 17 16 11 11	Yes	30,000	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	278.44 207.37	4 35 3.00	88 30	1,343	210	41.77	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
52	Mosaic	F.C.	F	15 23 15 14 13 15 13	7	Yes	12,500	3,300.00	—	—	—	No	—	—	—	411.16	— 30 2.00	148 47	659	148	19.33	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
109	Mount Kineo	E.A.	C	14 10 13 13 11 13 13	—	No	—	—	—	—	—	No	9,310.33	—	—	—	66.76 1 30 2.00	68 32	1,005	360	32.17	No	No	No	No	No	No	
149	Doric	M.M.	C	20 13 20 20 19 19 10 12	Yes	20,000	18.50	7,000.00	—	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	—	30 3.00	78 20	2,164	1,701	—	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
163	Pleasant River	F.C.	C	15 38 15 10 8 15 10 11	Yes	15,000	2,454.72	—	—	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	25.00 1 30 3.00	12 4	3,140	2,650	151.35	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	
168	Composite	M.M.	F	15 25 15 13 13 13 13	8	Yes	5,000	152.07	400.00	—	—	Yes	—	—	—	30.00 6 30 2.00	132 40	515	132	70.00	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No		
200	Columbia	M.M.	C	17 24 13 10 10 11 16 10	No	—	1,712.13	—	—	—	—	No	—	—	—	365.08	— 30 4.00	170 63	824	778	164.18	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	
207	Abner Wade	F.C.	C	12 21 12 10 11 12 12 10	No	—	1,650.00	—	—	—	—	No	—	—	—	25.00 5 30 3.00	60 20	533	467	15.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No		

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. ELLERY BOWDEN, WINTERPORT, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supplies, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supplies.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
10	Rising Virtue . . .	E.A.	C	40	12	40	39	35	40	38	27	Yes	110,000	—	—	6,000.00	—	—	40	2.00	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No
60	Star in the East . .	M.M.	C	34	30	31	28	30	34	30	31	Yes	50,000	1,413.26	—	1,365.39	—	—	40	4.00	100	—	—	—	127.00	No	Yes	No
65	Mystic	M.M.	F	23	35	21	22	20	21	19	19	Yes	15,000	100.00	—	300.00	180.00	2	30	3.00	120	23	1,003	217	18.00	No	Yes	No
66	Mechanics	M.M.	C	26	16	20	20	8	20	19	15	No	—	620.96	482.00	111.85	10.00	1	40	2.00	44	22	809	805	120.00	No	Yes	No
69	Howard	M.M.	F	21	32	20	20	20	16	18	17	Yes	1,500	1,025.00	—	1,000.00	130.00	3	30	2.00	264	—	—	—	290.00	No	Yes	No
83	St. Andrew's	M.M.	C	40	35	39	16	39	39	35	34	Yes	100,000	19,852.00	—	—	420.00	4	40	2.00	200	—	3,400	1,500	570.00	No	Yes	No
87	Benevolent	M.M.	F	14	30	14	14	12	14	10	11	No	—	150.00	—	—	—	2	30	2.00	50	—	180	54	26.00	Yes	Yes	No
124	Olive Branch	M.M.	F	16	18	10	9	10	8	7	9	Yes	5,000	—	—	1,100.00	75.00	1	30	2.00	100	—	282	51	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
137	Kenduskeag	M.M.	C	18	10	16	18	18	18	15	15	Yes	6,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	320	215	—	No	Yes	No
174	Lynde	E.A.	F	12	—	11	7	9	12	—	—	Yes	2,500	82.00	—	—	—	—	1	30	1.50	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. GEORGE H. FOSTER, UNITY, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
45	Central,	M.M.	F 14	— 12	11 12	14 11	9	Yes	2,500	538.30	—	—	—	—	30	1.00	42	21	220	44	67.00	No	Yes	No			
58	Unity,	E.A.	F 13	15	2	9	5	9	4	1	No	No	—	1,466.00	—	—	—	30	2.00	23	9	141	75	—	No	Yes	No
85	Star in the West,	M.M.	F 17	— 17	10	6	16	17	15	Yes	2,000	714.12	—	495.52	—	—	30	2.00	86	29	265	254	80.00	No	Yes	No	
102	Marsh River,	E.A.	F 15	16	9	12	11	15	14	3	Yes	4,000	367.03	245.40	—	—	—	30	2.00	133	—	285	117	27.00	No	Yes	No
111	Liberty,	E.A.	C 14	20	13	7	14	13	7	5	No	—	—	1,053.54	—	—	30	2.00	50	30	155	186	15.00	No	Yes	No	
129	Quantabcook,	None	— 19	18	17	17	15	19	18	3	Yes	3,000	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	45	16	—	—	—	No	Yes	No	
146	Sebasticook,	None	— 22	16	22	22	12	15	18	10	Yes	—	802.95	—	68.46	—	—	30	2.00	100	32	473	318	—	—	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. ROBIE L. AMES, LINCOLNVILLE, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
24	Phoenix	M.M.	C	14	34	12	12	9	14	14	10	No	—	2,458.30	1,400.00	—	45.00	1	30	4.00	246	40	1,021	687	100.00	Yes	Yes	No
62	King David's	M.M.	F	19	16	17	17	2	17	18	10	Yes	2,000	366.02	—	—	25.00	1	30	1.00	21	11	232	79	50.00	No	Yes	No
68	Mariners'	M.M.	C	18	16	18	4	16	18	6	8	Yes	5,000	650.00	—	—	—	30	2.00	35	22	300	263	25.00	No	Yes	No	
89	Island	None	—	25	18	23	15	9	17	24	10	Yes	5,000	291.07	—	—	—	30	4.00	179	—	604	452	92.00	No	Yes	No	
119	Pownal	M.M.	C	11	11	11	2	9	9	9	7	No	—	712.00	—	—	1	35	2.00	658	67	229	149	14.00	No	Yes	No	
126	Timothy Chase	M.M.	C	16	34	15	12	12	16	15	15	No	—	3,640.00	—	—	1	30	4.00	248	—	1,393	602	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	
151	Excelsior	E.A.	F	11	7	10	10	10	10	7	7	No	—	—	—	—	—	30	1.00	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No	

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. WILLIAM E. MURPHY, ROCKPORT, D. D. G. M.**

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
6	Amity.....	M.M.	F 24	12 24	21 17	22 19	22 No	—	\$ 8,816.46	—	874.00	100.00	2 30 2.00	400	75	1,721	925	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes						
15	Orient.....	M.M.	F 24	15 22	22 18	23 16	16 No	—	3,038.28	—	—	—	— 30 2.00	124	45	571	182	75.00	No	Yes	No						
16	St. George,....	F.C.	F 12	20 15	14 13	13 15	12 Yes	4,000	411.50	—	—	—	— 30 1.50	151	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No						
31	Union.....	M.M.	F 25	17 24	21 17	16 21	8 No	—	70.00	—	600.00	—	1 30 2.00	104	—	432	87	—	No	Yes	No						
50	Aurora.....	M.M.	— 34	20 20	30 28	30 23	25 No	—	15,049.32	2,213.00	—	806.83	13 35 5.00	200	—	2,962	2,427	140.00	No	Yes	No						
79	Rockland,.....	No report.																									
82	St. Paul's.....	F.C.	F 23	23 21	18 5	23 15	17 Yes	4,000	265.00	116.00	382.66	45.66	6 30 3.00	265	52	944	650	132.00	No	Yes	No						
84	Eureka.....	No report.																									
145	Moses Webster..	M.M.	F 10	16 9	6 7	10 6	5 Yes	10,000	399.00	—	—	132.00	6 30 4.00	264	50	1,730	800	37.00	No	Yes	No						
189	Knox.....	F.C.	F 21	14 19	5 5	21 18	12 Yes	1,000	60.00	—	—	60.00	1 30 2.00	60	30	265	54	50.00	No	Yes	No						
203	Mount Olivet...	No report.																									
211	Meduncook,....	M.M.	F 10	14 9	7 3	5 9	5 No	—	500.00	—	—	—	— 30 2.50	90	6	182	110	15.00	No	Yes	No						

Grand Lodge of Maine.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. ARCHIBALD B. MORRISON, WEEKS MILLS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
5	Kennebec.....	E.A.	C	19	20	19	16	13	14	14	No		\$ 7,508.98			\$ 190.00	4	30	2.00	\$ 97	20	\$ 1,010	\$ 970	\$ 135.00	No	Yes	No	
25	Temple.....	F.C.	C	15	16	14	14	13	13	15	14	No	— 342.67			—	—	30	2.00	253	91	420	322	822.50	No	Yes	No	
32	Hermon.....	M.M.	C	48	28	40	42	47	27*	38	40	Yes	15,000	2,488.25	255.26	532.48	25.00	2	30	3.00	—	—	3,600	2,400	159.25	Yes	Yes	No
35	Bethlehem.....	M.M.	C	27	20	27	27	27	26	27	27	No	— 4,036.86			161.06	2	35	3.00	156	43	1,911	1,096	316.90	Yes	Yes	Yes	
41	Morning Star...	None	—	21	13	20	18	21	19	16	14	Yes	3,000	289.29	—	—	—	30	2.00	70	30	186	245	30.00	No	Yes	No	
104	Dirigo.....	M.M.	F	14	21	14	6	13	14	12	10	Yes	4,500	855.65	—	—	80.00	2	30	2.00	150	27	294	43	49.50	No	Yes	No
110	Monmouth.....	E.A.	F	29	20	29	25	18	27	26	28	No	— 1,565.00			—	—	2	30	3.00	110	35	660	563	None	Yes	Yes	No
141	Augusta.....	M.M.	C	34	22	33	30	28	33	26	27	No	— 2,769.48			— 244.42	2	35	3.00	300	75	2,544	1,709	385.20	No	Yes	Yes	

* Bro. H. E. Larrabee died in office.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWELFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL, NO. LEEDS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE:	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
33	Waterville.....	M.M.	C	26	40	26	25	24	25	23	22	No	—	5,488.17	—	4,367.29	117.28	6	50	4.00	60	10	2,997	3,025	246.00	No	Yes	No	
48	Lafayette.....	M.M.	F	19	27	17	18	9	16	2	16	Yes	15,000	872.27	—	284.92	379.00	3	30	5.00	577	78	1,656	1,100	14.70	Yes	Yes	No	
53	Rural.....	M.M.	F	20	27	20	16	18	17	20	15	Yes	2,500	300.00	—	—	10.00	1	30	2.00	153	32	313	100	120.00	No	Yes	No	
54	Vassalboro.....	M.M.	F	15	16	14	12	12	15	11	9	No	—	560.03	—	—	122.00	3	30	2.00	54	22	288	107	18.00	No	Yes	No	
99	Vernon Valley...F.C.	C	16	16	15	13	10	16	16	12	12	Yes	2,500	141.86	—	23.46	55.00	2	30	2.00	29	7	446	629	40.70	No	Yes	No	
113	Messalonskee...M.M.	C	12	22	12	10	12	12	11	12	No	—	875.00	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	112	31	290	258	20.00	No	Yes	No		
133	Asylum.....	None	—	12	15	11	10	8	12	10	8	No	—	734.09	78.00	1,044.06	—	—	30	3.00	88	20	270	335	10.00	No	Yes	No	
166	Neguemkeag...E.A.	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. HARRY B. HARRIS, CANAAN, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
28	Norther Star	E.A.	C	14	16	12	11	11	10	12	10	Yes	10,000	600.00	—	—	—	30	3.00	43	8	782	465	35.50	No	Yes	No	
34	Somerset	M.M.	C	16	34	14	16	14	16	8	11	Yes	30,000	613.73	—	2,724.81	125.00	—	35	4.00	280	70	1,225	1,000	92.00	Yes	Yes	No
80	Keystone	E.A.	F	16	18	16	13	8	12	9	0	Yes	5,000	2,857.29	—	—	—	30	3.00	286	85	464	286	109.00	No	Yes	No	
92	Siloam	E.A.	F	35	12	35	23	25	25	7	19	Yes	35,000	1,000.00	—	—	—	30	3.00	900	149	2,746	684	150.00	No	No	No	
116	Lebanon	E.A.	C	19	8	15	14	13	15	11	15	Yes	—	911.25	—	—	—	30	2.00	645	70	358	523	40.00	No	Yes	No	
161	Carrabasset	M.M.	P	21	16	19	11	10	20	11	1	Yes	2,000	327.18	—	—	—	30	1.00	192	20	155	108	—	No	Yes	No	
194	Euclid	F.C.	F	20	40	20	18	19	20	17	18	No	—	4,306.27	—	—	—	30	3.00	63	—	—	—	68.00	No	Yes	No	
199	Bingham	M.M.	C	22	26	20	19	18	22	21	20	Yes	12,000	638.45	600.00	—	—	—	35	2.00	118	43	1,285	1,069	171.00	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. SYLVESTER H ROWLAND, BATH, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
8	United	M.M.	C	20	28	20	13	17	19	18	19	No	—	4,454.52	24.00	9,654.62	423.00	4	30	2.00	93	31	1,794	1,314	167.00	Yes	Yes	No	
14	Solar	M.M.	C	20	30	19	18	19	20	17	16	—	—	5,042.00	—	3,640.00	50.00	13	50	6.00	1,178	180	3,000	2,007	None	Yes	Yes	No	
23	Freeport	F.C.	C	14	28	14	14	14	14	13	13	Yes	3,000	1,974.47	—	—	134.75	5	30	2.00	56	25	587	478	35.00	Yes	Yes	No	
26	Village	None	—	18	16	18	14	16	16	14	13	Yes	2,000	—	—	200.00	60.00	4	30	2.00	170	35	634	533	25.00	No	Yes	No	
63	Richmond	F.C.	C	15	21	15	7	9	15	6	13	No	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	—	629	110	832	912	—	No	Yes	No	
114	Polar Star	E.A.	C	18	21	18	18	17	17	13	15	No	—	3,500.00	—	—	—	—	50	6.00	—	655	91	3,100	2,592	—	Yes	Yes	Yes
121	Acacia	No report.																											
155	Ancient York	E.A.	C	19	35	19	16	12	15	17	13	No	—	2,540.00	—	93.00	—	—	35	3.00	—	140	37	1,010	840	122.00	No	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, WELD, D. D. G. M.**

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20	Maine.....	None	—	18 18 15	0	14	15	14	12	No		\$	\$		\$ 1,711.56					\$ 47	24	\$ 827	\$ 619	\$ 102.00	No	Yes	No
21	Oriental Star... M.M.	F	15 30 13	11 12 15	5	7	No					1,740.17				80.00	2	30	2.00	104	48	655	90	90.34	No	No	No
67	Blue Mountain	F.C.	C	12 21 12	9	11	12	6	9	No		1,600.00						30	2.00	286	—	305	325	76.78	No	Yes	No
123	Franklin.....	E.A.	C	20 16 17	—	17	19	—	12	Yes	1,500							30	2.00	24	12	174	262	30.57	No	Yes	No
154	Mystic Tie	E.A.	C	11 12 10	9	9	11	2	7	No		691.74						35	3.00	28	6	175	117	None	No	Yes	No
156	Wilton.....	E.A.	C	17 21 16	16	15	17	9	15	Yes	15,000	780.10	100.79	95.96				30	4.00	50	4	2,600	1,300	130.00	No	Yes	No
191	Davis.....	M.M.	C	12 20 12	12	8	10	9	12	Yes	2,000	916.85				20.00	1	30	3.00	36	8	539	152	86.00	No	No	No
202	Mount Bigelow	F.C.	F	13 — 6	6	9	13	4	4	Yes	2,500	637.12						30	2.00	108	26	405	26	45.00	No	Yes	No
204	Mount Abram.	F.C.	C	14 15 13	9	2	12	7	0	Yes	3,000	1,136.50				44.00	1	30	2.00	213	52	738	545	57.00	No	Yes	No
213	Kemankeag.....	None	—	12 15 11	11	12	10	12	8	No		181.80						30	2.00	4	2	274	115	36.27	No	Yes	No

Grand Lodge of Maine.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. LESTER D. BRYANT, BRYANTS POND, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
18	Oxford	M.M.	C	15	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	—	890.95	—	1,336.43	627.00	1	30	3.00	19	7	729	305	—	No	Yes	No
94	Paris	M.M.	F	18	21	16	17	16	15	11	15	Yes	6,000	1,300.00	230.21	—	77.18	1	30	3.00	84	20	504	512	58.16	No	No	No
97	Bethel	M.M.	C	13	12	11	10	12	11	11	9	No	—	1,047.64	—	—	—	1	30	4.00	160	40	756	380	40.86	No	Yes	Yes
100	Jefferson	All	C	18	20	18	18	16	16	14	12	Yes	3,000	305.85	—	—	15.00	1	30	2.00	160	16	372	116	43.00	No	Yes	No
132	Mount Tir'em.	E.A.	P	12	18	12	11	9	12	9	10	Yes	1,200	590.92	—	—	—	30	2.00	64	24	203	50	12.00	No	Yes	Yes	
152	Crooked River	No report																										
182	Granite	M.M.	C	14	15	14	10	7	13	13	7	Yes	—	905.10	—	—	10.00	1	30	2.00	283	94	108	123	57.34	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. ALFRED W. DOUGHTY, CUMBERLAND CENTRE, D. D. G. M.

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
1	Portland	E.A.	C	26	—	21	21	22	23	21	21	No	\$ 12,788.15			\$ 10,250.00	420.37	7	50	3.00	—	—	\$ 4,298	\$ 4,533	521.00	Yes	Yes	No
17	Ancient Land-Mark	M.M.	F	40	31	40	37	38	30	35	35	No	—			\$ 25,700.00	573.47	21	60	2.00	438	—	\$ 5,270	\$ 6,367	400.00	Yes	Yes	No
36	Caseo	M.M.	F	25	37	25	22	18	25	21	24	Yes	10,000	1,487.37	—	—	25.00	1	40	3.00	444	213	1,718	915	—	Yes	Yes	No
38	Harmony	M.M.	F	23	35	22	22	21	22	21	21	Yes	25,000	12,974.12	—	—	93.00	5	40	2.00	270	10	946	722	108.22	No	Yes	Yes
70	Standish	F.C.	F	14	23	14	14	13	13	14	12	Yes	6,000	173.20	—	81.37	61.51	1	35	2.00	167	10	302	—	100.00	No	Yes	Yes
81	Atlantic	E.A.	C	29	50	29	28	28	29	29	25	No	—	11,367.80	—	—	435.00	15	50	5.00	572	17	—	—	302.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
86	Temple	E.A.	F	19	36	19	17	17	17	17	19	No	—	5,850.75	208.76	—	—	—	40	3.00	196	46	2,032	1,039	105.47	Yes	Yes	No
127	Presumpscot	M.M.	C	17	—	16	16	13	13	15	15	Yes	3,000	805.67	—	7,610.33	20.00	2	30	2.00	201	83	291	581	98.37	No	No	No
180	Hiram	M.M.	F	30	42	25	30	30	29	29	30	Yes	—	5,196.90	—	4,293.90	75.88	9	50	3.00	1,481	350	6,950	4,162	152.12	No	Yes	Yes
183	Deering	E.A.	F	38	45	38	36	35	38	36	34	No	—	27,756.16	—	8,709.35	557.83	—	60	3.00	375	98	4,533	1,025	800.00	Yes	Yes	No
180	Warren Phillips	F.C.	F	18	54	18	17	17	18	13	12	No	—	5,000.00	—	—	87.50	2	35	2.00	200	150	1,222	319	244.26	Yes	Yes	No

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. PERLEY F. SMITH, E. BROWNFIELD, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
11	Pythagorean	None	—	17 10 16 11	2 16 13 14	Yes	4,000	1,628.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	1,021	295	—	No	Yes	No	
13	Oriental	None	—	15 15 15 14	10 15 15 12	Yes	20,000	597.07	—	—	—	20,959.58	224.65	1 30	2.00	339	54	1,673	300	169.22	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
56	Mount Moriah	M.M. F	15 12 14 12	9 15 1 6	Yes	500	433.64	—	—	—	—	50.00	1 30	1.50	75	7	195	56	25.00	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No		
117	Greenleaf	None	—	12 22 12 11	10 13 11 12	Yes	—	810.00	—	—	—	454.16	55.00	2 30	2.00	—	—	480	334	35.00	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	
153	Delta	M.M. F	10 21 10 10	10 9 8 10	No	871	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	340	35	310	174	—	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	
169	Shepherd's River	None	—	13 20 13 12	11 12 13 10	No	—	111.37	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1 30	1.50	20	10	172	37	44.15	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1926. ALBERT F. BILLINGS, KITTERY, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
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9	Saco	M.M.	C	20	50	20	20	2	17	22	20	No	—	2,713.79	60.00	92.34	108.70	4	40	5.00	45	9	2,185	1,910	400.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
22	York	E.A.	F	11	18	10	11	9	8	8	5	No	—	886.95	—	—	—	30	3.00	105	—	1,063	450	—	Yes	Yes	Yes		
47	Dunlap	M.M.	C	21	35	21	21	20	21	21	21	No	—	5,680.78	—	4,000.00	230.00	2	40	5.00	1,500	300	2,119	1,510	350.00	Yes	Yes	No	
51	St. John's	F.C.	F	21	24	19	15	17	21	20	16	Yes	—	1,000.00	—	—	—	30	2.00	94	—	700	440	212.00	Yes	Yes	No		
76	Arundel	F.C.	F	13	26	13	13	12	13	12	12	No	—	976.55	—	309.58	30.00	2	30	3.00	70	17	844	495	174.26	Yes	Yes	No	
142	Ocean	M.M.	F	16	26	16	16	16	16	16	12	No	—	500.00	—	300.00	—	50	3.00	80	6	900	131	175.02	No	Yes	No		
162	Arion	M.M.	P	11	15	11	9	5	11	9	10	Yes	1,200	145.00	—	415.00	—	30	2.50	145	35	430	65	90.00	No	Yes	No		
179	Yorkshire	No report																											
184	Naval	M.M.	C	23	40	22	21	21	21	2	23	No	—	7,239.12	—	—	40.00	1	50	3.00	150	50	1,500	400	400.00	Yes	Yes	No	
198	St. Aspinquid	E.A.	F	19	20	17	19	18	12	15	12	No	—	1,220.69	—	150.00	98.82	5	35	3.00	169	37	1,463	1,182	395.81	Yes	Yes	No	
215	Orchard	M.M.	F	12	—	12	10	11	11	11	11	No	—	1,696.27	—	—	—	40	4.00	202	—	610	335	112.00	Yes	Yes	No		

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTIETH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. AUSTIN G. HAYNES, LINCOLN, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
93	Horeb.....	M.M.	F 19 17 18 11 11 15 12 10	Yes	\$ 20,000	\$ 463.92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ —	\$ 365.00	1 30 2.00	\$ 210	—	\$ 1,432	\$ 209	\$ 40.11	No	Yes	No		
148	Forest.....	M.M.	F 16 23 16 12 13 15 2 1	No	—	75.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	—	—	75.00	— 30 2.00	112	82	620	112	12.00	No	No	No		
172	Pine Tree.....	—	— 14 20 14 10 8 12 12 5	No	—	1,527.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,527.00	—	—	50.00	2 40 3.00	50	12	879	345	26.31	No	Yes	No		
175	Baskahegan.....	M.M.	F 24 19 22 22 10 22 16 18	Yes	3,000	1,875.16	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,875.16	—	—	—	— 30 2.00	330	53	818	111	53.92	No	Yes	No		

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. WILLIAM S. HOLMES, NORTHEAST HARBOR, D. D. G. M.

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
19	Felicity	F. C.	F 23 17 21 22	2	22	17	6	No				\$	354.97		\$ 3,207.08	24.00	1 30	2.00	\$ 228	22	\$ 607	\$ 513	\$ 120.78	No	Yes	No	
40	Lygonia	M. M.	F 20 22 18 14	19	19	15	16	No				—	3,010.27	150.50	150.50	75.00	1 30	3.00	254	12	946	891	170.31	Yes	Yes	No	
71	Rising Sun	M. M.	C 31 14 30 24	27	26	16	15	Yes				2,000	112.98	—	—	25.00	5 30	2.00	75	29	375	85	20.00	No	Yes	No	
77	Tremont	M. M.	F 24 11 20 17	18	18	16	12	Yes				10,000	360.34	—	—	12.00	9 30	2.00	47	7	958	1,094	—	Yes	Yes	No	
140	Mount Desert	M. M.	F 20 18 20 18	20	17	20	16	Yes				5,000	168.63	—	—	25.00	1 30	3.00	132	35	352	160	—	Yes	Yes	No	
185	Bar Harbor	M. M.	F 19 18 19 18	18	18	19	14	Yes				25,000	1,733.12	—	—	56.00	2 35	4.00	1,317	65	2,060	1,317	57.09	Yes	Yes	No	
192	Winter Harbor	E. A.	F 21 16 20 20	18	20	10	14	No				—	881.97	—	—	—	30	2.00	116	32	248	160	8.36	Yes	No	No	
201	David A. Hooper	M. M.	F 41 17 20 25	24	39	31	6	No				—	2,091.50	—	—	—	30	2.00	365	80	878	530	68.15	No	Yes	No	
208	N. E. Harbor	M. M.	F 33 16 32 26	25	28	32	20	Yes				18,000	427.03	—	—	—	30	3.00	534	101	692	476	—	Yes	Yes	No	
212	McKinley	M. M.	F 27 16 27 26	22	27	11	22	No				—	573.08	—	—	—	30	2.00	193	65	397	242	—	Yes	No	No	

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. FRANK H. FARNUM, HARTLAND, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
49	Meridian Splendor.....	No report.																										
64	Pacific.....	M.M. C	13 35	9 9	11 13	12 8	Yes	7,000	225.00	—	—	—	—	—	30 2.00	178 49	483 270	100.00	No	Yes	No							
75	Plymouth.....	M.M. F	12 14	11 12	5 12	6 11	No	—	600.00	—	—	—	—	—	30 2.00	45 18	182 50	14.00	No	Yes	No							
95	Corinthian.....	None	— 15	14 10	11 10	14 9	3 No	—	7,638.47	—	4,497.75	43.00	3 30 2.00	314 57	377 317	90.00	No	Yes	No									
125	Meridian.....	M.M. C	19 30	18 15	14 17	16 15	Yes	6,000	197.57	—	607.93	55.00	2 35 3.00	260 73	925 810	78.00	Yes	Yes	No									
139	Archon.....	No report.																										
157	Cambridge.....	M.M. F	15 21	14 12	9 14	14 10	Yes	1,500	887.65	—	20.00	—	—	30 2.00	197 36	252 84	50.00	No	Yes	No								
160	Parian.....	No report.																										

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. HOWARD L. RICHARDSON, SPRINGVALE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided, Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures, Is Lodge doing any educational work.		
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
27	Adoniram	E.A.	F 12 12 10 10	10	8	10	5	9	Yes	—	—	333.63	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	37	15	310	42	25.00	No	Yes	No	
42	Freedom	E.A.	C 12 13 12 11	10	12	11	10	10	No	—	—	384.83	—	—	—	44.43	5	30	1.00	97	20	281	187	101.03	No	Yes	No
55	Fraternal	M.M.	C 13 20 13 11	12	12	12	13	13	No	—	—	850.49	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	340	46	565	232	134.26	No	Yes	No	
107	Day Spring	None	— 15 11 15 12	14	15	12	7	7	No	—	—	250.47	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	102	20	193	100	43.64	No	Yes	No	
115	Buxton	E.A.	C 13 14 12 12	12	7	13	7	4	No	—	—	727.59	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	50	14	690	166	9.32	No	Yes	No	
118	Drummond	None	— 14 14 14 10	6	14	10	12	12	Yes	2,000	550.00	—	—	—	—	—	30	1.00	250	68	263	250	40.00	No	Yes	No	
143	Preble	M.M.	C 26 31 25 21	24	26	23	16	16	No	—	—	11,542.73	305.94	400.00	—	—	50	10.00	1,334	149	5,513	958	96.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	
190	Springvale	M.M.	F 17 26 16 16	16	17	14	16	16	No	—	—	2,250.93	129.25	—	—	225.00	1	40	4.00	720	168	1,250	720	150.00	No	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, AUBURN, D. D. G. M.**

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
												\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
12	Cumberland	M.M. C	15 30	15 14	15 14	15 14	14 13	Yes	6,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	450	179	1,483	1,218	112.08	No	Yes	No	
29	Tranquil	M.M. C	27 15	25 26	23 27	26 26	No	—	7,401.20	—	—	—	110.00	2	50	2.00	1,578	325	2,387	1,764	448.80	No	Yes	No			
73	Tyrian	M.M. F	17 21	16 11	10 16	17 7	Yes	—	467.68	—	3,210.44	60.00	1	30	2.00	341	118	470	485	60.00	No	Yes	No				
101	Nezinscot	F.C. C	11 15	11 8	3 11	10 5	Yes	3,000	2,392.24	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	100	—	390	255	50.00	No	Yes	No				
105	Ashlar	M.M. C	22 18	22 21	20 22	22 20	No	—	8,183.02	—	3,291.91	322.66	12	50	3.00	573	81	2,708	2,850	370.91	No	Yes	No				
150	Rabboni	M.M. C	20 31	20 12	20 19	20 19	No	—	4,504.64	—	2,033.72	206.69	3	50	4.00	509	73	2,121	1,681	283.50	No	Yes	No				
164	Webster	M.M. C	24 14	24 18	24 7	24 23	No	—	297.16	—	799.35	—	—	30	2.00	86	34	220	138	28.00	No	Yes	No				
178	Ancient Brothers'	M.M. C	19 22	19 15	17 17	19 17	No	—	6,347.04	257.95	—	70.00	3	50	2.00	1,144	401	1,580	945	166.00	No	Yes	No				

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. MANSON D. BROWN, PATTEN, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition. Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
												\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
72	Pioneer	M.M.	F	14	14	12	13	14	13	14	13	Yes	5,000	377.00	—	—	28.00	5	30	3.00	357	80	714	901	30.00	No	Yes	No
98	Katahdin	M.M.	C	20	15	19	15	3	19	17	12	Yes	6,000	586.00	—	—	2	30	3.00	586	97	435	393	—	Yes	Yes	No	
165	Molunkus	M.M.	C	19	21	18	18	17	19	6	8	Yes	2,500	659.64	—	778.51	20.00	1	30	2.00	204	64	300	277	50.42	Yes	Yes	No
205	Nollesemic	M.M.	C	30	25	17	23	29	28	28	25	No	—	2,796.84	—	50.00	—	3	40	4.00	200	—	1,691	1,69	130.00	No	Yes	Yes
206	Island Falls	F.C.	P	19	17	17	14	14	19	4	0	Yes	7,000	850.00	—	—	—	30	2.00	166	70	832	369	25.29	No	Yes	No	
209	Fort Kent	No report																										

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1926. ARTHUR M. PACKARD, CANTON, (P. O. RUMFORD), D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
30	Blazing Star . . .	M.M.	C	26	20	25	25	26	25	24	17	Yes	15,000	336.00	—	—	45.60	1	40	2.00	336	113	1,903	336	305.75	No	Yes	No
57	King Hiram . . .	E.A.	F	14	22	1	14	13	14	13	13	Yes	6,000	1,443.44	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	57	15	418	405	None	No	Yes	Yes
147	Evening Star . . .	M.M.	F	13	18	11	11	9	10	13	10	No	—	800.00	—	—	10.00	6	30	3.00	27	9	370	190	50.00	No	Yes	No
167	Whitney	E.A.	F	13	14	13	7	12	13	12	8	No	—	374.50	—	—	20.00	1	30	3.00	5	1	351	223	33.86	Yes	Yes	No

Proceedings of the

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Officers of the Grand Lodge 1926

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Bath
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List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1926.

	DISTRICT
Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Clifford L. Merrow, M.; George S. Leighton, S. W.; Elmer T. Meader, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September.	5
Acacia, 121, Durham. Howard J. Merrill, (Lisbon Falls, R. F. D. 2), M.; Lewis A. W. Marston, S. W.; Ralph G. Vickery, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole, (Auburn R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Adoniram, 27, Limington. H. Warren Pitts, (Steep Falls, R. F. D.), M.; Alvah P. Weeman, S. W.; Warren Manson, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	23
Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Wallace W. Chadwick, M.; Moses A. Bragdon, S. W.; Pearl E. Woodbury, J. W.; George W. Singer, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December.	10
Amity, 6, Camden. Herbert M. Rankin, M.; George E. Boynton, S. W.; Earle B. Belyea, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October.	9
Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Harlan McFarland, M.; John H. Frey, S. W.; Richard Alley, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	10
Ancient Brothers' 178, Auburn. Herbert A. Given, (209 Lake St.), M.; Adelbert F. Piper, S. W.; Robert J. Simpson, J. W.; Ned P. Willis, (49 High St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October.	24
Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Ralph M. Bonney, M.; Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., S. W.; Carrol S. Chaplin, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, (11 Sheffield Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	17
Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Everett H. Plummer, M.; Elliot K. Hale, S. W.; John H. Doughty, Jr., J. W.; Asbury M. Blake (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Archon, 139, Dixmont. John J. Dunivan, M.; George E. Littlefield, S. W.; John W. Goodwin, J. W.; Leroy L. Chadbourne, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October.	22
Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Frank P. Murphy (West Kennebunk, R. F. D. 1), M.; John W. Peterson, S. W.; E. Alfred Grantham, J. W.; George H. Peterson (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November.	19

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Stetson H. Hussey (Mars Hill), M. Oscar B. Robinson, S. W.; Fred C. English, J. W.; Mahlon A. Whitten (Mars Hill), S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76 Kennebunkport. George G. Rand M. Clyde B. Rand, S. W.; Delbert L. Ward, J. W.; Byron C. Hall, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Arthur H. Field, M.; Edward S. Stetson, Jr., S. W.; Ray H. Gilpatrick, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Malcolm M. Soule, M.; Raleigh D. Knapp, S. W.; Frank N. Pareher, J. W.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Emil A. Rhedin, M.; John T. Farr, S. W.; Claude M. Quick, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Harvey B. Smith, M.; Raymond L. Kimball, S. W.; Leroy F. Hussey, J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Raymond L. Watts, M.; Ralph U. Clarke, S. W.; Leroy A. Chatto, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Bentley G. Grindle, M.; Charles E. Babbidge, S. W.; James T. Babbidge, J. W.; Edward W. Perkins, S. Meeting third Saturday; election December. 4
- Bar Harbor 185 Bar Harbor. Frank J. Haskell M.; Carroll C. Brown S. W.; Eugene H. Page J. W.; Clifford F. Came S. Meeting third Thursday; election December. 21
- Baskahegan 175 Danforth. Frank E. Trafton M.; Horace M. Pullen S. W.; Varney A. Putnam J. W.; Guy P. Rowe S. Meeting first Tuesday; election August. 20
- Bay View 196 East Boothbay. George W. Linnekin, M.; Malcolm H. Brewer, S. W.; Clarence E. Fuller, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Ivan B. Friend, (Etna), M.; Mark W. McGown, S. W.; Ernest G. Hodgkins, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. William J. MacKay, M.; Ernest F. Bisbee, S. W.; John M. Harrington, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Almon B. Sullivan, M.; E. Brooks Chase, S. W.; Ralph S. Ingraham, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Robert W. Smith, M.; John H. Gordon, S. W.; Thales E. Spaulding, Jr., J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13

- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Clyde W. Watson, M.; Carl G. Thurston, S. W.; Ernest A. Rand, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Ralph H. Trecartin, M.; Everett P. Knapp, S. W.; C. Linwood Beal, J. W.; Cony M. Hoyt, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Ralph E. Gorham (Round Pond), M.; Stephen H. Carter, S. W.; Henry F. Hunter, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter (Damariscotta), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Norris O. Tarbox, M.; Alfred Whitehouse, S. W.; Russell M. Haley, J. W.; Oliver E. Earle (Hollis Center), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. John H. Scott, M.; Bert J. Folsom, S. W.; William E. Folsom, J. W.; Carrol F. Bailey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Lawrence A. Hutchison, M.; Linwood W. Wellington, S. W.; Nathan A. Currier, J. W.; Norman A. Currier, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabasset, 161, Canaan. Moses Ames, M.; Fred C. Dunlap, S. W.; Edison J. Hunt, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. George S. Croudis (R. F. D.), M.; Paul C. Loring, S. W.; William F. Croudis, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Robert A. Fletcher, M.; Clive E. Bagley, S. W.; Joseph H. Burrill, J. W.; Charles R. Getchell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. William S. Gould, Jr. (Greenville Junction), M.; Roy M. Keirstead, S. W.; Hugh S. MacNeil, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election December. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Bela McKenzie, M.; Allan A. Kirkland, S. W.; Linden C. Fowles, J. W.; Orman C. Ames, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Melvin L. Wyman, M.; Carroll H. Webber, S. W.; Walter S. Hubbard, J. W.; Halver H. Whitney, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Fred E. Tuell (Dennysville), M.; Robinson C. Sturk, S. W.; Ralph A. Gardner, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Albert W. Weston, M.; George D. Skillings, S. W.; Almon H. Rowe, J. W.; Edward J. Scribner (Harrison), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16

- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Dana L. Shackford, (52 Summer St., Auburn), M.; John T. Doughty, S. W.; Leo G. Torrey, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Angus S. Milne, M.; Ralph A. Springer, S. W.; Harvard W. Blaisdell, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Albert R. Huff, M.; Harry E. Lambert, S. W.; Ralph H. Starbird, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Mahlon W. Staples (Limerick, R. F. D.), M.; Earle F. Cook, S. W.; Clair E. Bond, J. W.; Thomas Bond, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. William N. Shaw, M.; J. Warren Day, S. W.; Lewis W. Phinney, J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. James S. Plummer, M.; Fred D. Kimball, S. W.; James O. Hamilton, J. W.; Wilbert F. Harriman, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks's Mills. Lester R. Nelson (Palermo), M.; Fred A. Pierce, S. W.; Buford A. Reed, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul (R. F. D. 52), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Eugene H. Flint, M.; Franklin H. Killam, S. W.; Carlyle F. Blanchard, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Herbert W. Goud, M.; John E. Bodge, S. W.; Orrin L. Ham, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Fred N. Leavitt (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), M.; Frank W. Lord, S. W.; Henry P. Allen, J. W.; Reuben Fender-son (East Parsonfield), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Weston A. Goldthwaite, M.; Lloyd G. Woodman, S. W.; Lloyd L. Cole, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday, except July and August; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Edward G. Buxton, M.; William S. Mildon, S. W.; John R. Holmes, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 182), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Raymond H. Skofield, M.; Harold H. Hopkinson, S. W.; Fred S. Kilburn, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Arthur H. Cousins, M.; Guy M. Means, S. W.; Paul F. Byard, J. W.; Roy S. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. Clayton D. Weston, M.; James P. Herd, S. W.; William H. Morrison, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13

- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. George H. Robinson, M.; Fred Chillis, S. W.; David J. Silverwright, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Herbert A. Spaulding, M.; Morton P. Garland, S. W.; Charles T. Bowen, Jr., J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Charles Herrick, M.; George McCabe, S. W.; Lionel W. Flanders, J. W.; Everett L. Bird, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, November. 8
- Felicity 19 Bucksport. George R. Whitmore M.; Ulysess G. Houston, S. W.; Frank N. Williams J. W.; Everett Pierce S. Meeting first Monday; election December. 21
- Forest 148, Springfield. Eugene Dicker, M.; Clough I. Murdock, S. W.; Isaac Ham, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Niles C. Pinkham, M.; Augustus D. Dow, S. W.; Elmer McIntire, J. W.; James I Hoyt, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. George E. Hopkins, M.; John Leeman, S. W.; Charles H. Bailey, J. W.; Clyde C. Day, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Burleigh S. Ricker, M.; Forrest H. Clark, S. W.; Myron J. Ricker, J. W.; Frederick A. Hobbs, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Ralph C. Cobb, M.; George G. Colby, S. W.; Mark L. Burnham, J. W.; Arthur F. Lougee, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Alpheus G. Dyer, M.; Guy H. Day, S. W.; Raymond W. Stowell J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Maynard T. Chase, M.; Herbert E. Hill, S. W.; Harry R. Jacobs, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27) S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Elwood R. Milliken, M.; Wyer W. Pike, S. W.; Carroll F. Day, J. W.; Francis A. Norton S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. James Hatch, M.; Maxwell E. Leach, S. W.; Horace M. Leach, J. W.; Russell J. Morgrave, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Charles C. Shaw, M.; Frank W. Twombly, S. W.; Roland Barrows J. W.; Edgar F. Carswell S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. C. Alton Bagley, M.; Horace E. Tribou, S. W.; Millard H. B. Thompson, J. W.; Frank L. Cates, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3

- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Arthur L. Purdy, M.; Walter H. Underwood, S. W.; Bradford H. White, J. W.; Edwin S. Lincoln, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Albert W. Waterman, M.; George B. Jackson, S. W.; Thomas N. Weeks, J. W.; William A. Seyford (15 Cottage Farms Road), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Ralph P. Jipson, M.; Elverson L. Aldrich, S. W.; Stanley L. Buzzell, J. W.; George O. Webster, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Frank C. Knowles, M.; James E. Larrabee, S. W.; Newell F. Perry, J. W.; Raymond F. Cole S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, September. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Walter E. Stover, M.; Andrew M. Moore, S. W.; Luther D. Owens, J. W.; Forrest B. Snow, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Harold D. Pendleton, M.; Eben McLeod S. W.; Edwin S. Leach, J. W.; Henry P. Leavitt (Prepit) S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Ralph W. Emerson, M.; Warren E. Vincent, S. W.; E. Maurice Goodrich, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Benjamin H. Abbott, M.; Clarence J. Perham, S. W.; Robert J. Johnson, J. W.; Lester D. Bryant (R. F. D. 2) S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Harry J. White, M.; Frank T. Higgins, S. W.; Morey C. Farnsworth, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Lester E. Grant, M.; Daniel R. Woodbury, S. W.; Waldo B. Cunningham, J. W.; Ralph I. Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 27
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. A. Mason Russell, M.; Henry W. Badger, S. W.; Harold B. McCord, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. George I. Emery, M.; Harold A. Fitz, S. W.; Earl A. Orton, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Frank P. Babbett, M.; Leigh Webber S. W.; Harry E. Hamilton, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election November. 11
- Keystone 80 Solon. Leon M. Wyman, M.; Walter W. Knowles, S. W.; Kendall Cross J. W.; Clayton E. Eames S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Adin L. Hopkins M.; Harry A. Frohock, S. W.; Parker Young, J. W.; Fred E. Hardy, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, October. 8

- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. Elisha L. Stetson, M.; W. Fred Ellis, S. W.; Clifford C. Whitney, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Fred S. Simmons, M.; Ralph E. Stahl, S. W.; Jesse V. Benner, J. W.; Irving A. Moody, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Harvey D. Crowley, M.; Milton E. Bassick, S. W.; Harold Harlow, J. W.; John M. Ingram, S. Meeting first Saturday; election January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Benjamin H. Winters (Kent's Hill) M.; Fremont A. Hunton, S. W.; Roy C. Giles, J. W.; Luther S. Russell (Kent's Hill), S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Verne T. Blaisdell, M.; Elton Nichols, S. W.; Freeman J. Abbott, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Asa L. Preston, M.; Church H. Furbish, S. W.; Ernest E. Pike, J. W.; Theodore Morrisson (Box 121) S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Justin V. Jackson, M.; Arthur A. Sprague, S. W.; Charles M. Banks, J. W.; Willis J. Greeley, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. John M. Ward, M.; S. Waldo Burgess, S. W.; Charles Hutcheon, J. W.; Dennis F. Getchell, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. John Edward McKenney, M.; Sidney G. Evans, S. W.; Harvey R. Pease, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. William E. Farris, M.; Mariner W. Ackley, S. W.; George S. Farris, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Charles A. Haynes, M.; Charles D. Wiggins, S. W.; Fred A. Shea, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Josiah J. Staples, M.; Otis W. Patten, S. W.; Russell S. Jackson, J. W.; Thurston Hunt (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. William K. Hinton, M.; Hollis G. Reed, S. W.; Fred V. Thurston J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley S. Meeting first Tuesday; election December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Henry E. Knapp, M.; Daniel B. Belcher, S. W.; Currier C. Holman, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine 122, Deer Isle. Percy S. Knowlton, M.; Leon C. Weed, S. W.; Harold C. Howard, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4

- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Earl F. Cunningham (Stockton Springs), M.; Joshua W. Curtis, S. W.; Harry P. McCaslin J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Garfield C. Goddard, M.; Herbert F. Smith, S. W.; Elbert G. Moulton J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics' 66, Orono. Douglass M. Beale, M.; Harley R. Willard S. W.; Forrest G. Lancaster, J. W.; Everett W. Davee S. Meeting first, Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook 211, Friendship. Foster D. Jameson (Waldoboro), M.; John D. Mitchell, S. W.; Almon L. Packard, J. W.; Eugene H. Brown, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Neil D. Stanley, M.; Fred M. Bean, S. W.; Fred G. Eaton, J. W.; Frank W. Fuller, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridain Splendor, 49, Newport. Elmer O. Small, M.; William D. Bruce, S. W.; William E. Condon, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Harley P. Mairs, M.; Arthur L. Shaw, S. W.; William A. Bain, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Ralph M. Robinson, M.; Melville L. Sides, S. W.; Orlando J. Patterson, J. W.; Frank A. Ambrose, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Henry B. Hodsdon, M.; F. Maynard Foss, S. W.; Carey B. Boyd, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Norris E. Estabrook, M.; Trescott P. Nelder, S. W.; Elson A. Hosford, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday except June, July and August; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Cyrus M. Kendrick (R. F. D. 18), M.; Charles E. Walker, S. W.; Gilbert M. Barker, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. Harry G. Severance, M.; James A. Webber, S. W.; Charlie L. Severance, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Frank V. Mullen, M.; Alex. Simpson, S. W.; Leslie B. Dyer, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Cecil S. French, M.; Earl L. Wing, S. W.; Milton J. Wing, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. F. Elmer Blackwell (Stratton), M.; Harold T. Ricker, S. W.; Lee F. Ricker, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15

- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. James L. Grant, M.; Ezra G. Richardson, S. W.; James E. Hamor, J. W.; Arthur L. Bunker, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Fred A. Heath, M.; Selden D. Rice, S. W.; Kenneth J. Field, J. W.; Joseph T. Davidson, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Harold L. McIntire, M.; Ira A. Merrill, S. W.; Perley H. McKusick, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Earl B. Grinnell, M.; Charles L. Finn, S. W.; Leland M. Johnston, J. W.; Jesse Overlock, S. Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Percy E. Kimball, M.; R. Eugene Pinkham, S. W.; Arthur R. Millett, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Enoch E. Hewes, M.; Arthur C. Tibbetts, S. W.; Elmer J. Treworgy, J. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield (Hampden Highlands), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Ezra G. Noyes, M.; Adelbert D. McIntire, S. W.; Harold E. Hutchinson, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Frank W. Patten, M.; Alton H. Benner, S. W.; Spencer R. Moore, J. W.; Percy Wakefield, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Alanson H. Mayo, M.; Prin A. Allen, S. W.; George A. Andrews, J. W.; Harlie E. Freethy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Alden C. Phillips, M.; Charles A. Gerry, S. W.; Frank N. Taylor, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Wendall I. Robbins, M.; Forest J. Brown, S. W.; J. Percy Appleton, J. W.; Willard E. Strong, Jr. (Augusta, R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Thomas B. Dunn, M.; Arch W. Beals, S. W.; Luther C. Bradford, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Walter E. Trott, M.; Ira C. Craig, S. W.; John R. Soper, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. James P. Bunker, M.; Lawrence M. Branscom, S. W.; Russell D. Manchester, J. W.; William S. Holmes, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21

- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Earl C. Wing, M.; Henry E. Marston, S. W.; Benjamin W. Ela., J. W.; Horace S. Bickford, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Freeman S. Allen (No. Berwick, R. F. D.), M.; Edwin L. Kennedy, S. W.; Carroll H. Clark, J. W.; Francis W. Sawyer (Box 79, Wells), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. John B. Bradford, M.; Leon F. Tiplady, S. W.; Arthur R. Baker, J. W.; Hollis A. Soule, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. King E. Sears, M.; Clinton C. Mewer, S. W.; W. Warren Harmon, J. W.; Clyde L. R. Snow, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Charles S. Woodcock, M.; Enoch M. Clark, S. W.; Edward E. Hastings, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Maurice E. Heath, M.; Walter H. Jones, S. W.; James Briggs, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. William H. Hall, M.; Lewie W. Winter, S. W.; Charles S. Briggs, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Herbert L. Gilman (deceased), M.; Walter F. Noyes, S. W.; Edwin B. Dunn, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or next before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Joseph P. Eaton, M.; Everett L. Noble, S. W.; E. Roy Austin, J. W.; Ernest W. Barney (Dexter, R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Rafael A. Leavitt, M.; Lindley F. Hayden, S. W.; Henry M. King, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Robert E. Wise, M.; Donald P. Chapman, S. W.; Clifford Davis, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Alfred G. Reeks, M.; Harvey L. Haskell, S. W.; Arthur H. Page, J. W.; William A. Small, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Stacy J. Noyes, M.; Clarence A. Paul, S. W.; Elmer W. Sayward, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Carroll F. Shedd, M.; Don C. Reynolds, S. W.; Alton C. Greenleaf, J. W.; Everett L. Crockett, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20

- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Hermon H. Kirk, M.; Thomas G. Kirk, S. W.; Wilmer A. Mooers, J. W.; H. C. LeMasurier, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Chauncey L. Monroe, M.; Morton W. Hamlin, S. W.; Oscar L. Hamlin, J. W.; Arthur F. Lewis, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Linwood A. Ryder (Brownville Junc.), M.; Kenneth McLeod, S. W.; James L. Hay, J. W.; Bert S. Hodgman (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. James F. Morrision, M.; Henry W. Sawyer, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Anthony P. Welch (No. Dixmont), M.; Edgar W. Harris, S. W.; Herbert E. Clark, J. W.; Charles S. Ramsay, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Harold E. Cutting, M.; Henry W. Owen, Jr., S. W.; Arthur B. Stilphen, J. W.; William A. Furber, (1252 Washington St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday except July and August; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. G. Sturgis Bibber, M.; Robert D. Chase, S. W.; Leonard W. Stack, J. W.; Warren Moses (15 Deering Ave.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Isaac Littlefield, M.; George C. Fletcher, S. W.; Edmond J. Littlefield, J. W.; Charles I. Littlefield, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Edwin R. Thayer, M.; Kenneth E. Bradbury, S. W.; E. Sydney Denby, J. W.; Elroy M. Moulton (P. O. Box 271), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Orville V. Haskell (South Windham, R. F. D.), M.; Almon S. Manchester, S. W.; Loring S. Mains, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. J. Howard Woodward, M.; Ruben C. Walker, S. W.; Elroy O. LaCasce, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Henry L. Buck, M.; Charles G. Hemenway, S. W.; Aubrey L. Fuller, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Grover C. Roberson (18 Josslyn St., Auburn), M.; John L. Sise, S. W.; Arthur Booth, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Alexander McGuffie, M.; Raymond C. Gross, S. W.; Albert M. Shepard, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 4

- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Frederick B. Peabody, M.; Clifford E. Seekins, S. W.; Leslie F. Roberts, J. W.; Charles M. Dicker, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Burton L. Wardwell, M.; Lawrence J. Tracy, S. W.; Mervyn W. Clement, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Oscar R. Saunders, M.; Linwood Gray, S. W.; Jay B. Clement, J. W.; Homer H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Frank W. Simmons, M.; George F. Eaton, S. W.; Charles E. Higgins, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Lavander A. Hollowell, M.; Maurice A. Brann, S. W.; Ralph R. Libby, J. W.; Henry P. Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election September. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Israel Snow, M.; Walter G. Dimick, S. W.; Merton A. Sprowl, J. W.; Albert I. Mather, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Eldon H. Wort (Oakland R. F. D. 36), M.; Arthur B. Davenport, S. W.; F. Bigelow Barnard, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Joseph J. Sterling, M.; Archibald F. Houston, S. W.; Edgar H. Pellerin, J. W.; Rufus L. Doe (44 Clark St.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Edward C. Perkins, M.; Dana T. Whitman, S. W.; Charles A. Potter, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (302 Center St.), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Forest E. Blaisdell, M.; Fred E. Welch, S. W.; William Trofatter, J. W.; Albert G. McCollum, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Frank N. Beckett, Jr., M.; Percy D. Adams, S. W.; Clarence B. Beckett, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Alvah S. Simmons, M.; Frederick E. Mathews, S. W.; Josiah O. Jameson, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Maurice E. Hobbs, M.; Charles H. Hurd, S. W.; Clarence L. Blaisdell, J. W.; Arthur E. Muzzey, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Earle C. Dow, M.; Charles E. King, S. W.; Earle P. Grant, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Charles E. Burke, M.; Arthur R. Greenleaf, S. W.; Raymond W. Dolloff, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10

- Sebasticonk, 146, Clinton. Omar C. Gerald, M.; Marcellus Cain, S. W.; Harold R. Bean, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. William H. Baker, M.; Harry E. Durgin, S. W.; Maynard S. Howe, J. W.; Frank W. Harmon, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Silam, 92, Fairfield. Harold E. Weeks, M.; Connell Y. Lawry, S. W.; Paul L. Woodworth, J. W.; Walter C. Woodman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Sanford B. Nickerson, M.; Luther S. Thompson, S. W.; Roy F. Shackford, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Floyd G. Nye, M.; Leon A. Wilbur, S. W.; Geo. Allan Wentworth, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Frank C. Reeks, M.; Fred Jowett, S. W.; Albert L. Spence, J. W.; Arthur F. Horne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Simon W. Moulton, M.; Guy E. Lombard, S. W.; Harold N. Hanold, J. W.; Fred E. Cole, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Arthur L. Dennis, M.; C. Ivan Huntley, S. W.; Mortimer S. Fayle, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill (46 N. Main St.), S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Edward S. Farwell, M.; Rodney C. Whitaker, S. W.; C. Wellington Taylor, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. S. Lee Woodman, M.; Eugene E. York, S. W.; Charles P. Morrison, J. W.; Linwood B. Jones, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. G. Frederic Joy, M.; Frank H. Robie, S. W.; George F. Trueworthy, J. W.; Joshua H. Goodridge (15 Sargent St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Claude F. Clement, M.; Leroy A. Coombs, S. W.; Harry C. Snow, J. W.; James H. Cilley, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Milton Stetson, M.; Ralph E. C. Buck, S. W.; Laurence M. Watson, J. W.; Bernard G. Everett, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Artemus J. Richardson, M.; Jesse P. Carpenter, S. W.; Fred S. Mayo, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Ernest W. Loane, M.; George W. Perry S. W.; George T. Noyes, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1

- Tuscan, 106, Addison. Whitney L. Bradley, M.; Harry E. Talbot, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Henry E. Rawson, M.; William W. Farr, S. W.; Raymond L. Winslow, J. W.; Windsor A. Goldermann, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. Clarence Leonard, M.; Edward A. Alden, S. W.; James L. Dorman, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas (R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Edgar R. Comee, M.; Lawrence W. Smith, S. W.; Emery W. Booker, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson (P. O. Box 346), S. Meeting second Tuesday, election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Claude L. Bessey, M.; Lawrence H. Ward, S. W.; Clarence E. Gilchrist, J. W.; Howard N. Harmon, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Herbert H. Scott, M.; Adin D. Shorey, S. W.; Herbert Muir, J. W.; Mahlon M. McCurdy, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon, Carl F. Fellows, M.; Charles S. Brown, S. W.; Robert C. Castle, J. W.; Harry E. Williams, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election November. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Edward B. Sprague, M.; Clarence O. Purinton, S. W.; George A. Blodgett, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Percy F. Crane, M.; Warren B. Pettigrew, S. W.; Donald W. Small, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Maurice Hawkes (110 Rochester St. Westbrook), M.; H. Ordway Furbish, S. W.; Frank L. McKenney, J. W.; Edward W. Rome (417 Warren Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. John A. Story, M.; Charles W. Staples, S. W.; Robert B. Wallace, J. W.; Guy C. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. DeCoster F. Bennet, M.; Charles E. Bodman, S. W.; Neil R. Stuart, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Arthur F. Roundy, M.; Willard H. Rockwood, S. W.; Howard A. Rainey, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. George W. Wood, M.; John Thomson, S. W.; Thomas Phelan, J. W.; Wilton S. Campbell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Percy M. Brown, M.; Leslie A. Richmond, S. W.; Dwight A. Bisbee, J. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26

- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Ralph E. Sawyer, M.; Frank E. Brann, S. W.;
Richard B. Knapp, Jr., J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting
Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Linwood W. Coombs, M.; Henry E.
Frazier, S. W.; J. Howard Snyder, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting
first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Elmer A. Mitchell, M.; Arthur C. Goodwin, S. W.;
Roy A. Evans, J. W.; Albert W. Meserve, S. Meeting Monday
on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. James O. MacCorrison, M.; Robert A.
Hussey, S. W.; Leonard M. Dockham, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder,
S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

- District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE R. FENDERSON, Mars Hill.
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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 — EBEN L. BENNET, Lubec.
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| 7 Eastern, Eastport. | 78 Crescent, Pembroke. |
| 37 Washington, Lubec. | 138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. |
| 46 St. Croix, Calais. | |

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- District Deputy Grand Master — JOSEPH L. HALL, Machias.
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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 — ELIJAH S. HEATH, Orland.
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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

- District Deputy Grand Master — LOUIS M. BLAKE, Lagrange.
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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, Lagrange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT No. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTHUR M. BAKER, Hampden.
(P. O. Hampden Highlands, R. F. D. 2)

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 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 — GEORGE H. FOSTER, Unity.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabcook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabasticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — ROBIE F. AMES, 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 — JOHN L. TEWKSBURY, Camden.

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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, Vinalhaven |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — NORRIS S. LORD, Dresden Mills.

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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. | |

DISTRICT No. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master — GUY M. TOWLE, Hallowell.

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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 — GEORGE W. HOXIE, 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 Neguemekeag, Vassalboro. |

DISTRICT No. 13.

District Deputy Grand Master — WILLIS L. HODGDON, North Anson.

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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, Binham. |

DISTRICT No. 14.

District Deputy Grand Master — HENRY G. SHAW, Bath,
(24 Oak Street).

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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 — FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, Weld.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 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. |

DISTRICT No. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master — HERBERT C. ROWE, Bethel.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT No. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master — ALFRED W. DOUGHTY, Cumberland
Centre.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, 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. TARBOX, Fryeburg.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT No. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRANK H. LIBBY, Old Orchard.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells' Depot. | |

DISTRICT No. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master — J. ARTHUR HALEY, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — Withheld.

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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 — SAMUEL P. IRELAND, Corinna.

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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 — WILLIAM A. SMALL, Limington,
(P. O. Westbrook).

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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 — HENRY W. LORING, Lewiston,
(163 Pine Street).

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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 — GEORGE A. PALMER, 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. |

DISTRICT No. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTHUR M. PACKARD, Canton.
(P. O. Rumford).

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
ADDISON,	Tuscan, 106,	3
ALFRED,	Fraternal, 55,	23
ASHLAND,	Pioneer, 72,	25
AUBURN,	Ancient Brothers', 178,	24
AUBURN,	Tranquil, 29,	24
AUGUSTA,	Augusta, 141,	11
AUGUSTA,	Bethlehem, 35,	11
BANGOR,	Rising Virtue, 10,	6
BANGOR,	St. Andrew's, 83,	6
BAR HARBOR,	Bar Harbor, 185,	21
BATH,	Polar Star, 114,	14
BATH,	Solar, 14,	14
BELFAST,	Phoenix, 24,	8
BELFAST,	Timothy Chase, 126,	8
BETHEL,	Bethel, 97,	16
BIDDEFORD,	Dunlap, 47,	19
BINGHAM,	Bingham, 199,	13
BLAINE,	Aroostook, 197,	1
BLUE HILL,	Ira Berry, 187,	4
BOLSTER'S MILLS,	Crooked River, 152,	16
BOOTHBAY HARBOR,	Seaside, 144,	10
BOWDOINHAM,	Village, 26,	14
BRIDGTON,	Oriental, 13,	18
BRISTOL,	Bristol, 74,	23
BROOKLIN,	Naskeag, 171,	4
BROOKS,	Marsh River, 102,	7
BROWNFIELD,	Shepherd's River, 169,	18
BROWNVILLE,	Pleasant River, 163,	5
BRUNSWICK,	United, 8,	14
BRYANT'S POND,	Jefferson, 100,	16
BUCKFIELD,	Evening Star, 147,	26
BUCKSPORT,	Felicity, 19,	21
CALAIS,	St. Croix, 46,	2
CAMBRIDGE,	Cambridge, 157,	22
CAMDEN,	Amity, 6,	9
CANAAN,	Carrabasset, 161,	13
CANTON,	Whitney, 167,	26
CARIBOU,	Caribou, 170,	1
CARMEL,	Benevolent, 87,	6

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticook, 146,	7
CORINNA,	Parian, 160,	22
CORNISH,	Greenleaf, 117,	18
CUMBERLAND MILLS,	Warren Phillips, 186,	17
CUTLER,	Lookout, 131,	3
DAMARISCOTTA,	Alna, 43,	10
DANFORTH,	Baskahegan, 175,	20
DEER ISLE,	Marine, 122,	4
DENMARK,	Mount Moriah, 56,	18
DEXTER,	Penobscot, 39,	5
DIXFIELD,	King Hiram, 57,	26
DOVER-FOXCROFT,	Mosaic, 52,	5
DRESDEN MILLS,	Dresden, 103,	10
DURHAM,	Acacia, 121,	14
EAST BOOTHBAY,	Bay View, 196,	10
EAST DIXMONT,	Archon, 139,	22
EAST MACHIAS,	Warren, 2,	3
EASTPORT,	Eastern 7,	2
ELLSWORTH,	Lygonia, 40,	21
EXETER,	Pacific, 64,	22
FAIRFIELD,	Siloam, 92,	13
FARMINGTON,	Maine, 20,	15
FLAGSTAFF,	Mount Bigelow, 202,	15
FORT FAIRFIELD,	Eastern Frontier, 112,	1
FORT KENT,	Fort Kent, 209,	25
FREEPORT,	Freeport, 23,	14
FRIENDSHIP,	Meduncook, 211,	9
FRYEBURG,	Pathagorean, 11,	18
GARDINER,	Hermon, 32,	11
GOODWIN'S MILLS,	Arion, 162,	19
GORHAM,	Harmony, 38,	17
GREENVILLE,	Columbia, 200,	5
GUILFORD,	Mount Kineo, 109,	5
HALLOWELL,	Kennebec, 5,	11
HAMPDEN,	Mystic, 65,	6
HARTLAND,	Corinthian, 95,	22
HERMON,	Lynde, 174,	6
HOULTON,	Monument, 96,	1
ISLAND FALLS,	Island Falls, 206,	25
ISLESBORO,	Island, 89,	8
JEFFERSON,	Riverside, 135,	10
JONESPORT,	Jonesport, 188,	3
KENDUSKEAG,	Kenduskeag, 137,	6

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 105,	24
LEWISTON,	Rabboni, 150,	24
LIBERTY,	Liberty, 111,	7
LIMERICK,	Freedom, 42,	23
LIMESTONE,	Limestone, 214,	1
LIMINGTON,	Adoniram, 27,	23
LINCOLN,	Horeb, 93,	20
LINCOLNVILLE,	King David's, 62,	8
LISBON FALLS,	Ancient York, 155,	14
LITCHFIELD,	Morning Star, 41,	11
LIVERMORE FALLS,	Oriental Star, 21,	15
LOVELL,	Delta, 153,	18
LUBEC,	Washington, 37,	2
MACHIAS,	Harwood, 91,	3
MADISON,	Euclid, 194,	13
MATTAWAMKEAG,	Pine Tree, 172,	20
McKINLEY,	McKinley, 212,	21
MECHANIC FALLS,	Tyrian, 73,	24
MILLBRIDGE,	Pleiades, 173,	3
MILLINOCKET,	Nollesemic, 205,	25
MILO,	Piscataquis, 44,	5
MONMOUTH,	Monmouth, 110,	11
MONSON,	Doric, 149,	5
MOUNT DESERT,	Mount Desert, 140,	21
MOUNT VERNON,	Vernon Valley, 99,	12
NEW GLOUCESTER,	Cumberland, 12,	24
NEWPORT,	Meridian Splendor, 49,	22
NEW SHARON,	Franklin, 123,	15
NORRIDGEWOCK,	Lebanon, 116,	13
NORTH ANSON,	Northern Star, 28,	13
NORTH BERWICK,	Yorkshire, 179,	19
NORTH BROOKSVILLE,	Bagaduce, 210,	4
NORTH EAST HARBOR,	North East Harbor, 208,	21
NORTH VASSALBORO,	Vassalboro, 54,	12
NORTH WINDHAM,	Presumpscot, 127,	17
NORTHPORT,	Excelsior, 151,	8
NORWAY,	Oxford, 18,	16
OAKLAND,	Messalonskee, 113,	12
OLD ORCHARD,	Orchard, 215,	19
OLD TOWN,	Star in the East, 60,	6
ORLAND,	Rising Sun, 71,	21
ORONO,	Mechanics', 66,	6

PARSONSFIELD,	Drummond, 118,	23
PATTEN,	Katahdin, 98,	25
PEMBROKE,	Crescent, 78,	2
PENOBSCOT,	Rising Star, 177,	4
PHILLIPS,	Blue Mountain, 67,	15
PITTSFIELD,	Meridian, 125,	22
PLYMOUTH,	Plymouth, 75,	22
PORTLAND,	Ancient Landmark, 17,	17
PORTLAND,	Atlantic, 81,	17
PORTLAND,	Deering, 183,	17
PORTLAND,	Portland, 1,	17
PRESQUE ISLE,	Trinity, 130,	1
PRINCETON,	Lewy's Island, 138,	2
RANGELEY,	Kemankeag, 213,	15
READFIELD,	Lafayette, 48,	12
RICHMOND,	Richmond, 63,	14
ROCKLAND,	Aurora, 50,	9
ROCKLAND,	Rockland, 79,	9
ROCKPORT,	St. Paul's, 82,	9
RUMFORD,	Blazing Star, 30,	26
SABATTUS,	Webster, 164,	24
SACO,	Saco, 9,	19
SANFORD,	Preble, 143,	23
SANGERVILLE,	Abner Wade, 207,	5
SEARSMONT,	Quantabacook, 129,	7
SEARSPORT,	Mariners', 68,	8
SEDGWICK,	Eggemoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
OLON,	Keystone, 80,	13
SOUTH BERWICK,	St. John's, 51,	19
SOUTH BRISTOL,	Anchor, 158,	10
SOUTH PARIS,	Paris, 94,	16
SOUTH PORTLAND,	Hiram, 180,	17
SOUTH THOMASTON,	Knox, 189,	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S HARBOR,	Eureka, 84,	9
THOMASTON,	Orient, 15,	9
THORNDIKE,	Unity, 58,	7
TURNER,	Nezinscot, 101,	24

UNION,	Union, 31,	9
UNITY,	Star in the West, 85,	7
VASSALBORO,	Neguemkeag, 166,	12
VINALHAVEN,	Moses Webster, 145,	9
WALDOBORO,	King Solomon's, 61,	10
WARREN,	St. George, 16,	9
WASHBURN,	Washburn, 193,	1
WASHINGTON,	Mount Olivet, 203,	9
WATERFORD,	Mount Tir'em, 132,	16
WATERVILLE,	Waterville, 33,	12
WAYNE,	Asylum, 133,	12
WEEKS MILLS,	Dirigo, 104,	11
WELD,	Mystic Tie, 154,	15
WELLS DEPOT,	Ocean, 142,	19
WESTBROOK,	Temple, 86,	17
WEST BUXTON,	Buxton, 115,	23
WEST NEWFIELD,	Day Spring, 107,	23
WEST PARIS,	Granite, 182,	16
WEST SULLIVAN,	David A. Hooper, 201	21
WILTON,	Wilton, 156,	15
WINTER HARBOR,	Winter Harbor, 192,	19
WINTERPORT,	Howard, 69,	6
WINTHROP,	Temple, 25,	11
WISCASSET,	Lincoln, 3,	10
YARMOUTH,	Casco, 36,	17
YORK VILLAGE,	St. Aspinquid, 198,	19

Lodges in Maine

With Dates of Precedence and Charters

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 Saint 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. 9, 1823	Oct. 28, 1823
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824	April 8, 1824
46 Saint 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‡
51 Saint John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827	Feb. 13, 1827

LODGE	LOCATION	DATE OF PRECEDENCE	DATE OF CHARTER
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,	Old Town,	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 Saint Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
83 Saint 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,	Week's Mills,	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§
109 Mount Kineo,	Guilford,	May 10, 1861	May 8, 1862

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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,	Bellast,	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 Lookont,	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 Har.,	Oct. 7, 1867	May 7, 1868
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868	May 7, 1868
146 Seabasticook,	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
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872	May 9, 1872

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168 Composite,	Lagrange,	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,	South Portland,	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,	Stonington,	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 Saint 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 Nolleseme,	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,	No. East 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
215 Orchard,	Old Orchard,	May 4, 1916	May 3, 1917

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. 42, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

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 Jabez True, 1853*
 Ezra B. French, 1854, '55*
 Isaac Downing, 1856*
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 John J. Bell, 1860, '61*
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 John J. Marr, 1920
 John M. Burleigh, 1921
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
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 Frank P. Denaco, 1924
 Harry E. Rowe, 1925
 James Abernethy, 1926

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 Amos Nourse, 1828, '29*
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 Stephen Webber, 1849*
 Timothy Chase, 1850*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52*
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 William Kimball, 1855*
 William Allen, 1856*
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 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858*
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 Algernon M. Roak, 1889*
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 Millard M. Caswell, 1898
 Franklin R. Redlon, 1899
 John H. McGorrell, 1900
 Adelbert Millett, 1901*
 James C. Ayer, 1902
 Charles F. Paine, 1903
 George W. McClain, 1904*
 Edward G. Weston, 1905
 Albert M. Ames, 1906
 Leon S. Howe, 1907
 George W. Holmes, 1908*

Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909*
 Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910
 Convers E. Leach, 1911
 Ernest P. Parlin, 1912*
 George A. Gilpatric, 1913
 Clifford J. Pattee, 1914*
 Frank B. Arnold, 1915
 Albert H. Newbert, 1916
 Edwin K. Smith, 1917

Carroll S. Douglass, 1918
 Wallace N. Price, 1919
 Lee M. Smith, 1920
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrar, 1922*
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923
 Erwin G. Ryder, 1924
 James A. Richan, 1925
 Eugene A. Whittridge, 1926

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to September, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1, 1921 to 1923*
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 to

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31*
 Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35*
 Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44*
 Charles Fox, 1845*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55*
 Ira Berry, 1856-91*
 Stephen Berry, Sept. 1891-1917*
 Charles B. Davis, 1917 to

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1925, to March 1, 1926

Those marked with * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Joseph P. Brown,* November 9; Charles E. Hills,* April 12; William A. Leavitt, Jr., February 6; Thomas E. McDonald,* February 14; John A. McDougall,* December 15; Harry H. Russell, November 12; David F. Smith,* January 13.

2 Warren, East Machias. John A. Cook,* May 7; Charles D. Oakes,* January 15.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Wilder F. Merry, November 13; William A. Cochrane, December 10; Charles H. Metcalf, January 5.

4 Hancock, Castine. Henry H. Woude.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. William C. Horne, September 5; Arthur P. Shaw, March 25.

6 Amity, Camden. Henry L. Forhan, March 8; Charles E. Knight, September 14; Levi M. Chandler, January 17.

7 Eastern, Eastport. James F. Desmond,* April 25; Louis Holitser,* May 17; Maurice C. Holmes,* July 25; John W. Evans,* February 22; Wilbur A. Shea, February 23.

8 United, Brunswick. B. Gilpin Smith, September 2; David W. Scribner, December 11; Carroll E. York, February 5; Enoch Y. Shaw, February 18.

9 Saco, Saco. George A. Lane, March 18; William H. Owen, October 25; Elroy H. Mitchell, November 20; Gardner E. Seavey, November 29.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Galen S. Pond, June 6; Melvin Preble, June 19; Trustom Webster Cook, October 3; Thomas T. Tabor, December 19; Robert Stewart, February 12.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Charles H. Quincy, January 3, 1925; Marcus M. Smart, December 29.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Robert Parker Marr Greeley,* March 2; Hannibal William Goff,* May 17.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Owen B. Ingalls, April 26; Clement P. Riggs, October 25; William H. Foster, January 26; James J. Armstrong, February 24; Charles Libby Lang, January 26, 1925.

14 Solar, Bath. John W. Sawyer, March 31; Arthur W. H. Rand, April 8; James F. Dunton, April 24; Frederick Shaw, Jr., May 5; Francis B. Torrey, Jr., June 4; Howard B. Johnson, June 8; John H. Peterson, August 10; Edwin H. Jewett, December 14; George H. Dunton, December 18; Warren A. Lowell, January 14; Joseph F. Skolfield, February 7.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Peter Aagerson, March 13; Yeaton R. Robinson, August 23; Earl T. Brown, November 13.

16 St. George, Warren. William F. Cunningham, March 18; Samuel E. Fuller, November 19; Elliot T. Benner, December 1; Nathan B. Wyman, December 12; Edward J. Cook, January 29.

17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. E. Russell Barbour, February 16, 1925; Albert W. Eustis,* March 7; Shirley W. Dunning,* June 3; George T. Means,* July 14; Alonzo W. Sawyer,* July 26; Novello Crafts,* July 28; Charles A. Jones,* September 16; Ralph B. Penfold,* September 26; James Blair,* September 29; Clarence E. Allen, November 30; LeRoy D. Hiles, January 10; George E. Bird, January 19.

18 Oxford, Norway. George W. Carter, March 8; Roswell Frost, May 29; Jonas W. Swan,* June 19; Frank L. Brett,* December 12; H. Walter Brown, December 13; Herbert L. Gilman,* February 13.

20 Maine, Farmington. George A. Stevens, March 25; Elisha J. Voter, June 14; Edwin T. Adams, September 24; Theodore Leroy Stewart, January 18; Harry Martin Pierce, February 28.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. George A. Seavey,* April 1; Richard G. Lauder,* April 19; Everett L. Philoon, August 7; Herbert L. Hersey,* November 2; Charles E. Thomas,* November 12; Eli Moore, December 31; Silvion G. Shurtliff, January 1; William H. Sawtelle, January 12; Frank A. Millett,* February 5; Ralph A. Whitney,* February 20.

22 York, Kennebunk. Edwin S. Wright, March 29; Paul I. Andrews, November 23; Walter H. Cloudman,* January 14; Charles H. Webber, January 28; Forest E. Ward, February 23; Howard W. Adjutant, May; Charles H. Clark, August 2; Charles C. Perkins, April 26.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Albert O. Bills, March 7; Rodney H. Gilman, April 22; Horace P. Rowe, May 25; Herbert S. Talbot, November 18.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Robert F. Dunton, March 3; Wallace M. Grindle,* June 15; Thomas J. Frisbee, September 1.

25 Temple, Winthrop. J. Gordon McEdward, December 31.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. Robert C. Brown,* July 19; Isaac H. Purington, September 20; John H. King,* November 23; Charles L. Mosher,* December 29.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Samuel M. Jones, November 25; Ebdon L. Carsley, August 16; Alden H. Bailey, July 25.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. Isaac S. Keith, May 7; E. Milton True, August 7; Edgar G. Sprague, October 1; Frank A. Harlow, December 8; Harry W. Conant, December 21; Greenleaf C. Wagg, December 26; Alfred Sherman, December 30; Warren M. Buck, February 17; Ardon F. Tilton, Jr., February 18.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Charles S. Gibson, May; Jefferson D. Thomas, July 2; Charles K. Martin, January 3.

31 Union, Union. Jesse Wentworth.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Lyman M. Linnell,* March 4; Charles C. Hines, March 26; Henry Farrington,* April 7; Ernest T. Small, May 11; Harry E. Larrabee,* August 24; Charles F. Boody, October 1; Augustus Kimball, October 29; Thomas W. Cross, —; Fred N. Hamlin, December 4; Frank H. Woodbury,* January 24; George E. Emery, February 10.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Solomon W. Bates, May 4; Albert M. Richards, May 21; Leslie C. Cornish, June 24; Charles M. Kennett,* July 3; James L. Merrick, August 11; Oscar E. Emerson, July 19; Mark T. Clafin,* September 20; Charles J. Clukey, October 17; Edwin Towne,* October 27; Elwood M. Jepson, November 26; Frank K. Shaw, January 19.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Henry A. Hight, March 29; John Robinson, April 18; John H. Lee, April 6; Ansel Holway, January 12.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Asa R. Boardman, March 16; John N. Erskine, March 31; David M. Waitt, May 13; Henry B. Davis, May 20; Winslow S. Oakman, May 17; Charles F. Meigs, August 21; W. Bradford Waterman, November 23; Roland E. Gooch, November 10; Harvey N. Leighton, December 25; Oliver P. Robbins, February 18; Charles C. Griffith, February 25.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. William H. Chadsey, March 9; William F. Blanchard, April 27; Arthur W. Lowell, June 8; Herbert M. Moore, June 11; Albert J. Curtis, November 6; Henry M. Moulton, November 22; William H. Paine, November 24; William H. F. Hyde, February 2.

37 Washington, Lubec. Ewell Hinson, October.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Marshall C. Sturgis, March 20; Henry M. Sweetsir, April 8; Edward E. Bean, September 7; Seth S. Parlin, November 23.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Elmer Weymouth,* March 22; H. A. Johnson, —; L. C. Hanscom, June 15; C. P. Gilman,* August 8; George A. Smart, —; J. Norman Brown, —; Charles Witham, February 12; George M. Slater. (The secretary furnishes only the incomplete data).

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Charles B. Murch, date unknown; Almon W. Garland, May 4; Stinson Hooper, July 23; John R. Shuman, August 15 (all the foregoing should have been reported in 1924); Everett S. Means, March 11; Chester L. Carter, April; Naham M. Jordan, June; Harvey W. Morang, December 4; Howard B. Dunn, February 8; Robert B. Holmes, February 10; Thomas E. Hale, February 25.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Samuel T. Clark, December 9; Clarence, E. Maloon, January 31; Samuel B. Haskell, October 3; Joseph C. Astle, February 14.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. Fred W. Day, August 20; William H. White,* November 17.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Charles A. Weir, July 19; Edward L. Kittredge, July 13; Llewellyn Sanborn, April 14; Clarence Stanchfield, April 1.

45 Central, China. James A. Fish, January 2.

46 St. Croix, Calais. George H. Condell, March 9; William S. Waldron,* March 9; William Fraser,* July 26; Alexander M. Leighton, December 5; William J. Fowler, February 3; James R. Thomas, February 6; George L. Young, (date unknown, sailed for South America in 1918 on a vessel which was never after heard from); Hugh T. Smith, February 22.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. John W. Graffam, April 24; John D. Hanson, May 29; Joseph H. Wood, June 8; James W. Beaumont, June 16; Abraham Kay, August 10; Caleb J. Emery, November 7; Frank P. Cole, January 19; Frank A. Sawyer, January 30.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. William Laughton, April 18; Augustus A. Nickerson, May 1.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Daniel T. Giles,* March —; Henry A. King, August —; Conrad G. Speer,* December 13; Frank R. Coburn,* December 16.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Almond S. Tolman, March 1; William A. Williams, March 8; Maynard S. Sprowl, March 8; Ralph W. Dolham, April 21; A. Ross Weeks, April 27; Silas A. Morton,* July 31; Alfred Condon, September 29; Asa P. St. Clair,* October 12; Roscoe G. Ingraham, December 5; John H. Lewis,* December 30; Stephen H. Cables, January 3; Andrew J. Gray, January 13.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. James William Hobbs, March 14; William A. Hill, May 30; Calvin H. Hatch, January 23.

52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft. Wallace C. Thibodeau, March 26; Fred E. Butterfield, June 1; Eugene B. Sparring, August 10; Alphonso G. Blethen, January 4; John C. Cross, January 25.

53 Rural, Sidney. Andrew J. Trask, September 25.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Robert W. Boothby,* March 12; James Carnegie, May 25; Hanson O. Lampson,* September 26; Isaiah P. Burgess, November 12.

55 Fraternal, Alfred. John D. Bourne, October 27.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. Almon P. Pingree,* March 29; Charles E. Bennett,* June 6; Leroy P. Wales,* June 10; Myron E. Bacon,* January 19.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. Burdell L. Pratt, May 5; Alexander Holman, August 28; Eastman Judkins, January 16; Howard A. Childs, February 28.

60 Star in the East, Oldtown. Albert H. Maddocks,* April 1; Alexander Fraser,* April 5; Elmer L. Keyes,* September 18; Albion Oakes, November 18; Joseph C. Babkirk,* November 22; Adelbert T. Wing,* February 4; Melvin L. Emerson,* February 21.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Hervy E. Patch, April 9; Charles A. Wakefield, April 1.

64 Pacific, Exeter. Charles S. March, July 14; Walter A. Gerry, October 9; George W. Maxfield, December 6; Joseph P. Oak, December 6.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Peter Ellis, June 14; Hiram Emery Bartlett, October 17; Daniel Lewis Cole, November 6; Henry L. Pendleton, November 23; Frank G. Rogers, January 11; William F. Kilgore, February 20.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Edward R. Mansfield, March 4; Charles Dayton Woods, March 30; George S. Hall, April 8; Joseph H. Knox, May 21; John W. Davis, January 16.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Joseph H. Dill, April 15; Simon W. Parlin, June 1; Frank E. Howard, December 17; James Russell, February 7.

68 Mariners', Searsport. Alfred B. Pendleton, October 2; George P. Carter, January 29.

69 Howard, Winterport. Charles A. Swett, March 3; Sidney A. Thompson, September 18; Elvin M. Arey,* September 20; George A. Cole,* December 2.

70 Standish, Standish. Frank D. Smith, February 28.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Eugene L. Dorr, April 8; George A. Wardwell, August 12; Albert W. Gray, October 13.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. Nathaniel S. Coffin, June 11; Henry M. Chapman, August 24; Wilbur L. Bartlett, October 31.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Herbert M. Maybery, April 23; Hamden Spiller, September 2.

74 Bristol, Bristol. Solomon D. Munroe, October 11; George W. Russell, November 12.

75 Plymouth, Plymouth. Noyes S. Gray, October 25; Henry T. Nutter, December 23; Homer B. Sawyer, December 24.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Hamlin L. Littlefield, January 24; Albert M. Moody, January 12.

77 Tremont, Southwest Harbor. George H. Gilley,* April 20; Henry Tracy,* May 17; Charles E. Stanley,* December 29.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Edward B. Carter, May 20; Charles Freemont Pottle, July 11; Andrew B. Coggins, June 7; Merle H. Fisher, October 4; William E. Leighton, October 12.

79 Rockland, Rockland. Thomas L. McBeth, November 17; Walter T. Prescott, December 13; Orel E. Davies, December 16; Walter V. Spencer, January 28.

80 Keystone, Solon. Warren J. Foss, March 4; John A. Pierce, March 22; F. A. B. Hayden, April 22; Harlon Boyington, April 27; Albert P. Murray, August 9; Cyrus W. Maynard, October 10; Horace S. Elliot, December 21.

81 Atlantic, Portland. George R. Shaw,* April 5; Charles B. Pearson,* April 9; Maurice C. Huntley,* June 10; Rudolph A. Nissen,* June 16; George G. Carlson,* July 4; Roscoe S. Davis, September 6; Charles D. Smith, October 11; Henry F. Root, February 1; Albert S. Greene,* January 26; John R. Little, April 8; Richard B. Rogers,* February 22.

82 St. Paul's, Rockport. Ralph E. Thomas, March 5; Richards B. Small, March 5; Frank A. Magune, March 15; Fred W. Copeland, May 14; William L. Bowden, May 24; Charles A. Jacobs, October 19; Guy Carleton, November 12.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Charles B. Randlett, March 19; Leroy J. D. Mayo, April 30; Edward Wood, June 26; Milton S. Clifford, July 9; William H. Wentworth, August 29; James A. Dunning, October 7; Asa C. Morton, November 27; Charles W. Coffin, December 23; Fred E. Eldridge, January 26; Frank A. Garnsey, January 28.

84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. David W. Giles, November 12; Forrest K. Torrey, December 18; Fred Keen, January 25.

85 Star in the West, Unity. Fred A. Whitten, March 23; Ruel S. Ward, April 27; Warren Jones, January 16; John C. Lamb, January 12; G. L. Small, date unknown.

86 Temple, Westbrook. James H. Hueston, July 7; Edward P. Harlow, December 3; Chester E. Cartret, January 25; Allen T. Skillings, February 17.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Samuel Wilson Otis, April 19; George W. Felker, September 18; Ernest L. DeMeritt, October 29.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Ed. G. Hamlin, October 30, 1924; Charles G. Haycock, May 15.

89 Island, Islesboro. John Oscar Farrow, January 29.

90 Harwood, Machias. Willis H. Allen,* May 11; Clarence Leighton, August 5; John N. Watts,* October 5; Elton E. Jordan, November 2.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Alphonso H. Lawrence, August 12; Clyde M. Gibbs, August 28; Owen A. Salley, October 28.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Robert W. Urquhart, March 18; Charles A. Brown, April 4; Adelbert O. Perry, June 7; Ney Killman, July —; Elbridge Ryerson, August 13; Garfield M. Newcomb, August 28; Chandler M. Woods, February 20.

94 Paris, South Paris. Willard J. Curtis, March 27; Henry L. Stone, April 15.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Charles H. Hawes, March 29; Fairfield Nevins, May 16; James O. Morgridge, August 23.

96 Monument, Houlton. Allen M. Bachelder, March 12; Daniel D. Hemore, October 31; John Reed, November 12; William A. Sanford, November 22; Clayton S. Patterson, November 29; Alfred E. Astle, February 12.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Daniel S. Hastings, March 16; Julius P. Skillings, June 23; Charles M. Kimball, February 24.

98 Katahdin, Patten. Henry S. Blake, March 3; Arthur E. Blake, September 9.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Jason Gill,* July 15; Thomas Wilson McQuaide,* December 23.

- 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Ansel Dudley,* May 11; James L. Bowker, December 30.
- 102 Marsh River, Brooks. James G. Harding, November 13; Leslie L. Higgins, November 27; Edwin Jenkins, March 6; Rufus E. Page, January 27.
- 103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Joseph Mayers, February 1.
- 104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Robert N. Barton, October 27.
- 105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Weston L. Davis, April 15; Charles F. Andrews, April 20; Frank Ayling, November 24; Edmund S. Googin, July 15; Warren E. Riker, December 17.
- 106 Tuscan, Addison. Ira W. Nash, December 20.
- 107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Carl E. Hannaford, August 5.
- 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. Harrison Taylor Barber, December 1.
- 110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Roscoe G. Carson.
- 111 Liberty, Liberty. Charles A. McClure, September 14; Sewall P. Colby, November 9; Frank P. Bennett, February 17.
- 112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. Stephen P. Waite*, June 3; George A. Houghton, September 9; James R. Hopkins,* October 19; Kimball C. Haycock,* October 29.
- 113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Will S. Coleman, June 1; William H. Wheeler, September 8.
- 114 Polar Star, Bath. Wendell H. Wyman, January 13, 1925; James P. White, July 25; George W. Dean, September 17; J. Herman Specht, December 28; William H. Hayden, January 2.
- 115 Buxton, Buxton. George Holland, April.
- 116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Clarence L. Stevens,* April 13; George P. Gilman,* April 11; Cony Russell, December 28; Ellis H. Tobey,* February 18.
- 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Joseph S. Ridlon, January 9, 1925; Samuel B. Tufts, April 19; Daniel D. Ridlon, January 22.
- 118 Drummond, Parsonfield. Willie F. Edwards, June 3; James W. Bickford, July 22.
- 119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. William W. Parsons, May 20; Hadley R. Scott, July ; Horace M. Griffin, November 7; Darius F. Berry, May 12.
- 121 Acacia, Durham. George B. Libby, July; Horatio S. Johnson, August 2.
- 122 Marine, Deer Isle. Amos F. Holden, November 18; Stephen M. Small, February 20; Charles F. Eaton, July 29; Ambrose G. Haskell, February 19; Austin A. Colby, November 20; Caleb W. Haskell, June 25; James W. Jordan, March 16; Jonathan Torrey, July 29.
- 124 Olive Branch, Charleston. L. K. Webber, March 31; Frank R. Danforth, December 10.
- 125 Meridian, Pittsfield. W. Perry Martin, September 18; Charles T. Harris, November 23.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Luther A. Hammons, April 9; William G. Newbert, May 27; Alvin Blodgett, January 23.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Amos Mann,* April 17; Benjamin Small,* May 31; Jesse F. Cloudman,* December 13; Osborn J. Hoffman, December 21; Edward J. Kimball,* January 31; Perley E. Mitchell,* February 16.

128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. Allen Henderson,* June 10; John H. Billings, November 4.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Ariel B. Knight,* May 29; George A. Ames, July; Fred F. Fogg, February 18; Daniel Wing, 1924.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Charles H. Church,* December 4; William H. Ryan,* February 3.

131 Lookout, Cutler. George Gardner, June 27.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. J. Frank Howard, June 13; Charles M. Wilson, December 9.

133 Asylum, Wayne. David Frank Rackliff,* March 18; James Monroe Pike, March 30.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. George F. Stevens, February 3.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. John V. Brown, November 15; Andrew J. Deuplisea, September 2; Samuel O. Hoar, March 4; Perham P. Noyce, May 4; Charles A. Rolfe, March 9.

140 Mount Desert, Mount Desert. Franklin W. Clark, January 17.

141 Augusta, Augusta. Nathan T. Folsom, March 17; Manning S. Campbell, August 9; James W. Morrill, September 17; Philip H. S. Vaughn, September 24; William Howard Lee, November 7; Almon P. Laiten, December 20; Daniel H. Mosher, January 24.

142 Ocean, Wells. Benoni Haley, June 1; Joshua H. Bragdon, July 1; Andrew Gibson, July 2.

143 Preble, Sanford. George A. Clark, October 10.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Hiram A. Spofford,* March 22; John H. Lake, April 24; George M. Curtis, April 26; John Seavey, October 31; Florence McKnown, November 7; Frank I. Pettengill, November 24; Edgar H. Emery, December 23; Herbert C. McIntire, February 20.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Leroy R. Smith, August 30; Benjamin Carleton, December 19; Edward S. Bodwell, December 23; Arthur S. Hopkins,* December 25; Elmer E. Brown, September 12.

146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Ezekiel Brown,* April 5; James A. Dickey,* April 17; Emery W. Cook, April 17; Sewell Brown,* September 28.

147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Richard S. Dorman, August 21; Henry A. Bicknell, September 21; Horace A. Irish, December 31.

148 Forest, Springfield. Frank E. Brown, April 2; Eli Odel Mix, February 1.

150 Rabonni, Lewiston. Charles H. Dana, January 24, 1925; Allen Garner, March 20; Eben J. Ham, June 4; Frank Cole, June 29; George A. Sawyer,* September 1; Frank I. Hall,* October 20; Levi P. Cole, November 24; William H. Hartshorn, February 24.

151 Excelsior, Northport. Albert W. Hasson, September 17.

152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. Orin Hancock, April 3; Cyrus K. Fickett, April 28; Joseph L. Knight, February 6.

153 Delta, Lovell. George Henry Moore, April 6; William R. Kneeland, September 1; Mark E. Perry, December 30.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. George Canham,* May 17; L. Irving Philbrook,* June 5; John Reade Edgecomb,* September 20; William H. Douglas,* December 15; Enoch Tebbetts,* January 3; Samuel Sylvester, February 23.

156 Wilton, Wilton. George E. Kyes, December 7.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Wallace E. Marble, July 31; Lincoln J. Felker, September 14; Walter S. Bemis, December 29; Sherborn Whittier, January 6; Charles H. Ross, February 5; Luther Drew, February 22.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. A Frederick Dunnells, February 21.

160 Parian, Corinna. Wesley Burrill, March 28; Frank S. Macomber, April 8; Selden B. Crowell, June 16; Charles A. Grey, August 17.

161 Carrabassett, Canaan. George H. Ames, June 21.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Frank S. Day, April; Frank M. Ross, August 5; Charles F. Locke, January 22.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. James A. Morelen, October 27; Alfred Merrill, July 9; Azel P. Roberts, October 24; Clifton Davis, October 27; Arthur Nelson Smith, February 24.

164 Webster, Sabattus. Sanford Thompson,* May 10; Isaac N. Spofford, April 16; J. Walter Platt,* October 10.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Russell Eugene Bowers,* July 25; Edward Spurling Gillespie,* September 22; Robert N. McClure,* December 24.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Hilliard W. Ludwig, March 10; George S. Hawes, March 30.

167 Whitney, Canton. Elmer Herbert York, August 12; Frank W. Rowell, October 15.

168 Composite, LaGrange. Percy W. Bailey, August 2; Loren Decker, January 25.

169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Moses B. Robbins, April 6; Lorenzo D. Mills, February.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Albion Runnells, July 16; Thomas B. Whitney, June 3; Wilbur C. York, December.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Melroy A. Flye, July 20; Edward B. Kane, May 8.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Charles Howard, February 26; Nathan A. Averill.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Frank H. Bray, March; Edwin Kelley, April 22; William Shaw, May 23; Sewell O. Davis, November; Harry B. Foster, December 1; Fred T. Robinson, December; Joseph A. Ward, December 28; Clarence A. Strout, January 29; James W. Brown, October 5.

174 Lynde, Hermon. George W. Hall, September.

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. George S. P. Brannen,* November 9; David Carroll Parker, November 23; Charles E. Berry,* November 24.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. James E. Wilson, April 4.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Willard Elmer Littlefield, August 15; Ralph F. Burnham,* September 22; Joseph Moore, September 23; Fred C. Jackson,* November 25; J. Edwin Nye,* January 25; Dana Elton Dresser,* January 31; Blaine L. Bonney,* February 11.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. George S. Dutch, June 12; Edward E. Snow, June 21.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Andrew H. Pray,* March 2; Charles Newell Trefethen, May 10; Herbert Burns,* August 31; Leander Hughs,* November 21; Edwin W. Hamilton, January 27.

182 Granite, West Paris. James A. Brooks, June 6; Lemuel B. Carter.

183 Deering, Portland. Leslie L. Mason, March 28; Lars C. Larsen, April 8; John A. Morgan,* May 4; John Nielson*, May 7; Charles S. Bailey,* July 11; Edward E. Smith, July 20; Frederick W. Matthews,* September 30; Herbert E. Waite,* October 26; Merton L. Soule,* January 27; George H. Bailey,* February 3; Henry W. Robbins, February 20.

184 Naval, Kittery. Fred L. Rounds, June 21; Herman W. Zoll, August 30; Herbert W. Snyder, September 25; Eugene W. Blaney, January 2

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. Charles B. Farnsworth, January 13; Henry M. Smith, May 10.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Willard Mayberry,* June 15; Isaiah Davis Leighton, July 9; George Mevin Fisk, December 25; John Hosea Washburn,* January 1; Orrin B. May, February 24.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. George A. Harmon, May 1.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. Henry Closson, April 13; Charles Butler, June 20; Charles R. Crowley, October 25; Julian Snow, December 18; Erick Hajgard, February 6.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Daniel M. Frye,* August 12; Edward Holmes,* August 30; Edmund G. Murray,* September 28; Forrest H. Whitten, September 28; Alvenius H. Whitney, December 5.

191 Davis, Strong. Alfred W. Norton, January 17.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Andrew J. Gerrish, July 17; Harry Freeze, July 15.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Frank E. Hale,* August 14.

194 Euclid, Madison. Frank L. Harding, June 27; Clyde A. Copp, October 20; George F. Look, October 26.

195 Reliance, Stonington. John H. Jordan, April 15; Warren Small, July 8.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Edward Vanhorn, March 11; Edward G. Matthews, May 8.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Fred A. Russell,* July 10; George Murray Foster, August 25; George W. Hartley,* December 22; Merton E. Roberts,* January 7; Colman N. York,* February 25.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. Rodney A. Putnam, June 15; Osmond B. Mahurin, July 15.

199 Bingham, Bingham. Glennie Smith,* June 6; William H. Clark,* March 21; George S. Patience,* December 31; Warren J. Hilton,* January 10.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Albert H. Shaw, April 18; Raymond W. Kittredge, September 27.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Watson N. Joy,* April 19.

203 Mount Olivet, Washington. E. W. Farrar, February; H. M. Lenfest, February.

204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Charles H. Bartlett; Sherman J. Gould, March 17; Manley G. Atwood,* February 19.

205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. Garrett Schenck, Jr., December 6; William E. Glenn, January 26; Adam W. Reynolds, February 19.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Harlan T. Sprague,* February 3.

208 Northeast Harbor, Northeast Harbor. Adelbert H. Liscomb, October 12.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Edgar J. Blodgett, December 19.

212 McKinley, McKinley. Charles H. Norwood, February 12; Lewis H. Holmes, April 30.

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 1, 1925,	Oliver D. Street, Guntersville.
Alberta, June 10, 1925,	Norman E. Carruthers, Lacombe.
Arizona, Feb. 10, 1925,	Clement H. Colman, Yuma.
Arkansas, Nov. 17, 1925,	Claude L. Hill, Arkadelphia.
British Columbia, June 18, 1925,	Alex M. Hanson, Victoria.
California, Oct. 13, 1925,	Albert E. Boynton, San Francisco.
Canada, July 15, 1925,	John A. Rowland, Toronto.
Colorado, Sept. 15, 1925,	Fred G. Mirick, Pueblo.
Connecticut, Feb. 3, 1925,	Arthur N. Nash, Pawcatuck.
Cuba, April 8, 1925,	Carlos M. Pineiro, Havana.
Delaware, October 7, 1925,	James P. Pierce, Milford.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 16, 1925,	Sydney R. Jacobs, Washington.
England, June 24, 1925,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, April 21, 1925,	Lamar G. Carter, Gainesville.
Georgia, Oct. 27, 1925,	W. S. Richardson, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 8, 1925,	Will H. Gibson, Mountain Home.
Illinois, Oct. 13, 1925,	R. C. Davenport, Harrisburg.
Indiana, May 26, 1925,	Albert W. Funkhouser, Evansville.
Iowa, June 9, 1925,	Thomas W. Wellington, Fort Madison.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1925,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 24, 1926,	John W. Neilson, Concordia.
Kentucky, Oct. 20, 1925,	G. Allison Holland, Lexington.
Louisiana, Feb. 3, 1925,	Haney B. Connor, St. Joseph.
Maine, May 4, 1923,	David L. Wilson, Bath.
Manitoba, June 10, 1925,	Albert L. Crossin, Winnipeg.
Maryland, Nov. 17, 1925,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 9, 1925,	Frank Simpson, Swampscot.
Michigan, May 26, 1925,	Arthur J. Fox, Almont.
Minnesota, Jan. 19, 1926,	Albert F. Pray, Minneapolis.
Mississippi, Feb. 24, 1925,	Thomas O. Ellis, Water Valley.
Missouri, Oct. 21, 1924,	Orestes Mitchell, St. Joseph.
Montana, Aug. 19, 1925,	Edward W. Spottswood, Missoula.
Nebraska, June 1, 1925,	John Wright, Lincoln.
Nevada, June 10, 1925,	Clarence L. Young, Lovelake.
New Brunswick, Aug. 27, 1925,	George D. Ellis, St. John.
New Hampshire, May 20, 1925,	Bela Kingman, Newmarket.
New Jersey, April 22, 1925,	Ralph E. Lum, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 15, 1926,	Herbert B. Holt, Las Cruces.
N. South Wales, June 10, 1925,	John Coulston.
New York, May 7, 1925,	William A. Rowan, New York.
New Zealand, Nov. 25, 1925,	Charles Ferguson, Auckland.

Addresses of Grand Officers

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George A. Kies, Hartford.	George A. Kies, Hartford.
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J. Claude Keiper, Washington.	George W. Baird, Washington.
P. Colville Smith, London.	None.
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Owen Scott, Decatur.	Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington.
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George Barclay Auckland.	George Barclay Auckland.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
North Carolina, Jan. 20, 1925,	Leon Cash, Winston-Salem.
North Dakota, June 16, 1925,	Theodore B. Elton, Grand Forks.
Nova Scotia, June 10, 1925,	Arthur James Davis.
Ohio, Oct. 21, 1925,	Earle Stewart, Ironton.
Oklahoma, Feb. 26, 1924,	Henry S. Johnston, Perry.
Oregon, June 10, 1925,	Percy R. Kelly, Albany.
Panama, Mar. 7, 1925,	Victor Jesurun, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 2, 1925,	William M. Hamilton, Philadelphia.
Peru, March 24, 1919,	Alberto Baroni, Lima.
Philippine Islands, Jan. 22, 1924,	Wenceslao Trinidad, Manila.
Porto Rico, Mar. 19, 1923,	Luis M. Morales, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 24, 1925,	John F. Martin, Eldon.
Quebec, Feb. 13, 1924,	Allan P. Shatford, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 18, 1925,	Howard Knight, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 17, 1925,	Gilbert Swain, Saskatoon.
Scotland, Apr. 27, 1925,	Earl of Stair.
South Australia, Apr. 15, 1925,	Thomas Slaney Poole.
South Carolina, Mar. 11, 1925,	Charles K. Chreitzberg, Rock Hill.
South Dakota, June 9, 1925,	John K. Kutnewsky, Redfield.
Tasmania, Aug. 29, 1925,	Claude James.
Tennessee, Jan. 27, 1926,	Andrew R. McCulloch, Maryville.
Texas, Dec. 2, 1925,	Guinn Williams, Decatur.
Utah, Jan. 19, 1926,	Fred M. Nye, Ogden.
Vermont, June 10, 1925,	Christie B. Crowell, Brattleboro.
Victoria, Sept. 17, 1924,	Earl of Stradbroke.
Virginia, Feb. 10, 1925,	Chas. H. Callahan, Alexandria.
Washington, June 18, 1925,	Morton Gregory, Tacoma.
West Virginia, Nov. 11, 1925,	A. B. C. Bray, Ronceverte.
West Australia, May 28, 1925,	C. O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 9, 1925,	Fred J. Marien, Milwaukee.
Wyoming, Aug. 19, 1925,	Frank S. Knittle, Casper.

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 Ernest Kemp, Charlottetown.
 W. W. Williamson, Montreal.
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 O. Frank Hart, Columbia.
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 W. Stewart, Melbourne.
 Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond.
 Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.
 George S. Laidley, Charleston.
 J. D. Stevenson, Perth.
 William W. Perry, Milwaukee.
 Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

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 David P. Mason, Albany.
 Jose Oller, Panama.
 Thomas F. Penman, Scranton.
 None.
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 H. L. Moore, San Juan.
 Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown.
 E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec.
 William H. Scott, Providence.
 Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina.
 None.
 J. R. Robertson.
 James L. Michie, Darlington.
 Charles L. Brockway, Sioux Falls.
 None.
 Charles H. Smart, Nashville.
 S. M. Bradley, Denton.
 Sam Henry Goodwin, S. Lake City.
 Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury.
 David Meadowcroft, Melbourne.
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 Rhode Island — ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
 Saskatchewan — G. W. S. EISNOR, Woodrow.
 South Australia — FRANK SMITH.
 South Carolina — CLAUDE E. SAWYER, Aiken.
 South Dakota — FRANK M. ROBERTS, Pierpont.
 Tasmania — THOMAS DAVEY.
 Tennessee — JAMES H. SWAN, Bristol.
 Texas — STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
 Utah — ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Salt Lake City.
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 Canada — JAMES ABERNETHY, West Pembroke.
 Colorado — HAROLD E. COOK, Gardiner.
 Cuba — LEON S. HOWE, Houlton.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia — BIAL F. BRADBURY, Norway.
 Idaho — HIRAM A. WEBBER, Brunswick.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.

- Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
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Michigan — E. MURRAY GRAHAM, Portland.
Minnesota — SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick.
Nebraska — JAMES A. RICHAN, Rockland.
Nevada — JOHN M. BURLEIGH, South Berwick.
New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.
New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY, Gray.
New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Portland.
North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Woodfords.
Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
Oregon — FRANK E. MONROE, Milo.
Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK, Biddeford.
Peru — FRANK B. ARNOLD, Needham Heights, Mass.
Philippine Islands — WALDO PETTENGLL, Rumford.
Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD, Rockland.
Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
South Australia — LEE M. SMITH, Norway.
South Carolina — ALLEN L. CURTIS, Belfast.
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 — A. FRANCIS WALCH, Augusta.
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 — DAVID L. WILSON, Bath.

RECAPITULATION — 1926

Lodges enrolled.....	215
" extinct.....	9
" working.....	206
" represented at communication, 1926.....	185
Number of representatives.....	255
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	183
Initiated.....	1,450
Raised.....	1,455
Affiliated.....	121
Re-instated.....	82
Total increase.....	— 1,658
Demitted.....	156
Died.....	703
Expelled.....	2
Suspended.....	0
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	288
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	5
Total decrease.....	— 1,154
Net increase.....	— 504
Members March 1, 1925.....	42,981
Members March 1, 1926.....	43,485
Grand Lodge Receipts.....	\$28,767.52
" " Disbursements.....	\$22,061.43
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$84,223.36
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$4,124.26

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MASONIC HALL, WELLS
Dedicated September 29, 1926

Grand Lodge of Maine

1926

Special Communication

WELLS, ME., September 29, 1926.

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in the Masonic Building in Wells, at three o'clock P. M., for the purpose of dedicating the new hall built by Ocean Lodge, No. 142.

PRESENT:

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master
JOSEPH J. STERLING,	as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
EUGENE R. THAYER,	as " Senior Grand Warden
FRED B. RAND,	as " Junior Grand Warden
JOHN B. MOULTON,	as " Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary
EBEN J. MARSTON,	W. " Marshal
CONVERS E. LEACH,	as " " Chaplain
RALPH E. WRIGHT,	as " " Senior Deacon
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	" " Junior Deacon
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " Senior Steward
CARROLL H. CLARK,	as " " Junior Steward
LOWELL H. WOODBURY,	as " " Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in the Banquet Room of the New Masonic Building which had recently been completed by Ocean Lodge, No. 142, at a cost of about \$6,500.00. When Ocean Lodge, which was convened in the main hall, was ready, a committee composed of the Past Masters of the Lodge escorted the Grand Lodge to the upper room and was received with due honors. Fully one hundred members of Ocean Lodge and visitors were present.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the M. W. Grand Master with the assistance of the brethren, and at its conclusion the Grand Lodge was declared closed without form.

Following a bountiful supper was furnished by the Eastern Star, and in the evening there was a public entertainment with a programme of music, an historical paper and an address by Grand Master WILSON.

David L. Wilson

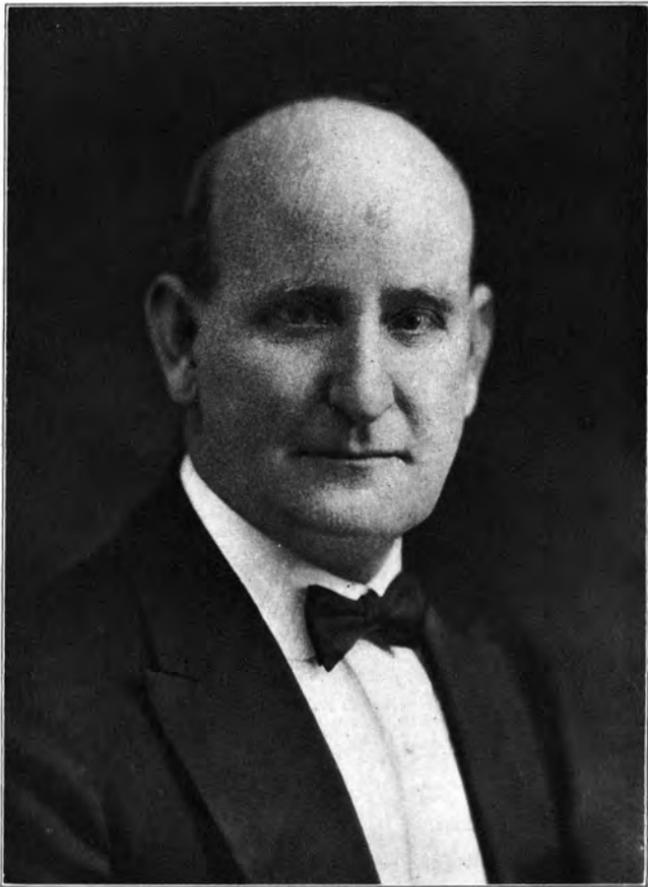
Grand Master.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis

Grand Secretary.



DAVID L. WILSON
Fifty-second Grand Master

DAVID LOGAN WILSON

REV. BROTHER WILSON was born in New York City, February 3, 1874, and received his early education in the public schools of that city, which was supplemented by three years' instruction under a private tutor. With such a broad and secure foundation laid he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York, from which he was graduated in May, 1898. He then entered the Graduate School of Columbia University for a post graduate course and on completing his work there spent a year abroad in study and research.

Admitted to the ministry as a Congregationalist he was settled in Fort Fairfield, Me. From there he went to Belfast, Me., and after ten years ministry there, he accepted a call to the Central Congregational Church of Bath, where he has since labored.

Brother WILSON is an indefatigable worker and interested in every movement for civic and social improvement. During the War he was Secretary of the Selective Service Board for Sagadahoc County. He is Treasurer of the Home for Aged Women at Bath, a trust he has held since 1918. His keen interest and active endeavor in every forward movement coupled with an attractive personality has won for him a host of warm personal friends in every section of the state. A ready and forceful speaker he is often sought for public and Masonic functions, not only in his home city but even in distant parts of the state.

Brother WILSON early took an interest in Masonry and ever since his initiation in Eastern Frontier Lodge at Fort Fairfield, on January 2, 1901, has been an enthusiastic worker for the best interests of the craft.

When he moved to Belfast he affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, and served through the chairs to the exalted position of Master, which he held in 1912.

He was exalted in Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter at Belfast, April 29, 1908, and served as High Priest in 1913. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain from 1911 to 1921 when he was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest. In 1922 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest, and in 1923 unanimously placed at the head of Capitular Masonry in Maine, serving for two years. In May, 1924, he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, succeeding in 1926 to the exalted office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maine.

He is a Past Illustrious Master of King Solomon's Council, R. and S. M., at Belfast; a Past Commander of Palestine Commandery, K. T., and at the present time Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Maine. He is a member of the Lewiston and Auburn bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and a member of Maine Consistory 32nd Degree, at Portland.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1927

One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 3, 1927. }

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.

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Bath
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" Senior Grand Warden,	West Pembroke
EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE	" Junior Grand Warden,	Dover-Foxcroft
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary,	Portland
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. " Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D.D.,	" " "	Bangor
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
EBEN J. MARSTON,	" " Marshal,	Bath
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	" " Junior Deacon,	Lisbon Falls
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	" " "	Bar Harbor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " "	Gardiner
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	" " Sword Bearer,	Auburn
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Fort Fairfield
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " "	Portland
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 254 delegates, representing 189 of the 206 chartered lodges, also representatives of a lodge under dispensation, six of the eight living Past Grand Masters, with 32 out of the other 41 Permanent

Members, including 45 of the 58 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, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. HAROLD E. COOK,

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. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. HAROLD E. COOK,

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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regret for unavoidable non-attendance from M. W. Bro. CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. FREEMAN LORD, P. S. G. W.

TELEGRAMS.

The Grand Master ordered that telegrams of regret and sympathy be sent to Past Grand Master JOHNSON and R. W. Bro. LORD, directing the Grand Secretary to attend to same at once.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read a letter of greeting from R. W. Bro. J. B. WAY, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, which was ordered to be made a matter of record.

TRANSPORTATION.

Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS for the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1927.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation have attended to the duties assigned to them and beg leave to report that in January we took up the matter of reduced fares for transportation of members and representatives to the Grand Lodge, with all the transportation companies operating in the state.

Our request met with courteous attention and co-operation from all the transportation companies except two, the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Belfast & Moosehead Railroad. The Boston & Maine offered reduced tickets last year but the limited number sold for our 1926 meetings caused the company to decline to offer any special rates for this season. The Belfast & Moosehead Railroad followed their course of last year, refusing again this year to make any reduction.

The Maine Central Railroad, which of course is used by the greatest number of representatives, offered fare and one-half for the round trip, tickets on sale May 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, good to return up until midnight of May 6th.

The Grand Trunk offered like reduction from all of its stations in Maine.

The Bridgton & Saco River Railroad and the Sandy River & Rangeley Lake Road offered their regular thirty day ticket.

The Bangor & Aroostook offered a fare of one and one-third for the round trip from all of its stations to Northern Maine Junction, through tickets being sold at such rate plus the reduced fare from Northern Maine Junction to Portland over the Maine Central.

Your committee have already tendered the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the various railroads for the courtesy which they have extended by these rate reductions.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, }
ERNEST J. RECORD, } *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the action of the committee in extending the thanks of the Grand Lodge, approved.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 3, 1927.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by G. Sturgis Bidder, M.; Robert D. Chase, S. W.; Leonard W. Stack, J. W.; Sylvan Shurtleff, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Percy F. Crane, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Sidney G. Evans, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Maxwell E. Leach, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Leigh Webber, M.
- 6 AMITY, by George E. Boynton, M.
- 7 EASTERN, by John A. Ferris, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Samuel B. Furbish, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Joseph J. Sterling, M.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Tuttle, Proxy
- 11 PYTHAGOREAN, by J. Howard Woodman, Proxy
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by John T. Doughty, M.; Leo G. Torrey, S. W.; Charles H. Nelson, Proxy.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by J. Henry Halkett, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Luther S. Thompson, M.; Roy F. Shackford, S. W.; David E. Rich, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Charles H. Woodcock, M.
- 16 St. GEORGE, by G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., M.; Carroll S. Chaplin, S. W.; Ralph M. Bonney, Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Walter F. Noyes, M.; Elliott A. Fuller, S. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by, by Ulysses G. Houston, M.
- 20 MAINE, by Henry Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ———ORIENTAL STAR, not represented.
- 22 YORK, by Arthur C. Goodwin, M.
- 23 FREEPORT, by Guy H. Day, S. W.; Roscoe J. Dwyer, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Clarence A. Paul, M.; Warren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by Eugene E. York, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Charles B. Randall, Proxy.
- 27 ———ADONIRAM, not represented.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Benjamin W. Ela, S. W.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Henry W. Turgeon, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Carl G. Thurston, M.; Clyde W. Watson, J. W.; Fred F. Thomas, Proxy.
- 31 UNION, by William C. Gleason, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Harold C. Smith, Proxy.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by William H. Rockwood, M.
- 34 SOMERSET, by Ernest C. Butler, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Eugene Brooks Chase, M.; Ralph S. Ingraham, S. W.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.

- 36 CASCO, by Paul C. Loring, M.; Emmons E. Heald, Proxy.
 37 WASHINGTON, by Julian E. Trecartin, J. W.
 38 HARMONY, by Wm. P. F. Robie, Proxy.
 39 PENOBSCOT, Harvey L. Haskell, M.; Edwin C. Call, Proxy.
 40 LYGONIA, by Hollis E. Higgins, J. W.
 41 MORNING STAR, by Cyrus M. Kendrick, M.; Henry Taylor, Proxy.
 42 FREEDOM, by George G. Colby, M.
 43 ALNA, by Moses S. Bragdon, M.
 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Morton W. Hamlin, M.
 45 CENTRAL, Clive Bagley, M.
 46 ST. CROIX, by Percy Deacon Adams, M.; Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
 47 DUNLAP, Lloyd G. Woodman, M.; Lloyd L. Cole, S. W.
 48 LAFAYETTE, by Benjamin H. Winters, M.; Roy C. Giles, S. W.
 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by William D. Bruce, M.; Lionel A. Sheridan,
 J. W.
 50 AURORA, by Ralph Ulmer Clark, M.
 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Frank Beaven, Proxy.
 52 MOSAIC, by James A. Webber, M.; Arthur A. Dinsmore, J. W.
 53 RURAL, by Arthur B. Davenport, M.; Biglow Barnard, S. W.
 54 ————VASSALBORO, not represented.
 55 FRATERNAL, by Forrest H. Clark, M.
 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Frank W. Jack, J. W.
 57 KING HIRAM, by W. Fred Ellis, M.
 58 UNITY, by Clarence A. Gilchrist, M.
 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by C. Ivan Huntley, M.
 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Ralph P. Stahl, M.
 62 KING DAVID'S, by Ernest E. Carver, Proxy.
 63 RICHMOND, by Clifford E. Seekins, M.; Leslie F. Roberts, S. W.; Fred
 H. Duren, Proxy.
 64 PACIFIC, by Everett L. Nobel, M.
 65 MYSTIC, by Amos A. Carter, J. W.
 66 MECHANICS', by Harley Richard Willard, M.
 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by Oscar D. Fogg, Proxy.
 68 MARINER'S, by James H. Duncan, Proxy.
 69 HOWARD, by Carleton E. Young, S. W.; Alton E. Young, J. W.; Newell
 F. Perry, Proxy.
 70 ————STANDISH, not represented.
 71 RISING SUN, by Lewis G. Hubbard, M.
 72 PIONEER, by Carl L. Hews, Proxy.
 73 TYRIAN, by Raymond L. Winslow, S. W.
 74 BRISTOL, by Joseph E. Crooker, Proxy.
 75 PLYMOUTH, by Edgar W. Harris, M.
 76 ————ARUNDEL, not represented.
 77 TREMONT, by Henry L. Gray, S. W.
 78 CRESCENT, by Robert Gillespie, J. W.
 79 ROCKLAND, by Willis R. Lufkin, Proxy.

- 80 KEYSTONE, by Clayton E. Eames, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Claude M. Quick, M.; Frank P. Preti, S. W.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Charles E. King, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by Dana T. Whitman, M.; Charles A. Potter, S. W.
- 84 EUREKA, by Charles H. Leach, Proxy.
- 85 STAR IN THE EAST, by Charles W. Taylor, S. W.
- 86 TEMPLE, by Frank H. Robie, M.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Daniel A. Blagden, Proxy.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Alton H. Benner, M.; John M. Sherwood, Proxy.
- 89 ISLAND, by Ernest L. Sprague, Proxy.
- 90 HIRAM ABIFF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
- 91 HARWOOD, by C. Alton Bagley, M.; Frank L. Cates, Proxy.
- 92 SILOAM, by Paul L. Woodworth, S. W.; William E. Burgess, J. W.
- 93 HOREB, by Elverson L. Aldrich, M.
- 94 PARIS, by Ernest J. Record, Proxy.
- 95 CORINTHIAN, by George W. Estes, Proxy.
- 96 MONUMENT, by Trescott P. Nelder, M.
- 97 BETHEL, by Ernest F. Bisbee, M.
- 98 KATAHDIN, by Lester E. Grant, Proxy.
- 99 ————VERNON VALLEY, not represented.
- 100 JEFFERSON, by Harry M. Swift, J. W.; Fred M. Cole, Proxy.
- 101 NEZINSCOT, by Donald C. Prince, Proxy.
- 102 MARSH RIVER, by Elbert G. Moulton, M.; Isaac Leathers, Proxy.
- 103 DRESDEN, by George E. Jones, J. W.
- 104 DIRIGO, by Fred A. Pierce, M.; Ray W. Clifford, J. W.
- 105 ASHLAR, by Edward S. Stetson, Jr., M.; Chandler H. Barron, J. W.;
Arthur H. Field, Proxy.
- 106 TUSCAN, by Whitney L. Bradley, Proxy.
- 107 DAY SPRING, by Mahlon W. Staples, Proxy.
- 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
- 109 ————MOUNT KINEO, not represented.
- 110 MONMOUTH, by Willard E. Day, Proxy.
- 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur A. Sprague, M.; Oren W. Ripley, Proxy.
- 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Harold H. Hopkinson, M.
- 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Lester M. Andrews, Proxy.
- 114 POLAR STAR, by Arthur B. Stilphen, M.; Henry W. Owen, Jr., Proxy.
- 115 ————BUXTON, not represented.
- 116 LEBANON, by George O. Carr, Proxy.
- 117 ————GREENLEAF, not represented.
- 118 ————DRUMMOND, not represented.
- 119 POWNAL, by Albert M. Ames, M.
- 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*
- 121 ACACIA, by Howard J. Merrill, M.; Lewis A. W. Marston, S. W.
- 122 MARINE, by Leon C. Weed, Proxy.
- 123 FRANKLIN, by John Leeman, M.
- 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Leon F. Tiplady, M.
- 125 MERIDIAN, by Fred M. Bean, M.; James E. McMichael, Proxy.
- 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by James H. Cilley, Proxy.

- 127 PRESUMPCOT, by Joseph B. Manchester, Proxy.
 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by John W. Cousins, Proxy.
 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Charles G. Hemenway, S. W.;
 130 TRINITY, by George W. Perry, M.; Miah J. Marston, J. W.
 131 LOOKOUT, by William E. Ferris, M.
 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.
 133 ASYLUM, Raleigh D. Knapp, M.
 134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*
 135 RIVERSIDE, by Maurice A. Braun, S. W.
 136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
 137 KENDUSKEAG, by Harold A. Fitz, M.
 138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Asa L. Preston, Proxy.
 139 ARCHON, by George E. Littlefield, M.; Guy M. Twombly, J. W.
 140 MOUNT DESERT, by James L. Grant, Proxy.
 141 AUGUSTA, by Raymond L. Kimball, M.; William F. Leavitt, Proxy.
 142 OCEAN, by Charles H. West, Proxy.
 143 ———PREBLE, not represented.
 144 SEASIDE, by Arthur R. Greenleaf, M.
 145 ———MOSES WEBSTER, not represented.
 146 SEBASTICOOK, by Marcellus Cain, M.
 147 EVENING STAR, by Morton P. Garland, M.
 148 FORREST, by Harry E. Fortier, Proxy.
 149 DORIC, by Eugene H. Flint, M.; William R. Hughes, Sr., Proxy.
 150 RABONI, by John L. Sise, M.
 151 EXCELSIOR, by Chester A. Sheldon, Proxy.
 152 CROOKED RIVER, by Albert W. Weston, M.
 153 DELTA, by Seth F. Heald, Proxy.
 154 MYSTIC TIE, by Adelbert D. McIntire, S. W.
 155 ANCIENT YORK, by Elliott K. Hale, M.; John H. Doughty, Jr., S. W.
 156 WILTON, by Ralph E. Sawyer, M.; Richard B. Knapp, Jr., J. W.;
 Fred E. Trefethen, Proxy.
 157 CAMBRIDGE, by Carrol F. Bailey, Proxy.
 158 ANCHOR, by Daniel G. Berry, M.
 159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lyggnia, No. 40, in 1908.*
 160 PARIAN, by Lindley F. Hayden, M.
 161 CARRABASSET, by Edson I. Hunt, S. W.
 162 ARION, by John W. Peterson, Proxy.
 163 PLEASANT RIVER, by Kenneth McLeod, M.
 164 WEBSTER, by John T. Thomson, M.
 165 MOLUNKUS, Ralph M. Robinson, Proxy.
 166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Willard E. Strong, Proxy.
 167 WHITNEY, by Charles L. Briggs, S. W.
 168 COMPOSITE, by Orman C. Ames, M.
 169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by William H. Baker, M.
 170 CARIBOU, by Linwood W. Wellington, M.
 171 NASKEAG, by Edward L. Linscott, Proxy.
 172 PINE TREE, by Fred A. Budge, Proxy.
 173 PLEIADES, by Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.

- 174 **LYNDE**, by Otis W. Patten, M.
 175 **BASKAHEGAN**, by Horace M. Pullen, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
 176 **PALESTINE** — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, Sept. 23, 1895.*
 177 **RISING STAR**, by Hill Wilson, M.
 178 **ANCIENT BROTHERS'**, by Ned P. Willis, Proxy.
 179 ——— **YORKSHIRE**, not represented.
 180 **HIRAM**, by George B. Jackson, M.; Thomas N. Weeks, S. W.; George H. Hinckley, J. W.
 181 **REUEL WASHBURN** — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 **GRANITE**, by Herbert E. Hill, M.
 183 **DEERING**, by J. Warren Day, M.; Lewis W. Phinney, S. W.; Herbert N. Maxfield, Jr., J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 **NAVAL**, by Charles A. Gerry, M.; Frank N. Taylor, S. W.; Daniel O. Blaisdell, J. W.
 185 **BAR HARBOR**, by Carroll C. Brown, M.; Frank Kimer, Proxy.
 186 **WARREN PHILLIPS** by Frank L. McKenney, S. W.; Maurice Hawkes, Proxy.
 187 **IRA BERRY**, by Ithamar E. Stanley, Proxy.
 188 **JONESPORT**, by Harry J. White, M.
 189 **KNOX**, by Ralph R. Rowell, M.
 190 **SPRINGVALE**, by Fred Jowett, M.
 191 **DAVIS**, by Charles E. Richards, Proxy.
 192 ——— **WINTER HARBOR**, not represented.
 193 **WASHBURN**, by Robert W. Chapman, Proxy.
 194 **EUCLID**, by James P. Herd, M.
 195 ——— **RELIANCE**, not represented.
 196 **BAY VIEW**, by George W. Linekin, M.
 197 **AROOSTOOK**, by Fred C. English, S. W.
 198 **St. ASPINQUID**, by Roy W. Sturtevant, Proxy.
 199 **BINGHAM**, by Arthur J. Tupper, Proxy.
 200 **COLUMBIA**, by Roy M. Keirstead, M.
 201 **DAVID A. HOOPER**, by Angus S. Milne, Proxy.
 202 **MOUNT BIGELOW**, by Frank E. Blackwell, M.
 203 ——— **MOUNT OLIVET**, not represented.
 204 **MOUNT ABRAM**, by Cecil S. French, M.
 205 **NOLLESEMIC**, by Ira C. Craig, M.
 206 **ISLAND FALLS**, by Warren E. Vincent, M.; Frank L. Downs, Proxy.
 207 **ABNER WADE**, by James Baillie, Proxy.
 208 ——— **NORTHEAST HARBOR**, not represented.
 209 ——— **FORT KENT**, not represented.
 210 **BAGADUCE**, by James T. Babbidge, S. W.
 211 **MEDUNCOOK**, by John D. Mitchell, M.
 212 **MCKINLEY**, by Frank L. Manchester, Proxy.
 213 ——— **KEMANKEAG**, not represented.
 214 ——— **LIMESTONE**, not represented.
 215 **ORCHARD**, by Clinton C. Mewer, M.; W. Warren Harmon, S. W.; King E. Sears, Proxy.

(Chartered Lodges, 206; represented, 189; delegates, 254.)

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	P. G. M.
" THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
" EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
" ALBERT M. SPEAR,	"
" DAVID E. MOULTON,	"
R. W. ALBERT M. PENLEY,	P. S. G. W.
" CHARLES W. CROSBY,	"
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	"
" WILLIS A. RICKER,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" LEWMAN B. SOPER,	"
" FREDERIC O. EATON,	"
" FRANK P. DENACO,	"
" HARRY E. ROWE,	"
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	P. J. G. W.
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	"
" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	"
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	"
" FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	"
" JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	"
" EDWARD G., WESTON,	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" ALLEN L. CURTIS,	"
" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	"
" ERWIN G. RYDER,	"
" JAMES A. RICHAN,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
JAMES ABERNETHY,	" Senior Grand Warden
EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE,	" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary
CONVERS E. LEACH,	" Cor. Grand Secretary

GEORGE R. FENDERSON,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	1st Dist.
EBEN H. BENNET,	"	2nd "
JOSEPH L. HALL,	"	3rd "
ELIJAH S. HEATH,	"	4th "
LOUIS M. BLAKE,	"	5th "
ARTHUR M. BAKER,	"	6th "
GEORGE H. FOSTER,	"	7th "
ROBIE F. AMES,	"	8th "
JOHN L. TEWKSBURY,	"	9th "
NORRIS S. LORD,	"	10th "
GUY M. TOWLE,	"	11th "
GEORGE W. HOXIE,	"	12th "
HENRY G. SHAW,	"	14th "
FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD,	"	15th "
HERBERT C. ROWE,	"	16th "
ALFRED W. DOUGHTY,	"	17th "
FRANK H. LIBBY,	"	19th "
J. ARTHUR HALEY,	"	20th "
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	"	21st "
SAMUEL P. IRELAND,	"	22nd "
WILLIAM A. SMALL,	"	23rd "
HENRY W. LORING,	"	24th "
GEORGE A. PALMER,	"	25th "
ARTHUR M. PACKARD,	"	26th "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W.	Grand Chaplain,
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"	"
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"
EBEN J. MARSTON,	"	Marshal
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	"	Senior Deacon
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	"	Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward
BANJAMIN I. HADLEY,	"	"
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"
HAROLD C. SMITH,	"	"
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	Sword Bearer,
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	"	Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	"
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	"	Tyler

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.

Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.

Arizona — LESTER M. ANDREWS.

Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.

British Columbia — DANIEL G. CHAPLIN.

Canada — JAMES ABERNETHY.

Colorado — HAROLD E. COOK.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 England — ALVOID E. CUSHMAN.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland — HARRY E. ROWE.
 Michigan — E. MURRAY GRAHAM.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 Nebraska — JAMES A. RICHAN.
 New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Carolina — ALLEN L. CURTIS.
 South Dakota — EDWARD G. WESTON.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Vermont — A. FRANCIS WALCH.
 Washington — ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.
 Western Australia — FRANKLIN R. REDLON.
 West Virginia — ALBERT M. PENLEY.
 Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} <i>Committee.</i>
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	
WARREN C. KING,	

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

REPRESENTATIVES SEATED.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, it was

Voted, That the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Corner Stone Lodge, U. D., be admitted to representation in this Grand Lodge during its sessions.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees:

Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

Unfinished Business.

ALBERT M. PENLEY, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WARREN A. NICHOLS.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

We have arrived at an auspicious moment. The hour has come for the opening of the One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication of this distinguished body. We are met for the purpose of reviewing the work of the past year; to observe wherein we have builded, and how well, and to plan for new efforts at the construction of our Masonic edifice; that building of character into our lives which alone gives warrant for our organization.

May it be in an attitude of deepest reverence before Him who is the Source of all character, of all wisdom and light, that we assemble here. May we not be slow to acknowledge with gratitude His mercies to the craft. With utmost humility may we seek His guidance in all our deliberations, that "all our works may be begun, continued and ended in Him;" that the spirit of concord, brotherly love and truth may prevail, and that the best interest of the Fraternity may be conserved and furthered.

THE CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

The reports presented by the District Deputies all tell of continued and increasing interest in the work of our lodges, and the statistics show a net gain for the year of 264. While it is to be noted that this is a small increase compared with our numbers, yet the fact that 1,565 were raised, affiliated or re-instated, shows that there is no falling off of interest. The smallness of the net gain is due to the fact that the suspensions this year number 413, being about thirty per cent. more than in the preceding year. I do not think that we have seen the end of the re-action from those days of misguided zeal in war time, when men were made Masons with an enthusiasm that was more short-sighted than commendable. It takes more than the privilege to wear the lambskin, or an emblem on the coat lapel to make a Mason, and our lodges are well rid of the men whose interest has been so lax as to bring about their suspension. When the pruning process has been done thoroughly, the vine produces better results. And when brethren who care so little for their Masonic privileges that they will not keep themselves in good standing are denied those privileges, and brethren who bring disgrace upon the good and proud name of Masonry are given their just desserts, the craft will not suffer from such procedure, but will find itself ultimately in better and healthier condition.

The rejections during the year, number 376, are an evidence that the portals to our lodges are being guarded well, and the welfare of our Institution depends greatly on continued and unabated vigilance in this respect. Compared with our numbers of 43,749, the losses are few, and the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the excellent conditions that prevail, and the deepening interest that is being manifested on every hand.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

On the morning of September 5th, our beloved Past Grand Master Waldo Pettengill died at his home in Rumford. For years he had been a patient sufferer, and his passing, while it brought us no little sorrow, came as a relief, as we realized that his great soul had at last triumphed over fleshly ills and

limitations, and had entered into that "temple not made with hand, eternal in the heavens," where we doubt not, he has received the reward of a well spent life.

M. W. Brother Pettengill was an outstanding figure in the life of our state. Born in Livermore Falls in 1844, he received his education in the common schools there, at Farmington Academy and Edward Little Institute. His early life was spent in farming, teaching and surveying. His name is linked inseparably with the great industrial development at Rumford, where he was instrumental largely in the development of the great water power; in the building of a railroad and in the bringing of large manufacturing plants to the town. His business interests were large and diverse, including that of manager of a railroad, bank president, director of numerous corporations, and in all these he held the respect and admiration of his business associates.

He was greatly interested in the town, serving on its school board for a number of years, also in the capacity of selectman, and was a county commissioner for six years. He had represented the town in the State Legislature four years and had been Senator for two years. He was also a member of the Governor's Council for two years, and was Chairman of the Maine Enforcement Commission for four years. Public spirited to a great degree, his passing is a great loss to his community and to the State.

M. W. Brother Pettengill was very active in Masonry. He was raised in Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, on June 12, 1867, and in three years had become its Worshipful Master, serving seven years. He was D. D. G. M. four years; Senior Grand Warden in 1912, and M. W. Grand Master in 1916-17. He was a charter member of Rumford Chapter and its High Priest in 1899. He was a member of Oxford Council and a charter member of Strathglass Commandery, later becoming its Eminent Commander. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, and in 1925 had the signal honor of being made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree.

He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church at Rumford, and gave himself enthusiastically to its work. The great place he had in the hearts of the people was made mani-

fest by the throngs gathered at his funeral, far outnumbering the capacity of his spacious home to accommodate. The funeral was conducted by his minister, who paid a beautiful tribute to his sterling character. The officers of Blazing Star Lodge conducted the Masonic service, and the Grand Lodge was represented by the M. W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters Bodge, Adams and Moulton and Grand Secretary Davis. Our beloved brother is survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and five grandchildren, and to them the great sympathy of the Grand Lodge of Maine goes out.

WINSLOW E. HOWELL.

After a gallant battle with pain and suffering, our genial and kindly brother, Winslow Emery Howell, Grand Tyler, entered into rest on September 16th. For several years he had been afflicted with an incurable malady, which he knew must ultimately bring his death. Yet with a poise that was heroic, and with a cheery disposition that always sought to minimize his burdens, he kept at his tasks until just a few weeks before his death. Surely we miss him at the door of our Grand Lodge today, where he has been stationed for the last fifteen years. His ability to remember names and faces was remarkable, and he was noted widely for it. His genial temperament endeared him to all who knew him, and his courteous, gentlemanly reception of all who came to the door of the Grand Lodge or the other Masonic Bodies which he tyled, made large place for him in our hearts.

Brother Howell was raised in Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, on March 6, 1889, and was its Worshipful Master in 1900 and 1901. He was exalted in Greenleaf Chapter, greeted in Portland Council and knighted in Portland Commandery. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, and of Maine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is survived by his wife and two sons, and your Grand Master came to Portland immediately upon his death to convey the deep sympathy of this body to them. He was buried from this hall on September 19th, the service being conducted by his minister and followed by the Masonic service by the officers of Ancient Land-Mark

Lodge. The great throng which filled this hall, and the beautiful flowers which lay about him in profusion, were all evidence of the love in which he was held.

JOHN M. BURLEIGH.

After a brief illness, on February 11th, R. W. Brother John M. Burleigh, Past Senior Grand Warden, died at his home in South Berwick. Up to the time of his last illness he was very active in the Masonic Bodies in his home town, and will be sorely missed by them. He gave unstintedly of his time and means for the service of his brethren, and was the outstanding Masonic figure of the locality. His genial personality and kindly disposition won him hosts of friends, and his Masonic ability brought him the favor of his brethren, who honored him with numerous offices. He was Master of his lodge, and High Priest of his Chapter, and in 1921 was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. He was buried with Masonic honors, and the Grand Master was represented by the Senior Past Master of St. John's Lodge.

FRANK E. MONROE.

Just prior to this communication, word came to me of the death in California of R. W. Brother Frank E. Monroe, Grand Senior Warden in 1911. Brother Monroe had gone to the Pacific Coast a year or more ago. He was an habitual attendant at Grand Lodge; a zealous worker for the Craft in his section of the state, and a man of most estimable character. I have requested Brother M. L. Durgin to prepare a memorial of our late brother.

THE FLORIDA DISASTER.

Because of the widespread suffering and distress due to the hurricane which swept over parts of Florida last fall, bringing ruin and desolation in its train, and much suffering and burden to homeless thousands, I directed our Grand Treasurer to dispatch to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and myself addressed the following letter to Most Worshipful Brother Cary B. Fish.

BATH, MAINE, October 11, 1926.

CARY B. FISH, ESQ.,
Sarasota, Fla.

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother Fish:

Permit me to extend through you to the brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction who may have suffered in the recent storm which overwhelmed portions of Florida, the sympathy and kindest feelings of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Maine. Fearing that there may be many cases of great need among the Craft, and that the generosity of our Florida brethren may be greatly taxed to meet the situation, and because we want to have a part in helping our brethren who are in distress, I have this day directed our Grand Treasurer to forward to you a check for two hundred and fifty dollars. I trust that it may be received in the same generous and kindly spirit in which it is sent, and may be of some service in relieving some of the distress of our afflicted brethren.

Assuring you personally of my own cordial greetings, and extending the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine to the Grand Lodge of Florida, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

DAVID L. WILSON.

This message was sent before any appeal for help had been made from Florida, and in due time there came a cordial response from M. W. Brother Fish, expressing his appreciation of our contribution to the Relief Fund.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the pressure of my engagements here at home, I was unable to be present at the annual meeting of this Association which was held in the lodge room of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21st and 22nd. Information is at hand that the work on the Memorial is progressing, the portico having been completed and part of the tower base. A statement issued by the Association shows that Maine has paid in 65.5 per centage of its quota. Since that time about five per cent. more has been paid. I trust that with this meeting of our Grand Lodge, the lodges which have not paid in their quota will be prepared to do so, that this obligation assumed by the Grand Lodge may be met in full.

At the same time, and for the same reason, I was unable to attend the meeting of Grand Masters which was held in Washington.

THE NEW RELIEF FUND.

At the last annual communication, the Grand Lodge levied an assessment of fifty cents upon all members of subordinate lodges, the same to be used for purposes of relief among distressed brethren, their widows and orphans. That fund is now available. Early in March I called the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge to meet at Waterville for the purpose of discussing plans for the distribution of this new fund. There was a long discussion of the question, and it was voted to request M. W. Brother Edward W. Wheeler to make a brief report to this Communication of the Grand Lodge as to how the Board of Trustees thinks this new fund should be handled. He will make that report at a later hour.

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD.

Telegraphic advices early last week revealed an appalling and widespread disaster following the rising floods of the great "Father of Waters." Appeals for help were urgent and pressing. I therefore directed our Grand Treasurer to forward to the Most Worshipful James H. Johnson of Clarksdale, Mississippi, the sum of five hundred dollars, and myself addressed the following communication to that distinguished brother.

BATH, MAINE, April 27, 1927.

JAMES H. JOHNSON, ESQ.,
Clarksdale, Miss.

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother Johnson:

I am appalled at the widespread devastation and suffering caused by the flood conditions in the Mississippi Valley. Knowing full well that you and the Grand Masters of neighboring Grand Jurisdictions must be greatly burdened by the sufferings of our brethren in distress, and understanding that you are co-operating in relief work, I have directed the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine to forward to you his check for five hundred dollars. Will you see to it that it is used for purposes of relief among our distressed brethren?

Permit me to add that the sympathy of your brethren in this Jurisdiction goes out to our brethren who are so sorely

burdened, and we trust that ample measures of relief will soon restore conditions to their normal state. With most cordial greetings to you personally, believe me,

Fraternally yours,

DAVID L. WILSON.

APPOINTMENTS.

On May 22nd, I appointed R. W. Brother Henry G. Shaw, of Bath, to be the District Deputy of the Fourteenth Masonic District, in place of R. W. Brother Sylvester H. Rowland, who was unable to accept his commission owing to his business engagements.

On June 26th, I appointed Brother Herbert E. Rowe of Bethel, to be the District Deputy of the Sixteenth Masonic District in place of Brother I. H. Wight who because of illness, was unable to accept the appointment.

On September 18th, I appointed R. W. Brother Wm. S. Holmes to be the District Deputy of the Twenty-first District, in place of Irving R. Saunders, who declined to serve.

RESIGNATION.

On January 14th, our Grand Organist, Walter S. Smith, tendered me his resignation, owing to continued ill health. Reluctantly the same was accepted, and in doing so opportunity was taken to express the appreciation of the Grand Lodge for his valuable and effective service through many years, and the hope was expressed that he might have a speedy restoration to health and strength.

DECISIONS.

Many interesting questions have been asked during the year, most of which were answered by referring the questioner to the Text Book. I would like to urge upon the officers of our lodges a closer study of the Text Book, that there may be greater familiarity with our Maine law. It would save no little correspondence, and unnecessary delay in the work of the lodges. Several questions that were asked, I cite here because of their unusualness.

During the year several requests have come from secretaries of lodges asking that the status of men who had received

two degrees in Masonry in Italy, be defined. They had desired to have the third degree conferred here. I replied: since this Grand Lodge has never had any fraternal relations with any Grand Lodge of Masons in Italy, or ever recognized as Masonry anything done by any so-called Grand Lodge of Italy, the only thing such individuals could do would be to make application for all the degrees, stating in the applications just what were the facts in the case. Then the application would take the usual course.

Question: Can a lodge co-operate with other organizations in a town in a drive for a community chest for charities?

Answer: The funds of a Masonic Lodge can be used only for Masonic purposes. The lodge cannot therefore co-operate in this movement, but the members as individuals ought to do all possible to make such a community enterprise a success. As individuals, Masons ought to be ready to help in all good works in the community.

Question: A brother has received two degrees in a lodge in another jurisdiction, but was blackballed in the Master Mason's Lodge, the Grand Jurisdiction requiring a vote in each degree. Can he apply for the Master's degree here?

Answer: No. He is under the jurisdiction of the lodge where he received the two preceding degrees, and his application cannot be entertained. He can ask for a waiver of jurisdiction, and if granted, his application can then be received and take the usual course.

Early in the year, I received a letter from a master of a lodge, soliciting my help for a brother who had become involved in a court proceedings through an automobile accident which resulted in the death of a woman. The request was that I might help our brother who "had been traveling in a foreign country." I replied as follows:

"Our Grand Secretary has forwarded your letter to me in which you describe the plight in which Brother —— finds himself. I am sure it must be a trying experience for him, especially as the death of a woman is involved in the unfortunate accident. But I do not see wherein Masonry can be of any help to him his dilemma. If the accident was not

due to his negligence, I have no doubt the courts will exonerate him. But if he was criminally negligent, and his carelessness has resulted in such a tragedy, what possible influence could the Grand Master of Masons in Maine exert, to secure his immunity from the law? I can conceive of nothing that would be any more detrimental to our Fraternity, than to have the impression prevail that the Craft could or would exert any such unwholesome influence. Masonry does not stand for any attempt at interference with the law of the land, or for any effort to exert an influence to bring about a favorable decision for anyone involved in dealings with that law. We must never make of Masonry even the slightest attempt to influence the deliberations of the courts of the land, and if any of our brethren have any thought whatever that the Craft can be used for any such purpose, the sooner their minds are disabused of the idea, the better it will be for them and for the Fraternity. Sincerely I hope that our brother may be able to clear himself of any violation of law which brought about such a tragedy, and may soon be able to proceed to his home and vocation. If he needs testimonials of his personal character and worth, why not have his friends of your neighborhood, who know him and know his worth, write them for him. But do not try to bring any Masonic influence to bear in the matter. At the very outset, that would be unmasonic, and unworthy of the great name we bear as Masons."

An anonymous letter came from a brother asking me to write to the Master of his lodge and give my opinion of an incident supposed to have occurred at a meeting. I wrote the Master and said I was not answering anyonymous letters. If a brother had any question to ask me, let him write and sign his name to the letter. I wanted to know who I was addressing. The letter came back duly signed and correspondence was entered into regarding the questions asked. The Master had rebuked an officer for preparing a candidate improperly, and his rebuke had been questioned. I wrote that the candidate should have been stopped by the Master the moment he came into the lodge room improperly prepared, and that he was quite right in rebuking those who had so prepared

him as to make him appear ridiculous. There is no room in our work for such nonsense, and every Master, and indeed every brother, should be greatly concerned to see to it that the work is performed with all the dignity and solemnity which is its just due.

A brother in another lodge wrote asking two questions. Can the funds of the lodge be used to pay part of the expenses of the Order of Rainbow Girls?

Answer: No. The funds of a Masonic Lodge can be used only in defraying the necessary expenses of the lodge and for charitable purposes. They cannot be used for any other purpose. The Order of Rainbow Girls bears no relation whatever to Freemasonry. The funds of the lodge cannot therefore be expended in defraying expenses of that organization. I referred the brother further to the Digest, Page 270 under the heading "Funds."

Question: Can the lodge vote that monies in a relief fund be placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees as a nucleus of a building fund?

Answer: No. Funds placed in a "Relief Fund" can be used only for purposes of charity and relief. They cannot be diverted to other uses, and cannot be placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees as a nucleus of a building fund.

It would be extremely unfortunate for any lodge to imperil its relief fund in any way, for it appears to me that in the days before us, there will be larger calls for help than ever before. Therefore we need to safeguard greatly any funds at our command which are designated for the purposes of charity and relief.

At the stated meeting of one of the lodges, it was voted to levy an assessment of fifty cents per member annually, to meet the recommendation adopted at Grand Lodge last May. Due notice of the subject was sent the members, and the assessment was voted according to the by-laws of the lodge governing such assessment. The secretary found some difficulty in making collection, and asked me concerning his authority to do so. I wrote him that the action of the lodge was legal in every way and was binding on all its members. He had therefore the authority to proceed to the collection.

In August a letter came from a Past Master, stating that he had objected to the admission of a visitor into his lodge, because he could show no lodge receipt or claim membership in any lodge. He had received a dimit from his lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction fifteen years ago and had not affiliated with any lodge here in Maine, although he had been a resident here for ten years. The objecting brother desired to know if his objection met with approval. I replied as follows:

"The Digest, Page 326, Section 2, under the heading 'Visitation,' says no visitor should be admitted against the objection of a member, although no reasons therefor are given." This ruling has been confirmed a number of times. So you were quite within your rights in objecting to the presence of anyone in your lodge whom you thought ought not to be there.

Ordinarily, when a brother requests a dimit, he does so with the purpose in view of seeking membership in another lodge, or because advancing years are limiting his activities, or his financial status requires it. And where the facts are known, no lodge should ever let the latter situations bring about such action. If a brother takes a dimit, and still wishes to enjoy the privileges of the Craft, the presumption is that he is simply evading his responsibilities. He wants the privileges of the Craft without bearing his share of the financial obligations. Every brother ought to belong to a lodge, and be subject to its by-laws. And if, after a reasonable time, he does not make application for affiliation with another lodge, but continues unattached while still seeking the privileges of our meetings, he should be denied that privilege by a brother making objection. I trust this answers your question satisfactorily."

At the June stated meeting of Unity Lodge, No. 58, a motion was made that the lodge purchase stock in the Masonic Building Association of Thorndike. The motion was laid over for one month. At the July meeting, it was voted to buy stock in the said corporation to the amount of \$1,500, there being only two dissenting votes. It was omitted at this time to instruct the Treasurer to pay for the same when the Master had drawn his order. The lodge then suspended its meetings for the summer, and the question was raised later as to

whether the Master could draw such an order. I replied as follows:

"Your letter to the Grand Secretary was forwarded to me. At your regular meeting on July 22nd, your lodge voted to buy stock in the corporation to the amount of \$1,500. Certainly the lodge would never have so voted, if it had not intended that the Master should draw an order to pay for the same. It appears to me that the vote to purchase the stock carried with it by implication the authorization of the Master to draw the order to pay for the same and for the Treasurer to honor such an order.

"Had there been a very close division of the brethren in regard to the matter of the purchase of the stock, there might be room for discussion of such a technicality as has been raised, but where the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the action, there would seem to be no question but that it was the desire of the brethren that the Master should draw an order to pay for the same and that the Treasurer honor that order. Let it be done after this manner, that your building program may not be delayed into the Fall."

Question: Can our Masonic Halls be used for card parties under the auspices of the Eastern Star?

Answer: While it is true that there is no law in regard to this, yet I am of the opinion that the wisest course for us to pursue is to keep our Masonic Hall for Masonic purposes, and not use them for any other purposes.

At a stated meeting of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, arrangements had been made to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree. The candidate, who lives at a distance from the town, did not arrive until after the lodge had been closed. The Worshipful Master immediately called a special meeting, and the candidate was initiated. The question was raised as to the legality of the meeting.

I replied that as at the first meeting no work was done, the Master could legally call the second meeting and work the Entered Apprentice Degree. But I intimated that it was a very bad precedent to establish, as it might readily open the door to more serious complications, and advised the officers of the lodge not to do it again.

THE CASE OF BROTHER THOMAS H. MARTIN.

In making up the cards of members in the office of our Grand Secretary, there was brought to light an irregularity in the conferring of the degrees upon this brother. He had received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees in Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks, where he was then residing. Removing to the town of Searsport, Marsh River Lodge then requested Mariner's Lodge, No. 68, of Searsport, to confer the degree of Master Mason by courtesy. This of course cannot be done in Maine. Mariner's Lodge, according to its records, applied to the Grand Master for a waiver of jurisdiction in the case. There was no necessity for this either, as the granting of a waiver of jurisdiction would be in the hands of Marsh River Lodge. Nor is there any mention in the Grand Master's address that such a request was received by him. Unfortunately, all the correspondence of this phase of the matter was destroyed in a fire that consumed the home of the then secretary of Mariner's Lodge. He has since died, as has also the Grand Master, so that there is no way to secure further information on this point. But knowing our Grand Master Pettengill, and his thoroughness in all that he did, I feel quite sure that if he did anything in the matter it would have been simply to have replied that a waiver of jurisdiction must come from the lodge at Brooks. The records of Mariner's Lodge show that Brother Martin applied for the degree of Master Mason, "Marsh River Lodge having waived its rights to same," and the application took the usual course and the brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A company of the brethren from Marsh River Lodge was present at the time of the raising.

Since the time of the raising, both lodges have thought of him as being their member. He paid his dues in Searsport until he moved back to Brooks, when he was informed by the Secretary of Marsh River Lodge that he was a member there and owed dues, which he paid promptly. He then declined to pay dues in the lodge at Searsport, and was suspended for non-payment of the same. He is therefore reported by Marsh River Lodge as a member in good standing, and by Mariner's Lodge as being a member suspended for non-payment of dues.

Much correspondence has been entailed by the unusual situation. In the first place, Marsh River Lodge had no authority to ask for the conferring of the degree by courtesy, for such practice is not permitted between lodges in the State. Mariner's Lodge had no need to ask the Grand Master for a waiver of jurisdiction, and I doubt not our Grand Master so informed it. The latter lodge thought undoubtedly that it had a waiver of jurisdiction, as its records show that fact. But the papers in the matter were lost in the fire. Apparently nothing was said to Brother Martin about non-payment of dues to Marsh River Lodge during the time he lived at Searsport, nor was any mention made as to where his membership would be at the time of the raising, although a number of the brethren from Brooks were present. The records also show that he was the chaplain of Mariner's Lodge for two years, and Senior Warden for one year. It was only after his return to Brooks to reside that any question as to his membership was raised.

I am of the opinion that Brother Martin is a member of Mariner's Lodge of Searsport, and that his status at the present moment is that of a brother suspended for non-payment of dues. Our law is explicit that a candidate becomes a member of the lodge in which he receives his third degree. Degrees cannot be conferred by courtesy, therefore Marsh River Lodge erred in making such a request. Mariner's Lodge should have known that a waiver of jurisdiction must come from the lodge interested and not from the Grand Master. Evidently the latter lodge believed it had such a waiver of jurisdiction and proceeded accordingly. The degree was conferred and Brother Martin became a member of the lodge, paying dues for several years and holding office. Meanwhile there was no protest from Marsh River Lodge, which certainly implies that the lodge regarded him as not in their membership. It was only on his return to Brooks to reside that any question of his membership was raised. He himself says that when he was raised he thought he was becoming a member of the lodge in Searsport, but being unfamiliar with the regulations, did not make any protest when he was informed at Brooks that he was a member there and in arrears for dues, which he paid promptly.

I cannot see any other outcome of the case than that he is a member of Mariner's Lodge. The course for him to pursue is to pay his arrearages in Mariner's Lodge that he may be restored in good standing, and make an application to the lodge in Brooks that there be refunded to him the dues which he has paid to it. If he wishes to become a member of Marsh River Lodge he can then ask Mariner's Lodge to grant him a dimit, and present it to the former lodge in the regular way. I have so informed the brother.

DISPENSATIONS.

May 11th. Refused the request of Washburn Lodge, No. 193, to confer the degree of Master Mason in less than fourteen days after receiving the Fellowcraft Degree, no necessity for the same appearing with the request.

June 5th. Granted a dispensation to the following lodges to appear in public at Kent's Hill on June 9th, in connection with the celebration of the centennial of Lafayette Lodge: Lafayette Lodge, No. 48; Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99; Temple Lodge, No. 25; Asylum Lodge, No. 133.

June 23rd. Refused the request of Euclid Lodge of Madison to confer two degrees in one evening on the same candidate.

June 23rd. Granted the request of Maine Lodge, No. 20, of Farmington for a dispensation to work the Master Mason degree on a candidate in less than two weeks after receiving the Fellowcraft Degree. The time was eleven days, and the candidate was leaving the State the next day for an indefinite stay. The reason seemed sufficient to me.

June 15th. Granted dispensations to the following lodges to appear in public at Rockland on July 19th, in connection with the celebration of the centennial of Aurora Lodge, No. 50: Amith Lodge, No. 6; St. George's Lodge, No. 16; Eureka Lodge, No. 84; Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 203; Aurora Lodge No. 50; Rockland Lodge, No. 79; Moses Webster Lodge, No. 145; Meduncook Lodge, No. 212; Orient Lodge, No. 15; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 82; Knox Lodge, No. 189; Union Lodge, No. 31.

July 15th. Granted a dispensation to Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland, to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason

degrees upon a candidate the same night. I did this reluctantly but because the candidate is a traveling man whose work takes him into the West for the greater part of the year and as six months had elapsed since he had received the Entered Apprentice degree, and it would be a considerable length of time before he could return again, I did not feel it would be violating the spirit of the regulation to grant this request.

July 17th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Horeb Lodge, No. 93, to work the Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees on a candidate on the same night, because in this case it was simply a matter of accommodating an individual who was at no great distance from the lodge and at a slight sacrifice he could receive the degrees in the regular order.

August 10th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Aroostook Lodge, No. 197, to work two degrees on a candidate the same night, there being no reasonable excuse apparent for it.

August 16th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Parian Lodge, No. 160, to hold a meeting of the Twenty-second District in other than its own hall.

August 16th. Granted a dispensation to Solar Lodge, No. 14, to work two degrees on a candidate at the same meeting, the candidate being at home from Mexico and returning immediately, not to come again for two years.

August 29th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Oxford Lodge, No. 18, to work three degrees on a candidate in two weeks' time, because there was no sufficient reason for granting same.

September 13th. I declined to grant a dispensation to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to work the Master Mason degree at Mallagoway or Lincoln Plantation, within its own jurisdiction. Only the utmost necessity should make it necessary for a lodge to do its work elsewhere than in its own hall. I am aware that my decision did not meet with favor from the brethren of the lodge, but in correspondence about the matter it was intimated that if it could be shown that the best interests of the Craft could be served by a lodge traveling fifty miles from its hall to work the third degree, a dispensation would be granted. But if it were simply to serve the mere convenience of candidates, or to provide an unusual social

affair for the brethren, I did not think such a procedure should be justified by the issuing of a dispensation, because it would open the door to numerous other requests of a similar nature, which I felt quite sure would not be for the best interests of the Craft. I am of the opinion that the working of Masonic degrees in halls other than those designated for that purpose should not be encouraged by this Grand Lodge.

September 23rd. Granted a dispensation to Drummond Lodge, No. 118, to hold a special meeting for the purpose of electing officers, the lodge not having had a quorum at its annual meeting owing to the prevalence of illness in the community.

October 27th. Granted a dispensation to Brothers Fred T. Fogg, Fred H. Knight, Harlan E. Irish and a number of other brethren at North Deering, to meet as a lodge at North Deering on the second Friday of every month, they having complied with all the rules and regulations governing the issuing of such a dispensation. The said lodge is to be known as Corner Stone Lodge, U. D. I also asked M. W. Brother Silas B. Adams to proceed to North Deering and present the dispensation to the brethren named, not being able to be present myself because of another engagement for the same evening. M. W. Brother Adams did so, reporting to me a splendid attendance and great enthusiasm.

November 5th. Granted a dispensation to Molunkus Lodge, No. 165, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the usual time, it being but one day less, and the circumstances making the request very reasonable.

November 15th. Granted a dispensation to Howard Lodge, No. 69, to hold a special election to fill the office of Senior Warden, made vacant by the refusal of the brother elected at the annual meeting to be installed.

November 27th. Granted a dispensation to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to hold a special election at its next stated communication to elect a Junior Warden, the brother elected at the annual meeting refusing to be installed.

December 11th. Granted a dispensation to Crescent Lodge, No. 78, to hold a special meeting on December 15th, to transact the business which would have been done at the

annual meeting, which meeting could not be held because of a blocking snowstorm.

December 23rd. Declined to grant a dispensation to Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, to work all the degrees on a candidate within less than two weeks.

January 15th. Granted a dispensation to Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, to hold a special election for the office of Senior Warden, the brother elected at the annual meeting declining to serve.

February 18th. Granted a dispensation to Lynde Lodge, No. 174, of Hermon, to hold its meetings without the presence of the charter, the same having been destroyed in a recent fire. This dispensation to be in force only until this meeting of the Grand Lodge, when application for a duplicate charter is to be made. At the same time, I requested D. D. G. M. Arthur M. Baker to visit the brethren at Hermon and inspect the building where it was proposed to hold the meetings of the lodge temporarily, and to observe if it was a proper place for such meetings. He did so, reporting that the building would be properly safeguarded, and I then issued a dispensation for the lodge to meet in the Grange Hall at Hermon, until such time as its new home can be erected.

April 6th. Declined to grant request of Bagaduce Lodge, No. 210, for a dispensation to work the third degree in less than two weeks after the candidate had received the Fellowcraft degree, there not being sufficient reason for haste in the matter.

April 18th. Declined to grant the request of Hancock Lodge, No. 4, for a dispensation to work the Master Mason degree in less than the required time, no reason for same being apparent.

April 22nd. Granted dispensations to Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, and Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178, of Auburn, to hold their meetings in the Masonic Temple at Lewiston, until such time as their own temple, recently damaged by fire, has been repaired.

April 28th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Euclid Lodge, No. 194, to work the Fellowcraft degree out of the usual time, no sufficient reason appearing for the same.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of

Delaware — Leonard I. Purke.

England — Herbert F. Manisty.

Illinois — Hal. C. McLoud.

New Brunswick — Clifford G. Chase.

Oregon — L. W. Matthews.

Alvoid E. Cushman has also been recommended for appointment as the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

THE GRAND LECTURER.

On October 19th, I had the unexpected pleasure of attending the School of Instruction held at Yarmouth, and under the direction of our Grand Lecturer, Wor. Samuel B. Furbish. It was highly gratifying to see such a representative attendance, and to note the deep interest in the work. I will not here enlarge upon the methods of the School, as I have no doubt our Grand Lecturer will discuss them in his report. But I must express my own appreciation of the thorough manner in which the School was conducted; of the attention given to the minutest details of the ritual, and of the excellent floor work. Just before the close of the School in the evening, your Grand Master had the privilege of addressing the brethren concerning the work. It is to be hoped that another year will see a still larger representation of officers and brethren present at these most efficient schools.

INVITATIONS.

There have been many invitations to be present at special meetings, for more than it would have been possible for anyone to accept. Among those declined regretfully was that to be present at the One Hundredth Anniversary of Lafayette Lodge, at Readfield, because I had agreed to be elsewhere on the same date.

I was present at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island at Providence, where it was also a privilege to meet with most of the Grand Masters of New England and the Grand Master of New York. The session

of the Grand Lodge was full of interest; the address of the Grand Master containing suggestions that were provocative of much thought.

On July 13th, I was present at the celebration of the centennial of Meridan Splendor Lodge, No. 49. The exercises began with a church service the previous Sunday and on the thirteenth public exercises were held in a large hall. There was a delightful musical and literary program, an historical address and another address by the Grand Master. This was followed by a banquet and in the evening the Past Masters of the lodge worked the Master Mason degree on one candidate. The presiding Master traveled from a distant state to be present, as did several other brethren, thus attesting the deep interest in the lodge. Thirty lodges were represented at the celebration and the whole occasion marked a great day for the Craft in Newport.

By invitation of Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Harry R. Virgin, I was present at the Annual Convocation of Maine Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, which was held at Augusta, July 14th. Here I was received most courteously and was privileged to present the greetings of this Grand Lodge to the brethren assembled there.

On July 19th, the Centennial of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, of Rockland, was observed. The ceremonies began with a parade at ten in the morning, which was participated in by all but two lodges of the Ninth District. Three commanderies of Knights Templar were present as an escort to the blue lodges. Rockland was thronged with masons, and the parade was an impressive spectacle as it proceeded through the gaily decorated streets of the city. A sumptuous banquet was served, four large places being utilized to seat the brethren, there being no building in the city large enough to accommodate all at one time. In the afternoon exercises were held in a theatre. There was an address by Worshipful Brother Edward K. Gould; an historical address by R. W. Brother Albert H. Newbert, both of which were exceedingly interesting and entertaining. The closing address was delivered by your Grand Master who spoke to the theme "Masonry and its

Ideals." Many distinguished brethren were present and the day was a memorable occasion for the Craft.

An invitation to the celebration in connection with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, September 15th. was received. A message extending the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Maine was forwarded, and shortly thereafter there came a courteous letter of appreciation from the Grand Master.

The week of October 11th-16th was spent in a visit among the brethren in the eastern and northern parts of the State. On October 11th, I was present at a joint meeting of lodge and chapter in Old Town. In the afternoon the officers of these bodies were installed. After a banquet, stirring addresses were made by M. E. Grand High Priest George H. Bangs, and by M. W. Ashley A. Smith, Past Grand Master. M. W. Brother Smith explained in detail the origin and purpose of the increased funds which are now to be made available for purposes of relief, and it was intensely gratifying to note the approval that greeted his message. Your Grand Master delivered an address on "The Significance of Freemasonry." There were many distinguished brethren present and representatives of eighteen lodges attested the deep interest in the occasion.

The following day I journeyed to Fort Fairfield, where a convention of the First Masonic District was held in the afternoon and evening. The Grand Master spoke on "The Ideals of the Craft" at the afternoon session, and in the evening the Master Mason degree was worked by the officers of Eastern Frontier Lodge, No. 112. There was great interest throughout the session, and there will doubtless be new interest in the District because of the gathering.

The next day a similar meeting was held at Island Falls, with the brethren of the Twenty-fifth District. Many of the brethren traveled many miles to be present, showing their great interest in the event. The Grand Master spoke at both the afternoon and evening meetings, and after each address spent much time in discussing questions with groups of the brethren. The D. D. G. Master, R. W. George A. Palmer also addressed the brethren, and I have no doubt that from

the intense interest developed there will come great good to the Craft in this district. It is significant that in these two days in the Aroostook, your Grand Master met with representatives of every lodge in that vast county, as well as with many others who were sojourning there.

The deepening of our Masonic knowledge; the broadening of our Masonic sympathies; and an increasing zeal for our great cause, I feel quite sure made this journey well worth while. I am of the mind that we need many more such gatherings as these held in these northern towns, for observation proves them of great service to the Craft. And here I would express my grateful appreciation of the courtesies extended to me by the brethren in all these places; things which made the whole journey both a delight and a privilege.

On October 16th, I received an invitation to attend the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association, in Chicago. But engagements entered into in our own Grand Jurisdiction prevented my acceptance of the same, and I so informed M. W. Andrew L. Randell, the Executive Secretary of the Association.

It was a great pleasure to attend the annual inspection of Casco Lodge, No. 36, on October 30th. R. W. Alfred W. Doughty was present in his official capacity, and there were many brethren in attendance. After the work, the Worshipful Master accorded me the privilege of addressing the brethren at length. The attendance was very gratifying to the inspecting officer and to the Grand Master.

I was unable to accept an invitation of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, to be present at its annual Past Master's Night and present jewels to its Past Masters. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master did appear for me, presented the jewels, addressed the brethren and reported a most interesting and profitable evening.

An invitation from Most Worshipful Chas. A. Donaldson, Grand Master of Michigan, to be present at the dedication of the magnificent new temple at Detroit was most reluctantly declined because of prior appointments.

A great company of the brethren, which filled the hall to

overflowing, was present at Saco Lodge, No. 9, on the evening of November 12th. I was present in fulfillment of a long made promise to the Master and brethren of the lodge that at some time in the fall I would attend and address the brethren. Not only was there a splendid representation of the brethren of the lodge, but there were also representatives of numerous other lodges. A fine collation was followed by work in the Master Mason degree, most impressively presented. After the work I was privileged to deliver an extended address to the brethren. I am sure the whole program was provocative of a deeper interest in the significance of Freemasonry.

I journeyed to Bar Harbor on November 15th, that I might attend a Convention of the Twenty-first District, which was held the following day under the direction of R. W. Wm. S. Holmes, the Deputy for the district. It was a most enthusiastic gathering, nearly 300 of the brethren being in attendance. All the lodges of the district were represented, and in addition, there were present representatives of twenty-five other lodges. Work was presented in all three degrees. After each degree, opportunity was given the brethren to ask questions, which were answered by the District Deputy and by the Grand Lecturer. In the evening, after the work, addresses were delivered by the Grand Lecturer, Samuel B. Furbish, and by the Grand Master. Seldom have I observed more interest and enthusiasm displayed anywhere in this Grand Jurisdiction than was manifested in this gathering. Besides the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputy, the Grand Lodge was represented on this occasion by R. W. James Abernethy, Senior Grand Warden, W. Benj. L. Hadley and Harold C. Smith, Grand Stewards, and by many past grand officers. I am of the opinion that a development of the District Convention idea would prove of great interest to multitudes of our brethren who are unable to attend the annual communications of the Grand Lodge. Certainly the District Deputy of the Twenty-first District, and all the brethren of Bar Harbor Lodge, of David A. Hooper Lodge, of Tremont Lodge, and of Lygonia Lodge, who assisted him so efficiently, are worthy of great praise for their untiring efforts for the Craft in their district.

The evening of November 15th, I was the guest of the Past Masters of Solar Lodge, No. 14, on the occasion of the annual Past Master's Night. Several hundred brethren were present at the banquet, and the reception accorded me, and it was my privilege to address them briefly. During the evening the Past Masters exemplified the work of the Master Mason degree in a most impressive manner. A number of the officers of the Grand Lodge were present as guests, and also representatives of the lodges in the vicinity.

On the evening of December 14th, I attended a meeting of United Lodge, No. 8, the occasion being its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary. A brief historical address was read by P. M. Henry C. Upton; our Grand Secretary gave a most interesting account of the Masonic careers of several Past Grand Masters who were members of the lodge, and your Grand Master was privileged to address the brethren regarding the significance of the Craft in the life of today.

On Sunday afternoon, January 30th, I was present at a church service of the united lodges of Lewiston and Auburn. The service was unique in many respects. The lodges paraded to the church, and none but Masons were present. The choir was composed of Masons; the minister of the church, Brother John G. Rogers, was assisted in the service by the chaplains of the four lodges; the organist also being a brother. Notwithstanding the fact that the day was stormy, 600 of the brethren were crowded into the church. It was a very great privilege to deliver the sermon of the occasion, the theme being "The Light of Freemasonry."

Because of illness, I was obliged to cancel an appointment to speak to the brethren in Bangor on the evening of February 9th. This was a great disappointment to me, as the date had been one of long standing, and I had anticipated the occasion with no little delight. But our Deputy Grand Master, at the last moment, responded to my call for help, and appeared before the brethren. I am informed that his address was very impressive, and was well received by the brethren. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of his assistance on this occasion.

A long promised visit was made to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, at Dexter, the evening of February 28th. There were present representatives of fourteen lodges, and I had the opportunity to address the brethren at length concerning the work and its significance. After the address, many questions were asked, and I feel sure great interest was stimulated. A fine banquet was served early in the evening, at which the ladies were guests, and the lodge did the splendid act of sending all the proceeds from this function to a widow in distress.

On the evening March 14th, I was present at the annual inspection of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, by R. W. Brother Henry G. Shaw. It was a unique occasion because of the fact that there were present in this lodge in a small community, the representatives of twenty-four lodges, who had come to see the work, listen to the inspecting officer and hear an address from the Grand Master. A number of the brethren of the Grand Lodge were present also, and the evening marked a great event for the lodge.

The evening of March 21st found me the guest of Solar Lodge, No. 14, the occasion being the annual visitation of R. W. Brother Henry G. Shaw. It was a great privilege to address the brethren in my own home town.

An unusual meeting was held in Portland on the evening of March 23rd, under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of the Seventeenth District. A splendid company of the brethren of the district was present. The presiding officer, P. M. Harry S. Boyd, presented M. W. Brother David E. Moulton, who gave a most interesting address on the History of Masonry. He was followed by R. W. Alfred W. Doughty, who with the assistance of several brethren, presented an exemplification of the examination of a visitor to the lodge. M. W. Brother Silas Adams was on the program for an address on "The Ancient Landmarks," but was called that very day to New York and was unable to be present. Your Grand Master delivered the final address of the evening, the theme being "The Practical Application of Masonic Ideals." The interest all through the evening was very keen, and I am sure it was a profitable occasion for the Craft.

On March 24th, I was present in Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, the occasion being the installation of officers by R. W. Brother Walter S. Glidden. It was my privilege to make an extended address on the meaning of Freemasonry and again I was delighted of the opportunity to be with the brethren of my home city.

I greatly regretted my inability to accept the invitation of the M. W. Grand Master of New York to be the guest of that distinguished body at its annual communication now in session in New York City.

R. W. Henry W. Shaw presided over a Convention of the Fourteenth District the afternoon and evening of April 20th. Besides the representatives of all the lodges in the district, others were present making the total number of lodges represented, thirty-eight. During the day and evening all three degrees were exemplified, the work being done by the officers of Ancient York Lodge, No. 155, Richmond Lodge, No. 63, and United Lodge, No. 8. The District Deputy and the Grand Lecturer reviewed the work, making many suggestions of value to the Craft. In the evening your Grand Master was received officially and made an extended address. Brethren in attendance numbered 283, and Grand Officers present included Wor. Samuel B. Furbish, Wor. Eben J. Marston and Wor. Oliver Moses, 3rd.

On the evening of April 26th I was present at a Past Masters' Night of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17. There were many distinguished guests present. Wor. E. Murray Graham presided in the East most efficiently, and your Grand Master was accorded every courtesy. It was a most enjoyable evening, and being the last appearance for the year, it was a very fitting close for a twelve month of happy experiences, and of abounding opportunity to be of service to the Craft.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On July 9th, I requested the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to secure from the lodges in Medford, a waiver of jurisdiction for A. C. Hopper, now living in Rockland, Maine. He had applied to Aurora Lodge for the degrees. The request was granted.

On November 18th, I requested the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to secure from the lodge at Cape May, or the lodge which has jurisdiction over that territory, a waiver of jurisdiction for Wilmer Logue, now of Rockland, Maine, he having applied to Aurora Lodge for the degrees. The same was granted.

NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA
ASSOCIATION.

At the last session of our Grand Lodge, the sum of four hundred dollars was appropriated to assist this organization in its work. I trust that our Committee on Finance may see fit to make a similar recommendation this year. For while I do not think we ought to assume the responsibilities of membership in this organization, yet I realize that the problem of the brethren in New Mexico is great, arising as it does out of the influx of tubercular brethren in that favorable climate. I have been invited a number of times to become a member of the governing board of this association, but have declined, stating my reasons in the following letter to M. W. Brother Herbert B. Holt, Grand Master of New Mexico.

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother Holt :

I am animated by a great personal desire to say "yes" to your telegram inviting me to become a member of the Governing Board of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association. Our Grand Lodge has evidenced its sympathy with you in your good work by appropriating four hundred dollars for this cause. But when I think that membership on your Board may possibly involve my asking our lodges to hold public meetings for the purpose of arousing the people to the dangers from tuberculosis, and for the giving of lectures regarding this disease, I find myself unable to say "yes." Not because I do not think such work is necessary but because I think there are agencies already operating for the doing of this service, and because it would be establishing a precedent whereby many other equally important humanitarian movements that might affect our brethren could seek the active aid of the Craft, and thus very worthy interests, having no connection whatever with

Masonry, might easily come to demand much time and consideration. If a tuberculosis movement in Masonry, why not a cancer movement? Why not a movement dealing with a multitude of problems confronting our modern life? And all of them very worthy movements. I can see readily, the door opened to a multitude of movements, all of them extremely worthy, but extraneous to the real cause of Masonry. In the long run, I wonder if more will not be accomplished for all these splendid humanitarian movements, if we apply ourselves steadily and persistently to the development of our Masonic ideals in our individual members.

It is splendid to have our Grand Lodge contribute of its funds for the support of the work of relieving physical suffering, but I question whether that work is really a field which Masonry should occupy, when there are magnificent agencies at work already in it. I feel that if Masonry sticks to its task of making men "Masons, good and true," it will be making a splendid contribution to the life of the world, and doing much indirectly to encourage the support of all organized effort that looks to the alleviation of the sufferings of humanity.

DEDICATION OF HALL.

Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wells, on Wednesday, September 29th, at 3.30 p. m., for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall recently erected by Ocean Lodge, No. 142. The service of dedication was carried out in ample form in the presence of a large body of the brethren. Following the impressive ceremony, a fine banquet was served, at which there were present 225 brethren and guests. In the evening, under the direction of W. M. Freeman S. Allen, a most interesting program was given, this part of the exercises of the day being open to the people of the community. There was an address of welcome, a fine historical address, and a message by the Grand Master.

Ocean Lodge is to be congratulated on its new building, which will be ample for the needs of the lodge for many years. The decorations of the hall are in excellent taste, an example of that beauty which is an inherent characteristic of Masonry.

There are several well-appointed anterooms, and the lower floor is utilized for a fine banquet room. The day was one of unusual significance to the brethren of Ocean Lodge, and I doubt not that the new building, together with the impressive exercises of the day, will be a great stimulus to the Craft in the vicinity.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

New By-laws have been approved as follows:

Katahdin Lodge, No. 98; Somerset Lodge, No. 34; Corinthian Lodge, No. 95; Harmony Lodge, No. 38; Augusta Lodge, No. 141; Island Lodge, No. 89; Bay View Lodge, No. 196.

Amendments to By-laws have been approved as follows:

Saco Lodge, No. 9; Arion Lodge, No. 162; Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 99; Central Lodge, No. 45; Jefferson Lodge, No. 100; Bingham Lodge, No. 199; Deering Lodge, No. 183; Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44; St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198; Monument Lodge, No. 96; Granite Lodge, No. 182; Island Falls Lodge, No. 206; Composite Lodge, No. 168; Amity Lodge, No. 6; Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163; Deering Lodge, No. 183; Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54; Ashlar Lodge, No. 105; Crescent Lodge, No. 78; Eureka Lodge, No. 84; Mosaic Lodge, No. 52; Seabasticook Lodge, No. 146; Tranquil Lodge, No. 29; Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178; Rabboni Lodge, No. 150; Felicity Lodge, No. 19; Northeast Harbor Lodge, No. 208; Penobscot Lodge, No. 39; Standish Lodge, No. 70; Caribou Lodge, No. 170; St. Croix Lodge, No. 46; Doric Lodge, No. 149; Crooked River Lodge, No. 152; Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185; Casco Lodge, No. 36; Maine Lodge, No. 20; Bristol Lodge, No. 74.

Most of these amendments were relative to increased dues; several relative to increased fees for the degrees, and both of these seem to me to be wholesome changes.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Few of us realize the mass of detail involved in the daily duties of our Grand Secretary. His fidelity to his tasks; his thoroughness in all his work; his ready help when I have called upon him for assistance from time to time, have all brought

home to me a new sense of his great worth to the Fraternity. I take this opportunity to express my great appreciation of his cordial co-operation all through the year.

CONCLUSION.

The year is ended and the record is before you. I would express my deep appreciation of the unfailing support of all the officers of this Grand Body, and my tribute of gratitude for their fidelity to their duties. Without their support that which has been done could not have been accomplished. Nothing in the way of innovation has marked our course. While there has been much that would call us into realms of activity not purely Masonic, we have sought to adhere steadfastly to the Ancient Landmarks. I can conceive of no greater contribution that Freemasonry can make to the life of the modern world than that which it seeks to make in the moulding and shaping of character in its individual members. It is for the this cause that it exists, and when it has succeeded in instilling in its individual members the great cardinal virtues of friendship, morality and brotherly love, supported by an unflinching faith in that Supreme Being before whom all Masons most humbly bow, and sends forth its members to live after this manner before their fellowmen, it has accomplished its work, and made its superlative contribution to the life of the world. He who learns aright these lessons, will not only walk humbly before his God; he will also express his Masonic character in an unswerving fidelity to his country's ideals and laws, for Freemasonry is rooted deeply in the sterling virtue of patriotism, and he will give himself in a ready and helpful service to his fellowmen giving of himself so far as he can "without injury to those having prior claim upon him," for the welfare and uplift of his brother man everywhere. The glory of the Ancient Landmarks can never be preserved better, or more enhanced, than when we, as individuals, are giving ourselves in humble obeisance to our God; in patriotic devotion to our country, and in deed of service to our fellowmen. Let us never forget that the crowning glory of Freemasonry is not in its forms and ceremonies, but in the sterling character it seeks to implant in the lives

of its members. Therefore may we give ourselves anew to the efforts to express that character, that we may thus honor the God of our fathers and our God; that we may be of real service to our day and generation, and that we may develop within ourselves that quality which will fit us eventually to abide in that "tabernacle not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."



Grand Master.

The Address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the same Committee.

CORNER STONE LODGE.

The Grand Secretary presented the Dispensation, records, and all papers and correspondence connected with Corner Stone Lodge, working in the North Deering section of the City of Portland, also a petition signed by FRED T. FOGG and forty-eight others praying that a charter be granted to that lodge, all of which was, by vote, referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1927.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

There has been little variation in the detail work of my office this year from that of former ones. I hardly know which class of correspondence exceeds the others. A great many letters come asking the law on certain matters which only need reference to the Text Book for reply. The interstate correspondence does not change much from year to year. Charity calls are increasing. But all in all the number of daily letters received and sent seems to be ever on the increase.

RETURNS.

The returns came in about as usual, all except twelve on time. Nine of those delinquent ones were in the office before March 25th with the other three, *Rising Sun*, No. 71, of *Orland*, *Rockland*, No. 79, of *Rockland*, and *Excelsior*, No. 151, of *Northport*, bothering exceedingly and not received until letter after letter had been written asking for them. When they were received it was found that neither one ought to have required more than a few hours to compile, and one, that of *Excelsior* the last to arrive on April 7th, had only one initiate and one death to report and the complete return could have been made by the secretary a month before had he chosen to devote twenty minutes to the work then instead of waiting until the time that he made it up. This is the third successive year that this, the smallest lodge of the state, has been delinquent. My correspondence with the secretaries in general has been promptly attended to and courteous and friendly in every respect, and I believe that it would be difficult to find better men for the work than the present secretaries of as many as one hundred and eighty of our subordinate lodges.

FIRES.

On February 17, the hall of *Lynde Lodge*, No. 174, at *Hermou*, was destroyed by fire and the lodge lost practically everything including its charter and part of its records. The growing frequency of such happenings demonstrates the importance of every lodge providing itself with a charter certificate and depositing its priceless original in a place of safety. It should also cause every lodge to decide to invest the small amount necessary to procure a fireproof safe large enough to contain and protect the records and valuable papers of the lodge. I dislike to suggest unnecessary legislation, but I do believe that every lodge should either by education or legislation be required to take those precautionary measures.

Another fire loss of less consequence occurred in *Machias*. on January 17th, when the paraphernalia case, jewel, and paraphernalia belonging to the office of *District Deputy Grand Master* for the *Third District* was destroyed, together with the book of records of official visits by the deputies of that district during the past ten years or more. In this case, however, everything can be duplicated at small expense and little inconvenience.

MEMBERSHIP.

The report of the committee on returns will show a small but substantial increase in membership during the year. While an exceedingly large number of lodges show a loss in members, others have made gains sufficient to make the total balance on the right side, and well up to the figures of the normal conditions of the pre-war years of activity. The returns show that losses and gain are not confined to any particular class or locality. Some of the largest losses have come from city lodges and some of the best gains have been made by those in small country sections, while the reverse is also true. Perhaps the best analysis of the losses would be to assume that they have come largely from lodges where lax collection of dues has permitted a long list of delinquents to accumulate, be they of city or country, and now with the increased per capita the non-paying deadwood is being removed.

NEW LODGES.

During the year, Maine has seen the establishment of a new lodge, the first one for ten years, with talk of others that may sooner or later take definite shape. On October 27th, by direction of the Grand Master, I made a dispensation for a new lodge to be formed and opened in the North Deering section of the City of Portland. I was present when that dispensation was presented to the petitioners by Past Grand Master Silas B. Adams on November 12th. The lodge has been actively at work during the time it has been under dispensation, having raised twenty candidates and will petition for a charter at this Annual Communication. Last fall there was talk of endeavoring to secure a dispensation for a new lodge in the Thornton Heights section of South Portland. Two or three interested brothers came to my office to talk the situation over and learn the necessary steps to be taken. I gave them a blank petition for a dispensation but have heard nothing further from it. Some four weeks ago, upon request of a brother living in East Holden I forwarded to him a blank for a petition for a dispensation, together with a letter of instructions as to procedure. I have heard nothing further from that one. I have also received inquiries concerning the establishment of lodges at Howland and Criehaven.

CHARTER CERTIFICATES.

Agreeable to the Standing Regulation as adopted one year ago permitting Certificates of Charter to made between sessions of the Grand Lodge, I have with the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, issued certificates to Arion Lodge, No. 162 at Goodwin's Mills and to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, at Waldoboro, during the year.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

About the usual number of requests for degrees to be conferred by courtesy, and for release of jurisdiction, have been handled. The regulation adopted one year ago requiring that one degree at least be conferred by the electing lodge before request can be made has apparently worked no hardship for anyone.

FINANCIAL.

During the year I have made and sold 493 Grand Lodge Certificates, a smaller number than usual, two Certificates of Charter, and have sold 121 Maine Masonic Text Books. The cash received for these, less incidental expenses of office, has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer for which I hold his receipt. My account has been examined and approved by the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS, *Grand Secretary.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 3, 1927.

To the Most Wor. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the
Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M.;

I herewith submit my annual report as Treasurer for the year ending April 30, 1927.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, A. F. & A. M., in account with HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Grand Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

To Balance brought forward.....	\$23,465.25
Unexpended Pay Roll, 1926.....	1,205.40
F. N. Bowden, error in returns, 1926.....	1.00
Narragausus Lodge, No. 88, dispensation.....	6.00
Grand Commandery, K. T., rent and office expenses.....	950.16
Grand Chapter, R. A. M., rent and office expenses.....	1,425.23
St. George Lodge, No. 16, error in returns, 1926..	.30
Siloam Lodge, No. 92, error in returns, 1926..	1.50
Aurora Lodge, No. 5, dispensation.....	3.00
Portland National Bank, account of error.....	342.00
Solar Lodge, No. 14, dispensation.....	3.00
Interest on Deposit.....	489.91
Corner Stone Lodge, dispensation.....	25.00
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, receipts of office.....	617.26
Dues from D. D. Grand Masters:	
1st District George R. Fenderson.....	1,890.00
2nd " Eben L. Bennet.....	1,109.00
3rd " Joseph L. Hall.....	1,271.00
4th " Elijah S. Heath.....	1,153.00
5th " Louis M. Blake.....	2,097.00
6th " Arthur N. Baker.....	3,034.00
7th " George H. Foster.....	850.00
8th " Robie F. Ames.....	925.00
9th " John L. Tewksbury.....	2,461.00
10th " Norris S. Lord.....	1,661.00
11th " Guy M. Towle.....	2,290.00
12th " George W. Hoxie.....	1,533.00
13th " Willis L. Hodgdon.....	1,685.00
14th " Henry G. Shaw.....	2,091.00
15th " Fessenden Skolfield.....	1,561.00
16th " Herbert C. Rowe.....	1,067.00
17th " Alfred W. Doughty.....	5,683.00
18th " James W. Tarbox.....	960.00
19th " Frank H. Libby.....	2,748.00
20th " J. Arthur Haley.....	881.00

21st District	William S. Holmes	\$ 2,094.00
22nd	" Samuel P. Ireland	1,231.00
23rd	" William A. Small	1,425.00
24th	" Henry W. Loring	2,638.00
25th	" George A. Palmer	1,296.00
26th	" Arthur M. Packard	875.00
		<hr/> \$75,044.01

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Payroll by check, 1926	\$ 341.80
Transferred to Charity Fund, per vote	8,000.00
Ashley A. Smith, Committee on Correspondence, salary	500.00
Robie F. Ames, D. D. G. M., expense, 1926	24.00
Fessenden Skolfield, D. D. G. M., expense, 1926	18.30
S. R. Rowland, D. D. G. M., expense, 1926	6.00
Joseph L. Hall, D. D. G. M., expense, 1926	14.00
David L. Wilson, Grand Master, per vote	250.00
Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer, salary	100.00
Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer, expenses	117.50
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., box rent	10.00
Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Treasurer's bond	25.00
W. E. Dunham & Co., office equipment	191.30
Masonic Trustees, rent	2,340.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	101.15
Portland Directory Co., directory	7.00
W. J. Songhurst, library	5.20
Walter B. Keith, diplomas	90.00
W. E. Howell, extra services	66.35
Congress Square Hotel	8.05
Loring, Short & Harmon	35.00
F. M. Hunnewell, trucking	20.00
Tucker Printing Co., printing	1,407.42
E. S. Waite, repairing Dep. Master's apron	2.75
Royal Typewriter Co.	15.00
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, mailing pro- ceedings	62.92
Three B. Bindery	105.50
Eagle Press, printing	41.50
Dalton Adding Machine Co.	1.25
Vose, Smith Co.	20.00
Carey B. Fish, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, per order Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine	250.00
Lowell H. Woodbury, transporting trunks	15.00
Merrill & Webber, book binding for library	406.30

Anderson, Adams Co., insurance.....		\$ 125.00
Expenses of meeting of the Trustees of the Charity Fund at Waterville.....		47.46
National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Assn., per vote.....		400.00
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, office supplies.		7.06
C. E. Leach, Grand Lodge Library.....		21.50
James H. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, per order Grand Master, Maine.....		500.00
Chas. B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary.....		2,500.00
Herbert N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, salary..		500.00
Clerical assistance to Grand Secretary.....		2,236.00
J. L. Brackett, marking trunk.....		.50
Expenses of D. D. G. M.:		
George R. Fenderson, 1st District,		\$45 28
Eben H. Bennet, 2nd "		19 50
Joseph L. Hall, 3rd " No bill		
Elijah S. Heath, 4th "		45 28
Louis M. Blake, 5th "		37 87
Arthur M. Baker, 6th "		25 20
George H. Foster, 7th "		22 44
Robie F. Ames..... 8th "		18.00
John L. Tewksbury, 9th "		41.10
Norris S. Lord, 10th "		40.50
Guy M. Towle, 11th "		22.30
George W. Hoxie, 12th "		12.73
Willis L. Hodgdon, 13th "		28.94
Henry G. Shaw, 14th "		16.04
Fessenden Skolfield, 15th "		66.36
Herbert C. Rowe, 16th "		15.76
Alfred W. Doughty, 17th "		10.55
James W. Tarbox, 18th "		44.00
Frank H. Libby, 19th "		18.71
J. Arthur Haley, 20th "		12.34
William S. Holmes, 21st "		78.32
Samuel P. Ireland, 22nd "		26.00
William A. Small, 23rd "		26.16
Henry W. Loring, 24th " No. exp.		
George A. Palmer, 25th "		47.20
Arthur M. Packard, 26th "		9.25
Errors in returns.....		29.00
Transferred to Charity Fund, Per Capita Tax...		21,875.50
Pay Roll, 1927.....		5,715.80
		\$49,294.94
Balance, Portland National Bank.....		25,749.07
		\$75,044.01

GEORGE R. RICH, MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 304.13	
Interest and earnings.....	102.84	
Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds, sold.....	1,164.95	
		\$1,571.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Portland Railroad Co., bonds bought.....	\$1,375.72	
Beneficiaries.....	35.00	
		\$1,410.72
Balance, Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....		161.20
		\$1,571.92

The Fund consists of:

2 Portland Railroad Co. bonds.....	\$2,000.00	
Deposit, Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	161.20	
		\$2,161.20

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Hancock Lodge, No. 4, vs. Delmont T. Dunbar.

Wilton Lodge, No. 156, vs. J. Burnett Cox.

Petition of Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, for restoration of Fred L. Kent.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer SAMUEL B. FURBISH, was presented as follows:

BRUNSWICK, MAINE, April 23, 1927.

MOST WORSHIPFUL DAVID L. WILSON,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer for the year now closed.

Of the twenty-six District Deputy Grand Masters appointed by you one year ago, all but three were present at Lodges of Instruction. The failures were from the 8th, 13th, and 19th Districts. The Deputies from the 16th and 24th were present on two occasions.

Four Schools were held during the year; at Rumford on October 7th, with forty-one representatives from fourteen lodges, including five District Deputy Grand Masters; at Yarmouth on October 19th, with fifty-two representatives from twenty-two lodges, including the Grand Master, Past Senior Grand Warden John M. Burleigh, three Past District Deputy Grand Masters and seven of the present Deputies; on October 27th at Machias, with sixty-seven representatives from ten lodges, including Senior Grand Warden James Abernethy and two Deputies; at Bangor on October 28th, with seventy-six representatives from thirty-two lodges, including Past Grand Junior Warden Albert M. Ames, two Past District Deputy Grand Masters and eleven of the present Deputies.

Of the two hundred and six lodges, forty-eight have not been represented at any of the Schools during the past four years, which seems inexcusable, as there have been sixteen opportunities at places well scattered over the state. I have discovered the reason for part of this non-attendance and am ashamed to acknowledge it, but the secretaries have in some cases failed to forward to the officers of the lodge the information as to when and where the Lodges of Instruction were to be held. There have been, however, thirty-nine lodges which have been represented for three out of the four years, and of this number, nine have been marked present each year.

During this past year seventy-four lodges were represented at Schools and of these, thirty-six were not represented the preceding year.

The total attendance of two hundred and thirty-seven is just below the average, but the interest in the ritual has not fallen off in the least. In the pursuit of knowledge twenty-three District Deputy Grand Masters, thirty-two Worshipful Masters, twenty-nine Senior Wardens and seventeen Junior Wardens have taken the time off to perfect themselves in the details of the ritual. I am indebted to these brethren for their assistance in carrying on these Schools to a successful finish.

In company with the Grand Master, and by special invitation of District Deputy Grand Master William S. Holmes of the 21st District, I attended a District Convention at Bar Harbor on the 16th of November. This event was largely attended and enthusiastically supported. On the 20th of April the 14th District held a convention at Bath to present the work in the three degrees. This being my home district, I followed the presentation closely and was proud of the dignity and precision of the officers in their work.

I trust that my efforts during the year have met with your approval and that of the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. FURBISH, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Brother THOMAS H. BODGE for the Special Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 3, 1927.

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

Your committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial have continued to receive from the lodges such contributions as they were pleased to make. About the first of the calendar year we wrote each lodge that had paid nothing or in part only, calling attention to the votes of 1923 and 1925, urging them to let us know what work was being done and the prospects for completing the quota within the time named in 1925. Those letters apparently brought to the attention of some there was an obligation resting upon them that could not be ignored indefinitely.

We cannot explain an incomplete report of receipts in the 1926 Proceedings except on the supposition a page of copy was lost, as fifteen remittances received subsequent to April 17, 1926, and one interest item aggregating \$2,216.75 were omitted from the report as published, viz:

April 22	Lynde, No. 174.	\$ 65.00
" 22	Bagaduce, No. 210.	72.00
" 23	Washington, No. 37.	30.00
" 26	Lygonia, No. 40.	200.00
" 27	Seaside, No. 144.	78.00
" 27	Forest, No. 148.	25.00
" 28	Mystic, No. 65.	115.00
" 28	Bar Harbor, No. 185.	307.00
" 28	Ancient York, No. 155.	20.00
" 28	Hiram, No. 180.	285.00
" 29	Warren, No. 2.	8.00
" 30	Meridian, No. 125.	15.00
" 30	Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17.	835.00
May 1	David A. Hooper, No. 201.	85.00
" 3	Naval, No. 184.	75.00
	Interest on Checking Account.	1.75
		\$2,216.75

On May 4, 1926, we had received a total of. \$27,601.05
Disbursements amounted to. 23,724.13

Leaving a balance on hand of. \$ 3,876.92

During the past year receipts have been:

1926.		
May	8	Oriental, No. 13.....\$ 234.00
"	26	Meridian, No. 125..... 92.00
June	1	Quantabacook, No. 129..... 54.00
"	4	Star in the East, No. 60..... 232.00
"	22	Preble, No. 143..... 75.00
July	1	Interest on Savings Deposit..... 31.41
Aug.	4	Greenleaf, No. 117..... 75.00
"	24	Warren, No. 2..... 7.00
Oct.	1	Interest on Savings Deposit..... 25.88
"	1	Dresden, No. 103..... 96.00
"	11	Warren Phillips, No. 186..... 100.00
Nov.	9	Solar, No. 14..... 100.00
"	18	Dunlap, No. 47..... 100.00
"	20	Greenleaf, No. 117..... 60.00
"	27	Eureka, No. 84..... 24.00
"	30	Solar, No. 14..... 128.00
Dec.	3	Washington, No. 37..... 25.00
"	14	United, No. 8..... 19.00
"	22	Maine, No. 20..... 215.00
"	22	Olive Branch, No. 124..... 25.00
"	23	Day Spring, No. 107..... 4.00
"	27	Adoniram, No. 27..... 21.00
"	30	Howard, No. 69..... 91.50
1927		
Jan.	1	Interest on Saving Deposit..... 30.78
"	4	Central, No. 45..... 70.00
"	10	Lewey's Island, No. 138..... 60.00
"	13	Seaside, No. 144..... 33.00
"	13	Dunlap, No. 47..... 99.00
"	17	Freedom, No. 42..... 72.00
"	18	Temple, No. 86..... 104.00
"	22	Lookout, No. 131..... 25.00 *
"	31	Polar Star, No. 114..... 177.00
Feb.	1	Baskahegan, No. 175..... 224.00
"	1	Marsh River, No. 102..... 25.00
"	5	York, No. 22..... 93.00
"	8	Aroostook, No. 197..... 108.00
"	15	Tyrian, No. 73..... 57.00
"	18	Bethlehem, No. 35..... 195.00
"	19	Marsh River, No. 102..... 20.00
"	19	Washburn, No. 193..... 154.00
Mar.	2	Tyrian, No. 73..... 16.00
"	7	Penobscot, No. 39..... 100.00
"	8	Warren Phillips, No. 186..... 100.00
"	9	Northeast Harbor, No. 208..... 44.00

Mar.	10	Freeport, No. 23.....	\$115.00
"	15	Lygonia, No. 40.....	168.00
"	17	Portland, No. 1.....	593.00
"	30	Quantabacook, No. 129.....	39.00
"	30	Alna, No. 43.....	231.00
April	1	Interest on Savings Deposit.....	43.10
"	7	Rising Sun, No. 71.....	80.00
"	11	Warren Phillips, No. 186.....	11.00
"	12	Corinthian, No. 95.....	76.00
"	12	Neguemkeag, No. 166.....	15.00
"	13	Mount Bigelow, No. 202.....	105.00
"	13	Rising Star, No. 177.....	53.00
"	14	Tremont, No. 77.....	10.00
"	20	Archon, No. 139.....	31.00
"	21	Tranquil, No. 29.....	550.00
"	21	Vernon Valley, No. 99.....	21.00
"	21	Eureka, No. 84.....	50.00
"	23	Meridian Splendor, No. 49.....	81.00
"	26	Messalonskee, No. 113.....	90.00
"	26	Naval, No. 184.....	354.00
"	27	Lafayette, No. 48.....	77.00
"	27	Tremont, No. 77.....	15.00
"	27	Meridian, No. 125.....	18.00
"	28	Marsh River, No. 102.....	15.00
"	28	Katahdin, No. 98.....	173.00
"	29	Mystic Tie, No. 154.....	90.00
"	29	Lewey's Island, No. 138.....	47.00
"	29	Waterville, No. 33.....	340.00
"	29	Pembroke, No. 78.....	82.00
"	30	Ancient York, No. 155.....	13.00
May	2	Morning Star, No. 41.....	60.00
"	2	Marine, No. 122.....	150.00
"	2	Interest on Checking account.....	1.10
"	3	Penobscot, No. 39.....	173.00
"	3	Siloam, No. 92.....	285.00
"	3	Granite, No. 182.....	39.00
"	3	King Solomon's No. 61.....	35.00
"	3	Lynde, No. 174.....	16.00
"	3	Pleides, No. 173.....	158.00
"	3	David A. Hooper, No. 201.....	61.00
"	3	Anchor, No. 158.....	79.00
"	3	Fraternal, No. 55.....	58.00
"	3	Keystone, No. 80.....	20.00
"	3	Mt. Olivet, No. 203.....	99.00
"	3	Composite, No. 168.....	1.00

 \$12,339.69

Our only disbursements have been:

1926.		
May 10	Margaret B. Coffin, mimeographing.....	\$ 3.75
July 9	Chas. E. Nash & Son, 500 Clasp Envelopes	10.75
" 9	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00
Nov. 6	500 No. 13, 2 cent envelopes.....	11.04
1927.		
Jan. 12	Chas. E. Nash & Son, 500 Letterheads.....	6.75
Feb. 19	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	1,000.00
April 4	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00
" 27	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	5,000.00
		\$10,032.29
	Leaving balance on hand.....	\$ 2,307.40
	Deposited in Checking Account, State Trust Co.....	\$ 14.99
	Deposited in Savings Account, State Trust Co.....	1,268.41
	Cash in hand of Committee.....	1,024.00
		\$2,307.40

During the year forty-five lodges have completed their quotas, making a total of one hundred forty-two fully paid. Forty-one have paid in part, viz: Nos. 6, 8, 11, 22, 24, 31, 32, 37, 41, 45, 48, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 75, 77, 79, 80, 91, 96, 98, 102, 113, 118, 124, 131, 140, 143, 144, 145, 148, 155, 165, 166, 173, 174, 198, 201. That leaves twenty-three which have paid nothing, and several have never replied in any way to the many letters we have sent. That list comprises Nos. 3, 4, 26, 46, 51, 67, 68, 85, 87, 88, 115, 119, 121, 123, 135, 149, 170, 171, 191, 192, 195, 205, 209.

What action is to be taken and what penalty imposed on the lodges which have not complied with the votes of 1923 and 1925 are for this Grand Lodge to determine.

To date we have remitted to the Association almost exactly eighty per cent. of our per capita, based on the returns of 1926.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE, *Chairman*,
 HAROLD E. COOK, *Secretary*,
 SILAS B. ADAMS,
 DAVID L. WILSON.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

FINANCE.

BROTHER FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 3, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers. We find the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to be as according to his report Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-nine Dollars and Seven cents (\$25,749.07).

We have also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and find them correct, that the balance of cash received by him has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for which the Grand Secretary holds his receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Finance Committee.
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	

The report was accepted.

RETURNS.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the report of the Committee on Returns as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in full in the Proceedings, together with the Abstract of Returns from Lodges.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1927.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Returns have examined the returns of the several lodges of the state, and while they show a condition very much different from that of some years past, we believe that on the whole the reports show a very satisfactory condition of the fraternity in Maine. The fact that 82 of the lodges, or nearly 40 per cent. of the total number, show a decrease in membership, it is not surprising when it is taken into consideration that the extreme following the war peak of activity has been reached and the inevitable reaction set in. The combined losses of the 82 lodges is 359, a comparatively small average. The largest individual loss of 21 was made by Solar, No. 14, of Bath, which was one of the most active bodies in the state in 1921, making a net gain that year of 38 and 31 the year before. Polar Star, No. 114, of Bath, also made a net gain of 31 in 1919 and 46 in 1920, yet its net loss this year with 11 suspensions for non-payment of dues is only five. In these two instances local business conditions were perhaps entirely responsible for the losses.

The second largest individual loss this year is 19 in Pownal, No. 119, at Stockton Springs. This lodge is a different example. With a membership of 117 in 1919, it changed only one or two a year and reported 118 in 1926.

During the past year there were 17 suspensions for non-payment of dues. No doubt a dropping off of delinquents of years accumulation to save per capita tax was the cause as well it might be. No doubt the same conditions are responsible for most of the lodge losses recorded this year because the number of applications handled by all the lodges in the state during the year show a falling off of only 106 from the number acted upon last year, and thus the lodge lists having been cleared to some extent a better showing may well be expected in the future.

The largest net gain in membership was made by St. Andrew's, No. 83, of Bangor, with 35, and by doing so that lodge passed the 700 mark and retained its third place in the roll of the larger lodges. Deering, No. 183, with a net gain of 21 passes the 900 mark, and by a large lead maintains first place in point of membership. Hiram, No. 180, with a net gain of 30, nosed into fourth place with a lead of one over Waterville, No. 33. The seven big leaders thus end the year as follows: Deering, No. 183, 909; Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, 854; St. Andrew's, No. 83, 708; Hiram, No. 180, 675; Waterville, No. 33, 674; Portland, No. 1, 651; Atlantic, No. 81, 615.

There are three lodges, Nos. 10, 29 and 32 with membership of over 500. Aurora, No. 50, was in that class last year, but a loss of 9 in membership closed the year with 494, in company with nine others with membership between 400 and 500. There are fourteen lodges of over 300 members each, and forty-four of over 200 each. Thirty-one lodges have less than 100 members each.

The largest percentage of loss was made by King David's, No. 61, at Lincolnville. Starting the year with 90 and having but one raising, with 3 deaths and 10 suspensions for non-payment of dues it closed the year with 78 members, only two other lodges being smaller.

The lodges making loss during the year are Nos. 3, 4, 5, 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 60, 62, 63, 64, 68, 72, 73, 74, 80, 84, 93, 95, 97, 98, 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 110, 114, 115, 116, 119, 123, 125, 128, 131, 132, 135, 137, 139, 141, 144, 145, 146, 153, 154, 157, 161, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 177, 179, 186, 189, 194, 195, 198, 202, 206, 207, 209 and 210.

Eighteen lodges, Nos. 13, 15, 38, 43, 44, 57, 69, 76, 79, 99, 100, 111, 121, 151, 155, 162, 169, and 192, report the same membership as returned last year.

Excelsior, No. 151, at Northport, remains the smallest lodge in the state, except the one U. D., but held its own during the year with 1 raising, 1 death and no suspensions.

The net gain for the year was 264.

The 717 deaths is only 13 more than last year and is 16.04 to the 1,000.

The average lodge membership, not including the lodge under dispensation, is 212.32.

During the year, the various lodges not including the one under dis-

pensation, entertained 1,742 applications, 376 of which were rejected. This was a decrease of 60 from the number of rejections reported in 1926.

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

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Initiated	1,846	1,590	1,572	1,450	1,366
Raised	1,858	1,698	1,534	1,455	1,349
Affiliated	126	96	114	121	142
Re-instated	59	66	111	82	74
Dimitted	152	143	188	156	170
Died	697	667	729	703	717
Suspended	2	5	1	0	2
Expelled	6	0	2	2	0
Susp. from membership . .	137	223	490	238	411
Deprived of membership .	7	6	3	5	1
Error 1924 returns	0	0	2	0	0
Number of members	41,730	42,556	42,981	43,485	43,749
Rejected	736	691	509	436	376

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
 JAMES C. AYER,
 CHARLES W. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1927

Nos.	Locals.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	27	27	3	1	1	10	0	0	3	0	651	10
2	Warren	6	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	218	0
3	Lincoln	4	3	2	1	3	6	0	0	4	0	212	4
4	Hancock	2	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	2	0	97	0
5	Kennebec	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	185	1
6	Amity	14	12	2	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	349	2
7	Eastern	4	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	191	0
8	United	13	13	4	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	345	4
9	Saco	2	5	3	2	0	6	0	0	3	0	389	7
10	Rising Virtue	22	25	0	2	4	5	0	0	8	0	535	9
11	Pythagorean	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	166	0
12	Cumberland	6	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	233	3
13	Oriental	6	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	234	1
14	Solar	11	12	3	0	4	6	0	0	28	0	409	0
15	Orient	4	6	3	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	168	0
16	St. George	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	154	0
17	Ancient Land-Mark.	36	39	1	0	1	21	0	0	0	0	854	7
18	Oxford	5	8	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	252	5
19	Felicity	12	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	183	2
20	Maine	3	2	4	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	214	1
21	Oriental Star	4	4	0	1	2	7	0	0	1	0	204	6
22	York	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	5
23	Freeport	8	5	1	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	215	2
24	Phoenix	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	205	1
25	Temple	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	157	1
26	Village	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	124	0
27	Adoniram	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	89	3
28	Northern Star	5	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	138	1
29	Tranquil	6	7	2	0	3	7	0	0	1	0	560	6
30	Blazing Star	11	11	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	0	456	5
31	Union	4	4	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	136	0
32	Hermon	8	9	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	564	1
33	Waterville	18	22	7	3	2	7	0	0	15	0	674	5
34	Somerset	2	3	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	287	5
35	Bethlehem	9	11	2	2	1	9	0	0	6	0	433	1
36	Casco	5	6	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	251	3
37	Washington	7	11	1	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	201	0
38	Harmony	3	5	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	243	1
39	Penobscot	6	6	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	273	3
40	Lygonia	9	11	2	1	0	8	0	0	3	0	381	2
41	Morning Star	4	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	118	0
42	Freedom	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	114	1
43	Alna	5	4	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	231	0
44	Piscataquis	10	11	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	331	8
45	Central	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	130	0
46	St. Croix	6	6	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	272	1
47	Dunlap	9	10	0	0	2	11	0	0	7	0	389	1
48	Lafayette	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	161	0
49	Meridian Splendor	4	5	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	206	2
50	Aurora	16	13	2	1	4	4	0	0	19	0	494	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	4	8	0	0	1	5	0	0	4	0	250	1
52	Mosaic	9	7	2	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	244	0
53	Rural	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	103	0
54	Vassalboro	7	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	99	1
55	Fraternal	4	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	122	0
56	Mount Moriah	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	95	1
57	King Hiram	3	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	153	0
58	Unity	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	91	0
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	9	6	2	1	1	6	0	0	10	0	375	3
61	King Solomon's	5	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	194	3
62	King David's	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	10	0	78	0
63	Richmond	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	191	0
64	Pacific	2	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	134	1
65	Mystic	14	17	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	226	7
66	Mechanics'	5	8	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	262	1
67	Blue Mountain	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	139	0
68	Mariners'	2	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	121	1
69	Howard	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	192	0
70	Standish	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	164	0
71	Rising Sun	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	106	0
72	Pioneer	6	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	205	0
73	Tyrian	2	2	1	0	1	8	0	0	1	0	211	1
74	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	157	0
75	Plymouth	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1
76	Arundel	6	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	184	0
77	Tremont	19	18	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	199	0
78	Crescent	5	5	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	160	1
79	Rockland	5	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	223	0
80	Keystone	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	128	1
81	Atlantic	18	22	1	1	0	7	0	0	7	0	615	4
82	St. Paul's	8	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	210	0
83	St. Andrew's	52	39	7	1	1	11	0	0	0	0	708	18
84	Eureka	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	125	0
85	Star in the West	7	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	108	1
86	Temple	4	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	351	4
87	Benevolent	7	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	116	0
88	Narraguagus	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	134	0
89	Island	4	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	128	0
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	9	15	1	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	216	4
92	Siloam	7	8	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	292	3
93	Horeb	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	13	0	279	1
94	Paris	6	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	162	2
95	Corinthian	5	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	167	0
96	Monument	25	25	1	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	459	9
97	Bethel	3	2	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	171	0
98	Kathadin	5	3	0	1	2	4	0	0	10	0	173	2
99	Vernon Valley	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	116	0
100	Jefferson	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	116	0
101	Nezinscot	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	110	0
102	Marsh River	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	99	0
103	Dresden	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	98	0
104	Dirigo	4	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	0	93	0
105	Ashlar	7	9	0	2	3	4	0	0	14	0	477	3
106	Tuscan	8	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	0	240	2

Nos.	LOGGERS.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	91	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	3	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	168	0
110	Monmouth	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	169	2
111	Liberty	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	107	0
112	Eastern Frontier	17	19	1	0	3	3	0	0	4	0	237	6
113	Messalonskee	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	9	0	0	127	0
114	Polar Star	9	6	1	4	3	2	0	0	11	0	397	0
115	Buxton	5	5	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	163	2
116	Lebanon	3	4	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	146	1
117	Greenleaf	9	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	204	3
118	Drummond	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	1
119	Pownal	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	17	0	97	0
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	107	0
122	Marine	8	8	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	295	0
123	Franklin	4	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	104	1
124	Olive Branch	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	133	2
125	Meridian	5	6	2	2	1	7	0	0	5	0	230	2
126	Timothy Chase	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	224	1
127	Presumpscot	8	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	173	0
128	Eggemoggin	1	1	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	131	0
129	Quantabacook	8	8	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	104	0
130	Trinity	16	16	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	317	7
131	Lookout	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	75	0
132	Mount Tire'm	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	79	0
133	Asylum	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	91	0
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	1	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	159	0
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	6	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	123	1
138	Lewy's Island	5	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	232	3
139	Archon	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	94	1
140	Mount Desert	8	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	102	0
141	Augusta	8	10	6	0	4	8	0	0	5	0	493	3
142	Ocean	4	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	129	0
143	Preble	12	16	0	0	3	5	0	0	3	0	390	3
144	Seaside	9	9	0	1	1	8	0	0	2	0	321	4
145	Moses Webster	4	3	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	213	0
146	Sebasticook	1	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	151	1
147	Evening Star	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	118	1
148	Forest	3	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	189	3
149	Doric	11	14	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	132	2
150	Rabboni	7	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	392	7
151	Excelsior	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38	0
152	Crooked River	7	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	136	1
153	Delta	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	108	0
154	Mystic Tie	3	3	0	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	90	1
155	Ancient York	5	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	191	6
156	Wilton	10	7	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	229	2
157	Cambridge	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	125	0
158	Anchor	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)												
160	Parian	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	128	0
161	Carrabassett	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	99	0
162	Arion	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	114	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
163	Pleasant River	8	8	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	327	8
164	Webster	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	84	5
165	Molunkus	13	11	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	171	0
166	Neguemkeag	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	84	1
167	Whitney	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	102	0
168	Composite	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	195	1
169	Shepherd's River	6	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	87	0
170	Caribou	16	12	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	254	4
171	Naskeag	2	2	1	1	2	5	0	0	2	0	86	0
172	Pine Tree	1	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	7	0	156	0
173	Pleiades	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	158	0
174	Lynde	3	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	0	104	5
175	Baskahegan	6	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	231	1
176	Palestine (consol'd)												
177	Rising Star	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	108	0
178	Ancient Brothers'	10	11	3	4	3	5	0	0	3	0	453	2
179	Yorkshire	10	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	139	1
180	Hiram	37	35	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	675	17
181	Reuel Washburn (con.)												
182	Granite	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	103	0
183	Deering	33	33	2	0	0	13	0	0	1	0	909	15
184	Naval	15	12	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	461	0
185	Bar Harbor	18	15	1	0	2	2	0	0	9	0	315	1
186	Warren Phillips	9	8	0	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	429	4
187	Ira Berry	6	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	0
188	Jonesport	6	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	144	3
189	Knox	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	97	0
190	Springvale	11	10	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	250	7
191	Davis	16	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	150	0
192	Winter Harbor	6	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	135	0
193	Washburn	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	158	0
194	Euclid	9	7	0	0	1	3	0	0	13	0	238	2
195	Reliance	7	8	0	1	0	4	0	0	10	0	237	0
196	Bay View	5	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	1	0	146	0
197	Aroostook	17	13	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	188	3
198	St. Aspinquid	3	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	255	1
199	Bingham	12	13	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	0	276	0
200	Columbia	9	4	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	181	10
201	David A. Hooper	14	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	191	0
202	Mount Bigelow	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	105	1
203	Mount Olivet	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	97	0
204	Mount Abram	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	144	0
205	Nollescmic	23	23	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	285	11
206	Island Falls	7	6	1	0	2	5	0	0	2	0	236	1
207	Abner Wade	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	118	0
208	Northeast Harbor	7	7	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	147	0
209	Fort Kent	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	113	1
210	Bagaduce	2	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	9	0	55	0
211	Meduncook	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0
212	McKinley	5	9	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	129	1
213	Kemankeag	5	4	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	76	1
214	Limestone	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	87	1
215	Orchard	11	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	105	5
		1367	1351	142	74	170	717	2	0	411	1	43751	376

HISTORY.

BRO. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History, reported:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1927.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on history beg leave to report that we have received only one history this year.

A very complete history of Aurora Lodge, No. 50, located at Rockland, written up to date by R. W. Brother Albert H. Newbert.

This history shows a great deal of research and is a credit to the pen of its author.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS, } *Committee*
CONVERS E. LEACH, } *on History.*

The report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

REFRESHMENT.

At 11.45 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 4, 1927. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

WINSLOW E. HOWELL.

The following Memorial was read by Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH, and it was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

WINSLOW EMERY HOWELL.

"The dear friends live and always will,
Their presence hovers round us still,
It seems to me they come to share
Each joy or sorrow that we bear.
Among the living I can feel
The sweet departed spirits steal,
And whether it be weal or woe,
I walk with those I used to know."

Yes, among them, Winslow Emery Howell, one of my old friends of long ago. Born in the same year, spending my boyhood days in the same neighborhood, attending the same schools, and, in later years, being closely and intimately associated with him in the work of the several bodies of our fraternity, I knew "Win" as a friend and brother.

It is an old saying that we have to live with a person to really know him. From this close association and comradeship extending over a period of more than a half century, I came to know and appreciate his worth.

Of a naturally optimistic temperament and even disposition, inclined to be rather conservative in speech, with almost perfect self control even under most trying circumstances, he greeted the hundreds of members of our several bodies as they sought entrance to this place with consummate grace and gentlemanly courtesy.

It is said of him that if he ever got a good view of a face he never forgot it. How many members from this whole jurisdiction, yea, from other jurisdictions far removed from our own, can bear testimony to this rare accomplishment. His cherry smile and hand clasp will be missed for years to come by all who frequent our temple.

He was born in Westbrook, July 21, 1866, and educated in the public schools of Portland. As a young man he was associated with his father in the meat and provision business in Monument Square. In 1889 he purchased a farm in Falmouth where he remained for several years. For a short time he was engaged in Government service in connection with the construction of one of the forts of Portland Harbor. He served the city faithfully and well for several years as a member of the City Government.

While still a young man he became interested in Masonry and following in the foot steps of his father, Amos E. Howell, he joined Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, No. 17, on March 6, 1889, and served as Worshipful Master in 1900 and 1901.

He was exalted in Greenleaf Chapter on November 19, 1889; greeted in Portland Council, November 21, 1889, and knighted in Portland Commandery, January 28, 1890. He received the degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite to, and including the Thirty-second in 1892. He was also a member of Maine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and Iona Chapter, O. E. S. He held various offices in Portland Commandery, Yates Lodge of Perfection and Maine Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine for many years and served on important committees in the other bodies of which he was a member. We remember him particularly as the ideal Tyler and Sentinel.

Upon the death of Wor. Brother Warren O. Carney in 1912, he became Superintendent of the Masonic Temple, and Tying Officer for all the local bodies which meet here. The following May he became the Tying Officer of all the Masonic Grand Bodies, also for the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., all of which he filled to the time of his death with honor to himself and the complete satisfaction of the craft.

For more than three years he was a constant sufferer from an incurable malady which he endured so patiently and courageously that but few of his most intimate acquaintances knew of his affliction until a few weeks before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha B. Howell, and two sons, Edwin E., Captain of a U. S. Shipping Board steamer out of Galveston, Texas, and Richard H. of Portland.

Funeral services were held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, on Sunday afternoon, September 19th, and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Jacobs, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of which he was a member, followed by the Masonic burial service conducted by the officers of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge. The attendance of friends and the profusion of floral offerings silently attested to the deep esteem in which he was held.

His bodily presence we shall miss but "his presence hovers round us still."

" He was a faithful sentinel
Of loyal heart and true;
His tasks were ever nobly done,
Whate'er he had to do.

" With the brotherhood unseen he lives,
While we his praises sing.
For he is still a sentinel
In the temple of the King."

(Verses written in memory of W. E. H. by Rev. Daniel I. Gross, D. D., Grand Chaplain).

WALDO PETTENGILL.

Bro. FREDERIC O. EATON, read the following Memorial which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

WALDO PETTENGILL.

Past Grand Master WALDO PETTENGILL died at his home in Rumford on Sunday, September 5, 1926, following an illness of some four years duration, but which did not reach its acute stage until the preceding summer. Durling all this period he was not disheartened by the burdens placed upon him, but carried to the end that cheerful outlook upon life which always characterized him and bore his trials with truly Christian fortitude.

Brother PETTENGILL was born at Livermore Falls, December 1, 1844, the son of Oliver and Huldah (Baker) Pettengill. He was educated in the public schools and the academies at Farmington and Auburn, and was twenty-one years of age when with his parents he settled in Rumford. In his early life he was engaged in school teaching, farming and land surveying.

Soon after coming to Rumford he perceived the industrial possibilities which would result could the vast water power at Rumford Falls be

developed, and in 1880 he began to purchase land to secure control of that water power and the lands necessary for its development. He later interested capitalists in the project and was agent of the power development company from its inception until his death. During his whole life he managed successfully a large farm and he was at various times actively engaged as a railroad manager, bank president, public utility manager, and as a member of the board of directors of nearly all of the industrial corporations of the town of Rumford besides other interests of a similar nature elsewhere. In each of these positions he was a compelling factor, and his associates relied in no small degree upon his keen business judgment and foresight.

Brother PETTENGILL was deeply interested in the community in which he lived, and he took an active and leading part in all things for the betterment of the town. The citizens of Rumford appreciated his broad and liberal understanding of affairs, and for many years he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. He served six years as County Commissioner of Oxford County, was twice a Representative to the State Legislature, and was State Senator from Oxford County one term; he was also a member of the Governor's Council two years.

Brother PETTENGILL was made a mason in Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, in 1867, and served as Worshipful Master in 1870, 1871, 1875, 1878 and 1879. He was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1912, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1916 and 1917. He was exalted in Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 29, at Bethel, in 1869, and became a charter member of Rumford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 56, and its High Priest in 1899. He was greeted in Oxford Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters, at Norway, in 1890. He was knighted in St. Alban Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, at Portland, in 1886, and became a charter member of Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, and its Eminent Commander in 1904.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he received the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second in the bodies at Portland, in 1895; and September 16, 1925, at Pittsburgh, Pa., he was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

For many years he was a faithful attendant upon the communications of this Grand Lodge where he will long be remembered for his gracious personality, his wise counsel, and his keen interest in our deliberations.

Brother PETTENGILL was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rumford.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday, September 8, 1926, with representatives of Blazing Star Lodge, the Grand Lodge, Maine Consistory and close business associates in attendance. By his request these services were of the most simple nature; and as a final tribute of the love and esteem in which Brother PETTENGILL was regarded by his town's people, all business in town was suspended during the services.

Brother PETTENGILL was married June 1, 1870, to Miss Sarah E. Briggs, of Poland, Maine, who survives him as do their two sons Oliver A. and George W., and a daughter, Mrs Elizabeth Greene, all of Rumford.

He is dead, but his memory liveth;
He is gone, but his example is here,
And the sweetness and fragrance it giveth,
Will linger for many a year.

JOHN M. BURLEIGH.

The Grand Secretary read the following Memorial which had been prepared by R. W. Bro. HAROLD H. BOURNE, who was unable to be present. It was ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

JOHN M. BURLEIGH.

Brother JOHN M. BURLEIGH, Past Senior Grand Warden, died at his home in South Berwick, on February 11, 1927, after a few days' illness.

He was a son of the late Congreeman John H. Burleigh and was born in Somersworth, New Hampshire, on September 24, 1854. When a boy he moved to South Berwick with his father and spent the greater part of his life in that town.

He was educated in the public schools of South Berwick, attended Bowdoin College for two years and graduated from Williams College in the class of 1878. He studied law at Harvard University for one year and later practiced his profession for a time in Lafayette, Indiana, and for five years in Montana. He later returned to South Berwick and became active in the management of the Burleigh Blanket Mills and so continued up until one year ago.

He was always active in all the affairs of his native town and was especially interested in Masonic affairs not only in his own lodge but in the Grand Lodge also.

He began his Masonic career on June 22, 1896, when he applied to St. Johns Lodge, No. 51, for admission. He was made a Mason in that lodge on July 20, 1896. He served his lodge as Master from 1902 to 1905, and again in 1911. He was appointed District Deputy for the Nineteenth District in 1908 and 1909. He was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine at the Annual Meeting in 1921. At the time of his death he was engaged in preparing a history of his lodge which was to be published as a part of the Centennial proceedings of that lodge.

He was exalted in Unity Chapter No. 32, on June 17, 1897. He was grieved in Maine Council, No. 7, on June 21, 1897, and was knighted in Bradford Commandery, No. 4, on March 20, 1907.

Brother BURLEIGH was married on January 14, 1880, to Miss Lucy A. Dickerson, of Belfast, who now survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Tracy A. Adams of North Adams, Mass., and Mrs. James W. Bixler of Exeter, N. H., and one son, John H. Burleigh of Burlington, Vt.

FRANK E. MONROE.

The following Memorial prepared by Bro. MARTIN L. DURGIN was read and it was ordered that it be printed in the journal of proceedings.

FRANK E. MONROE.

Bro. FRANK E. MONROE was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44, in Milo, Maine, March 20, 1891. He was elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1905, and again in 1906. After two successful terms as Master, he was elected Secretary in 1907, and succeeded himself until 1925, when he resigned by reason of his removal from Milo to California.

On this date, July 3, 1925, Piscataquis Lodge made him an honorary member, believing that the untiring service which he had rendered to the lodge merited special mention, and that such action should be made a part of the records of the lodge.

For many years he was a regular attendant of this Grand Lodge, and in 1921, was elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden, and very much might be said of his unflagging interest and zeal at these sessions. He was also a member of the several Masonic bodies both York and Scottish Rites, and of Annah Temple Mystic Shrine.

He was a charter member of Aldworth Chapter, No. 39, O. E. S.

Brother MONROE was born in Milo, Maine, November 8, A. D. 1868, and was educated in the public schools of that town. For several years he was engaged in a mercantile business, and for eighteen years was Post-master of the town.

In early life he married Lulie E. Weymouth of Medford, Maine, and to this union one son, Reginald A., was born. It was to be near his son who lives in Petaluma, California, which prompted him to leave Milo and take up his residence in that state.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, and for many years a member of its choir. He was a good citizen, a kindly neighbor, a warm hearted brother and a loyal friend who was never found wanting when community interests demanded his attention.

After reaching California he visited his sons for a time, and then established his residence at 2955 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, and doubtless looked forward to years of further business activity, but on June 17, 1926, he was stricken with acute indigestion and died a few hours after the attack. He was buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery with Masonic Honors, by King Solomon's Lodge, No. 260.

In the passing of Brother MONROE, the Masonic fraternity of Maine has lost an honored member, who wrought wisely and well until that mystical call came to lay aside his earthly working tools and enter that celestial lodge above, over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

We shall miss his kindly hail, his genial personality, and his unbounded enthusiasm for our beloved order.

" There is a mystic border-land that lies
 Just past the limit of our work-day world,
 And it is peopled with the friends we met
 And loved a year, a month, a week or day
 And parted from with aching hearts, yet knew
 That through the distance we must lose the hold
 Of hand with hand, and only clasp the thread
 Of memory. But still so close we feel this land —
 So sure we are that these same hearts are true,
 That when in waking dreams there comes a call
 That sets the thread of memory aglow,
 We know that just by stretching out the hand
 In written word of love, or book, or flower,
 The waiting hand will clasp our own once more
 Across the silence, in the same old way."

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren as possible, assuring them that he had endeavored in his work to select and comment upon those points of interest that he had found while reading the doings of jurisdictions which he thought might be of interest to the fraternity in Maine. Some new points of masonic law have been discovered; a few differing from our own. Some lines of endeavor different from ours he had found which he hoped might be of interest. It represented, he said, many hours of labor which he hoped would be of value to the Craft.

It was voted that the report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings. (*See Appendix*).

FRATERNAL RECOGNITION.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the Committee on Correspondence further reported on the matter of fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges, as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 3, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine:

The Committee on Correspondence would report that a few requests for fraternal recognition have been presented to us during the year.

Maine, in cordial accordance with the majority of conservative Grand Jurisdictions, uses the following standards as to competent and acceptable Free Masonry. We believe that such recognition should be extended to a Grand Lodge when —

First:— Such Grand Body has been lawfully formed by at least three just and lawfully constituted lodges, or that such Grand Body has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, or from a Grand Lodge in fraternal relations with this Grand Body.

Second:— That such Grand Lodge is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolical Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council, or other body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

Third:— That it makes Masons of men only.

Fourth:— That such Grand Body requires conformity to the following:

- 1.— Acknowledgment of a belief in God.
- 2.— Secrecy.
- 3.— The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
- 4.— The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in the Grand Lodge of Maine.
- 5.— The legend of the Third Degree.
- 6.— That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the worship of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.

7.— The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensibly present in the Lodges while at work.

Fifth:— That Such Grand Body occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or shares the same with another by mutual consent; and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic body.

To these quite generally accepted canons and standard of Masonic Competency and regularity, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine adds —

Sixth:— That such Grand Body in its Masonic standing and general character must be "under the tongue of good report" for an adequate number of years, before such fraternal recognition is extended. In explanation of this, your Committee believes it possible that a Grand Lodge might readily conform to the above commonly accepted standards and requirements, and yet fail in this most essential Masonic principle.

For at least one, and often two or more reasons as outlined above, your Committee on Correspondence has been constrained to defer, or

frankly deny several requests for fraternal recognition which have been submitted to us. Because of the delicacy of the denial in some instances, the Committee has deemed it advisable, and even Masonically courteous, to make no specific references in this respect.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
FRANK J. COLE,		
WALLACE N. PRICE,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations therein were adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE GREETED.

BRO. ALVOID E. CUSHMAN presented his credentials as the newly commissioned Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England which were accepted by the Grand Lodge, and most cordial welcome extended to BRO. CUSHMAN as England's representative. The M. W. Grand Master requested that he convey to the United Grand Lodge of England the feeling of deep satisfaction shared by all because of the friendly relations which exist between these two Grand Lodges.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 3, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers have given attention to the address of the Grand Master and reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer referred to us.

We congratulate the Grand Master on having been able to meet with and address the brethren on so many significant occasions, and we commend the effort of lodges to observe memorable dates. The District Convention, already a feature in several districts, has shown its value in stimulating a commendable rivalry between the lodges in perfecting the work.

The District Deputies have shown their devotion to the craft by careful attention to duty in nearly every case.

The Grand Lecturer must be depended upon to provide proper instruction when any are in doubt and we are glad to note an increased interest at the schools of instruction.

Because he is so constituted he cannot do otherwise we expect the Grand Secretary to do his duty, but wish the craft might appreciate him at his true worth and all secretaries be as mindful of their need of care and punctuality as they are of his.

Except for such portions as are assigned to specific committees we recommend the address of the Grand Master, reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturer, be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity.

We recommend the merits of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, the contributions to the distressed brethren in Florida and Mississippi and the matters touched upon by the Grand Secretary having reference to the need of expenditure be referred to the Committee of Finance.

We recommend the Grand Master's answers to inquiries, the review of the case of Brother Thomas H. Martin, all dispensations granted and refused and requests for waiver of jurisdiction be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

We recommend the dispensation granted the brethren at North Deering to meet as a lodge and that to the brethren of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, at Hermon to continue work be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

ALBERT M. PENLEY,

} *Committee.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

COPY OF CHARTER FOR LYNDE LODGE.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, in consequence of the loss by fire of the original charter, the Grand Lodge

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make a copy of the charter of Lynde Lodge, No. 174, and deliver it to the lodge free of charge, the regular fee for engrossing being hereby remitted; and that the Grand Master's dispensation continue until such copy of charter is made and delivered.

D. D. G. M. OF THE THIRD DISTRICT.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, it was

Voted, That Bro. Joseph L. Hall, D. D. G. M. for the Third District, be released from his bond, to return to the Grand Lodge the paraphernalia belonging to his office, the same having been burned in Machias on January 17th, and that a new set be procured for the D. D. G. M. of that district.

CREDENTIALS — FINAL REPORT.

Bro. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, made final report which was accepted as follows:

2.00 P. M., May 3, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

According to direction we have added to the report of this morning the names of the representatives and Permanent Members arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present and entitled to vote:

Permanent Members present (1 vote each).....	38
Grand Officers present (1 vote each).....	46
189 Lodges represented (3 votes each).....	567
	651
Duplicates.....	2
	649

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee on Credentials.
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	
WARREN C. KING,	

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Bro. CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his report, which was accepted as follows:

PORTLAND, April 12, 1927.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

The routine work of the Grand Lodge Library has been carried on as usual.

Two hundred thirty-nine volumes have been bound during the year at a cost of \$406.30.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH,
Librarian.

PUBLICATION.

Bro. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported verbally that no business had been presented for consideration by that committee, and the report was accepted.

CLOTHING.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, it was Voted, That proper jewels and clothing for the M. W. Grand Master and

the R. W. Deputy Grand Master as described in Standing Regulation No. 40, be procured and the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the same.

VACANCY FILLED.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution caused by the absence at this communication of Bro. W. FREEMAN LORD.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Brother THOMAS H. BODGE to preside. Brother BODGE assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

- I. EDWARD G. WESTON, CONVERS E. LEACH, FREDERIC O. EATON.
 II. JAMES A. RICHAN, FRED C. CHALMERS, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

The Committees having attended to their duties reported the choice of

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Bath
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" Junior Grand Warden,	South Paris
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford; FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for Three Years—EDWARD G. WESTON, Thomaston; FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

Grand Master WILSON then resumed the East and thanked Brother BODGE for his service and the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem:

GEORGE E. JONES, Dresden Lodge, No. 103.

RAYMOND L. WARREN, Tyrian Lodge, No. 73.

ROY W. STURTEVANT, St. Aspinquid, No. 198.

HARLEY R. WILLARD, Mechanics', No. 66.

NORRIS S. LORD, D. D. G. M. for the Tenth District.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.50 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Wednesday, May 4, 1927. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

EXCUSED.

Brother FRED F. THOMAS, of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30, at Rumford, presented good reasons and asked to be excused from attendance after the close of this afternoon session, which was allowed, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to correct his pay roll accordingly.

Grand Master WILSON then with well chosen words introduced Brother FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, D. D., the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who spoke to the nearly four hundred brethren assembled for about an hour upon the subject, "Real Masonry," com-

manding the closest attention of everyone present for the entire time. At his conclusion he was given that tremendous applause which showed the brethren appreciated to the fullest extent the rare opportunity for Masonic improvement that had been afforded them.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The Grand Master then invited the Worshipful Master and officers of Saco Lodge, No. 9, of Saco, to assume their stations and exemplify the work of Master Mason degree. The following named brethren, being the regular officers of the lodge, except Organist and Tyler, assumed their stations:

Worshipful Master,	JOSEPH J. STERLING
Senior Warden,	EDGAR H. PELLERIN
Junior Warden,	LIONEL R. CARTWRIGHT
Treasurer,	MYRON E. SAVAGE
Secretary,	RUFUS L. DOE
Senior Deacon,	EDWARD P. JOHNSON
Junior Deacon,	ELROY B. BOOTH
Chaplain,	THOMAS H. HOOPER
Marshal	EDWARD M. CLOUDMAN
Senior Steward,	DONALD S. SKILLING
Junior Steward,	CLYFTON HEWES
Organist,	FRED L. HILL
Tyler,	MELVIN C. ABBOTT

The work of the Master Mason degree was performed upon a regular candidate of Saco Lodge in a manner so nearly perfect in both ritual rendition and floor movement as to call for merited applause by the brethren and the approbation of the Grand Lecturer.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 5.50 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9.00 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Thursday, May 5, 1927. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

Brother JOHN C. ARNOLD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE, May 4, 1927.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

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

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD,	} Committee on Pay Roll.
B. L. HADLEY,	
A. E. CUSHMAN,	

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

ADMINISTRATION OF RELIEF FUND.

On motion of Bro. EDWARD W. WHEELER, the Grand Lodge unanimously

Voled, That the disposition of all funds raised for Masonic relief and charity under the vote of the Grand Lodge adopted at the Annual Communication of 1926, be vested in the Trustees of the Charity Fund under such rules and regulations as they may adopt.

CHARTER FOR CORNER STONE LODGE.

Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, for the Committee on Dispensation and Charters, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,
 May 4, 1927.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters to which was referred the petition of Fred T. Fogg and twenty-four other Master Masons for a dispensation for a regular lodge to be located in the City of Portland in the County of Cumberland at North Deering, so called, and named "Corner Stone Lodge," have had the matter under consideration, and after hearing the petitioners, would respectfully report as follows:

A dispensation for the new lodge was granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 27th day of October, 1926. Since that time the lodge under dispensation has held sixteen meetings, and raised twenty-four candidates. The dispensation has been properly returned to this Grand Lodge together with a written petition for a charter and attested transcript of all the proceedings and the by-laws of the lodge, the dues and the dimits of such of the petitioners as were members of other lodges.

Several worthy brothers appeared in support of the petition and none in opposition. Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the new lodge can be properly maintained, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the transcript of proceedings and by-laws of the lodge be approved by this Grand Lodge and a Charter of Constitution be issued to the petitioners bearing even date with the dispensation and that pending the constitution of the lodge under such Charter, the dispensation be continued in force. Said Lodge to be entered on the roll as Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. MOULTON,	}	<i>Committee on Dispensations and Charters.</i>
FRANKLIN R. REDLON,		
JOHN J. MARR,		

The report was accepted and the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 5, 1927.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity has examined the District Deputy Grand Masters reports and find much of interest to the Fraternity. They show that the District Deputy Grand Masters have been faithful in their trust and that the lodges, under their leadership, have been active and show great improvement the past year.

In many lodges the dues fail to produce enough revenue. One dollar dues seems small and we trust that those lodges will be able to increase their dues in the near future.

Charity seems to take second place with amusements and suppers. Very few of the lodges have a charity fund.

Many lodges have over 50 per cent. delinquents. One lodge reports all but four of its members delinquents. Is the fault in the system?

A great many lodges report that those who receive no financial aid are not visited in their sickness. A lodge is what the members make it. All in sickness and distress should receive the cheer and consolation of the officers and members of the lodge.

The reports show that there has been marked improvement in the committing of the prescribed lesson, especially the obligation. We trust that all lodges will continue the good work.

Several of the Deputy Grand Masters report too much action in the working of the degrees. Is the work being performed for the benefit of the candidate or the audience?

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. OHLER, } *Committee on Conditions*
ISAAC A. CLOUGH, } *of the Fraternity.*

The report of the committee was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—APPROPRIATIONS.

BRO. FRANKLIN R. REDLON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
May 4, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Master for contingent expenses for the year ending May 1, 1928, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1928, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1928, the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00).

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1927, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1927, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty-one Hundred Dollars (\$2100.00) for stenographic assistance and to pay for continuing the card index system for the year ending May 1, 1928.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in forwarding the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to the Grand Master of Mississippi to be used for the relief of our distressed brethren in the flood district.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } *Committee*
FREDERIC O. EATON, } *of*
FRED C. TOLMAN, } *Finance.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations as contained therein were adopted.

FINANCE.

Bro. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, May 5, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance has considered the suggestion of the Grand Master relative to a contribution in aid of the National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association, and the Committee being in sympathy with this movement to aid our stricken brethren to regain health, recommend that the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars to be appropriated for the purpose above named.

Fraternally submitted,
FREDERIC O. EATON, } Committee
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } of
FRED C. TOLMAN, } Finance.

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, May 5, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee for the year ending May 5, 1927, and find that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$3,876.92. Collections for the year amount to \$8,462.77, making a total of \$12,339.69. From this amount the sum of \$32.29 has been expended for miscellaneous expenses, and the sum of \$10,000.00 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association leaving a balance of \$2,307.40 in the hands of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,
FREDERIC O. EATON, } Committee
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, } of
FRED C. TOLMAN, } Finance.

The report was accepted.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, made oral explanation of the present status of

collections for that purpose. Many questions were asked him by the representatives which were satisfactorily explained. A general discussion of the question followed.

On motion of Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, the Grand Lodge

Voted, That the time for payment of the per capita assessment for the George Washington National Memorial Association be continued to May 1, 1928, and the Grand Secretary be directed to notify all delinquent lodges that if payment is not made on or before that date that the lodge will be subject to discipline by the Grand Lodge.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 5, 1927.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom were referred several matters passed upon by the Grand Master in his address have carefully considered the same, and find the law has been observed in all decisions.

Because so many enlisted men while over-seas in the army and navy petitioned for and obtained Masonic degrees in lodges working under warrants issued by so-called Grand Lodges not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine (and the same holds true of other Grand Masonic bodies and in other Grand Jurisdictions) an old question in a new form has been forced to the front. We believe the advice given by Grand Master Wilson that such foreign made masons have no standing in legitimate masonry is correct. We believe, too, each petitioner to a regular lodge for the masonic degrees should declare he has taken such so-called degrees under misapprehension.

The replies that lodge funds may be used only for masonic purposes is but a repetition of a well recognized principle, and inquiries along those lines are usually that the Grand Master may be responsible for the declination to contribute even when the members are well aware of the reply that must be given.

Any attempt by masonry to interfere with the due process of law in order to assist any member of the fraternity is almost unthinkable. A person of sufficient intelligence to be made a mason, who has been admonished in every degree to be obedient to the laws of the country in which

he resides should be less entitled to our consideration than one who has never had the benefit of masonic instruction. Masonry must and masons should conform and submit to the civil laws.

We are glad the Grand Master intimated that the calling of a special meeting for work after the closing of the stated meeting was a very bad precedent. While what was done at the special meeting would have been accomplished at the stated and presumably in the presence of the same members, but for an unfortunate tardiness on the part of the candidate, yet a reasonable notice of the intention to hold a special communication should ordinarily be given all members.

The case of Brother Martin is very clearly stated and emphasizes the need of officers understanding more fully the laws under which they must act. Such unfortunate complications cannot arise if each step taken is carefully scrutinized to know that the law is being followed.

We commend the Grand Master for granting so few dispensations to work degrees with less time than the required lapse of fourteen days between. Each case appears to have been particularly meritorious, yet such necessity could ordinarily be avoided by a little foresight.

In our opinion the waivers obtained from lodges in Massachusetts and New Jersey were invalid. Section 92 of the constitution provides:

"No lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall receive the petition of a candidate until he has resided in this state one year, nor (except sea-faring men absent only on a voyage to sea) unless he has had his dwelling place and personally been within the jurisdiction of the lodge at least six months during the year next preceding."

In 1886 an approved decision was:

"When a person removes into this state, the foreign lodge in whose territory he resided loses all jurisdiction over him, and its waiver will not aid the reception of his petition in this state before he has resided one year in it."

Consequently said waivers neither conferred authority nor transferred jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	
SILAS B. ADAMS,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

PER DIEM FOR GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE presented the following amendment to Standing Regulation No. 1, moved its adoption without reference, and that the provisions of the amendment take effect with the pay roll for 1928. The Grand Lodge so voted.

Amend, Standing Regulation No. 1 by striking out in the twelfth line, as it appears in the printed code, the words " District Deputy Grand Masters " and insert in place thereof the words " all the elected and appointed officers for the time being of the Grand Lodge " so that the whole regulation as amended will read as follows:

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 all the elected and appointed officers for the time being of the Grand Lodge and all permanent members. When a lodge is represented by more than one brother, the senior officer shall receive the mileage and per diem.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 5, 1927.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully examined and considered such matters as have been presented to them, and beg to submit the following report:

In matter of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, we find that on the twenty-eighth day of April, 1926, one J. Burnett Cox was arraigned and tried before the lodge on four specifications, one of which was for habitual drunkenness, the other three individual acts of intoxication, including driving an automobile while intoxicated, for which he was arrested and fined.

The lodge found him not guilty on the first specification; and guilty on the other three.

The lodge then voted that he be indefinitely suspended from the lodge. Your committee feel that the punishment so voted was not adequate; and recommend the passage of the following, viz: That J. Burnett Cox be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

In matter of Hancock Lodge, No. 4, we find that on the first day of July, 1926, one Delmout T. Dunbar was tried on a specification charging him with cheating, wronging and defrauding a lodge in New York, viz: Pyramid Lodge, No. 490; by issuing a check for twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars drawn on a bank in which he knowingly had no account of deposit.

The correspondence in this case is very voluminous, but the original check and a photo copy was before your committee. The proceedings leading to and including the trial appear to be unusually full and correct,

Mr. Dunbar was by vote of the lodge found guilty by a unanimous ballot. The lodge then proceeded to vote on the penalty of expulsion; when the vote was a tie. It was then voted by a major vote that Mr. Dunbar be indefinitely suspended from Hancock Lodge. Your committee however feel that such penalty is inadequate to meet so grave an offense, and recommend that passage of the following, viz: That Delmont T. Dunbar be, and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Lygonia Lodge, No. 40. In re petition of Fred L. Kent for restoration to membership in Lygonia Lodge:

This case came before this Grand Lodge one year ago, but in another form, which was thought by the Grand Lodge to be irregular and the matter was indefinitely postponed.

It now comes by petition of said Kent to Lygonia Lodge for restoration to membership, with a unanimous vote of the lodge to so restore. It is supported by the officers, and leading members of Lygonia Lodge, and supplemented by many letters of leading citizens of Ellsworth. The history of situation need not be made a matter of public record, but will orally be stated by your committee.

In view of all the circumstances, your committee recommend the passage of the following, viz:

That the action and vote of Lygonia Lodge be ratified and confirmed, and that Fred L. Kent be and hereby is restored to membership in Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, with the rights and benefits of masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,	} <i>Committee on Grievances and Appeals.</i>
ALBERT M. PENLEY,	
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	

The report of the Committee was accepted.

A separate vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee.

The recommendation in the matter of Wilton Lodge, No. 156, vs. Grover C. Cox, was not adopted.

On motion of Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, it was voted that the action of Wilton Lodge in this matter be approved and sustained.

The recommendation in the matter of Delmont T. Dunbar was adopted.

The recommendation in the matter of Fred L. Kent was adopted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, it was voted that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as submitted at the morning session on Tuesday be accepted.

On motion of Bro. CHAS. B. DAVIS, it was voted that the report of Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as submitted at the morning session on Tuesday be accepted.

CODIFICATION OF CODE.

On motion by the Grand Secretary the Grand Lodge

Voted, That a committee to be named by the Grand Master be appointed to codify the Code of the Grand Lodge, bring it up to date, and when the work is completed, if it appears feasible, that publication of five (500) hundred copies of the same for use of the lodges and members be, and hereby is, authorized.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. DAVID E. MOULTON, THOMAS H. BODGE and HAROLD E. COOK as that committee.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful Past Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He did so and requested the Grand Marshal to present DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Master elect, who was duly installed into office, prayer being offered by Rev. A. FRANCIS WALCH, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then announced the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
GEORGE R. FENDERSON,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Mars Hill
JOHN L. POLLEYS,	" " 2nd "	Calais
CALEB G. ALDRICH,	" " 3rd "	Cutler
ELIJAH S. HEATH,	" " 4th "	Penobscot

LINWOOD A. RYDER,	R. W. D. D. G. M.	5th	Dist.	Brownville
ARTHUR M. BAKER,	"	6th	"	Hampden
				Highlands
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,	"	7th	"	Albion
EVERETT L. BIRD,	"	8th	"	Northport
JOHN L. TEWKSBERY,	"	9th	"	Camden
NORRIS S. LORD,	"	10th	"	Dresden Mills
GUY M. TOWLE,	"	11th	"	Hallowell
GEORGE W. HOXIE,	"	12th	"	Waterville
WILLIS L. HODGDON,	"	13th	"	No. Anson
HENRY G. SHAW,	"	14th	"	Bath
FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD,	"	15th	"	Weld
HERBERT C. ROWE,	"	16th	"	Bethel
GEORGE H. MINOTT,	"	17th	"	So. Portland
FRANK HARMON,	"	18th	"	Brownfield
FRANK H. LIBBY,	"	19th	"	Old Orchard
J. ARTHUR HALEY,	"	20th	"	Danforth
ARTEMUS J. RICHARDSON,	"	21st	"	Southwest Harbor
SAMUEL P. IRELAND,	"	22nd	"	Corinna
WILLIAM A. SMALL,	"	23rd	"	Limerick
				(P. O. Westbrook)
HENRY W. LORING,	"	24th	"	Lewiston
CARL L. HEWS,	"	25th	"	Ashland
AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER,	"	26th	"	Buckfield
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain,			Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH,	"	"	"	Bangor
" SUMNER H. SARGENT,	"	"	"	Newcastle
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	"	"	"	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	"	"	"	Yarmouth
" WM. A. RICHARDSON,	"	"	"	Bridgton
" ROY M. TRAFTON,	"	"	"	Calais
EBEN J. MARSTON,	"	Marshal,		Bath
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	"	Senior Deacon,		Portland
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	"	Junior Deacon,		Lisbon Falls
RALPH H. BURBANK,	"	Steward,		Biddeford
BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	"	"		Bar Harbor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	"	"		Portland
HAROLD C. SMITH,	"	"		Gardiner
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	"	Sword Bearer,		Auburn
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	"	Standard Bearer,		Fort Fairfield
WARREN C. KING,	"	Pursuivant,		Portland
WARREN A. NICHOLS,	"	"		Belfast
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	"	Lecturer,		Brunswick
FRED L. HILL,	"	Organist,		Portland
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	"	Tyler,		Portland

He then invited M. W. Bro. BODGE to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. BODGE and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers BODGE, MOULTON and WALCH.

He then announced his appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, ALBERT M. PENLEY, CLARK D. CHAPMAN.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, EDWARD G. WESTON, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

FRED C. CHALMERS, I. JAMES MERRY, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

DAVID E. MOULTON, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, JOHN J. MARR.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, EDWARD W. WHEELER, W. FREEMAN LORD.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, SILAS B. ADAMS.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM H. OHLER, ALBERT M. AMES, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, W. FREEMAN LORD, ERNEST J. RECORD.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

Unfinished Business.

A. M. PENLÉY, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WARREN A. NICHOLS.

On motion of Bro. HAROLD E. COOK, the Grand Lodge voted to instruct the Grand Secretary to arrange to have Grand Officers, elect and appointed, who were not present, installed in their respective lodges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11.40 the Grand Lodge was closed.

David L. Wilson

Grand Master.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 3, 1927.

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

Present — DAVID L. WILSON, *President*.
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,
SILAS B. ADAMS,
FRANK J. COLE,
HOWARD D. SMITH,
EDWARD G. WESTON,
EDWARD W. WHEELER,
JAMES ABERNETHY.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 3, 1927.

To the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the

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

Your Treasurer reports that the invested fund consists of:

	Fund	Income
1 Bond Town of Rumford, 1941.....	\$ 1,000.00	5½% \$ 55.00
1 " East St. Louis & Interurban, 1942.....	1,000.00	5 50.00
1 " Wheeling Traction Co., 1931.	1,000.00	5 50.00
2 " Indiana Railway & Light Co., 1943.....	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Michigan Northern Power Co., 1941,	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Laurentide Power Co., 1946,	2,000.00	5 100.00
2 " Massachusetts Gas Co., 1946	2,000.00	5½ 110.00
1 " Portland Terminal Co., 1961	1,000.00	5 50.00
4 " Oxford Paper Co., 1947 (Called).		236.66
1 " Delaware Water Co., 1934.	500.00	5 25.00
1 " New Jersey Water Co., 1950	1,000.00	5 50.00
2 " Bar Harbor & Union River, 1935.	2,000.00	5 100.00
3 " Third Liberty Loan, 1928.	3,000.00	4¼ 127.50
1 " Utica & Mohawk Railway Co., 1941.....	1,000.00	4½ 45.00
1 " Huntington Water Co., 1954.	1,000.00	6 60.00

	Fund		Income
1 Bond	Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., 1953.....	1,000.00	5 \$ 25.00
6 "	Boston & Maine Railroad Co., 1941.....	6,000.00	5 270.00
2 "	Rumford Falls Power Co., 1945..	2,000.00	4 80.00
1 "	Denver Tramway Co., 1927, (Matured).....		30.00
1 "	Muncie Water Works, 1939....	1,000.00	5 50.00
3 "	Camden & Rockland Water Co., 1937.....	2,500.00	5 125.00
9 "	Fourth Liberty Loan, 1938.....	9,000.00	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ 382.50
2 "	Portland Gas Light Co., 1950....	2,000.00	5 75.00
2 "	Toledo Terminal Railroad Co., 1957.....	2,200.00	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 99.00
1 "	Portland Oregon Railway Co., 1930.....	1,000.00	5 50.00
2 "	Central Maine Power Co., 1939..	2,000.00	5 100.00
3 "	Mortgage Bond Co. of N. Y., 1935.....	3,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 165.00
5 "	Portland & Rumford Falls Rail- road Co., 1951.....	5,000.00	5
1 "	Portland & Rumford Falls Ry. Co., 1935.....	1,000.00	4 40.00
3 "	American Tel. & Tel. Co., 1946..	3,000.00	5 150.00
4 "	Maine Central Railroad Co., 1935.....	4,000.00	6 30.00
1 "	Detroit Edison Co., 1955.....	1,000.00	5 25.00
1 "	West Penn. Power Co., 1954....	1,000.00	5 25.00
3 "	Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. (Matured).....		60.00
40 Shares	Westbrook Trust Co.....	4,000.00	360.00
25 "	Canal National Bank.....	2,500.00	175.00
14 "	First National Bank.....	1,400.00	112.00
18 "	Casco Mercantile Trust Co.....	1,800.00	180.00
Deposit	Portland National Bank.....	1,182.48	.....
"	Portland Savings Bank.....	1,902.24	.....
"	Maine Savings Bank.....	1,523.10	.....
"	Chapman National Bank.....	973.45	.....
"	Fidelity Trust Co.....	2,536.39	.....
Interest, Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co...			397.80
Bath Savings Institution (withdrawn)....			20.00
Gardiner Savings Institution (withdrawn)....			20.00
Skowhegan Savings Bank (withdrawn)....			20.00
Augusta Savings Bank (withdrawn)....			20.00
Waterville Savings Bank (withdrawn)....			40.40
Brunswick Savings Institution (withdrawn)			40.40
		<u>\$85,017.66</u>	<u>\$4,426.26</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 7,299.54
Transferred from General Fund, per vote.....	8,000.00
Income on Investments.....	4,426.26
Bath Savings Institution, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Gardiner Savings Institution, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Brunswick Savings Institution, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Skowhegan Savings Bank, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Augusta Savings Bank, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Waterville Savings Bank, withdrawn.....	1,000.00
Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co., bonds matured. . .	3,000.00
Oxford Paper Co., bonds called.....	4200.00
Denver Tramway Co., bonds matured.....	500.00
Per Capita Tax.....	21,875.50
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	\$55,301.30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Beneficiaries.....	\$ 5,282.00
Grand Master, per vote.....	745.00
Portland Terminal Co., \$1,000 bond bought.....	1,000.00
Interest on same.....	24.17
Maine Central R. R. Co., \$4,000 bonds bought.	4,192.50
Interest on same.....	30.66
West Penn. Power Co., \$1,000 bond bought.	1,005.00
Interest on same.....	15.28
Detroit Edison Co., \$1,000 bond bought.....	1,010.00
Interest on same.....	15.28
Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., \$1,000 bond bought.	990.00
Interest on same.....	2.78
Portland & Rumford Falls R. R. Co., \$5,000 bonds bought.....	5,035.10
Interest on same.....	31.80
Portland Gas Light Co., \$1,000 bond bought.	1,015.00
Interest on same.....	16.67
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	\$20,411.24
Deposit, Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co.....	34,890.06
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	\$55,301.30

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD

Grand Treasurer.

Brother DAVID L. WILSON reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented 87 applications for relief, which were referred to the Standing Committee of Distribution.

Adjourned to Thursday at twelve o'clock M.

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1926.

Met in Grand Lodge Office at 1.00 P. M.

Present — DAVID L. WILSON, *President*.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

HOWARD D. SMITH,

FRANK J. COLE,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,

EDWARD W. WHEELER,

EDWARD G. WESTON,

JAMES ABERNETHY.

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

Voted, That one represent forty-two dollars.

Voted, That \$9,576.00 be appropriated to pay the schedule.

Voted, That \$2,500.00 be placed in hands of President.

The renewal of the Grand Treasurer's bond was ordered to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary, which was done.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

Charles B. Davis

Secretary.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine

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.

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 forwarded said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE
1927

DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
HAROLD E. COOK, Deputy Grand Master,	"
E. MURRAY GRAHAM, Senior Grand Warden,	"
ERNEST J. RECORD, Junior Grand Warden,	"
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	"
HAROLD D. SMITH,	elected May 6, 1925, for three years
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	" " 5, 1925, " " "
SILAS B. ADAMS,	" " 4, 1926, " " "
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	" " 4, 1926, " " "
EDWARD G. WESTON,	" " 6, 1927, " " "
FRANK J. COLE,	" " 6, 1927, " " "

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).

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. (1919, p. 260).

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. (119, p. 267).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 all the elected and appointed officers for the time being of the Grand Lodge 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 1921, p. 35; 1927, p. 436).

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars. (1920, p. 451).

Resolved That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239).

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury. (1924, p. 641).

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed. (1924, p. 645).

Resolved, That Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, be and hereby is given exclusive jurisdiction over the inhabitants eligible for the degrees of masonry residing within the town of Owl's Head, in Knox County. (1925, p. 81).

Resolved, That no lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine shall ask to have the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates by a lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by the electing lodge and the fees for the degrees paid in full. (1926, p. 246).

41. *Resolved*, That charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subject to the following regulations:

1. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Worshipful Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

3. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

4. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coexistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

5. The fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing this certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners. (1926, pp. 241, 242.).

Amendments to the Constitution

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1900

(Part Fourth, Article 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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever." (1921, p. 48).

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge fifty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. (1924, p. 637).

Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable." (1924, p. 641).

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time. (1924, p. 627).

SEC. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. (1925, p. 67).

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

From the report of the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity:

"Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity has examined the District Deputy Grand Masters reports and find much of interest to the Fraternity. They show that the District Deputy Grand Masters have been faithful in their trust and that the lodges, under their leadership, have been active and show great improvement the past year.

"In many lodges the dues fail to produce enough revenue. One dollar dues seems small and we trust that those lodges will be able to increase their dues in the near future.

"Charity seems to take second place with amusements and suppers. Very few of the lodges have a charity fund.

"Many lodges have over 50 per cent. delinquents. One lodge reports all but four of its members delinquents. Is it the fault in the system?

"A great many lodges report that those who receive no financial aid are not visited in their sickness. A lodge is what the members make it. All in sickness and distress should receive the cheer and consolation of the officers and members of the lodge.

"The reports show that there has been marked improvement in the committing of the prescribed lesson, especially the obligation. We trust that all lodges will continue the good work.

"Several of the Deputy Grand Masters report too much action in the working of the degrees. Is the work being performed for the benefit of the candidate or the audience?"

Tabulated abstracts from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follows:

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. GEORGE R. FENDERSON, MARS HILL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people added.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
96	Monument	M.M.	C	41	19	38	36	29	40	37	29	Yes	\$ 75,000	\$ 3,878	—	—	\$ 116	\$ 1	\$ 45	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,695	\$ 259	\$ 2,854	\$ 1,887	\$ 185	Yes	No	No
12	Eastern Frontier	None	—	29	21	27	29	29	26	20	20	Yes	20,000	663	—	—	50	1	30	5.00	663	70	1,600	630	50	Yes	Yes	No
130	Trinity	M.M.	C	32	23	30	29	22	31	32	18	No	—	9,503	—	All	25	1	30	4.00	1,000	126	1,556	1,530	194	No	Yes	No
170	Caribou	F.C. M.M.	F	18	14	18	17	17	17	16	17	No	—	798	400	—	353	3	30	2.00	734	179	1,670	—	135	No	Yes	No
193	Washburn	F.C.	F	17	17	16	8	11	17	13	13	No	—	1,810	—	—	—	30	2.00	365	70	460	388	76	No	Yes	No	
197	Aroostook	M.M.	C	22	22	20	9	12	14	12	16	Yes	1,000	2,000	—	15	—	30	5.00	1,425	80	1,100	715	400	No	Yes	Yes	
214	Limestone	M.M.	P	14	17	11	13	10	14	10	7	No	—	352	—	—	—	40	5.00	100	15	710	730	21	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. EBEN H. BENNET, LUBEC, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
7	Eastern	M.M.	C	14 27 13	1 9 13	7 6	Yes	15,000	781 344	7,975	550 8	30 3.00	226	58	636	638	40	No	Yes	No								
37	Washington	M.M.	C	25 28 23	22 23 20	21 20	Yes	5,000	887 —	1,735	5 1	30 2.00	90	20	874	707	52	Yes	Yes	No								
46	St. Croix	E.A.	C	16 20 15	16 14 13	6 14	No	—	1,657 —	All	130 —	30 4.00	420	106	1,145	725	—	No	Yes	No								
78	Crescent	M.M.	C	19 20 18	13 3 16	16 10	Yes	6,000	220 —	1,117	40 1	30 2.50	110	31	617	90	73	No	Yes	No								
138	Lewy's Island	F.C.	C	22 15 22	18 18 19	15 13	Yes	2,500	3,207 —	1,932	98 3	30 2.00	125	—	534	472	30	Yes	Yes	No								

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. JOSEPH L. HALL, MACHIAS, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.												Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.			Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.			Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.			No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
				Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.																								
2	Warren.....	E.A.	F	14	19	14	9	10	13	9	11	Yes	\$ 5,000	\$ 305	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30	\$ 2.50	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	No	No	No
88	Narraguagus....	E.A.	C	28	7	26	26	25	28	22	22	Yes	8,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	181	20	500	528	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No		
91	Harwood.....	M.M.	C	30	14	28	27	25	30	24	22	No	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	105	15	867	884	151	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No			
106	Tuscan.....	E.A.	C	28	10	22	19	18	19	18	21	Yes	—	612	—	577	25	1	30	2.00	700	15	842	822	270	—	—	—	No	Yes	No				
131	Lookout.....	E.A.	C	13	20	13	10	10	13	8	12	Yes	3,000	438	—	—	5	1	30	2.00	78	32	235	160	25	—	—	—	No	No	Yes				
173	Pleiades.....	E.A.	F	14	14	14	7	11	14	14	7	No	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	244	60	395	228	42	—	—	—	No	Yes	No				
188	Jonesport.....	E.A.	C	24	16	24	15	19	22	24	8	Yes	8,000	400	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	210	30	825	135	100	—	—	—	No	Yes	No				

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. ELIJAH S. HEATH, PENOBSCOT, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
4	Hancock.....	M.M.	F	16	12	14	12	11	9	11	11	Yes	5,000	566	—	235	—	—	30	2.00	202	23	856	720	—	No	Yes	Yes
122	Marine.....	M.M.	F	21	26	18	20	20	20	20	12	Yes	2,500	1,083	134	—	25	5	30	2.00	212	106	894	285	100	No	Yes	Yes
128	Eggemoggin,	F.C.	F	19	27	19	5	19	19	19	19	Yes	6,000	220	—	—	—	—	30	1.50	100	50	350	90	75	No	Yes	Yes
171	Naskeag.....	E.A.	F	15	12	13	13	8	14	10	13	Yes	5,000	281	—	—	—	—	30	1.50	107	40	145	60	—	No	Yes	—
177	Rising Star.....	M.M.	F	18	15	8	13	13	16	16	12	Yes	—	290	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	121	37	295	52	—	—	Yes	—
187	Ira Berry.....	E.A.	C	18	40	17	10	16	16	14	16	No	—	130	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	30	15	239	271	54	Yes	Yes	Yes
195	Reliance.....	F.C.	F	23	7	20	13	20	23	20	7	Yes	5,000	72	—	—	25	5	30	3.00	300	50	760	728	40	Yes	Yes	No
210	Bagaduce.....	E.A.	P	13	14	11	11	12	13	—	10	Yes	5,000	—	—	—	10	1	30	5.00	175	23	429	200	32	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. LOUIS M. BLAKE, LAGRANGE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
31	Penobscot	M.M.	F	22	18	20	15	16	18	15	10	No	—	2,790	—	418	220	3	35	3.00	475	50	1,050	725	200	No	Yes	No
44	Piscataquis	M.M.	F	18	15	16	17	18	15	15	12	Yes	3,000	217	—	36	162	2	30	3.00	108	36	1,200	255	108	Yes	Yes	No
52	Mosaic	M.M.	F	15	23	15	14	13	15	13	7	Yes	12,500	1,867	—	236	175	3	30	2.00	110	36	877	647	50	Yes	Yes	No
109	Mount Kineo	M.M.	C	13	13	13	11	10	13	11	2	No	—	9,242	—	—	345	2	30	2.00	108	47	352	270	67	No	Yes	No
149	Doric	M.M.	C	21	3	20	3	11	21	19	20	Yes	20,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	38	9	2,378	2,275	—	Yes	Yes	No
163	Pleasant River	E.A.	C	15	30	11	11	11	15	9	9	Yes	15,000	1,573	—	—	404	3	40	5.00	33	11	2,937	2,994	182	No	Yes	No
168	Composite	F.C.	C	15	23	15	6	12	15	19	9	Yes	5,000	159	—	—	25	1	30	3.00	101	32	673	673	—	Yes	Yes	No
200	Columbia	F.C.	C	15	20	15	15	11	12	0	7	No	—	2,164	—	413	—	—	30	4.00	243	35	1,150	1,106	35	No	Yes	No
207	Abner Wade	E.A.	C	12	18	12	8	6	12	7	2	No	—	1,690	—	—	30	5	30	3.00	92	30	442	446	11	Yes	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. ARTHUR M. BAKER, HAMPDEN, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
10	Rising Virtue	M.M.	C	34	30	34	27	27	29	29	19	Assn	110,000	4,747	—	7,433	215	—	40	2.00	108	28	2,182	2,000	375	No	Yes	No
60	Star in the East	E.A.	C	33	16	33	31	23	30	22	27	Yes	23,000	839	—	1,341	175	4	40	4.00	552	87	3,282	3,480	82	No	Yes	No
65	Mystic	—	—	27	36	27	25	17	25	25	22	Yes	15,000	1,234	—	500	295	3	30	3.00	135	31	1,100	555	72	No	Yes	Yes
66	Mechanics'	E.A.	C	23	16	22	22	14	22	21	14	No	—	523	466	31	203	3	40	3.00	74	28	1,047	365	186	No	Yes	No
69	Howard	M.M.	C	27	30	19	13	23	21	15	23	Yes	2,000	900	—	—	140	4	30	2.00	—	—	620	139	80	No	Yes	No
83	St. Andrew's	M.M.	C	36	30	35	36	24	36	29	29	Assn	—	21,093	—	—	531	3	40	2.00	190	81	3,026	1,614	276	No	Yes	No
87	Benevolent	E.A.	F	17	25.	8	14	12	16	8	9	No	—	300	—	—	—	1	30	2.00	300	—	382	179	61	Yes	Yes	No
124	Olive Branch	F.C.	C	13	20	10	11	11	11	11	7	Yes	—	100	—	1,100	40	1	30	2.00	70	8	470	120	50	Yes	No	Yes
137	Kenduskeag	F.C.	C	18	10	17	15	11	18	10	10	Yes	6,000	—	—	—	210	1	30	2.00	204	—	433	503	—	No	Yes	No
174	Lynde	—	—	12	15	Died	12	7	12	7	5	—	—	256	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	263	—	—	No	Yes	No

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. GEORGE H. FOSTER, UNITY, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
45	Central	E.A.	F	12 18 10	9 10 12	10 11	Yes	2,500	426	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
58	Unity	M.M.	C	18 17 17	15 13 16	18 18	8 No	—	2,050	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	14	2	319	56	—	No	Yes	No	
85	Star in the West	E.A.	F	17 9 15	10 14 17	16 11	Yes	2,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	157	71	348	304	77	No	Yes	No	
102	Marsh River	E.A. M.M.	F	11 6 4	9 9 10	9 9	Yes	3,000	256	87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	129	27	177	124	37	No	Yes	No	
111	Liberty	None	—	10 14 10	10 7 10	5 10	No	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	232	139	6	No	Yes	No	
129	Quantabacook	None	—	18 19 18	16 5 18	17 10	Yes	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
146	Sebasticook	P.C.	F	22 11 22	22 12 15	18 12	Yes	12,000	694	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	100	28	473	318	29	No	Yes	No	

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. ROBBIE L. AMES, LINCOLNVILLE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
24	Phoenix	M.M.	C	15	22	14	14	2	15	15	15	No	—	2,523	1,100	—	30	4	30	4.00	160	40	1,062	658	63	No	Yes	No
62	King David's	M.M.	C	13	13	11	13	8	12	10	9	Yes	2,000	291	—	—	50	2	30	2.00	18	9	216	100	40	No	Yes	No
68	Mariners	F.C.	C	17	14	12	10	15	17	11	8	Yes	5,000	650	—	—	10	1	30	2.00	66	24	312	262	33	No	Yes	No
80	Island			No report.																								
119	Pownal	E.A.	C	18	17	10	8	17	18	15	1	No	—	660	100	—	—	—	35	2.00	600	40	260	324	—	No	Yes	No
126	Timothy Chase	M.M.	C	10	27	9	9	9	10	9	9	No	—	3,700	1,300	—	299	—	30	4.00	456	31	1,243	605	—	Yes	Yes	No
151	Excelsior		—	9	7	9	9	9	9	0	3	Yes	300	30	—	—	—	—	31	1.00	30	7	70	70	14	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. JOHN L. TEWKSBURY, CAMDEN, D. D. G. M.

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
6	Amity.....	F.C.	F	30 24 30 28 14 28 24 13	No	—	\$ 940	—	\$ 768	98	2	85	3.00	366	10	1,996	850	111	Yes	Yes	No							
15	Orient.....	M.M.	F	23 19 22 19 16 22 20 20	No	—	16,303	—	—	20	1	30	2.00	78	26	705	270	47	No	Yes	No							
16	St. George.....	E.E.	F	17 19 17 15 13 14 17 10	Yes	1,500	404	—	—	—	30	1.50	144	19	525	480	—	—	Yes	No								
31	Union.....	M.M.	F	23 19 22 19 16 12 16 9	Yes	25,000	857	—	—	25	1	30	5.00	285	—	856	—	—	No	Yes	No							
50	Aurora.....	E.A.	F	31 16 28 27 22 26 19 19	No	—	16,183	226	—	1,120	15	35	5.00	500	100	3,200	1,220	138	No	Yes	No							
79	Rockland.....	F.C.	F	19 — 18 14 16 2 19 5	No	—	5,350	—	—	—	40	5.00	—	—	1,300	600	—	—	—	—								
82	St. Paul's.....	M.M.	F	25 20 24 18 15 23 19 10	Yes	6,000	715	103	438	129	8	30	3.00	393	60	765	535	97	No	Yes	No							
84	Eureka.....	E.A.	F	20 7 18 20 20 19 19 13	Yes	7,000	256	—	—	—	30	3.00	146	39	466	280	40	Yes	Yes	No								
145	Moses Webster..	M.M.	C	18 22 17 15 10 17 15 9	Yes	8,000	655	35	—	25	5	30	4.00	195	35	1,800	1,130	36	No	Yes	No							
189	Knox.....	E.A.	F	23 11 23 19 13 22 12 13	Yes	1,000	152	—	—	50	3	30	2.00	52	31	269	90	35	No	Yes	No							
203	Mount Olivet...	None	—	6 24 6 6 3 5 6 4	Yes	1,500	250	80	—	—	—	—	—	150	26	14	85	—	No	—	—							
211	Meduncook.....	M.M.	F	11 12 9 11 9 11 11 10	No	—	664	—	—	—	30	4.00	—	—	170	150	—	—	Yes	Yes	No							

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. NORRIS S. LORD, DRESDEN MILLS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No	
3	Lincoln.....	F.C.	C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—																	
43	Alna.....	E.A.	C	24	16	16	23	22	13	14	9	Yes	2,000	491	—	300	50	1	30	2.00	100	40	490	450	—	No	No	No	
61	King Solomon's..	M.M.	C	21	20	20	16	12	19	19	15	No	—	2,047	—	—	51	1	30	3.00	500	44	732	725	41	No	No	Yes	
74	Bristol.....	M.M.	F	12	14	9	8	5	12	7	9	Yes	2,500	1,127	—	664	45	2	30	1.20	86	37	182	199	20	No	No	No	
108	Dresden.....	E.A.	C	18	17	18	17	12	18	12	10	Yes	8,000	—	—	100	—	—	30	2.00	130	31	337	130	—	No	Yes	No	
135	Riverside.....	M.M.	C	14	22	14	14	10	13	8	10	Yes	—	425	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	212	74	287	212	55	No	Yes	No	
144	Seaside.....	M.M.	C	24	20	24	21	24	24	22	21	No	—	600	—	2,300	41	2	30	2.00	127	—	1,100	773	108	No	Yes	No	
158	Anchor.....	—	—	10	12	10	4	9	10	6	6	No	—	300	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	68	34	80	67	20	No	No	No	
196	Bay View.....	M.M.	C	25	22	24	21	23	24	24	24	Yes	10,000	1,186	—	—	10	1	30	2.00	155	50	769	606	86	No	No	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. GUY M. TOWLE, HALLOWELL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.			
5	Kennebec.....	M.M.	F	20	21	18	15	13	16	15	13	No	\$	7,459	\$	5,411	\$	80	5	30	2.00	120	\$	30	1,158	1,215	\$	116	No	Yes	No
25	Temple.....	M.M.	C	15	14	15	14	15	15	13	5	No	—	514	—	—	50	1	30	2.00	220	84	410	340	43	No	Yes	No			
32	Hermon.....	M.M.	C	37	22	36	30	32	32	23	20	Yes	15,000	2,702	200	1,022	141	6	30	3.00	—	—	2,839	2,084	1	Yes	Yes	No			
35	Bethlehem.....	M.M.	C	26	20	26	19	22	23	22	23	No	—	4,142	—	—	403	2	35	3.00	216	56	1,882	1,776	158	Yes	Yes	No			
41	Morning Star....	M.M.	F	23	22	22	22	14	16	19	13	Yes	2,000	185	50	—	—	—	30	2.00	93	31	477	125	52	No	Yes	No			
110	Monmouth.....	F.C.	F	17	15	17	16	17	17	17	16	No	—	791	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	318	69	603	553	—	No	Yes	No			
104	Dirigo.....	F.C.	F	14	19	9	13	13	12	13	10	Yes	4,500	956	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	107	35	284	44	40	No	Yes	Yes			
141	Augusta.....	M.M.	C	27	23	24	24	20	25	18	21	No	—	2,841	—	—	200	1	35	3.00	999	233	1,738	1,604	403	No	Yes	No			

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWELFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. GEORGE W. HOXIE, WATERVILLE, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
33	Waterville.....	M.M.	C	30	39	30	30	29	29	27	19	No	\$ —	\$ 6,205	\$ —	\$ 5,000	\$ 253	4	\$ 50	\$ 4.00	\$ 500	99	\$ 3,696	\$ 3,034	\$ 270	No	Yes	No
48	Lafayette.....	F.C.	C	19	25	19	12	16	18	15	11	Yes	15,000	476	—	2,890	—	—	30	5.00	476	43	1,360	1,150	5	No	Yes	No
53	Rutal.....	F.C.	C	16	25	10	15	14	12	10	12	Yes	2,500	300	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	160	41	200	86	90	No	Yes	No
54	Vassalboro.....	F.C.	C	18	17	3	16	15	16	9	16	No	—	700	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	52	20	350	125	41	No	Yes	No
99	Vernon Valley....	F.C.	C	15	14	9	5	10	15	12	10	Yes	2,500	593	—	28	40	2	30	3.00	98	—	294	342	25	No	Yes	No
113	Messalonskee....	F.C.	C	12	22	11	12	10	12	9	12	No	—	1,067	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	120	16	258	238	32	No	Yes	No
133	Asylum.....	E.A.	C	18	16	18	16	15	18	18	15	No	—	966	106	1,140	—	—	30	3.50	72	21	382	275	10	No	Yes	No
166	Neguemkeag....	E.A.	T	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	3,000	530	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	228	215	120	No	No	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. WILLIS L. HODGDON, NO. ANSON, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE,	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.										Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.			Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.		No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.		
				Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by I. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$										\$	\$	\$
28	Northern Star	—	—	20	22	20	17	20	19	20	17	Yes	10,000	—	—	—	—	107	2	30	3.00	73	17	730	990	40	No	Yes	No			
34	Somerset	M.M.	C	18	40	18	14	0	18	17	17	Yes	30,000	554	—	2,300	155	5	35	4	280	70	1,185	1,100	164	Yes	Yes	No				
80	Keystone	M.M.	F	12	—	12	1	8	11	2	1	Yes	8,000	2,700	—	—	43	1	—	2.00	178	37	434	425	60	No	Yes	No				
92	Siloam	E.A.	F	26	11	23	23	24	26	22	19	No	—	616	—	—	100	1	30	—	612	93	2,802	557	150	No	No	No				
116	Lebanon	F.C.	C	16	9	15	13	11	14	5	16	Yes	800	807	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	400	35	380	103	6	No	Yes	No				
161	Carrabasset	E.A.	F	17	18	11	7	11	16	11	4	Yes	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	160	10	197	160	45	Yes	Yes	No				
194	Euclid	M.M.	C	20	30	19	20	20	19	18	17	No	—	4,688	—	—	40	3	30	4.00	104	—	1,014	280	102	No	Yes	No				
199	Bingham	M.M.	C	16	29	16	16	16	16	16	7	Yes	12,000	967	—	—	—	—	35	3.00	244	96	1,077	547	197	Yes	No	No				

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. HENRY G. SHAW, BATH, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
				22	22	21	20	18	21	22	20	No	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
8	United	E.A.	C	22	22	21	20	18	21	22	20	No	—	5,252	34	9,581	220	4	30	3.00	87	25	1,968	1,395	103	Yes	Yes	No
14	Solar	M.M.	C	22	39	22	18	21	17	18	19	Assn	—	1,728	—	3,762	73	6	50	6.00	1,198	69	2,944	2,016	50	Yes	Yes	No
23	Freeport	E.A.	F	14	28	14	14	14	14	13	13	Yes	3,000	2,137	—	134	3	30	2.00	56	24	574	478	35	Yes	Yes	No	
26	Village	M.M.	F	14	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	Yes	3,000	1,000	—	200	—	—	30	3.00	80	14	346	266	15	No	Yes	No
63	Richmond	F.C.	C	19	18	5	17	17	19	16	11	No	—	1,789	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	504	115	877	822	75	No	Yes	No
114	Polar Star	F.C.	C	18	21	18	18	17	17	13	15	Assn	—	4,375	—	—	—	—	50	6.00	655	91	3,100	2,590	138	Yes	Yes	No
121	Acacia	F.C.	C	9	17	9	1	6	9	5	0	Yes	2,000	200	—	840	—	—	30	2.00	178	41	251	51	12	No	Yes	No
155	Ancient York	E.A.	C	16	22	15	15	9	15	13	8	No	—	2,252	—	93	25	1	35	3.00	264	33	800	725	11	Yes	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, WELD, D. D. G. M.

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
20	Maine.....	F.C.	F	13 17 12 13	8 12	7 12	No	—	1,695	154	500	12	1	30	2.00	46	23	612	688	110	No	Yes	No					
21	Oriental Star.....	F.C.	F	17 23 17 15	15 17	15 12	No	—	197	—	728	4	30	4.00	197	—	1,018	693	48	No	Yes	No						
67	Blue Mountain...	E.A.	C	12 20 12 11	4 11	7 7	No	—	1,834	—	—	—	30	2.00	234	89	382	360	60	No	Yes	No						
123	Franklin.....	M.M.	P	17 22 16 12	16 17	16 8	Yes	1,200	92	199	—	—	1	30	2.00	92	29	388	190	50	No	Yes	No					
154	Mystic Tie.....	M.M.	C	21 17 21 20	15 21	21 8	No	—	470	—	—	—	35	3.00	34	8.	930	959	None	No	Yes	No						
156	Wilton.....	M.M.	F	17 23 17 16	15 16	14 14	Yes	15,000	1,240	172	446	—	30	4.00	72	16	2,365	1,865	75	No	Yes	No						
191	Davis.....	E.A.	C	22 21 22 22	22 17	20 18	Yes	2,000	1,245	—	—	106	1	30	3.00	32	11	864	377	307	No	Yes	No					
202	Mount Bigelow...	—	—	12 10 7 1	5 11	5 3	Yes	—	113	—	—	—	30	2	108	24	243	249	80	No	Yes	No						
204	Mount Abram....	E.A.	C	20 18 20 16	17 19	14 7	Yes	3,000	1,176	—	—	136	2	30	3.00	174	40	918	308	91	No	Yes	No					
212	Kenduskeag.....	E.A.	C	13 19 13 12	12 11	8 12	No	—	282	150	—	10	1	30	3.00	3	1	350	260	65	No	Yes	No					

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. HERBERT C. ROWE, BETHEL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is any money being any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
18	Oxford	M.M.	C	16	29	2	16	8	16	13	15	No	—	1,130	—	1,389	—	—	30	3.00	66	20	845	548	64	No	Yes	No
94	Paris	E.A.	C	17	19	16	15	15	14	10	15	Yes	6,000	546	224	152	—	—	30	3.00	72	19	944	404	68	No	No	No
97	Bethel	F. C.	C	16	18	3	15	16	14	14	10	No	—	1,197	241	—	—	—	30	4.00	222	36	663	600	61	No	Yes	No
100	Jefferson	F.C.	C	24	18	24	17	14	23	13	23	Yes	3,000	291	—	—	15	1	30	3.00	159	13	364	135	40	No	Yes	No
132	Mount Tir'em	None	—	13	14	13	9	13	11	13	12	Yes	1,200	584	—	—	—	—	30	2	40	20	114	55	9	No	Yes	No
152	Crooked River	No report.																										
182	Granite	F.C.	F	14	16	13	14	10	14	8	10	Yes	4,000	900	—	—	10	1	30	3.00	—	—	223	28	30	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. ALFRED W. DOUGHTY, CUMBERLAND CENTRE, D. D. G. M.

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition,	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	Portland.....	M.M.	F	35	75	35	33	33	23	22	20	No	—	1,842	—	10,500	235	6	50	6.00	238	39	5,200	6,368	70	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Ancient Land-Mark.....	M.M.	F	29	31	31	31	22	29	26	26	No	—	973	—	24,700	559	10	60	6.00	993	46	6,979	8,047	992	Yes	Yes	No
36	Casco.....	M.M.	F	22	24	21	19	20	1	14	17	Yes	10,000	2,514	—	1,361	66	2	40	3.00	274	65	\$33	338	—	Yes	Yes	No
38	Harmony.....	No report.																										
70	Standish.....	M.M.	F	16	36	16	9	9	7	14	9	Yes	30,000	—	—	81	—	—	30	2.00	92	17	368	336	126	Yes	No	No
81	Atlantic.....	M	F	29	55	29	28	29	29	29	24	No	—	11,309	—	All	631	15	50	5.00	539	0	4,571	5,184	443	Yes	Yes	No
86	Temple.....	M.M.	F	21	22	19	26	21	16	14	16	No	—	5,661	340	263	50	1	40	3.00	906	219	1,938	1,731	74	Yes	Yes	No
127	Presumpscot.....	M.M.	F	16	28	16	16	16	13	15	14	Yes	3,000	562	—	7,610	145	2	30	2.00	288	106	450	318	90	No	Yes	No
180	Hiram.....	M.M.	F	36	57	36	35	36	35	36	36	Yes	40,000	1,776	—	1,309	84	—	60	3.00	1,820	331	7,330	4,589	489	No	Yes	Yes
183	Deering.....	M.M.	F	38	70	38	36	35	38	34	34	No	—	27,765	—	8,709	622	3	60	3.00	375	91	5,009	4,574	—	Yes	Yes	No
186	Warren Phillips.....	E.A.	F	22	41	22	19	22	22	20	22	No	—	5,209	—	—	30	4	35	2.00	434	217	946	257	15	Yes	Yes	No

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. JAMES W. TARBOX, FRYEBURG, D. D. G. M.

No	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
11	Pythagorean	E.A.	F	19 10 16 11	2 16 13 14	Yes	4,000	1,628	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	304	—	1,021	306	—	No	Yes	No	
13	Oriental	E.A.	C	15 14 15 14	10 15 15 12	Yes	20,000	597	—	20,959	224	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	30	2.00	339	54	1,673	300	169	No	Yes	No
56	Mount Moriah	E.A.	F	14 6 13 8	8 11 0 8	Yes	2,500	225	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	1.50	75	25	165	25	—	No	Yes	No	
117	Greenleaf	E.A.	F	12 16 12 7	8 11 11 11	Yes	3,000	650	—	363	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	468	338	—	No	No	No	
153	Delta	None	—	10 12 10 10	10 9 6 10	Yes	4,000	778	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	374	30	393	211	50	No	Yes	No	
169	Shepherd's River . F.C.		F	13 20 13 12	11 12 13 10	No	—	125	—	—	50	1	30	1.50	20	10	242	37	45	No	Yes	No						

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINETEENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1927. FRANK H. LIBBY, OLD ORCHARD, D. D. G. M.**

1927.]

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.		
9	Saco	M.M.	C	20	50	20	20	1	17	20	20	No	\$	2,698	\$	\$	108	5	40	5.00	\$	45	\$	9	2,269	1,337	518	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	York	M.M.	F	8	22	8	8	8	7	6	7	No	—	855	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	470	—	Yes	Yes	No		
47	Dunlap	M.M.	C	24	35	24	24	24	24	24	22	No	—	6,058	—	4,065	243	2	40	5.00	1,250	250	2,299	1,725	400	Yes	No	No		
51	St. John's	M.M.	F	24	32	22	6	20	24	11	8	Yes	9,000	68	—	—	—	30	3.00	—	38	13	1,232	437	250	Yes	No	No		
76	Arundel	M.M.	F	14	17	14	11	12	12	13	10	No	—	70	—	284	25	1	30	3.00	64	17	808	646	277	Yes	Yes	No		
142	Ocean	M.M.	P	15	29	15	15	12	15	12	11	Yes	6,500	—	—	350	—	50	5	—	59	16	920	—	165	Yes	Yes	No		
162	Arion	M.M.	F	15	15	15	15	6	15	13	12	Yes	2,500	248	—	—	—	30	2.50	—	114	25	520	86	117	Yes	Yes	No		
179	Yorkshire	M.M.	F	16	23	16	1	15	15	15	8	No	—	1,543	—	1,374	50	1	32	3.00	84	28	330	356	270	No	Yes	No		
184	Naval	M.M.	C	22	55	20	20	20	21	22	20	No	—	7,239	—	—	40	1	50	3.00	150	50	1,594	1,758	100	Yes	Yes	No		
198	St. Aspinquid	E.A.	F	17	15	17	10	7	5	12	No	—	793	—	150	139	2	30	3	—	183	61	1,440	850	78	Yes	Yes	No		
215	Orchard	M.M.	C	15	21	14	15	13	15	14	12	No	—	1,915	—	—	—	1	40	4	—	95	22	680	538	71	Yes	Yes	No	

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTIETH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. J. ARTHUR HEALEY, MATTAWAMKEAG, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
93	Horeb	—	—	17	18	16	12	16	15	11	3	Yes	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,067	\$ —	\$ —	396	5	\$ 30	\$ 2.00	\$ 373	37	\$ 1,200	\$ 721	\$ 35	No	Yes	No
148	Forest	E.A.	F	16	22	15	16	12	16	16	15	No	—	250	—	—	25	1	30	2.00	250	100	388	82	25	No	Yes	No
172	Pine Tree	M.M.	P	12	1	12	10	11	12	12	5	No	—	1,104	—	—	325	3	40	3.00	50	7	700	400	20	No	Yes	No
175	Baskahegan	M.M.	F	23	17	21	21	10	22	17	15	Yes	3,500	1,964	—	6,710	—	—	30	3.00	308	30	435	148	80	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. WILLIAM S. HOLMES, NORTHEAST HARBOR, D. D. G. M.

1927.]

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
19	Felicity	M.M.	F	22	14	20	20	19	21	4	18	No	\$ —	\$ 538	\$ —	\$ 3,280	\$ 25	3	30	3.00	243	20	\$ 670	\$ 495	135	No	Yes	No
40	Lygonia	M.M.	C	28	21	22	25	22	23	26	21	No	—	2,172	—	139	95	1	40	3	448	—	1,313	1,008	329	Yes	Yes	No
71	Rising Sun	E.A.	F	15	8	15	14	2	10	12	6	Yes	2,000	214	—	—	—	30	2.00	125	50	320	82	25	Yes	Yes	No	
77	Tremont	M.M.	F	35	11	35	32	20	33	31	24	Yes	10,000	256	—	—	68	2	30	2.00	83	30	1,180	166	—	Yes	Yes	No
140	Mount Desert	E.A.	F	14	20	14	14	11	13	8	3	Yes	5,000	281	—	—	—	30	3	173	47	448	304	—	Yes	Yes	No	
185	Bar Harbor	M.M.	F	27	24	24	26	25	26	23	15	Yes	25,000	1,459	—	—	15	3	35	5.00	914	174	1,711	1,992	—	Yes	Yes	No
192	Winter Harbor	E.A.	F	27	20	26	27	24	26	17	23	No	—	1,201	—	—	—	1	30	2.00	260	48	400	311	5	Yes	Yes	No
201	David A. Hooper	M.M.	F	30	22	30	13	30	38	28	25	No	—	2,216	—	—	80	7	30	2.00	85	244	756	722	136	No	Yes	No
208	N. E. Harbor	M.M.	F	22	21	22	17	16	19	22	18	Yes	25,000	412	—	—	—	30	4	201	35	865	559	37	Yes	Yes	No	
212	McKinley	M.M.	F	34	17	33	26	28	33	2	25	No	—	700	—	—	—	30	3.00	245	72	532	475	147	Yes	Yes	No	

Grand Lodge of Maine.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT, SAMUEL P. IRELAND, LA GRANGE, D. D. G. M.

NO REPORT.

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. WILLIAM A. SMALL, WESTBROOK, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
27	Adoniram	M.M.	F	12 15 10 12	8 10	8	10	8	8	8	Yes	3,000	280	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	80	30	255	211	25	No	Yes	No	
42	Freedom	M.M.	F	12 17 12 12	10 12	9	4	No	—	—	No	—	296	—	All	—	—	30	1.00	69	48	187	60	96	No	Yes	No	
55	Fraternal	M.M.	C	13 21 13 13	13 11	13	12	No	—	—	No	—	936	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	77	17	589	187	59	No	Yes	No	
107	Day Spring	F.C.	F	10 12 9 6	9 10	6	8	No	—	—	No	—	356	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	63	18	207	162	45	No	Yes	No	
115	Buxton	M.M.	F	16 20 15 19	13 16	9	10	No	—	—	No	—	3,223	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	258	60	404	872	71	No	Yes	No	
118	Drummond	None	—	14 10 14 13	— 14	14	8	Yes	2,000	250	—	—	250	—	—	—	—	30	1	150	66	160	150	50	No	Yes	No	
146	Preble	M.M.	C	21 30 20 15	21 20	15	15	No	—	14,760	—	—	14,760	—	400	251	1	5010.00	1,591	114	5,268	1,157	55	No	Yes	No		
190	Springvale	M.M.	C	18 25 18 18	17 18	18	17	No	—	4,012	—	—	4,012	—	—	—	—	40	4.00	12	3	1,350	800	80	No	Yes	No	

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. HARRY W. LORING, LEWISTON, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
12	Cumberland	M.M.	C	18 38	18 17	17 15	15 14	Yes	8,000	\$ 775	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 30	\$ 2.00	\$ 480	175	1,031	\$ 815	\$ 103	No	Yes	No
29	Tranquil	M.M.	C	20 23	16 19	18 16	17 19	No	—	7,091	—	—	—	—	—	—	150	3	50	3.00	1,108	362	1,690	1,850	451	No	Yes	No
73	Tyrian	M.M.	C	19 22	13 17	15 16	13 12	Yes	9,000	382	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	370	55	524	188	22	No	Yes	No
101	Nezinscot	M.M.	C	10 16	10 5	1 10	8 2	Yes	3,000	2,392	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	153	25	410	175	50	No	Yes	No
105	Ashler	M.M.	C	14 27	14 14	14 14	12 6	No	—	7,225	—	—	—	—	—	—	369	11	50	3.00	367	57	1,830	2,075	100	No	Yes	No
150	Rabboni	M.M.	C	16 25	16 16	16 16	2 16	No	—	4,745	—	—	—	—	—	—	92	2	50	4.00	650	103	1,977	1,782	274	No	Yes	No
164	Webster	F.C.	C	15 17	14 15	12 11	14 9	No	—	1,142	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	92	18	429	190	75	No	No	No
178	Ancients Brothers	M.M.	C	18 25	17 18	18 17	18 18	No	—	5,398	175	—	—	—	—	—	440	4	50	2.00	1,067	438	1,326	1,050	933	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. GEORGE A. PATMER, ISLAND FALLS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by T. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
72	Pioneer	E.A.	F	16 15 16 14 15 13 15 16	Yes	5,000	245	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	3.00	300	50	665	120	22	No	Yes	No	
98	Katahdin	E.A.	C	17 8 13 16 12 17 14 6	Yes	6,000	683	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	309	43	823	371	—	No	Yes	No	
165	Molunkus	M.M.	F	24 — 24 23 22 14 5 17	Yes	2,400	1,037	—	79.5	30	1	30	2.00	304	87	640	175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	Yes	
205	Nollesemic	F.C.	F	42 25 35 40 35 38 36 4	No	—	2,862	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	4.00	400	75	1,936	1,000	45	Yes	Yes	No	
206	Island Falls	—	—	16 14 13 11 9 14 5 4	Yes	10,000	583	—	—	25	1	30	2.00	210	71	765	1,029	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No	
209	Fort Kent	M.M.	F	14 9 14 7 11 10 5 0	No	—	276	—	—	58	1	30	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No	

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1927. ARTHUR M. PACKARD, RUMFORD, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
30	Blazing Star	M.M.	C	19 23	18 18	10 18	12 15	Yes	15,000	\$ 937	\$ —	\$ —	131	3	\$ 40	\$ 4.00	522	110	\$ 2,062	\$ 928	\$ 217	No	Yes	No				
57	King Hiram	E.A.	F	19 19	18 18	16 19	16 18	Yes	6,000	1,764	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	79	27	410	314	29	No	Yes	No				
147	Evening Star	M.M.	F	15 11	13 12	12 14	14 14	No	—	8,106	—	—	—	—	30	3.50	30	9	597	250	100	No	Yes	No				
167	Whitney	M.M.	F	13 14	11 7	8 13	8 8	No	—	376	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	56	18	320	215	15	No	No	No				

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Bangor, Maine.

List of Subordinate Lodges

WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

AS RETURNED MARCH 1, 1927.

	DISTRICT
Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Clifford L. Merrow, M.; Chester C. Moulton, S. W.; Cecil H. Palmer, J. W.; Seth W. Dexter, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, September.	5
Acacia, 121, Durham. Howard J. Merrill, (Lisbon Falls, R. F. D. 2), M.; Lewis A. W. Martson, S. W.; Ralph G. Vickery, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole, (Auburn, R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Adoniram, 27, Limington. Alvah P. Weeman, M.; Warren Manson, S. W.; Joseph L. Chick, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December.	23
Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Moses A. Bragdon, M.; James I. Conboy, S. W.; Pearl E. Woodbury, J. W.; George W. Singer, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December.	10
Amity, 6, Camden. George E. Boynton, M.; Earle B. Belyea, S. W.; Clayton R. McCobb, J. W.; Melzer T. Crawford, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October.	9
Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Daniel G. Berry, M.; Richard Alley, S. W.; Wilford Gamage, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	10
Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Adelbert F. Piper, (53 Union Street), M.; Robert J. Simpson, S. W.; Arthur W. Stockbridge, J. W.; Ned P. Willis, (49 High St.), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October.	24
Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., M.; Carrol S. Chaplin, S. W.; Clifford L. Russell, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd, (11 Sheffield Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December.	17
Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Elliot K. Hale, M.; John H. Doughty, Jr., S. W.; Daniel E. Kelley, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December.	14
Archon, 139, Dixmont. George E. Littlefield, (Monroe), M.; Ralph E. Dellaway, S. W.; Guy M. Twombly, J. W.; Leroy L. Chadbourne, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October.	22
Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. John W. Peterson, (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), M.; E. Alfred Grantham, S. W.; George W. Pillsbury, J. W.; George H. Peterson (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November.	19

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Oscar B. Robinson, M.; Fred C. English, S. W.; John J. Edmunds, J. W.; C. Hume Pierce, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kennebunkport. Clyde E. Rand, M.; Delbert L. Ward, S. W.; Linwood G. Leach, J. W.; Arthur M. Eldridge, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston, Edward S. Stetson, Jr., M.; Ray H. Gilpatrick, S. W.; Chandler H. Barron, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Raleigh D. Knapp, (North Leeds), M.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. W.; Paul F. Gould, J. W.; Malcolm M. Soule, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Claude M. Quick, M.; Frank P. Pretie, S. W.; Harry E. Upton, J. W.; Almon L. Johnson (Box 424), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Raymond L. Kimball, M.; Leroy F. Hussey, S. W.; Lewis A. Burleigh, Jr., J. W.; Bert P. Stuart, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Ralph U. Clarke, M.; Leroy A. Chatto, S. W.; Harold A. Rackliff, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Leon Hopkins, M.; James T. Babbidge, S. W.; Russell Gray, J. W.; Alvan A. Goodell, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Carroll C. Brown, M.; Eugene H. Page, S. W.; J. Albert Stevens, J. W.; Clifford F. Came, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. Horace M. Pullen, M.; Varney A. Putnam, S. W.; Willard J. Dow, J. W.; Guy P. Rowe, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. George W. Linnekin, M.; Malcolm H. Brewer, S. W.; Clarence E. Fuller, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Mark W. McGowan, M.; Roger S. McGown, S. W.; Winthrop H. Friend, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. Ernest F. Bisbee, M.; John M. Harrington, S. W.; William C. Garey, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. E. Brook Chase, M.; Ralph S. Ingraham, S. W.; Merle E. Black, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Thales E. Spaulding, Jr., M.; Arthur J. Tupper, S. W.; D. Eugene Powell, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13

- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Carl G. Thurston, M.; Charles W. Burditt, S. W.; Clyde W. Watson, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Ralph H. Trecartin, M.; Everett P. Knapp, S. W.; C. Linwood Beal, J. W.; Cony M. Hoyt, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Stephen H. Carter (Round Pond), M.; Henry F. Hunter, S. W.; Ozro M. Burner, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter (Damaris cotta), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Alfred Whitehouse (Hollis Center), M.; Russell M. Haley, S. W.; Cecil L. Haley, J. W.; Oliver E. Earle (Hollis Center), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Bert J. Folsom, M.; William E. Folsom, S. W.; Myron J. Bemis, J. W.; Carrol F. Bailey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Linwood W. Wellington, M.; Nathan A. Currier, S. W.; Murray E. Mockler, J. W.; Norman A. Currier, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabasset, 161, Canaan. Moses Ames, M.; Edson I. Hunt, S. W.; Clarence Hilton, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Paul C. Loring (R. F. D.), M.; William F. Croudiss, S. W.; Philip W. Richardson, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central 45, China. Clive E. Bagley, M.; George A. Babkirk, S. W.; Harold P. Craig, J. W.; Charles R. Getchell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Roy M. Keirsted, (Greenville Junction), M.; Hugh S. MacNeil, S. W.; Myron W. Tucker, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Orman C. Ames, M.; Lyndon C. Fowles, S. W.; Frank O. Bemis, J. W.; Irvin F. Chase, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Carroll H. Webber, M.; Walter S. Hubbard, S. W.; Stuart S. Baird, J. W.; Halver H. Whitney, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 22
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Robinson C. Sturk, M.; James A. Gould, S. W.; Robert Gillespie, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Albert W. Weston, M.; George D. Skillings, S. W.; Almon H. Rowe, J. W.; Philip A. Chute, (Harrison), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16

- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. John T. Doughty (Gray), M.; Leo G. Torrey, S. W.; Howard W. Locke, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Harvard W. Blaisdell, M.; Shirley E. Clemons, S. W.; Ralph T. Gordon, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Harry E. Lambert, M.; F. Ardine Richardson, S. W.; Dana A. Newell, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Earle F. Cook (Newfield), M.; Clair E. Bond, S. W.; Herbert H. McLeod, J. W.; Norman J. Mee (East Wakefield, N. H.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. J. Warren Day, M.; Lewis W. Phinney, S. W.; Herbert N. Maxfield, Jr., J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. James S. Plummer, M.; Fred D. Kimball, S. W.; James O. Hamilton, J. W.; Weman G. McAllister, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks Mills. Fred A. Pierce (R. F. D. 53), M.; Buford A. Reed, S. W.; Ray W. Clifford, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul (R. F. D. 52), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Eugene H. Flint, M.; Carlyle F. Blanchard, S. W.; Floyd Welch, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. John E. Bodge (Gardiner, R. F. D. 12), M.; Ernest W. Cate, S. W.; George E. Jones, Jr., J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Frank W. Lord (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), M.; Thomas Taylor, S. W.; John J. Craft, J. W.; Fred N. Leavitt (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Lloyd G. Woodman, M.; Lloyd L. Cole, S. W.; Joseph T. Small, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday, except July and August; election, December. 19
- Eastern 7, Eastport. John A. Ferris, M.; Earl J. McInnis, S. W.; Karl W. Jewers, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 182), S. Meeting Monday; election, December 27th. 2
- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Harold H. Hopkinson, M.; Fred S. Kilburn, S. W.; Carvel D. Foster, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Arthur H. Cousins, M.; Guy M. Means, S. W.; Paul F. Byard, J. W.; Roy S. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4

- Euclid, 194, Madison. James P. Herd, M.; William H. Morrison, S. W.; Harold B. Caldwell, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Fred Chillis, M.; David J. Silverwright, S. W.; Frank H. Pierson, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Morton P. Garland, M.; Charles T. Bowen, Jr., S. W.; Forest B. Conant, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Charles Herrick, M.; Lionel W. Flanders, S. W.; Kenneth Wyman, J. W.; Bert J. Bird (Lincolnville, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Ulysses G. Houston (R. F. D. 1), M. Frank N. Williams, S. W.; George L. Blodgett, J. W.; Everett Pierce, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Clough I. Murdock, M.; Isaac Ham, S. W.; Harry E. Fortier, J. W.; Edwin B. Cole, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Wilbur L. Raymond, M.; Augustus D. Dow, S. W.; John R. Dow, J. W.; James I. Hoyt, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 24
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. John Leeman, M.; Charles H. Bailey, S. W.; George E. Campbell, J. W.; Clyde C. Day, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Forrest H. Clark, M.; Myron J. Ricker, S. W.; Harry O. Wallingford, J. W.; John B. Donovan, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. George G. Colby, M.; Mark L. Burnham, S. W.; Charles W. Veno, J. W.; Arthur F. Lougee, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. Alpheus G. Dyer, M.; Guy H. Day, S. W.; Raymond W. Stowell, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Herbert E. Hill, M.; Harry R. Jacobs, S. W.; W. Fred Smith, J. W.; Ralph A. Bacon (Box 27), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Carroll F. Day, M.; Wyer W. Pike, S. W.; Harold E. Blake, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Hancock, 4, Castine. Maxwell E. Leach, M.; Horace M. Leach, S. W.; Arthur B. Connor, J. W.; Otis H. Parker, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Frank W. Twombly, M.; Roland Barrows, S. W.; Austin A. Alden, J. W.; Edgar P. Carswell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17

- Harwood, 91, Machias. C. Alton Bagley, M.; Horace E. Tribou, S. W.; J. Stanley Whitehouse, J. W.; Frank L. Cates, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Walter H. Underwood, M.; Bradford H. White, S. W.; Albert A. Hodgdon, J. W.; Arthur L. Purdy, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. George B. Jackson, M.; Thomas N. Weeks, S. W.; George H. Hinckley, J. W.; William A. Seyford (15 Cottage Farms Road), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Elverson L. Aldrich, M.; Stanley L. Buzzell, S. W.; Raymond Fisk, J. W.; Elmer A. Dow, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. James E. Larrabee, M.; Carleton S. Young, S. W.; Alton E. Young, J. W.; Raymond F. Cole, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, September. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Walter E. Stover, M.; Luther D. Owens, S. W.; Water E. Stover, Jr., J. W.; Forrest B. Snow, S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Harold D. Pendleton, M.; Edwin S. Leach, S. W.; Folwell A. Moody, J. W.; Henry P. Leavitt (Priest), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Warren E. Vincent, M.; E. Maurice Goodrich, S. W.; Leon George Banton, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Benjamin H. Abbott, M.; George Forbes, S. W.; Harry M. Swift, J. W.; Lester D. Bryant, (R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Harry J. White, M.; Frank T. Higgins, S. W.; Morey C. Farnsworth, J. W.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Daniel R. Woodbury, M.; Roy D. Parsons, S. W.; Wesley F. Porter, J. W.; Ralph I. Miles, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 27
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Henry W. Badger, M.; Harold B. McCord, S. W.; Frank L. Badger, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Harold A. Fitz, M.; Earl A. Orton, S. W.; Elmer B. Eddy, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Leigh Webber, M.; Harry E. Hamilton, S. W.; Carrol A. Gray, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Kendall Cross, M.; Eldred C. Heald, S. W.; Lester A. Hilton, J. W.; Clayton E. Eames, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13

- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Adin L. Hopkins, M.; Harry A. Frohock, S. W.; Parker Young, J. W.; Fred E. Hardy, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, October. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. W. Fred Ellis, M.; Herbert A. Noyes, S. W.; Charles C. Dunham, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Ralph E. Stahl, M.; Jesse V. Benner, S. W.; Albert Benner, J. W.; Irving A. Moody, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election October. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Ralph R. Rowell, M.; Milton E. Bassick, S. W.; Harold Harlow, J. W.; John M. Ingram, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Benjamin H. Winters (Kent's Hill), M.; Roy C. Giles, S. W.; Linwood C. Luce, J. W.; Luther S. Russell (Kent's Hill), S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Elton Nichols, M.; Freeman J. Abbott, S. W.; Charles A. Moore, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Church H. Furbish, M.; Ederly Willard, S. W.; Ernest E. Pike, J. W.; Theodore Morrison (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Arthur A. Sprague, M.; Charles M. Banks, S. W.; Arthur T. Jackson, J. W.; Willis J. Greeley, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. John M. Ward, M.; S. Waldo Burgess, S. W.; Charles Hutcheon, J. W.; Dennis F. Getchell, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Sidney G. Evans, M.; Harvey R. Pease, S. W.; Leon H. Carver, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. William E. Farris, M.; Mariner W. Ackley, S. W.; George S. Farris, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Charles D. Wiggin, M.; Fred A. Shea, S. W.; Hollis E. Higgins, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Otis W. Patten (Carmel R. F. D. 3), M.; Russell S. Jackson, S. W.; Ivan L. Hunt, J. W.; Thurston Hunt (Bangor, R. F. D. 8), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- McKinley, 212, McKinley. William K. Hinton, M.; Fred V. Thurston, S. W.; Lester E. Hunt, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Daniel B. Belcher, M.; Currier C. Holman, S. W.; Carl N. Fenderson, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15

- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Percy S. Knowlton, M.; Leon C. Weed, S. W.; Harold C. Howard, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Edson W. Fletcher, M.; Harry P. McCaslin, S. W.; Clair S. Shute, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Elbert G. Moulton, M.; Frank H. Smith, S. W.; Maurice N. West, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Harley R. Willard, M.; Forrest G. Lancaster, S. W.; Gordon W. Carruthers, J. W.; Everett W. Davee, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. John D. Mitchell, M.; Robert L. Thompson, S. W.; Almon L. Packard, J. W.; Foster D. Jameson (Waldoboro, R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Fred M. Bean, M.; Fred G. Eaton, S. W.; Elmer E. Daniels, J. W.; Frank W. Fuller, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. William D. Pruze, M.; William E. Condon, S. W.; Lionel A. Sheridan, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Harley P. Mairs, M.; Arthur L. Shaw, S. W.; William A. Bain, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkas, 165, Sherman Mills. Melville L. Sides, M.; Orlando J. Patterson, S. W.; Oramel W. Sides, J. W.; Fritz G. Russell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Henry B. Hodsdon, M.; F. Maynard Foss, S. W.; Carey B. Boyd, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Trescott P. Nelder, M.; Elson A. Hosford, S. W.; Basil F. Grant, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday except June, July and August; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Cyrus M. Kendrick (R. F. D. 18), M.; Charles E. Walker, S. W.; Gilbert M. Barker, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. James A. Webber, M.; Charlie L. Severance, S. W.; Arthur A. Dinsmore, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Frank V. Mullen, M.; Alex. Simpson, S. W.; Parker D. Williams, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Cecil S. French, M.; Milton J. Wing, S. W.; Percy G. Wilber, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15

- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. F. Elmer Blackwell (Stratton), M.; Lee F. Ricker, S. W.; Merton F. Crymble, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Ezra G. Richardson, M.; James E. Hamor, S. W.; Merrill E. Cousins, J. W.; Robert G. Fernald, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, January. 21
- Mount Kinco, 109, Guilford. Fred A. Heath, M.; Selden D. Rice, S. W.; Walter G. Blake, J. W.; Joseph T. Davison, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Harold L. McIntire, M.; Ira A. Merrill, S. W.; Frank W. Jack, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. George L. Sprague (Union, R. F. D. 3), M.; Leland M. Johnston, S. W.; William C. Lessuer, J. W.; Jesse Overlock, S. Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. R. Eugene Pinkham, M.; Arthur R. Millett, S. W.; Wilbur L. Button, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Arthur C. Tibbetts, M.; Elmer J. Treworgy, S. W.; Amos A. Carter, J. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield (Hampden Highlands), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Ezra G. Noyes, M.; Adelbert D. McIntire, S. W.; Harold E. Hutchinson, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Alton H. Benner, M.; Spencer R. Moore, S. W.; Ira H. Benner, J. W.; Percy Wakefield, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Haskel Powers, M.; George A. Andrews, S. W.; Wallace Kane, J. W.; Harlie E. Freethy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Charles A. Gerry, M.; Frank N. Taylor, S. W.; Daniel O. Blaisdell, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts, (6 Traip Ave.) S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 19
- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Forest J. Brown (Augusta, R. F. D. 1), M.; J. Percy Appleton, S. W.; Merton A. Rollins, J. W.; Willard E. Strong, Jr. (Augusta, R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Arch W. Beals, M.; Lewis A. Staples, S. W.; Milo E. Lewis, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Ira C. Craig, M.; John R. Soper, S. W.; George M. Jordan, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25

- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Lawrence M. Branscom, M.; Russell D. Manchester, S. W.; Elihu T. Hamor, J. W.; William S. Holmes, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Henry E. Marston, M.; Benjamin W. Ela, S. W.; C. Wellington Rogers, J. W.; Horace S. Bickford, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Edwin L. Kenney (Ogunquit), M.; Carroll H. Clark, S. W.; Burton L. S. McAfee, J. W.; Francis W. Sawyer (Box 75, Wells), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Leon F. Tiplady (East Cornith), M.; Arthur R. Baker, S. W.; Melvin R. Whidden, J. W.; John B. Bradford, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. Clinton C. Mewer, M.; W. Warren Harmon, S. W.; Charles A. Dolbier, J. W.; Clyde L. R. Snow, S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Charles S. Woodcock, M.; Enoch M. Clark, S. W.; Edward E. Hastings, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Maurice E. Heath, M.; Walter H. Jones, S. W.; James Briggs, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. William H. Hall, M.; Lewie W. Winter, S. W.; Charles S. Briggs, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, June. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norway. Walter F. Noyes, M.; Eliot A. Fuller, S. W.; Stanley F. True, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. Everett L. Noble (Garland), M.; E. Roy Austin, S. W.; Charles E. Hollis, J. W.; Ernest W. Barney (Dexter, R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Lindley F. Hayden, M.; Henry M. King, S. W.; C. Joseph Shepard, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Paris, 94, South Paris. Donald P. Chapman, M.; Clifford H. Davis, S. W.; Eugene Lowell, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Harvey L. Haskell, M.; Arthur H. Page, S. W.; Clarence P. Beverly, J. W.; Edwin C. Call, S. Meeting first Monday; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Clarence A. Paul, M.; Maynard E. Strout, S. W.; Russell C. Knox, J. W.; Fuller C. Wentworth, S. Meeting second Monday; election, October. 8

- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Don C. Reynolds, M.; Alton C. Greenleaf, S. W.; Elwyn T. Ricker, J. W.; Everett L. Crockett, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Thomas G. Kirk, M.; Wilmer A. Mooers, S. W.; Eugene A. Orcutt, J. W.; Herman H. Kirk, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Morton W. Hamlin, M.; Oscar I. Hamlin, S. W.; William B. MacDonald, J. W.; Arthur F. Lewis, S. Meeting second Friday; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Kenneth McLeod (Brownville Jct.), M.; James L. Hay, S. W.; William B. Jenkinson, J. W.; Bert S. Hodgman (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. James F. Morrison, M.; Henry W. Sawyer, S. W.; Fred C. Gay, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Edgar W. Harris (No. Dixmont), M.; Herbert E. Clark, S. W.; Dana L. Small, J. W.; Charles S. Ramsay, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Henry W. Owen, Jr., M.; Arthur B. Stilphen, S. W.; Edward W. Sampson, J. W.; William A. Furber (48 Front St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday except July and August; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. G. Sturgis Bibber, M.; Robert D. Chase, S. W.; Leonard W. Stack, J. W.; Warren Moses (15 Deering Ave.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Albert M. Ames, M.; Alvah C. Treat, S. W.; Myron J. Clark, J. W.; Ernest A. Partridge, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. Kenneth E. Bradbury, M.; E. Sydney Denby, S. W.; Henry Fogelstrom, J. W.; Elroy M. Moulton (P. O. Box 271), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Almon S. Manchester, M.; Loring S. Mains, S. W.; Alley E. Hawkes, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Ruben C. Walker, M.; Elroy O. LaCasee, S. W.; Charles A. Snow, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Henry L. Buck, M.; Charles G. Hemenway, S. W.; Willard S. Morse, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. John L. Sise, M.; Arthur Booth, S. W.; J. Edward Booth, Jr., J. W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24

- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Raymond C. Gross, M.; Leroy Gross, S. W.; Charles Grant, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Clifford E. Seekins, M.; Leslie F. Roberts, S. W.; Edmund H. Bailey, J. W.; Charles M. Dicker (Box 183), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Hill Wilson, M.; Mervin W. Clement, S. W.; Ralph M. Hutchins, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Louis G. Hubbard, M.; Linwood Gray, S. W.; Daniel L. Keyes, J. W.; Homer H. Dunbar, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. George F. Eaton, M.; Charles E. Higgins, S. W.; Carl W. Maxfield, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Lavander A. Hallowell, M.; Maurice A. Brann, S. W.; Ralph R. Libby, J. W.; Henry P. Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election second Wednesday in September. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Israel Snow, M.; Walter G. Dimick, S. W.; Merton A. Sprowl, J. W.; Irving L. Bray (50 Mechanic St.), S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. Arthur B. Davenport (Augusta, R. F. D. 3), M.; F. Bigelow Barnard, S. W.; Charles B. Blaisdell, J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Joseph J. Sterling, M.; Edgar H. Pellerin, S. W.; Lionel R. Cartwright, J. W.; Rufus L. Doe (80 Union St.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Dana T. Whitman, M.; Charles A. Potter, J. W.; Raymond T. Adams, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (P. O. Box 762), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. John D. Keene (York Beach), M.; Maurice H. Grover, S. W.; Fred W. Marshall, J. W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Percy D. Adams, M.; Clarence B. Beckett, S. W.; Harry E. Lamb, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Alyah S. Simmons, M.; Josiah O. Jameson, S. W.; Charles W. Wilson, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting, Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Berwick. Maurice E. Hobbs, M. Clarence L. Blaisdell, S. W.; Wallace N. Flanders, J. W.; Arthur E. Muzzy, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19

- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Charles E. King, M.; Earle P. Grant, S. W.; Robert S. Gregory, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Arthur R. Greenleaf, M.; Raymond W. Dolloff, S. W.; Ralph B. Jenkins, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Marcellus Cain, M.; Harold R. Bean, S. W.; Stanley S. Cain, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. William H. Baker, M.; Maynard S. Howe, S. W.; Thomas A. Cole, J. W.; Frank W. Harmon, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Connell Y. Lawry, M.; Paul L. Woodworth, S. W.; William E. Burgess, J. W.; Walter C. Woodman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Luther S. Thompson, M.; Roy F. Shackford, S. W.; Jason A. Merrill, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somersset, 34, Skowhegan. Leon A. Wilbur, M.; Frank R. Madden, S. W.; Ralph T. Jenkins, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Fred Jowett, M.; Albert L. Spence, S. W.; Harold Mugridge, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Guy E. Lombard, M.; Harold N. Hanold, S. W.; Almon P. Mason, J. W.; Fred E. Cole, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. C. Ivan Huntley, M.; Mortimer S. Fayle, S. W.; Charles W. Miller, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill (46 N. Main St.), S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. Rodney C. Whitaker, M.; C. Wellington Taylor, S. W.; Clarendon L. Ward, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Eugene E. York, M.; Charles P. Morrison, S. W.; Augustus E. Snow, J. W.; Charles F. Kilbreth, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. Frank H. Robie, M.; George F. Trueworthy, S. W.; Walter W. Smith, J. W.; Joshua H. Goodridge (15 Sargent St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Harold R. Stone, M.; Leroy A. Coombs, S. W.; Harry C. Snow, J. W.; James H. Cilley, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Ralph E. C. Buck, M.; Laurence M. Watson, S. W.; G. Arlington Mackay, J. W.; Bernard G. Everett (26 Oakland St.), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24

- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Jesse P. Carpenter, M.; Henry L. Gray, S. W.; Walter F. Joy, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. George W. Perry, M.; George T. Noyes, S. W.; Miah J. Marston, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. John T. Irons (Harrington, R. F. D.), M.; Whitney L. Bradley, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. William W. Farr, M.; Raymond L. Winslow, S. W.; Ralph M. Giddings, J. W.; Windsor A. Goldermann, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. William C. Gleason, M.; Edward A. Alden, S. W.; James L. Dorman, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas (R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Edgar R. Comee, M.; Lawrence W. Smith, S. W.; Emery W. Booker, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson (P. O. Box 346), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Clarence E. Gilcrest, M.; Eli V. Conforth, S. W.; Percie E. Bessey, J. W.; Ernest L. Bartlett, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Adin D. Shorey, M.; Herbert Muir, S. W.; Carl B. Lord, J. W.; Mahlon M. McCurdy, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Eugene L. Millett, M.; Robert C. Castle, S. W.; B. Ralph Cram, J. W.; Allston W. Tyler, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Clarence O. Purinton, M.; George A. Blodgett, S. W.; Charles E. Hackett, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Percy F. Crane, M.; Warren B. Pettigrew, S. W.; Donald W. Small, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 3
- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. H. Ordway Furbish (395 Main St.), M.; Frank L. McKenney, S. W.; Henry E. Hodgkins, S. W.; Edward W. Rome (419 Warren Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Frank L. Carver, M.; Robert B. Wallace, S. W.; Allen C. Russell, J. W.; Guy C. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Charles E. Bodman, M.; Neil R. Stuart, S. W.; Julian E. Trecartin, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2

- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Willard H. Rockwood, M.; Howard A. Rainey, S. W.; Gustaf J. Gustafson, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. John T. Thomson, M.; Thomas H. Phelan, S. W.; Edward Wood, J. W.; Wilton S. Campbell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Percy M. Brown, M.; Charles L. Briggs, S. W.; Dwight L. Bisbee, J. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Ralph E. Sawyer, M.; Frank E. Brann, S. W.; Richard B. Knapp, Jr., J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Carleton H. Smallidge, M.; Ernest M. Torrey, S. W.; Randolph L. Smallidge, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Arthur C. Goodwin, M.; Roy A. Evans, S. W.; George L. Authier, J. W.; Albert W. Merserve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. James O. MacCorrison, M.; Leonard M. Dockham, S. W.; Clyde B. Staples, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE R. FENDERSON, Mars Hill.

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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 — JOHN L. POLLEYS, Calais.

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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 — CALEB G. ALDRICH, Cutler.

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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 — ELIJAH S. HEATH, Orland.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master — LINWOOD A. RYDER, Brownville.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, Lagrange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT No. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTHUR M. BAKER, Hampden.
(P. O. Hampden Highlands, R. F. D. 2)

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor.	83 St. Andrew's, Bangor.
60 Star in the East, Old Town.	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. ABBOTT, Albion.

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 — EVERETT L. BIRD, Northport.

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 — JOHN L. TEWKSBURY, Camden.

6 Amity, Camden.	82 St. Paul's, Rockport.
15 Orient, Thomaston.	84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor.
16 St. George, Warren.	145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven.
31 Union, Union.	189 Knox, South Thomaston.
50 Aurora, Rockland.	203 Mount Olivet, Washington.
79 Rockland, Rockland.	211 Meduncook, Friendship.

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — NORRIS S. LORD, Dresden Mills.

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.	

DISTRICT No. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master — GUY M. TOWLE, Hallowell.

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 — GEORGE W. HOXIE, 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 — WILLIS L. HODGDON, North Anson.

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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 — HENRY G. SHAW, Bath,
(24 Oak Street).

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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 — FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, Weld.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 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. |

DISTRICT No. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master — HERBERT C. ROWE, Bethel.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT No. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE H. MINOTT, So. Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. | 127 Presumpscot, North Windham. |
| 36 Casco, Yarmouth. | 180 Hiram, South Portland. |
| 38 Harmony, Gorham. | 183 Deering, Portland. |
| 70 Standish, Standish. | 861 Warren Phillips, Cumb. Mills. |
| 81 Atlantic, Portland. | 216 Corner Stone, Portland. |

DISTRICT No. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRANK HARMON, Brownfield.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT No. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRANK H. LIBBY, Old Orchard.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. | |

DISTRICT No. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master — J. ARTHUR HALEY, Danforth.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTEMUS J. RICHARDSON,
Southwest Harbor.

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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 — SAMUEL P. IRELAND, Corinna.

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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 — WILLIAM A. SMALL, Limington,
(P. O. Westbrook).

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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 — HENRY W. LORING, Lewiston,
(163 Pine Street).

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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 — CARL L. HEWS, Ashland.

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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. |

DISTRICT No. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master — AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER, ^{Buckfield}~~Buddeford~~.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
ADDISON,	Tuscan, 106,	3
ALFRED,	Fraternal, 55,	23
ASHLAND,	Pioneer, 72,	25
AUBURN,	Ancient Brothers', 178,	24
AUBURN,	Tranquil, 29,	24
AUGUSTA,	Augusta, 141,	11
AUGUSTA,	Bethlehem, 35,	11
BANGOR,	Rising Virtue, 10,	6
BANGOR,	St. Andrew's, 83,	6
BAR HARBOR,	Bar Harbor, 185,	21
BATH,	Polar Star, 114,	14
BATH,	Solar, 14,	14
BELFAST,	Phoenix, 24,	8
BELFAST,	Timothy Chase, 126,	8
BETHEL,	Bethel, 97,	16
BIDDEFORD,	Dunlap, 47,	19
BINGHAM,	Bingham, 199,	13
BLAINE,	Aroostook, 197,	1
BLUE HILL,	Ira Berry, 187,	4
BOLSTER'S MILLS,	Crooked River, 152,	16
BOOTHBAY HARBOR,	Seaside, 144,	10
BOWDOINHAM,	Village, 26,	14
BRIDGTON,	Oriental, 13,	18
BRISTOL,	Bristol, 74,	23
BROOKLIN,	Naskeag, 171,	4
BROOKS,	Marsh River, 102,	7
BROWNFIELD,	Shepherd's River, 169,	18
BROWNVILLE,	Pleasant River, 163,	5
BRUNSWICK,	United, 8,	14
BRYANT'S POND,	Jefferson, 100,	16
BUCKFIELD,	Evening Star, 147,	26
BUCKSPORT,	Felicity, 19,	21
CALAIS,	St. Croix, 46,	2
CAMBRIDGE,	Cambridge, 157,	22
CAMDEN,	Amity, 6,	9
CANAAN,	Carrabasset, 161,	13
CANTON,	Whitney, 167,	26
CARIBOU,	Caribou, 170,	1
CARMEL,	Benevolent, 87,	6

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticook, 146,	7
CORINNA,	Parian, 160,	22
CORNISH,	Greenleaf, 117,	18
CUMBERLAND MILLS,	Warren Phillips, 186,	17
CUTLER,	Lookout, 131,	3
DAMARISCOTTA,	Alna, 43,	10
DANFORTH,	Baskahegan, 175,	20
DEER ISLE,	Marine, 122,	4
DENMARK,	Mount Moriah, 56,	18
DEXTER,	Penobscot, 39,	5
DIXFIELD,	King Hiram, 57,	26
DOVER-FOXCROFT,	Mosaic, 52,	5
DRESDEN MILLS,	Dresden, 103,	10
DURHAM,	Acacia, 121,	14
EAST BOOTHBAY,	Bay View, 196,	10
EAST DIXMONT,	Archon, 139,	22
EAST MACHIAS,	Warren, 2,	3
EASTPORT,	Eastern 7,	2
ELLSWORTH,	Lygonia, 40,	21
EXETER,	Pacific, 64,	22
FAIRFIELD,	Siloam, 92,	13
FARMINGTON,	Maine, 20,	15
FLAGSTAFF,	Mount Bigelow, 202,	15
FORT FAIRFIELD,	Eastern Frontier, 112,	1
FORT KENT,	Fort Kent, 209,	25
FREEPORT,	Freeport, 23,	14
FRIENDSHIP,	Meduncook, 211,	9
FRYEBURG,	Pathagorean, 11,	18
GARDINER,	Hermon, 32,	11
GOODWIN'S MILLS,	Arion, 162,	19
GORHAM,	Harmony, 38,	17
GREENVILLE,	Columbia, 200,	5
GUILFORD,	Mount Kineo, 109,	5
HALLOWELL,	Kennebec, 5,	11
HAMPDEN,	Mystic, 65,	6
HARTLAND,	Corinthian, 95,	22
HERMON,	Lynde, 174,	6
HOULTON,	Monument, 96,	1
ISLAND FALLS,	Island Falls, 206,	25
ISLESBORO,	Island, 89,	8
JEFFERSON,	Riverside, 135,	10
JONESPORT,	Jonesport, 188,	3
KENDUSKEAG,	Kenduskeag, 137,	6

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168,	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 105,	24
LEWISTON,	Rabboni, 150,	24
LIBERTY,	Liberty, 111,	7
LIMERICK,	Freedom, 42,	23
LIMESTONE,	Limestone, 214,	1
LIMINGTON,	Adoniram, 27,	23
LINCOLN,	Horeb, 93,	20
LINCOLNVILLE,	King David's, 62,	8
LISBON FALLS,	Ancient York, 155,	14
LITCHFIELD,	Morning Star, 41,	11
LIVERMORE FALLS,	Oriental Star, 21,	15
LOVELL,	Delta, 153,	18
LUBEC,	Washington, 37,	2
MACHIAS,	Harwood, 91,	3
MADISON,	Euclid, 194,	13
MATTAWAMKEAG,	Pine Tree, 172,	20
McKINLEY,	McKinley, 212,	21
MECHANIC FALLS,	Tyrian, 73,	24
MILLBRIDGE,	Pleiades, 173,	3
MILLINOCKET,	Nollesemic, 205,	25
MILO,	Piscataquis, 44,	5
MONMOUTH,	Monmouth, 110,	11
MONSON,	Doric, 149,	5
MOUNT DESERT,	Mount Desert, 140,	21
MOUNT VERNON,	Vernon Valley, 99,	12
NEW GLOUCESTER,	Cumberland, 12,	24
NEWPORT,	Meridian Splendor, 49,	22
NEW SHARON,	Franklin, 123,	15
NORRIDGEWOCK,	Lebanon, 116,	13
NORTH ANSON,	Northern Star, 28,	13
NORTH BERWICK,	Yorkshire, 179,	19
NORTH BROOKSVILLE,	Bagaduce, 210,	4
NORTH EAST HARBOR,	North East Harbor, 208,	21
NORTH VASSALBORO,	Vassalboro, 54,	12
NORTH WINDHAM,	Presumpscot, 127,	17
NORTHPORT,	Excelsior, 151,	8
NORWAY,	Oxford, 18,	16
OAKLAND,	Messalonskee, 113,	12
OLD ORCHARD,	Orchard, 215,	19
OLD TOWN,	Star in the East, 60,	6
ORLAND,	Rising Sun, 71,	21
ORONO,	Mechanics', 66,	6

PARSONSFIELD,	Drummond, 118,	23
PATTEN,	Katahdin, 98,	25
PEMBROKE,	Crescent, 78,	2
PENOBSCOT,	Rising Star, 177,	4
PHILLIPS,	Blue Mountain, 67,	15
PITTSFIELD,	Meridian, 125,	22
PLYMOUTH,	Plymouth, 75,	22
PORTLAND,	Ancient Landmark, 17,	17
PORTLAND,	Atlantic, 81,	17
PORTLAND,	Corner Stone, 216,	17
PORTLAND,	Deering, 183,	17
PORTLAND,	Portland, 1,	17
PRESQUE ISLE,	Trinity, 130,	1
PRINCETON,	Lewy's Island, 138,	2
RANGELEY,	Kemankeag, 213,	15
READFIELD,	Lafayette, 48,	12
RICHMOND,	Richmond, 63,	14
ROCKLAND,	Aurora, 50,	9
ROCKLAND,	Rockland, 79,	9
ROCKPORT,	St. Paul's, 82,	9
RUMFORD,	Blazing Star, 30,	26
SABATTUS,	Webster, 164,	24
SACO,	Saco, 9,	19
SANFORD,	Preble, 143,	23
SANGERVILLE,	Abner Wade, 207,	5
SEARSMONT,	Quantabacook, 129,	7
SEARSPORT,	Mariners', 68,	8
SEDGWICK,	Eggemoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
SOLON,	Keystone, 80,	13
SOUTH BERWICK,	St. John's, 51,	19
SOUTH BRISTOL,	Anchor, 158,	10
SOUTH PARIS,	Paris, 94,	16
SOUTH PORTLAND,	Hiram, 180,	17
SOUTH THOMASTON,	Knox, 189,	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S HARBOR,	Eureka, 84,	9
THOMASTON,	Orient, 15,	9
THORNDIKE,	Unity, 58,	7

TURNER,	Nezinscot, 101,	24
UNION,	Union, 31,	9
UNITY,	Star in the West, 85,	7
VASSALBORO,	Neguemkeag, 166,	12
VINALHAVEN,	Moses Webster, 145,	9
WALDOBORO,	King Solomon's, 61,	10
WARREN,	St. George, 16,	9
WASHBURN,	Washburn, 193,	1
WASHINGTON,	Mount Olivet, 203,	9
WATERFORD,	Mount Tir'em, 132,	16
WATERVILLE,	Waterville, 33,	12
WAYNE,	Asylum, 133,	12
WEEKS MILLS,	Dirigo, 104,	11
WELD,	Mystic Tie, 154,	15
WELLS DEPOT,	Ocean, 142,	19
WESTBROOK,	Temple, 86,	17
WEST BUXTON,	Buxton, 115,	23
WEST NEWFIELD,	Day Spring, 107,	23
WEST PARIS,	Granite, 182,	16
WEST SULLIVAN,	David A. Hooper, 201	21
WILTON,	Wilton, 156,	15
WINTER HARBOR,	Winter Harbor, 192,	19
WINTERPORT,	Howard, 69,	6
WINTHROP,	Temple, 25,	11
WISCASSET,	Lincoln, 3,	10
YARMOUTH,	Casco, 36,	17
YORK VILLAGE,	St. Aspinquid, 198,	19

Lodges in Maine

With Dates of Precedence and Charters

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 Saint 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. 9, 1823	Oct. 28, 1823
45 Central,	China,	April 8, 1824	April 8, 1824
46 Saint 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 †
51 Saint John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827	Feb. 13, 1827

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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,	Old Town,	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 Saint Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
83 Saint 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,	Week's Mills,	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§
109 Mount Kineo,	Guilford,	May 10, 1861	May 8, 1862

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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 Quantabcook,	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 Har.,	Oct. 7, 1867	May 7, 1868
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868	May 7, 1868
146 Seabastieook,	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
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872	May 9, 1872

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168 Composite,	Lagrange,	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,	South Portland,	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,	Stonington,	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 Saint 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,	No. East 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,	Rangley,	Oct. 6, 1913	May 7, 1914
214 Limestone,	Limestone,	Nov. 10, 1913	May 7, 1914
215 Orchard,	Old Orchard,	May 4, 1916	May 3, 1917
216 Corner Stone,	Portland,	Oct. 27, 1926	May 4, 1927

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. 42, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

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" JOHN T. PAINE,	" HENRY R. TAYLOR,
" ALEX'R H. PUTNEY,	" HORACE H. BURBANK,
" JOSEPH C. STEVENS,	" AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,
" JOHN C. HUMPHREYS,	" JOSEPH A. LOCKE,
" FREEMAN BRADFORD,	" WINFIELD S. CHOATE,
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" HIRAM CHASE,	" ELMER P. SPOFFORD,
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" WILLIAM P. PREBLE,	

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" ASAPH R. NICHOLS,	" JOHN J. BELL.

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" EZRA B. FRENCH,	" HERBERT HARRIS,
" ISAAC DOWNING,	" JAMES E. PARSONS,
" WILLIAM ALLEN,	" EDWIN A. PORTER,
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" F. LORING TALBOT,	" JAMES H. WITHERELL,
" T. R. SIMONTON,	" WILLIAM N. HOWE,
" WILLIAM O. POOR,	" GEORGE R. SHAW,
" SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,	" FRED RAYMOND,
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" THOMAS B. JOHNSTON,	" BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,
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" OLIVER GERRISH,	" ALGERNON M. ROAK,
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" FRANCIS J. DAY,	" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE.
" THOMAS K. OSGOOD,	" ADELBERT MILLETT.
" JOHN W. BALLOU,	" ERNEST P. PARLIN.
" MOSES TAIT,	" GEORGE W. HOLMES,
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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO 1927

GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80*
William Swan, 1824, '25*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92*
Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94*
Hezekiah Williams, 1841*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96*
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98*
John T. Paine, 1845, '46*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900*
Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50*	William J. Burnham, 1903*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05
Freeman Bradford, 1853*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07
Timothy Chase, 1854*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09*
John Miller, 1855*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11
Jabez True, 1856*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59*	Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17*
Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62*	Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19
William P. Preble, 1863-65*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1920, '21
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68*	Albert M. Spear, 1922, '23
John H. Lynde, 1869-71*	David E. Moulton, 1924, '25
David Cargill, 1872-74*	David L. Wilson, 1926, '27
Albert Moore, 1875, '76*	

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821*	Amos Nourse, 1832*
William Swan, 1822, '23*	Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25*	David C. Magoun, 1835-37*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27*	Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30*	James L. Child, 1844*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831*	Asaph R. Nichols, 1845*

*Deceased.

Elisha Harding, 1846*	Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90*
Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48*	Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92*
John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94*
Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52*	Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96*
Timothy Chase, 1853*	Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98*
Jabez True, 1854, '55*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900*
Hiram Chase, 1856, '57*	William J. Burnham, 1901, '02*
Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903
William P. Preble, 1860-62*	Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05
John J. Bell, 1863*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07*
Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65*	Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09
John H. Lynde, 1866-68*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11*
David Cargill, 1869-71*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13
Albert Moore, 1872-74*	Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15*
Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76*	Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17
Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19
Marquis F. King, 1879, '80*	Albert M. Spear, 1920, '21
William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82*	David E. Moulton, 1922, '23
Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84*	David L. Wilson, 1924, '25
Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86*	Harold E. Cook, 1926, '27
Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88*	

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

William Swan, 1820, 1821*	Albert Moore, 1871*
Charles Fox, 1822, '23*	Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74*
Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25*	William O. Poor, 1875*
George Thacher, Jr., 1826, '27*	Charles I. Collamore, 1876*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29*	Marquis F. King, 1877, '78*
Amos Nourse, 1830, '31*	Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879*
John L. Megquier, 1832-34*	William R. G. Estes, 1880*
Joel Miller, 1835-37*	John B. Redman, 1881*
Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41*	Arlington B. Marston, 1882*
John T. Paine, 1842-44*	William H. Smith, 1883*
Alexander H. Putney, 1845, '46*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1884*
John C. Humphreys, 1847, '48*	Joseph M. Hayes, 1885*
Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50*	Albro E. Chase, 1886*
Timothy Chase, 1851, '52*	Horace H. Burbank, 1887*
Jabez True, 1853*	Leander M. Kenniston, 1888*
Ezra B. French, 1854, '55*	Manly G. Trask, 1898*
Isaac Downing, 1856*	Daniel P. Boynton, 1890*
William Allen, 1857*	George R. Shaw, 1891*
Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, '59*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1892*
John J. Bell, 1860, '61*	Joseph A. Locke, 1893*
David Bugbee, 1862*	Herbert Harris, 1894*
Edmund Hinckley, 1863*	Winfield S. Choate, 1895*
Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65*	Albert M. Penley, 1896
David Cargill, 1866-68*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1897*
Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1869, '70*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1898*

William J. Burnham, 1899*
 James E. Parsons, 1900*
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901
 Edwin A. Porter, 1902*
 Charles W. Crosby, 1903
 W. Scott Shorey, 1904
 Curtis R. Foster, 1905*
 James M. Larrabee, 1906*
 William N. Howe, 1907*
 John Clair Minot, 1908
 Frank J. Cole, 1909
 Isaac N. Jones, 1910
 Frank E. Monroe, 1911*
 Waldo Pettengill, 1912*
 Fred C. Chalmers, 1913

Isaac A. Clough, 1914
 Fred Raymond, 1915*
 Ralph W. Moore, 1916
 James H. Witherell, 1917*
 Willis A. Ricker, 1918
 William S. Davidson, 1919
 John J. Marr, 1920
 John M. Burleigh, 1921*
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
 Frederic O. Eaton, 1923
 Frank P. Denaco, 1924
 Harry E. Rowe, 1925
 James Abernethy, 1926
 E. Murray Graham, 1927

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821*
 Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1823*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1824, '25*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27*
 Amos Nourse, 1828, '29*
 Reuben-Nason, 1830, '31*
 David C. Magoun, 1832-34*
 Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37*
 Stephen Webber, 1838-40*
 John T. Paine, 1841*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44*
 John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46*
 Frye Hall, 1847*
 Joseph C. Stevens, 1848*
 Stephen Webber, 1849*
 Timothy Chase, 1850*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52*
 Thomas B. Johnston, 1853, '54*
 William Kimball, 1855*
 William Allen, 1856*
 John Williams, 1857*
 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858*
 Oliver Gerrish, 1859*
 Joseph Covell, 1860*
 Francis J. Day, 1861*
 T. K. Osgood, 1862*
 F. Loring Talbot, 1863*
 John H. Lynde, 1864, '65*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1866, '68*

John W. Ballou, 1869, '70*
 Henry H. Dickey, 1871*
 William O. Poor, 1872-74*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1875*
 A. M. Wetherbee, 1876*
 S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, '78*
 Edwin Howard Vose, 1879*
 Archie L. Talbot, 1880
 Fessenden I. Day, 1881*
 Charles W. Hauey, 1882*
 Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883*
 Augustus Bailey, 1884*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1885*
 Benjamin Ames, 1886*
 Wilford J. Fisher, 1887*
 Samuel G. Davis, 1888*
 Algernon M. Roak, 1889*
 E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890*
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891*
 Howard D. Smith, 1892
 Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893
 Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894
 Moses Tait, 1895*
 Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896*
 Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897
 Millard M. Caswell, 1898
 Franklin R. Redlon, 1899
 John H. McGorrill, 1900
 Adelbert Millett, 1901*
 James C. Ayer, 1902

Charles F. Paine, 1903
 George W. McClain, 1904*
 Edward G. Weston, 1905
 Albert M. Ames, 1906
 Leon S. Howe, 1907
 George W. Holmes, 1908*
 Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909*
 Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910
 Convers E. Leach, 1911
 Ernest P. Parlin, 1912*
 George A. Gilpatric, 1913
 Clifford J. Pattee, 1914*
 Frank B. Arnold, 1915

Albert H. Newbert, 1916
 Edwin K. Smith, 1917
 Carroll S. Douglass, 1918
 Wallace N. Price, 1919
 Lee M. Smith, 1920
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrar, 1922*
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923
 Erwin G. Ryder, 1924
 James A. Richan, 1925
 Eugene A. Whittridge, 1926
 Ernest J. Record, 1927

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to Septem-
 ber, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921 to 1923*
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 to

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31*
 Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35*
 Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44*
 Charles Fox, 1845*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55*
 Ira Berry, 1856-91*
 Stephen Berry, Sept. 1891-1917*
 Charles B. Davis, 1917 to

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927

Those marked with * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Horace G. Bunker, March 7; Horatio B. Swett,* April 8; Frederick A. Potter,* May 19; Orrin L. Lord, May 28; Everett R. Josslyn, July 13; George H. Garrison,* July 27; Elton J. Brackett,* September 2; Oscar R. Thomas, November 22; Harry V. Barker,* November 25; Winfield S. Hovey,* December 22.

2 Warren, East Machias. Walter S. Gardner, December 11; William E. Rennie, December 21; Merritt J. Wright,* January 3; Forrest B. Clark, January 19.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Winfield Scott Peaslee, March 22; Jonas K. Fowle, June 14; Clarence A. Peaslee, September 11; Luther French Porter, December 25; William K. Clisby, December 8; Foster S. Perkins, January 18.

4 Hancock, Castine. Fred A. Munger, February 25, 1922; Charles R. Perkins, June 14.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Dudley Blake, June 13; W. Frank Pierce, June 27; J. Warren Fuller, October; Herbert F. Johnson, November 20.

6 Amity, Camden. George T. Hodgman, March 13; Frank W. Conant, April 2; George E. Gleason, April 5; John T. Robbins, April 11; Frank H. Loughton, May 12; George A. Decrow, June 20; Martin E. Whitmore, January 20; Hubert C. Small, February 17.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Charles I. Morton,* August 7; Frank Beale,* November 24; Robert K. Newcomb, February 7.

8 United, Brunswick. Clinton B. Pratt,* May 11; Sylvester S. Dunning, November 10; George W. Parker, February 1.

9 Saco, Saco. Charles A. Getchell, March 9; John O. Bragg, May 6; Amos T. Marston, August 20; Charles A. Chadbourne, October 28; Oscar D. Rokes, December 26; James M. Grace, December 31.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Fred K. Gamble, March 11; Guy P. Bailey, June 17; Herbert A. Wentworth, September 17; John W. Irish, October 24; Arthur E. Lange, February 16.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. John W. Hutchins, April 8; A. Wesley McKeen, August 13; Harry A. Booth, November 2.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Erastus M. Strout,* September 10; Elisha A. McCollister,* October 12; John P. Tilton, February 18.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Charles B. Dodge, April 13; Samuel A. Kneeland, September; J. Louville Bennett, October 28; Edwin F. Soule, November 1; George A. Chute, December 10; William L. Haskell, November 13; Charles J. Wentworth, January 7.

14 Solar, Bath. Alexander Wilson, June 23; James A. Richardson, July 2; William A. McNeal, July 23; James Dean, August 6; Arthur E. Bishop, September 18; Arthur B. Lindsey, November 27.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Andrew D. Lamb, March 16; Frank Clark, March 20; B. Elsworth Spear, April 25; Anson M. Bucklin, May 11; Hollis M. Overlock, June 9; George E. Wallace, July 26; John H. Feehan, January 3.

16 St. George, Warren. John H. Barrows, March 21; Charles L. Foster, March 24; Atwell A. Moody, May 11; Henry W. Smith, October 18.

17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. Frederick P. Dyer, February 4, 1926; Selden A. Sterling, March 9; Charles O. Zollars, March 11; Ira Berry, March 30; Francis A. Smith, Jr.,* April 4; Edwin A. Gray, April 13; Willie L. Daggett, June 1; Alden H. Willis,* June 13; Charles O. Foss, July 11; Edward C. Hersey, July 18; Alfred Saunders, July 30; Flavel B. Waldron, August 7; Winslow E. Howell,* September 16; Samuel P. Saunders, September 22; Helo H. King, November 25; LeRoy F. Tobie,* November 16; Franklin E. Emery, November 27; William Senter, December 3; Frank P. Woodsome,* December 8; Fred E. Sanborn, December 22; Charles F. Mountfort,* January 1.

18 Oxford, Norway. Hiram O. Blake,* December 31.

20 Maine, Farmington. Ernest L. Libby, March 14; Newell R. Knowlton, May 20; Sumner E. Austin, July 22; Luther C. Greenleaf, August 31; Beniah P. True, September 20; Charles E. Farmer, December 9; Fred C. Ennis, January 18.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. Eugene I. Beck, April 18; Jonathan F. Jeffords, June 3; Andrew J. Dain, September 28; Charles M. Robinson, November 19; Edwin L. Boothby, December 2; Albert C. Hutchinson, February 11; Clement L. Thompson, February 25.

23 Freeport, Freeport. Emery V. Varney, March 30; George E. Stevens, April 6; Simon B. Holmes, April 20; Joseph Mann, July 16; William J. Lewis, September 26; William A. Hyde, December 10; George W. Moses, January 11.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. George C. Lower,* January 24; Emery O. Pendleton, February 14.

25 Temple, Winthrop. Frank W. Shaw, January 25; Arthur A. Carver, February 5.

26 Village, Bowdoinham. Silas Adams, March 12.

27 Adoniram, Limington. James F. Pillsbury, May 17; Samuel N. Small, January 21; Simeon Randall, January 23.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. William C. Robinson, September 30; Stilman A. Walker,* October 3; William H. Williams,* January 3.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. G. Frank Keith (no date given); William A. Robinson, April 12; Norris S. Tibbetts, April 30; Simon P. Wardwell, May 9; Thomas H. Sclater, July 30; Andrew F. Warren, November 12; Herbert Hilton, January 1.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Harry N. Hall, April 16; Waldo Pettengill,* September 5; Fred B. Carroll, October 1; Linniar T. Judkins, October 27; William L. Goodwin, November 24.

31 Union, Union. Marcellus Wentworth, May 6; William E. Perry, June 16; Joseph M. Davis, November 9; S. Lee Bills, December 20.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Ernest L. York, July 4; James C. Horn, October 18; Charles O. Turner, October 18; Edwin S. Lincoln, January 12.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Charles W. Davis, March 21; Anson O. Libby, May 7; Sidney A. Green, May 9; George W. Fletcher, June 21; Frederick C. Thayer, September 23; Walter B. Lawrie, November 20; Sherman L. Berry, February 5.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Dana W. Hall, April 23; Frank S. Cairns, October 29; Ralph B. Hill, February 4; Willard B. Steward, February.

35 Bethlehem, Augusta. Charles A. Milliken, March 27; Holmes A. B. Chandler, April 1; Horace H. Rumery, April 15; Walter N. True, June 3; William H. Reid, June 10; Fred G. Kinsman, October 9; Hyman Chernowsky, October 12; Ernest W. Elwell, December 24; George Woodridge, February 16.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Anson M. Hicks,* April 3; Edward M. Greeley, June 16; Herbert A. Merrill,* September 28; Irving F. True, October 31; George R. Haynes,* January 5; John F. Brown, January 25.

37 Washington, Lubec. Milton L. Lakeman, February 18, 1926; Henry M. Godfrey, March 15, Otis L. Goodwin, March 22; Austin Green, September 6; Charles A. Edgecomb, October 15; George G. Tucker, November 5; George E. Marston, November 7; George A. Goodwin, January 11.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Edward W. Plaisted, June 14; Samuel B. Knight, November 2; Lemuel A. Reed, December 5; Charles B. Harding, December 22.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. Alvah J. Shepherd,* April 4; Ernest M. Parkman, November 17; Charles H. Thompson,* December 14; Joseph H. Murphy,* January 12.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Guy G. Raymond, May 19; Benjamin B. Whitcomb, May 29; John B. Dority, July; Charles H. Hodgkins, August 4; Augustus M. Franks, September 4; Edgar W. Moor, December 10; Henry C. Crabtree, February 21; Fred A. Merchant, February 26.

- 41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Fonzo J. Toothaker,* August 22.
- 42 Freedom, Limerick. Edwin Bragdon,* October 30.
- 43 Alna, Damariscotta. Manfred Wyman, June 7; Stephen N. Hall, July 19; Frank S. Clark, September 5; James G. Stetson, December 14; Frank L. Smithwick, February 11.
- 44 Piscataquis, Milo. John W. Blake, April 19; Oscar L. Kelley, May 14; Frank E. Monroe, June 17; Wilbur W. Hamlin, July 16; John A. Perkins, November 16; Charles H. Thompson, February 9; Edward H. Doane, February 3.
- 45 Central, China. Jason Weiler, March 26; Reuben, C. Jaquith, July 18.
- 46 Saint Croix, Calais. Frank L. Stewart, May 16; Edgar D. Bonney,* May 29; James R. N. Smith, June 9; Joseph C. Rockwood,* October 6; Frederic A. Lane,* December 14; Frank H. Moore, December 19; William W. Brown,* February 12.
- 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. George W. Andrews, March 18; James E. Etchells, March 26; Frank E. Shorey, March 31; Abel Dennett, May 3; Howard F. Goodwin, May 8; Charles T. S. Blake, November 13; Nahum S. Drown, December 29; James Hirst, January 17; Simon S. Andrews, January 21; John F. Cowan, February 8; James G. C. Smith, February 15.
- 49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Richard M. Humphrey,* March 28; Frank A. Brickett,* May 13; Charles D. Katen, June 12; George Bryant Clark, June 19.
- 50 Aurora, Rockland. Arnold H. Jones, March 1; Matthew S. Greer,* November 14; Joshua Bartlett,* November 14; Hiram Abrams, November 15.
- 51 Saint John's, South Berwick. Edward A. Chesley, August 19; William M. Sanborn, October 18; L. Huntley Sprague, January 3; John M. Burleigh, February 11; Moses C. Hanson, February 25.
- 52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft. William W. Williams, February 24, 1926; Alton J. McNaughton, March 22; Charles C. Nichols, June 16; Osgood P. Martin, February 24.
- 53 Rural, Sidney. Edward A. Field, August 9, 1925; Daniel Driscoll, March 29.
- 54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Walter M. Spear, April 3; Herbert D. Williams, June 4; James C. Ryan, December 12, 1925; Thomas M. Sedwick,* November 13.
- 55 Fraternal, Alfred. Charles W. Costello (no date given); William A. Follet, March 28; John K. Lowe, May 5; Andrew W. Chadbourne, October 11.
- 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. George G. Gates,* April 1; Ira O. Babb,* April 5; Zenas W. Taylor,* May 17; Arthur E. Sloan,* September 19.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. George P. Southard (no date given); Robert E. Hutchinson, March 13; Arthur J. Walker, June 26; Moses L. Jordan, November 14; Charles Barnes, January 27; William F. Johnson, February 22.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. I. Gardner Reed, June 5; Gardner E. Schwartz, February 13.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. James K. Manning, March 5; Marcellus Griffin, July 12; Theodore Munroe, October 6.

63 Richmond, Richmond. Frederick B. Peabody, March 23.

64 Pacific, Exeter. Benjamin W. Hammond, June 7; Clyde A. Rand, October 14; Ulysses G. Wentworth, February 11.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Elmer R. Hammons, April 7; Alfred E. Nealley, May 23; Charles H. Duntun, June 14.

66 Mechanics', Orono. David B. Tenney, May 29; Angus A. Myers, June 26; Andrew M. Shaw, July 21; Vane R. Henry, July 23; Fred M. Kinney, January 31.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. Moses W. Harden, April 26; John W. Shepard, December 31.

68 Mariners', Searsport. Wilson A. Colson, July 17; James Johnson, August 10; James Ford, November 20; Benjamin C. Nichols, November 23; Wilfred V. Nichols, December 27; John Murphy, February 1; William M. Parse, February 6.

69 Howard, Winterport. Arthur J. Lockhart, June 29; Charles S. Nason,* September 21; Clarendon Gray, November 2; Fred Coffin, November 3; Albert E. Dean,* January 8, Simeon B. Rich,* January 25.

70 Standish, Standish. Everett N. Lombard, November 25; Harry B. Hartford, January 29.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Enoch W. Harriman, December 30.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Simeon B. Snell, March 1; Frank J. Barton, March 13; Stephen M. Atwood, April 14; Bert M. Fernald, August 26; Daniel W. Bailey, October 28; Hollis E. Dennen, January 3; James H. DeCoster, February 17; Guy F. Davis, February 18.

74 Bristol, Bristol. Robert H. Oram, May 30; John Dunn, December 11.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Lester Nunan, April 24; William F. Rankin, November 6; Calvin Bryant, January 29.

77 Tremont, South West Harbor. Byron P. Carter, April 4.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. James W. Corbett, February 4; William J. Harriman, February 18; John Dean, February 21.

79 Rockland, Rockland. Albert I. Mather, May 29; Chester W. Munro, July 23; Frank B. Shaw, February 28.

80 Keystone, Solon. Frank Padham, May 15; Lee F. Boardman, August 9; Joseph E. Lawrence, December 29; Willard M. Drew,* February 10; Malon Patterson,* February 25.

81 Atlantic, Portland. George W. Hardy, March 11; George O. Durgin, April 12; John M. Hardy, May 13; George C. Ricker, June 16; Actor P. Dunham,* December 18; James W. Brackett,* December 27; David J. Dolley,* February 15.

82 St. Paul's Rockport. George A. Barlow, May 6; Jacob B. Packard, June 21; Ernest W. Mears, December 28; Charles W. Studley, January 1; Levi L. Upham, February 1; Isaac Upham, February 3.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. LaRoy A. Dutch, March 26; Percy E. Hanscom, March 27; Charles H. Wood, April 11; John H. Stone, May 4; Millard F. Coffin, June 16; George Lansil, July 14; Edward F. Arey, October 4; Charles A. Harlow, December 22; Frederick N. White, February 16; Sumner H. Nash, February 24; Henry T. Sparks, February 27.

84 Eureka, Tenant's Harbor. William J. Caddy, May 8; Joseph W. Watts, October 28.

85 Star in the West, Unity. George T. Whitaker, October 10.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Charles T. Ames, August 1; Rufus H. Grant, September 9; Sewall B. Bailey, October 27.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. Albert M. Day, April 26; Linwood H. Jones, February 25.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Robert S. Nickles, April 18; Joseph Ware, February 21.

89 Island, Islesboro. Sylvanus J. Dodge,* July 17; Frank L. Berry, January 9.

91 Harwood, Machias. Manley B. Townsend, February 15, 1926; Warren G. Foss,* July 24; Ira S. Albee, November 10; Charles A. Preble, May; M. H. B. Thompson, April 15; George A. Leighton, February 5.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. Leverett A. Flewelling, May 7; Dana W. Foye, May 13; Herbert L. Kelley, June 3; Bion H. Dyer, January 14.

93 Horeb, Lincoln. Fred E. Gordan, February 10, 1926; John D. Bailey, April 3; Harris W. Crocker, August 1; Melvin B. Chesley, October 8; Joseph C. White, January 1.

94 Paris, South Paris. William P. Morton, April 21; Albert W. Walker, August 5.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Fremont Sanborn, November 11; George A. Lovejoy, December 12.

96 Monument, Houlton. Hubert E. Jackson,* April 10; Morris A. Burt,* May 9; James H. Ruth,* May 17; George A. Hiscock,* June 24; George B. McDougal, July 22; Frank Dunn,* July 24; George D. Williamson, January 30.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Ira C. Jordan, April 8; Abner West, April 22; Newton E. Richardson, July 3; William A. Bragg, January 3; Charles Banghart, January 12; Albert C. Frost, January 28.

98 Katahdin, Patten. William H. Bates, May 5; John Sargent, May 7; Edroy J. Parker, June 8; Earl E. Finch, January 28.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Melvin S. Gordan, May 4; Ernest J. Gilman, February 9.

100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. Llewellyn P. Bryant,* April 7; Hanno H. Cushman, February 18.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. Lewis Phinney, June 22; Howard A. Roberts, January 1; Roscoe G. Ricker, January 21.

102. Marsh River, Brooks. Wilbur E. Barker, September 19; Mark S. Stiles, Jr., October 12; John H. Boody, November 5.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Charles H. McDonald,* September; Frank M. Little,* March 7.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Horace L. Black, March 30; Daniel G. True, April; Levi O. Miller, January; Joseph A. Banks, February 6.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Henry J. Mitchell, May 5; John W. Proctor, October 12; J. Leroy Stevens, October 17; J. Wesley Miller, February 27.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Howard B. Look, June 8; Voranus C. Plummer, June 24; Winthrop J. Smith, July 15; Warren E. Noyes, October 10.

107 Day Spring, West Newfield. John C. Heald, June 19.

109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Sanford W. Haines, August 12.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. Fred M. Jennings, March 29; Charles L. Andrews, July 5; William F. Lord, November 24.

111 Liberty, Liberty. Rufus A. Carter, May 12.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. George E. Bartlett,* April 6; Samuel A. Campbell, December 2; John M. Thurlough,* February 2.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. Abel C. T. Wheeler, February 4, 1924; William M. Ayer, May 10; Edwin T. Mitchell, August 15.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Hartley K. Dunton, March 27; James A. McLellan, July 27.

115 Buxton, West Buxton. John S. Ross, date unknown; George A. Harmon, March 13; Munroe P. Marsh, May 28; Edwin M. Hill, June 27; Willis Crockett, June 22; James E. Sands, December 1; Liberty B. Hanson, December 8.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. Charles K. Allen,* October 30; Fred S. Lawton,* December 29; George S. Jewett,* January 27; Guerdon W. Yale, February 20; Charles T. Trench,* February 26.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. John R. Remick, July 14; Myron A. Bowie, August 12.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Thomas C. G. Furbush, April 18, 1921; Elden S. Shute, August 1; Hiram O. Eaton, December 8; Francis P. Heath, January 21.

121 Acacia, Durham. Samuel H. Dyer, May 22; William H. Thomas, January 25.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Charles E. Barbour, April 4.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. Edward S. Phillips, January 6; Daniel W. McKinnon, May, 1925.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. George A. Brooks, April 8; George S. Wallace, May 21; Percy E. Speed, June 8.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield. John M. Burns, March 26; Gordon McTaggart, April 2; Augustus F. Nelson, May 8; Frances E. Towle, July 11; Archie W. Varnum, November 15; Frank A. Palmer, November 15; John N. Martin, January 23.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. Frank W. Belmar, August 26.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Fred W. Plummer,* March 27; Charles F. Rollins,* September 27.

128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. Curtis Durgain, May 27; John F. Lane,* September 9; Frank W. Snell, October 2; A. Judson Conary, November 27; Edgar D. Robbins, January 15.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. John W. Farrar,* December 17; George F. Marriner, January 2.

130 Trinity, Presque, Isle. Aubrey M. Smith,* June 13; James A. DeWitt,* June 13; John W. Belyea,* January 4.

131 Lookout, Cutler. Daniel D. Huntley, June 21.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Warren V. Kneeland, March 23; William W. Watson, October 6; Samuel C. Smith, November 6; Charles W. York, December 2; Addison C. Holt, December 22.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Thorne H. Johnson,* June 9.

135 Riverside, Jefferson. Oakman F. Glidden, date not given; Frank W. Bowden, November 9; Melzer A. Nash, February 5; Albert A. Jewett, February 5; Martin E. Hewitt, February 25.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. Eri Worcester,* March 20; James A. Cowan,* April 8; Charles C. Hoyt, June 1; Albert C. Whitney,* November 6.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Abner S. Leland, October 21; Thomas C. Atkins, December 9; Nathaniel S. Ripley, February 28.

140 Mt. Desert, Mt. Desert. George W. Mayo, June 22.

141 Augusta, Augusta. William Young, March 15; John W. Moore, March 15; Everett Withee, April 21; Archie B. Cony, June 1; Joseph A. McLean, July 1; Charles Knowlton, September 7; Harry O. Johnson, February 10; Oscar C. S. Davies, February 18.

142 Ocean, Wells. William W. Tripp, March 21; Sidney E. Littlefield, June 3; George H. Littlefield, November 20.

143 Preble, Sanford. William H. Roberts, June 17; Fred Tarbox, June 24; William O. Nute, September 12; Dan McKechnie, Jr., January 12; William Kernon, January 24.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Marion M. Jewett, March 2; Hiram T. Thurston, March 14; Edward E. Pinkham, April 2; John Thompson, July 5, Byron W. Swett, July 6; Walter Williams, October 3; John S. Marson, December 14; Charles F. Dodge, February 9.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Llewellyn W. Vinal, April 1; Charles S. Green, May 9; Frederick A. Grindle, * July 9; George Roberts, * July 15; Fred A. Calderwood, * January 14; Ludwig Johnson, January 28.

146 Seabastickook, Clinton. George H. Young, February 6, 1922; Frank L. Besse, March 26; Ralph E. Gerald, * May 20.

147 Evening Star, Buckfield. Frederick S. Cummings, April 22.

148 Forest, Springfield. Karl A. Bean, May 1; Leroy Brown, June 7; Alfred S. Leighton, June 20; Almon H. Lombard, October 22.

149 Doric, Monson. John F. Sprague, May 7; August V. Peterson, August 19, Peter E. Johnson, October 16.

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. John H. Weber, March 22; David E. Parlin, November 10; Hiram B. Warner, January 11; George A. Emerson, January 26.

151 Excelsior, Northport. Mark D. Mendell, August 15.

152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. Leroy G. Tenney, August 2.

153 Delta, Lovell. Frank Harmon, April 17; J. J. Walker Nason, April 22; Albert A. Fowler, October 23.

154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Charles G. Dummer, May 31; H. Elmon Ellis, * January 21.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. George F. Cullet, Fall of 1926; Alfred C. White, * June 16; Herbert W. Pike, * June 25; Charles F. Piers, * February 25.

156 Wilton, Wilton. Cyrus Fenderson, April 18; Eugene M. Niles, May 19; William L. Phillips, January 31; Frank B. Mairs, February 13.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. George M. Kimball, September 1919; Elmer C. Trafton, October 17; John B. LaBree, January 10; Renaldo O. Austin, February 27.

160 Parian, Corinna. Edward S. Knowles, March 3; Fred L. Weed, December 13.

161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Norman J. Rawding, April 16; Charles A. Ricker, May 2; Frank G. Penney, May 21.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Daniel Y. Waterhouse, March 24; Charles W. Hall, January 11.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Eugene Wadlin, March 18; Charles A. Handy, July 4; William J. Humphrey, December 11; David S. Orrock, January 25.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. James M. Darling,* July 9.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Leonard A. Gilbert, September 20.

168 Composite, LaGrange. Joseph Long, July 22; William S. Porter, December 7.

169 Shepherd's, River, Brownfield. Melville Good,* April 20; Melmouth P. Lane,* May; John Stuart,* January 6; John Graffam,* January 30.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Willis L. Oak, March 12; Harper H. Noiles, June 10; Lloyd F. Leavitt, July 21; George W. Fitzpatrick, August 10.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Alton E. Farnsworth, March 28; Austin G. Herrick, May 24; Horace M. Pease, July 30; John C. Bradford, November 11; Roland A. Flye, November 18.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Albert M. Kimball, no date given.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Lester Strout, March 30; Orin P. Swanton, October 22.

174 Lynde, Hermon. Josiah J. Staples, April 15; E. Everett S. Hunt, July 9; Norris J. Wing, August; John W. Leathers, October 31.

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Clinton V. Keef,* April 4; Alaric R. Tuck, April 6; Douglas A. Daggett, December 23.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Lewis E. Hutchins, November 5.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Art L. Merrow, June 28; Charles H. Parker, September 7; George A. Allen,* November 28; William J. Woodbury, January 27; Henry C. French, February 8.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. Fred F. Clark, March 21; Fremont Allen, May 29; Charles L. Baston, June 9; Josiah B. Morrill, November 11; Lendall H. Brown, November 14.

180 Hiram, South Portland. David A. Calhoun,* May 25; Clarence A. Williams,* June 14; Oliver G. Lombard,* December 18; Stephen A. Woodbury,* December 25; Fred B. Hamlin,* February 2; Alphonso Rollins,* February 13.

182 Granite, West Paris. Charles R. Briggs, (no date given).

183 Deering, Portland. Allen Woodle, March 3; John A. Webber,* May 16; Lincoln E. Hall, June 3; Winfield A. Winslow, June 6; Henry I. Nelson, July 13; Francis T. Miller,* July 21; Martin W. Smart,* July 25; William A. Tanish, July 19; George C. Hamblet, November 22; Fred E. Wheeler, December 8; Eugene W. Sawyer,* December 8; Bradford L. Stevens,* December 28; Frantz E. C. Jensen,* January 24.

184 Naval, Kittery. Horace A. O. Allen, March 20; Fred W. Dorr, May 15; Raymond W. Packard, December 4.

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. William A. Rennie, November 11; John C. Manchester, November 26.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Francis A. Cloudman, April 15; Archelus H. Bachelder,* May 23; George F. Cook,* June 30; Charles H. Meserve,* July 30; James A. Andrews, December 24; Alvin S. Grover, December 27.

187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. Benjamin Clay, May 9; William B. Snow, November 12.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. David Doyle, April 10; George F. Kelley, October 13.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. Freeman E. Drake, May 4; Charles Robbins, December 21; I. Newton Morgan, February 10.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Hiram B. Rowe, March 21; Jesse Wilson,* April 14; Willis E. Sanborn, April 23; Alvah Garvin,* October 30.

191 Davis, Strong. Henry E. Mayo, June 18; Frank O. Welch, October 23.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Hiliard G. Smallidge, March 29; Nathan T. Bunker, March 30; George W. Tracy, May 5; Nathan A. Bickford, July 22.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Venum E. Wilder,* August 23; Harold E. Wilder,* November 7.

194 Euclid, Madison. George K. Jewell, June 14; Ezra M. Fletcher, October 19; Joseph W. Blackwell, November 7.

195 Reliance, Stonington. Joseph W. Buckminster, July 21, 1925; William L. Teel, June 22; Clarence D. Turner, November 11; Norman E. Torrey, November 27.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Albert N. Lockhart, December 24, 1924; Charles S. Hodgdon, March 13; Willard E. Wilson, May 20; Victor K. Montgomery, August 22.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Isaac V. Durgin, January 6.

198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. William W. Varrell, May 28; William S. Putnam, August 21; Frank E. Sewell, December 2.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Wendell P. Hubbard, July 7; John W. Ronco, December 1; George W. Brown, March 2.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Edward L. Webb, April 25; Henry P. Mitchell, May 30.

202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Marshall J. Niles,* December 15; Edward L. Donahue,* March 1.

203 Mount Olivet, Washington. Willard E. Overlock, April 4; Osgood P. Jameson, October; Atwood N. Sprague, December 17.

205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. Frank Bickmore, May 16.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Solomon J. Jamieson,* April 3; George F. Lilley,* August 12; Robert F. Bliss,* September 21; Marvin F. Bubar, January 20; Henry M. Baldwin,* February 8.

208 Northeast Harbor, Northeast Harbor. Herman M. Savage, July 20.

209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. Francis F. Stadig,* May 5; Luther Henderson, December 12.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Edwin C. Mason, December 2.

212 McKinley, McKinley. William F. Murphy, 1926; Woodbury H. Latty, July 21; Harry E. Latty, September 5; Charles A. Savery, October 20.

213 Kemankeag, Rangeley. Guy W. Pickel, April 14; David E. Hinkley, July 20; Arthur S. Arnburg, January 9.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. Herbert G. Herring, October 10.

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Alabama, Nov. 30, 1926,	Oliver D. Street, Guntersville.
Alberta, June 24, 1926,	T. F. English, Calgary.
Arizona, Feb. 9, 1926,	Nelson C. Bledsoe, Pisbee.
Arkansas, Nov. 26, 1926,	W. M. Kent, Sulphur Rock.
British Columbia, June 17, 1926,	Daniel W. Sutherland, Kelowna.
California, Oct. 12, 1926,	George L. Jones, Nevada City.
Canada, July 21, 1926,	John A. Rowland, Toronto.
Colorado, Sept. 21, 1926,	Frank J. Reinhard, Golden.
Connecticut, Feb. 2, 1927,	Theodore Foster, Chester.
Cuba, April 7, 1926,	Carlos M. Pineiro, Havana.
Delaware, October 6, 1926,	Harry Galbraith, Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 15, 1926,	Gratz E. Dunkum, Washington.
England, June 24, 1926,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, April 20, 1926,	Cary B. Fish, Sarasota.
Georgia, Oct. 26, 1926,	A. G. Miller, Waycross.
Idaho, Sept. 14, 1926,	Henry P. Gilndeman, Coeur d'Alene.
Illinois, Oct. 12, 1926,	Louis L. Emerson, Chicago.
Indiana, May 25, 1926,	William C. Geake, Fort Wayne.
Iowa, June 8, 1926,	Harry M. Belt, Des Moines.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1926,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 24, 1926,	John W. Neilson, Concordia.
Kentucky, Oct. 19, 1926,	C. S. Rankins, Newport.
Louisiana, Feb. 1, 1926,	J. Paul Haller, New Orleans.
Maine, May 3, 1927,	David L. Wilson, Bath.
Manitoba, June 9, 1926,	J. C. Walker Reid, Underhill.
Maryland, Nov. 16, 1926,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 8, 1926,	Frank Simpson, Swampscot.
Michigan, May 25, 1926,	Charles A. Donaldson, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota, Jan. 19, 1927,	William R. Smith, Benson.
Mississippi, Feb. 15, 1927,	James H. Johnson, Clarksdale.
Missouri, Oct. 26, 1926,	John Pickard, Columbia.
Montana, Sept. 18, 1926,	James M. Charteris, Great Falls.
Nebraska, June 8, 1926,	Edwiu D. Crites, Chadron.
Nevada, June 10, 1926,	Wendell H. Churchyard, Yerington.
New Brunswick, Aug. 26, 1926,	James Vroom, St. Stephen.
New Hampshire, May 19, 1926,	Bela Kingman, Newmarket.
New Jersey, April 21, 1926,	William B. Mackey, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 25, 1927,	John S. Mactarish, Magdalena.
N. South Wales, June 9, 1926,	John Goulston.
New York, May 5, 1927,	Harold J. Richardson, Lowville.
New Zealand, Nov. 24, 1926,	Charles Ferguson, Auckland.

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Nova Scotia, June 9, 1926,	Arthur James Davis, Sussex.
Ohio, Oct. 20, 1926,	Charles L. Minor, Springfield.
Oklahoma, Feb. 23, 1926,	Claude A. Sturgeon, McAlister.
Oregon, June 16, 1926,	Edgar H. Sensenich, Portland.
Panama, Mar. 7, 1925,	Victor Jesurun, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1926,	William M. Hamilton, Philadelphia.
Peru, March 24, 1919,	Alberto Baroni, Lima.
Philippine Islands, Jan. 26, 1926,	Francisco A. Delgado, Manila.
Porto Rico, Mar. 19, 1923,	Luis M. Morales, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 23, 1926,	John M. Nicolson, Summerside.
Quebec, Feb. 13, 1924,	Allan P. Shatford, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 17, 1926,	William L. Sweet, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 16, 1926,	W. J. Smith, Shaunavon.
Scotland, Feb. 3, 1927	The Lord Blythswood.
South Australia, Apr. 21, 1926,	Thomas Slaney Poole.
South Carolina, Mar. 10, 1926,	Charlton Durant, Manning.
South Dakota, June 8, 1926,	Leonard M. Simons, Belle Fourche.
Tasmania, Aug. 28, 1926,	Claude E. W. James.
Tennessee, Jan. 26, 1927,	H. Lee Fox, Murfreesboro.
Texas, Dec. 1, 1926,	A. A. Ross, Lockhart.
Utah, Jan. 18, 1927,	Dana T. Smith.
Vermont, June 9, 1926,	Frederick H. Babbitt, Bellows Falls.
Victoria, Dec. 16, 1925,	Earl of Stradbroke.
Virginia, Feb. 9, 1926,	Ben W. Beach, Danville.
Washington, June 18, 1925,	Morton Gregory, Tacoma.
West Virginia, Nov. 10, 1926,	W. Taylor Workman, Echo.
West Australia, May 25, 1926,	Charles O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 8, 1926,	D. H. Moody, Oconto.
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New Zealand — JOHN JOSEPH DOUGALL, Christchurch.
North Carolina —
North Dakota — EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Mandan.
Nova Scotia — JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Halifax.
Ohio — ORION P. SPERRA, Ravenna.
Oklahoma — ROSS F. TERRELL, Stigler.
Oregon — LYTEL W. MATTHEWS, Portland.
Panama — JOSE OLLER, Panama.

- Peru — MANUEL MONTENEGRO, Lima
 Philippine Islands — GEORGE R. HARVEY, Manila.
 Prince Edward Island — GEORGE W. WAKEFORD, Charlottetown.
 Quebec — PETER W. A. BURKET, Montreal.
 Rhode Island — ARTHUR A. RHODES, Pawtuxet.
 Saskatchewan — G. W. S. EISNOR, Woodrow.
 South Australia — FRANK SMITH.
 South Carolina — CLAUDE E. SAWYER, Aiken.
 South Dakota — FRANK M. ROBERTS, Pierpont.
 Tasmania — THOMAS DAVEY.
 Tennessee — JAMES H. SWAN, Bristol.
 Texas — STEPHEN M. BRADLEY, Denton.
 Utah — ELMER ELLSWORTH CORFMAN, Salt Lake City.
 Vermont — GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Bellows Falls.
 Victoria — C. T. MARTIN, Melbourne.
 Virginia — CHARLES A. NESBITT, Richmond.
 Washington — THOMAS E. SKAGGS, Everett.
 Western Australia — C. E. HEAZELWOOD, Perth.
 West Virginia — A. BERTRAM C. BRAY, Ronceverte.
 Wisconsin — GEORGE B. WHEELER, Eau Claire.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Maine

- Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL, Pittsfield.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE, Gardiner.
 Arizona — LESTER M. ANDREWS, Oakland.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS, Portland.
 British Columbia — DANIEL G. CHAPLIN, Cornish.
 Canada — JAMES ABERNETHY, West Pembroke.
 Colorado — HAROLD E. COOK, Gardiner.
 Cuba — LEON S. HOWE, Houlton.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES, Calais.
 Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON, Rumford.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON, Fort Fairfield.
 England — ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, Bangor.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor.
 Georgia —
 Idaho — HIRAM A. WEBBER, Brunswick.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford.
 Indiana — WARREN C. KING, Portland.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT, Lewiston.

- Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL, Bridgton.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES, Stockton Springs.
 Maryland — HARRY E. ROWE, Ellsworth.
 Michigan — E. MURRAY GRAHAM, Portland.
 Minnesota — SULLIVAN I. ANDREWS, Lewiston.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH, Portland.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Brunswick.
 Nebraska — JAMES A. RICHAN, Rockland.
 Nevada — *
- New Brunswick — WILLIS A. RICKER, Castine.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH, Norway.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT, Rockland.
 New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY, Gray.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR, Island Falls.
 North Carolina — CHARLES F. JOHNSON, Waterville.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON, Portland.
 Nova Scotia — JOHN H. MCGORRILL, Woodfords.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.
 Oklahoma — WM. FREEMAN LORD, Auburn.
 Oregon —
- Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK, Biddeford.
 Peru — FRANK B. ARNOLD, Needham Heights, Mass.
 Philippine Islands —
- Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD, Rockland.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE, Augusta.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER, Cornish.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE, Bangor.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH, Bangor.
 South Australia — LEE M. SMITH, Norway.
 South Carolina — ALLEN L. CURTIS, Beliaast.
 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 — A. FRANCIS WALCH, Yarmouth.
 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 — DAVID L. WILSON, Bath.

RECAPITULATION—1927

Lodges enrolled.....	216
" extinct.....	9
" working.....	207
" represented at communication, 1927.....	189
Number of representatives.....	254
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	194
Initiated.....	1,366
Raised.....	1,349
Affiliated.....	142
Re-instated.....	74
Total increase.....	— 1,565
Demitted.....	170
Died.....	717
Expelled.....	0
Suspended.....	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	411
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	1
Total decrease.....	— 1,301
Net increase.....	— 264
Members March 1, 1926.....	43,485
Members March 1, 1927.....	43,749
Grand Lodge Receipts.....	\$51,578.76
" " Disbursements.....	\$27,419.44
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$85,017.16
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$4,426.26
from Special Assessment.....	\$21,875.26

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MASONIC HALL, UNION

Dedicated May 27, 1927

Grand Lodge of Maine

1927

Special Communication

UNION, ME., May 27, 1927.

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in the Reception Room of the new Masonic Temple in Union, at four o'clock P. M., for the purpose of dedicating the new hall built by Union Lodge, No. 31.

PRESENT:

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master
JOHN O. MOULTON,	as R. W. Deputy Grand Master
CHESTER B. HALL,	as " Senior Grand Warden
WILLIAM B. MURPHY,	as " Junior Grand Warden
FRANK A. PETERSON,	as " Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary
EBEN J. MARSTON,	W. " Marshal
CHARLES D. PAUL,	as " " Chaplain
FRANK D. ROWE,	as " " Senior Deacon
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	" " Junior Deacon
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " Senior Steward
HERBERT L. GRINNELL,	as " " Junior Steward
JESSE A. ALEXANDER,	as " " Tyler

Union Lodge having opened in the main hall without form in the presence of about one hundred brethren and their ladies, by a committee of Past Masters, informed the M. W. Grand Master that they awaited his reception.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the main hall and was received with due honors, and the Grand Officers assuming their respective stations.

The ceremony of dedicating the new hall was performed in due and ancient form by the M. W. Grand Master with the assistance of the brethren.

The Grand Lodge was then declared closed without form.

David L. Wilson
Grand Master.



Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.

In the evening, following a bountiful repast provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star, there was a public meeting with an address by M. W. Grand Master Wilson.

Grand Lodge of Maine

1927

Special Communication

PORTLAND, ME.,

North Deering Section,

June 10, 1927.

A Special Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine was opened in the Grange Hall for the purpose of constituting Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, which has been voted a charter by the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication May 5, 1927.

PRESENT:

DAVID L. WILSON,		M. W. Grand Master
HAROLD E. COOK,		R. W. Deputy Grand Master
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,		" Senior Grand Warden
ERNEST J. RECORD,		" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,		" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,		" " Secretary
GEORGE H. MINOTT,		" D. D. G. M. 17th Dist.
HENRY W. LORING,		" " 21st "
WILLIAM A. SMALL,		" " 23rd "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,		W. Grand Chaplain
" DANIEL I. GROSS,		" " "
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,		" " "
EBEN J. MARSTON,		" " Marshal
ALBERT W. DOUGHTY,	as	" " Senior Deacon
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,		" " Junior Deacon
HAROLD C. SMITH,		" " Senior Steward
JOHN SHAW,	as	" " Junior Steward
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,		" " Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,		" " Pursuivant
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,		" " Lecturer
JESSE W. ALEXANDER,	as	" " Tyler

Also present Past M. W. Grand Masters Silas B. Adams and David E. Moulton.

In addition to the petitioners for a charter there were present more than 150 brethren to witness the ceremony.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened in an outer apartment, Bro. Fred T. Fogg, the Master elect of the new lodge, with his two Wardens, Frederick H. Knight and Harlan E. Irish, were admitted, who informed the Grand Master that the brethren of his lodge were assembled and awaited the pleasure of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then entered the main hall, was received with the Grand Honors of Masonry, and the Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The ceremony of constituting Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, was carried out in due and ancient form by the M. W. Grand Master with the assistance of the brethren.

Appropriate music was furnished by the Acacia Club Quartet of Deering Lodge, No. 180.

The officers of Corner Stone Lodge were installed by Past M. W. Grand Master Silas B. Adams, assisted by Wor. Grand Marshal Eben J. Marston and Wor. Grand Chaplain A. Francis Walch.

The following officers were installed:

FRED T. FOGG,	Worshipful Master
FREDERICK H. KNIGHT,	Senior Warden
HARLAN E. IRISH,	Junior Warden
JAMES H. JACKSON,	Treasurer
MELVILLE C. COLE,	Secretary
FRED W. BARNES,	Chaplain

WALTER D. WOODBURY,	Marshal
ROBERT E. LUCAS, JR.,	Senior Deacon
HAROLD C. FLINT,	Junior Deacon
WILLIAM R. GARTON,	Senior Steward
ALTON J. IRISH,	Junior Steward
SYDNEY SMITH,	Tyler

The Grand Lodge was closed without form.

David L. Wilson
Grand Master.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.



Grand Lodge of Maine

1928

One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
 Tuesday, May 1, 1928. }

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.

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master,	Bath
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Gardiner
F. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" Senior Grand Warden,	Portland
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" Junior Grand Warden,	So. Paris
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary,	Portland
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. " Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " "	Bangor
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Augusta
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	" " "	Portland
EBEN J. MARSTON,	" " Marshal,	Bath
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	" " Junior Deacon,	Lisbon Falls
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Biddeford
BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	" " "	Bar Harbor
FRED C. TOLMAN	" " "	Portland
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " "	Gardiner
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	" " Sword Bearer,	Auburn
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	" " Standard Bearer,	Fort Fairfield
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
WARREN A. NICHOLS,	" " "	Belfast
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
FRED L. HILL,	" " Organist,	Portland
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	" " Tyler,	Portland

Also 273 delegates, representing 197 of the 207 chartered lodges, six of the eight living Past Grand Masters, with 28 out of the other 39 Permanent

Members, including 47 of the 61 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, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. HAROLD E. COOK,

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. ASHLEY A. SMITH,

Voted, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during this Annual Communication.

On motion of Bro. HAROLD E. COOK,

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 employes upon the pay roll, and that they receive the usual *per diem* for their services.

REGRETS.

The Grand Secretary read letters of regret for unavoidable non-attendance from R. W. Bros. FRANK B. ARNOLD, P. J. G. W., and ALBERT H. NEWBERT, P. J. G. W.

GREETINGS.

The Grand Secretary read a letter of greeting from R. W. Bro. J. B. WAY, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, which was ordered to be made a matter of record; also a telegram of greeting from J. MELVIN DRESSER, M. W. Grand Master of New Hampshire, which was ordered to be acknowledged and made a matter of record.

TRANSPORTATION.

BRO. CHARLES B. DAVIS, for the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

TRANSPORTATION

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 1, 1928.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Transportation appointed at the close of the last annual communication to arrange for reduced fares to this communication of the Grand Lodge beg leave to report that early in January we opened correspondence with all of the transportation companies in the state relative to reduced fares to representatives and members attending this annual communication.

The replies received were along the same line as those of one year before, all the companies excepting two offering some sort of reduction. The two companies that refused to make concessions were the Boston & Maine Railroad, which refused on the ground that our representatives at the last time they made concession used so few of the tickets over their line that they did not consider it advisable to offer special rates for this year. The other company was the Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad, which operates between Belfast and Burnham Junction. Their excuse was that they were not in financial condition to offer any reduction of fares.

The Maine Central Railroad offered fare and one-half for the round trip from all its stations in Maine to Portland and return, tickets on sale April 30th until May 4th, inclusive, good to return until midnight of May 5th.

The Grand Trunk offered a like reduction from all the stations on its line in Maine.

The Bangor & Aroostook offered fare and one-third for the round trip from all its stations to Northern Maine Junction, through tickets being sold at such reduced rate plus reduced round trip fare from Northern Maine Junction to Portland and return over the Maine Central.

The Bridgton & Saco River Railroad and the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad suggested their regular thirty-day return ticket.

Your Committee advised all the lodges on the Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad to instruct their representatives to buy regular full fare tickets to Burnham Junction and at that point to buy the Maine Central's one and one-half fare tickets to Portland and return. They might thereby save somewhat on their round fare from home to Portland.

Your Committee has already tendered the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the various railroads for the courtesy which they have extended by the rate reductions offered.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
ERNEST J. RECORD,

} Committee.

The report was accepted and the action of the committee in extending the thanks of the Grand Lodge approved.

VACANCIES FILLED.

The Grand Master made the following appointments to fill vacancies in Standing Committees:

NATHAN C. REDLON to the Committee on Finance in place of FRANKLIN R. REDLON.

DAVID E. MOULTON in place of ENOCH O. GREENLEAF, deceased, and WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON in place of ALBERT M. PENLEY, deceased, on the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

ALLEN L. CURTIS in place of EDWARD G. WESTON, deceased, on the Committee of Publication.

WILLIAM S. HOLMES in place of FRANKLIN R. REDLON on the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

ALBERT M. SPEAR in place of W. FREEMAN LORD, deceased, on the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution.

The Grand Master then appointed the following regular committees for this session:

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

THOMAS H. BODGE, ASHLEY A. SMITH, CONVERS E. LEACH.

ON PAY ROLL.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WARREN A. NICHOLS.

CREDENTIALS.

Bro. RALPH H. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, May 1, 1928.

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

- 1 PORTLAND, by Robert D. Chase, M.; Leonard W. Stack, S. W.; Leon C. Spear, J. W.; T. Jefferson Foster, Proxy.
- 2 WARREN, by Warren B. Pettegrew, M.
- 3 LINCOLN, by Harvey R. Pease, M.
- 4 HANCOCK, by Horace M. Leach, M.
- 5 KENNEBEC, by Carroll A. Gray, S. W.

- 6 AMITY, by George E. Boynton, Proxy.
- 7 EASTERN, by Earl J. McInnis, M.
- 8 UNITED, by Henry C. Upton, Proxy.
- 9 SACO, by Edgar H. Pellerin, M.; William H. Deering, J. W.
- 10 RISING VIRTUE, by Charles E. Tuttle, Proxy.
- 11 ———PYTHAGOREAN, not represented.
- 12 CUMBERLAND, by Leo G. Torrey, M.; Howard W. Locke, S. W.
- 13 ORIENTAL, by Walter H. Jones, M.; James Fitton, S. W.; J. Henry Halkett, Proxy.
- 14 SOLAR, by Roy F. Shackford, M.; Jason A. Merrill, S. W.; David E. Rich, J. W.; Edwin H. P. Lowell, Proxy.
- 15 ORIENT, by Enoch M. Clark, M.
- 16 ST. GEORGE, by Josiah O. Jameson, M.; G. Dudley Gould, Proxy.
- 17 ANCIENT LAND-MARK, by Carroll S. Chaplin, M.; Bennett Norton, S. W.; Harold V. Bickmore, J. W.; Charles W. T. Goding, Jr., Proxy.
- 18 OXFORD, by Eliot A. Fuller, M.; Raymond H. Eastman, Proxy.
- 19 FELICITY, by Ulysses G. Houston, M.; Harmon J. Harriman, Proxy.
- 20 MAINE, by Currier C. Holman, M.; Carl N. Fenderson, S. W.; H. Burton Voter, Proxy.
- 21 ORIENTAL STAR, by Charles A. Libby, Proxy.
- 22 YORK, by Roy A. Evans, M.; George L. Authier, S. W.; Willis E. Watson, J. W.
- 23 FREEPORT, by William W. Fish, M.; Clarence B. Small, S. W.; Alpheus G. Dyer, J. W.; Walter V. Cole, Proxy.
- 24 PHOENIX, by Norman S. Donahue, J. W.; Warren A. Nichols, Proxy.
- 25 TEMPLE, by George B. Morrison, M.
- 26 VILLAGE, by Clarence O. Purinton, M.
- 27 ADONIRAM, by Warren Manson, Proxy.
- 28 NORTHERN STAR, by Benj. W. Ela, M.
- 29 TRANQUIL, by Arthur L. Newman, Proxy.
- 30 BLAZING STAR, by Chas. W. Burditt, M.
- 31 UNION, by William C. Gleason, M.
- 32 HERMON, by Bradford H. White, M.
- 33 WATERVILLE, by Howard A. Rainey, M.; George T. Williams, Proxy.
- 34 SOMERSET, by John H. Lancaster, Proxy.
- 35 BETHLEHEM, by Ralph S. Ingraham, M.; John C. Arnold, Proxy.
- 36 CASCO, by Mads J. Madsen, Proxy.
- 37 WASHINGTON, by John W. Peabody, Proxy.
- 38 HARMONY, by Frederick R. Summersides, Proxy.
- 39 PENOBSCOT, by Arthur H. Page, M.
- 40 LYGONIA, by Fred S. Shea, M.; Roger L. Higgins, Proxy.
- 41 MORNING STAR, by Cyrus M. Kendrick, Proxy.
- 42 FREEDOM, by Mark L. Burnham, M.
- 43 ALNA, by Pearl E. Woodbury, M.
- 44 PISCATAQUIS, by Oscar L. Hamlin, M.; Arthur F. Lewis, Proxy.
- 45 CENTRAL, by Clive E. Bagley, M.

- 46 ST. CROIX, by Clarence B. Beckett, M.; Henry R. Gillis, Proxy.
- 47 DUNLAP, by Lloyd L. Cole, M.; Herbert W. Thompson, S. W.
- 48 LAFAYETTE, by Roy C. Giles, M.; Merle C. Gorden, J. W.
- 49 MERIDIAN SPLENDOR, by William E. Condon, M.
- 50 AURORA, by Leroy A. Chatto, M.
- 51 ST. JOHN'S, by Clarence L. Blaisdell, M.; Frederic L. Davis, Proxy.
- 52 MOSAIC, by Charles L. Severance, M.
- 53 RURAL, by F. Bigelow Barnard, M.; Theodore W. Longley, Jr., J. W.
- 54 VASSALBORO, by Herbert Muir, M.
- 55 FRATERNAL, by Myron J. Ricker, M.; Alva Warren, S. W.; Herman J. Sayward, Proxy.
- 56 MOUNT MORIAH, by Ira A. Merrill, M.
- 57 KING HIRAM, by John L. Delano, Proxy.
- 58 UNITY, by Eli V. Cornlorth, M.
- 59 MOUNT HOPE — *Charter surrendered in 1879.*
- 60 STAR IN THE EAST, by Mortimer S. Fayle, M.
- 61 KING SOLOMON'S, by Albert G. Benner, J. W.; Fred S. Simmons, Proxy.
- 62 KING DAVID'S, by Harry A. Frohock, M.
- 63 RICHMOND, by Leslie F. Roberts, M.; Clifford E. Seekins, Proxy.
- 64 ——— PACIFIC, not represented.
- 65 MYSTIC, by Amos A. Carter, S. W.; Stuart M. Woodard, Proxy.
- 66 MECHANICS' by Douglass M. Beale, Proxy.
- 67 BLUE MOUNTAIN, by J. Blaine Morrison, Proxy.
- 68 ——— MARINERS', not represented.
- 69 HOWARD, by Carleton E. Young, M.
- 70 STANDISH, by Guy E. Lombard, Proxy.
- 71 RISING SUN, by Lewis G. Hubbard, M.; Ashur B. Hutchins, Proxy.
- 72 PIONEER, by Wilmer A. Moores, M.; George E. Shepard, S. W.
- 73 TYRIAN, by Byron L. Strout, J. W.
- 74 BRISTOL, by Henry F. Hunter, S. W.; Ozro M. Benner, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter, Proxy.
- 75 PLYMOUTH, by Herbert E. Clark, M.
- 76 ARUNDEL, by George M. Stevens, Proxy.
- 77 TREMONT, by Walter F. Joy, M.
- 78 CRESCENT, by Robert Gillespie, M.
- 79 ROCKLAND, by Willis R. Lufkin, Proxy.
- 80 KEYSTONE, by Myron C. Jewett, Proxy.
- 81 ATLANTIC, by Frank P. Preti, M.; Claude M. Quick, Proxy.
- 82 ST. PAUL'S, by Earl P. Grant, M.
- 83 ST. ANDREW'S, by George H. Stone, S. W.
- 84 EUREKA, by Frederick Chilles, M.
- 85 STAR IN THE EAST, by Charles W. Taylor, M.
- 86 TEMPLE, by George F. Trueworthy, M.; Walter W. Smith, S. W.; Charles R. Moore, J. W.; Frank H. Robie, Proxy.
- 87 BENEVOLENT, by Roger S. McGown, M.
- 88 NARRAGUAGUS, by Alton H. Benner, M.
- 89 ISLAND, by Joseph A. Pendleton, Proxy.

- 90 HIRAM ABIFF — *Charter revoked in 1868.*
 91 HARWOOD, by Horace E. Tribou, M.
 92 SILOAM, by Paul L. Woodworth, M.
 93 HOREB, by Austin G. Haynes, Proxy.
 94 PARIS, by Clifford H. Davis, M.; Walter B. Strickland, Proxy.
 95 CORINTHIAN, by Walter S. Hubbard, M.
 96 MONUMENT, by Elson A. Hosford, M.
 97 BETHEL, by Ernest F. Bisbee, Proxy.
 98 KATAHDIN, by Roy D. Parsons, M.
 99 ————VERNON VALLEY, not represented.
 100 JEFFERSON, by George Fobes, M.
 101 NEZINSCOT, by Charles F. Bradford, Proxy.
 102 MARSH RIVER, by Walter O'Brien, S. W.
 103 DRESDEN, by Joseph L. Houdlette, M.
 104 DIRIGO, by Ray Clifford, J. W.
 105 ASHLAR, by Ray H. Gilpatrick, M.; Chandler H. Farron, S. W.;
 Blaine Abbott, Proxy.
 106 ————TUSCAN, not represented.
 107 ————DAY SPRING, not represented.
 108 RELIEF — *Charter recalled in 1894.*
 109 MOUNT KINEO, by Walter G. Blake, S. W.
 110 MONMOUTH, by Frank M. Foss, M.
 111 LIBERTY, by Arthur H. Norton, Proxy.
 112 EASTERN FRONTIER, by Fred S. Kilburn, M.
 113 MESSALONSKEE, by Lester M. Andrews, Proxy.
 114 POLAR STAR, by Edward W. Sampson, M.; William P. Marks, S. W.
 115 BUXTON, by Oliver Earle, Proxy.
 116 LEBANON, by Frank G. Davis, Proxy.
 117 GREENLEAF, by Eion Bradley, Proxy.
 118 DRUMMOND, by Frank H. Bickford, Proxy.
 119 ————POWNAL, not represented.
 120 MEDUNCOOK — *Charter surrendered in 1884.*
 121 ————ACACIA, not represented.
 122 MARINE, by Dean C. Weed, Proxy.
 123 FRANKLIN, by Charles H. Bailey, M.; George E. Campbell, S. W.;
 Clyde A. Dunton, J. W.; Fred W. Sanders, Proxy.
 124 OLIVE BRANCH, by Arthur R. Baker, M.
 125 MERIDIAN, by Fred G. Eaton, M.; Fred M. Bean, Proxy.
 126 TIMOTHY CHASE, by Leroy Coombs, M.
 127 PRESUMPCOT, by Clarence W. Proctor, Proxy.
 128 EGGEMOGGIN, by Guy M. Means, M.
 129 QUANTABACOOK, by Charles G. Hemminway, M.
 130 TRINTY, by George T. Noyes, M.
 131 LOOKOUT, by William E. Farris, M.
 132 MOUNT TIR'EM, by Clarence H. Pride, Proxy.
 133 ASYLUM, by Raleigh D. Knapp, M.; Augustus E. Campbell, Proxy.
 134 TROJAN — *Consolidated with Star in the West, No. 85, in 1888.*

- 135 RIVERSIDE, by Maurice A. Prann, M.
136 IONIC — *Charter surrendered in 1882.*
137 KENDUSKEAG, by Earle A. Orton, M.
138 LEWY'S ISLAND, by Charles C. Davis, Proxy.
139 ARCHON, by Guy M. Twombly, S. W.; Amos W. Knowlton, Proxy.
140 MOUNT DESERT, by Merrill E. Cousens, M.
141 AUGUSTA, by LeRoy F. Hussey, M.
142 ——— OCEAN, not represented.
143 PREBLE, by Edwin Sydney Denby, M.; Henry W. Fogelstrom, S. W.;
Frederick Allen, J. W.; Kenneth E. Bradbury, Proxy.
144 SEASIDE, by Clarence E. McKown, Proxy.
145 ——— MOSES WEBSTER, not represented.
146 SEBASTICOOK, by Harold R. Bean, M.
147 EVENING STAR, by Morton P. Garland, M.
148 FOREST, by Edwin B. Cole, Proxy.
149 DORIC, by Floyd Welch, S. W.
150 RABBONI, by Arthur Booth, M.
151 ——— EXCELSIOR, not represented.
152 CROOKED RIVER, by Albert W. Weston, M.
153 ——— DELTA, not represented.
154 MYSTIC TIE, by Adelbert D. McIntire, M.
155 ANCIENT YORK, by Elliott K. Hale, M.; Daniel E. Kelley, J. W.;
Asbury M. Blake, Proxy.
156 WILTON, by Frank E. Brann, M.; Richard B. Knapp, Jr., S. W.;
Laureston E. Orr, J. W.; Cyrus N. Blanchard, Proxy.
157 CAMBRIDGE, by Fred C. Eldridge, Proxy.
158 ANCHOR, by John A. Turner, Proxy.
159 ESOTERIC — *Consolidated with Lygonia, No. 40, in 1908.*
160 PARIAN, by Henry M. King, M.
161 CARRABASSET, by Edson I. Hunt, M.; Fred C. Dunlap, Proxy.
162 ARION, by John W. Peterson, Proxy.
163 PLEASANT RIVER, by George W. Evans, Proxy.
164 WEBSTER, by John T. Thomson, M.
165 MOLUNKUS, by Felix M. Merry, J. W.; Ralph M. Robinson, Proxy.
166 NEGUEMKEAG, by Forest J. Brown, M.
167 WHITNEY, by Fred A. Sproul, M.; Jay W. Bryant, Proxy.
168 COMPOSITE, by Lyndon C. Fowles, M.
169 SHEPHERD'S RIVER, by Ellsworth E. Gilpatrick, Proxy.
170 CARIBOU, by Foye R. Betyea, Proxy.
171 NASKEAG, by Edward L. Lescott, S. W.
172 PINE TREE, by Fred A. Budge, Proxy.
173 PLEIADES, by Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.
174 LYNDE, by Russell S. Jackson, M.
175 BASKAHEGAN, by Horace M. Pullen, M.; Martin L. Porter, Proxy.
176 PALESTINE — *Consolidated with Dunlap, No. 47, in 1895.*
177 RISING STAR, by Hill Wilson, M.
178 ANCIENT BROTHERS', by Ned P. Willis, Proxy.

- 179 YORKSHIRE, by Leonard M. Dockam, M.
 180 HIRAM, by George H. Hinckley, S. W.; Roy A. Woodside, J. W.
 181 REUEL WASHBURN — *Consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1882.*
 182 GRANITE, by Ronald B. Ross, Proxy.
 183 DEERING, by Lewis W. Phinney, M.; Herbert N. Maxfield, Jr., S. W.;
 Earle W. Frank, J. W.; George F. Grant, Proxy.
 184 NAVAL, by Frank N. Taylor, M.; Daniel O. Blaisdell, S. W.
 185 BAR HARBOR, by Carroll C. Brown, Proxy.
 186 WARREN PHILLIPS, by Frank L. McKenney, M.
 187 IRA BERRY, by Forrest B. Snow, Proxy.
 188 JONESPORT, by Frank T. Higgins, M.
 189 KNOX, by John M. Ingram, Proxy.
 190 SPRINGVALE, by Albert L. Spence, M.
 191 DAVIS, by F. Ardine Richardson, Proxy.
 192 WINTER HARBOR, by Hoel H. Hanson, Proxy.
 193 WASHBURN, by Everett C. Cunningham, M.
 194 EUCLID, by William H. Morrison, M.; Harold B. Caldwell, S. W.
 195 RELIANCE, by John Wallace, Proxy.
 196 BAY VIEW, by George W. Linekin, Proxy.
 197 AROOSTOOK, by Fred C. English, M.
 198 ST. ASPINQUID, by Fred E. Welch, M.; Roy W. Sturtevant, S. W.
 199 BINGHAM, by Arthur J. Tupper, M.
 200 COLUMBIA, by Roy M. Keirstead, M.
 201 DAVID A. HOOPER, Peter Milne, Proxy.
 202 ———MOUNT BIGELOW, not represented.
 203 MOUNT OLIVET, by Leland M. Johnston, S. W.
 204 MOUNT ABRAM, by Milton J. Wing, M.; Hartley B. Sprague, Proxy.
 205 NOLLESEMIC, by John R. Soper, M.; George H. Cressy, J. W.
 206 ISLAND FALLS, by Frank L. Downs, Proxy.
 207 ABNER WADE, by Chester C. Moulton, M.
 208 NORTHEAST HARBOR, by William S. Holmes, Proxy.
 209 FORT KENT, by James I. Hunt, Proxy.
 210 BAGADUCE, by Sidney H. Hawes, Proxy.
 211 MEDUNCOOK, by John D. Mitchell, Proxy.
 212 MCKINLEY, by Herbert P. Richardson, Proxy.
 213 KEMANKEAG, by Charles W. Barrett, Proxy.
 214 LIMESTONE, by S. Waldo Burgess, M.
 215 ORCHARD, by W. Warren Harmon, M.; E. Blanchard Pillsbury, Proxy.
 216 CORNER-STONE, by Fred H. Knight, M.; Harlan E. Irish, S. W.
 (Chartered Lodges, 207; represented, 197; delegates, 273).

The following Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge are present:

M. W. ASHLEY A. SMITH,	P. G. M.
" THOMAS H. BODGE,	"
" SILAS B. ADAMS,	"
" EDWARD W. WHEELER,	"
" ALBERT M. SPEAR,	"
" DAVID E. MOULTON,	"

R. W. CHARLES W. CROSBY,	P. S. G. W.
" W. SCOTT SHOREY,	"
" FRANK J. COLE,	"
" ISAAC N. JONES,	"
" FRED C. CHALMERS,	"
" ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	"
" WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	"
" JOHN J. MARR,	"
" LEWMAN B. SOPER,	"
" FREDERIC O. EATON,	"
" FRANK P. DENACO,	"
" HARRY E. ROWE,	"
" JAMES ABERNETHY,	"
" ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	P. J. G. W.
" HOWARD D. SMITH,	"
" GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	"
" MILLARD M. CASWELL,	"
" JAMES C. AYER,	"
" ALBERT M. AMES,	"
" CONVERS E. LEACH,	"
" EDWIN K. SMITH,	"
" CARROLL S. DOUGLASS,	"
" WALLACE N. PRICE,	"
" ALLEN C. CURTIS,	"
" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	"
" ERWIN G. RYDER,	"
" JAMES A. RICHAN,	"
" EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE,	"

And Grand Officers as follows:

DAVID L. WILSON,	M. W. Grand Master
HAROLD E. COOK,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	" Senior Grand Warden
ERNEST J. RECORD,	" Junior Grand Warden
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" " Secretary
CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary
GEORGE R. FENDERSON,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.
JOHN L. POLLEYS,	" " 2nd "
CALEB G. ALDRICH,	" " 3rd "
LINWOOD A. RYDER,	" " 5th "
ARTHUR M. BAKER,	" " 6th "
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,	" " 7th "
LYNWOOD B. THOMPSON,	" " 8th "
JOHN L. TEWKSBURY,	" " 9th "
NORRIS S. LORD,	" " 10th "
GUY M. TOWLE,	" " 11th "

WILLIS L. HODGDON,	R. W. D. D. G. M. 13th Dist.
HENRY G. SHAW,	" " 14th "
FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD,	" " 15th "
HERBERT C. ROWE,	" " 16th "
GEORGE H. MINOTT,	" " 17th "
FRANK M. HARMON,	" " 18th "
FRANK H. LIBBY,	" " 19th "
ARTEMUS J. RICHARDSON,	" " 21st "
SAMUEL P. IRELAND,	" " 22nd "
WILLIAM A. SMALL,	" " 23rd "
HENRY W. LORING,	" " 24th "
CARL L. HEWS,	" " 25th "
AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER,	" " 26th "
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " "
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	" " "
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "
EBEN J. MARSTON,	" " Marshal
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Senior Deacon
OLIVER MOSES, 3rd,	" " Junior Deacon
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward
BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,	" " "
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " "
JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD,	" " Sword Bearer
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	" " Standard Bearer
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant
WARREN A. NICHOLS,	" " "
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer
FRED L. HILL,	" " Organist
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	" " Tyler

The following Grand Representatives are in attendance:

Alabama — GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL.
 Alberta — WALLACE N. PRICE.
 Arizona — LESTER M. ANDREWS.
 Arkansas — SILAS B. ADAMS.
 British Columbia — DANIEL G. CHAPLIN.
 Canada — JAMES ABERNETHY.
 Colorado — HAROLD E. COOK.
 Connecticut — ISAAC N. JONES.
 Delaware — JAMES B. STEVENSON.
 District of Columbia — WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON.
 England — ALVOID E. CUSHMAN.
 Florida — FRED C. CHALMERS.
 Georgia — JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER.
 Illinois — FREDERIC O. EATON.

Indiana — WARREN C. KING.
 Kansas — ARCHIE LEE TALBOT.
 Louisiana — MILLARD M. CASWELL.
 Manitoba — ALBERT M. AMES.
 Maryland — HARRY E. ROWE.
 Michigan — E. MURRAY GRAHAM.
 Mississippi — ISAAC A. CLOUGH.
 Missouri — CHARLES B. DAVIS.
 Montana — SAMUEL B. FURBISH.
 Nebraska — JAMES A. RICHAN.
 New Hampshire — HOWARD D. SMITH.
 New Jersey — ALBERT H. NEWBERT.
 New South Wales — I. JAMES MERRY.
 New York — EDWARD W. WHEELER.
 New Zealand — JOHN J. MARR.
 North Dakota — DAVID E. MOULTON.
 Ohio — CONVERS E. LEACH.
 Oklahoma — RAYMOND H. EASTMAN.
 Oregon — CLARENCE H. PRIDE.
 Panama — RALPH H. BURBANK.
 Prince Edward Island — EDWARD K. GOULD.
 Porto Rico — THOMAS H. BODGE.
 Quebec — JAMES C. AYER.
 Rhode Island — FRANK J. COLE.
 Saskatchewan — ASHLEY A. SMITH.
 South Carolina — ALLEN L. CURTIS.
 South Dakota — HAROLD C. SMITH.
 Tasmania — W. SCOTT SHOREY.
 Texas — CHARLES W. CROSBY.
 Vermont — A. FRANCIS WALCH.
 Washington — ERWIN G. RYDER.
 West Virginia — MARTIN I. PORTER.
 Wisconsin — DAVID L. WILSON.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,
 RAYMOND H. EASTMAN,
 WARREN C. KING,

} Committee.

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

REPRESENTATIVES SEATED.

The regular representatives either elected officers or proxies, of the following lodges being unable to

be present, the Masters' appointments of representatives of the several lodges were confirmed and the Grand Lodge voted to seat Bro. JOHN H. LANCASTER as representative of Somerset Lodge, No. 34; Bro. DOUGLASS M. BEAL, of Mechanics', No. 66; Bro. AUSTIN G. HAYNES, of Horeb, No. 93; Bro. MYRON C. JEWETT, of Keystone, No. 80, and that the names of these four brethren be added to the pay roll.

The Grand Master then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

So swiftly has run "the sands of time" that it seems but a few days ago that we foregathered with our brethren in annual communication. But a year has gone, and we are assembled here for the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Let us not be slow to acknowledge with gratitude our dependence upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe, without whose aid nothing of constructive and enduring quality could have been builded into that temple of character upon which we have been laboring. It is as true of us as it was of our ancient Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel, into whose mouth the Psalmist puts the words, "except Jehovah build the house, they labour in vain that build it." When our illustrious brother Benjamin Franklin arose to address the convention assembled to frame a Constitution for our country, he used these same words, saying he believed that "without God's concurring aid we shall proceed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." So may we not, my brethren, in grateful appreciation of all His blessings to the craft, and in humble solicitation of His benediction upon all our deliberations, proceed to the work of this communication.

THE CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

Most interesting and enthusiastic reports have reached me from the District Deputies concerning the conditions in their respective districts. Almost without exception they tell of deeper interest in the work of the lodges, and of increasing desire to know more about it. Here and there are to be found lodges that are lagging in this respect, but I am convinced that the general trend in the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction is to a fuller understanding of the work. Our real problem is not one of deeper knowledge, for I am satisfied that this is being accomplished, slowly. It is not one of securing more members, for I think that matter cares for itself, and I want to urge strongly the adherence of all the brethren to that ancient landmark of "no solicitation." Our real problem is to get all our brethren to live up to the ideals of the craft, for after all, our real measure of success, in the ultimate analysis, must depend on this. What we do as Masons, out in our every day contacts with life, must be the final judgment of our worth. And it is so that humanity will judge us. To make ourselves feel with increasing measure, the necessity of a practical demonstration of our ideals before all the world, this is our greatest problem.

Our numerical gains during the year have been 1,663. Of this number 1,378 were raised and the balance affiliated or re-instated. Our losses have been 1,516 and they are as follows: Dimitted, 202; died, 806; suspended, 1; expelled, 2; suspended for non-payment of dues, 505; deprived for non-payment of dues, 1. This makes the net gain for the year, 146. Our total membership today is 43,897.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

EDWARD G. WESTON.

On Monday evening, January 9th, R. W. Brother Edward G. Weston died very suddenly at his home in Thomaston. He was stricken shortly after his evening meal and died within an hour. In 1905 he was Grand Junior Warden and for many years had been a most efficient member of the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund, doing practically all the work of investigating cases for the board. He traveled thous-

ands of miles in this work, for which he received no compensation whatever save in the past year, when he had a small sum paid him for gasoline used. His was a most unselfish service to the craft, and he is sorely missed among us. The proper committee will present a memorial later in this communication.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

R. W. Enoch O. Greenleaf died in this city on August 16, 1927. He was Grand Junior Warden in 1897, and for many years was Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, his careful analysis of the cases coming before the committee always being heard with great interest by this body. He rendered valuable service to the craft, and his death marks the passing of one who had the cause of Freemasonry greatly at heart. The Committee on Memorials will present a communication later in this session.

WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD.

R. W. William Freeman Lord died at the hospital in Lewiston on June 10th. He was Grand Junior Warden in 1893, and was always present at the communications of this body. His interest in the craft was keen and he rendered splendid service over a period of many years. A timely memorial will be presented to this Grand Lodge.

ALBERT M. PENLEY.

R. W. Albert M. Penley died at his home in Auburn on June 23, 1927. He was Grand Senior Warden in 1896, and had received signal honors in other Masonic Bodies. He here was a familiar figure, and always to the delight of his many friends. He is missed greatly today, and indeed, all these worthy brethren are so missed, who, having completed the building of this earthly tabernacle, have entered into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

At Washington, D. C., on the twentieth of February, I attended a conference of the Grand Masters of the United States. Forty-four Grand Jurisdictions were represented in the deliberations. The gathering was purely a conference, not having any legislative authority whatever. Questions

relative to the length of time of jurisdiction over rejected candidates; of uniform receipts for dues; of interjurisdictional relief; of the standing of an applicant for affiliation who has received his degrees in a so-called Grand Lodge not recognized by some Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, but recognized by other Grand Jurisdictions in our country; of regulations governing the visiting of brethren so journeying in other than their own Grand Jurisdictions; of lodges of one jurisdiction visiting another jurisdiction and conferring degrees; of the use of cipher codes, were all discussed at length. While there could be no legislation in the several matters, there was great unanimity of opinion in regard to these things. I am of the mind that the conference was of great moment to all the distinguished brethren present, and of great benefit to them in their leadership in their respective Grand Lodges.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The two days following the Conference of Grand Masters found me in attendance at the annual meeting of this association, which was held at Alexandria, Va., in the Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room and in the auditorium of the Memorial. The usual business of an annual meeting was transacted, and gifts of over seventy thousand dollars were received toward the completion of the Memorial. Your Grand Master had the privilege of addressing the distinguished brethren present, and of presenting a check for two thousand dollars toward the completion of the amount this Grand Jurisdiction underwrote. I went to this meeting somewhat pessimistic as to the whole situation. I came away firmly convinced that this stupendous and magnificent memorial must be pushed through to its completion. It is a magnificent conception, beyond anything that now exists in Washington, that city of glorious and beautiful memorials. It stands on the highway between the National Capitol and Alexandria, and every tourist passing to Mt. Vernon will go by its front. It cannot be left in its present condition save at the cost of unhappy criticism of American Freemasonry. It must be finished, and speedily. Practically two million dollars more are needed for the completion of the building, and it is hoped that this amount will be forthcoming rapidly, so that the whole

structure may be ready for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth, which comes in 1932. I am quite sure that every Maine Mason will be proud of the fact that he has contributed to this splendid memorial, and I could well wish that all the younger brethren who have not had the privilege of so doing, should be given the opportunity to contribute one dollar, so that at the completion of the Memorial, it might be said that every brother in Maine has had a part in its upraising.

Washington's Birthday was observed fittingly by the brethren assembled in Alexandria. It was your Grand Master's privilege to be a member of the committee that went to Mt. Vernon to lay a wreath on the sarcophagus of our immortal and illustrious brother. A great parade was held in Alexandria, participated in by military and civic bodies, and reviewed by President Coolidge. In the evening, in the Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room, a stated communication of the lodge was held at which addresses on Washington were delivered by a member of Congress, a Jewish rabbi, and one of the Grand Masters present. The whole proceedings were a great incentive to patriotism, and gave us all a new thrill in the thought of the Masonic relations of the Father of our Country.

DEDICATION OF HALL.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Union on the 27th of May, for the purpose of dedicating the new temple of Union Lodge, No. 31. Although it was a stormy day, a large company was present to witness the dedication, which solemn and dignified ceremony was holden in "ample form." Following the dedication, a delicious banquet was served in the commodious dining hall. In the evening there was a special program of music, and your Grand Master spoke at length concerning "The Building of Material and Spiritual Temples." Union Lodge is to be congratulated upon its success in erecting so splendid a temple, ample for all its needs, fully equipped, and furnished in such excellent taste. It was an occasion of great rejoicing and happiness for the brethren assembled.

CONSTITUTION OF CORNER STONE LODGE, NO. 216.

The evening of June 10th was a most eventful occasion for the brethren of North Deering. It marked the constitution of our new lodge in that community. The brethren had been acting under a dispensation, and Grand Lodge, having approved its records, at the last communication had granted a charter. In ample form the solemn and impressive ritual of constitution was carried out by the officers of the Grand Lodge, all of whom but one were present. The solemn service was rendered amid a most spectacular demonstration of the power of the Almighty for a terrific thunder shower continued all through the evening, the incessant and brilliant flashes of lightning flooding the hall in a manner symbolic of the "glory of Jehovah" which filled the temple of King Solomon at its completion and dedication.

When the ceremony of constitution was finished, your Grand Master invited Most Worshipful Silas B. Adams to assume the East and install the newly elected officers, which he did with much grace and dignity. The brethren of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, are to be congratulated on the auspicious beginnings of their lodge, and the bright and happy prospects for Masonic usefulness which lie before them.

The Grand Master is deeply appreciative of the splendid response of the Grand Officers, who by their presence and participation in the solemn service, made most effective an evening that marks an eventful occasion in the Seventeenth District, and a new page in the history of the craft in Maine.

PRESENTATION OF VETERAN'S MEDALS FOR THE GRAND
LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has on several occasions during the year, requested me to appoint a representative to present in his behalf Veteran's Medals to members of Massachusetts Lodges living in Maine. I made the following appointments:

R. W. John L. Tewksbury, who presented the medal to Brother Albert N. Newbert, a member of Isaac Parker Lodge, now residing in Waldoboro.

Wor. I. James Merry, who presented the medal to Brother Charles T. Wilson, a member of Washington Lodge, now residing at North Gray.

R. W. John C. Arnold, who presented the medal to Brother Albion Carsley, a member of Joseph Warren Lodge, now residing at the National Soldier's Home at Togus.

In each case, the medal was received with great joy and pride, and the brethren who presented them wrote me of the great pleasure given to the recipients.

INVITATIONS.

On May 8th, I was present at a special Masonic Church Service held by Solar Lodge, No. 14, and Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, at Bath. None but Masons were in the audience, and it was a great delight to be privileged to address the brethren of my home city at such a religious service.

Your Grand Master was the guest of Ashlar Lodge, No. 105, on the evening of May 23rd. A splendid company of the brethren was present. Following a most interesting musical program, I was invited to address the brethren, speaking to the theme, "What is Freemasonry." Further addresses were made at the banquet which followed by the following Grand Officers: Wor. Eben J. Marston, Grand Marshal; Wor. John M. Littlefield, Grand Sword Bearer; Wor. I. James Merry, Grand Chaplain; Wor. Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer; R. W. Henry W. Loring, D. D. G. M.

The Annual Past Master's Night of Freeport Lodge was observed on the evening of June 6th. The hall was filled to overflowing. Your Grand Master was received most graciously, and was invited to address the brethren during the work. Several officers of the Grand Lodge were present. It was a most enjoyable evening and I trust not without some measure of profit to all present.

On June 12th, the brethren of Village Lodge, No. 26, held a special Masonic Church Service and I was privileged to be the speaker of the occasion. There was a large attendance of the brethren and many visitors. The day marked an event of no little significance to the brethren.

On June 19th, I addressed the brethren of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, at a similar church service, where I met with the same cordial reception as elsewhere.

The week following St. John's Day was spent in a visit to the brethren of the far eastern part of the state. On Sunday, June 26th, I addressed a large gathering of our brethren from Calais and vicinity. They had as their special guests, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, led by Most Worshipful Grand Master James Vroom. Notwithstanding the fact that a heavy rain fell all through the day, there was a large attendance of the brethren from the Maine and New Brunswick lodges. Had the day been pleasant it was estimated that fully one thousand brethren would have been present. A very interesting part of the program was abandoned because of the storm. It had been planned that the lodges of Maine should escort their Worshipful Grand Master to the international bridge at Calais, where, at the international line on the bridge, I was to greet formally Most Worshipful Grand Master Vroom and his officers and brethren, and the lodges of both Grand Jurisdictions were then to escort the two Grand Masters to the church. The formal greetings however, were exchanged in the hallway of the church. It was my privilege to escort Grand Master Vroom into the church and during the service he was seated with me in the pulpit.

On Monday, with my Grand Officers, Most Worshipful Brother Vroom entertained us with a short motor ride, after which we were the guest of the brethren of Calais for the day. Our entertainment consisted of a wonderful ride into the Province of New Brunswick and a fine dinner at St. Andrews. Many interesting sights were shown us during the long drive, and the whole day was full of delight.

Tuesday, we journeyed to Lubec, where the annual convention of the Second District was held. Here we were dinner guests of R. W. Brother Eben L. Bennet, whose hospitality was unbounded. The convention lasted through the afternoon and evening, and was attended by a great throng of brethren, which included besides representatives from all the lodges in the district, many from other lodges and other Grand Jurisdictions, the total being thirty-four lodges and three Grand

Jurisdictions. All three degrees were presented, and in the evening your Grand Master had the privilege of delivering an extended address. It was a most successful gathering, and I doubt not proved of great impetus to the craft assembled. The interest was very keen and the enthusiasm great; the whole day being the equal of any similar occasion I have ever seen.

Wednesday, we were the guests of the brethren at Eastport, led by R. W. Brother Wheeler Hawkes. After a morning of pleasureable entertainment on the Bay, I met at dinner the officers and past masters of Eastern Lodge and spent a large part of the afternoon with them at the Masonic Hall discussing questions of deep interest to the craft in their vicinity.

We are greatly indebted to R. W. Brother James Abernethy for his many kindnesses to us, and also to the members of his delightful family, who had extended many courtesies to us, and whose guests we were much of the time while in the locality. I want to express here my great appreciation of the multitude of courtesies received from the brethren at Calais, headed by R. W. Brother Isaac N. Jones and R. W. Brother Henry R. Gillis; to the brethren at Lubec led by R. W. Brother Eben L. Bennet, and to the brethren at Eastport, led by R. W. Brother Wheeler C. Hawkes. And I cannot forget the untiring efforts of R. W. John L. Polleys, D. D. G. M., whose labors made the convention such a great success and who did so much for our comfort while in the district. I was accompanied on this trip by my Grand Marshal, Wor. Eben J. Marston, and the Grand Junior Deacon, Wor. Oliver Moses, 3rd. Wor. Roy M. Trafton, Grand Chaplain, met and assisted me in Calais. The following past D. D. G. M.'s were also present and accompanied me on my journeyings through the District, R. W. Brothers Wheeler C. Hawkes; Irving W. Case, Fred L. Gardiner, Henry R. Gillis, Edward G. Buxton, and Eben H. Bennet. I am very certain that the week was one of great moment for the brethren of the district, and must have proved of great stimulus to the work of the craft in that locality.

St. John's Lodge, No. 51, celebrated its centennial July 3rd-4th. The celebration was begun with a church service,

the sermon being preached by Past Grand Master Ashley A. Smith, D. D. His subject was "The Message and Mission of Masonry." The next day the celebration continued. There was a brief memorial service at the hall and a presentation of portraits to the lodge, a very beautiful and original ritual being used for this purpose. At the Congregational Church a service of music was rendered. Wor. Clarence L. Blaisdell delivered an address of welcome, and Wor. Frederic L. Davis presented an historical message. Your Grand Master then delivered an address, the subject being "The Practice of Masonic Ideals." Returning to the temple, the lodge was closed, and proceeded to enjoy an elaborate banquet, at which the ladies were guests. This was followed by a concert by a group of professional artists and dancing brought this very elaborate and successful centennial to a close. St. John's Lodge is to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the whole program of the two days was carried through.

On July 13th, at the invitation of Ill. Harry R. Virgin, 33rd, Deputy for Maine, and Most Ill. Commander in Chief, I was present at the Forty-fourth Convocation of Maine Council of Deliberation, held at the Masonic Temple in Augusta. Your Grand Master was received with every courtesy, and invited to address this august assemblage. Thereafter I listened with great interest to the proceedings of the day, which included an address by the Commander-in-Chief and another by Past Grand Master Ashley A. Smith.

A gathering of brethren representing eighteen lodges was held with Adoniram Lodge, No. 27, at Limington on the evening of September 13th. In all the long history of the lodge it had never been honored by the presence of the Grand Master, so the occasion was one of unusual significance to the brethren. There was no work, but it was my privilege to deliver an extended address to the brethren. Several Grand Officers accompanied me on this visit.

The evening of October 7th brought me to Bridgton where I had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Oriental Lodge, No. 13, and many brethren from near by lodges. My presence was in fulfillment of a long made promise to R. W. Millard

Caswell that at some time I would address the brethren there. Early in the proceedings several brethren were called upon to speak and then I delivered a formal address on "Freemasonry." This was followed by many questions asked by the brethren, and great enthusiasm and interest was aroused. I consider the evening one of great significance to the Craft of that locality.

A fraternal visit was paid to the brethren of Northern Star Lodge, No. 28, on October 18th, the occasion being its annual Past Master's Night. Notwithstanding the fact of a heavy storm, the hall was filled with brethren, sixteen lodges being represented. After the work, the Grand Master spoke at length. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the evening was one of great profit.

I spent the evening of October 28th, with our brethren of Saco Lodge, No. 9, the occasion being their annual Past Master's Night. There was a large and enthusiastic company present, fourteen lodges being represented. After a most impressive presentation of the work of the third degree, I was invited to address the brethren. The evening was one of great pleasure; of splendid enthusiasm and I am sure was provocative of a deeper interest in the work of the lodge. I am greatly indebted to W. M. Stirling and the fine group of Past Masters for their courteous consideration on this occasion.

A splendid gathering of the brethren of the Twenty-third District was held with Preble Lodge, No. 143, of Sanford, on November 4th. Over 350 brethren were present. The meeting was under the direction of R. W. William A. Small, D. D. G. M. The officers of Preble Lodge exemplified the Entered Apprentice degree; officers of Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, the Fellow Craft degree, and officers of Springvale Lodge, No. 190, the Master Mason degree. The enthusiasm of the brethren was very keen, and the convention was an occasion of great worth to them. At the close of the evening session I addressed the brethren at length. I was gratified at the attendance and much honored by the presence of numerous past officers of the Grand Lodge. The D. D. G. M., Brother Small is to be congratulated on the great success of this, the first convention of the district, for his labours for it were prodigious.

The Twenty-first District has long held an enviable reputation for the successful conventions it has held yearly. The gathering this year at Ellsworth, on November 8th, was no exception to the rule. All the lodges of the district were represented and the attendance numbered 303. Twenty-five other lodges were also represented in the gathering. The enthusiasm ran high and the interest in the work was keen. Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, and Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185, presented work in the several degrees. Each presentation was followed with suggestions from the D. D. G. M. Artemus J. Richardson. The Grand Lecturer, Wor. Samuel B. Furbish, also offered numerous suggestions. At the close of the evening session, the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Master addressed the brethren. It was surely a day of great meaning for all the brethren present and of vital importance to the district.

On the evening of December 7th, I had the very great privilege of attending the meeting of Polar Star Lodge, No. 114. The occasion was the official visit of the D. D. G. M. R. W. Henry G. Shaw, and my own son, Blair C. Wilson, was the candidate. The Worshipful Master, Arthur Stilphen, very graciously gave me the privilege of raising my boy, which it was a very great delight to me to do. There was a large attendance, many lodges being represented.

It was a peculiar privilege to be the guest of the Masonic Club of Bangor on the evening of February 1st, at its annual meeting and banquet. Here I met 350 of our brethren, and after the sumptuous feast, I had the great delight of speaking to the brethren. Many distinguished brethren were present; men who had received high honor in this and other Grand Bodies.

Past Master's Night was observed by Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, on the evening of February 29th. I was present at this occasion, and had the opportunity to speak to the brethren concerning the Washington Memorial. The interest was keen, and the work of the evening done in an unusually fine manner by the past masters of the lodge.

Deering Lodge, No. 183, observed its annual Ladies' Night at the Falmouth Hotel on the evening of March 3rd. Accom-

panied by Mrs. Wilson, I was present as its honored guest. A very elaborate dinner was served, and it was my privilege to address the great gathering. The speech making was followed by an entertainment and dancing, and I feel sure that the evening did much to further the social life of the lodge.

The evening of March 16th, was spent with St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83. Nearly five hundred of the brethren were present and I have seldom seen greater enthusiasm than was manifested. Worshipful Master Raymond T. Adams and his officers presented the third degree with great dignity and accuracy, and at the conclusion of the lectures it was my privilege to deliver an extended address to the brethren. A splendid banquet was served at six o'clock at which it was necessary to serve a second time to accommodate all the brethren present. It was the first appearance of a Grand Master in this lodge during his term of service, and the reception accorded me was all that could be desired.

A most enthusiastic greeting was accorded me on my visit to Naval Lodge, No. 184, on the evening of March 21st. The hall was filled to overflowing, and the past masters of the lodge (twenty being present) worked the Master Mason Degree upon two brothers. After the work I spoke at length on the "Practical Significance of Freemasonry," and also gave the brethren a talk on the George Washington Memorial. It was the first appearance of a Grand Master in this lodge. The brethren present numbered two hundred; thirty-four lodges were represented; twelve Grand Jurisdictions were represented among them. Wor. Frank N. Taylor entertained me at his home and I am indebted to him and to R. W. Brother Billings for many courtesies during my stay.

Nearly three hundred brethren greeted me at Deering Lodge, No. 183, when I visited there on March 26th. They represented thirty-six lodges. The occasion was one of great interest and enthusiasm. The Wor. Master, Brother Lewis Phinney and his officers worked the third degree in impressive manner. Your Grand Master addressed the brethren at length. Many distinguished brethren were present, among them being M. W. Silas B. Adams and the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, Convers E. Leach.

Wor. Brother Phinney entertained me in his home in most hospitable manner, and the whole occasion was one of great pleasure to me.

It was my very great pleasure to be the guest of Polar Star Lodge, No. 114, on the evening of March 28th, the occasion being the public installation of its officers. The ceremonies were conducted by R. W. Walter S. Glidden in a most impressive manner. The temple was filled to overflowing with the brethren and invited guests, and I was accorded the courtesy of addressing the assemblage at length. It was an evening of unusual significance for the brethren of this lodge.

Hiram Lodge, No. 180, very graciously entertained me on the evening of March 30th, the occasion being the official visitation of R. W. George H. Minott, D. D. G. M., of the Seventeenth District. As everywhere else, the temple was filled to overflowing, twenty-four lodges being represented by the brethren present. The ceremonies began with a fine banquet, followed by work in the Master Mason Degree, the presentation being excellent. After the work was concluded, your Grand Master addressed the brethren at length, speaking to that great theme of Freemasonry "Immortality." Many distinguished brethren were present and the Grand Lodge was represented by Wor. Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer; Wor. Eben J. Marston, Grand Marshal; R. W. George H. Minott, D. D. G. M. I was greatly honored by the presence of Most Wor. David E. Moulton, Past Grand Master. All of these brethren, and a number of Past District Deputies who were present, addressed the brethren briefly. The evening was one of great moment to the brethren of Hiram Lodge. At its close, they were particularly gratified and surprised to have the Grand Lecturer invite the officers of the lodge to present the Master Mason Degree at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

It was a great delight to me that the last visit I made was to the lodges of Belfast, where on the evening of April 18th, I was the guest of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126, and Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, at a joint communication of both lodges.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 24, is my home lodge and the brethren of both these lodges were present in great numbers to greet me. There was an excellent banquet preceding the work of the evening, and this part of the occasion was made exceedingly attractive by the presence of a splendid orchestra of the brethren who discoursed fine music. There was work in the Master Mason Degree. The first part of the work was performed by the past masters of Timothy Chase Lodge, No. 126 and the second section by the past masters of Phoenix Lodge, No. 24. The courtesy was extended to me of presiding over my own lodge in the part of the work and of raising the candidate. After the work, the Grand Master made an extended address. The beautiful temple was filled with brethren, and every lodge in the district save one was represented. Nor have I seen greater enthusiasm or interest anywhere during the year. R. W. Lynwood B. Thompson, D. D. G. M., R. W. Allen L. Curtis, Past Grand Senior Warden and Wor. Warren A. Nichols, Grand Pursuivant, were present from the Grand Lodge.

Only the pressure on my time, and many other engagements prevented my acceptance of numerous other invitations to visit lodges throughout the jurisdiction. It would have been a delight to have done so, but to the very limits of my time and ability have I given what service I could to our brethren, and have found a real joy in so doing. It has been a great regret to me that I could not accept all the invitations which came. To have done so would have kept me away from my usual vocation practically most of the time.

FRATERNAL VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

On December 27th, it was my very great pleasure to be the guest of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on the occasion of the installation of its officers and the observance of the Feast of Saints John. There were present M. W. Winfield S. Solomon, Grand Master of Rhode Island, M. W. Theodore Foster, Grand Master of Connecticut, M. W. Arthur Nash, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, R. W. Aaron A. Grout, Grand Senior Warden of Vermont. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Lieut. Governor Allen of Massa-

chusetts and Mayor Nichols of Boston. A long conference of the visiting Grand Officers was held with M. W. Brother Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts, after the noon luncheon, and again after the evening session, where many questions of peculiar interest to the craft were discussed. In the early evening the Feast of Saints John was celebrated with a splendid banquet, which was attended by a great gathering of the brethren of the Grand Lodge and where it was my privilege to be included among the speakers.

I regret greatly that the pressure of my duties within our own Grand Jurisdiction prevented my acceptance of invitations to attend special communications in other Grand Jurisdictions.

DEGREES BY COURTESY.

On November 1st, through our Grand Secretary, I requested the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to permit Palestine Lodge, No. 111, of New Brunswick, N. J., to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees upon Brother Cuyler S. Poor who had received his Entered Apprentice degree in Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 56, at Denmark, and who had gone to New Jersey to reside indefinitely.

On November 12th, request was made of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire to permit Golden Rule Lodge, No. 77, of Hinsdale, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon Brother Henry Elbridge Knight, who had received the preceding degrees in Trinity Lodge, No. 130, of Presque Isle, and who had gone to New Hampshire to reside.

On December 16th, request was made of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, to permit Waitsfield Lodge, Waitsfield, Vermont, to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees upon Brother Cecil Baird, who had received his Entered Apprentice degree in Siloam Lodge, No. 92, of Fairfield.

On March 23rd, request was made of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to permit Mumford River Lodge, of East Douglas, Mass., to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees upon Brother Harold A. Greenwood, who had received his Entered Apprentice degree in Somerset Lodge, No. 34.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On January 17th, I requested the M. W. Grand Master of Québec to secure a waiver of jurisdiction from St. Francis Lodge, Richmond, Québec, over Brother David L. Murray, of Berwick, who had received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees in that lodge, but having moved to Maine, wished to receive his Master's degree in St. John's Lodge, thereby becoming a member thereof.

RESIGNATION OF D. D. GRAND MASTER.

On November 16th, I accepted the resignation of Everett L. Bird, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth Masonic District, he having left the state for an indefinite period.

To the vacancy thus created, I appointed R. W. Lynwood B. Thompson of Belfast, who immediately assumed his office, being installed by R. W. Brother Allen L. Curtis, and who has efficiently carried out his duties.

APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES.

During the year, the Committee on Grievances and Appeals suffered great loss in the deaths of the Chairman R. W. Enoch O. Greenleaf and R. W. Albert M. Penley. I made temporary appointments for the remainder of the year as follows: M. W. David E. Moulton in the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Greenleaf, and R. W. Wm. S. Davison in the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Penley.

DECISIONS.

While there have been no questions asked during the year involving new issues of Masonic law, yet there have been many interesting questions asked. Some of them are as follows:

Question: The Stated Meeting of a Lodge occurs on the first Monday of each month except in September, when it occurs the second Monday, the first Monday being a holiday. The Lodge receives an application at the September meeting. Can it ballot on the same at the October meeting, only three weeks having elapsed since its reception?

Answer: The Constitution requires that four weeks must elapse from the time of presentation of an application and the

ballot thereon, unless a dispensation is obtained. I think it would be unwise to grant such a dispensation, even if it had been asked, for the dilemma would probably occur again at some time. Since the four weeks have not elapsed, I see nothing for you to do but to wait till the next Stated Meeting in November. Meanwhile it would be wise to consider changing the by-law. Other lodges hold their meeting on the evening of a holiday. Either that, or change the night of the regular meeting. Then you would have no possibility of this difficulty occurring again.

Question: Several years ago, before Grand Lodge prohibited such action, Star in the West Lodge, No. 85, requested Ketchikan Lodge of Alaska, to confer all the degrees upon a candidate who had moved to Alaska after being accepted here. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred and then the brother returned to this Grand Jurisdiction, and to another place than his former residence. He requested Fort Kent Lodge, No. 209, to confer the remaining degrees, securing a waiver from Star in the West Lodge. The latter asks, "what shall we do?"

Answer: Your first duty will be to ascertain if the lodge in Alaska really worked the Entered Apprentice degree, no notice to that effect ever having been received. Then if so, Star in the West Lodge can either grant a waiver of jurisdiction, or require the candidate to appear before it for the remaining degrees. In case the waiver is granted, the lodge should return the fees for the Fellowcraft and Master Masons degree to the candidate, he having paid the same in advance.

Question: Is it proper to hang pictures of past matrons of the Eastern Star with pictures of past masters of Masonic lodges on the walls of an anteroom?

Answer: No. Nothing should be displayed with groups of portraits of past masters save possibly pictures pertaining to the work of the lodge or of historic Masonic interest.

Question. A young man joined the forces of the U. S. Army before he became of age and was stationed at a fort in another state. He applied for the degrees in the town where he resided previous to enlisting. Is he eligible? And has the lodge jurisdiction?

Answer: Having had a legal residence during his minority, it is still his residence, unless he adopted a residence elsewhere. He did not lose his residence by being in the service of the U. S. Army, and the lodge is within its rights in receiving his application.

Question: A brother has been suspended from the lodge. Ought notice of his suspension be sent to the Secretary of the local Chapter of the Eastern Star?

Answer: The Order of the Eastern Star has no official connection with the Masonic Fraternity. There is no reason whatever why you should report to that organization any transactions occurring in a Masonic Lodge.

Question: Would it be proper for the lodge to lend its aid in efforts being made to secure a pardon for a brother who had been convicted in the Supreme Court of the crime of embezzlement and sentenced to several years' imprisonment?

Answer: I answer No emphatically. The lodge will have nothing to do with such a procedure. If his friends desire to make such a move as individuals, that is their prerogative, but it is not the business of a Masonic Lodge to be seeking a pardon for an individual justly convicted in the criminal courts. Indeed, it is the business of a Masonic Lodge to keep its membership free from any stain of such violation of the law of the land. It is a Masonic offence for a brother to violate the law of the country. May I ask why your lodge has not proceeded to bring to trial a brother who has been convicted in a criminal court and is now serving a sentence in the State prison? That should be your procedure rather than making any effort to secure freedom for a man justly convicted of crime.

Question: A brother wrote stating that the question had arisen as to whether it is proper to use the term "Masonic" in the name of an organization other than a lodge, referring of course to a club?

Answer: While there is nothing in the Constitutions and Regulations regarding this, it would seem to me to be the part of wisdom not to use the term "Masonic" for anything that does not relate directly to Masonry. There is a regulation

that forbids lodges using the name of a lodge in reference to balls or dancing, or to advertise them, or sell tickets of admission thereto. It would appear to me that we would be on the safe and better side if we reserved the term "Masonic" for things that are purely such, and not attach it to organizations which, while they may be composed entirely of Masons, have no vital relation whatever to the fraternity. It might save much trouble at times.

Question: I had a very interesting communication from the brethren who are in the MacMillan Expedition in the Far North, which was sent by radio to our Grand Secretary. They wanted to know if the Grand Master could not do something for them whereby they could open a lodge down there on the "Labrador."

Answer: Through our Grand Secretary, and the courtesy of the Radio Station which picked up their message, I sent word that the eight Masons in the expedition could assemble and exemplify the degrees among themselves whenever they desired, always observing due caution and secrecy from the members of the crew not Masons. That is their privilege. But I could not grant a dispensation to open a lodge, because there would be no permanency to it. Incidentally I sent our greetings to Commander MacMillan and all other brethren in the expedition.

Seaside Lodge, No. 144, received the application of a candidate who was not a legal resident in its jurisdiction. The committee, failing to make a thorough investigation, reported favorably, and the candidate was elected. Before he received the degrees, the Master made a further investigation and found out the facts. The lodge in the rightful jurisdiction asked my opinion in the matter, and in the meantime the candidate applied to it for a waiver of jurisdiction.

I replied that Seaside Lodge, not having the right to receive the application, its action was null and void. If the man desires to receive the degrees, he must apply to the lodge where he legally resides, stating the facts in the matter in the questionnaire, or he must first ask for a waiver of jurisdiction and then apply to Seaside Lodge when he has secured it, here also making a full statement of the facts in the case.

A DISTINGUISHED SOJOURNER.

The officers of the Grand Lodge met in Portland on Wednesday evening, June 22nd, to do honor to a distinguished visitor to our Grand Jurisdiction. R. W. Brother Charles T. Martin in Melbourne, Australia, very prominent among the craft of that Grand Jurisdiction, in his journeyings around the world came out of his way to come to Maine that he might pay his respects to this Grand Lodge, which he has represented faithfully for a number of years as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Everything was done for his comfort the few days he remained in Maine, and at the dinner tendered him the evening of June 22nd, we found him a man of very charming and unassuming personality. In the post-prandial exercises, Past Grand Master Moulton delivered an earnest and practical address, speaking as a representative of the York Rite in Maine, and, in the absence of Ill. Harry R. Virgin, 33rd, Deputy for Maine, Ill. Brother Frank C. Allen, 33rd, spoke as the representative of the Scottish Rite. In bringing the delightful evening to a close, your Grand Master commissioned R. W. Brother Martin to carry to the M. W. Grand Master and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, the hearty and cordial greetings of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Maine.

THE GRAND LECTURER.

This Grand Lodge is peculiarly fortunate in its Grand Lecturer, Wor. Samuel B. Furbish. His thorough and systematic methods; his close attention to the smallest details of his work; his steadied interest in the Schools of Instruction and the dissemination of Masonic knowledge, make him an invaluable member of this body. I could well wish for him, and for the Grand Lodge, increasing interest on the part of the brethren in his work.

All District Deputies, all Masters and Wardens should consider it part of their duty to be present at one of these schools each year. And I feel certain that the attendance of the brethren generally would do much to create larger interest in the work. The Grand Lecturer will present his detailed report later in the day.

DEGREES IN LESS THAN REQUIRED TIME.

It has been discovered through returns to the office of the Grand Secretary, that a number of lodges during the year have given the several degrees to candidates in less time than that required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge. This has been done without the formality of securing a dispensation from the Grand Master. I do not know whether this has been done through ignorance of the regulation requiring two weeks to elapse between the conferring of degrees, or through wilful violation of that regulation. There is no excuse for either situation. The Grand Secretary has notified each of the lodges involved of the irregularity of the proceedings, and of the necessity of "healing" all the candidates who were advanced. Grand Lodge regulations are enacted to be obeyed; not to be violated. It is impossible for such violations to get by the scrutiny of the Grand Secretary's office, and they only cause trouble for the lodges and candidates concerned.

MASONIC TRIALS.

Several cases of trials have been submitted during the year. Our Grand Secretary forwarded to me the papers in the case of a brother tried by Hermon Lodge, No. 32. He was charged with unmasonic conduct in attempting to wrong, cheat and defraud another brother by giving him a worthless check. Also there were two other charges of having been convicted in the courts of the State of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. In both of these cases he received jail sentences, receiving in one case the additional penalty of a heavy fine and costs and in the other case the costs.

The accused admitted the two latter offences, pleading guilty to them. The lodge voted to reprimand him. When the papers came to me, after reading the case, I wrote the Secretary of the lodge as follows:

"I am astounded to think that the lodge, after hearing the defendant's admission of guilt, should content itself with voting to reprimand him. May I call your attention to the fact that in a somewhat similar case before the Committee on Grievances

and Appeals in Grand Lodge last year, that Committee recommended, and the Grand Lodge accepted its report, that the accused be expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry? (See Page 436, Proceeding of 1927. Matter of Wilton Lodge).

I am of the opinion that your punishment in this case is not adequate, and therefore order that the accused be suspended indefinitely, pending a review of the case by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals and the Grand Lodge. I am very sure that the best interests of Masonry are not conserved by the simple issuing of a reprimand in such a serious offense.

Will you kindly see that the accused is so notified, and that until the Grand Lodge passes on the case, he is denied the privileges of the lodge."

Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, forwarded to me in December the papers in the trial of a brother who was accused of misrepresentations in his application for the degrees, he having been rejected several times in another lodge and saying in the questionnaire that he had never been rejected. The accused did not appear for trial. He was found guilty and expelled. I approved of the penalty and the papers are before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals for final action at this communication.

Our Grand Secretary forwarded to me the papers in a trial conducted in Atlantic Lodge in this city, in which a brother accused of immoral relations with a brother master mason's wife was found "not guilty." I did not see how the lodge could reach such a conclusion in the face of the evidence presented, and declined to ratify the verdict, ordering that the accused be suspended from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry pending the final action on this case before Grand Lodge.

The papers in the case of Samuel Bagley of Liberty *Lodge, No. 111, were sent to me by the secretary of the lodge. He has been charged with defrauding many brethren in other Grand Jurisdictions and the evidence was overwhelmingly conclusive. After due trial, the lodge voted to expel him from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, and I concurred most heartily in the decision.

UNAUTHORISED LECTURES.

Early in the winter my attention was called to the fact that a certain individual was appearing in parts of this jurisdiction delivering what he called Masonic Lectures, to which only Masons were to be admitted, upon being vouched for and the payment of a fee. I caused to be issued to all Masters of lodges the following letter:

JANUARY 9, 1928.

To the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Information has reached me that a "Masonic Evangelist" so-called, is touring the state delivering a lecture entitled "Blue Lodge Degrees of Free Masonry." He urges all Masons to attend, saying they must be "vouched for the same as at any regular communication."

Section 126 of the Constitutions and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge says:

"No lodge shall encourage, promote, or permit the delivery of any masonic lectures which have not been sanctioned and authorized by the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any Mason be permitted to deliver such lectures under this jurisdiction."

This lecturer has no authority whatever to deliver any lecture; and all brethren will understand that it is a violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to be present at any such meeting.

This communication you will cause to be read at the next stated meeting of your lodge, and all the brethren will govern themselves accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

DAVID L. WILSON,

Grand Master.

MASONIC LODGES RELATED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Our Grand Secretary sent me a letter from the Secretary pro tem of one of our lodges, who had found the books of the former secretary rather confused and who complained that a majority of the brethren were using the lodge to further the interests of another organization. I wrote the secretary a

letter in which I discussed the matter of getting at the facts of the bookkeeping of the former secretary, and then continued as follows:

" In regard to the other matter, it would surely be a Masonic offense for any group of the brethren to hold a political caucus and call it a Masonic caucus. You may say to any of the brethren who ought to know, that the moment they attempt to ally the lodge with any political movement, or with any other organization whatever, they will get into trouble with the Grand Lodge of Maine. - I cannot speak too emphatically about this. We will not have the Masonic Fraternity tied to the tail of the kite of any organization. And if any of the brethren ofLodge, or any other lodge for that matter, seek to attach the lodge to any other kind of an organization, or to use the lodge for the purpose of furthering the interest of any other kind of an organization, they will surely get into trouble with the Grand Lodge. You may state this just as strongly as you can.Lodge will remain a Masonic Lodge and nothing else, or else it will have its charter recalled. I trust there will be no further trouble along this line."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of

- Mississippi — W. G. Jaques.
- Nebraska — Archie M. Smith.
- Porto Rico — Ramon A. Nadal.
- Massachusetts — Frank L. Simpson.

I recommended the appointment of the following brethren as representatives near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and they were so appointed:

- Georgia — Joseph B. Manchester.
- Nevada — Charles F. Woodard.
- Oregon — Clarence H. Pride.
- Philippine Islands — Cleff Maxwell.
- Washington — Erwin G. Ryder.
- West Virginia — Martin L. Porter.
- Oklahoma — Raymond H. Eastman
- South Dakota — Harold C. Smith.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has voted to resume an exchange of representatives, some years ago having abolished the custom. I have received a request to nominate a representative near our Grand Lodge, but felt that action should first be taken by this body relative to such a resumption of exchange. I would therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge resume such an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

New By-laws have been approved as follows:

Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117; Rockland Lodge, No. 79; Tremont Lodge, No. 77.

Amendments to By-laws have been approved as follows:

Quantabacook Lodge, No. 129; Pownal Lodge, No. 119; Euclid Lodge, No. 194; Drummond Lodge, No. 118; St. Andrews Lodge, No. 83; Seaside Lodge, No. 144, St. John's Lodge, No. 51; Trinity Lodge, No. 130; Ancient Brothers' Lodge, No. 178; Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21; Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207; Webster Lodge, No. 164; St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198; Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140; Orient Lodge, No. 15; Piscataquis Lodge, No. 44; Bar Harbor Lodge, No. 185; Oriental Lodge, No. 13; Hermon Lodge, No. 32; Pacific Lodge, No. 64; Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 154; Aroostook Lodge, No. 197.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

May 16th. Granted a dispensation to Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, to ballot on a candidate at a special meeting, more than a month after the application had been received having elapsed while waiting for a waiver of jurisdiction, and there being just time to confer the degrees before the candidate would be obliged to leave for an indefinite absence.

June 8th. Granted a dispensation to Deering Lodge, No. 183, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the time prescribed by the law, the candidate having waited a year before being able to present himself for the Fellowcraft degree and the same time being likely to elapse before he could present himself again, he being at home from a distant state and only for a short time.

June 13th. Granted a dispensation to Washington Lodge, No. 37, to work the degrees in the Knights Pythias Hall on the occasion of the District Convention to be held on June 28th. This I did because the Masonic Hall was not large enough to accommodate all to be present at the convention.

June 13th. Granted a dispensation to St. John's Lodge, No. 51, to appear in public on July 4th, on the occasion of the celebration of its centennial.

July 16th. Granted a dispensation to Eastern Lodge, No. 7, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the required time after conferring the Fellowcraft degree, the candidate being in the Government Service and being ordered abroad for an indefinite stay.

September 16th. Granted a dispensation to Ocean Lodge, No. 142, to hold a special meeting for the election of officers, failure to do so at the annual meeting being due to the lack of a quorum, prevalence of an epidemic prevented the brethren assembling.

October 21st. Granted a dispensation to Lygonia Lodge, No. 40, to hold its meeting for the purpose of entertaining the lodges of the district, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Ellsworth, on November 8th, its own hall not being large enough to accommodate the brethren expected to be present.

October 31st. Granted a dispensation to Temple Lodge, No. 25, to hold a special election at its stated meeting in November, the Senior Warden elected at its annual meeting having declined to serve.

November 25th. Granted a dispensation to Bethel Lodge, No. 97, to hold a special election on December 8th, the brother elected Senior Warden at the annual meeting having declined to accept.

December 8th. Granted a dispensation to Penobscot Lodge, No. 39, to work one degree in less than the required time, the candidate being obliged to leave Maine and not to return for a long period.

January 28th. Granted a dispensation to Island Lodge, No. 89, to hold a special election on the evening of February 2nd, to elect a Junior Warden, the brother elected at the annual meeting declining to serve.

April 7th. Granted a dispensation to Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, to hold its meetings without its charter or certificate of charter, the former having been lost in a recent fire which destroyed the hall. Application will be made at this communication for a new charter.

April 24th. Granted a dispensation to Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, to hold its meetings temporarily in the Mt. Desert High School Building, the lodge having lost its hall by fire. The D. D. G. M. had signified his approval of the use of the building as a proper place.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

May 14th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Bethlehem Lodge, No. 35, to work the Fellowcraft degree in less than the usual time, no sufficient reason being presented for the same.

July 8th. Declined to grant a dispensation to King Hiram Lodge, No. 57, to work all three degrees in two weeks.

July 23rd. Declined to grant a dispensation to Temple Lodge, No. 25, to work two degrees in the same week on the same candidate.

August 11th. Declined to grant dispensation to Star in the East Lodge, No. 60, to work two degrees on a candidate in the same week.

October 20th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Orient Lodge, No. 15, to work the third degree in less than two weeks time after having worked the second degree upon the candidate.

October 31st. Declined to grant a dispensation to Standish Lodge, No. 70, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the usual time, no sufficient reason for the same appearing.

November 12th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Rising Star Lodge, No. 177, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the usual time, no sufficient reason for the request appearing.

November 21st. Declined to grant a dispensation to Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, to receive the petitions of two candidates residing in Massachusetts. They had been away from Maine for many years, and one of them had been rejected in a Massachusetts lodge fifteen years ago. I intimated that if these

men receive the degrees of Masonry, they should receive them where they have resided so long and where they are best known. It was stated that it was a matter of sentiment with them, but I could not see where it was inasmuch as no sentiment was evident fifteen years ago when an application was made elsewhere, and therefore I declined to consent to the procedure.

November 25th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Siloam Lodge, No. 92, to work all three degrees on a candidate at meetings held on two consecutive evenings.

December 28th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Anchor Lodge, No. 158, to work the Master Mason degree on a candidate in less than two weeks after working the Fellowcraft degree, there being no real reason manifest.

February 7th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Nollesmic Lodge, No. 205, to work two degrees the same night and upon the same candidate, no reason being apparent for the haste.

February 25th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Old Orchard Lodge, No. 215, to work degree in less than the required time.

February 29th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, to work degrees in less than the required time, no sufficient reason appearing.

March 5th. Declined to grant a dispensation to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 61, to work two degrees upon a candidate in one week, not deeming the reason for haste sufficient.

March 5th. Declined to grant a dispensation to Tyrian Lodge, No. 73, to work the Master Mason degree in less than the required time.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

I cannot forbear, nor have I the slightest desire so to do, to pass out of the Grand East without a tribute of my esteem and regard for our Grand Secretary, whose unfailing courtesy and constant assistance have been a great aid and joy to me. He is an indefatigable labourer, a master workman for the craft. And the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated that it

has in its Grand Secretary one so thoroughly devoted to its welfare. I salute him with gratitude as I recall his many kindly and efficient services to me during these past two years.

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

Here too, I would acknowledge my gratitude to the other officers of the Grand Lodge, who by their generous aid have helped me so much in the work of the year. A number of them have given me lavishly of their time and service, journeying often with me to distant parts, and performing their duties impressively and effectively. I offer them today my deep appreciation and thanks for all they have done.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my brethren, I am about to return to you that "potent emblem of Masonic power" which you placed in my hands two years ago. I have endeavored to wield it, not in an unjust or arbitrary manner, but for the sole and single purpose of furthering the interests of the Craft. If the eager faces into which I have looked, and the thousands of hands I have grasped in all sections of this Grand Jurisdiction are any criterion of judgment, then I feel quite sure that a reasonable measure of success has attended my humble efforts. Masonry stands today in this grand old State of Maine unalterably dedicated to the ideals that are its ancient landmarks; the ideals of friendship, brotherly love, relief, of justice, righteousness, of truth; of temperance, fortitude, prudence and patriotism. There will never be any question as to where Masonry stands in regard to these great and commanding ideals of life, but there is surely a tremendous opportunity for a wider and fuller expression of them among us. More than anything else; more than an increasing knowledge of our forms and ceremonies, great and important as these are; infinitely more than a constant augmentation of our numbers, splendid though that may be, I am concerned that these great ideals, which alone make life worth while, should find free and fuller expression among us. For it is only thus that we can be "good men and true," and the great fraternity of which we are a part have a proper presentation before the world. We are pre-eminently builders; builders of character in ourselves; givers of our assistance

everywhere that men may do the same thing for themselves. As our ancient brethren laboured with fervency and zeal that they might construct a magnificent and majestic temple to the glory of God, so must we labour to erect within ourselves a temple of character that will be as pleasing to our God, as our ancient brethren deemed their earthly temple would be.

If this be our constant and increasing purpose as craftsmen, there will never be any question as to the future of our Fraternity. For as the towering Himalayas eternally uplift their snow-crested peaks into the abysmal depths of the unplumbed skies, majestic and glorious in their varied colors as they are kissed by the morning sun, or impressively beautiful in their dignified repose as the purpling hues of the evening sweep down upon them from the unending heavens, so Freemasonry, uplifted by its ennobling ideals of character building finding full and free expression in its members; guided by the Great Light which adorns its altar, and inspired by that Supreme Architect before whom it bows in reverence and adoration, will live on and on until the cycles of time shall be merged into eternity. Then, hope having become fruition, in that spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, all real lovers of the craft will enjoy those rewards consequent upon a well-spent life in the presence of Him who rules over the celestial lodge above.

Thank you, brethren, for all you have done for me. Thank you for all you have permitted me to try to do for you, and for our great Fraternity. May the blessing of God rest upon us as we enter a new year, and under new leadership, that we may be of greater service to the world than ever before.

David L. Wilson
Grand Master.

The Address was referred to the Committee on Doings of the Grand officers.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Master and referred to the same Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 1, 1928.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

The many detail matters connected with my office have been attended to with regularity and promptitude made possible by my presence in the office of at least a part of all except five of the secular days of the past year, and on those five days I was out of the city attending to masonic matters. The record of the last annual communication was written up and printed copies thereof mailed on August 29th.

RETURNS.

Returns were received from all except thirteen of the lodges before the expiration of the time limit. Ten of the delinquent ones came within the week following, but the other three, Meridian Splendor, No. 49, Nezinscot, No. 101, and Excelsior, No. 151, still held off, Excelsior not reaching me until April 11th, and then only after I had written to the Secretary four letters and made an appeal to the District Deputy Grand Master. It is also true that these same lodges have been delinquent in filing their returns for four successive years, all of which seems unnecessary and brings up the question of the advisability of making a standing regulation imposing a money penalty for overdue returns, as is in force in a majority of the Grand Jurisdictions. If all returns were received on time it would not allow too much time to check them for errors, have errors corrected and tabulate the results, before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The final tabulations of the returns of this year show as small but perhaps satisfactory increase in membership.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

Full membership lists of lodges were submitted this year, the first time since 1924, and while errors showed up in many of the lodges, a majority of them were clerical and might have been avoided by the exertion of a little more care by the secretaries. It is very confusing in the Grand Secretary's office where the parties are not known, to have a candidate initiated and returns made of the raising of "Carl C. Jones," then three or four years later to have a "C. Claude Jones" suspended N. P. D. and a "K. C. Jones" reinstated the next year, the spelling of the brother's first name having been changed by himself or by the new secretary from Carl to Karl. It usually requires two or three letters to establish the fact that all three are one and the same person and that in reality there are not so many Joneses in the world as might appear. Submission of names of members demonstrates to my mind that not one in four of the lodge secretaries keep anything like a list of members, but make up their lists when called for from an old ledger, picking the active from the dead accounts with perhaps three or four accounts on a page. Neither, I believe, do a majority of the secretaries keep on file a copy of their returns sent to

the District Deputy and returned after having been acknowledged by him. No less than twelve secretaries wrote me this year, each asking the number of members he returned in 1927, "because he had mislaid last year's return," unmindful of the fact apparently that our Constitution declares that return to be a part of the records of the lodge, and as such should be as carefully preserved as the minutes of the lodge meetings. It would seem that District Deputy Grand Masters might on nights of official visits devote a portion of their time to a more careful inspection of lodge records and their method of preservation.

CARD INDEX.

During the year the card index of personal record of members has been completed and all available data entered upon the cards. The task of making has been long and arduous and has cost the Grand Lodge considerable money, but its value cannot be over estimated. There are now in the files about 140,000 personal cards against the present membership of about 44,000, showing the thoroughness and painstaking care with which the work has been done and covering Maine masonic affiliation from 1769 to 1928.

FIRES.

The year has not passed without its usual fire loss. On April 1st, the hall of Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mt. Desert, was destroyed and with it all lodge paraphernalia, charter, and lodge records prior to 1918. The current record book was saved by being at the time at the secretary's home. Another demonstration of the fact that every lodge should own a fire-proof safe and its charter, records, and valuable historical papers contained therein all the time.

AN ACT OF COURTESY.

On May 9, 1927, I received a telegram from the Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia stating that M. W. Past Grand Master Ben W. Murch, of that jurisdiction, had died in Washington and that it was the desire of that Grand Lodge that he be buried with masonic honors in his native town of Carmel, Maine. I accordingly arranged by phone with the Worshipful Master of our Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, to have a masonic escort at the railroad station to meet the District of Columbia delegation who would accompany the body of M. W. Brother Murch and to hold a special Lodge of Sorrow to conduct a masonic service. All this was done and the full details reported to the Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia on May 14th; and I know that our brethren of that Grand Jurisdiction fully appreciate the courtesy rendered.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

According to a vote of this Grand Lodge one year ago, and acting under direction of M. W. Thomas H. Bodge, State Chairman, on November 25, 1927, I notified by registered mail each delinquent lodge of the action of the Grand Lodge. I have on file an attested copy of that notification.

CHARTER CERTIFICATES.

During the year I have, with the approval of the M. W. Grand Master, made and delivered Certificates of Charter to Parian Lodge, No. 160, at Corinna, on November 3rd, and to Pioneer Lodge, No. 72, at Ashland, on April 17.

NEW LODGES.

Although letters have been received asking about new lodges in three different locations, to each of which I replied with full instructions as to procedure and enclosing a blank application for dispensation, nothing definite has resulted in either case.

CENTENNIALS.

Four lodges, Fraternal, No. 55, Mount Moriah, No. 56, King Hiram, No. 57, and Unity, No. 58, will have opportunity to celebrate the centennial anniversary of their organization this year and two of those lodges have already signified their intention to do so, and have fixed dates for such observances. After this year there will be no more centennial observances in this state until 1948, because one hundred years ago today our forbears were just entering the period of the Morgan anti-masonic uprising. A study of the masonic conditions of that time is well worth the attention of every mason of today.

FINANCIAL.

During the year I have made and sold 417 Grand Lodge Certificates and two Certificates of Charter. I also made the charter for Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, voted at the last annual communication, for which the regular fee was paid. Likewise by vote of this Grand Lodge, I made without fee a duplicate of the charter of Lynde Lodge, No. 174. I have sold during the year 104 copies of the Maine Masonic Text Book. The cash received for these transactions, less incidental expenses of the office as shown by my cash book, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, for which I hold his receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,

Grand Secretary.

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 1, 1928.

*To the Most Wor. Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the
Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M.:*

I herewith submit my Annual Report as Treasurer for the year ending April 30, 1928.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., in account with HERBERT N. MAXFIELD, Grand Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from all account.	\$25,749 07
Unexpended pay roll, 1927.	892 45
Errors in returns, 1927.	8 00
Grand Commandery of Maine, rent and office expenses.	980 79
Grand Chapter of Maine, rent and office expenses.	1,471 19
Lafayette Lodge, No. 48, dispensation.	3 00
Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, charter.	25 00
Corner Stone Lodge, No. 216, fee for charter.	5 00
Interest on deposit.	315 48
Grand Secretary, receipts of office.	468 84
Dues from D. D. G. M.:	
1st District, George R. Fenderson.	1,855 00
2nd " John L. Polleys.	1,131 00
3rd " Caleb G. Aldrich.	1,228 00
4th " Elijah S. Heath.	1,190 00
5th " Linwood A. Ryder.	2,146 00
6th " Arthur M. Baker.	3,135 00
7th " Chas. W. Abbott.	867 00
8th " Lynwood B. Thompson.	929 00
9th " John L. Tewksbury.	2,421 00
10th " Norris S. Lord.	1,652 00
11th " Guy M. Towle.	2,308 00
12th " George W. Hoxie.	1,544 00
13th " Willis L. Hodgdon.	1,705 00
14th " Henry G. Shaw.	2,061 00
15th " Fessenden Skolfield.	1,527 00
16th " Herbert C. Rowe.	1,060 00
17th " George H. Minott.	5,795 00
18th " Frank W. Harmon.	943 00
19th " Frank H. Libby.	2,761 00
20th " J. Arthur Haley.	882 00
21st " Artemus J. Richardson.	2,055 00
22nd " Samuel P. Ireland.	1,240 00
23rd " Wm. A. Small.	1,364 00
24th " Henry W. Loring.	2,651 00
25th " Carl L. Hews.	1,310 00
26th " Augustus F. Cloutier.	902 00

\$76,580.82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pay Roll by check, 1927.	\$ 95 80
Ashley A. Smith, Committee on Correspondence.	500 00
Samuel B. Furbish, Grand Lecturer.	100 00

Union Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Treasurer's Bond	
Bond and Box Rent.....	\$ 35 00
Grand Tyler, extra services.....	71 50
Dalton Adding Machine Co.....	8 00
Pantograph Co.....	70 00
J. A. Merrill Co., D, D. G. M. Jewel.....	10 00
Falmouth Hotel.....	49 00
Samuel B. Furbish, expense account.....	98 15
David L. Wilson, Contingent Fund.....	350 00
Joseph L. Hall, D. D. G. M., expenses 1927.....	33 00
Fred Lincoln Hill, organist.....	15 00
Jesse W. Alexander, transportation.....	20 00
R. L. Elliott, repair clock.....	5 00
Pettingill-Ross Co.....	6 86
Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, per vote.....	7,500 00
J. A. Merrill Co.....	1 00
Grand Secretary, postage on Proceedings.....	64 28
Elliott Addressing Co.....	4 11
Masonic Relief Association, per vote.....	218 75
Merrill & Webber, account Library.....	159 90
Royal Typewriter Co.....	62 50
Walter B. Keith, Past Masters' diplomas.....	35 00
Trustees Charity Fund, expenses to Waterville.....	21 45
Boston Regalia Co.....	235 67
W. J. Songhurst, Library.....	2 57
Grand Secretary, office expense.....	12 66
C. M. Rice Paper Co.....	1 78
Addressograph Co.....	3 15
Grand Treasurer, stamps and supplies.....	10 60
W. E. Dunham Co., office supplies.....	47 50
Errors in returns, 1928.....	29 00
Three B Bindery.....	103 00
Masonic Trustees, rent.....	2,340 00
Chas B. Davis, Grand Secretary, salary.....	2,500 00
H. N. Maxfield, Grand Treasurer, salary.....	500 00
Tucker Printing Co.....	1,494 87
Saco Lodge, No. 9.....	32 00
National Masonic Tuberculosis Association.....	300 00
Grand Lodge Library.....	3 20
Columbia Hotel.....	117 60
Clerical assistance to Grand Secretary.....	1,599 00
Transferred to Charity Fund, Per Capita Tax.....	21,948 50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.....	101 12
Expenses of D. D. G. M.:	
1st District, Geo. R. Fenderson.....	22 95
2nd " John L. Polleys.....	19 86
3rd " Caleb G. Aldrich.....	36 75

4th District, Elijah S. Heath.....	\$	52.95	
5th " Linwood A. Ryder.....		48.95	
6th " Arthur M. Baker.....		34.80	
7th " Chas. W. Abbott.....		6.00	
8th " Lynwood B. Thompson.....		8.45	
9th " John L. Tewksbury.....		26.65	
10th " Norris S. Lord.....		53.75	
11th " Guy M. Towle.....		12.60	
12th " George W. Hoxie.....		8.66	
13th " Willis L. Hodgdon.....		46.50	
14th " Henry G. Shaw.....		16.79	
15th " Fessenden Skolfield.....		76.80	
16th " Herbert C. Rowe.....		20.69	
17th " George H. Minott.....		26.90	
18th " Frank W. Harmon.....		37.00	
19th " Frank H. Libby.....		18.37	
20th " J. Arthur Haley.....		16.50	
21st " Artemus J. Richardson.....		61.85	
22nd " Samuel P. Ireland.....		23.00	
23rd " Wm. A. Small.....		30.24	
24th " Henry W. Loring.....			
25th " Carl L. Hews.....		48.93	
26th " Augustus F. Cloutier.....		9.00	
Payroll, 1928.....		5,982.60	
			\$47,664.06
Balance on deposit, Portland National Bank.....			28,916.76
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			\$76,580.82

GEORGE R. RICH MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward.....	\$	161.20	
Interest and earnings.....		112.53	
		<hr/>	\$ 273.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Relief, per order Trustees.....	\$	35.00	
			\$ 35.00
Balance on deposit, Portland National Bank.....			238.73
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Fund consists of.....	\$	273.73	
Portland Railroad Co. bonds.....	\$	2,000.00	
Balance on deposit.....		238.73	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,238.73

Fraternally submitted,

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRIEVANCES.

The Grand Secretary presented the following matters, and all papers and correspondence connected with each case, which were received and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, vs. Lester Thomas Willard.

Heron Lodge, No. 32, vs. Oscar T. Baker.

Alna Lodge, No. 43, vs. Stephen F. Richards.

Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, vs. Merle Wyman.

Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, vs. Herman C. Day.

Liberty Lodge, No. 111, vs. Samuel N. Bagley.

MARSH RIVER LODGE.

The Grand Secretary presented a written request by Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, at Brooks, for a refund of the per capita tax paid on Brother THOMAS H. MARTIN, who by action of the Grand Lodge in 1927, was declared to be a member of Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, at Searsport. The same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

The report of the R. W. Grand Lecturer SAMUEL B. FURBISH, was presented as follows:

BRUNSWICK, ME., April 23, 1928.

MOST WORSHIPFUL DAVID L. WILSON,

Grand Master of Masons in Maine:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Lecturer for the year now closed.

Five Lodges of Instruction have been held, as follows: At Dover-Foxcroft on October 10th, where twenty lodges were represented by sixty-nine brethren, including Past Grand Junior Warden Carroll S. Douglass and six District Deputy Grand Masters; at Waldoboro on October 21st, where eighteen lodges were represented by forty-nine brethren and two District Deputy Grand Masters; at Bucksport on October 24th, where seventeen lodges were represented by fifty-nine brethren including Grand Steward Benjamin L. Hadley, and five District Deputy Grand Masters; at Brownfield on October 26th, where ten lodges were represented by sixty-four brethren including Past Grand Junior Warden M. M. Caswell, three

Past District Deputy Grand Masters and three District Deputy Grand Masters; and lastly at Woodfords on October 29th, where twenty-two lodges were represented by sixty-two brethren including the Grand Treasurer, Herbert N. Maxfield and seven District Deputy Grand Masters.

A survey of this year's attendance figures presents the following information. Officers present, two grand officers, fifteen past grand officers, twenty-three deputies, fifty Masters, thirty-five Senior Wardens, twenty-two Junior Wardens, forty-seven minor officers and one hundred and nine non-officers, a total of three hundred and three. Average number of lodges represented at each school, seventeen. Average number of brethren present at each school, sixty.

The attendance of the Deputies fell off this year in that the 1st, 8th, 11th, 14th and 15th Districts were not represented. The Deputies from the 10th and 17th Districts were present on two occasions.

The record of attendance at a Lodge of Instruction each year for five consecutive years is now held by five lodges.

The following item should interest you: Over thirty-five per cent. of the membership of Shepherd's River Lodge, No. 169, at Brownfield, was present at the school held in their hall. If you will consider that this membership is geographically distributed over many states, it must be true that nearly every available member was present, and this indicates that the Deputy for the district and the secretary of the lodge did their duty well in spreading the information that there was to be a Lodge of Instruction.

Last year your attention was called to the fact that forty-eight lodges had been without representation at schools for four years. Of that number fifteen have corrected their habits and now there are but thirty-three on the list, and again of this latter number it is found that sixteen have not had an officer register at the Grand Lodge session for three of the past four years. I do not attempt to explain this condition, but it is to be regretted that brethren do not take advantage of their opportunities.

By invitation of District Deputy Grand Master A. J. Richardson of the Twenty-first District I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Convention at Ellsworth on November 8th. All of the degrees were presented in an intelligent manner and exhibited the spirit of pride which each lodge felt in being chosen to do the work. The presence of the Grand Master added much to the success of the occasion.

I am indebted to the brethren who attend these Lodges of Instruction for without their assistance my labors would be in vain.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. FURBISH, *Grand Lecturer.*

The report was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Special Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 1, 1928.

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

Your committee on the Washington Masonic National Memorial have done little during the past year other than receive such contributions as were sent by the lodges, forward requests for certificates of completed payment, and answer the frequent inquiries made by the lodge secretaries and others.

About the time the lodges commenced their work in the fall of 1927 Grand Secretary Davis, following the instructions by the Grand Lodge as recorded on page 434 of the 1927 Proceedings, sent by registered mail to the secretary of each lodge which had not completed its quota a letter calling attention to the vote of the Grand Lodge. We are unable to understand the inattention of the very small number of lodges which have persistently neglected to acknowledge receipt of the many notices and letters mailed. Perhaps it is through the failure of the secretary to bring the matter to the attention of the lodge, though the officers who have attended as representatives from 1923 to 1927, inclusive, should have some idea there is a duty to which no attention has been paid.

Our 1927 report showed a balance on hand \$2,307.40

Since then we have received as follows:

1927.

May	6	Star in the West, No. 85.	\$ 54.00
"	6	King Hiram, No. 57.	30.00
"	6	Franklin, No. 123.	98.00
"	6	Molunkus, No. 165.	44.00
"	6	Winter Harbor, No. 192.	107.00
"	7	Narraguagus, No. 88.	55.00
"	10	Richmond, No. 63.	93.00
"	12	Neguemkeag, No. 166.	5.00
"	19	Warren, No. 2.	2.00
"	19	Hermon, No. 32.	314.00
"	27	Monument, No. 96.	60.00
"	28	Naskeag, No. 171.	86.00
"	31	Pythagorean, No. 11.	64.00
June	7	Pownal, No. 119.	97.00
"	18	Pacific, No. 64.	61.00
July	1	Interest on Savings Account.	31.19
"	12	Forest, No. 148.	80.00
Aug.	3	Kenduskeag, No. 137.	65.00

Sept. 19	Davis, No. 191.....	\$136.00
Oct. 1	Interest on Savings Account.....	25.80
Nov. 29	King Solomon's, No. 61.....	13.00
Dec. 7	Marsh River, No. 102.....	13.00
" 10	Washington, No. 37.....	34.00
" 17	Star in the East, No. 60.....	128.00
" 21	Olive Branch, No. 124.....	28.00
" 31	Preble, No. 143.....	36.00
1928.		
Jan. 1	Interest on Savings Account.....	\$ 18.13
" 3	Tremont, No. 77.....	19.00
" 7	Harwood, No. 91.....	107.00
" 7	Preble, No. 143.....	25.00
" 9	Mariners', No. 68.....	121.00
" 10	Acacia, No. 121.....	105.00
" 17	Hancock, No. 4.....	100.00
" 30	Drummond, No. 118.....	101.00
Feb. 14	York, No. 22.....	24.00
" 18	Seaside, No. 144.....	54.00
" 21	Mt. Desert, No. 140.....	21.00
" 24	Preble, No. 143.....	33.00
" 28	Interest on Checking Account.....	2.30
Mar. 8	Village, No. 26.....	127.00
" 8	St. John's, No. 51.....	250.00
" 14	Mt. Desert, No. 140.....	14.00
" 19	Rockland, No. 79.....	195.00
" 23	Monument No. 96.....	160.00
" 24	United, No. 8.....	68.00
" 28	Narraguagus, No. 88.....	73.00
" 31	Preble, No. 143.....	31.00
April 1	Interest on Savings Account.....	14.19
" 2	Union, No. 31.....	52.00
" 3	Doric, No. 149.....	110.00
" 6	Riverside, No. 135.....	159.00
" 6	Marsh River, No. 102.....	20.00
" 7	Union, No. 31.....	10.00
" 9	Plymouth, No. 75.....	40.00
" 12	Messalonskee, No. 113.....	35.00
" 12	St. Croix, No. 46.....	272.00
" 17	Moses Webster, No. 145.....	109.00
" 18	Preble, No. 143.....	192.00
" 20	Lynde, No. 174.....	19.00
" 20	Central, No. 45.....	56.00
" 24	St. Aspinquid, No. 198.....	218.00
" 24	Lookout, No. 131.....	25.00
" 24	King David's, No. 62.....	36.00
" 25	Nollesemic, No. 205.....	260.00

April 25	David A. Hooper, No. 201.....	\$ 20.00
" 25	Reliance, No. 195.....	239.00
" 25	Ancient York, No. 155.....	20.00
" 26	Buxton, No. 115.....	161.00
" 26	Morning Star, No. 41.....	39.00
" 26	Phoenix, No. 24.....	33.00
" 27	Amity, No. 6.....	269.00
" 28	Benevolent, No. 87.....	119.00
" 28	Star in the West, No. 85.....	42.00
" 28	Lafayette, No. 48.....	82.00
" 30	King Solomon's, No. 61.....	72.00
May 1	Lincoln, No. 3.....	213.00
		<hr/> \$8,653.01

Our disbursements have been:

1927.

May 23	John C. Arnold, Postmaster, 3 cent stamps.	\$ 6.30
July 30	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00
	1928.	
Feb. 4	John C. Arnold, Postmaster, 500 stamped envelopes.....	11.04
" 18	J. Claude Keiper, Sec.-Treas.....	2,000.00
April 20	John C. Arnold, Postmaster, 250 2 cents stamps.....	5.00
		<hr/> \$4,022.34
	Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$4,630.67
		<hr/> \$8,653.01

Deposited in checking account, State Trust Co.....	\$ 4.95
Deposited in savings account, State Trust Co.....	4,340.72
Cash in hands of the committee.....	213.00
	<hr/> \$4,630.67

Since our report last year fifty-eight lodges have completed their quotas, leaving only six to be accounted for.

Of those three, viz., Nos. 75, 192 and 201 have paid in part; while Nos. 67, 170 and 209 have paid nothing. Of the latter none has ever replied to any of our communications.

To revert to the three which have paid in part. No. 75 reported 92 members in 1923 and 88 in 1927; we have received \$85.00. No. 192 reported 141 members in 1923 and 135 in 1927; we have received \$108.00. No. 201 reported 176 members in 1923 and 191 in 1927; we have received \$166.00. In justice to No. 201, I will say the secretary wrote he understood he was entitled to deduct the number of members who had been suspended since 1923 to determine the amount to be paid, but we have had no opportunity to reply and explain the situation. Since coming to Portland I have examined the 1928 returns and find the several memberships to have been returned as No. 75, 88; No. 192, 145; No. 201, 200.

The three lodges which have paid nothing made returns of membership as follows: No. 67, in 1923, 134, this year, 137; No. 170, in 1923, 256, this year, 258; No. 209, in 1923, 107, this year, 109.

Some two weeks ago we received copies of the Minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and at once sent a copy to the secretary of every lodge in the state that the brethren might be informed as to the progress of the work and what the different grand jurisdictions have done. By it you will observe we had paid just ninety per cent. of our quota. The amount in the hands of your committee with the sums due from the six lodges will enable us to be paid 100 per cent. What our future attitude shall be is for the members of this Grand Lodge to determine.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE, *Chairman.*

HAROLD E. COOK, *Secretary.*

SILAS B. ADAMS.

DAVID L. WILSON.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

COPY OF CHARTER FOR MOUNT DESERT LODGE.

On motion of Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS, in consequence of the loss by fire of the original charter, the Grand Lodge

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make a copy of the charter of Mount Desert Lodge, No. 140, and deliver it to the lodge free of charge, the regular fee for engrossing being hereby remitted; and that the Grand Master's dispensation continue in full force and effect until such copy of charter is made and delivered.

RETURNS.

Bro. CHARLES B. DAVIS submitted the report of the Committee on Returns as follows, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in full in the Proceedings, together with the Abstract of Returns from Lodges.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 1, 1928.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

A study of the returns of this year reveals some interesting features, especially so when compared with the returns of the past five years. In the first place the net gain this year is only 146, the smallest that it has

been in many years although an average number of applications for the degrees were handled with no larger percentage of them rejected than in former years. Suspensions for non-payment of dues are very largely responsible for the losses, which naturally brings up the old question of the efficiency of the lodge secretary as a collector.

In the opinion of your committee the Secretary is not wholly to blame for large amounts of uncollected dues. He may perhaps in some instances be largely so, especially if he is inclined to take dues from those who proffer payment unsolicited, even though notice of dues is sent each member. But he dislikes to persistently nag and bone a brother to make him pay. It is here that your committee believes the lodge is largely at fault in not having by-laws so framed as to assist the Secretary. We are of the opinion that the by-laws of every lodge should make it the absolute duty of the Secretary to report to the lodge at its annual meeting the name of every member who is twelve months or more delinquent, and we believe that few who are one, two or three years in arrears for dues would permit their names to be thus read. Such support we believe would assist the Secretary in a great measure in keeping the uncollected dues down and delinquent suspensions avoided.

The largest net gain by any lodge during the past year was St. Andrew's of Bangor, which has also shown the largest gain for six successive years. With a membership of 530 in 1923, this lodge reported 601 in 1924; 632 in 1925; 673 in 1926; 708 in 1927; and 735 this year. During the six years the lodge entertained 453 applications, of which 130, or more than twenty-five per cent. were rejected, showing well that with all its activity the lodge has carefully selected its candidates.

During the year 109 lodges made a total net gain of 566, while 88 made a total net loss of 494, with no change in 10. Last year 82 lodges showed net loss in numbers, 67 in 1926 and 72 in 1925. The largest loss sustained by any lodge this year was 33 in Aurora, No. 50, which has shown a loss every year since 1925. Three other lodges, Horeb, No. 93, Polar Star, No. 114, and Moses Webster, No. 145, have shown net loss in membership since 1925. Freeport, No. 23, has shown a loss each year from 1924 to 1927, but this year reports no change in membership from that of a year ago.

There is no change in position of the seven big leaders, Deering, No. 183, Ancient Land-Mark, No. 17, St. Andrew's, No. 83, Hiram, No. 180, Waterville, No. 33, Portland, No. 1 and Atlantic No. 81, although Hiram increased its lead for fourth place over Waterville from one a year ago to eighth this year. Excelsior, No. 151, still remains the smallest lodge in the state. During the year it entertained no applications and sustained no losses by suspension or death.

The new lodge, Corner Stone, with its 66 members passed Excelsior with its 38, Bagaduce with its 56, and is tied for third place from the last with Meduncook, No. 211. There are now thirty lodges in the state with a membership of less than one hundred each, but with one or two possible exceptions, all of them are active and prosperous and in their own way are

meeting the masonic needs in their respective localities. During the year our lodges handled 1,795 applications, of which 386, or more than one in five were rejected, showing that with large losses in membership confronting the lodges, the personal qualifications of those seeking admission is still being carefully looked after.

The average lodge membership is 212.05, a slight falling off from last year, due to the admission of one new lodge to the list and the small increase in the total membership.

The net gain for the year was 146.

The 807 deaths exceed the number of last year by nearly 100.

The following summary shows comparison with the returns of the last five years.

	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Initiated.....	1,590	1,572	1,450	1,367	1,409
Raised.....	1,698	1,534	1,455	1,351	1,379
Affiliated.....	96	114	121	142	153
Re-instated.....	66	111	82	74	132
Dimitted.....	143	188	156	170	202
Died.....	667	729	703	717	807
Suspended.....	5	1	0	2	1
Expelled.....	0	2	2	0	2
Susp. from membership...	223	490	288	411	505
Deprived of membership	6	3	5	1	1
Error 1924 & 1927 returns.	0	2	0	0	1
Number of members.....	42,556	42,981	43,485	43,751	43,897
Rejected.....	691	509	436	376	386

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. B. DAVIS,
 JAMES C. AYER,
 CHARLES W. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 1928

Nos.	Lodges.	Initiated.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Re-instated.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	N. P. D.		No. Members.	Rejected.
										Suspended.	D. of Mem.		
1	Portland	23	23	2	1	6	10	0	0	33	0	628	7
2	Warren	4	3	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	215	0
3	Lincoln	4	3	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	213	1
4	Hancock	6	6	1	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	96	0
5	Kennebec	10	9	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	189	1
6	Amity	13	16	1	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	356	6
7	Eastern	4	4	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	193	3
8	United	10	8	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	350	3
9	Saco	5	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	391	3
10	Rising Virtue	31	17	0	1	2	9	0	1	8	0	533	13
11	Pythagorean	3	2	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	161	0
12	Cumberland	8	6	1	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	261	1
13	Oriental	13	14	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	240	2
14	Solar	12	9	2	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	412	2
15	Orient	7	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	171	2
16	St. George	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	154	0
17	Ancient Land-Mark.	29	30	1	2	5	18	0	0	15	0	849	9
18	Oxford	10	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	253	2
19	Felicity	6	2	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	180	1
20	Maine	0	2	0	0	3	7	0	0	2	0	204	0
21	Oriental Star	7	4	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	202	1
22	York	4	5	4	1	0	6	0	0	2	0	193	1
23	Freeport	3	6	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	215	1
24	Phoenix	2	2	2	0	3	3	0	0	9	0	194	2
25	Temple	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	0
26	Village	1	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	126	1
27	Adoniram	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	86	0
28	Northern Star	8	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	142	2
29	Tranquil	9	7	1	2	0	12	0	0	8	0	550	2
30	Blazing Star	12	8	2	0	3	5	0	0	9	0	449	2
31	Union	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	132	0
32	Hermon	3	3	1	0	2	15	1	0	0	0	549	2
33	Waterville	19	15	4	3	7	10	0	0	8	0	671	11
34	Somerset	8	8	1	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	289	3
35	Bethlehem	12	9	1	3	1	11	0	0	8	0	426	1
36	Casco	4	3	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	250	3
37	Washington	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	199	1
38	Harmony	6	6	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	237	2
39	Penobscot	17	14	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	281	3
40	Lygonia	6	8	1	3	2	13	0	0	8	0	370	2
41	Morning Star	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	113	2
42	Freedom	2	2	0	1	0	6	0	0	2	0	109	1
43	Alna	1	1	0	0	1	7	0	0	8	0	216	1
44	Piscataquis	8	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	331	2
45	Central	6	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	133	0
46	St. Croix	9	8	1	0	0	7	0	0	4	0	270	3
47	Dunlap	9	7	0	1	3	9	0	0	9	0	376	0
48	Lafayette	8	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	163	2
49	Meridian Splendor	6	6	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	209	1
50	Aurora	17	16	2	12	7	6	0	0	50	0	461	1

Nos.	LOGGERS.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
51	St. John's	8	8	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	255	3
52	Mosaic	11	11	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	252	4
53	Rural	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	100	1
54	Vassalboro	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	98	0
55	Fraternal	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0
56	Mount Moriah	4	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	95	0
57	King Hiram	10	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	157	0
58	Unity	7	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	1
59	Mt. Hope (ch. sur.)												
60	Star in the East	24	24	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	392	5
61	King Solomon's	4	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	196	0
62	King David's	8	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	86	0
63	Richmond	4	5	0	1	2	4	0	0	10	0	181	0
64	Pacific	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	0
65	Mystic	17	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	241	6
66	Mechanics'	12	10	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	265	2
67	Blue Mountain	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	137	2
68	Mariners'	4	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	0	116	0
69	Howard	6	4	2	0	1	10	0	0	3	0	184	4
70	Standish	6	7	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	0	166	2
71	Rising Sun	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	3	0	101	0
72	Pioneer	5	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	209	2
73	Tyrian	5	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	218	1
74	Bristol	4	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	157	1
75	Plymouth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	88	1
76	Arundel	1	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	185	1
77	Tremont	12	9	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	0	200	1
78	Crescent	6	6	3	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	161	2
79	Rockland	7	5	1	8	0	10	0	0	0	0	227	3
80	Keystone	3	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	126	0
81	Atlantic	19	22	1	5	2	8	0	0	10	1	622	12
82	St. Paul's	8	8	0	2	6	5	0	0	5	0	204	1
83	St. Andrew's	41	43	3	0	0	7	0	0	12	0	735	14
84	Eureka	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	127	0
85	Star in the West	3	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	114	0
86	Temple	4	3	0	0	1	9	0	0	3	0	341	1
87	Benevolent	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	117	1
88	Narraguagus	2	2	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	130	0
89	Island	4	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	131	0
90	Hiram Abiff (ch. rev.)												
91	Harwood	4	5	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	217	0
92	Siloam	6	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	0	287	1
93	Horeb	2	3	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	275	6
94	Paris	4	4	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	159	1
95	Corinthian	2	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	162	2
96	Monument	12	15	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	475	8
97	Bethel	3	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	172	0
98	Kathadin	4	4	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	176	0
99	Vernon Valley	4	6	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	120	1
100	Jefferson	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	113	0
101	Nezinscot	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	110	0
102	Marsh River	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	93	2
103	Dresden	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	0
104	Dirigo	11	10	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	102	2
105	Ashlar	11	9	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	479	0
106	Tuscan	3	3	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	235	0

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
										S.	D.		
107	Day Spring	8	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	97	0
108	Relief (<i>ch. rev.</i>)												
109	Mount Kineo	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	171	2
110	Monmouth	3	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	169	3
111	Liberty	7	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	109	0
112	Eastern Frontier	11	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	247	2
113	Messalonskee	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	7	0	121	1
114	Polar Star	7	8	0	3	5	7	0	0	7	0	39	2
115	Buxton	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	161	0
116	Lebanon	11	5	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	149	2
117	Greenleaf	5	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	196	0
118	Drummond	3	5	0	0	1	5	0	0	14	0	109	0
119	Pownal	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	97	1
120	Meduncook (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
121	Acacia	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	108	1
122	Marine	10	10	3	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	299	0
123	Franklin	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	106	0
124	Olive Branch	9	9	1	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	137	0
125	Meridian	5	4	5	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	235	1
126	Timothy Chase	9	5	1	0	3	4	0	0	16	0	207	3
127	Presumpscot	10	6	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	175	2
128	Eggemoggin	4	3	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	129	0
129	Quantabcook	5	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	102	0
130	Trinity	8	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	7	0	312	0
131	Lookout	3	3	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	72	0
132	Mount Tire'm	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	79	0
133	Asylum	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	91	0
134	Trojan (<i>consol'd</i>)												
135	Riverside	5	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	159	1
136	Ionic (<i>ch. sur.</i>)												
137	Kenduskeag	5	4	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	124	4
138	Lewy's Island	10	11	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	242	3
139	Archon	4	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	97	0
140	Mount Desert	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	104	0
141	Augusta	8	10	1	2	5	10	0	0	3	0	488	3
142	Ocean	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	131	2
143	Preble	7	7	0	3	3	7	0	0	17	0	373	7
144	Seaside	6	8	1	0	2	11	0	0	3	0	314	4
145	Moses Webster	1	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	209	0
146	Sebasticook	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	149	1
147	Evening Star	9	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	0
148	Forest	5	5	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	191	3
149	Doric	7	8	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	136	1
150	Rabboni	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	390	9
151	Excelsior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0
152	Crooked River	3	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	133	0
153	Delta	3	4	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	107	1
154	Mystic Tie	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	85	1
155	Ancient York	7	7	0	0	1	7	0	0	4	0	186	3
156	Wilton	10	12	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	238	1
157	Cambridge	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	121	0
158	Anchor	3	3	0	2	0	5	0	0	3	0	76	0
159	Esoteric (<i>consol'd</i>)												
160	Carriab	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	128	1
161	Carrabasset	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	97	0
162	Arion	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	110	1

Nos.	Lodges.	In.	R.	A.	R.	D.	D.	S.	E.	N. P. D.		Mem.	R.
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163	Pleasant River.....	7	7	0	0	1	7	0	0	3	0	323	8
164	Webster.....	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	91	3
165	Molunkus.....	15	18	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	186	1
166	Neguemkeag.....	7	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	89	0
167	Whitney.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0
168	Composite.....	7	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	199	0
169	Shepherd's River...	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	90	0
170	Caribou.....	5	8	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	256	8
171	Naskeag.....	5	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	92	0
172	Pine Tree.....	3	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	155	0
173	Pleiades.....	11	8	1	2	0	6	0	0	8	0	155	0
174	Lynde.....	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	107	2
175	Baskahegan.....	4	7	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	233	0
176	Palestine (consol'd).....												
177	Rising Star.....	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	110	0
178	Ancient Brothers'.....	7	7	0	2	1	6	0	0	4	0	451	4
179	Yorkshire.....	9	14	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	150	1
180	Hiram.....	24	26	2	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	694	11
181	Reuel Washburn (con.).....												
182	Granite.....	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	99	0
183	Deering.....	33	33	6	1	7	9	0	0	7	0	926	13
184	Naval.....	17	19	0	0	1	4	0	0	27	0	448	3
185	Bar Harbor.....	19	19	3	1	1	10	0	0	9	0	318	0
186	Warren Phillips.....	13	17	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	438	2
187	Ira Berry.....	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	85	0
188	Jonesport.....	2	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	6	0	142	0
189	Knox.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	96	0
190	Springvale.....	5	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	252	1
191	Davis.....	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	153	1
192	Winter Harbor.....	8	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	146	1
193	Washburn.....	8	9	0	3	1	3	0	0	10	0	156	0
194	Euclid.....	4	4	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	242	2
195	Reliance.....	7	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	239	0
196	Bay View.....	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	151	0
197	Aroostook.....	13	20	0	2	0	1	0	0	9	0	200	8
198	St. Aspinquid.....	9	6	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	259	6
199	Bingham.....	8	11	0	1	0	6	0	0	4	0	278	4
200	Columbia.....	9	12	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	191	6
201	David A. Hooper.....	9	11	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	200	1
202	Mount Bigelow.....	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	104	0
203	Mount Olivet.....	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	94	2
204	Mount Abram.....	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	147	1
205	Nollesemic.....	11	11	1	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	289	11
206	Island Falls.....	10	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	243	2
207	Abner Wade.....	4	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	121	0
208	Northeast Harbor.....	9	8	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	154	0
209	Fort Kent.....	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	110	0
210	Bagaduce.....	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	56	0
211	Meduncook.....	3	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	66	0
212	McKinley.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	2
213	Kemankeag.....	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	81	0
214	Limestone.....	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	89	1
215	Orchard.....	5	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	113	5
216	Corner Stone.....	54	42	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	66	7
		1409	1379	153	132	202	807	1	2	505	1	43897	386

FINANCE.

Bro. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report:

PORTLAND, ME., May 1, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers. We find the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to be as according to his report Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Seventy-six Cents (\$28,916.76).

We have also examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and find them correct, that the balance of cash received by him has been paid to the Grand Treasurer for which the Grand Secretary holds his receipt.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Finance Committee.
FRED C. TOLMAN,	
NATHAN C. REDLON,	

This report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

HISTORY.

Bro. FRED C. CHALMERS, for the Committee on History reported:

MASONIC TEMPLE,

PORTLAND, ME., May 1, 1928.

To the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on History beg leave to report that we have received only one lodge history during the year.

A history of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, at Dover-Foxcroft, which celebrated its one hundred anniversary on July 16, 1927, for the one hundred years of its existence, was written by Brother Liston P. Evans and printed in paper covers, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

While concise in detail, the history covers all the important transactions of the lodge since it has been working and is supplemented by a list of the members in good standing as of July 1, 1927.

We would again call attention to the fact that many lodges are delinquent in filing their histories, the standing regulation covering the matter being that every lodge shall submit its history every ten years. There are many lodges in the state that have never had their history written, and very

few, if indeed any, strictly follow the regulation of the Grand Lodge and submit a historical sketch every decade.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. CHALMERS,
I. JAMES MERRY,
E. A. WHITTRIDGE,

} Committee.

The report was accepted and ordered to be made a part of the records.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, in print, and asked that it be printed with the Proceedings in order that it may be read by as many of the brethren as possible, assuring them that he had endeavored in his work to select and comment upon those points of interest that he had found while reading the doings of jurisdictions which he thought might be of interest to the fraternity in Maine. Some new points of masonic law have been discovered; a few differing from our own. Some lines of endeavor different from ours he had found which he hoped might be of interest. It represented, he said, many hours of labor which he hoped would be of value to the Craft.

It was voted that the report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings. (*See Appendix*).

FRATERNAL RECOGNITION.

Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, for the Committee on Correspondence further reported on the matter of fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges, as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 1, 1928.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of Maine:*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is convinced that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is a regular Masonic Grand Lodge, governed

according to the ancient customs and usages of the Fraternity as recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine, and enunciated by this Committee at the Annual Communication of 1927 (see page 423 Annual Proceedings).

As this Grand Lodge of Maine desires to enjoy relations of comity and fraternity with all regular Masons throughout the world, and as the York Grand Lodge of Mexico fulfills our requirements, we therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico informing that Worshipful Grand Lodge of our fraternal recognition and communicating our fraternal desire for an exchange of Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH,	} Committee.
FRANK J. COLE,	
WALLACE N. PRICE,	

The report was accepted and by practically a unanimous vote the recommendation was adopted, and fraternal recognition extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

REFRESHMENT.

At. 11.38 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 1, 1928. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem:

BRADFORD H. WHITE, Hermon Lodge, No. 32.

FRED E. WELCH, St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198.

ROY W. STURTEVANT, St. Aspinquid Lodge, No. 198.

CHARLES W. BARRETT, Kemankeag Lodge, No. 213.

LYNWOOD B. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M. of the Eighth District, was excused after the afternoon session on Wednesday.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

The Grand Master then announced that there were several distinguished visitors without and first appointed Past Grand Master DAVID E. MOULTON to retire, who did so, and upon returning shortly after introduced M. W. Bro. DAVID A. ELLIOTT, Past Grand Master of Vermont, who was most cordially welcomed by Grand Master WILSON, was conducted to the East, introduced to the brethren and was accorded the private Grand Honors of Masonry.

In like manner Past Grand Master ALBERT M. SPEAR introduced R. W. Bro. EDWIN O. CHASE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Also, Past Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE introduced M. W. Bro. FRANK L. SIMPSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. M. W. ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts; R. W. O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary of So. Carolina and General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; and Bro. CHARLES CLARK DAVIS, General Grand High Priest.

Bro. CHASE who could attend only this afternoon session, was then called upon to address the Grand Lodge which he did for fifteen minutes or more in a most pleasing and inspiring talk on Masonry and its present day opportunities and privileges.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED.

The following newly appointed Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand

Lodge of Maine presented their credentials and were given most fraternal welcome by Grand Master WILSON.

JOSEPH B. MANCHESTER, Georgia.
 RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, Oklahoma.
 CLARENCE H. PRIDE, Oregon.
 HAROLD C. SMITH, So. Dakota.
 MARTIN L. PORTER, West Virginia.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

BRO. CLARK D. CHAPMAN, read the following Memorial which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

ENOCH O. GREENLEAF.

Brother ENOCH OWEN GREENLEAF, Past Junior Grand Warden, died at his home in Portland, on August 15, 1927, after an illness which confined him to his bed but a few weeks.

He was the son of Enoch Lincoln and Rebekah (Greaton) Greenleaf, and was born at Starks, Maine, on December 12, 1853. He was educated in the Nichols Latin School in Lewiston and Westbrook Seminary in Deering, now Portland, Maine. After graduating from the latter institution, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1879. His first office was in Mount Vernon but after a short period, he removed to Farmington where he remained until 1908. He then moved to Portland where he carried on a successful practice until his death.

Brother GREENLEAF was an active and interested member of the Maine Society of Sons of the American Revolution. He was also interested in politics and although a member of the minority party served in several lesser offices and was a Representative to the Legislature in 1914.

He was made a Mason in Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, on June 18, 1883, and served the lodge as its Master in 1891. He became District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth District in 1893 and was Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1897.

He was exalted in Franklin Chapter, No. 44, on February 10, 1885, was High Priest in 1890 and Grand King in 1914.

He was greeted in Jephthah Council, No. 17, on February 22, 1892, while that body was working under dispensation, became a charter member, and served as Illustrious Master in 1895. He was elected M. I. Grand Master in 1901, serving one year.

He was knighted in Pilgrim Commandery, No. 19, while that body was working under dispensation, was a charter member, and became Eminent Commander in 1900.

He was appointed a member of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals of the Grand Lodge in 1915 and served faithfully on that Committee from that time until his death, earnestly striving to uphold the name of the Fraternity and to do justice to the individual brother who came before his Committee. His training in his profession and his experience on the Committee enabled him to render a very valuable service in determining the disposition to be made of many a complex situation. His kindly greeting and genial personality will be long missed by those associated with him in the Grand Lodge.

On March 27, 1881, Brother GREENLEAF married Miss Cornelia Mayhew, of Mount Vernon, who died in 1902, and on May 28, 1906, he married Miss Emma Holley Carville, of Farmington, who died in 1920.

Funeral services were held on August 18, 1927, at his late home on Hunt Street, in Portland, and his remains were taken to Farmington for burial in the family lot.

ALBERT M. PENLEY.

The following Memorial was read by Bro. JOHN M. LITTLEFIELD, and it was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

ALBERT MANCHESTER PENLEY.

Right Worshipful Brother ALBERT MANCHESTER PENLEY was born July 22, 1847, at Danville, Maine. He died June 25, 1927, after an illness of some months.

He was twice married, on October 28, 1875, to Georgiana Pennell, who died some years ago; and on February 1, 1916, to May Louise Leavitt, who survives him. A son, John A. Penley, and two daughters Mrs. Lyda Ellis and Mrs. Georgia M. Stewart, also survive him.

He received his education in the common schools of Auburn, Lewiston Falls Academy, and the Maine State Seminary, which is now Bates College.

His life was one of service, as his record will attest. He was in the grocery business most of his life. He served his city as a member of the Common Council for two years, was Mayor two years, Overseer of the Poor twelve years, and one of the City Assessors two years. He was a County Commissioner for nine years, and a member of the Maine Legislature four years.

Brother PENLEY was raised in Tranquil Lodge, in May, 1873, but demitted to become a charter member of Ancient Brothers' Lodge, and was Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1876 and 1877.

He was exalted in King Hiram Royal Arch Chapter in February, 1874, and from this body he demitted to become a charter member of Bradford Royal Arch Chapter, of which he was High Priest in 1878.

In Dunlap Council, he was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in April, 1874, and served as Illustrious Master in 1879 and 1880.

He was knighted in Lewiston Commandery in April, 1874, and was Eminent Commander in 1882 and 1883.

He was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1895, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1892 and 1893, and Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1879 and 1880.

In 1915 he was elected President of the Order of High Priesthood, and held that office until his death.

He received the Fourteenth Degree in Lewiston Lodge of Perfection, in 1877, and was Thrice Potent Master in 1886 and 1887. He received the Sixteenth Degree in Portland Council Princes of Jerusalem in 1882, from which he demitted to become a member of Auburn Council. In 1882, he received the Eighteenth Degree in Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix at Portland, but afterwards became a member of H. H. Dickey Chapter of Auburn, and served as its Most Wise Master from 1905 to 1915. He became a member of Maine Consistory in Portland in 1884. In 1888, at Boston, he was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree.

Brother PENLEY was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, and held the office of Most Puissant Sovereign for seven years.

He was also Past Potentate of Kora Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, of which he was a member for many years.

Such were his years of service to our Craft, an inspiration to us all. Respected and loved by his brethren, after these years of service, he has passed to his reward, "to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD.

Bro. LITTLEFIELD also read the following Memorial which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD.

On June 10, 1927, the Grand Lodge of Maine lost by death, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, Past Junior Grand Warden. Brother LORD fought a long, courageous battle before succumbing to the sickle of the Grim Reaper. He had patiently submitted to treatment for some months at a Buffalo hospital, and to a surgical operation at the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston.

Brother LORD was born July 29, 1848, in Auburn, but his early years were spent in Norway, where he attended the public schools. He entered the shoe business at Auburn when seventeen years old, as office boy in the Ara Cushman shoe factory. When he retired from the shoe business in 1904, he had risen to be a member of the firm. From 1904 to the time of his death, he was active in the life insurance business.

Brother LORD was a member of Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, being raised January 14, 1874, and was Worshipful Master in 1887 and 1888.

He was exalted in Bradford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 38, January 5, 1875, and was its High Priest in 1883.

He was greeted in Dunlap Council, R. & S. M., No. 8, March 16, 1875, and served as Illustrious Master in 1897 and 1898.

He was knighted in Lewiston Commandery, No. 6, April 22, 1875, and was Eminent Commander in 1892 and 1893.

Brother LORD was District Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge in 1892 and 1893, and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1894.

He was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In 1903, Brother LORD was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master in the Grand Council of Maine.

Brother LORD was also active in the Scottish Rite. He received the degrees from fourth to thirty-second in 1886, and was Thrice Potent Master in Lewiston Lodge of Perfection from 1904 to 1918.

He was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, in 1913, at Philadelphia.

Brother LORD was a member of Kora Temple, and a Past Potentate of that order.

Brother LORD was married to Miss Josephine P. Daicy of Poland, Maine, April 27, 1868. Mrs. Lord died in 1920. The only near relatives surviving Brother Lord are a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Lord Verrill, and a granddaughter Miss Martha Josephine Verrill.

Right Worship Brother LORD was an active member of the Masonic fraternity from the time of his raising in Tranquil Lodge, until his death. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Brother LORD was a faithful attendant at Grand Lodge, and in his death the Grand Lodge of Maine has lost one of its most worthy members.

EDWARD G. WESTON.

The following Memorial was read and it was ordered that it be printed in the journal of proceedings.

EDWARD G. WESTON.

On Monday evening, January 9th, R. W. Brother EDWARD G. WESTON died suddenly at his home in Thomaston. He had been in his usual health and his sudden passing was a great shock to his multitude of friends. Brother WESTON was born at Warren, Maine, November 24, 1867, and had spent practically all his life in that part of the State. He was a commercial traveler for many years and his duties took him into all parts of the State, where he was also able to do much work for the Craft, investigating cases of need for the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund. For twenty years he served as a Trustee of that Board and his services to it can hardly be overestimated. Gladly did he give of his time and experience, without any expectation of recompense, and it will be a difficult matter to find another to do his work in this respect.

Brother WESTON was made a Mason in Orient Lodge, No. 15, at Thomaston, in 1889, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1892. In 1905 he served the Grand Lodge as Grand Junior Warden and for twenty years thereafter, till the time of his death, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

He is survived by his wife, Lucie Hinckley Weston, a daughter, Maryon H. Weston, and a son, Myles S. Weston, to all of whom the tender sympathy of this Grand Lodge is extended.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

BRO. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented the following report:

IN GRAND LODGE,

May 1, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

We, your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, have carefully considered the address of the Grand Master, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer, and congratulate the craft of Maine that such conscientious and efficient brethren have had the affairs of this Grand Lodge in charge.

Rarely has it been the fortune of our Grand Lodge to have a Grand Master who could give so much of his time and energy traveling about the state and addressing the brethren upon topics of masonic interest. We are sure tangible results will appear from the contact.

The interest shown in the District Conventions is cause for congratulation, and we are glad the Grand Lecturer was able to attend even one. His analysis indicates he is keeping close watch on the attendance and non-attendance of the officers and members of the different lodges, and we have little doubt irregularities and requests for dispensations which may not be granted come largely from lodges which do not keep in touch with the discussions that always arise at the Schools of Instruction and on occasions of unusual masonic meetings.

The report of the Grand Secretary proves, if proof be needed, that he continues to conduct the affairs of his office with the same degree of efficiency that has ever characterized his labors.

We are pleased that Grand Master Wilson was able to attend and take part in the discussions of the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States. While it is to be hoped there will never be another deliberate effort to establish a General Grand Lodge, we do recognize the benefits sure to result from such gatherings of the masons called to preside over the destinies of the several Grand Lodges. We have also given careful attention to his report of attendance on the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and commend his suggestions relative thereto.

We recommend those portions of the address of the Grand Master dealing with Decisions, Degrees in less than the Required Time, and Dis-

pensions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; that the portion relating to the Condition of the Fraternity, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Secretary, except those portions relating to finance, which is referred to the Committee on Finance, be referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity; that the portion relating to Masonic Trials be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals; we understand the four requests for courtesy work by lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions were meritorious and so commend his action; we trust the letter issued to prohibit the delivery of unauthorized masonic lectures for a fee had a salutary effect and that nothing of the kind will be again attempted in this state; we endorse the direct advice given the lodge which had been lending itself to further the interests of another organization and sincerely hope there will be no need for further admonition or action; we approve the appointments as and recommendations for appointment of Grand Representatives and recommend an exchange of Grand Representatives from and to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be arranged.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE,	} Committee.
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	
CONVERS E. LEACH,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

CREDENTIALS — FINAL REPORT.

Bro. BURBANK, for the Committee on Credentials, made final report which was accepted as follows:

2.00 P. M., May 1, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

According to direction we have added to the report of this morning the names of representatives and Permanent Members arriving since, and would respectfully report that there are now present and entitled to vote:

Permanent Members present (1 vote each).....	35
Grand Officers present (1 vote each).....	45
193 Lodges represented (3 votes each).....	579
	659
Duplicates.....	2
Total number of votes.....	657

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. BURBANK,	} Committee on Credentials.
RAYMOND H. EASTMAN,	
WARREN C. KING,	

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

BRO. CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand Lodge Librarian, presented his report, which was accepted as follows:

PORTLAND, May 1, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

The routine affairs of the Library have been attended to as usual.

Forty-seven volumes have been bound, and one volume, the General History and Cyclopedia of Free Masonry, has been added, the gift of Wor. Bro. Frank C. Allen of Portland.

Fraternally submitted,

CONVERS E. LEACH, *Librarian.*

PUBLICATION.

BRO. MILLARD M. CASWELL, for the Committee on Publication, reported verbally that no business had been presented for consideration by that committee, and the report was accepted.

ELECTION.

The hour of election (3 o'clock) having arrived, the Grand Master invited M. W. Brother DAVID E. MOULTON to preside. Brother MOULTON assumed the East and appointed the following committees to receive, sort and count votes:

I. FRANK P. DENACO, FREDERIC O. EATON, JAMES ABERNETHY.

II. JAMES A. RICHAN, FRED C. CHALMERS, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

The Committees having attended to their duties reported the choice of

HAROLD E. COOK,	M. W. Grand Master,	Gardiner
CYRUS N. BLANCHARD,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Wilton
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	" Senior Grand Warden	N. E. Harbor
NORRIS S. LORD,	" Junior Grand Warden,	Dresden Mills
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland

Committee on Finance—FREDERIC O. EATON, Rumford; FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland; FRED C. TOLMAN, Portland.

Trustee of the Charity Fund for Two Years—CONVERS E. LEACH, Portland.

Trustees of the Charity Fund for Three Years—EDWARD W. WHEELER, Brunswick; DAVID L. WILSON, Bath.

And they were severally declared elected, and the committees thanked and discharged.

Grand Master WILSON then resumed the East and thanked Brother MOULTON for his service and the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 4.15 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Wednesday, May 2, 1928. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2.00 o'clock.

REPRESENTATIVE SEATED.

Bro. JOHN M. INGRAM, Proxy of Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, presented his credentials, explained the cause of his late appearance, which seemed sufficient, and accordingly the Grand Lodge voted to seat Bro. INGRAM as representative of Knox Lodge.

EXCUSES.

The following representatives presented sufficient good reasons for non-attendance for the remainder of the Communication, and they were excused at close of the afternoon session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to pay them mileage and per diem:

GEORGE R. FENDERSON, D. D. G. M., First District.

CLARENCE O. PURINTON, Village Lodge, No. 26.

CHARLES W. BURDITT, Blazing Star Lodge, No. 30.

FRANK H. BICKFORD, Drummond Lodge, No. 118.

E. SYDNEY DENBY, Preble Lodge, No. 143.
F. ARDIN RICHARDSON, Davis Lodge, No. 191.
JOHN WALLACE, Reliance Lodge, No. 195.
FRED C. ENGLISH, Aroostook Lodge, No. 197.

A VISITOR FROM AFAR.

The Grand Master announced that it had come to his attention that there was present a brother of a foreign Grand Lodge, and introduced Brother THOMAS ARKENHEAD, Wor. Past Master of St. John Lodge, No. 119, at Johnshaven, Scotland, and most fraternal greeting was extended the visitor.

THE GRAND MASTER OF CONNECTICUT.

Grand Master WILSON then announced that there was without a distinguished visitor and appointed Past Grand Master DAVID E. MOULTON a committee of one to retire and escort him into this Grand Lodge. In due time Brother MOULTON returned and introduced Most. Wor. ROBERT S. WALKER, Grand Master of Connecticut, who was given most cheerful greeting by Grand Master WILSON, introduced to the brethren assembled, and addressed them for a few moments interestingly.

OTHER GUESTS.

The Grand Master then again introduced our guests of yesterday, M. W. Bro. ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts; Wor. Bro. CHARLES CLARK DAVIS, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and M. W. Bro. O. FRANK HART, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, all of whom responded briefly.

ADDRESS BY GRAND MASTER SIMPSON.

Grand Master WILSON then with well chosen words introduced Most Worshipful Brother FRANK L.

SIMPSON, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, who spoke to the four hundred or more brethren assembled for nearly an hour, upon the subject "Masonic Individuality," commanding the closest attention of everyone present for the entire time. The tremendous applause which was given him showed the appreciation his hearers had for the wonderful opportunity for Masonic improvement which had been afforded them.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES EXCHANGED.

Grand Master WILSON then alluded to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had at its last annual communication voted to establish the Grand Representative system with other Grand Lodges, and in consequence thereof and in conformity therewith, it became his very great pleasure to appoint M. W. Brother FRANK L. SIMPSON as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine near the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. A duly executed commission was then placed in Brother SIMPSON'S hands, which was accepted with words of deep appreciation. During his remarks Grand Master SIMPSON expressed his intention to have made a commission making Grand Master WILSON the first Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

HONOR FOR GRAND MASTER WILSON.

Most Worshipful Grand Master SIMPSON then decorated M. W. Grand Master WILSON with one of the well known and highly prized Henry Price Medals. The Henry Price Medal is a plain badge of base metal of small intrinsic value, but is only bestowed upon those who have accomplished great

masonic service, or who have completed fifty years of active and faithful service for the craft. It is bestowed entirely at the discretion of the Grand Master of Massachusetts upon those who, in his opinion, are worthy the honor thus given. The badge was accepted by Grand Master WILSON with words of expressive appreciation.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

The Grand Master then invited the officers of Hiram Lodge, No. 180, of South Portland, to assume their stations and exemplify the work of Master Mason degree. The lodge presented the work under most trying circumstances, the Worshipful Master, THOMAS N. WEEKS, having been taken to the hospital less than a week before, and was even then at the point of death, which came the following day. In absence of Worshipful Master WEEKS, R. W. Brother GEORGE H. MINOTT, D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District, a Past Master of Hiram Lodge, assumed the East, and the other regular officers assumed their stations as follows:

Worshipful Master,	GEORGE H. MINOTT
Senior Warden,	GEORGE H. HINCKLEY
Junior Warden,	ROY A. WOODSIDE
Treasurer,	W. FRED SPEAR
Secretary,	GEORGE B. JACKSON
Senior Deacon,	DAVID J. JONES
Junior Deacon,	PAUL I. DAVIS
Chaplain,	EDWARD P. BULLOCK
Marshal,	ALFRED F. WATERHOUSE
Senior Steward,	ALLEN B. ROWE
Junior Steward,	HERBERT G. JEWETT

The work of the Master Mason degree was performed upon a regular candidate of Hiram Lodge in a manner so nearly perfect in both ritual rendition

and floor movement as to call for merited applause by the brethren and the approbation of the Grand Lecturer.

AT REFRESHMENT.

At 5.30 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9.00 A. M. Thursday.

THIRD DAY — MORNING.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PORTLAND, }
Thursday, May 3, 1928. }

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. JOHN C. ARNOLD, for the Committee on Pay Roll, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
PORTLAND, May 3, 1928.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would report that they have received the report of the Committee on Credentials, that a schedule has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ARNOLD, }
B. L. HADLEY, } *Committee on*
A. E. CUSHMAN, } *Pay Roll.*

Report accepted and schedule ordered to be paid.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
May 3, 1928.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have carefully considered the matters presented to them, and respectfully present the following report:

In the case of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, vs. Merle Wyman, wherein said Wyman was on the 15th day of June, 1927, found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, and was by unanimous vote expelled from membership, we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the action of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 5, be approved and confirmed, and that Merle Wyman be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

2. In the case of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, vs. Oscar T. Baker, in which said Baker on the 30th of August, 1927, was found guilty of cheating and defrauding another brother by giving him a worthless check, and on two occasions was found to have been convicted and sentenced to jail for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The defendant pleaded guilty, but offered the explanation that at the time the check was given, he was intoxicated and did not know what he was doing, and that he had since repaid the brother.

The Lodge with the defendant's admission of guilt before it, voted unanimously against expulsion and practically against suspension and by unanimous vote ordered the brother to be reprimanded. The Grand Master considered the sentence not adequate and ordered the brother suspended pending the action of this Grand Lodge. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the action of Hermon Lodge be modified and reversed and that said Oscar T. Baker be and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

3. In the case of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, vs. Lester Thomas Willard, in which said brother was found guilty of unmasonic conduct in falsely stating in his application that he had not within five years been rejected by another lodge and was by the customary two-thirds vote expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we find no extenuating circumstances, and recommend:

That the action of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, be approved and confirmed, and that said Lester Thomas Willard be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

4. The case of Liberty Lodge, No. 111, vs. Samuel N. Bagley, wherein said Bagley was on the 17th day of March, 1928, found guilty of cheating and defrauding a brother Master Mason, and was by unanimous vote expelled from the Lodge, we feel that the evidence fully justified the verdict, and recommend:

That the action of Liberty Lodge, No. 111, be approved and confirmed, and that said Samuel N. Bagley be and hereby is expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

5. In the case of Stephen F. Richards, who was expelled from Alna Lodge No. 43, in 1923, and the Lodge on April 6, 1928, attempted to re-open the matter, we find that no notice of the proposed action was given, as required by Section 54 of the Constitution, and in other respects the matter does not come to us in proper form, and we therefore recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

6. In the case of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, vs. Herman C. Day, wherein said Day was tried for a serious offense, but the Lodge returned the verdict of "not guilty," an appeal was taken and the Grand Master feeling that the verdict was not in accordance with the evidence, ordered the respondent suspended from the rights and benefits of Masonry to await the action of this Grand Lodge.

A careful review of the stenographer's report of the evidence convinces the Committee that the Lodge was influenced to overlook the gravity of the offense by the previous Masonic record and good standing of the respondent, and the very evident immorality of the other parties involved in the case. If circumstances ever mitigated such an offense, they were here present, but we feel with the Grand Master that the verdict was not in accordance with the evidence and we recommend the following:

Resolved, That the action of Atlantic Lodge be reversed and that Herman C. Day be and hereby is indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. MOULTON,	} Committee on Grievances and Appeals
W. S. DAVIDSON,	
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	

The report of the committee was accepted.

A separate vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendations as made by the committee.

The recommendation in the matter of Vassalboro Lodge, No. 54, vs. Merle Wyman, was adopted.

That in the matter of Hermon Lodge, No. 32, vs. Oscar T. Baker, was adopted.

That in the matter of Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10, vs. Lester T. Willard, was adopted.

That in the matter of Liberty Lodge, No. 111, vs. Samuel N. Bagley, was adopted.

That in the matter of Alna Lodge, No. 43, vs. Stephen F. Richards, was adopted.

In the matter of Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, vs. Herman C. Day, Bro. ALBERT M. SPEAR moved that the committee's report be amended by striking out the words "indefinitely suspended," and inserting

in place thereof the word "expelled," After discussion a vote was taken and the motion of Bro. SPEAR was lost. A vote was then taken on the adoption of the recommendation as made in the report of the committee and the same was carried.

JEWELS AND APRONS.

BRO. FRANK P. DENACO presented the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted to become a Standing Regulation:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to appropriate from the Grand Lodge treasury a sufficient amount of money to purchase for past and future Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, a jewel and apron suitable to the dignity and importance of the great office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to select the design and fix the price of such jewel.

Resolved further, That the proposed jewels be selected and distributed to the past and present Grand Masters as soon as convenient.

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY.

BRO. ISAAC A. CLOUGH, for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, reported as follows:

IN GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,

May 3, 1928.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have examined the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturer and find the Craft to be in a prosperous and healthy condition, but with small net gain in membership. This was to be expected as a result of the rush for the degrees during the World War.

We find that many of the Questionnaires are not properly filled out through the neglect of the District Deputy Grand Masters or the Secretaries. We trust there will be an improvement in the future.

We find that a large per cent. of the lodges own their halls. We trust that other lodges will continue the good work, as the ownership of a home is to be commended whether as individuals or lodges.

We find that there is a wide margin in dues of the various lodges, one as low as one dollar a year and another as high as ten dollars per year. In many lodges the dues are \$5.00 per year. Each year finds many of the lodges increasing their dues. What is the limit?

Many of the lodges report meetings of instructions before and after their regular meetings. It would be of great benefit to the craft if all lodges adopted this plan of instruction to their members and requested their District Deputy Grand Masters to assist them.

We strongly urge the District Deputy Grand Masters to require each lodge in their district to see that all candidates are qualified to receive their degrees, so that when they present themselves to other jurisdictions for examination they will reflect credit to themselves and their lodges.

The same old problem looms up each year; should the members of the lodge pay for suppers? If the lodge pays, the dues must be high and that is a source of irritation to members who are unable to be present.

The delinquents seem on the decline and we hope to see the time when there will be none.

There is a wide margin in the salaries of the Treasurers of the various lodges. Many, even in large lodges, serve without pay. The reports show that one lodge pays its Treasurer \$150.00 per year.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows that he is thoroughly interested in his work and has been a faithful servant to the craft. We fully agree with him that there should be some way to compel all lodges to send a full delegation to a school of instruction and to the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge.

With much pleasure we listened to the eloquent annual address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was an inspiration to all who were so fortunate to be present. We fully agree with him that the greatest need of the Masonic fraternity is an Ideal, an inspiration to work for the betterment of all mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. H. OHLER,	} <i>Committee on</i>	
ALBERT M. AMES,		<i>Condition of</i>
ISAAC A. CLOUGH,		<i>the Fraternity.</i>

The report was accepted and the recommendations therein were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BRO. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee for the year ending May 1, 1928. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$2,307.40.

Collections for the year amount to \$6,345.61, making a total of \$8,653.01. From this amount the sum of \$22.34 has been expended for miscellaneous expenses, and the sum of \$4,000.00 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association, leaving a balance of \$4,630.67 in the hands of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
NATHAN C. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—APPROPRIATIONS.

BRO. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, reported as follows:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

Your Committee of Finance recommend that there be paid the following sums:

To the Grand Master for contingent expenses for the year ending May 1, 1929, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars, (\$350.00).

To the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 1, 1929, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and that the Grand Lodge pay the cost of his bond.

To the Grand Secretary for the year ending May 1, 1929, the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

To the Grand Lecturer for the year ending May 1, 1928, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the year ending May 1, 1928, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for clerical assistance for the year ending May 1, 1929.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
NATHAN C. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARSH RIVER LODGE.

Bro. FREDERIC O. EATON, for the Committee of Finance, presented the following report:

MASONIC TEMPLE,
PORTLAND, ME., May 3, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

In the matter of the request of Marsh River Lodge, No. 102, for refund of per capita tax paid this Grand Lodge upon a Brother who was afterwards declared to be a member of Mariners' Lodge, No. 68:

Your Committee has given consideration to this request and find that the settlement with Marsh River Lodge was in accord with the returns made by that Lodge, and while the amount involved is trivial, your Committee recommends that the request be denied.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERIC O. EATON,	} Committee of Finance.
NATHAN C. REDLON,	
FRED C. TOLMAN,	

The report was accepted and the recommendation contained therein was adopted.

CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

Bro. DAVID E. MOULTON, for the special committee appointed one year ago to codify the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, made oral report that the work was progressing and requested more time for its completion, which the Grand Lodge by vote, allowed.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, reported:

IN GRAND LODGE,
May 3, 1928.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine:

We, your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, have carefully considered these sections of the address of the Grand Master referred to us and now report thereon.

All the decisions appear to be in accord with the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction, therefore are approved.

The action of lodges which have unwittingly or otherwise conferred degrees on candidates in less time than required by our laws calls for more than passing notice. The change in Section 108 of the Constitution requiring not less than fourteen days to elapse between the conferring of degrees (unless a dispensation be obtained) was adopted in 1924. Since then each address by the presiding Grand Master has contained frequent reference to the requirement. We have searched the returns to the Grand Secretary and it seems hardly credible so many masters and secretaries, to say nothing of the membership, could have been ignorant of the provisions. The candidate is not presumed to know the law and should not be made to suffer the penalty of being an irregularly made mason entitled to no-rights or privileges until healed, and if such violations be persisted in some penalty should be inflicted upon the offending lodges. We make no further recommendation at this time.

The majority of the requests for dispensations were wisely found unnecessary and if succeeding Grand Masters as persistently refuse to set aside the plain provisions of the law, except in unusually meritorious instances, there will be less trouble from this practice. Almost all such proposals are for the mere convenience of candidates and Grand Master Wilson has shown careful discrimination in his conclusions.

We recommend the approval of all dispensations granted as being for sufficient cause and his declination to grant those refused as tending to uphold the dignity of the fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. BODGE, SILAS B. ADAMS, EDWARD W. WHEELER,	}	<i>Committee on Jurisprudence.</i>
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The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

BRO. HARVEY R. PEASE, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 3, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption without reference:

Resolved, That the number of Schools of Instruction held by the W. Grand Lecturer during the coming year be increased from the usual number of four, to ten, or more than that number if deemed desirable and profitable by the M. W. Grand Master and W. Grand Lecturer; and that the remuneration of the W. Grand Lecturer be proportionately increased.

BRO. DAVID E. MOULTON moved to amend the resolution by striking therefrom the word "ten"

as the minimum number of schools to be held. A discussion followed, after which a vote on the adoption of the amendment was taken which by a counted hand ballot was declared lost.

A vote on the original motion of Bro. PEASE was then taken and the resolution was declared adopted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED.

On motion of Bro. THOMAS H. BODGE, it was voted that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as submitted at the morning session on Tuesday be accepted.

On motion of Bro. CHAS. B. DAVIS, it was voted that the report of Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association as submitted at the morning session on Tuesday be accepted.

INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master invited Most Worshipful Past Grand Master SILAS B. ADAMS, to assume the East and install the Grand Officers. He did so and requested Bro. DAVID L. WILSON, as Grand Marshal, to present his successor HAROLD E. COOK, Grand Master elect, for installation.

As a special courtesy M. W. Bro. ADAMS asked M. W. Past Grand Master SPEAR to install his neighbor and close personal friend, Bro. COOK, which he did after expressing his great personal pleasure because of the privilege of so doing. Prayer was offered by Rev. DANIEL I. GROSS, Grand Chaplain.

APPOINTMENTS.

M. W. Grand Master COOK then made the following appointments:

CONVERS E. LEACH,	R. W. Cor. Grand Secretary,	Portland
GEORGE W. HASKELL,	" D. D. G. M. 1st Dist.,	Houlton
JOHN L. POLLEYS,	" " 2nd "	Calais
CALEB G. ALDRICH,	" " 3rd "	Cutler
EDWARD E. GREENLAW,	" " 4th "	Deer Isle
LINWOOD A. RYDER,	" " 5th "	Pownville Junc.
LOUIS I. KNOWLES,	" " 6th "	Bangor
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,	" " 7th "	Albion
LYNWOOD B. THOMPSON,	" " 8th "	Belfast
CHARLES S. WOODCOCK,	" " 9th "	Thomaston
ANGUS E. GROVER,	" " 10th "	Wiscasset
RALPH W. FERRIS,	" " 11th "	Augusta
WENDALL I. ROBBINS,	" " 12th "	Vassalboro
ERNEST C. BUTLER,	" " 13th "	Skowhegan
CLARENCE B. SMALL,	" " 14th "	Freeport
HARTLEY B. SPRAGUE,	" " 15th "	Kingfield
WALLACE B. STRICKLAND,	" " 16th "	So. Paris
GEORGE H. MINOTT,	" " 17th "	So. Portland
FRANK W. HARMON,	" " 18th "	Brownfield
CLARENCE L. BLAISDELL,	" " 19th "	So. Berwick
FRED A. BUDGE,	" " 20th "	Mattawamkeag
ARTEMAS J. RICHARDSON,	" " 21st "	S. W. Harbor
VERNON B. PACKARD,	" " 22nd "	Dexter
F. LEIGHTON GOWEN,	" " 23rd "	Sanford
GEORGE E. RAMSDEN,	" " 24th "	Lewiston
RALPH M. ROBINSON,	" " 25th "	Sherman Mills
AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER,	" " 26th "	Buckfield
REV. I. JAMES MERRY,	W. Grand Chaplain,	Gray
" ASHLEY A. SMITH, D. D.,	" " "	Bangor
" STUART B. PURVES,	" " "	Augusta
" DANIEL I. GROSS,	" " "	Portland
" A. FRANCIS WALCH,	" " "	Yarmouth
" MILO G. FOLSOM,	" " "	Pittsfield
" DAVID L. WILSON,	" " "	Bath
AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL,	" " Marshal,	North Leeds
CLARK D. CHAPMAN,	" " Senior Deacon,	Portland
FRANK D. FENDERSON,	" " Junior Deacon,	Limerick
RALPH H. BURBANK,	" " Steward,	Portland
ALVOID E. CUSHMAN,	" " "	Bangor
FRED C. TOLMAN,	" " "	Portland
HAROLD C. SMITH,	" " "	Gardiner
FRED C. DUNLAP,	" " Sword Bearer,	Skowhegan
CARL F. FELLOWS,	" " Standard Bearer,	Mt. Vernon
WARREN C. KING,	" " Pursuivant,	Portland
RAYMOND H. SCHOFIELD,	" " "	Fort Fairfield
SAMUEL B. FURBISH,	" " Lecturer,	Brunswick
FRED L. HILL,	" " Organist,	Portland
MELVIN C. ABBOTT,	" " Tyler,	Portland

He then invited M. W. Bro. ADAMS to proceed with the installation.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed who were present were installed by Bro. ADAMS and proclamation was made.

The Grand Master assumed the East and thanked Brothers ADAMS, SPEAR, WILSON and GROSS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Grand Master COOK then announced his appointment of the following standing committees for the year.

On Credentials.

RALPH H. BURBANK, RAYMOND H. EASTMAN, WARREN C. KING.

On Grievances and Appeals.

ALBERT M. SPEAR, CLARK D. CHAPMAN, ISAAC N. JONES.

On Publication.

MILLARD M. CASWELL, HARRY E. ROWE, W. SCOTT SHOREY.

On History.

EUGENE A. WHITTREDGE, I. JAMES MERRY, CONVERS E. LEACH.

On Dispensations and Charters.

SILAS B. ADAMS, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, JOHN J. MARR.

On Amendments to the Constitution.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, EDWARD W. WHEELER, CARROLL S. DOUGLASS.

On Masonic Jurisprudence.

THOMAS H. BODGE, EDWARD W. WHEELER, DAVID E. MOULTON.

On Foreign Correspondence.

ASHLEY A. SMITH, FRANK J. COLE, WALLACE N. PRICE.

On Condition of the Fraternity.

WILLIAM H. OHLER, ALBERT M. AMES, ISAAC A. CLOUGH.

On Library.

GRAND MASTER, WILLIS A. RICKER, LEWMAN B. SOPER.

On Transportation.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, ERNEST J. RECORD, E. MURRAY GRAHAM.

On Returns.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, JAMES C. AYER, CHARLES W. CROSBY.

Pay Roll.

JOHN C. ARNOLD, ALVOID E. CUSHMAN, BENJAMIN L. HADLEY.

Unfinished Business.

FRED C. CHALMERS, W. SCOTT SHOREY, WARREN A. NICHOLS.

INSTALLATION OF ABSENT OFFICERS.

On motion of Bro. AUGUSTUS E. CAMPBELL, the Grand Secretary was instructed to arrange to have the Grand Officers, elect and appointed, not present, installed in their respective lodges.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bro. W. SCOTT SHOREY, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported that the business of the communication was completed, and the report was accepted.

CLOSING.

The minutes were read by the Grand Secretary and approved, and at 11.35 the Grand Lodge was closed.

Harold E. Book

Grand Master.

Attest:

Chas B. Davis
Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

MASONIC TEMPLE,
Tuesday, May 1, 1928.

The Trustees met in the Grand Lodge Office at 5 p. m.

Present — DAVID L. WILSON, *President*.
CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Secretary*.
HAROLD E. COOK.
E. MURRAY GRAHAM.
ERNEST J. RECORD.
ASHLEY A. SMITH.
SILAS B. ADAMS.
HOWARD D. SMITH.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 1, 1928.

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
1 Bond Town of Rumford, 1941	\$ 1,000.00	5½%	\$ 55.00
1 " E. St. Louis & Interurban, 1942	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 " Wheeling Traction, 1931.	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 " Indiana Railway & Lt. Co., 1943	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 " Michigan Northern Power Co., 1941	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 " Laurentide Power Co., 1946.	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 " Mass. Gas Co., 1946.	2,000.00	5½	110.00
1 " Portland Terminal Co., 1961.	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 " Indianapolis Power & Lt. Co.,	2,000.00	5	100.00
3 " Canadian National Railway	3,000.00	4½	67.50
1 " Delaware Water Co., 1934	500.00	5	25.00
1 " New Jersey Water Co., 1950.	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 " Bar Harbor & Union River 1935.	2,000.00	5	100.00
1 " Utica & Mohawk Railway Co., 1941	1,000.00	4½	45.00
1 " Huntington Water Co., 1954.	1,000.00	6	60.00
1 " Penn. Power & Lt. Co., 1953	1,000.00	5	50.00

		Fund		Income
6 Bond	Boston & Maine Railway, 1941	\$ 6,000.00	5	\$ 300.00
2 "	Los Angeles Gas & Elec. Corp., 1961.....	2,000.00	5	100.00
1 "	Rochester & Lake Ont. Water Co., 1933.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
1 "	Long Island Light Co., 1955..	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 "	Rumford Falls Power Co., 1945	2,000.00	4	80.00
1 "	Muncie Water Works, 1939...	1,000.00	5	50.00
3 "	Camden & Rockland Water Co., 1937.....	2,500.00	5	125.00
9 "	Fourth Liberty Loan, 1938....	9,000.00	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	382.50
2 "	Portland Gas Light Co., 1950..	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 "	Consolidated Gas Co., 1965...	2,000.00	5	100.00
4 "	Cleveland Union Terminal, 1973.....	4,000.00	5	100.00
5 "	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., 1948.....	5,000.00	4	100.00
2 "	Toledo Term. R. R. Co., 1957.	2,200.00	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	99.00
1 "	Portland, Ore., Railway Co., 1930.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 "	Central Maine Power Co., 1939	2,000.00	5	100.00
3 "	Mortgage Bond Co. of N. Y., 1935.....	3,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	165.00
5 "	Portland & Rumford R. R., 1951.....	5,000.00	5	250.00
5 "	Illinois Central R. R. Co., 1955	5,000.00	4	.....
1 "	Portland & Rumford Falls Ry., 1935.....	1,000.00	4	40.00
3 "	Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., 1946....	3,000.00	5	150.00
4 "	Maine Central R. R. Co., 1935.	4,000.00	6	240.00
1 "	Detroit Edison Co., 1955.....	1,000.00	5	50.00
2 "	West Penn. Power Co., 1954...	2,000.00	5	100.00
2 "	Cumb. County P. & L. Co., 1956.....	2,000.00	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....
2 "	St. Louis Water Co., 1945.....	2,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	110.00
3 "	Third Liberty Loan.....	.....	.....	37.54
Deposit	Portland National Bank.....	1,230.24	.....	.....
"	Portland Savings Bank.....	1,979.08	.....	.....
"	Maine Savings Bank.....	1,584.62	.....	.....
"	Chapman National Bank.....	1,012.75	.....	.....
"	Fidelity Trust Co.....	2,691.61	.....	.....
18 shares	Casco Mercantile Tr. Co.....	1,800.00	.....	180.00
14 "	First National Bank.....	1,400.00	.....	112.00
25 "	Canal National Bank.....	2,500.00	.....	175.00
40 "	Westbrook Trust Co.....	.....	.....	400.00
Interest,	Portland National Bank.....	.....	.....	676.55
		<u>\$104,398.30</u>		<u>\$5,585.09</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account.....	\$34,890.06
Income on Investments.....	5,585.09
3 Third Liberty Loan Bonds sold.....	3,024.38
40 Shares Westbrook Tr. Co., sold.....	16,000.00
Atlantic Lodge, No. 81, unexpended Charity Allotment.....	82.00
Grand Master, unexpended Emergency Fund.....	995.19
Per Capita Tax.....	21,948.50
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	\$82,525.22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Beneficiaries.....	\$ 9,408.00
David L. Wilson, Grand Master, per vote.....	2,500.00
West Penn. Power Co., \$1,000 bond bought.....	1,025.00
Interest on same.....	23.19
Indianapolis P. & L. Co., \$2,000 bond bought.....	1,960.00
Interest on same.....	38.06
St. Louis Water Co., \$2,000 bond bought.....	2,045.00
Interest on same.....	51.03
Rochester & Lake Ontario Water Co., \$1,000 bond bought.....	982.50
Interest on same.....	10.69
Consolidated Gas Co., \$2,000 bond bought.....	1,955.00
Interest on same.....	13.06
Long Island Light Co., \$1,000 bond bought.....	993.75
Interest on same.....	10.69
Los Angeles Gas & Elec. \$2,000 bond bought.....	1,967.50
Interest on same.....	21.40
Canadian National Railway \$3,000 bond bought.....	2,955.00
Interest on same.....	1.50
Edward G. Weston, per vote.....	65.00
Cleveland Union Term. Co., \$4,000 bond bought.....	4,305.00
Interest on same.....	67.22
Illinois Central R. R. Co., \$5,000 bond bought.....	4,925.00
Interest on same.....	50.56
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. \$5,000 bond bought.....	4,900.00
Interest on same.....	67.22
Cumb. County P. & L. Co., \$2,000 bond bought.....	1,955.00
Interest on same.....	15.25
Grand Secretary, Relief per order Grand Master.....	100.00
Me. Gen. Hospital, Relief per order Trustees.....	253.75
John Wicher, Relief per order Trustees.....	710.00
David L. Wilson, Grand Master, per order Trustees.....	1,000.00
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	\$44,375.37
Balance on deposit, Portland National Bank.....	38,149.85
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Fraternally submitted, \$82,525.22

H. N. MAXFIELD, *Grand Treasurer.*

Brother DAVID L. WILSON reported that he had examined the securities and had found them all correct as stated, whereupon the report was accepted.

The Secretary presented ninety-nine applications for relief.

On motion of the Secretary it was voted that a standing unit of \$10.00 be adopted.

On motion of Bro. ASHLEY A. SMITH, it was voted that the applications as presented by the Secretary be referred to a committee whose duty it would be to pass upon them as soon as convenient and make a suitable distribution of the money appropriated for the purpose.

The President appointed Brothers SILAS B. ADAMS and CHARLES B. DAVIS as that committee.

Voted, That the sum of \$12,000.00 be appropriated to meet the schedule as might be arranged by the committee.

Voted, That \$5,000.00 be placed at the command of the President to be used for emergency cases that might be presented to him.

Voted, That a committee to consist of Brothers COOK, WILSON and DAVIS prepare some plan of all-the-year administration of the available funds, and report that plan at a special meeting of the board to be held in Augusta in July, date to be announced later, and notice of same to be given all members by the Secretary.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Charles B. Davis

Secretary.

Regulations of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Maine

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.

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 forwarded said receipts forthwith to the Grand Treasurer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1918.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary instruct each applicant to name the age of the beneficiary in the application.

A true copy from the record of Regulations and Votes.

Attest:

CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE
1928

HAROLD E. COOK, Grand Master,	Ex-Officio
CYRUS N. BLANCHARD, Deputy Grand Master,	“
WILLIAM S. HOLMES, Senior Grand Warden,	“
NORRIS S. LORD, Junior Grand Warden,	“
CHARLES B. DAVIS, Rec. Grand Secretary,	“
SILAS B. ADAMS,	elected May 4, 1926, for three years
ASHLEY A. SMITH,	“ “ 4, 1926, “ “ “
FRANK J. COLE,	“ “ 6, 1927, “ “ “
CONVERS E. LEACH,	“ “ 1, 1928, for two years
EDWARD W. WHEELER,	“ “ 1, 1928, for three years
DAVID L. WILSON,	“ “ 1, 1928, “ “ “

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).

Standing Regulation, No. 33, relating to the jurisdiction of Deering Lodge, No. 183, was repealed May 3, 1917.

Standing Regulation, No. 35, relating to appointment of an Assistant Grand Secretary, was repealed May 9, 1918.

Resolved, That smoking, or the appearance of smoking, in the Lodge Hall, or in the Preparation Room when in use for the preparation of candidates, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is hereby forbidden. Violation of this regulation shall be considered a Masonic misdemeanor. (1919, p. 260).

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on Pay Roll, be included in the Pay Roll until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. (119, p. 267).

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 five cents per mile each 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 three 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 all the elected and appointed officers for the time being of the Grand Lodge 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 1921, p. 35; 1927, p. 436).

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby empowered to ascertain the distance from the place of meeting of each lodge in this jurisdiction to Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, and the means of conveyance used.

Resolved, That, in making up the mileage for the attendance upon the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer make use of the information obtained.

Resolved, That, in computing the per diem of the members, in attendance upon the annual communication of 1921 and until further resolved be placed at three dollars. (1920, p. 451).

Resolved That, in addition to the information required by Section 101 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a questionnaire be also filed for permanent preservation with the application of each petitioner; the form of said questionnaire to be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and supplied to the lodges by the Grand Secretary. (1922, p. 243).

Resolved, No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and the terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition, shall have been approved by the Grand Master. (1922, p. 239).

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and hereby is authorized to organize a speaking bureau or devise some other means of conveying masonic information to the subordinate lodges. The traveling expenses of those employed to visit the lodges to be paid by the Grand Lodge from any available fund in the treasury. (1924, p. 641).

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction to prepare specifications and prefer charges against any member of the Lodge or a Mason sojourning within its jurisdiction at the request of any member of such Lodge, upon reasonable evidence of a Masonic offence having been committed. (1924, p. 645).

Resolved, That Knox Lodge, No. 189, at South Thomaston, be and hereby is given exclusive jurisdiction over the inhabitants eligible for the degrees of masonry residing within the town of Owl's Head, in Knox County. (1925, p. 81).

Resolved, That no lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine shall ask to have the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates by a lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relation, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by the electing lodge and the fees for the degrees paid in full. (1926, p. 246).

41. *Resolved*, That charter certificates may be issued, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subject to the following regulations:

1. The charter shall be kept or deposited in such a manner that the Worshipful Master, upon reasonable notice, can have access thereto and take the same into his possession at his discretion.

2. It shall be the duty of the Master to have the charter present in the lodge at the time of the installation of the Master, into whose custody the same shall be delivered, to be kept or deposited by him as hereinbefore provided.

3. Upon the visitation of the lodge by the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, or any special representative of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, the charter shall be produced, provided that notice to that effect shall have been seasonably given.

4. The life of the certificate shall depend upon and be coexistent with the life of the charter in all respects, the authority of the certificate proceeding from the charter, for which it is merely a physical substitute and evidence that the lodge has, and works under, a regular charter.

5. The fee of the Grand Secretary for issuing this certificate shall be two dollars, to be paid by the petitioners. (1926, pp. 241, 242.).

42. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to appropriate from the Grand Lodge treasury a sufficient amount of money to purchase for past and future Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, a jewel and apron, suitable to the dignity and importance of the great office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine; and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to select the design and fix the price of such jewel.

Resolved further, That the proposed jewels be selected and distributed to the past and present Grand Masters as soon as convenient. (1928, p. 627).

Amendments to the Constitution

Adopted Since Edition of Constitution, 1900

(Part Fourth, Article 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).

(Part Fourth, Article VI, Page 36 of the Constitution).

SEC. 109. The fee demanded by a lodge for conferring the first three degrees in Masonry, shall not be less than thirty dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge; and no lodge under this jurisdiction shall take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor, or permit the fees or any part thereof to be remitted directly or indirectly.

And by striking from the third, fourth and fifth lines the clause "but clergymen approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever." (1921, p. 48).

SEC. 85. Each lodge shall pay annually towards the support of the Grand Lodge fifty cents each for all of its members, including honorary members and those absent from the state, and two dollars for every candidate initiated. Each lodge shall be entitled to receive as many diplomas from the Grand Lodge as they make Master Masons. And no dues will be remitted unless upon petition of the lodge and the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge thereon. (1924, p. 637).

Amend Section 15 of Article VII of the Constitution striking out the last paragraph of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: "The Grand Master, or presiding officer of every annual communication of the Grand Lodge may at his discretion give, or cause to be given, at least one section of the lecture of each degree, or an exemplification of the work in one or more degrees, or designate such other ceremonial of a Masonic character as he may deem advisable." (1924, p. 641).

SEC. 108. No candidate shall receive the Fellow Craft degree in any lodge in this state unless at least fourteen days have elapsed since his receiving the Entered Apprentice degree; nor shall any Fellow Craft be permitted to receive the Master Mason degree until after fourteen days shall have elapsed from the date of his having received the Fellow Craft degree, except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor, may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the above required time. (1924, p. 627).

SEC. 117. No lodge shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for non-payment of dues. The penalty of such delinquency shall be forfeiture or suspension of membership; and that only after due trial, as in other masonic misdemeanors.

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a unanimous vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears. (1925, p. 67).

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

"Your Committee on Condition of the Fraternity have examined the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturer and find the craft to be in a prosperous and healthy condition, but with small net gain in membership. This was to be expected as a result of the rush for the degrees during the World War.

"We find that many of the Questionnaires are not properly filled out through the neglect of the District Deputy Grand Masters or the Secretaries. We trust there will be an improvement in the future.

"We find that a large percent of the lodges own their halls. We trust that other lodges will continue the good work, as the ownership of a home is to be commended whether as individuals or lodges.

"We find that there is a wide margin in dues of the various lodges, one as low as one dollar a year and another as high as ten dollars per year. In many lodges the dues are \$5.00 per year. Each year finds many of the lodges increasing their dues. What is the limit?

"Many of the lodges report meetings of instructions before and after their regular meetings. It would be of great benefit to the craft if all lodges adopted this plan of instruction to their members and requested their District Deputy Grand Masters to assist them.

"We strongly urge the District Deputy Grand Masters to require each lodge in their district to see that all candidates are qualified to receive their degrees, so that when they present themselves to other jurisdictions for examination they will reflect credit to themselves and their lodges.

"The same old problem looms up each year; should the members of the lodge pay for suppers? If the lodge pays, the dues must be high and that is a source of irritation to members who are unable to be present.

"The delinquents seem on the decline and we hope to see the time when there will be none.

" There is a wide margin in the salaries of the Treasurers of the various lodges. Many, even in large lodges, serve without pay. The reports show that one lodge pays its Treasurer \$150.00 per year.

" The report of the Grand Lecturer shows that he is thoroughly interested in his work and has been a faithful servant to the craft. We fully agree with him that there should be some way to compel all lodges to send a full delegation to a school of instruction and to the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge.

" With much pleasure we listened to the eloquent annual address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was an inspiration to all who were so fortunate to be present. We fully agree with him that the greatest need of the Masonic fraternity is an Ideal, an inspiration to work for the betterment of all mankind.

Tabulated abstracts from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follows:

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. GEORGE R. FENDERSON, MARS HILL, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
96	Monument,	M.M.	F	42	18	41	40	38	42	42	40	Yes	75,000	1,460	—	5,000	108	1	45	5.00	1,460	221	3,508	2,708	318	Yes	Yes	No
112	Eastern Frontier. M.M.		F	22	22	21	19	18	22	19	21	Yes	25,000	1,912	—	—	32	2	30	5.00	412	37	1,500	575	33	Yes	Yes	No
130	Trinity	M.M.	F	20	23	19	16	19	18	17	14	No	—	9,522	—	All	—	—	30	5.00	919	121	1,282	1,400	172	No	Yes	No
170	Caribou,	M.M.	F	20	15	20	20	19	19	19	19	No	—	1,700	300	—	—	—	30	3.00	980	49	1,550	750	25	No	Yes	No
193	Washburn,	E.A.	F	20	20	20	18	18	20	16	16	No	—	1,880	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	364	65	652	175	176	No	Yes	No
197	Aroostook,	M.M.	F	41	30	41	31	34	39	22	37	Yes	3,000	2,500	—	1,500	—	—	40	5.00	1,440	125	1,500	840	265	Yes	Yes	No
214	Limestone,	M.M.	F	16	17	14	15	13	15	4	9	No	—	500	375	—	1.60	1	40	5.00	120	8	555	525	78	Yes	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. JOHN L. POLLEYS, CALAIS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
7	Eastern	M.M.	C	16	23	12	15	7	15	13	8	Yes	\$ 20,000	\$ 523	—	\$ 7,600	\$ 300	5	\$ 30	\$ 3.00	\$ 236	14	\$ 709	\$ 165	\$ 73	No	Yes	No
37	Washington	M.M.	C	19	26	17	17	16	17	16	19	Yes	5,000	2,300	—	1,500	—	—	30	3.00	144	58	622	140	—	No	Yes	No
46	St. Croix	M.M.	C	14	35	14	12	13	10	11	10	No	—	2,018	—	2,018	298	9	30	4.00	360	75	1,290	1,004	—	No	Yes	No
78	Crescent	M.M.	C	18	24	16	16	18	17	15	11	Yes	6,000	491	—	1,165	—	—	30	2.50	116	40	538	125	29	No	Yes	No
138	Lewy's Island	M.M.	C	28	15	27	21	22	26	24	25	Yes	3,500	3,734	—	2,223	168	2	30	2.00	250	66	908	738	73	Yes	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. CALEB G. ALDRICH, CUTLER, D. D. G. M.**

No	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	No	No	No
2	Warren	M.M.	F	22 21 20 19 13 21 10 18	Yes	5,000	210	—	—	25	1 30 2.50	—	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	No	No	No
88	Narraguagus	No report																										
91	Harwood	None	—	20 5 19 5 7 19 15 4	No	—	136	—	—	—	30 3.00	136	35	466	476	346	No	Yes	No						No	Yes	No	
06	Tuscan	F.C.	C	16 14 16 10 16 11 16 16	Yes	5,000	700	—	500	—	30 2.00	488	30	291	535	40	No	Yes	No						No	Yes	No	
131	Lookout	M.M.	C	12 10 9 10 8 11 9 2	Yes	4,000	595	—	—	35	4 30 2.00	105	32	370	—	45	No	Yes	No						No	Yes	No	
173	Pleiades	E.A.	C	25 12 25 13 13 21 19 11	No	—	—	—	—	—	30 2.50	302	109	565	168	40	No	Yes	No						No	Yes	No	
188	Jonesport	F.C.	F	15 10 14 11 12 13 12 5	Yes	8,000	754	—	100	—	2 30 2.50	99	24	465	535	142	No	Yes	No						No	Yes	No	

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. ELIJAH S. HEATH, PENOBSCOT, D. D. G. M.**

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4	Hancock	M.M.	F	20 17 20	20 14 19 16 14	Yes	5,000	890	—	325	41	1	30	5.00	236	25	1,114	582	5	No	Yes	No						
122	Marine	E.A.	F	16 23 15	7 0 16 10 7	Yes	2,500	1,105	589	—	25	2	30	2.00	106	53	920	485	160	No	Yes	No						
128	Eggmoggin	M.M.	F	11 16 11	11 10 11 8 7	Yes	—	378	—	—	—	1	30	2.00	60	30	471	309	15	No	Yes	Yes						
171	Naskeag	F.C.	F	17 13 16	8 11 16 16 13	Yes	5,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	1.50	36	23	225	37	—	No	Yes	—						
177	Rising Star	M.M.	C	17 16 15	10 16 14 13 11	Yes	1,000	776	40	394	26	4	30	2.00	90	49	329	88	—	Yes	Yes	No						
187	Ira Berry	E.A.	F	23 7 20	13 20 23 20 7	Yes	5,000	372	—	—	25	3	30	3.00	300	50	760	728	40	Yes	Yes	No						
195	Reliance	F.C.	C	18 30 17	10 16 16 14 16	No	—	1,330	—	All	—	—	30	2.00	30	15	239	271	54	Yes	Yes	Yes						
210	Bagaduce	F.C.	F	13 14 11	11 12 13 0 10	Yes	5,000	200	—	—	10	1	30	5.00	175	23	426	200	32	No	Yes	Yes						

FIFTH DISTRICT, LINWOOD A. RYDER, BROWNVILLE, D. D. G. M.

NO REPORT.

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. ARTHUR M. BAKER, HAMPDEN, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.		
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No		
10	Rising Virtue...	E.A.	C	27 24 25 22 25 26 22 22	No							No	\$	11,874		\$	7,646	325	—	40	4.00	\$	80	31	2,000	—	644	No	Yes	No
60	Star in the East...	M.M.	C	38 — 31 26 22 31 32 29	Yes							Yes	50,000	939	—	\$	849	60	1	40	4.00	—	—	3,495	—	21	Yes	Yes	No	
65	Mystic	All	C	28 28 25 25 25 26 27 26	Yes							Yes	15,000	602	—	\$	500	325	3	30	3.00	\$	449	84	1,167	1,036	44	No	Yes	No
66	Mechanics	—	—	27 16 26 23 27 26 25 19	No							No	—	749	566	\$	179	36	—	40	3.00	\$	222	37	1,293	365	236	No	Yes	No
69	Howard	E.A.	C	26 18 18 20 24 21 22 2	Yes							Yes	1,000	1,000	—	—	140	3	30	3.00	\$	200	70	696	87	79	No	Yes	No	
83	St. Andrew's	F.C.	C	35 26 35 27 30 35 30 32	No							No	—	22,069	—	—	250	—	40	4.00	\$	184	53	4,100	1,600	371	No	Yes	No	
87	Beneyolent	M.M.	F	10 10 9 0 7 10 8 10	No							No	—	300	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	\$	150	18	345	76	None	Yes	Yes	No	
124	Olive Branch	M.M.	F	16 17 16 15 13 14 14 16	Yes							Yes	2,500	154	—	\$	1,100	25	—	—	—	\$	65	—	431	265	60	Yes	Yes	No
137	Kenduskeag	M.M.	C	14 18 14 14 12 14 7 12	Yes							Yes	6,000	462	—	—	35	1	30	2.50	—	—	338	363	—	No	Yes	No		
174	Lynde	E.A.	F	17 35 17 17 11 16 17 3	Yes							Yes	8,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	—	—	297	—	—	No	Yes	No		

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. CHARLES W. ABBOTT, ALBION, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
45	Central	All	C	18 20	18 15	5 18	10 3	Yes	5,000	771	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	100	30	605	38	34	—	No	Yes	No		
58	Unity	M.M.	C	20 20	20 17	12 20	0 13	No	—	1,668	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	385	105	—	—	No	Yes	No		
85	Star in the West	—	—	13 17	11 11	10 12	12 6	Yes	2,500	394	50	535	—	—	—	30	2.00	168	68	350	294	6	—	No	Yes	No		
102	Marsh River	—	—	13 10	11 9	11 13	12 11	Yes	4,000	427	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	68	42	438	153	32	—	No	Yes	No		
111	Liberty	F.C.	F	6 10	6 6	5 6	2 1	No	—	1,368	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	175	197	5	—	No	Yes	No		
129	Quantabacook	F.C.	C	14 16	14 13	5 14	12 7	Yes	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	106	28	—	—	—	—	No	Yes	No		
146	Sebasticook	M.M.	F	14 10	9 13	9 13	13 5	Yes	3,000	315	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	—	—	321	55	—	—	No	Yes	No		

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. JOHN L. TEWKSBURY, CAMDEN, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
6	Amity	M.M.	F	24 27 23 17 23 24 15 17	No	—	9,640	168	900	100	2 35 3.00	545	—	2,375	1,026	None	Yes	Yes	No									
15	Orient	M.M.	C	21 20 19-17 15 21 21 20	No	—	2,902	—	—	75	1 30 3.00	90	30	669	285	78	No	Yes	No									
16	St. George	—	—	13 19 13 8 9 11 13 8	Yes	3,000	270	—	—	—	—	160	16	489	484	12	No	Yes	No									
31	Union	F.C.	F	15 14 15 10 9 10 14 6	Yes	25,000	737	—	500	25 3 30 5.00	630	—	—	—	None	No	Yes	No										
50	Aurora	E.A.	C	31 22 29 26 26 24 29 20	No	—	16,351	296	All	1,258	16 35 5.00	300	60	2,733	1,250	124	No	Yes	No									
79	Rockland	F.C.	F	16 — 14 15 15 15 15 15	No	—	5,350	—	—	25 2 35 5.00	900	87	1,319	1,245	100	No	Yes	No										
82	St. Paul's	M.M.	F	21 21 20 17 14 19 16 19	Yes	6,000	1,056	80	426	100 1 30 4.00	662	113	967	500	93	No	Yes	No										
84	Eureka	M.M.	F	20 — 20 20 18 18 1 6	Yes	7,000	402	—	—	70 2 30 5.00	262	42	754	355	60	No	Yes	No										
145	Moses Webster	M.M.	C	11 14 10 0 8 11 4 5	Yes	8,000	1,340	35	40	80 6 30 4.00	216	31	1,260	720	26	No	Yes	No										
189	Knox	—	—	13 14 9 10 8 13 4 7	Yes	1,000	115	—	—	35 1 30 2.00	40	20	265	90	—	No	Yes	No										
203	Mt. Olivet	—	—	5 15 5 3 5 4 1 5	Yes	2,000	163	—	—	— 30 2.00	163	25	175	90	None	No	No	No										
211	Meduncook	—	—	14 15 12 14 10 8 14 9	No	—	200	—	—	— 30 4.00	100	10	260	150	—	Yes	No	No										

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. NORRIS S. LORD, DRESDEN MILLS, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.			
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No			
3	Lincoln	M.M.	F	No information given by Secretary.																											
43	Alna	F.C.	C	26	11	26	26	10	25	10	0	Yes	2,000	200	—	300	—	—	—	—	100	50	—	200	—	No	Yes	No			
61	King Solomon's	E.A.	C	21	20	21	14	16	20	21	15	No	—	1,918	—	100	1	30	3.50	575	105	708	575	54	No	No	Yes				
74	Bristol	M.M.	F	15	16	15	12	13	15	11	4	Yes	2,500	1,130	—	665	—	30	1.75	85	20	213	193	38	No	No	No				
103	Dresden	M.M.	C	16	24	16	14	13	14	13	11	Yes	8,000	205	—	100	15	3	30	2.00	75	29	299	130	—	No	Yes	No			
135	Riverside	E.A.	C	16	36	15	15	13	16	12	13	Yes	—	794	165	—	—	30	2.00	150	37	559	106	63	No	Yes	No				
144	Seaside	E.A.	C	31	30	20	21	19	19	15	17	No	—	416	—	3,240	15	1	30	3.00	50	25	1,257	415	120	No	Yes	No			
158	Anchor	E.A.	F	19	16	19	17	9	19	11	13	No	—	270	—	—	—	30	2.50	80	32	189	46	43	No	Yes	No				
196	Bay View	F.C.	C	18	23	17	18	16	15	18	11	Yes	8,000	265	—	15	1	30	2.00	139	42	584	563	62	No	No	No				

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT
MAY, 1928. GUY M. TOWLE, HALLOWELL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
5	Kennebec	M.M.	C	20	19	20	16	19	18	17	13	No	—	\$ 7,624	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 245	6	\$ 30	\$ 2.50	\$ 135	20	\$ 827	135	—	No	Yes	No
25	Temple	M.M.	C	17	23	17	16	15	17	16	16	No	—	387	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	55	535	—	68	No	Yes	Yes
32	Hermon	M.M.	C	23	22	23	22	20	20	23	23	Yes	15,000	2,732	—	1,557	255	3	30	3.00	—	—	2,590	3,008	174	Yes	Yes	No
35	Bethlehem	M.M.	C	22	23	22	22	20	22	22	21	No	—	4,387	348	—	367	2	35	4.00	348	108	1,116	1,406	108	Yes	Yes	No
41	Morning Star	E.A.	C	17	30	17	16	11	16	12	10	Yes	3,000	143	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	60	25	420	175	71	No	Yes	No
104	Dirigo	M.M.	F	18	11	18	13	15	17	15	13	Yes	3,500	225	—	—	40	3	30	2.00	—	—	—	—	75	No	Yes	No
110	Monmouth	E.A.	F	13	16	10	13	13	11	11	9	No	—	2,451	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	389	82	563	379	None	No	Yes	No
141	Augusta	M.M.	C	27	24	24	25	20	26	20	21	No	—	—	—	—	196	2	30	4.00	—	—	2,250	590	408	No	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWELFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. GEORGE W. HOXIE, WATERVILLE, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
33	Waterville	M.M.	C	24	35	24	24	24	21	18	No		\$ —	6,835	\$ —	5,500	156	3	\$ 50	\$ 4.00	448	98	\$ 3,405	\$ 3,300	\$ 266	No	Yes	No
48	Lafayette	E.A.	C	18	19	17	18	17	13	3	15	Yes	15,000	675	—	290	5	1	30	5.00	405	54	1,635	1,150	—	—	Yes	No
53	Rural	F.C.	C	15	23	14	14	9	11	13	10	Yes	2,500	257	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	95	29	290	155	250	No	Yes	No
54	Vassalboro	F.C.	C	13	18	12	11	11	12	6	11	No	—	700	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	118	33	360	126	40	No	Yes	No
99	Vernon Valley	M.M.	C	15	15	15	2	2	14	14	13	Yes	2,500	988	—	32	50	2	30	3.00	6	0	494	452	25	No	Yes	No
113	Messalonskee	M.M.	C	10	13	8	8	8	10	6	7	No	—	1,095	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	97	33	426	404	26	No	Yes	No
133	Asylum	M.M.	F	13	14	13	12	10	11	11	6	No	—	1,956	—	1,177	5	1	30	3.50	135	25	1,274	339	20	No	Yes	No
166	Neguemkeag	M.M.	P	16	20	15	13	15	13	0	1	Yes	3,000	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	335	130	—	No	No	No

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. WILLIS L. HODGDON, NO. ANSON, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work,	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
28	Northern Star	M.M.	C	22	20	21	22	18	22	22	21	Yes	10,000	\$ 332	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 162	1	\$ 30	\$ 3.50	\$ 69	11	\$ 990	\$ 1,036	\$ 113	Yes	Yes	No
34	Somerset	M.M.	C	18	25	17	13	14	18	14	17	Yes	40,000	703	—	2,789	125	5	35	5.00	225	50	1,570	1,500	192	Yes	Yes	No
80	Keystone	E.A.	F	13	18	12	13	8	13	4	3	Yes	5,000	2,330	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	82	20	459	417	153	No	Yes	No
92	Siloam	M.M.	F	21	9	12	16	12	21	14	17	Yes	20,000	1,089	—	—	120	1	30	3.00	453	67	1,413	464	151	No	Yes	No
116	Lebanon	F.C.	F	17	12	15	17	16	14	17	4	No	—	866	—	—	156	2	30	2.00	235	37	377	250	23	Yes	Yes	No
161	Carrabasset	M.M.	F	14	16	7	7	7	12	8	6	Yes	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	178	204	—	Yes	Yes	No
194	Euclid	M.M.	F	17	31	17	16	17	17	17	17	No	—	5,375	—	—	40	1	30	4.00	16	4	—	847	—	—	Yes	No
109	Bingham	M.M.	C	14	23	13	14	14	14	14	11	Yes	12,000	885	300	—	10	1	35	3.00	197	66	1,031	722	167	Yes	Yes	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. HENRY G. SHAW, BATH, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
8	United	M.M.	C	15 17 14 14 14 15 15 15	No	—	5,570	24	10,287	120	1	30	3.00	123	34	1,652	1,376	153	Yes	Yes	No							
14	Solar	M.M.	C	20 24 20 19 17 20 20 17	No	—	1,738	—	3,679	189	2	50	6.00	1,185	190	2,119	2,185	40	Yes	Yes	No							
23	Freeport	F.C.	C	19 26 19 16 16 18 15 14	Yes	3,000	2,440	—	—	40	3	30	2.00	116	24	2,186	100	—	Yes	Yes	No							
26	Village	E.A.	F	13 24 13 10 12 11 8 12	Yes	3,000	1,000	—	200	—	—	30	3.00	86	21	378	199	20	No	Yes	No							
63	Richmond	E.A.	C	20 21 18 20 26 18 18 18	No	—	1,700	—	—	50	2	30	3.00	707	97	616	413	65	No	Yes	No							
114	Polar Star	M.M.	C	21 22 21 16 17 20 15 15	No	—	4,662	—	—	—	—	50	6.00	529	81	2,940	2,515	216	Yes	Yes	No							
121	Acacia	M.M.	C	17 14 17 13 12 7 10 7	Yes	2,000	200	—	354	—	—	30	2.00	114	31	338	191	35	No	Yes	No							
155	Ancient York	E.A.	C	16 33 15 14 12 14 10 12	No	—	2,360	—	93	100	1	35	4.00	190	27	1,025	890	131	Yes	Yes	No							

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. FESSENDEN SKOLFIELD, WELD, D. D. G. M.**

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No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.										Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.			No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures, is it Lodge doing any educational work.
				Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	\$	\$				\$												
20	Maine	E.A.	F	11	17	10	11	9	10	9	4	No	—	1,214	—	—	\$ 749	\$ 100	2	30	2.00	44	22	548	543	25	No	Yes	No
21	Oriental Star	F.C.	F	14	20	11	13	10	14	11	5	No	—	1,692	—	—	All	598	2	30	4.50	230	11	1,170	549	50	No	Yes	No
67	Blue Mountain	E.A.	F	12	15	11	12	7	10	8	6	No	—	1,600	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	502	—	500	263	50	No	Yes	No
123	Franklin	M.M.	F	16	7	15	16	15	15	13	15	Yes	1,200	200	199	—	70	2	30	3.00	150	26	360	150	26	No	Yes	No	
154	Mystic Tie	E.A.	C	17	16	17	14	10	17	16	8	No	—	627	—	—	—	—	—	35	3.00	66	19	397	366	—	No	Yes	No
156	Wilton	M.M.	F	31	31	20	20	18	20	17	14	Yes	15,000	203	196	203	—	—	—	30	4.00	60	11	2,728	2,422	205	No	Yes	No
191	Davis	M.M.	C	15	12	15	13	15	10	12	10	Yes	2,000	1,017	—	—	25	1	30	3.50	38	11	735	275	80	No	Yes	No	
202	Mt. Bigelow	M.M.	F	13	10	7	4	2	13	6	3	Yes	3,000	748	—	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	60	9	299	283	41	No	Yes	No
204	Mt. Abram	F.C.	C	13	17	13	11	5	12	4	6	Yes	3,000	1,685	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	221	52	842	313	54	No	Yes	No
212	Kemankeag	F.C.	C	14	21	14	14	14	13	13	10	No	—	435	—	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	18	6	380	110	100	No	Yes	No

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SIXTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. HERBERT C. ROWE, BETHEL, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supports, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supports.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
18	Oxford.	E.A.	C	16	24	16	16	13	16	12	10	Yes	12,000	1,351	—	1,446	—	—	30	3.50	63	11	1,030	542	66	No	Yes	No
94	Paris.	F.C.	C	15	23	15	10	14	15	11	10	Yes	8,000	606	214	431	—	—	30	3.00	148	33	562	578	97	No	No	No
97	Bethel.	E.A.	C	15	22	13	13	9	13	13	9	No	—	1,286	—	—	—	—	30	4.00	258	32	809	720	64	No	Yes	No
100	Jefferson.	F.C.	C	14	15	14	11	11	10	3	10	Yes	3,000	222	—	74	10	1	30	3.00	244	18	379	77	15	No	Yes	No
132	Mt. Tir'em.	None	—	13	15	11	12	13	13	13	11	Yes	1,200	398	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	46	10	265	67	10	No	Yes	No
152	Crooked River.	F.C.	C	12	15	6	3	8	7	2	11	Yes	5,000	543	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	193	52	239	49	None	No	Yes	No
182	Granite.	M.M.	C	13	12	10	1	9	12	12	9	Yes	2,000	939	—	—	20	2	30	3.00	572	51	256	572	20	No	Yes	No

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. GEORGE H. MINOTT, SO. PORTLAND, D. D. G. M.

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No	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free supplies, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for supplies.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	Yes	Yes	No
1	Portland	E.A.	C	39	50	37	37	29	28	27	25	No	—	1,164	—	10,250	446	14	50	8.00	812	116	6,836	6,672	125	Yes	Yes	No
17	Ancient Land-Mark	E.A.	C	38	33	33	32	5	28	31	30	No	—	1,029	—	27,700	935	18	60	6.00	650	90	6,842	—	—	Yes	Yes	No
36	Casco	M.M.	F	20	24	20	20	15	18	18	14	Yes	10,000	852	—	1,361	50	3	40	4.00	547	90	1,999	704	None	Yes	Yes	No
38	Harmony	M.M.	F	17	45	17	15	14	17	14	13	Yes	30,000	—	—	50	5	40	5.00	—	—	1,200	—	85	Yes	Yes	No	
70	Standish	M.M.	F	16	32	16	12	16	16	7	11	Yes	5,000	136	—	—	—	30	3.00	136	—	622	374	76	Yes	Yes	No	
81	Atlantic	F.C.	C	30	—	30	28	20	30	30	30	No	—	15,062	—	—	1,334	14	50	6.00	780	156	4,270	2,484	85	Yes	Yes	No
86	Temple	M.M.	C	16	28	14	13	15	13	10	11	No	—	5,557	—	614	349	4	40	3.00	947	291	1,939	1,733	234	Yes	Yes	No
127	Presumpscot	E.A.	C	16	30	15	14	14	16	13	12	Yes	3,000	569	—	7,610	—	—	30	2.00	391	177	500	585	116	No	Yes	No
180	Hiram	M.M.	C	32	72	31	31	32	32	32	30	Yes	100,000	2,378	—	8,667	78	—	60	3.00	1,222	177	4,151	2,130	653	Yes	Yes	Yes
183	Deering	M.M.	C	36	66	31	32	35	36	33	36	No	—	29,238	—	11,173	448	9	50	3.00	459	141	5,556	—	—	—	Yes	No
186	Warren Phillips	E.A.	C	22	39	18	21	22	20	17	14	No	—	5,523	—	All	86	4	35	2.00	342	171	1,316	389	—	Yes	Yes	No
216	Corner Stone	M.M.	C	31	20	31	30	30	24	26	27	No	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	3.00	—	—	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	No

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**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. FRANK W. HARMON, BROWNFIELD, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
11	Pythagorean	M.M.	C	14	7 14	13 11	13 11	10	Yes	5,000	2,063	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	110	7	1,462	240	92	No	Yes	No			
13	Oriental	E.A.	F	22	22 20	15 8	17 14	18	Yes	20,000	414	—	20,918	156	2	30	2.00	261	26	1,640	237	186	No	Yes	No			
56	Mount Moriah	F.C.	F	15	10 15	10 8	12 10	11	Yes	500	250	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	60	20	150	35	12	No	Yes	No			
117	Greenleaf	E.A.	C	13	21 12	13 12	12 13	12	Yes	3,000	753	—	582	—	—	30	3.00	198	20	532	198	140	No	Yes	No			
153	Delta	M.M.	F	10	29 9	9 8	10 8	7	Yes	4,000	367	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	110	—	290	98	—	No	Yes	No			
169	Shepherd's River.	F.C.	F	14	26 14	7 11	13 13	4	No	—	1,225	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	112	—	195	115	60	No	Yes	No			

**NINETEENTH DISTRICT, FRANK H. LIBBY, OLD ORCHARD, D. D. G. M.
NO REPORT.**

**TWENTIETH DISTRICT, J. ARTHUR HALEY, DANFORTH, D. D. G. M.
NO REPORT.**

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ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. ARTEMUS J. RICHARDSON, SOUTHWEST HARBOR, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.	
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				
19	Felicity.....	F.C.	F	19 15 18 17	4 17 15 13	No							—	784	—	3,461	—	—	30 3.00	391	24	502	645	65	No	No	No		
40	Lygonia.....	F.C.	F	16 21 16 12	15 14 14 12	No							—	2,341	—	116	—	2 40 4.00	303	88	1,396	234	—	—	Yes	Yes	No		
71	Rising Sun.....	F.C.	F	13 13 11 9	10 2 13 10	Yes							2,000	231	—	—	—	3 30 3.00	75	56	188	75	25	No	Yes	No			
77	Tremont.....	F.C.	F	22 7 22 2	12 19 7 17	Yes							8,000	314	—	—	27	—	30 3.00	72	11	1,170	214	28	Yes	Yes	No		
140	Mount Desert...	M.M.	F	12 15 12 12	11 11 8 11	Yes							5,000	270	—	—	—	—	30 3.00	312	—	258	124	—	Yes	No	Yes		
185	Bar Harbor.....	E.A.	F	38 17 36 32	29 38 35 27	Yes							25,000	298	—	—	135 3 40 5.00	875	156	1,824	1,985	26	—	Yes	Yes	No			
192	Winter Harbor...	M.M.	F	30 23 30 9	15 29 24 28	No							—	991	—	—	6 2 30 3.00	50	20	611	276	5	—	Yes	No	Yes			
201	David A. Hooper.	M.M.	F	32 24 24 22	31 29 22 31	No							—	2,495	—	—	—	—	30 3.00	388	86	828	629	65	No	Yes	No		
208	N. E. Harbor....	M.M.	F	22 16 20 12	21 21 22 20	Yes							25,000	367	—	—	225 1 30 4.00	400	77	745	478	32	—	Yes	Yes	No			
212	McKinley.....	M.M.	F	14 15 14 9	9 9 14 0	No							—	628	—	—	—	—	30 3.00	94	20	482	485	102	Yes	No	No		

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. SAMUEL P. IRELAND, CORINNA, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	Yes
49	Meridian Splend.	M.M.	F	16	24	15	15	15	15	7	6	No	—	1,950	300	—	—	3	30	2.00	250	15	550	595	90	No	Yes	Yes
64	Pacific		F	16	33	16	14	13	12	11	13	Yes	10,000	450	—	—	—	30	3.00	400	55	102	300	25	Yes	Yes	No	
75	Plymouth		F	10	14	10	10	5	10	10	7	No	—	400	—	—	—	30	2.00	90	40	188	175	None	No	No	No	
95	Corinthian		F	14	18	12	7	14	13	11	9	No	—	1,889	—	6,567	20	1	30	2.00	152	38	523	394	113	No	Yes	No
125	Meridian		F	25	16	20	21	18	16	8	18	Yes	8,000	114	—	600	50	2	35	3.00	114	30	836	644	127	Yes	Yes	No
139	Archon		F	13	20	13	6	13	13	4	10	Yes	—	150	—	—	—	1	30	2.50	79	14	302	—	—	No	No	No
157	Cambridge		C	15	16	14	14	9	14	12	12	Yes	1,500	833	—	—	30	2	30	2.50	758	50	212	258	49	No	Yes	No
160	Parian		None	—	13	16	13	13	12	11	9	10	Yes	—	1,500	—	—	—	30	3.00	150	30	297	259	75	No	Yes	No

**ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. WILLIAM A. SMALL, WESTBROOK, D. D. G. M.**

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fee for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	No	Yes	No
27	Adoniram	None	—	10	12	10	9	10	8	10	10	Yes	3,000	470	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	200	40	164	32	140	No	Yes	No
42	Freedom	F.C.	F	12	—	12	12	9	11	11	7	No	—	261	—	All	—	—	30	2.00	74	44	152	72	53	No	Yes	No
55	Fraternal	F.C.	F	10	14	19	9	9	8	7	8	No	—	829	—	—	10	1	30	2.00	195	58	273	685	209	Yes	Yes	No
107	Day Spring	F.C.	F	16	13	15	15	14	15	9	14	No	—	702	—	—	—	—	30	2.50	83	27	218	65	85	No	Yes	No
115	Buxton	None	—	10	11	10	5	5	9	6	9	No	—	3,217	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	198	49	261	100	12	No	Yes	No
118	Drummond	M.M.	F	10	—	10	10	8	9	10	5	Yes	1,000	21	—	—	—	—	30	1.00	117	None	249	40	20	No	Yes	No
146	Preble	M.M.	C	21	33	18	20	20	20	20	17	No	—	17,576	—	400	428	1	50	10.00	1,857	145	6,230	1,906	53	Yes	Yes	Yes
190	Springvale	E.A.	F	14	24	14	13	14	14	13	14	No	—	1,856	—	—	—	—	40	4.00	12	3	1,250	700	110	No	No	No

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. HARRY W. LORING, LEWISTON, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
12	Cumberland.....	M.M.	C	17	40	16	15	16	14	16	Yes		\$ 8,000	\$ 201	—	—	—	30	3.00	708	198	1,023	953	28	No	Yes	No	
29	Tranquil.....	M.M.	C	21	22	21	19	14	21	20	No		7,927	—	—	80	1	50	3.00	1,135	294	2,635	1,799	261	No	Yes	No	
73	Tyrian.....	M.M.	F	18	22	15	17	15	15	11	Yes		15,000	569	—	3,200	80	1	30	3.00	414	57	586	440	85	No	Yes	No
101	Nezinscot.....	M.M.	C	10	18	10	10	9	9	10	Yes		2,000	2,606	—	—	50	1	30	2.00	125	50	310	140	—	No	Yes	No
105	Ashler.....	M.M.	C	13	14	13	13	12	13	13	No		44,343	—	39,819	1,566	7	50	5.00	629	76	2,187	2,252	529	No	Yes	No	
150	Rabboni.....	M.M.	C	17	27	17	17	15	17	13	No		4,688	—	2,198	199	4	50	4.00	695	87	2,074	1,981	471	No	Yes	No	
64	Webster.....	M.M.	C	15	16	15	15	15	14	15	No		841	—	447	—	—	30	3.00	38	12	443	75	80	No	No	No	
178	Ancient Brothers'	M.M.	C	21	26	20	18	20	21	18	No		3,824	196	3,000	319	5	50	4.00	1,082	429	1,420	2,050	219	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. CARL L. HEWS, ASHLAND, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
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72	Pioneer	M.M.	F	18 17 18 14	4 17 14 14	14	4	17	14	14	Yes		5,000	635	—	—	—	40	3.50	279	54	740	279	38	No	Yes	No	
98	Katahdin	E.A.	C	17 6 17 13	9 16 9 8	Yes							6,000	335	—	—	—	30	3.00	235	52	641	621	0	No	Yes	No	
165	Molunkus	F.C.	F	32 16 32 29	26 31 19 23	Yes							3,000	856	—	819	35	1 30	2.00	354	46	500	162	40	No	Yes	No	
205	Nollesemic	F.C.	F	28 35 28 19	28 27 20 20	No							—	2,874	—	—	2	40	4.00	588	100	2,003	1,831	12	Yes	Yes	No	
206	Island Falls	M.M.	F	31 13 23 2	4 29 27 26	Yes							8,000	240	—	—	10	1 30	3.00	119	—	1,077	136	87	No	Yes	No	
209	Fort Kent	E.A.	F	10 — 10 8	6 10 4 0	No							—	266	—	—	—	30	3.00	506	37	182	172	35	No	Yes	No	

ABSTRACT OF REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT,
MAY, 1928. AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER, CANTON, D. D. G. M.

No.	LODGE.	Work.	Rendition.	Meetings held during year.	Average attendance.	No. attended by Master.	No. attended by S. W.	No. attended by J. W.	No. attended by Sec'y.	No. attended by S. D.	No. attended by J. D.	Is hall owned by Lodge.	Estimated Value.	Other assets of Lodge.	Debt, if any.	Amount of Charity Fund.	Amount expended for Charity during year.	No. of people aided.	Fees for degrees.	Annual dues.	Amount of unpaid dues.	No. of delinquents.	Approximate income of Lodge.	Approximate cost of running Lodge.	Amount expended for free suppers, etc.	Does Lodge ever charge for suppers.	Are candidates required to commit lectures.	Is Lodge doing any educational work.
30	Blazing Star	M.M.	C	24	32	24	24	17	21	20	19	Yes	15,000	1,162	—	—	—	—	40	4.00	347	83	2,674	1,056	242	No	Yes	No
57	King Hiram	M.M.	F	19	19	18	18	16	19	16	18	Yes	6,000	1,450	—	—	—	—	30	2.00	—	—	410	314	30	No	Yes	No
147	Evening Star	M.M.	F	14	14	14	13	8	13	12	7	Yes	15,000	1,200	—	—	—	—	30	3.50	40	12	612	210	50	Yes	Yes	No
167	Whitney	M.M.	F	14	13	11	7	8	14	8	7	No.	—	643	—	—	—	—	30	3.00	220	14	410	300	23	No	Yes	No

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Officers of the Grand Lodge 1928

HAROLD E. COOK,	M. W. Grand Master,	Gardiner
CYRUS N. BLANCHARD,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,	Wilton
WILLIAM S. HOLMES,	" Senior Grand Warden, N. E. Harbor	
NORRIS S. LORD,	" Junior Grand Warden, Dresden Mills	
HERBERT N. MAXFIELD,	" Grand Treasurer,	Portland
CHARLES B. DAVIS,	" Grand Secretary,	Portland
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- Abner Wade, 207, Sangerville. Chester C. Moulton, M.; Richard P. Hill, S. W.; Christopher C. Nelson, J. W.; John B. Watson (P. O. Box 61), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 5
- Acacia, 121, Durham. Lewis A. W. Martson, (Lisbon Falls, R. F. D. 2), M.; Frank T. Flemming, S. W.; Juluis G. Eveleth, J. W.; Ralph P. Stackpole (Auburn, R. F. D. No. 1), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Adoniram, 27, Limington. Joseph L. Chick, M.; Warren Mason, S. W.; Charles W. Foss, J. W.; Harris P. Ilsley, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Pearl E. Woodbury, M.; James I. Conboy, S. W.; Charles W. Walden, J. W.; George W. Singer, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Amity, 6, Camden. Earle B. Belyea, M.; Clayton R. McCobb, S. W.; S. Guy Upton, J. W.; Leslie D. Ames, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Everett W. Gamage, M.; Richard Alley, S. W.; Alva B. Bridges, J. W.; John A. Turner, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 10
- Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Robert J. Simpson (63 Riverside St., Lewiston), M.; Arthur W. Stockbridge, S. W.; William F. Robertson, J. W.; Ned P. Willis (P. O. Box 81), S. Meeting Monday on or after full moon; election, October. 24
- Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Carroll S. Chaplin, (415 Congress St.), M.; Bennett Norton, S. W.; Harold V. Bickmore, J. W.; Arthur J. Floyd (15 Sheffield Street, Woodfords), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Elliot K. Hale, M.; John H. Doughty, Jr., S. W.; Daniel E. Kelley, J. W.; Asbury M. Blake (Lisbon), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 14
- Archon, 139, Dixmont. Ralph E. Dellaway (Monroe), M.; Guy M. Twombly, S. W.; Earl G. Smith, J. W.; George E. Littlefield (Monroe), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 22
- Arion, 163, Goodwin's Mills. E. Alfred Grantham (Saco, R. F. D. 3), M.; Roy W. Hayes, S. W.; Roland W. Hayes, J. W.; George H. Peterson (Biddeford, R. F. D. 4), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 19

- Aroostook, 197, Blaine. Fred C. English, M.; John J. Edmunds, S. W.; Willard L. Dickens, J. W.; C. Hume Pierce, S. Meeting Friday on or after full moon; election, November. 1
- Arundel, 76, Kemebunkport. Delbert L. Ward, M.; Linwood G. Leach, S. W.; E. Stanley Brown, J. W.; Howard M. Martin, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Ashlar, 105, Lewiston. Ray H. Gilpatrick, M.; Chandler H. Barron, S. W.; James R. Craig, J. W.; Eugene E. Cates (63 Nichols St.), S. Meeting third Monday; election, January. 24
- Asylum, 133, Wayne. Raleigh D. Knapp, (North Leeds), M.; Allen H. Stinchfield, S. W.; Paul F. Gould, J. W.; Malcolm M. Soule, S. Meeting Tuesday before full moon; election, September. 12
- Atlantic, 81, Portland. Frank P. Pretie (21 Adelbert St., So. Portland), M.; Harry E. Upton, S. W.; H. Clayton Crocker, J. W.; Willard W. Knight (Box 224), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 17
- Augusta, 141, Augusta. Leroy F. Hussey, M.; Lewis A. Burleigh, Jr., S. W.; Lemuel D. Hazelwood, J. W.; Harvey B. Smith (11A Manley St.), S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Aurora, 50, Rockland. Leroy A. Chatto, M.; Harold A. Rackliff, S. W.; Herman M. Hart, J. W.; Albert H. Newbert, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 9
- Bagaduce, 210, North Brooksville. Leon B. Hopkins, M.; James T. Babbidge, S. W.; Roy W. Perkins, J. W.; Alvan A. Goodell, S. Meeting third Saturday; election, December. 4
- Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Eugene H. Page, M.; J. Albert Stevens, S. W.; Alton W. Douglass, J. W.; Clifford F. Came, S. Meeting third Thursday; election, December. 21
- Basketegan, 175, Danforth. Horace M. Pullen, M.; Varney A. Putnam, S. W.; Willard J. Dow, J. W.; Guy P. Rowe, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, August. 20
- Bay View, 196, East Boothbay. Malcolm H. Brewer, M.; Clarence E. Fuller, S. W.; John A. Dodge, J. W.; H. Elmer Fernald, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Roger S. McGown, M.; Winthrop H. Friend, S. W.; E. G. Hodgkins, J. W.; Everett F. Robinson, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, October. 6
- Bethel, 97, Bethel. John M. Harrington, M.; Clarence K. Fox, S. W.; Raymond R. Tibbetts, J. W.; Fred B. Merrill, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, November. 16
- Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Ralph S. Ingraham, M.; Merle E. Black, S. W.; Arthur B. Mason, J. W.; Pearle E. Fuller (72 Green St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, November. 11
- Bingham, 199, Bingham. Arthur J. Tupper, M.; D. Eugene Powell, S. W.; Orville R. Forsythe, J. W.; Lee C. Smith, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 13

- Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Charles W. Burditt, M.; Philo D. Clark, S. W.; Lee G. Hutchinson, J. W.; Walter O. Raynes, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 26
- Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Everett P. Knapp, M.; C. Linwood Beal, S. W.; Franklin H. Steward, J. W.; Cony M. Hoyt, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Bristol, 74, Bristol. Stephen H. Carter (Round Pond), M.; Henry F. Hunter, S. W.; Ozro M. Burner, J. W.; Albert H. Hunter (Damariscotta), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Buxton, 115, West Buxton. Alfred Whitehouse (Hollis Center), M.; Russell M. Haley, S. W.; Cecil L. Haley, J. W.; Oliver E. Earle (Hollis Center), S. Meeting Monday evening on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. William E. Folsom, M.; Myron J. Bemis, S. W.; Raymond C. Whitney, J. W.; Carrol F. Bailey (R. F. D. 4, Dexter), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Caribou, 170, Caribou. Linwood W. Wellington, M.; Nathan A. Currier, S. W.; Harry B. Smith, J. W.; Norman A. Currier, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 1
- Carrabasset, 161, Canaan. Edson I. Hunt, M.; Clarence Hilton, S. W.; John S. Goodridge, J. W.; Alpheus Nason, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 13
- Casco, 36, Yarmouth. William F. Croudiss, M.; Philip W. Richardson, S. W.; Harry L. Porter, J. W.; Mads J. Madsen, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 17
- Central, 45, China. Clive E. Bagley, (Albion), M.; George A. Babkirk, S. W.; Harold P. Craig, J. W.; Charles R. Getchell, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Columbia, 200, Greenville. Roy M. Keirstead (Greenville Junction), M.; James Creed, S. W.; Donald H. Cross, J. W.; Eugene W. Vaughan, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, December. 5
- Composite, 168, Lagrange. Lyndon C. Fowles, M.; Charles E. MacKenzie, S. W.; Jason R. Tibbetts, J. W.; Orman C. Ames, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 5
- Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Walter S. Hubbard, M.; Stuart S. Baird, S. W.; George W. Estes, J. W.; Halver H. Whitney, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 22
- Corner Stone, 216, Portland, Frederick H. Knight, (271 Allen Ave.), M.; Harlan Irish, S. W.; Robert E. Cleaves, Jr., J. W.; Melville C. Cole, (113 Glenwood Ave.), S. Meeting second Friday; except July and August. Election, November. 17
- Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Robert Gillespie, (Meddybemps), M.; Lee T. Howe, S. W.; Harry M. Little, J. W.; Cassius G. Porter, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2

- Crooked River, 152, Bolster's Mills. Albert W. Weston, M.; Russell C. Edwards, S. W.; Almon H. Rowe, J. W.; Philip A. Chute (Harrison, R. F. D. 3), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, November. 16
- Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Leo G. Torrey (Auburn, R. F. D. 7), M.; Howard W. Locke, S. W.; Edgar H. Russell, J. W.; Charles H. Nelson, S. Meeting Saturday before full moon; election, November. 24
- David A. Hooper, 201, West Sullivan. Shirley E. Clemons, M.; Ralph T. Gordon, S. W.; Harold C. Williams, J. W.; Edwin F. Clapham, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 21
- Davis, 191, Strong. Harry E. Lambert, M.; F. Ardine Richardson, S. W.; Dana A. Newell, J. W.; Percival W. Mason, S. Meeting Friday evening of week in which moon is full; election, September. 15
- Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Earle F. Cook (Newfield), M.; Clair E. Bond, S. W.; Herbert H. McLeod, J. W.; Norman J. Mee (East Wakefield, N. H.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Deering, 183, Portland. Lewis W. Phinney, M.; Herbert N. Maxfield, Jr., S. W.; Earle W. Frank, J. W.; Frank A. Farwell (35 Mackworth St., Woodfords), S. Meeting second Monday; election, February. 17
- Delta, 153, Lovell. Fred D. Kimball, M.; James O. Hamilton, S. W.; George F. Bailey, J. W.; Gay Whitesell, S. Meeting second Thursday; election, December. 18
- Dirigo, 104, Weeks Mills. Fred A. Pierce (R. F. D. 53), M.; Buford A. Reed, S. W.; Ray W. Clifford, J. W.; Orren F. Sproul (R. F. D. 52), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Doric, 149, Monson. Carlyle F. Blanchard, M.; Floyd Welch, S. W.; W. Harry Hughes, J. W.; Earle H. Jackson, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 5
- Dresden, 103, Dresden Mills. Joseph L. Houdlett, M.; George E. Jones, Jr., S. W.; William R. Houdlett, J. W.; Norris S. Lord, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 10
- Drummond, 118, Parsonfield. Frank W. Lord (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), M.; Thomas Taylor, S. W.; Walter C. Ela, J. W.; Fred N. Leavitt (Kezar Falls, R. F. D.), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 23
- Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. Lloyd L. Cole, M.; Herbert W. Thompson, S. W.; Hugh S. Caldwell, J. W.; Clarence B. Rumery (Masonic Bldg.), S. Meeting first Monday, except July and August; election, December. 19
- Eastern, 7, Eastport. Earl J. McInnis, M.; Ralph C. Hilyard, S. W.; Kenneth R. Iveney, J. W.; Wheeler C. Hawkes (Box 182), S. Meeting Monday; election, December 27th. 2

- Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Fred S. Kilburn, M.; Carvel D. Foster, S. W.; Loomis R. Stevens, J. W.; William N. Gould, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Eggemoggin, 128, Sedgwick. Guy M. Means, M.; Paul F. Byard, S. W.; Hermann W. Chatto, J. W.; Roy S. Dority, S. Meeting second Monday; election, January. 4
- Euclid, 194, Madison. William H. Morrison, M.; Harold B. Caldwell, S. W.; Lawrence Briggs, J. W.; James M. Spence, S. Meeting first Monday; election, September. 13
- Eureka, 84, Tenant's Harbor. Fred Chillis, M.; David J. Silverwright, S. W.; Frank H. Pierson, J. W.; Granville N. Bachelder, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 9
- Evening Star, 147, Buckfield. Morton P. Garland, M.; Charles T. Bowen, Jr., S. W.; Robie A. Sturtevant, J. W.; James E. Warren, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 26
- Excelsior, 151, Northport. Lionel W. Flanders, M.; George McCabe, S. W.; Kenneth Wyman, J. W.; Bert J. Bird (Lincolntonville, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, November. 8
- Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Ulysess G. Houston (R. F. D. 1), M. Frank N. Williams, S. W.; Verne J. Wheat, J. W.; Everett Pierce, (P. O. Box 101), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 21
- Forest, 148, Springfield. Clough I. Murdock, M.; Edwin B. Cole, S. W.; Harry E. Fortier, J. W.; Raymond Ham, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 20
- Fort Kent, 209, Fort Kent. Wilbur L. Raymond, M.; Augustus D. Dow, S. W.; John R. Dow, J. W.; James I. Hoyt, S. Meeting last Thursday; election, March. 25
- Franklin, 123, New Sharon. Charles H. Bailey, M.; George E. Campbell, S. W.; Clyde A. Dunton, J. W.; Clyde C. Day, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 15
- Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Myron J. Ricker, M.; Alva Warren, S. W.; Harry O. Wallingford, J. W.; John B. Donovan, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 23
- Freedom, 42, Limerick. Mark L. Burnham, M.; Charles W. Veno, S. W.; Asa D. Libby, J. W.; Arthur F. Lougee, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 23
- Freeport, 23, Freeport. William B. Fish, M.; Clarence B. Small, S. W.; Alpheus G. Dyer, J. W.; Fred E. Ward, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Granite, 182, West Paris. Herbert E. Hill, M.; W. Fred Smith, S. W.; Raymond E. Haines, J. W.; Harold C. Perham (Box 218), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 16
- Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Carroll F. Day, M.; Wyer W. Pike, S. W.; Harold E. Blake, J. W.; Francis A. Norton, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, December. 18

- Hancock, 4, Castine. Horace M. Leach, M.; Arthur B. Connor, S. W.; George T. Coombs, J. W.; Otis H. Parker, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 4
- Harmony, 38, Gorham. Frank W. Twombly, M.; Roland Barrows, S. W.; Austin A. Alden, J. W.; Edgar F. Carswell, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Harwood, 91, Machias. Horace E. Tribou, M.; J. Stanley Whitehouse, S. W.; Ardin McEacharn, J. W.; Frank L. Cates, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December 27th. 3
- Hermon, 32, Gardiner. Bradford H. White, M.; Albert A. Hodgdon, S. W.; Norman H. Trafton, J. W.; Allen Clark (168 Main Ave.), S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 11
- Hiram, 180, South Portland. Thomas N. Weeks, M.; George H. Hinekley, S. W.; Roy A. Woodside, J. W.; George B. Jackson (76 Pickett St.), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, June. 17
- Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Kingsley A. Ballantyne, M.; Elverson L. Aldrich, S. W.; Harry E. Smith, J. W.; Harry S. Pinkham, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election first Monday; in October. 20
- Howard, 69, Winterport. Carleton E. Young, M.; Alton E. Young, S. W.; Newell S. Perry, J. W.; Raymond F. Cole, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, September. 6
- Ira Berry, 187, Blue Hill. Luther D. Owens, M.; Walter E. Stover, Jr., S. W.; Walter R. Bisset, J. W.; G. Welland Clay (Surry, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting third Monday; election, December. 4
- Island, 89, Islesboro. Edwin S. Leach, (Dark Harbor), M.; Folwell A. Moody, S. W.; Arthur Nickerson, J. W.; Howard C. Pendleton (Dark Harbor), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 8
- Island Falls, 206, Island Falls. Charles F. Smith, M.; Edward C. Jones, S. W.; Burton E. Hunt, J. W.; John J. Marr, S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, September. 25
- Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. George Forbes, M.; Harry M. Swift, S. W.; Sidney M. Perham, J. W.; Lester D. Pryant (R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Jonesport, 188, Jonesport. Frank T. Higgins, M.; Edgar A. Worcester, S. W.; Morey C. Farnsworth, J. W.; Harry J. White, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Katahdin, 98, Patten. Roy D. Parsons, M.; W. B. Cunningham, S. W.; H. M. Cunningham, J. W.; Ralph I. Miles, S. Meeting third Thursday election, December. 27
- Kemankeag, 213, Rangeley. Harold B. McCord, M.; Frank L. Badger, S. W.; Frank C. Porter, J. W.; Charles L. Harnden, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 15
- Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Earl A. Orton, M.; Elmer B. Eddy, S. W.; Walter C. Goodwin, J. W.; F. Ernest Harvey, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Harry E. Hamilton, M.; Carrol A. Gray, S. W.; Lawrence V. Slack, J. W.; Ernest S. Currier, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, November. 11
- Keystone, 80, Solon. Kendall Cross, M.; Eldred C. Heald, S. W.; Leon M. Wyman, J. W.; Clarence H. Holway, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 13
- King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Harry A. Frohock, M.; Parker Young, S. W.; Joseph S. Mullen, J. W.; Fred E. Hardy, S. Meeting Tuesday evening nearest full moon; election, October. 8
- King Hiram, 57, Dixfield. W. Fred Ellis, M.; Herbert A. Noyes, S. W.; Charles C. Dunham, J. W.; John L. Delano, S. Meeting Tuesday on or after full moon; election, October. 26
- King Solomon's, 61, Waldoboro. Ralph P. Stahl, M.; Jesse V. Benner, S. W.; Albert G. Benner, J. W.; Irving A. Moody, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election October. 10
- Knox, 189, South Thomaston. Charles W. Hurd, (Ash Point), M.; Harold Harlow, S. W.; Charles S. Watts, J. W.; John M. Ingram, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 9
- Lafayette, 48, Readfield. Roy C. Giles (Readfield Depot), M.; Linwood C. Luce, S. W.; Merle C. Gorden, J. W.; Luther S. Russell (Kent's Hill), S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 12
- Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Freeman J. Abbott, M.; Charles A. Moore, S. W.; Lyndon E. Hale, J. W.; Ernest W. Gilman, S. Meeting first Friday; election, September. 13
- Lewy's Island, 138, Princeton. Charles C. Davis, M.; Ernest E. Pike, S. W.; Colby P. Mushroe, J. W.; Theodore Morrison (Box 121), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- Liberty, 111, Liberty. Charles M. Banks, M.; Donald H. Matherson, S. W.; Milton M. Wentworth, J. W.; Willis J. Greeley, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Limestone, 214, Limestone. S. Waldo Burgess, M.; Charles Hutcheon, S. W.; Herman A. Ward, J. W.; Wallace K. Fenalson, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 1
- Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. Harvey R. Pease, M.; Leon H. Grover, S. W.; Charles H. Plumstead, J. W.; William D. Patterson, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 10
- Lookout, 131, Cutler. William E. Farris, M.; George S. Farris, S. W.; Robin T. Henderson, J. W.; Lucius E. Gardner, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 3
- Lygonia, 40, Ellsworth. Fred A. Shea, M.; Hollis E. Higgins, S. W.; Edwin D. Austin, J. W.; Harry E. Rowe, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, January. 21
- Lynde, 174, Hermon. Russell S. Jackson (Bangor, R. F. D. 2), M.; Ivan L. Hunt, S. W.; Charles E. Hunt, J. W.; Claude O. Hunt (Carmel, R. F. D. 2), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6

- McKinley, 212, McKinley. Fred A. Bickford, M.; Lester E. Lunt, S. W.; Sherril S. Wilson, J. W.; Eugene M. Stanley, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Maine, 20, Farmington. Currier C. Holman, M.; Carl N. Fenderson, S. W.; Fred C. Pratt, J. W.; George B. Cragin, S. Meeting Monday week of full moon; election, October. 15
- Marine, 122, Deer Isle. Leon C. Weed, M.; Harold C. Howard, S. W.; Frank G. Lufkin, J. W.; Moses D. Joyce, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 4
- Mariners', 68, Searsport. Harry E. Merithew, M.; Harry P. McCaslin, S. W.; Clair S. Shute, J. W.; Ralph M. Moody, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, October. 8
- Marsh River, 102, Brooks. Frank H. Smith, M.; Walter E. O'Brien, S. W.; Winslow G. Ryder, J. W.; Elmer G. Roberts, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Mechanics', 66, Orono. Forrest G. Lancaster, M.; Gordon W. Carruthers, S. W.; Roy W. Libby, J. W.; Everett W. Davis, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December 27th. 6
- Meduncook, 211, Friendship. Robert L. Thompson, M.; Austin B. Cook, S. W.; Almon J. Packard, J. W.; John D. Mitchell, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 9
- Meridian, 125, Pittsfield. Fred G. Eaton, M.; George W. Kimball, S. W.; Winfield S. Huff, J. W.; Frank W. Fuller, S. Meeting fourth Friday; election, January. 22
- Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. William E. Condon, M.; Lionel A. Sheridan, S. W.; Lewis J. Pray, J. W.; Lewman B. Soper, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 22
- Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. Arthur L. Shaw, M.; William A. Bain, S. W.; George W. Erier, J. W.; William G. Simpson, S. Meeting on the first Saturday; election, December. 12
- Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Orlando J. Patterson, M.; Fred R. Corliss, S. W.; Felix M. Merry, J. W.; Fritz G. Russell, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. F. Maynard Foss, M.; Carey B. Boyd, S. W.; Carl W. Richardson, J. W.; Otis G. Randall, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Monument, 96, Houlton. Elson A. Hosford, M.; Basil F. Grant, S. W.; Levi B. Lincoln, J. W.; Hazen R. Nevers, S. Meeting second Wednesday except June, July and August; election, March. 1
- Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Charles E. Walker (R. F. D. 17), M.; Gilbert M. Barker, S. W.; Roland E. Godfry, J. W.; Roscoe S. Bosworth (R. F. D. 18), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 11

- Mosaic, 52, Dover-Foxcroft. Charles L. Severance, M.; Arthur A. Dinsmore, S. W.; Edwin D. Noyes, J. W.; Eugene W. Crocker (10 High Street), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Marshall E. Salls, M.; Parker D. Williams, S. W.; Charles L. Boman, J. W.; Freeman L. Roberts, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, November. 9
- Mount Abram, 204, Kingfield. Milton J. Wing, M.; Percy G. Wilber, S. W.; Kendrick L. Libby, J. W.; Arthur C. Woodard, S. Meeting Thursday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Carl R. Goodard (Dead River), M.; Lee F. Ricker, S. W.; Merton F. Crymble, J. W.; Walter E. Hinds, S. Meeting second Saturday; election, September. 15
- Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Merrill E. Cousins, M.; William M. Hamor, S. W.; Irving Babbridge, J. W.; Fred E. Wiggins (Salisbury Cove), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election January. 21
- Mount Kineo, 109, Guilford. Selden D. Rice, M.; Walter G. Blake, S. W.; Irving E. Fairbrother, J. W.; Joseph T. Davison, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 5
- Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Ira A. Merrill (Brownfield), M.; Frank W. Jack, S. W.; Ellis F. Blake, J. W.; Augustus S. Colby, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. George L. Sprague (Union, R. F. D. 3), M.; Leland M. Johnston, S. W.; William C. Lessner, J. W.; Jesse Overlock, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 9
- Mount Tir'em, 132, Waterford. Arthur R. Millett, M.; Wilbur L. Button, S. W.; Fritz H. Foster, J. W.; Clarence H. Pride (East Waterford), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 16
- Mystic, 65, Hampden. Elmer J. Treworgy, M.; Amos A. Carter, S. W.; Carleton E. Littlefield, J. W.; E. Everett Hewes, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. Adelbert D. McIntire, M.; Thermal Conant, S. W.; Phillip E. Maxwell, J. W.; Cleff Maxwell, S. Meeting Tuesday of week of full moon; election, December. 15
- Narraguagus, 88, Cherryfield. Alton H. Benner, M.; Spencer R. Moore, S. W.; Ira H. Benner, J. W.; Percy Wakefield, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 3
- Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Haskel D. Powers, M.; Edward L. Linscott, S. W.; Oscar W. Ford, J. W.; Harlie E. Freethy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 4
- Naval, 184, Kittery. Frank N. Taylor, M.; Daniel O. Blaisdell, S. W.; Roland G. Bedell, J. W.; Walter L. Lutts (6 Traip Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 19

- Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Forest J. Brown (Augusta, R. F. D. 1), M.; J. Percy Appleton, S. W.; Merton A. Rollins, J. W.; Ralph F. Tracy, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Arch W. Beals, M.; Lewis A. Staples, S. W.; Milo E. Lewis, J. W.; Royal W. Bradford, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, June. 24
- Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. John R. Soper, M.; George M. Jordan, S. W.; George H. Cressey, J. W.; Joseph R. Nickless, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 25
- North East Harbor, 208, North East Harbor. Lawrence M. Branscom, M.; Elihu T. Hamor, S. W.; Parker Shurman, J. W.; William S. Holmes, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Northern Star, 28, North Anson. Benjamin W. Ela, M.; C. Wellington Rogers, S. W.; Mark L. Pullen, J. W.; Horace S. Bickford, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 13
- Ocean, 142, Wells Depot. Edwin L. Kenney (Ogunguit), M.; Carroll H. Clark, S. W.; Burton L. S. McAfee, J. W.; Francis W. Sawyer (Box 136), Wells, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 19
- Olive Franch, 124, Charleston. Arthur R. Baker, M.; Melvin R. Whidden, S. W.; Earl C. Noyes, J. W.; John B. Bradford, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 6
- Orchard, 215, Old Orchard. W. Warren Harmon, M.; Charles A. Dolbier, S. W.; Perley R. W. Witham, J. W.; Clyde L. R. Snow (Portland Ave.), S. Meeting second Monday; election, September. 19
- Orient, 15, Thomaston. Enoch M. Clark, M.; Edward E. Hasting, S. W.; Oliver B. Hahn, J. W.; Arthur J. Elliot, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Walter H. Jones, M.; James Fitton, S. W.; Wilbur E. Libby, J. W.; D. Eugene Chaplin, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 18
- Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Lewie W. Winter, M.; Hartson W. McKenney, S. W.; Herbert D. Norton, J. W.; William H. McKenney, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 15
- Oxford, 18, Norwage. Eliot A. Fuller, M.; Ernest C. Murch, S. W.; Charles C. Wood, J. W.; Raymond H. Eastman, S. Meeting Friday on or before full moon; election, September. 16
- Pacific, 64, Exeter. E. Roy Austin, M.; Charles E. Hollis, S. W.; Archie E. Packard, J. W.; Guy E. Turner (Stetson, R. F. D.), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 22
- Parian, 160, Corinna. Henry M. King, Sr., M.; C. Joseph Shepard, S. W.; Darrell W. Sprague, J. W.; Clarence A. Rogers, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 22

- Paris, 94, South Paris. Clifford H. Davis, M.; Eugene Lowell, S. W.; Harry O. Reid, J. W.; Harold C. Fletcher, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, January. 16
- Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Arthur H. Page, M.; Clarence P. Beverly, S. W.; Donald D. Champeon, J. W.; Edwin C. Call, S. Meeting first Monday; election at last stated meeting preceding 27th December. 5
- Phoenix, 24, Belfast. Maynard E. Strout, M.; Russell C. Knox, S. W.; Norman S. Donahue, J. W.; John F. Waterman, (P. O. Box 27), S. Meeting second Monday; election, October.
- Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Don C. Reynolds, M.; Alton C. Greenleaf, S. W.; Elwyn T. Ricker, J. W.; Everett L. Crockett, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, October. 20
- Pioneer, 72, Ashland. Wilmer A. Mooers, M.; G. Ervin Shepard, S. W.; C. Fred Coffin, J. W.; Herman H. Kirk, S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 25
- Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Oscar L. Hamlin, M., Lorin T. Howe, S. W.; Eddie Wyer, J. W.; Arthur F. Lewis, (29 Elm St.), S. Meeting second Friday; election, February. 5
- Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. James L. Hay (Brownville Junc.), M.; William B. Jenkinson, S. W.; Harold L. Gerrish, J. W.; Bert S. Hodgman (Brownville Junc.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, November. 5
- Pleiades, 173, Millbridge. Arnold Leighton, M.; Joseph F. Leighton, S. W.; Harvey A. Wallace, J. W.; A. Lincoln Wallace, S. Meeting first Monday; election, January. 3
- Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Herbert E. Clark, M.; Dana L. Small, S. W.; Harry E. Smart, J. W.; Anthony P. Welch (Etna, R. F. D.), S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 22
- Polar Star, 114, Bath. Arthur B. Stilphen, (71 Russell St.), M.; Edward W. Sampson, S. W.; Percy W. Marks, J. W.; William A. Furber (48 Front St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday except July and August; election, March. 14
- Portland, 1, Portland. Robert D. Chase, M.; Leonard W. Stack, S. W.; Leon C. Spear, J. W.; Warren Moses (15 Deering Ave.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, June. 17
- Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Alvah C. Treat, M.; Myron J. Clark, S. W.; Lewis A. Barrett, J. W.; Irving H. Merrithew, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 8
- Preble, 143, Sanford. E. Sydney Denby, M.; Henry W. Fogelstrom, S. W.; Frederic A. Allen, J. W.; Elroy M. Moulton (P. O. Box 271), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 23
- Presumpscot, 127, North Windham. Almon S. Manchester, M.; Loring S. Mains, S. W.; Alley E. Hawkes, J. W.; William H. Cram, S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, December. 17

- Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Elroy O. LaCasce, M.; Harry V. Perham, S. W.; Harry D. Noel, J. W.; Frank A. Hill, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 18
- Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Charles G. Hemenway (Morrell, R. F. D. No. 2), M.; Willard S. Morse, S. W.; George W. Butler, J. W.; Allen L. Maddocks, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, October. 7
- Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. Arthur Booth, (571 Main St.), M.; J. Edward Booth, Jr., S. W.; Reginald H. Evans, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss (41 Main St.), S. Meeting third Wednesday; election, January. 24
- Reliance, 195, Stonington. Raymond C. Gross, M.; Leroy Gross, S. W.; Charles H. Grant, J. W.; Robert McGuffie, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, January. 4
- Richmond, 63, Richmond. Leslie F. Roberts, M.; Edmund H. Bailey, S. W.; John A. McCormick, J. W.; Charles M. Dicker (12½ Chestnut St.), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Rising Star, 177, Penobscot. Hill Wilson, M.; Mervin W. Clement, S. W.; Ralph M. Hutchins, J. W.; Earl F. Sellers, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 4
- Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Louis G. Hubbard, (Bucksport, R. F. D. 3), M.; Daniel L. Keyes, S. W.; A. R. Gott, J. W.; Arthur L. Farnham, S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, December. 21
- Rising Virtue, 10, Bangor. Charles E. Higgins (23 Central St.), M.; Carl W. Maxfield, S. W.; Harrison L. Robinson, J. W.; Alvoid E. Cushman (18 Chatham St.), S. Meeting last Tuesday; election, December. 6
- Riverside, 135, Jefferson. Maurice A. Brann (N. Whitefield), M.; Elmer C. Orff, J. W.; Elton W. McCurda, J. W.; Henry P. Bond, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election second Wednesday in September. 10
- Rockland, 79, Rockland. Irving L. Bray, M.; Merton A. Sprowl, S. W.; Myron E. Young, J. W.; James E. Stevens (P. O. Box 1), S. Meeting first Tuesday; election, January. 9
- Rural, 53, Sidney. F. Bigelow Barnard (Augusta, R. F. D. 7), M.; Charles B. Blaisdell, S. W.; Theodore W. Longley, Jr., J. W.; Arthur W. Hammond (R. F. D. 7, Augusta), S. Meeting Saturday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Saco, 9, Saco. Edgar H. Pellerin, M.; Lionel R. Cartwright, S. W.; William H. Deering, J. W.; Rufus L. Doe (80 Union St.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, January. 19
- St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. Raymond T. Adams, M.; George H. Stone, S. W.; Harold J. Hall, J. W.; Carroll A. Weeks (P. O. Box 762), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 6
- St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Fred E. Welch, M.; Roy W. Sturtevant, S. W.; Fred A. Woodard, J. W.; Samuel H. Junkins, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 19

- St. Croix, 46, Calais. Clarence B. Peckett, M.; Harry E. Lamb, S. W.; Raymond M. Simpson, J. W.; Isaac N. Jones, S. Meeting first Monday; election, December, St. John's Day. 2
- St. George, 16, Warren. Josiah O. Jameson (Waldoboro, R. F. D.), M.; Charles W. Wilson, S. W.; Edward C. Cutting, J. W.; Chester B. Hall, S. Meeting, Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- St. John's, 51, South Perwick. Clarence L. Blaisdell, M.; Wallace N. Flanders, S. W.; Ralph E. Foss, J. W.; Arthur E. Muzzy, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, March. 19
- St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Earle P. Grant, M.; Robert S. Gregory, S. W.; Frederick F. Richards, J. W.; Edwin H. Bowers, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, October. 9
- Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Raymond W. Dolloff, M.; Ralph B. Jenkins, S. W.; Edward L. Spinney, J. W.; Edward J. Hutchinson, S. Meeting first Friday; election, December. 10
- Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Harold R. Bean, M.; Stanley S. Cain, S. W.; Carrol W. Keene, J. W.; Perley L. Cotton, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 7
- Shepherd's River, 169, Brownfield. Maynard S. Howe, (East Brownfield), M.; Thomas A. Cole, S. W.; Chester A. Linscott, J. W.; Frank W. Harmon, S. Meeting Wednesday on or after full moon; election, December. 18
- Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Paul L. Woodworth, M.; William E. Burgess, S. W.; Carl P. Fogg, J. W.; Walter C. Woodman, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 13
- Solar, 14, Bath. Roy F. Shackford, M.; Jason A. Merrill, S. W.; David E. Rich, J. W.; Harry E. Litchfield (16 Bath St.), S. Meeting first Monday; election, December. 14
- Somerset, 34, Skowhegan. Frank R. Madden, M.; Ralph T. Jenkins, S. W.; John Lewis, J. W.; John H. Lancaster, S. Meeting second Monday; election, June. 13
- Springvale, 190, Springvale. Albert L. Spence, M.; Harold Mugridge, S. W.; Rodney G. Folsom, J. W.; Arthur E. Horne, S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 23
- Standish, 70, Standish. Harold N. Hanold, M.; Almon P. Mason, S. W.; S. Roy Thompson, J. W.; Fred E. Cole, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 17
- Star in the East, 60, Old Town. Mortimer S. Fayle, M.; Charles W. Miller, S. W.; William K. Fraser, J. W.; Edward A. Merrill (46 N. Main St.), S. Meeting last Monday; election, September. 6
- Star in the West, 85, Unity. C. Wellington Taylor, M.; Benjamin F. Chase, S. W.; James L. Ashford, J. W.; Lloyd W. Tozier, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, December. 7

- Temple, 25, Winthrop. Charles P. Morrison, M.; C. Pretzman Gale, S. W.; Lloyd J. Leighton, J. W.; Charles F. Kilbreth, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, September. 11
- Temple, 86, Westbrook. George F. Trueworthy, M.; Walter W. Smith, S. W.; Charles R. Moore, J. W.; Wade L. Bridgham (46 Monroe St.), S. Meeting second Wednesday; election, December. 17
- Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Leroy E. Coombs, M.; Harry C. Snow, S. W.; Fred O. Gross, J. W.; James H. Cilley, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, October. 8
- Tranquil, 29, Auburn. Laurence M. Watson (146 Lake St.), M.; G. Arlington Mackay, S. W.; Henry W. Turgeon, J. W.; Bernard G. Everett (25 Oakland) St.), S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, January. 24
- Tremont, 77, Southwest Harbor. Walter F. Joy, M.; Robert D. Trask, S. W.; Calvin E. Dolliver, J. W.; William R. Keene (Manset), S. Meeting first Thursday; election, December. 21
- Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. George T. Noyes, M.; Miah J. Marston, S. W.; Frank E. Dudley, J. W.; Vivian E. Howe, (P. O. Box 151), S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, January. 1
- Tuscan, 106, Addison. John T. Irons (Harrington, R. F. D.), M.; Albert L. Dalot, S. W.; Harry Brown, J. W.; Everett E. Kane, S. Meeting first Saturday; election, December. 3
- Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Raymond L. Winslow, M.; Ralph M. Giddings S. W.; Byron L. Strout, J. W.; Windsor A. Goldermann, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, October. 24
- Union, 31, Union. William C. Gleason, M.; Edward A. Alden, S. W.; James L. Dorman, J. W.; Charles M. Lucas (R. F. D. 1), S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 9
- United, 8, Brunswick. Lawrence W. Smith, M.; Emery W. Booker, S. W.; Harold E. Pratt, J. W.; Joseph S. Stetson (P. O. Box 346), S. Meeting second Tuesday; election, December. 14
- Unity, 58, Thorndike. Eli V. Conforth, M.; Percy E. Bessey, S. W.; Ernest E. Flick, J. W.; Ray H. Cross, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, September. 7
- Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Herbert Muir, M.; Carl B. Lord, S. W.; Chester R. L. Hussey, J. W.; Gilbert Muir, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Eugene L. Millet, M.; Fred W. Foss, S. W.; Ralph H. Currier, J. W.; Allston W. Tyler, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, September. 12
- Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Clarence O. Purinton, M.; George A. Blodgett, S. W.; Charles E. Hackett, J. W.; Edward L. White, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, October. 14
- Warren, 2, East Machias. Warren B. Pettigrew, M.; Donald W. Small, S. W.; Leon E. Holmes, J. W.; Francis L. Talbot, S. Meeting Tuesday on or before full moon; election, October. 3

- Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Frank L. McKenney (303 Main St.), M.; Henry E. Hodgkins, S. W.; Robert E. Craft, J. W.; Edward W. Rome (419 Warren Ave.), S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, October. 17
- Washburn, 193, Washburn. Everett C. Cunningham, M.; Allen C. Russell, S. W.; Seth O. Ballard, J. W.; Guy C. Stevens, S. Meeting Wednesday on or before full moon; election, December. 1
- Washington, 37, Lubec. Neil R. Stuart, M.; Julian E. Trecartin, S. W.; E. N. Bagley, J. W.; Irving W. Case, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 2
- Waterville, 33, Waterville. Howard A. Rainey, M., Gustaf J. Gustafson, S. W.; Linn R. Wood, J. W.; Chas. Leroy Jones, S. Meeting second Monday; election, December. 12
- Webster, 164, Sabattus. John T. Thomson, M.; Thomas H. Phelan, S. W.; Edward Wood, J. W.; Wilton S. Campbell, S. Meeting Thursday on or before full moon; election, December. 24
- Whitney, 167, Canton. Fred A. Sproul, (Livermore), M.; Herman W. Childs, S. W.; Ansel S. Ellis, J. W.; Caleb E. Mendall, S. Meeting first Thursday; election, September. 26
- Wilton, 156, Wilton. Frank E. Brann, M.; Richard B. Knapp, Jr., S. W.; Lauriston E. Orr, J. W.; Charles A. Comins, S. Meeting Wednesday week of full moon; election, September. 15
- Winter Harbor, 192, Winter Harbor. Carleton H. Smallidge, M.; Ernest M. Torrey, S. W.; Randolph L. Smallidge, J. W.; Hollis E. Joy, S. Meeting first Wednesday; election, December. 21
- York, 22, Kennebunk. Roy A. Evans, M.; George L. Authier, S. W.; Willis E. Watson, J. W.; Albert W. Merserve, S. Meeting Monday on or before full moon; election, December. 19
- Yorkshire, 179, North Berwick. Leonard M. Dockham, M.; Clyde B. Staples, S. W.; Harold C. Jones, J. W.; Chester A. Batchelder, (P. O. Box 63), S. Meeting last Friday; election, December. 19

List of Lodges by Districts

DISTRICT No. 1.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE W HASKELL, Houlton.

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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 — JOHN L. POLLEYS, Calais.

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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 — CALEB G. ALDRICH, Cutler.

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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 — EDWARD E. GREENLAW, Deer Isle.

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| 4 Hancock, Castine. | 177 Rising Star, Penobscot. |
| 122 Marine, Deer Isle. | 187 Ira Berry, Bluehill. |
| 128 Eggemoggin, Sedgwick. | 195 Reliance, Stonington. |
| 171 Naskeag, Brooklin. | 210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. |

DISTRICT No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Master — LINWOOD A. RYDER, Brownville Jct.

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| 39 Penobscot, Dexter. | 163 Pleasant River, Brownville. |
| 44 Piscataquis, Milo. | 168 Composite, Lagrange. |
| 52 Mosaic, Foxcroft. | 200 Columbia, Greenville. |
| 109 Mount Kineo, Guilford. | 207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. |
| 149 Doric, Monson. | |

DISTRICT No. 6.

District Deputy Grand Master — LOUIS I. KNOWLES, Bangor.
(198 Norfolk Street.)

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| 10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. | 83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. |
| 60 Star in the East, Old Town. | 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. ABBOTT, Albion.

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| 45 Central, China. | 111 Liberty, Liberty. |
| 58 Unity, Thorndike. | 129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. |
| 85 Star in the West, Unity. | 146 Seabaticook, Clinton. |
| 102 Marsh River, Brooks. | |

DISTRICT No. 8.

District Deputy Grand Master — LYNWOOD B. THOMPSON, Belfast.

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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 — CHARLES S. WOODCOCK, Thomaston.
(P. O. So. Warren.)

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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, Vinalhaven. |
| 31 Union, Union. | 189 Knox, South Thomaston. |
| 50 Aurora, Rockland. | 203 Mount Olivet, Washington. |
| 79 Rockland, Rockland. | 211 Meduncook, Friendship. |

DISTRICT No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Master — ANGUS E. GROVER, Wiscasset.

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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. | |

DISTRICT No. 11.

District Deputy Grand Master — RALPH W. FERRIS, Augusta.
(263 Water Street.)

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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 — WENDEL I. ROBBINS, Vassalboro.
(P. O. 18 Quinby Street, Augusta.)

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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 — ERNEST C. BUTLER, Skowhegan.

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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 — CLARENCE B. SMALL, 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 — HARTLEY B. SPRAGUE, Kingfield.

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| 20 Maine, Farmington. | 156 Wilton, Wilton. |
| 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. |

DISTRICT No. 16.

District Deputy Grand Master — WALTER B. STRICKLAND, So. Paris.

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| 18 Oxford, Norway. | 132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. |
| 94 Paris, South Paris. | 152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. |
| 97 Bethel, Bethel. | 182 Granite, West Paris. |
| 100 Jefferson, Bryant's Pond. | |

DISTRICT No. 17.

District Deputy Grand Master — GEORGE H. MINOTT, So. Portland.

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| 1 Portland, Portland. | 86 Temple, Westbrook. |
| 17 Ancient Land-Mark, 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. | 216 Corner Stone, Portland. |

DISTRICT No. 18.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRANK W. HARMON, Brownfield.

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| 11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. | 117 Greenleaf, Cornish. |
| 13 Oriental, Bridgton. | 153 Delta, Lovell. |
| 56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. | 169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. |

DISTRICT No. 19.

District Deputy Grand Master — CLARENCE BLAISDELL, So. Berwick.

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| 9 Saco, Saco. | 162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. |
| 22 York, Kennebunk. | 179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. |
| 47 Dunlap, Biddeford. | 184 Naval, Kittery. |
| 51 St. John's, South Berwick. | 198 St. Aspinquid, York Village. |
| 76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. | 215 Orchard, Old Orchard. |
| 142 Ocean, Wells Depot. | |

DISTRICT No. 20.

District Deputy Grand Master — FRED A. BUDGE, Mattawaukeag.

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| 93 Horeb, Lincoln. | 172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. |
| 148 Forest, Springfield. | 175 Baskahegan, Danforth. |

DISTRICT No. 21.

District Deputy Grand Master — ARTEMAS J. RICHARDSON,
Southwest Harbor.

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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 — VERNON B. PACKARD, Dexter.
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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 — F. LEIGHTON GOWEN, Sanford.

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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 — GEORGE E. RAMSDELL, LEWISTON.
(40 Mountain Avenue.)

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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 — RALPH M. ROBINSON, Sherman Mills.

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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. |

DISTRICT No. 26.

District Deputy Grand Master — AUGUSTUS F. CLOUTIER, Buckfield.

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| 30 Blazing Star, Rumford. | 147 Evening Star, Buckfield. |
| 57 King Hiram, Dixfield. | 167 Whitney, Canton. |

Towns in Maine where Masonic Lodges are Located

Location.	Lodge.	District.
ADDISON,	Tuscan, 106,	3
ALFRED,	Fraternal, 55,	23
ASHLAND,	Pioneer, 72,	25
AUBURN,	Ancient Brothers', 178,	24
AUBURN,	Tranquil, 29,	24
AUGUSTA,	Augusta, 141,	11
AUGUSTA,	Bethlehem, 35,	11
BANGOR,	Rising Virtue, 10,	6
BANGOR,	St. Andrew's, 83,	6
BAR HARBOR,	Bar Harbor, 185,	21
BATH,	Polar Star, 114,	14
BATH,	Solar, 14,	14
BELFAST,	Phoenix, 24,	8
BELFAST,	Timothy Chase, 126,	8
BETHEL,	Bethel, 97,	16
BIDDEFORD,	Dunlap, 47,	19
BINGHAM,	Bingham, 199,	13
BLAINE,	Aroostook, 197,	1
BLUE HILL,	Ira Berry, 187,	4
BOLSTER'S MILLS,	Crooked River, 152,	16
BOOTHBAY HARBOR,	Seaside, 144,	10
BOWDOINHAM,	Village, 26,	14
BRIDGTON,	Oriental, 13,	18
BRISTOL,	Bristol, 74,	23
BROOKLIN,	Naskeag, 171,	4
BROOKS,	Marsh River, 102,	7
BROWNFIELD,	Shepherd's River, 169,	18
BROWNVILLE,	Pleasant River, 163,	5
BRUNSWICK,	United, 8,	14
BRYANT'S POND,	Jefferson, 100,	16
BUCKFIELD,	Evening Star, 147,	26
BUCKSPORT,	Felicity, 19,	21
CALAIS,	St. Croix, 46,	2
CAMBRIDGE,	Cambridge, 157,	22
CAMDEN,	Amity, 6,	9
CANAAN,	Carrabasset, 161,	13
CANTON,	Whitney, 167,	26
CARIBOU,	Caribou, 170,	1
CARMEL,	Benevolent, 87,	6

CASTINE,	Hancock, 4,	4
CHARLESTON,	Olive Branch, 124,	6
CHERRYFIELD,	Narraguagus, 88,	3
CHINA,	Central, 45,	7
CLINTON,	Sebasticook, 146,	7
CORINNA,	Parian, 160,	22
CORNISH,	Greenleaf, 117,	18
CUMBERLAND MILLS,	Warren Phillips, 186,	17
CUTLER,	Lookout, 131,	3
DAMARISCOTTA,	Alna, 43,	10
DANFORTH,	Baskahegan, 175,	20
DEER ISLE,	Marine, 122,	4
DENMARK,	Mount Moriah, 56,	18
DEXTER,	Penobscot, 39,	5
DIXFIELD,	King Hiram, 57,	26
DOVER-FOXCROFT,	Mosaic, 52,	5
DRESDEN MILLS,	Dresden, 103,	10
DURHAM,	Acacia, 121,	14
EAST BOOTHBAY,	Bay View, 196,	10
EAST DIXMONT,	Archon, 139,	22
EAST MACHIAS,	Warren, 2,	3
EASTPORT,	Eastern 7,	2
ELLSWORTH,	Lygonia, 40,	21
EXETER,	Pacific, 64,	22
FAIRFIELD,	Siloam, 92,	13
FARMINGTON,	Maine, 20,	15
FLAGSTAFF,	Mount Bigelow, 202,	15
FORT FAIRFIELD,	Eastern Frontier, 112,	1
FORT KENT,	Fort Kent, 209,	25
FREEPORT,	Freeport, 23,	14
FRIENDSHIP,	Meduncook, 211,	9
FRYEBURG,	Pathagorean, 11,	18
GARDINER,	Hermon, 32,	11
GOODWIN'S MILLS,	Arion, 162,	19
GORHAM,	Harmony, 38,	17
GREENVILLE,	Columbia, 200,	5
GUILFORD,	Mount Kineo, 109,	5
HALLOWELL,	Kennebec, 5,	11
HAMPDEN,	Mystic, 65,	6
HARTLAND,	Corinthian, 95,	22
HERMON,	Lynde, 174,	6
HOULTON,	Monument, 96,	1
ISLAND FALLS,	Island Falls, 206,	25
ISLESBORO,	Island, 89,	8
JEFFERSON,	Riverside, 135,	10
JONESPORT,	Jonesport, 188,	3
KENDUSKEAG,	Kenduskeag, 137,	6

KENNEBUNK,	York, 22,	19
KENNEBUNKPORT,	Arundel, 76,	19
KINGFIELD,	Mount Abram, 204,	15
KITTERY,	Naval, 184,	19
LAGRANGE,	Composite, 168.	5
LEWISTON,	Ashlar, 105,	24
LEWISTON,	Rabboni, 150,	24
LIBERTY,	Liberty, 111,	7
LIMERICK,	Freedom, 42,	23
LIMESTONE,	Limestone, 214,	1
LIMINGTON,	Adoniram, 27,	23
LINCOLN,	Horeb, 93,	20
LINCOLNVILLE,	King David's, 62.	8
LISBON FALLS,	Ancient York, 155,	14
LITCHFIELD,	Morning Star, 41,	11
LIVERMORE FALLS,	Oriental Star, 21,	15
LOVELL,	Delta, 153,	18
LUBEC,	Washington, 37,	2
MACHIAS,	Harwood, 91,	3
MADISON,	Euclid, 194,	13
MATTAWAMKEAG,	Pine Tree, 172,	20
McKINLEY,	McKinley, 212,	21
MECHANIC FALLS,	Tyrian, 73,	24
MILLBRIDGE,	Pleiades, 173,	3
MILLINOCKET,	Nollesemic, 205,	25
MILO,	Piscataquis, 44,	5
MONMOUTH,	Monmouth, 110,	11
MONSON,	Doric, 149,	5
MOUNT DESERT,	Mount Desert, 140,	21
MOUNT VERNON,	Vernon Valley, 99,	12
NEW GLOUCESTER,	Cumberland, 12,	24
NEWPORT,	Meridian Splendor, 49,	22
NEW SHARON,	Franklin, 123,	15
NORRIDGEWOCK,	Lebanon, 116,	13
NORTH ANSON,	Northern Star, 28,	13
NORTH BERWICK,	Yorkshire, 179,	19
NORTH BROOKSVILLE,	Bagaduce, 210,	4
NORTH EAST HARBOR,	North East Harbor, 208,	21
NORTH VASSALBORO,	Vassalboro, 54,	12
NORTH WINDHAM,	Presumpscot, 127,	17
NORTHPORT,	Excelsior, 151,	8
NORWAY,	Oxford, 18,	16
OAKLAND,	Messalonskee, 113,	12
OLD ORCHARD,	Orchard, 215,	19
OLD TOWN,	Star in the East, 60,	6
ORLAND,	Rising Sun, 71,	21
ORONO,	Mechanics', 66,	6

PARSONSFIELD,	Drummond, 118,	23
PATTEN,	Katahdin, 98,	25
PEMBROKE,	Crescent, 78,	2
PENOBSCOT,	Rising Star, 177,	4
PHILLIPS,	Blue Mountain, 67,	15
PITTSFIELD,	Meridian, 125,	22
PLYMOUTH,	Plymouth, 75,	22
PORTLAND,	Ancient Landmark, 17,	17
PORTLAND,	Atlantic, 81,	17
PORTLAND,	Corner Stone, 216,	17
PORTLAND,	Deering, 183,	17
PORTLAND,	Portland, 1,	17
PRESQUE ISLE,	Trinity, 130,	1
PRINCETON,	Lewy's Island, 138,	2
RANGELEY,	Kemankeag, 213,	15
READFIELD,	Lafayette, 48,	12
RICHMOND,	Richmond, 63,	14
ROCKLAND,	Aurora, 50,	9
ROCKLAND,	Rockland, 79,	9
ROCKPORT,	St. Paul's, 82,	9
RUMFORD,	Blazing Star, 30,	26
SABATTUS,	Webster, 164,	24
SACO,	Saco, 9,	19
SANFORD,	Preble, 143,	23
SANGERVILLE,	Abner Wade, 207,	5
SEARSMONT,	Quantabacook, 129,	7
SEARSPORT,	Mariners', 68,	8
SEDGWICK,	Eggmoggin, 128,	4
SHERMAN MILLS,	Molunkus, 165,	25
SIDNEY,	Rural, 53,	12
SKOWHEGAN,	Somerset, 34,	13
SOLON,	Keystone, 80,	13
SOUTH BERWICK,	St. John's, 51,	19
SOUTH BRISTOL,	Anchor, 158,	10
SOUTH PARIS,	Paris, 94,	16
SOUTH PORTLAND,	Hiram, 180,	17
SOUTH THOMASTON,	Knox, 189,	9
SOUTHWEST HARBOR,	Tremont, 77,	21
SPRINGFIELD,	Forest, 148,	20
SPRINGVALE,	Springvale, 190,	23
STANDISH,	Standish, 70,	17
STOCKTON SPRINGS,	Pownal, 119,	8
STONINGTON,	Reliance, 195,	4
STRONG,	Davis, 191,	15
TENANT'S HARBOR,	Eureka, 84,	9
THOMASTON,	Orient, 15,	9
THORNDIKE,	Unity, 58,	7

TURNER,	Nezinscot, 101,	24
UNION,	Union, 31,	9
UNITY,	Star in the West, 85,	7
VASSALBORO,	Neguemkeag, 166,	12
VINALHAVEN,	Moses Webster, 145,	9
WALDOBORO,	King Solomon's, 61,	10
WARREN,	St. George, 16,	9
WASHBURN,	Washburn, 193,	1
WASHINGTON,	Mount Olivet, 203,	9
WATERFORD,	Mount Tir'em, 132,	16
WATERVILLE,	Waterville, 33,	12
WAYNE,	Asylum, 133,	12
WEEKS MILLS,	Dirigo, 104,	11
WELD,	Mystic Tie, 154,	15
WELLS DEPOT,	Ocean, 142,	19
WESTBROOK,	Temple, 86,	17
WEST BUXTON,	Buxton, 115,	23
WEST NEWFIELD,	Day Spring, 107,	23
WEST PARIS,	Granite, 182,	16
WEST SULLIVAN,	David A. Hooper, 201	21
WILTON,	Wilton, 156,	15
WINTER HARBOR,	Winter Harbor, 192,	19
WINTERPORT,	Howard, 69,	6
WINTHROP,	Temple, 25,	11
WISCASSET,	Lincoln, 3,	10
YARMOUTH,	Casco, 36,	17
YORK VILLAGE,	St. Aspinquid, 198,	19

Lodges in Maine

With Dates of Precedent and Charters.

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 Saint 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,	Corham,	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 Saint 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 †
51 Saint John's,	South Berwick,	Jan. 12, 1827	Feb. 13, 1827

LODGE	LOCATION	DATE OF PRECEDENCE	DATE OF CHARTER
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,	Old Town,	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 Saint Paul's,	Rockport,	Oct. 27, 1855	May 2, 1856
83 Saint 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,	Week's Mills,	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§
109 Mount Kineo,	Guilford,	May 10, 1861	May 8, 1862

LODGE	LOCATION	DATE OF PRECEDENCE	DATE OF CHARTER
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 Har.,	Oct. 7, 1867	May 7, 1868
145 Moses Webster,	Vinalhaven,	Jan. 13, 1868	May 7, 1868
146 Sebastcook,	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
167 Whitney,	Canton,	Mch. 9, 1872	May 9, 1872

LODGE	LOCATION	DATE OF PRECEDENCE	DATE OF CHARTER
168 Composite,	Lagrange,	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,	South Portland,	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,	Stonington,	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 Saint 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,	No. East 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
215 Orchard,	Old Orchard,	May 4, 1916	May 3, 1917
216 Corner Stone,	Portland,	Oct. 27, 1926	May 4, 1927

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. 42, in 1895.

181 Reuel Washburn, consolidated with Oriental Star, No. 21, in 1892.

Lodges enrolled 216; extinct 9; working 207.

Permanent Members

M. W.	HUGH R. CHAPLIN,	Bangor,	P. G. M.
"	CHARLES F. JOHNSON,	Waterville,	"
"	ASHLEY A. SMITH,	Bangor,	"
"	THOMAS H. BODGE,	Augusta,	"
"	SILAS B. ADAMS,	Portland,	"
"	EDWARD W. WHEELER,	Brunswick,	"
"	ALBERT M. SPEAR,	Augusta,	"
"	DAVID E. MOULTON,	Portland,	"
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"	W. SCOTT SHOREY,	Bath,	"
"	JOHN CLAIR MINOT,	Boston, Mass.,	"
"	FRANK J. COLE,	Bangor,	"
"	ISAAC N. JONES,	Calais,	"
"	FRED C. CHALMERS,	Bangor,	"
"	ISAAC A. CLOUGH,	Portland,	"
"	ALBERT H. NEWBERT,	Rockland,	"
"	WILLIS A. RICKER,	Castine,	"
"	WILLIAM S. DAVIDSON,	Fort Fairfield,	"
"	JOHN J. MARR,	Island Falls,	"
"	LEWMAN B. SOPER,	Newport,	"
"	FREDERIC O. EATON,	Rumford,	"
"	FRANK P. DENACO,	Bangor,	"
"	HARRY E. ROWE,	Ellsworth,	"
"	E. MURRAY GRAHAM,	Portland,	"
"	ARCHIE LEE TALBOT,	Lewiston,	P. J. G. W.
"	HOWARD D. SMITH,	Norway,	"
"	GUSTAVUS H. CARGILL,	Pittsfield,	"
"	MILLARD M. CASWELL,	Bridgton,	"
"	FRANKLIN R. REDLON,	Portland,	"
"	JOHN H. MCGORRILL,	Deering,	"
"	JAMES C. AYER,	Cornish,	"
"	CHARLES F. PAINE,	Bar Harbor,	"
"	ALBERT M. AMES,	Stockton Springs,	"
"	LEON S. HOWE,	Houlton,	"
"	SULLIVAN L. ANDREWS,	Lewiston,	"
"	CONVERS E. LEACH,	Portland,	"
"	GEORGE A. GILPATRIC,	Kennebunk,	"
"	FRANK B. ARNOLD,	Needham Heights, Mass.,	"

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" WALLACE N. PRICE,	Gardiner,	"
" LEE M. SMITH,	Norway,	"
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" DANIEL G. CHAPLIN,	Cornish,	"
" ERWIN G. RYDER,	Brownville Junc.,	"
" JAMES A. RICHAN,	Rockland.	"
" ERNEST J. RECORD,	South Paris,	"

Permanent Members Deceased

Past Grand Masters.

M. W. WILLIAM KING,	M. W. TIMOTHY J. MURRAY,
" SIMON GREENLEAF,	" JOHN H. LYNDE,
" WILLIAM SWAN,	" DAVID CARGILL,
" CHARLES FOX,	" ALBERT MOORE,
" SAMUEL FESSENDEN,	" EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
" ROBERT P. DUNLAP,	" CHARLES I. COLLAMORE,
" NATHANIEL COFFIN,	" MARQUIS F. KING,
" RUEL WASHBURN,	" WILLIAM R. G. ESTES,
" ABNER B. THOMPSON,	" FESSENDEN I. DAY,
" HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS,	" FRANK E. SLEEPER,
" THOMAS W. SMITH,	" ALBRO E. CHASE,
" JOHN T. PAINE,	" HENRY R. TAYLOR,
" ALEX'R H. PUTNEY,	" HORACE H. BURBANK,
" JOSEPH C. STEVENS,	" AUGUSTUS B. FARNHAM,
" JOHN C. HUMPHREYS,	" JOSEPH A. LOCKE,
" FREEMAN BRADFORD,	" WINFIELD S. CHOATE,
" TIMOTHY CHASE,	" ALFRED S. KIMBALL,
" JOHN MILLER,	" WILLIAM J. BURNHAM,
" JABEZ TRUE,	" EDMUND B. MALLET,
" HIRAM CHASE,	" ELMER P. SPOFFORD.
" JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,	" WALDO PETTENGILL,
" WILLIAM P. PREBLE,	

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

R. W. PELEG SPRAGUE,	R. W. JAMES M. CHILD,
" AMOS NOURSE,	" ELISHA HARDING,
" DAVID C. MAGOUN,	" SAMUEL L. VALENTINE,
" ASAPH R. NICHOLS,	" JOHN J. BELL.

Past Senior Grand Wardens.

R. W. GEORGE THACHER,	R. W. JOSEPH M. HAYES,
" JOHN J. MEGQUIER,	" LEANDER M. KENNISTON,
" JOEL MILLER,	" DANIEL P. BOYNTON,
" EZRA B. FRENCH,	" HERBERT HARRIS,
" ISAAC DOWNING,	" JAMES E. PARSONS,
" WILLIAM ALLEN,	" EDWIN A. PORTER,
" GUSTAVUS F. SARGENT,	" WILLIAM H. SMITH,
" DAVID BUGBEE,	" CURTIS R. FOSTER,
" EDMUND B. HINKLEY,	" JAMES M. LARRABEE,
" F. LORING TALBOT,	" JAMES H. WITHERELL,
" T. R. SIMONTON,	" WILLIAM N. HOWE,
" WILLIAM O. POOR,	" GEORGE R. SHAW,
" SUMNER J. CHADBOURNE,	" FRED RAYMOND,
" JOHN B. REDMAN,	" FRANK E. MONROE,
" ARLINGTON B. MARSTON,	" JOHN M. BURLIEGH,
" MANLEY G. TRASK,	" ALBERT M. PENLEY.

Past Junior Grand Wardens.

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" REUBEN NASON,	" GOODWIN R. WILEY,
" FRYE HALL,	" BENJAMIN AMES,
" STEPHEN WEBBER,	" BENJAMIN L. HADLEY,
" WILLIAM SOMERBY,	" GEORGE W. McCLAIN,
" THOMAS B. JOHNSTON,	" WILFORD J. FISHER,
" WILLIAM KIMBALL,	" SAMUEL G. DAVIS,
" JOHN WILLIAMS,	" ALGERNON M. ROAK,
" STEPHEN B. DOCKHAM,	" SAMUEL L. MILLER,
" OLIVER GERRISH,	" CLIFFORD J. PATTEE.
" JOSEPH COVELL,	" ADELBERT MILLETT.
" FRANCIS J. DAY,	" ERNEST P. PARLIN.
" THOMAS K. OSGOOD,	" GEORGE W. HOLMES,
" JOHN W. BALLOU,	" WINFIELD S. HINCKLEY,
" MOSES TAIT,	" CHARLES M. FARRAR.
" HENRY H. DICKEY,	" WM. FREEMAN LORD,
" A. M. WETHERBEE,	" ENOCH O. GREENLEAF,
" AUGUSTUS BAILEY,	" EDWARD G. WESTON.
" EDWIN HOWARD VOSE,	

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OF THE

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GRAND MASTERS.

William King, 1820, '21*	Edward P. Burnham, 1877, '78*
Simon Greenleaf, 1822, '23*	Charles I. Collamore, 1879, '80*
William Swan, 1824, '25*	Marquis F. King, 1881, '82*
Charles Fox, 1826, '27*	William R. G. Estes, 1883, '84*
Samuel Fessenden, 1828, '29*	Fessenden I. Day, 1885, '86*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1830, '31*	Frank E. Sleeper, 1887, '88*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1832-34*	Albro E. Chase, 1889, '90*
Reuel Washburn, 1835-37*	Henry R. Taylor, 1891, '92*
Abner B. Thompson, 1838-40*	Horace H. Burbank, 1893, '94*
Hezekiah Williams, 1841*	Augustus B. Farnham, 1895, '96*
Thomas W. Smith, 1842-44*	Joseph A. Locke, 1897, '98*
John T. Paine, 1845, '46*	Winfield S. Choate, 1899, 1900*
Alexander H. Putney, 1847, '48*	Alfred S. Kimball, 1901, 1902*
Joseph C. Stevens, 1849, '50*	William J. Burnham, 1903*
John C. Humphreys, 1851, '52*	Hugh R. Chaplin, 1904, '05
Freeman Bradford, 1853*	Charles F. Johnson, 1906, '07
Timothy Chase, 1854*	Edmund B. Mallet, 1908, '09*
John Miller, 1855*	Ashley A. Smith, 1910, '11
Jabez True, 1856*	Elmer P. Spofford, 1912, '13*
Robert P. Dunlap, 1857*	Thomas H. Bodge, 1914, '15
Hiram Chase, 1858, '59*	Waldo Pettengill, 1916, '17*
Josiah H. Drummond, 1860-62*	Silas B. Adams, 1918, '19
William P. Preble, 1863-65*	Edward W. Wheeler, 1920, '21.
Timothy J. Murray, 1866-68*	Albert M. Spear, 1922, '23
John H. Lynde, 1869-71*	David E. Moulton, 1924, '25
David Cargill, 1872-74*	David L. Wilson, 1926, '27
Albert Moore, 1875, '76*	

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Simon Greenleaf, 1820, 1821*	Amos Nourse, 1832*
William Swan, 1822, '23*	Reuel Washburn, 1833, '34*
Charles Fox, 1824, '25*	David C. Magoun, 1835-37*
Samuel Fessenden, 1826, '27*	Asaph R. Nichols, 1838-43*
Peleg Sprague, 1828-30*	James L. Child, 1844*
Nathaniel Coffin, 1831*	Asaph R. Nichols, 1845*

*Deceased.

- Elisha Harding, 1846*
 Samuel L. Valenine, 1847, '48*
 John C. Humphreys, 1849, '50*
 Freeman Bradford, 1851, '52*
 Timothy Chase, 1853*
 Jabez True, 1854, '55*
 Hiram Chase, 1856, '57*
 Josiah H. Drummond, 1858, '59*
 William P. Preble, 1860-62*
 John J. Bell, 1863*
 Timothy J. Murray, 1864, '65*
 John H. Lynde, 1866-68*
 David Cargill, 1869-71*
 Albert Moore, 1872-74*
 Edward P. Burnham, 1875, '76*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1877, '78*
 Marquis F. King, 1879, '80*
 William R. G. Estes, 1881, '82*
 Fessenden I. Day, 1883, '84*
 Frank E. Sleeper, 1885, '86*
 Albro E. Chase, 1887, '88*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1889, '90*
 Horace H. Burbank, 1891, '92*
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1893, '94*
 Joseph A. Locke, 1895, '96*
 Winfield S. Choate, 1897, '98*
 Alfred S. Kimball, 1899, 1900*
 William J. Burnham, 1901, '02*
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1903
 Charles F. Johnson, 1904, '05
 Edmund B. Mallet, 1906, '07*
 Ashley A. Smith, 1908, '09
 Elmer P. Spofford, 1910, '11*
 Thomas H. Bodge, 1912, '13
 Waldo Pettengill, 1914, '15*
 Silas B. Adams, 1916, '17
 Edward W. Wheeler, 1918, '19
 Albert M. Spear, 1920, '21
 David E. Moulton, 1922, '23
 David L. Wilson, 1924, '25
 Harold E. Cook, 1926, '27

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

- William Swan, 1820, 1821*
 Charles Fox, 1822, '23*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1824, '25*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1826, '27*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1828, '29*
 Amos Nourse, 1830, '31*
 John L. Megquier, 1832-34*
 Joel Miller, 1835-37*
 Thomas W. Smith, 1838-41*
 John T. Paine, 1842-44*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1845, '46*
 John C. Humphreys, 1847, '48*
 Freeman Bradford, 1849, '50*
 Timothy Chase, 1851, '52*
 Jabez True, 1853*
 Ezra B. French, 1854, '55*
 Isaac Downing, 1856*
 William Allen, 1857*
 Gustavus F. Sargent, 1858, '59*
 John J. Bell, 1860, '61*
 David Bugbee, 1862*
 Edmund Hinckley, 1863*
 Francis L. Talbot, 1864, '65*
 David Cargill, 1866-68*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1869, '70*
 Albert Moore, 1871*
 Edward P. Burnham, 1872-74*
 William O. Poor, 1875*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1876*
 Marquis F. King, 1877, '78*
 Sumner J. Chadbourne, 1879*
 William R. G. Estes, 1880*
 John B. Redman, 1881*
 Arlington B. Marston, 1882*
 William H. Smith, 1883*
 Frank E. Sleeper, 1884*
 Joseph M. Hayes, 1885*
 Albro E. Chase, 1886*
 Horace H. Burbank, 1887*
 Leander M. Kenniston, 1888*
 Manly G. Trask, 1898*
 Daniel P. Boynton, 1890*
 George R. Shaw, 1891*
 Augustus B. Farnham, 1892*
 Joseph A. Locke, 1893*
 Herbert Harris, 1894*
 Winfield S. Choate, 1895*
 Albert M. Penley, 1896
 Alfred S. Kimball, 1897*
 Elmer P. Spofford, 1898*

William J. Burnham, 1899*
 James E. Parsons, 1900*
 Hugh R. Chaplin, 1901
 Edwin A. Porter, 1902*
 Charles W. Crosby, 1903
 W. Scott Shorey, 1904
 Curtis R. Foster, 1905*
 James M. Larrabee, 1906*
 William N. Howe, 1907*
 John Clair Minot, 1908
 Frank J. Cole, 1909
 Isaac N. Jones, 1910
 Frank E. Monroe, 1911*
 Waldo Pettengill, 1912*
 Fred C. Chalmers, 1913

Isaac A. Clough, 1914
 Fred Raymond, 1915*
 Ralph W. Moore, 1916
 James H. Witherell, 1917*
 Willis A. Ricker, 1918
 William S. Davidson, 1919
 John J. Marr, 1920
 John M. Burleigh, 1921*
 Lewman B. Soper, 1922
 Frederic O. Eaton, 1923
 Frank P. Denaco, 1924
 Harry E. Rowe, 1925
 James Abernethy, 1926
 E. Murray Graham, 1927

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Nathaniel Coffin, 1820, 1821*
 Josiah W. Mitchell, 1822*
 Samuel Fessenden, 1823*
 George Thacher, Jr., 1824, '25*
 Robert P. Dunlap, 1826, '27*
 Amos Nourse, 1828, '29*
 Reuben Nason, 1830, '31*
 David C. Magoun, 1832-34*
 Abner B. Thompson, 1835-37*
 Stephen Webber, 1838-40*
 John T. Paine, 1841*
 Alexander H. Putney, 1842-44*
 John C. Humphreys, 1845, '46*
 Frye Hall, 1847*
 Joseph C. Stevens, 1848*
 Stephen Webber, 1849*
 Timothy Chase, 1850*
 William Somerby, 1851, '52*
 Thomas B. Johnston, 1853, '54*
 William Kimball, 1855*
 William Allen, 1856*
 John Williams, 1857*
 Stephen B. Dockham, 1858*
 Oliver Gerrish, 1859*
 Joseph Covell, 1860*
 Francis J. Day, 1861*
 T. K. Osgood, 1862*
 F. Loring Talbot, 1863*
 John H. Lynde, 1864, '65*
 Thaddeus R. Simonton, 1866, '68*

John W. Ballou, 1869, '70*
 Henry H. Dickey, 1871*
 William O. Poor, 1872-74*
 Charles I. Collamore, 1875*
 A. M. Wetherbee, 1876*
 S. J. Chadbourne, 1877, '78*
 Edwin Howard Vose, 1879*
 Archie L. Talbot, 1880
 Fessenden I. Day, 1881*
 Charles W. Haney, 1882*
 Goodwin R. Wiley, 1883*
 Augustus Bailey, 1884*
 Henry R. Taylor, 1885*
 Benjamin Ames, 1886*
 Wilford J. Fisher, 1887*
 Samuel G. Davis, 1888*
 Algernon M. Roak, 1889*
 E. B. Mallet, Jr., 1890*
 Samuel L. Miller, 1891*
 Howard D. Smith, 1892
 Wm. Freeman Lord, 1893
 Gustavus H. Cargill, 1894
 Moses Tait, 1895*
 Benjamin L. Hadley, 1896*
 Enoch O. Greenleaf, 1897
 Millard M. Caswell, 1898
 Franklin R. Redlon, 1899
 John H. McGorrill, 1900
 Adelbert Millett, 1901*
 James C. Ayer, 1902

Charles F. Paine, 1903
 George W. McClain, 1904*
 Edward G. Weston, 1905
 Albert M. Ames, 1906
 Leon S. Howe, 1907
 George W. Holmes, 1908*
 Winfield S. Hinckley, 1909*
 Sullivan L. Andrews, 1910
 Convers E. Leach, 1911
 Ernest P. Parlin, 1912*
 George A. Gilpatric, 1913
 Clifford J. Pattee, 1914*
 Frank B. Arnold, 1915

Albert H. Newbert, 1916
 Edwin K. Smith, 1917
 Carroll S. Douglass, 1918
 Wallace N. Price, 1919
 Lee M. Smith, 1920
 Allen L. Curtis, 1921
 Charles M. Farrar, 1922*
 Daniel G. Chaplin, 1923
 Erwin G. Ryder, 1924
 James A. Richan, 1925
 Eugene A. Whittridge, 1926
 Ernest J. Record, 1927

GRAND TREASURERS.

Joseph M. Gerrish, 1820-30*
 James B. Cahoon, 1831-33*
 Benjamin Davis, 1834-43*
 Henry H. Boody, 1844-52*
 Moses Dodge, 1853-79*
 William O. Fox, 1880-82*
 Frederick Fox, 1883-94*
 M. F. King, June 1894-1904*

Millard F. Hicks, October, 1904-
 April 3, 1914*
 Albro E. Chase, 1914 to Septem-
 ber, 1921*
 Edmund B. Mallet, October 1,
 1921 to 1923*
 Herbert N. Maxfield, 1923 to

GRAND SECRETARIES.

William Lord, 1820-31*
 Asaph R. Nichols, 1832-35*
 Philip C. Johnson, 1836-44*
 Charles Fox, 1845*

Charles B. Smith, 1846-55*
 Ira Berry, 1856-91*
 Stephen Berry, Sept. 1891-1917*
 Charles B. Davis, 1917 to

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Albert M. Penley

Senior Grand Warden in 1896

Born in Danville, Me., July 22, 1847

Died in Auburn, Me., June 22, 1927

This world will not be hard to leave
If I have set myself a task
And finished it. I need not grieve
Nor need another day to ask,
If I shall leave a better land,
A fairer city, gladder heart,
Or minds that better understand,
When I depart.

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY
OF

R. W. William Freeman Lord

Junior Grand Warden in 1893

Born in Auburn, Me., July 29, 1848
Died in Lewiston, Me., June 10, 1927

" A faithful friend from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our ranks
That never can be filled.

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY

OF

R. W. Enoch O. Greenleaf

Junior Grand Warden in 1897

Born in Starks, Me., December 17, 1853

Died in Portland, Me., August 16, 1927

"Gone unto the Land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow — falls no stain,
Where those who meet shall part no more,
And those long parted meet again."

INSCRIBED
TO THE MEMORY
OF

Edward G. Weston

Junior Grand Warden in 1905

Born in Thomaston, Me., November 24, 1867

Died in Thomaston, Me., January 9, 1928

As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So doth our brother take his rest;
Life's battle fought, life's duty done,
His faults forgot, his work confessed.

Brethren Died During the Year

From March 1, 1927, to March 1, 1928

Those marked with * were returned as buried with Masonic rites.

1 Portland, Portland. Grenville S. Goodwin, March 13; George Wilford Babb, March 13; George W. Cooper, January 9, 1927; Frank M. Libby, March 27; Llewellyn Hapgood, December 8; Edwin Madden, December 8; Walter D. Hinds, January 3; George E. Kenworthy, January 28; Thomas C. McGouldrick, December 30.

2 Warren, East Machias. Everett S. Wright, March 4; Henry R. White,* May 26; Frank S. Randall,* July 17; Frank W. Kingsley, September 22; Millard H. Wiswell,* January 3.

3 Lincoln, Wiscasset. Albert Henry Ward, May 5; Addi L. Perry, June 2; Thomas E. Rankin, March 24.

4 Hancock, Castine. Charles Tapley, March 12; William A. Walker, May 3; Edward B. West, January 3; Will S. Payson, February 8.

5 Kennebec, Hallowell. Elwin M. Henderson, August 26; Townsend M. Laffin, February 14; Charles K. Tilden, October 19.

6 Amity, Camden. Orborne A. Barbour, April 10; Alfred W. Tobin, June 4; Reuel Robinson, June 19; Henry D. Storey, June 24; Stephen G. Ritteroush, September 14; Wilson D. Barron, November 9; William F. Burkett, December 25; Frank S. Thorndike, March 28.

7 Eastern, Eastport. Lafayette Clark,* March 15; Joseph A. Hadley, March 30; John S. Bethune, June 30; Fred T. Eldridge,* October 14; John E. Bucknam, November 18.

8 United, Brunswick. Daniel T. Toothaker,* March 2; Lyman P. Lewis, March 3; Jeremiah Hodgdon,* March 13; Charles J. Rogers, March 22; William H. McMackin, November 30.

9 Saco, Saco. Hugh Houston, April 20; George R. West, August 9.

10 Rising Virtue, Bangor. Lemuel Copeland, March 30; Joseph Sheehan, February 21; Walter B. Haney, March 17; Frank A. Owen, August 5; Leslie A. Lyna, December 5; George A. Sauer, December 6; Harry F. Oviatt, December 12; Bernhard Pol, February 14; Allan P. Trask, February 16.

11 Pythagorean, Fryeburg. Charles F. Gammon, June 1926; Clarence H. Osgood, March 31; J. Alvin Jones, August 13; George H. Walker 2nd, November 16; James E. Hutchins, February 21, 1925; Frank H. Jordan, March 21.

12 Cumberland, New Gloucester. Charles Franklin Plummer, March 7; Henry Sewell Bonney,* May 15; John Irving Sturgis,* August 4; Charles Walter Shackford,* November 16; Walter McCann Colomy,* December 29; Samuel Weymouth, October 13.

13 Oriental, Bridgton. Charles E. Bertwell, November; Woodman Charles, September 29; Melville B. Cook, May 11; John H. Deering,* August 27; Charles W. Hill, December 17; Howard W. Jones, April 12; Henry L. Purrington, June 17; Frank E. Stevens, January 3.

14 Solar, Bath. Alfred H. R. Jackson, April 21; Samuel P. Hinckley, August 27; Horatio N. Douglas, September 10; John E. Clark, November 22; Elijah A. Morse, January 10; Robert Cochran, February 7.

15 Orient, Thomaston. Thomas W. Marshall, May 5; Edward G. Weston,* January 9.

16 St. George, Warren. Maurice C. Keating, January 18; Benjamin Newbert, January 25.

17 Ancient Land-Mark, Portland. William Thomas Donegan, February 4, 1927; Herbert S. Davis, March 29; Joseph S. Gilliatt,* March 31; Frank K. Farrar, April 4; Charles H. Lurvey, April 8; Herbert M. Hutchinson, April 10; Arthur H. Moulton,* May 6; Frank A. Davis,* May 8; Lawrence R. Libby, June 12; Henry N. Leavitt, June 28; Harold L. Smith, September 4; Charles F. Ulmer, September 30; George M. Harmon, June 8; George H. Owen, November 9; S. Colman Allen, November 15; Frank C. Goodrich,* November 15; Benjamin F. Whitney, December 30.

18 Oxford, Norway. Bial F. Bradbury,* April 22; Andrew J. Patterson,* July 5; William A. Drake, August 22; Harry P. Jones,* August 25; Edward F. Littlefield, October 1; Nicholas E. Carroll,* October 17.

19 Felicity, Bucksport. Lester A. Gilley, June 6; George A. Wardwell, July 2; Adrian H. Ulmer, September 27; Samuel S. Heagan, October 18; Greenleaf A. Goodale, date unknown; J. Robert Emery, October 20, 1926.

20 Maine, Farmington. Walter B. Bailey, June 18; George W. Dobbins, July 5; Enoch O. Greenleaf,* August 15; Edwin M. Higgins, October 13; Hannibal Russell, October 15; Leon A. Bruce, January 28; George W. Staples, November 3.

21 Oriental Star, Livermore Falls. William B. Britton,* April 18; Ensign S. Goding,* September 23; Clifford R. Thompson, December 11; Rosalvin J. Mitchell, January 28.

22 York, Kennebunk. Walter H. Hobbs, August 20; Frank M. Ross, August 31; Abbott E. Willett, August 12; Almon J. Smith, November 18; Loring S. Edgecomb, December 5.

23 Freeport, Freeport. William B. Coffin,* March 1; Fred W. Strout, April 9; Herbert F. Garselon, April 19; Norman True, April 29; Julius S. Soule,* July 13; Arthur B. Cole, August 31; William Stoddard Fogg,* September 24; Charles M. Chase, February 24.

24 Phoenix, Belfast. Charles F. Thompson, May 19; Edwin Frost, July 2; William F. Welch, September 22.

27 Adoniram, Limington. Samuel A. Evans, March 15; Charles F. Waterhouse, April 14; Edgar Wentworth, February 9.

28 Northern Star, North Anson. Joel K. Fletcher,* August 4.

29 Tranquil, Auburn. James H. Nelson, March 24; J. Wirt White, March 31; Charles B. Carter, April 6; W. Chandler Bearce, April 10; Fred A. Stevens, April 27; W. Freeman Lord, June 10; George T. Austin, August 13; Leon A. Wardwell, September 2; Olin P. Ayer, September 22; Avander R. Frost, November 10; Storer F. Crafts, November 25; Freeman G. Davis, February 26.

30 Blazing Star, Rumford. Frank R. Reed, May 29; Cecil C. Sweatt, June 7; Louis Morin, October 15; Isaac A. Wing, January 19; Allen Brown, January 25.

31 Union, Union. Fred C. Millay, May 8; Joseph D. Thurston, date unknown.

32 Hermon, Gardiner. Alvin W. Coss, September 29, 1926; Loring C. Ballard, March 6; George W. Jordan, March 10; William H. Baker,* April 13; William McDonald, July 1; Newell A. Reed, August 6; John D. Stephenson, October 28; Fred H. Ripley, November 14; Francis C. Wight,* November 17; John Marr, Jr., December 7; Fred N. Carleton,* December 9; Horatio Lewis, March 31; Charles P. Allen, July 12, 1926; John C. Trainor, January 5.

33 Waterville, Waterville. Henry A. Savage, April 8; Silas Hoxie, April 25; Nils E. Gotlander,* June 7; Frank M. Sedgley,* June 18; Henry S. Marden, August 23; Ralph P. Homer,* August 25; Arthur J. Roberts, October 11; R. Wesley Dunn, November 11; Horace A. Toward, December 8; George W. Townsend,* January 9.

34 Somerset, Skowhegan. Mark Harville, June 12; Samuel P. Durrell, July 3; Isaac J. Smith, July 15; Walter F. Robbins, November 12; Arthur N. Boyd, January 30.

35 Pethlehem, Augusta. Daniel W. Ward, April 25, 1926; Frank W. Kinsman, August 12; Robert Morang, April 30; James P. Russell, May 28; Blane Owen, July 4; Harry M. Hersey, September 3; Frank B. Smith, December 1; Bernard C. Graffiam, December 20; Orlowe B. Peckham, February 7; David Walton, September 16, 1925; George E. Barnekov, May 20, 1924.

36 Casco, Yarmouth. Henry C. True, July 25; Charles E. Jones, October 4; Herbert E. Kenney, February 26.

37 Washington, Lubec. George Toft,* September 12; Loring C. Ingalls,* November 20; Ralph W. Guptill,* November 9; Frank W. Trecartin,* December 25.

38 Harmony, Gorham. Solomon B. Cloudman, September 3; William M. Cott, November 7; Chase A. Boothby, July 18; Lot Libby, December 28, 1926; Gerald B. Johnson, September 2; Horace Wilson, March 7; Nathaniel M. Marshall, November 14; George W. Roberts, December 9; Wilson M. Twombly, March 1, 1928.

39 Penobscot, Dexter. John R. Litchfield, June 25; Joseph Burnard,* July 13; George A. Dustin,* August 15; Aaron B. Patterson, October 25; William H. Butlin, December 3; Charles C. Palmer, December 28.

40 Lygonia, Ellsworth. Artemus H. Ricker, March 27; William E. Frame, March 27; William H. Ober, date unknown; Charles B. Mitchell,* April 26; George A. Martin, April 30; Charles M. Martin, May 8; Austin M. Foster, July 1; George A. Googins, December; Louville P. McGown, October 18; Arthur N. Dority, October 30; John D. Murch,* January 4; Emerson D. Carr,* February 5; Daniel E. Brown, February 13.

41 Morning Star, Litchfield. Richard E. Price, March 3; Wallace W. Thayer, May 15; Orrin A. True, October 30; Herbert M. Starbird, December 9; William K. Buker, February 10.

42 Freedom, Limerick. Winburn B. Adams, August 16; William H. Knight, October 17; John W. Smith, November 12; Edwin Cobb, December 27; Warren Goodwin, February 2; M. F. Staples, 1925 or 1926.

43 Alna, Damariscotta. James P. Cushman,* April 12; Austin H. Lailer,* June 13; Amasa B. Hall,* July 10; Warren Tomlinson, July 11; Albert E. Morris, September 7, 1925; Moses Coombs,* October 5; William A. Jones, February 29.

44 Piscataquis, Milo. Fred W. Bumps,* March 2; Andrew A. Fabyan, August 7; James McFadyen, Jr., August 8; Charles S. Horne,* January 9; Joseph M. Hutchinson, January 15; Peter K. Holmes, January 13; Benjamin F. Clark, January 20; Willis D. Gould, July 13, 1925.

45 Central, China. Henry L. Mudgett, September 27; Frank R. Walcott, October 23; Frank M. Hunnewell, February 28.

46 St. Croix, Calais. Walter W. Gillman, February 27; Francis D. Wright,* March 22; Herbert M. Bates,* May 4; Horatio H. Clark,* June 2; Horace A. Robinson,* September 28; Ernest G. Young, October 11; George B. Reed,* November 20.

47 Dunlap, Biddeford. Charles S. Boston, May 17; Frederick K. Gross, May 26; Edwin R. Small, July 1; Tristram Hanson, September 20; Levi B. Curtis, October 20; Fred H. Small, November 22; Austin W. Chadbourne, February 5; George W. Noyes, February 11; Albert W. Pierce, February 11.

48 Lafayette, Readfield. G. Wesley Williams, April 12; Charles R. Folsom, November 22; Henry H. McCausland, date unknown.

49 Meridian Splendor, Newport. Albert L. Oakes, March 24; William H. Mitchell, September 1; John R. Watson, September 11; Joseph A. Cameron, November 22.

50 Aurora, Rockland. Frank S. Berry,* March 22; Albion K. P. Harvey,* May 26; John E. Conory,* August 10; Oscar H. Tripp,* August 24; Fred S. Rhodes,* October 23; Francis Tighe, December 12.

51 St. John's, South Berwick. Charles A. Raitt, September 28; Isaac E. Fall, November 11; Charles Downs, January 9.

52 Mosaic, Dover-Foxcroft. William A. Pratt, May 5; Joseph F. Thompson, September 25.

53 Rural, Sidney. Sewall A. Clark, March 10; Charles H. Bartlett, August 17.

54 Vassalboro, North Vassalboro. Albert N. Varney, May 14.

56 Mount Moriah, Denmark. Harry E. Ingalls, March 10; Maynard M. Wentworth, June 13; John H. Whitney, January 1.

57 King Hiram, Dixfield. George W. Robertson, April 8; George D. Kidder, July 3; Andrew J. Marsh, October 18; Alonzo D. Wentworth, November 6; Frank Brown, January 13; Hildreth S. Staples, February 23.

58 Unity, Thorndike. Addison Weed, March; Lynn B. Coffin, May 13.

60 Star in the East, Old Town. Alva C. Bussell,* May 17; Thomas Dolan,* July 2; Roland E. Shirland,* September 9; John Hatch,* September 22; Joseph S. L. Hincks,* October 8; James F. White,* January 18; Clarence Swett,* January 21.

61 King Solomon's, Waldoboro. William E. Philbrook, October 12; William C. Kenne, October 17; Eugene Wade, August 7.

62 King David's, Lincolnville. Orrison E. French, January 28.

63 Richmond, Richmond. William H. Slosberg, September 12; Frank R. Duren, February 23; Henry C. Reed, December 16; Merrill J. Hibbard, March 27, 1925.

65 Mystic, Hampden. Edward S. Bennett, September 28; Charles A. Dews, December 24; Sumner D. Greeley, January 19.

66 Mechanics', Orono. Edgar E. Ring, June 13; William R. Bolstridge, August 6; Hiram J. George, January 7; John A. Bamford, February 14; Henry H. Fim, February 19.

67 Blue Mountain, Phillips. M. Sewall Kelley, December 6; Ira D. Adley, January 27.

68 Mariners', Searsport. Nathan F. Gilkey, January 23; James B. Parse, February 2.

69 Howard, Winterport. William A. Mason, January 21; Isaac J. Dunham,* July 7; Frank F. Fogg,* July 21; Charles A. McKenney,* July 25; Edwin L. Clark,* August 27; Roscoe L. Clements,* August 27; Leslie L. Clark,* December 22; Daniel McG. Spencer,* January 6.

70 Standish, Standish. Stephen H. Cousins, November 7; Eugene H. Parker, October 24; Cyrus H. Rich, June 13; Irving H. Thombs, May 7.

71 Rising Sun, Orland. Calvin O. Abbott, June 4; Watson A. Gray, November 3; Ernest C. Eastman, February 11; John P. Haney, February 9.

72 Pioneer, Ashland. Percy J. Rafford, March 7; Charles O. Ross, August 12.

73 Tyrian, Mechanic Falls. Wilbur C. Chipman, July 22; Everett Lefavour, January 15; Anson A. Cobb, March 26.

74 Bristol, Bristol. Albert P. Smith,* June 13; Swantie J. Franklin*, June 13; William Poole, April 5, 1925; Melvin M. Tukey, March 25.

76 Arundel, Kennebunkport. Joseph H. Jeffrey, October 29.

77 Tremont, South West Harbor. William H. Bulger,* May 17; Frank S. Dolliver,* June 25; Heber G. Sawyer, May 26; Charles E. Stanley February 4.

78 Crescent, Pembroke. Elliott C. Gardiner, September 24; Orson E. Tuell, November 6; George W. Pottle, October 1.

79 Rockland, Rockland. John E. Achorn, April 27, 1926; Ludwig A. Weiss, June 27, 1926; Anson B. Outhouse, July 9, 1926; Francis J. Aiden, October 18, 1926; Merton E. Tolman, May 22; Spencer Drake, August 28; George H. Blethen, October 14; John P. Marston, November 11; William J. Gamage, December 17; Israel Snow,* February 2.

80 Keystone, Solon. Thomas F. Millett, March 31; James M. Brown,* April 17; Lyman C. Jewett,* August 2; Fred W. Whittier, date unknown.

81 Atlantic, Portland. Charles S. Weaver, June 8; Arthur L. Farnsworth, July 12; Alexander M. Menish, July 13; John W. Banks, August; Howard W. Burns, October 1; Fred W. York, December 3; Joseph R. Fuller, February 23.

82 St. Paul's, Rockland. Abborr Arbor, April 3; Ralph W. Carleton, April 11; Augustus A. Sweetland, August 8; Charles P. Morrill, August 10; Howard E. Abbott, February 14.

83 St. Andrew's, Bangor. Paul F. Larsen, May 4; Edward B. Babcock, June 26; Howard A. Simpson, September 14; Charles D. Stanford, November 8; Wilbur N. Brann, November 23; Galen M. Woodcock, February 17; James A. Dole, June 4.

85 Star in the West, Unity. James R. Tabor, January 13.

86 Temple, Westbrook. Hebron Mayhew, April 16; Charles G. Kimball, April 10; Samuel F. Tufts, July 23; Frederick W. Theis, September 26; Augustus W. Riggs, October 15; John C. Bowdoin, Sr., December 28; John Clarke, January 2; Charles M. Waterhouse, January 10; Harry D. Allen, February 20.

87 Benevolent, Carmel. George W. Grant, date unknown; Henry C. Friend, date unknown.

88 Narraguagus, Cherryfield. Joseph A. Wilson, March 8; Melville J. Allen, March 14; John M. Williams, March 20; Edward R. Wingate, May 9; Alexander Case, September 7.

89 Island, Islesboro. Guilford D. Pendleton,* April 13; Moses J. Keller, August 3.

91 Harwood, Machias. Edward B. Curtis, April 15; George H. Kenniston, May 20; George Lyons, June 16; A. L. Smith, July 17; Charles McLaughlin, November 26.

92 Siloam, Fairfield. George C. Small, August 4; Abel W. Spaulding, September 23.

93 Horeb, Lincoln.

94 Paris, South Paris. Arthur E. Clark, March 26; Leander S. Billings, April 21; William H. Jenne, April 23; Theron F. Hathaway, May 20; Charles L. Bray, June 6; John L. Penley, July 29; Edward H. Mosher, February 12.

95 Corinthian, Hartland. Fred W. Martin,* May 6; Robert W. Linn, Sr., May 12; Milton L. Merrill, May 22; Edward H. Harding, November 19; Alfred D. Baird, December 19.

96 Monument, Houlton. George Henderson, November 27; James Archibald, December 27.

97 Bethel, Bethel. Josiah W. Smith, March 19; Earl H. Hoyt, June 15; Walfred J. Douglass, December 12.

98 Kathadin, Patten. Ira F. Cooper, June 20.

99 Vernon Valley, Mount Vernon. Arthur S. Gill, July 28; Herman E. Healey, October 2; Cyrus Purinton, October 27.

100 Jefferson, Bryant Pond. John C. Curtiss,* May 16; Frank P. Cole,* August 16; Ransom Cole, October 7.

101 Nezinscot, Turner. Elmer L. Harlow, December 11.

103 Dresden, Dresden Mills. Henry J. Tanner,* February.

104 Dirigo, Weeks Mills. Orlando T. Malcolm, date unknown.

105 Ashlar, Lewiston. Charles M. Plummer, April 22; James T. Tarbox, April 25; L. Edward Bedell, June 21; Robie C. Haskell, May 25; Ira L. Nevens, March 9.

106 Tuscan, Addison. Otis W. Nash, October 3, 1926; Edward A. Mansfield, December 1, 1926; Reuben C. Perry, Sr., June 15; Alphonzo W. Perry, December 9; George V. Look, February 14; John L. Dalot, 1923.

107 Day Spring, West Newfield. Robert W. Kingman, August 15; Frank B. Woodward, April 28.

109 Mt. Kineo, Guilford. Frank R. Lewis, April 28; William E. Briggs, October 4.

110 Monmouth, Monmouth. William H. Gilman, May 7; Joseph P. Gordon, January 30.

111 Liberty, Liberty. Charles B. Hoit, October 4; Marcelous Hemenway, February 17.

112 Eastern Frontier, Fort Fairfield. William H. Mercer, April 26, 1926.

113 Messalonskee, Oakland. John H. Johnson,* August 8.

114 Polar Star, Bath. Herbert W. Cutting, March 15; Harry G. Deering, April 28; Forest H. Rogers, August 12; William D. Coombs, August 27; Henry H. Lermond, December 30; Arthur F. Larrabee, January 11; Frank D. Pike, February 18.

115 Buxton, Buxton. A. H. Bradeen, date unknown; Fred Crouther, November 14.

116 Lebanon, Norridgewock. John W. Bacon,* June 4; Wilbur A. Raylor,* February 10.

117 Greenleaf, Cornish. Charles E. Hubbard, November 24, 1926; William H. Pendexter, August 26; Harold W. Decker, December 21; Ira Garland, January 17; Irvin S. Chase, January 31; Elbridge E. Farnham, February 3; Elmer W. Parker, February 16; Eugene F. Stanley, February 21.

118 Drummond, Parsonfield. L. Hardy Merrill, October 18; Edwin C. Moody, May 3, 1926.

119 Pownal, Stockton Springs. Willis A. Young, May 24; John F. Howes, January 25.

121 Acacia, Durham. Addison S. Vosmus, December 10.

122 Marine, Deer Isle. Frank Torrey, November 29; Edward Y. Haskell, June 29; Edward S. Small, January 22; John T. Marshall, January 11; Julian A. Moore, October 15; Edward L. Ferguson, September 29; Arthur B. Powers, May 2; Edward E. Dow, October 13; Benjamin G. Johnson, May 11, 1926.

123 Franklin, New Sharon. Edwin L. Paul, April 28; Harold M. Gordon, August 28, 1924.

124 Olive Branch, Charleston. Charles L. Hall, June 15; Silas F. Patterson, June 17; Alphonso H. Mitchell, February 4.

125 Meridian, Pittsfield, Walter B. McCausland, April 29; Lincoln A. Maxfield, June 25; Leslie G. Pooler, October 4.

126 Timothy Chase, Belfast. L. Willis Pearson, May 13; J. Wilton C. Perry, July 28; Charles F. Toothaker, September 11; John B. Stickney, December 27.

127 Presumpscot, North Windham. Fred A. Cash, June 12; Joseph H. Winters,* July 30; Charles E. Willey, August 13; Alexander Speirs, October 5.

128 Eggmoggin, Sedgwick. William P. Gray, 1912; Emery H. Herrick, April 12; William H. Stanley,* August 20; Yets Cain, February 28.

129 Quantabacook, Searsmont. Uriah N. Dyer,* March 17; Jonathan Berry,* February 19.

130 Trinity, Presque Isle. Henry A. Dunn, May 1; James B. Blanchard,* September 26; Columbus Hayford,* January 7.

131 Lookout, Cutler. Fred L. Davidson, July 15; Charles Cassaboom, February 8.

132 Mount Tir'em, Waterford. Alfred Osgood Noyes, September 24; George C. Wheeler, November 10.

133 Asylum, Wayne. Alfred M. Knowles,* May 31; Andrew J. Sturtevant, November 29.

135 Riverside, Jefferson. William C. Ford, July 14; Horace T. Weeks, January 23; Silmon R. Ames, February 5; Levi W. Sterns, December 2, 1924.

137 Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag. John W. Linnell, March 8; Ora M. Harvey, March 30; William H. Shaw, October 22; Alphonso Haskell, June 6, 1925.

138 Lewy's Island, Princeton. Joseph S. Farrar, June 20; John P. Mallery, March 15; William G. Rose, August 18.

139 Archon, East Dixmont. Bernice M. Bridgham, June 24; Fred M. Parsons, October 22.

140 Mt. Desert, Mt. Desert. Lester C. Pray, June 7.

141 Augusta, Augusta. John W. Mixer, March 15, 1926; Elmer E. Bradbury, July 25; James McDavid, August 24; Frank H. Beale, August 24; Bert P. Stuart, August 26; Eugene L. Spear, September 2; Horace E. Hamlin, November 29; Leonard H. Dudley, January 23; Creswell A. Emery, February 25; Edward J. Roberts, September 21, 1925.

142 Ocean, Wells. Thatcher E. Littlefield, March 10.

143 Preble, Sanford. Freeman C. Watson, March 12; Nehemiah K. Spinney, May 13; Frank Wilson, August 20; John Warson, November 22; Joe F. Blackburn, December 6; William Smith, December 28; George Pool, February 25.

144 Seaside, Boothbay Harbor. Marston Blake, March 3; Lewis A. Dunton, March 4; Charles Hitchcock, November 1; Henry T. McClearn, October 22; William T. Holbrook, November 1; Joseph C. Murray, November 25; Fred Newcomb, December 18; Herbert F. Albee, February 3, Lyman P. Orne, February 6; Andrew Perkins, June 7; Fred M. Cameron, March 25, 1926.

145 Moses Webster, Vinalhaven. Israel C. Glidden,* April 24; Joseph Reynolds, June 23; James O. Brown, August 27; Walter F. Lyford, November 5; William C. Norton, January 25.

146 Seabasticook, Clinton. Willard W. Eastman,* November 21; Everett G. Runnells, December 26.

148 Forest, Springfield. Fred A. Rich, February 28, 1927; Frank Murdock, April 26; Silas S. Delano, 1925; John F. Fleming, July 7; Ellis Palmer, August 9.

149 Doric, Monson. William Worcester, April 14; William W. Fitzsimmons, October 10; Warren R. Thombs, December 22; John Haggstrom, January 10; Alphonso E. Bartlett, January 19.

150 Rabboni, Lewiston. Joseph D. Stanford,* July 31.

151 Excelsior, Northport.

152 Crooked River, Bolster's Mills. Merrill K. Greene, March 10; Grinville E. Mayberry, March 16; William H. Noyes, October 14; Cyrus Stone, November; Elisha Turner, March; Daniel A. Tuttle, April.

153 Delta, Lovell. Leonard H. Andrews, July 7; Mellon Eastman, September 28; Harry O. Sanders, January 2.

154 Mystic Tie, Weld. Calvin Kneeland,* April 3; William H. Scamman,* May 3.

155 Ancient York, Lisbon Falls. George E. Huskins, March; Robert L. Foster, May 10; William A. Brimijoin,* August 31; William H. Sleeper, September 1; William T. Graham, September 16; William H. Kirshner, November 30; Samuel Harriman,* January 24.

156 Wilton, Wilson. S. G. Wheelwright, April 16; Charles M. Connor, July 19, 1925.

157 Cambridge, Cambridge. Simeon M. Wilder, June 4; Ivan C. Hight, December 31.

158 Anchor, South Bristol. George M. Woodwell, April 9; Sylvanus M. Farland, January 20; Elliot P. Gamage, March 15, 1926; Atwood Plummer, September 17, 1926; Sands A. French, August 4, 1925.

160 Parian, Corinna. H. Warren Knowles, August 15; Mark Bond, July 15.

161 Carrabassett, Canaan. Columbus H. Lewis, May 2; Clarence E. Jewell, June 29; Isiah Crowell, January 20.

162 Arion, Goodwin's Mills. Earle Hemenway, September 7; Arthur L. Roberts, October 11; Edward L. Leavitt, date unknown.

163 Pleasant River, Brownville. Lewis E. Gerrish, March 18; Elmer H. Poole, March 18; Frank G. Foley, April 19; Jason Mosher, April 29; Charles H. Dunning, August 28; John R. Hughes, December 14; Joseph H. Adair, January 1.

165 Molunkus, Sherman Mills. Ira B. Bryant,* December 7; Arthur T. Robinson,* February 7; Walter Sleeper,* February 19.

166 Neguemkeag, Vassalboro. Robert F. Mullen, March 8, 1926; William K. Ward, June 25, 1925.

168 Composite, LaGrange. Lewis A. Sylvester, September 16, Samuel T. Heal, January 6.

169 Shepherd's River, Brownfield. Leonard A. Bradbury, August 1.

170 Caribou, Caribou. Walter S. Bailey, April 20; James H. Doyle, July 4; Nelson P. Lund, January 3; Frank J. Morse, July 16; Eliab F. Shaw, December 16; Frederick H. Ulrich, May 7.

171 Naskeag, Brooklin. Simon G. Allen, February 20.

172 Pine Tree, Mattawamkeag. Fred W. Scott,* June 8; Alanson E. Skillings,* June 23; John R. Cromwell, September 27; Ferdinand Merrill, January 28.

173 Pleiades, Millbridge. Talbot S. Dickson, May 5; Leverett Strout, July 29; James W. Gay, September 12; George M. Jackson, November 17; Frank W. Randall, January 20; Nelson C. Wallace, January 27.

174 Lynde, Hermon. Fred A. Dillingham, September 9; Thurston Hunt, December 2; Charles E. Keene, July 31.

175 Baskahegan, Danforth. Calvin L. Harding, August 1; Shepherd C. Cummings, August 18; Otis D. Stinchfield, August 21; Samuel Hatch, October 24; Daniel J. Floyd, January 11; Joseph W. Segee, December 26.

177 Rising Star, Penobscot. Frank E. Perkins, March 17.

178 Ancient Brothers', Auburn. Anson L. Libby,* June 21; Albert M. Penley,* June 26; Wilson Hindle, July 9; Ernest F. Bryant, September 8; George H. Brown, September 15; William M. Welch,* December 1.

179 Yorkshire, North Berwick. George A. Piercy, April 11; Lineous F. Welch, November 25; William B. Littlefield, January 18.

180 Hiram, South Portland. Arthur Tarling, May 2; Thomas Dawson, May 31; Edward B. Dickinson,* October 5; Charles H. Littlejohn,* October 16; Charles A. Fickett,* December 15; Walter S. Trefethen,* December 30; Alton A. Bean,* January 11; Charles S. Talbot,* February 13; Alfred H. Thompson, February 17; John E. Fisher, February 18; Albert D. Boyd,* April 22.

182 Granite, West Paris. Gibbs Z. Benson, May 8; Augustus G. Farrar,* August 18; Llewellyn, A. Pratt,* September 2; Josiah Moody, September 14; Irwin B. Lowe, August 25.

183 Déering, Portland. George Libby, March 14; Albert L. Dow, March 25; Silas H. Redmond,* June 1; Forrest M. Small, July 4; Frederick A. Taylor,* October 16; Merton B. Wiley, October 20; George W. Ward, January 14; George H. Ellsworth,* February 7; Horace W. Dunham, February 8.

184 Naval, Kittery. Isaac N. Hurd, March 30; William F. Bartlett, April 19; Frederick W. Cross, December 16; Leander D. Grant, February 24.

185 Bar Harbor, Bar Harbor. George W. Austin,* September 10; Charles C. Ladd,* September 26; William E. Peach,* October 9; Bertrand E. Clark,* October 15; Samuel J. Clement,* October 17; Henry J. Bragdon,* November 17; Horace H. Liscomb,* December 4; David A. Bunker,* December 14; John H. Rich,* February 9.

186 Warren Phillips, Cumberland Mills. Irving E. Hicks,* April 19; John J. Fisk, May 25; William F. Hurlburt, May 29; Herbert E. Hooper,* May 28; Charles A. Smith, October 15; Charles G. Smith,* October 28; Victor E. Lagerson, November 5; Esmond C. Livingston,* February 28.

187 Ira Berry, Blue Hill. George W. Abbott, April 12; Edgar H. McCurdy, August; Frank H. Binder, February 6.

188 Jonesport, Jonesport. William H. Beal, March 31; Millard F. Lamson, October 30.

189 Knox, South Thomaston. Winfield S. Clark, April 3; Fred D. Rodgers, April 10.

190 Springvale, Springvale. Millie A. Berry, December 11.

191 Davis, Strong. George R. Winslow, December 1.

192 Winter Harbor, Winter Harbor. Everett E. Smith, September 16.

193 Washburn, Washburn. Leonard S. Hale,* August 7; Sherman G. Packard,* December 11; Guy M. Butterfield, February 28.

194 Euclid, Madison. B. Frank Burns, April 4; Willard J. Foster, November 10; George Morrow, December 2.

195 Reliance, Stonington. George B. Noyes, July 31; John W. Pendleton, date unknown.

196 Bay View, East Boothbay. Converse O. Hodgdon, September 20.

197 Aroostook, Blaine. Arthur G. Whitcomb, October 31.

199 Bingham, Bingham. John W. Briggs,* March 17; Fred Clark,* December 10; Webster S. Moore,* December 30; Harry Newton,* January 23; Fred E. Temple,* February 16; Urban Spaulding,* May 28.

200 Columbia, Greenville. Harlan P. Potter, June; Edward G. Masterman, January 19; Fred D. Bignay, January 31.

201 David A. Hooper, West Sullivan. Charles Brenton,* January 18; Bradbury Smith, February 13; William Milne, March 9, 1925.

202 Mount Bigelow, Flagstaff. Andrew G. Campbell, August 19.

203 Mount Olivet, Washington. William S. Johnston, November 15; Arthur E. Enslin, January; William K. Knowlton, date unknown.

204 Mount Abram, Kingfield. Ward S. Dolbier, August 27.

205 Nollesemic, Millinocket. Guy L. Baker, May 27; Hiram C. Curtis, November 9.

206 Island Falls, Island Falls. Frank L. Mooney,* April 24.

207 Abner Wade, Sangerville. James Lynch, January 14.

208 Northeast Harbor, Northeast Harbor. Frederick I. Phillips, March 24, 1926.

209 Fort Kent, Fort Kent. Cyrus H. Dickey, September 8; Charles E. Jones,* December 2; Nathan Kline, December 8.

210 Bagaduce, North Brooksville. Neal F. Dow, November 17; Laughlin Davis, October 20.

213 Kenduskeag, Rangeley. William E. Tibbetts, July 14.

215 Orchard, Old Orchard. Frank E. Anderson, December 7.

216 Corner Stone, Portland. Odell A. Wilson, January 23.

Grand Lodges and

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.
Alabama, Dec. 6, 1927,	James M. Pearson, Alexander City.
Alberta, June 23, 1927,	C. E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest.
Arizona, Feb. 8, 1927,	George S. McMillan, Jerome.
Arkansas, Nov. 15, 1927,	Hunter D. Bowers, El Dorado.
British Columbia, June 23, 1927,	Frank S. McKee, Vancouver.
California, Oct. 11, 1927,	Will H. Fischer, Los Angeles.
Canada, July 20, 1927,	John S. Martin, Port Dover.
Colorado, Sept. 20, 1927,	John Andrew, Longmont.
Connecticut, Feb. 1, 1928,	Robert S. Walker, Waterbury.
Cuba, April 7, 1926,	Carlos M. Pineiro, Havana.
Delaware, October 5, 1927,	Weldon C. Waples, Milton.
Dist. Columbia, Dec. 21, 1927,	James T. Gibbs, Washington.
England, June 1, 1927,	Duke of Connaught.
Florida, April 19, 1927,	Benjamin E. Dyson, Jacksonville.
Georgia, Oct. 25, 1927,	Ramund Daniel, Atlanta.
Idaho, Sept. 13, 1927,	Richard F. Curtis, Sandpoint.
Illinois, Oct. 11, 1927,	Louis I. Emmerson, Springfield.
Indiana, May 24, 1927,	Obie J. Smith, Indianapolis.
Iowa, June 8, 1926,	Harry M. Belt, Des Moines.
Ireland, Dec. 27, 1927,	Earl of Donoughmore.
Kansas, Feb. 23, 1927,	Charles N. Fowler, Salina.
Kentucky, Oct. 19, 1926,	C. S. Rankins, Newport.
Louisiana, Feb. 7, 1927,	Edwin F. Gayle, Lake Charles.
Maine, May 1, 1928,	Harold C. Cook, Gardiner.
Manitoba, June 14, 1927.	Jabez Miller, Winnipeg.
Maryland, Nov. 14, 1927,	Warren S. Seipp, Baltimore.
Massachusetts, Dec. 18, 1927,	Frank Simpson, Swampscot.
Mexico (York G. L.) April 5, 1928,	Chas. Bruggerhoff, Mexico City.
Michigan, May 24, 1927,	George W. Graves, Detroit.
Minnesota, Jan. 18, 1928,	Sam A. Erickson, Crookston.
Mississippi, Feb. 14, 1928,	Thomas E. Pegram, Ripley.
Missouri, Oct. 26, 1926,	John Pickard, Columbia.
Montana, Sept. 17, 1927,	William J. Marshall, Missoula.
Nebraska, June 7, 1927,	Albert R. Davis, Wayne.
Nevada, June 9, 1927,	V. M. Henderson, Reno.
New Brunswick, Aug. 26, 1926,	James Vroom, St. Stephen.
New Hampshire, May 18, 1927,	J. Melvin, Dresser, Berlin.
New Jersey, April 20, 1927,	Howard P. Cruse, Trenton.
New Mexico, Feb. 25, 1927,	John S. Maclarish, Magdalena.
N. South Wales, June 9, 1926,	John Goulston.
New York, May 3, 1927,	Harold J. Richardson, Lowville.

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North Carolina, Jan. 18, 1927,	John H. Anderson, Fayetteville.
North Dakota, June 21, 1927,	Walter H. Murfin, Fargo.
Nova Scotia, June 8, 1927,	John C. MacKay, Sydney.
Ohio, Oct. 19, 1927,	B. Frank Thomas, Youngstown.
Oklahoma, Feb. 18, 1927,	Earl C. Flesher, Eshond.
Oregon, June 15, 1927,	Robert S. Eakin, LaGrand.
Panama, Mar. 7, 1927,	David C. Sasso, Panama.
Pennsylvania, Dec. 27, 1926,	William M. Hamilton, Philadelphia.
Peru, April 1, 1927,	Benjamin P. Trevina.
Philippine Islands, Jan. 25, 1927,	Joseph H. Schmidt, Manila.
Porto Rico, April 30, 1927,	Jose G. Ginorio, San Juan.
P. E. Island, June 22, 1927,	William J. Drake, Charlottetown.
Quebec, Feb. 9, 1927,	Walter C. Hagar, Montreal.
Rhode Island, May 16, 1927,	Winfield S. Solomon, Providence.
Saskatchewan, June 15, 1927,	W. M. Martin, Regina.
Scotland, Feb. 3, 1927,	The Lord Elythswood.
South Australia, April 20, 1927,	Thomas Slaney, Poole.
South Carolina, Mar. 9, 1927,	Charlton Durant, Manning.
South Dakota, June 14, 1927,	George O. Goodman, Milbank.
Tasmania, Aug. 27, 1927,	Claude E. W. James.
Tennessee, Jan. 25, 1928,	Stanley W. McDowell, Memphis.
Texas, Dec. 7, 1927,	G. R. M. Montgomery, Fort Worth.
Utah, Jan. 18, 1927,	Dana T. Smith, Salt Lake City.
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Virginia, Feb. 8, 1927,	James Bowman, Roanoke.
Washington, June 23, 1927,	Robert A. Wilson, Spokane.
West Virginia, Nov. 16, 1927,	Frank W. Van Horn, Martinsburg.
West Australia, May 26, 1927,	Charles O. L. Riley, Perth.
Wisconsin, June 14, 1927,	Herbert E. Dixon, Menomonie.
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REGAPITULATION — 1928

Lodges enrolled.....	216
" extinct.....	9
" working.....	207
" represented at communication, 1927.....	189
Number of representatives.....	254
Lodges to make returns.....	206
Making returns in time.....	194
Initiated.....	1,366
Raised.....	1,349
Affiliated.....	142
Re-instated.....	74
Total increase.....	— 1,565
Demitted.....	170
Died.....	717
Expelled.....	0
Suspended.....	2
Lost membership by non-payment of dues.....	411
Deprived of membership for non-payment of dues.....	1
Total decrease.....	— 1,301
Net increase.....	— 264
Members March 1, 1926.....	43,485
Members March 1, 1927.....	43,749
Grand Lodge Receipts.....	\$51,578.76
" " Disbursements.....	\$27,419.44
Amount of Charity Fund.....	\$85,017.16
Income of Charity Fund.....	\$4,426.26
from Special Assessment.....	\$21,875.26

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APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence

1925

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine:

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report.

FOREWORD.

Youth and Masonry. Give The Youngsters a Chance!

When Dr. William Harvey first discovered and announced the circulation of the blood, he recorded in his autobiography, "I was astounded by the fact that no person upward of forty years of age, would accept it." It was only the younger men who believed it. Today the circulation of the blood is a fundamental and commonplace principle of schoolbook physiology.

Herein is fulfilled the truth of George Meredith:

" Earth loves her young,
Our gabbling grey she eyes askant."

For our "gabbling grey" mechanically, almost automatically, rejects new truth because so much within us begins to crystalize and even fossilize after forty years of age. You will recall that some few years ago Dr. William Osler, said that "every man ought to be tenderly chloroformed at forty." All of us who have reached that limit of forty years, believe, of course, that he was woefully mistaken. The point of this "foreword" is this,—that the blockage caused by our conservatism is always broken by each new generation of youth. Conservatism is afraid to take sacrificial risks, to make uncalculating ventures. Youth isn't,—and that is the perennial glory of it, for Youth comes with a new outlook, and a fresh estimate of real and new values; it comes with an open mind, and eager will, a responsive heart, and a conscience quick, imparative and keen to rebuke the snug complacencies of conservatism and of age.

All this is unpalatable to those who, like myself, have reached or exceeded the age of incipient petrefaction. But we of fifty years or more know it is true, which cognition is evidence that the process of petrefaction is not completed with us. What has all this to do with Masonry? Let us see. Masonry is perennially young just because it continuously renews and rejuvenates itself by fresh acquisitions from each new generation of youth. And my plea is,—give the youngsters a chance! It so happens that I

am constantly thrown in with University and High School youths, and the stricture that I must often hear is that "Masonry is an old man's fraternity." I do not think the criticism is wholly fair, or even essentially true. But it is true, at least to this extent, that at most of our public appearances as Symbolic Lodges, the usual line of officers who participate in ceremonials of a semi-public nature, have reached far beyond the average age of forty years. This is probably the reason for this rather wide spread opinion among young University men.

In amplification of my plea I was fortunate in coming across these words in Rhodes' History of the United States: "The young men and first voters who had been studying the slavery question since 1852, took a vital interest in Lincoln's campaign. They read the political literature with avidity. Filled with enthusiasm they made manifest their determination to stand by Lincoln." It is interesting to read, also, these words of Charles Sumner: "It is the young who give a spontaneous welcome to Truth when she first appears as an unattended stranger. The young men of Massachusetts act under natural impulses when they step forward as the body guard of Lincoln."

It is not too much to say that nearly every great achievement in the annals of time, have been triumphs of youth. We talk about the younger generation, as if Youth today were a new problem and phenomenon, that had to be defined and labeled, like some strange animal in the "Zoo."

Probably every one of us would be surprised if we should take the average age of the membership of our lodge. It would average over forty years. Again,—Give the youngsters a chance. Of course Youth disturbs and distresses us, it always has in every generation. Of course we criticise and "scold" and rebuke; people of my age always have. We are scolding and denouncing jazz-dancing, joy riding, cigarettes, movies and kindred things. But the plain fact is we went through our period of similar things twenty-five or more years ago, and we had our critics and censors. Youth, after all, is a disease that cures itself. What we must try to see today is that beneath all its outward "splurge," and its multi-form gaucheries, its atrocious ways and words and works, there is the same fearless, surging spirit of Youth which will not be denied. I respect and reverence Youth because in the long run, the "long last" as the English say, it has been everlastingly right. Our young people, in our lodges, our younger brethren, are the elect upon whom the great, good God pours all his most precious gifts, the "vision splendid" is theirs, while too much of ours has "faded into the light of common-day."

The noblest sight that any citizen sees in his own city, is that great army of youth pouring out of our high schools (or college or University). We see things, of course that we eye askance and criticise. We did similar things in our day and we had our censors, the older generation said of us about what we are saying of the youth of today. We were called a pretty weedy crowd, and as they looked at us I have no doubt the older folks shook their dear old doubtful heads and said, "the world is going to the dogs, look at our young people with their minds on this, and that, and the

other thing." But as a matter of fact there was something deeper that they did not see, and perhaps we were not very acutely conscious of it either, but somehow that generation of ours did its work, among other things it produced Brother T. R., just as an earlier generation brought forth its Lincoln. Have faith in the Youth of our times, especially after we have made them members of the Craft. Give them responsibility, something to do in our work and Masonic labors. Garibaldi was little more than a youth when he lifted the burden of oppression from Italy. William, the Silent, said in his dewy youth, "I make no alliance with earthly king or potentate, my alliance is with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." Lincoln was but little older than any high school boy graduating this June from a Maine Academy, when he made that memorable trip to New Orleans in a flat-boat down the Mississippi, and saw a slave-girl, more white than black, sold at public auction in the market-place of that Louisiana city, and remarked those memorable words to his young companion: "If I ever get a chance to hit that thing (slavery) I'll hit it hard."

Indeed there is no more wholesome, tonic thing for us to do, if we believe that we have fallen upon evil times, than to open our history, or to open the Great Light of our Masonic Institution and read the words of the wise King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 7:10),—"Say not thou what is the cause that the former days were better than these; for thou doest not consider wisely concerning this."

ASHLEY A. SMITH

ALABAMA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 52,369; net gain, 2,243. Chartered lodges on roll, 578. There were present six Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-seven jurisdictions. Ours for Maine was absent.

A distinguished visitor in the person of M. W. Bro. Bert S. Lee, P. G. M. of Missouri, was greeted with hearty southern welcome, and as we met Bro. Lee in Portland at the 1924 sessions of the General Grand Council of R. & S. M., we are prepared to say that he deserved it all. We find that later he addressed the Grand Lodge with his usual genial and eloquent words and so we are intelligently prepared to congratulate Alabama on its real privilege.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Duncan C. Carmichael, in opening his address refers to the fact that Alabama "has been peculiarly blessed with peace and prosperity during the year," which is evidenced by the fact that four new lodges were organized by him under dispensation, while eight corner-stone ceremonials were conducted, and it may not be out of place to record what is additional evidence of peace at least, and probably prosperity, that the Grand Master said, "that the good women of the Order of the Eastern Star are here commended for beautifying the grounds, laying walks, putting out flowers and shrubbery at the Masonic Home. The Masons of Alabama appreciate all of this and want these good Sisters

to know that we do appreciate them, etc." That's the kind of tact and gentlemanliness which always makes for peace and "domestic tranquility."

R. W. Brother Albert Leslie Reese, J. G. W., "laid down the working tools of life" and his memory and labors are duly honored in a few well chosen words of tribute and manly praise.

The Masonic Home receives due mead of praise, and a circular letter, which is a part of the annual address of the Grand Master, was issued in May calling attention to the needs of the Home and urging contributions toward its purposes. This received generous response as is shown by the Superintendent's report of this institution.

The Grand Master rendered twelve decisions all of which are in accordance with the usual practice. One or two are of wide interest namely,— "Masonry does not exclude a citizen of Japan on account of his nationality," and again "it is not a Masonic offence to worship in a Catholic Church."

The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, under report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The large place which the Masonic Home occupies in the thought and affection of the brethren may be seen by the fact that fifty-one pages of these annual proceedings are given over to this noble philanthropy, which reports indicate careful administration and conservative financing. Something of the unpretentious service and sacrifice on the part of the brethren, and the sisters of the O. E. S., may be seen in the long lists of donations made during the year to the guests of all ages in this Home.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the large majority of the Grand Master's decisions, and when there was a slight demur it was expressed in courteous language and even adopted with some slight verbal changes.

Several addresses beside that of M. W. Brother Bert S. Lee, were given during this Communication, but none of them are printed, because "copy was not provided." Brother Clyde Propst outlined the work of the Masonic Club at the University of Alabama, and Brother Frank Dorrill spoke of a similar work being done by a Masonic Club at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. R. W. Brother Geo. Fleming Moore, was the Grand Orator, but his address "being entirely extemporaneous" there was no copy, but we are assured it was "interesting, eloquent and instructive."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Fred Wall, and as it is his second report he says, "we trust the members of the Round Table will forgive our shortcomings on the promise that we will do better next time." Well, while we miss the old familiar signature of Brother Street, we welcome Brother Wall and find mighty little in the way of "shortcomings" to forgive. He has that brevity which is both the soul of wit and also wisdom, and it has been a clear delight to read his thought expressed in simple sinewy English which flows like a mountain brook in the sunlight. Maine is given generous and kindly review. Grand Master Spear earns the well merited tribute for "a very learned, logical and conservative address."

Liberal citations are made from it especially in the matter of our comparison with "little New Hampshire with eighty lodges and a membership of 14,505, about one-third that of Maine, is spending twice or three times what the State of Maine is spending." It's a well deserved castigation, and we receive it with becoming humility but whether "our manner of life has been worthy of our repentance" to quote St. Paul, is perhaps open to question.

Brother Wall commends our questionnaire by saying "it is a practice that should be universally adopted."

This Correspondent for Maine appreciates the frequency with which the commonplace and platitudinous name of Smith occurs in his report, and it is barely possible that the old word of the Great Light about "heaping coals of fire" may have something to do with it, and if so, we are sufficiently scorched and singed by Brother Wall. We, certainly, in this report covering 126 good, solid readable pages, have made good our prophecy of last year that "Bro. Fred Wall seems in every way to measure up to the splendid standards of his lovable and distinguished predecessor R. W. Brother Oliver Day Street."

In closing his review of Maine he leaves us with this gracious and good word like an angel's benediction: "We admire the straight forward, frank manner in which that lodge (of Maine) does business and the appearance of a safe, sane, and yet constructive programme."

ALBERTA, 1924.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 12,017; net increase, 279. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of eighteen jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother George Murray (whose full-length photograph in Grand Master's regalia, shows a strong, upstanding Scotsman of sterling qualities) in opening his annual address announces that the "Fraternity is adjusting itself to a more healthy basis on which to work," and prophecies that this will result in strengthening and building up the Masonic edifice in Alberta.

Among his first and most happy duties was the constituting of three new lodges. Under the title "My Visit to the Far North," he narrates incidents of his visitations in the distant northern land, where he found a cordial welcome, and the condition of the Craft was reported as being healthy and progressive. Several district meetings are also reported, and Grand Master Murray voices his conviction that these sessions are productive of great good in his jurisdiction. Two Masonic Halls were dedicated during his term of office. Under "Benevolence" he says that the Grand Lodge has been able to meet the various demands made upon their funds for this purpose, which is substantial evidence of the strength and standing of our Order in Alberta. He granted dispensation to eight lodges to act

upon petitions from candidates with physical defects, all of which were granted, showing a liberal interpretation of this ancient landmark, as all the petitioners could "literally comply with the requirements of our work."

Fifteen pages of these annual "Proceedings" are devoted to the various reports of fifteen D. D. G. Ms., and in nearly every instance show constructive labor by the lodges in these districts.

The M. W. Grand Master of Saskatchewan, Brother J. W. MacNeill, was welcomed to the Grand East with the usual ceremonies, and a hearty greeting from the assembled brethren. He later addressed the Grand Lodge on the topic "A Correct Habit of Thought" as applied to Masonry and citizenship, and the entire address, printed in full, is a unique contribution, both in subject and treatment. So much of our Masonic literature, especially in "Orations" deals with activities and the duty of doing this or that particular thing, that it is rather refreshing to see someone insisting that clear thinking must precede enlightened action. The address is enforced, if also embellished, by numerous brief quotations from the masters of literature. Altogether it is one of the best things, from a somewhat novel point-of-view, which we have read in this year's annual proceedings of the various jurisdictions.

We are glad to see action, under the auspices of the Board of General Purposes, that the Grand Lodge disapproves of the use of the word, "Masonic" as the name of "any band, orchestra, baseball team, or any similar body."

M. W. Brother J. H. W. S. Kemmis, reporting for the Committee on the Grand Master's address, approves and commends all his actions, but we regret to see in the closing of this report, that the Masonic duties of the year have made a serious strain upon him. We heartily join him in wishing, "that ere long he will be restored to health and strength."

The Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by the Chairman, Past Grand Master Brother F. S. Selwood, although we infer from various sets of initials, that various brethren make contributions toward the review. The initials H. C. T. are appended to the review of Maine, and we discover that our mentor and friend is Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. C. Taylor. It was comprehensively done (of more than the average length of space devoted to others) but better far than mere length of space, is the fine fraternal spirit which characterizes all his comments and commendations. Grand Master, M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear, is credited with "one of the best addresses that I have ever been privileged to read, brimful of good things." Kindly words of approval, with an occasional brief citation, especially for the Grand Master's words relative to the Klan, occur throughout this scholarly review of our "Proceedings."

Your correspondent is credited with "a kindly review." We have herein corrected our error relative to M. W. Brother Kemmis, to which he called our attention.

ARKANSAS, 1924.**The Eighty-third Annual Communication.**

Membership, 35,952. There are 561 lodges on the roll, five of which are U. D. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Jacob Trieber, for Maine. Among the names appearing on the necrology roll of Arkansas are the following: R. W. Brother F. W. Tucker, Past Grand Treasurer; M. W. Brother James S. Reamey, Past Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master F. W. Harris, in his annual address points out one of the basic reasons for Masonic stability by saying: "By the strict adherence to the ancient landmarks, and the established usages of our profession, we avoid the storms which wreck other societies."

Among the gracious acts of this Grand Lodge was the appropriation of five hundred dollars for the erection of a monument at the grave of P. G. M. George Thornburgh, a brother deeply loved and revered by the brethren.

Under "Dispensations" we are glad to read that the Grand Master was strict in issuing dispensations for out of time degrees and that he frowns "upon the practice" of granting them for applicants who had not resided in the State the required legal time. He issued four for new lodges during the year, and refused to grant one.

Seven corner-stone ceremonials were conducted during the year. The following words of the Grand Master seem to indicate that Arkansas has definitely severed relations with the M. S. A., "This Grand Lodge withdrew from this association at its last session. I answered their letters advising them of this fact. Due to our withdrawal I declined to answer any further communications."

Something of the quality and calibre of M. W. Brother Harris is seen not only in these words, but by the additional fact that, after due investigation he arrested the charters of several lodges, one of which had not held meetings for six years and "that this lodge had material wanting to be made Masons and they could not get the lodge together for action."

Among the Grand Master's recommendations is one authorizing the Board of Control of the Orphans' Home to purchase a sufficient acreage of land for agricultural purposes with a competent practical farmer in charge who will have the duty of putting the boys to work, the aim obviously being to make the farm a self-supporting proposition. Of like tenor is that establishing Domestic Science and Economics for the girls of the Home. There are ninety-eight in this home forty-five of which are boys and the remainder are girls. An extended report covering nearly thirty pages is devoted to this Arkansas philanthropy which indicates not only the place which the institution has in the regard and affection of the brethren, but an institution well managed and conservatively financed.

The Report of the Pension and Relief Board, which functions after the manner of our Board of Grand Lodge Trustees of the Charity Fund, read very much like our own and evidently the Arkansas brethren find this method entirely satisfactory. While this Board prints the entire list

of the beneficiaries, we, of Maine, are content not to bring their names into such publicity, but quietly to administer our Fund, with only the Trustees and the recipient knowing of the matter.

Legislation, under report of the Committee on Masonic Law, makes a certified court copy of conviction for violation of national or state prohibition laws, sufficient evidence to expel or suspend the offending brother "after due trial."

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother P. C. Goodwin, gave an interesting and eloquent address on the truly Masonic word — Love, showing therein that because it is a fundamental of our order, our Masonic institution should be exerting its influence against intolerance and prejudice.

Fraternal recognition was denied to the Grand Orient of Spain, but granted to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

A resolution was adopted asking the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to "ascertain the number and whereabouts of graves of Past Grand Masters which are unmarked" in order that suitable monuments may be erected at each one. A worthy piece of Masonic labor.

There is no report of Fraternal Correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1924.

The Forty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,444; gain, 304. There are thirty-two chartered lodges, and one U. D. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-seven jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Sidney Sapp (a good full page photograph appears as the frontispiece of the proceedings) in opening his annual address, refers to the fact that he made visitation to every lodge within his jurisdiction, where he was everywhere greeted "in large numbers and with enthusiasm." He reports increased activity and that in Arizona "Masonry is appreciative of its privileges, conscious of its duty and loyal to its traditions."

He reports having constituted one New Lodge and issued dispensation for another in the town of Bowie. Two special communications were held both for corner-stone ceremonials, and full account of each being included in the annual proceedings. We note, with cordial approval, the appointment of R. W. Bro. Lester M. Andrews as Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, on August 8, 1923.

The Grand Lecturer, who has been doing the work without compensation even of his expenses and thereby handicapping the wider activities of the office, is granted \$250.00 to be used in such part as may be necessary in carrying out the duties of his position.

An unusual "Oration" of six pages deals with the practical application of the working tools, to the problems and constructive work of our time in civic relationships and patriotic duty. As a sample of his conservative

wisdom here are a few words relative to the entrance of the Fraternity upon purely political and partisan matters,—“When we recall the bitter experience which followed the one invasion of Masonry into political affairs (after the so called Morgan incident), we can but admit the wisdom of our founders and leaders in prohibiting the entrance of the Fraternity as an organization into political matters.”

The Tubercular Masonic Sanatorium (at Oracle) is cordially commended in a ringing resolution and the usual annual appropriation is continued.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and Grand Lodge acquiesced unanimously, in which action Maine feels sure Arizona is right, but it is not so sure that Arizona's action is wise in recognizing, beside the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, another Grand Lodge there, called “M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Pacific” in Mexico. W. Bro. Henry V. Anaya advocated a resolution recognizing eleven other Grand Lodges of Mexico, but only the above received official recognition, with no reason or explanation given why the Grand Lodge of the Pacific should be specifically selected above the remaining ten for such fraternal favor. Arizona being, however so near Mexico, doubtless knows the situation and has ample reasons for its somewhat unusual action.

Arizona adopted a regulation (No. 16) to the effect that twelve months must elapse before application is made to any higher body of Masonry.

An appropriation was made for the “Wayfarer's and Sojourner's Clubs,” situated in various parts of the State, to care for the comfort and aid of their sick brethren, who come to Arizona.

The Washington Memorial is heartily endorsed and suggestions made as to the best method of raising the one dollar per capita for their quota to the enterprise.

We notice, and always deplore, the publication of the full roster of the membership of the thirty-three Masonic Lodges in this jurisdiction. Such lists become a fertile field for all kinds of propaganda, and advertising schemes, lending itself especially to those corporations (like insurance companies) which do not hesitate to use the name and Masonic appeal to further their own ends, and thereby impose upon the good-will and often the easy credulity of the brethren. How we would like to see those one hundred and fourteen pages, now used for this questionable purpose, devoted to a Report on Fraternal Correspondence, which from the brief reports which we have seen, we are confident would take a leading place in the correspondence reviews of the world.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1924.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 12,775; increase, 684. There are 99 lodges on the roll. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-one Grand Lodges, including M. W. Bro. F. Bowser, for Maine. We notice also that R. W. Brother Allen L. Curtis was appointed by the Grand Master as British Columbia's Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles E. Tisdall, in opening his address says that the quality of membership holds to his high standard of former years and avers his conviction that "the applicants for membership apparently being fully the equal of those already in the Order in respect of intellectual and moral worth." This being strictly true there must never be any rejections in B. C., for if the "applicants *are* the equals" of the present membership we assume there is never cause for rejection. But certainly if such be the literal fact it is a most unusual condition and probably British Columbia is in a class by itself in this respect.

We note with fraternal sympathy the loss of M. W. Brother R. Edwin Walker, P. G. M. What simpler, finer tribute was ever paid to any man than these few words: "A modest, courteous, educated man, he died honoured and regretted by all those privileged to know him." Few of us would ask for more, and perhaps deserve as much.

Among the pleasant and constructive duties of the year was the constituting of seven, and issuing dispensations for two new lodges, while one corner-stone, and one dedication ceremonial was held. The Grand Master decides in one case that a man who "cannot kneel on his right knee is not eligible," and in the next decision that "a man, one of whose legs is three-fourths of an inch shorter than the other, the free and complete movement of the limb not being interfered with, is eligible." There is no inconsistency here, so far as literal fact is concerned, but in regard to the former case, while doubtless warranted by the Anderson constitutional law, we are reminded that Victor Hugo once said, "A man's soul may be on its knees in prayer, no matter what the attitude of the body." Surely the All-Seeing Eye is more interested in the former, than in the latter. Verily "man looketh on the outward appearance, but God seeth the hearts of men." And possibly another word of the Great Light is not without application, "It is the letter that killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

The reports of the fifteen D. D. G. Ms. are filled with the narration of simple, unpretentious tasks and Masonic labors, willingly and loyally performed. Scotch and English names predominate at the end of these various reports, and give us a kind of cross-section of the virile membership of British Columbia.

What to us has been a most interesting and readable report is that of a Special Committee on Funeral Service. The general directions are especially informing and sensible, and must make for decency and order in such ceremonies. The ritual is not printed, but if it follows the line of instruction and the atmosphere of what is given, it must be an altogether impressive and dignified burial service.

The Grand Historian who bears the good old Scottish names of William Burns gives a most enthralling narrative of the development of the Craft in British Columbia from the early year of 1869. His graphic account is embellished with several clear cut photographs, one numbered Plate No. 1, gives the old building of Mount Hermon Lodge in 1869 which "we have looked at long and long" as Walt Whitman would say. What pictures memory can paint of such a hall, not unlike a few in the rural districts of

Maine at this hour, but which with all their unadorned and humble walls nourished true men and as strong a type of Masonic manhood as ever came from granite temples or palatial cathedral-like structures which are so common today. Indeed the other Plates are of this more modern and temple-like type of edifice; but are they producing any better manhood or Masonic character than came from the little old structure at some primitive town in the pioneer days, or the cross-roads hall in the wilderness? We doubt it. Sir Philip Sidney said, "It's not the sword that fights the fight, but the hero's heart." If no one else in British Columbia sees the application of this word of Sidney's, my good friend (may I say?) M. W. Brother DeWolf-Smith will. Grand Historian Burns is to be commended for giving us a few moments of real enjoyment and instruction.

The Report on Correspondence is over the characteristic signature—and we can seem to read something of the man in those strong, rugged characters of M. W. Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith. We have come to greatly regard his reviews for their strength of thought, and conservative attitude toward affairs Masonic. He gives a good resume of Grand Master Spear's address, bringing out the high lights by judicious comment, and occasional citation. The entire eloquent and convincing conclusion of our Grand Master's address is quoted *en extenso*, as it deserved to be. Brother DeWolf-Smith tacitly commends Grand Master Spear for his strictures and condemnation of the Klan.

Your correspondent is given credit for a report "interesting and informing throughout." Because as he says our essay in the "Foreword" on "Conservative or Radical Freemasonry," voices his own sentiments" he has printed it in toto in his review, a compliment and real honor which we greatly appreciate.

Respecting our new provision on physical qualification, which he prints in full he says, "it does not appear to be definitely settled where the responsibility of determining the eligibility of the candidate rests." As we clearly understand it in Maine it is squarely up to the Master of the Lodge.

We thank him for calling our attention to the misplaced, rather *unplaced* comma, in the quotation from Anderson's Constitutions. What a substantial difference a little mark of punctuation *can* make in the real meaning of a sentence.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1924.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 102,096; net increase not given, but we reported 98,036 in membership last year (1923). There are 624 lodges on the roll.

There were present four Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, for Maine.

This Annual Communication was cordially welcomed by the Mayor of Toronto, Bro. W. W. Hiltz.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William John Drope, M. A., in the course of his annual address made mention and explanation of the absence of

several eminent Past Grand Masters, whose names we had missed in the list of Past Grand Masters, such as M. W. Bros. Harcourt, Ponton, Rowland and Harrington. We are glad to learn the reason of their absence, they being in England "attending the meeting of the English Bar Association." Ontario mourns the death of P. G. Master, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, eighty-four years of age. In the touching and fervent eulogy of the Grand Master we learn that there are still ten living Past Grand Masters and that four of these have passed the eightieth mile-stone on the earthly trail.

Among the constructive Masonic labors of the year were the following: The consecration of twelve new lodges, the organizing (U. D.) of one, the dedication of seventeen, and the laying of one corner-stone.

Canada (in Ontario) gave one thousand dollars to the Japan sufferers, and another thousand to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the restoration of destroyed Masonic Halls in that afflicted jurisdiction, and we read in the correspondence incident to this, that "after being subjected to all sorts of indignities, especially in the matter of desecration of their lodge rooms, Ireland has been restored to a fair measure of peace and harmony and that Masonic affairs there have been restored to normalcy."

What a splendid record of benevolence is contained in this record— "During the year just closed we have distributed One Hundred Thousand Dollars to our needy dependents, and at least Fifty Thousand more has been distributed by the constituent lodges." And yet this noble Grand Master suggests that this is not enough and urges the larger and more prosperous lodges "to act as foster-parents to our orphans. No nobler work could be undertaken than the care and education of a neglected child."

Grand Master Drope makes fitting mention of his visit to, and the courtesies received from, the George Washington Memorial Association on the occasion of the corner-stone ceremonial.

Under "Masonic Offense" the Grand Master does not excuse or condone the laxity of some lodges in prosecuting persistent and notorious offenders. Here are a few of his forthright words: "Immorality in every form must be banished. Our laws must be enforced. He who violates the laws of God or the State must be expelled from the body of Masonry. In order to preserve our order pure and unsullied it should be purged of all offenders. Guard well the outer door. Let no unworthy man be admitted. If you are in doubt give the lodge, give Masonry, the benefit of the doubt." That's the kind of thing that makes us "sit up and take notice" that Canada (in Ontario) has had a series of Grand Masters who have straight back-bones and do not palliate or excuse delinquencies which bring the Fraternity into disrepute and discredit.

He condemns, also, in no hesitant language the sale of so called Masonic "works" and avers that the vendors and purchasers, but especially the vendors, "should be severely dealt with."

Altogether Grand Master Drope's report, is a stirring message and clarion-call to the nobler ideals of Masonic conduct and character which it has been both a delight and inspiration to read.

Two Hundred and Twenty-five pages of these Annual Proceedings are given to instructive reports of the D. D. G. Ms. and touch on matters, largely of local interest, but every one of them has its incidental appeal to the constructive side of our Institution and are worthy of following the splendid, gleaming message of the Grand Master.

The Report of the Committee on "The Condition of Masonry" gives us several pages of instructive material in which the Chairman, R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, touches vitally on such matters as "Masonic Publicity," condemning "the struggles for the front page," on socialized Freemasonry, on Education. He says of the Report on Foreign Correspondence "that it is too rich a storehouse to be locked up from anxious searchers for Masonic knowledge." In which we emphatically agree, having read Ontario's reports by eminent and able reviewers for several years.

Which brings us to the Report on Foreign Correspondence for this year (1924). The Chairman of the Committee tells us that he has had the able help of several colleagues in the matter of reviewing, one brother writing twelve, another ten and another four of the reviews included in the report.

The joint-report is an interesting and able document and does honor to M. W. Bro. William N. Ponton, the Chairman of the Committee. There are 268 informing pages which we have read with ever increasing pleasure and a kind of cumulative interest to the end. As enthralling in its narrative manner as many novels, it is filled with a clear Masonic light which is both interpretative of events and penetrative of Masonic problems and issues. A lucid legal mind, and what is incomparably better, an open and responsive human heart, is evidenced throughout the review. After the review of many others we thought of that text in Scripture, "the shadow of a great rock in a desert land." For in the cool, refreshing shade of this great report we have been sitting, reading and meditating for many hours. And we have been not only refreshed but as Tennyson said, "lifted up and strengthened" by the experience. Suffice it to say, it is one of the outstanding reviews of the year.

Maine is clearly and comprehensively covered in ten pages of matter. From the first word recording "the clear cut judicial features of M. W. Bro. Spear," to the last line speaking of this reviewer's report of the Australia Jurisdictions" which he calls "a full and able one," there is nothing but cordial approbation of our workings and doings in the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication. We are told that we "certainly do things with dignity and decorum in Maine" and then several illustrations of these qualities are given. As we recall with pleasure the event of Past Grand Master Ponton's visit to our Maine Jurisdiction, having been drafted to make the introduction of this notable and distinguished guest, we can quite understand his enthusiasm displayed in this phrase, "The writer of this review was much impressed throughout."

Grand Master Spear is frequently quoted and commended on such topics as physical qualification; O. E. S. emblems in halls; spite balloting; the Klan, and his "informal address" later in the sessions is referred to with cordial approval.

Three pages of Brother Ponton's review are given to your Grand Correspondent's report. There are many citations made from it. But when at the opening we read the following, which is only a part of it, we blushed like a debutante on being asked to dance with the Prince of Wales:—"Maine has not merely an outstanding Grand Master, but also one of the ablest Grand Correspondents in the Masonic world, etc." Any man has a right to "throw out his chest" to speak in the vernacular of the street after that! and to believe as the phrase has it in New England, that he is "some punkins." But when the compliment and commendation is passed that he has "a wonderful vocabulary and the poetic instinct" why we agree to that more modest praise, although good-naturedly demurring at the former kindly, but altogether too flattering, compliment.

COLORADO, 1924.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 30,251; net gain, 1,050. There are 139 lodges with an average membership of 217. There were present twenty-three Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-six Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Joseph A. Davis, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Jesse Clinton Wiley, gave a brief and business-like address, with no attempt at rhetoric or oratorical flights of language. We find that among his constructive duties was the organizing of two lodges (U. D.), the dedication of a hall, and nine corner-stone ceremonials were conducted during the year.

There was obviously some irregularity or the Grand Master had not issued a letter forbidding the circulating and signing of petitions addressed to Congress purporting to represent that the Fraternity endorsed such petitions. Here is a sentence from his letter: "The Grand Lodge of Colorado resents the brazen claims of certain publications that they are Freemasonry's representatives," at Washington? we expect, for that particular Organ has received similar condemnation in several other Grand Lodges.

Under "Non-Masonic Organizations" he seems to be censuring the Klan for "bringing dissensions into the lodge" and for renting its lodge room to this organization. The Klan is not mentioned by name, but the inference seems to be conclusive.

We are pleased to note his appointment of R. W. Brother Harold E. Cook as Grand Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Report of the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund shows \$86,265.33 in the Permanent Fund, \$1,300.00 being added as the result of a special letter sent to the lodges of the State in November.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. I. Ernest Newsom, delivered an informing address on the subject, "Masonry a Philosophy of Life" which is an instructive portrayal of the basic principles of our Order and their application to the problems and duties of life. Masonry as a Practice of Life was the essential meaning of his message. Another address following some-

what the same line of thought was on the subject, "Our Duty as Masons," and was given by Brother C. Clyde Barker. Both, while differing in treatment, were exemplifications of that vital word of Emerson which is so peculiarly applicable to Masonry, "So much of the truth do I *know* as I have lived."

Several pages of the Proceedings are given to an account of the George Washington Memorial Corner-stone ceremonial, which follows essentially the same story as given by the other Grand Lodges of the United States.

The newly installed Grand Master, M. W. Brother William N. Vaile, made a few gracious remarks respecting his office and his duty as Grand Master which show him a man of clear judgment and forceful character.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Stanley C. Warner and covers nearly one hundred pages of worth-while review. It is an instructive and constructive report which comes to us from Colorado. Maine's report is largely well chosen citations on the outstanding topics of Grand Master Spear's annual address last May (1924). The action of this committee in indefinitely postponing the matter of recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy is quoted at length, but without comment.

Brother Warner's way of reviewing is that of the skilled news reporter who culls the best, and usually the graphic events, for narration and weaves the whole into a well-rounded and balanced review which it is a delight to read.

CONNECTICUT, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 41,206; net gain, 1,525. Number of lodges, 119; all of which made returns. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-eight Jurisdictions. We regret the absence of Maine's Representative. Among the eminent Craftsmen received with the Grand Honors were the M. W. Grand Master of Rhode Island, Bro. Joseph Lawton and the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. C. Dexter.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Arthur M. Brown, emphasises a too much neglected factor in the majority of lodges, and Grand Lodges, by saying that the younger element in these should be encouraged and utilized (see "Foreword" of this review) for the constructive work of Masonry. "There has been an evident desire on the part of young Masons to find some work to do in connection with our great Order. This is a healthy sign and these young brethren should be encouraged." Happy is that lodge which as the Great Light says, "has its quiver full of them" and too often we of the older generation hold on too long, distrusting youth and its enegetic activities, until we deserve the reproach implied in the phrase, "an old man's Order." It was a suggestive and humiliating remark of Dr. William Harvey who first discovered and announced the circulation of the blood, that "he was astounded by the fact that not one person upwards of forty years of age would accept it." Too often

our minds after forty years become stiff and narrow and almost mechanically reject new ideas and principles. Age is always saying the old ways are good enough, while Youth looks forward and strives for something better. Give the youngsters a chance.

Among the names gleaming with eternal light upon Connecticut's Roll of Honor we notice with sorrow, the loss of R. W. Bro. Arthur H. Brewer, a Past Grand Senior Warden, and also R. W. Bro. Isaiah Baker, Grand Trustee.

Thirty-four dispensations were granted by the Grand Master through the year all for purposes well within the common usage and practice of the Fraternity, there were very few "out of time" degrees worked under the dispensation privilege. His "Decisions" are of the same conservative kind.

Among the more pleasant and constructive duties of his term was the constituting of one new lodge, the laying of two corner-stones, and dedicating two Masonic Temples. One new lodge was organized at Stratford. The Grand Master's report on the D. D. G. Ms. work in the nine Masonic Districts shows careful and constructive supervision by these Craftsmen in their various jurisdictions. A kind of running commentary on scores of "Visitations" covering nearly twenty pages of the report, shows an active and energetic administration and one not sparing of time and labor for the welfare of the brethren. We are glad to see that the smaller lodges received their share of attention in these visits. He did a good act in urging the various lodges to provide the means for a Chaplain at the Allingtown Hospital (U. S. Government Institution) and we read, that the money received from his appeal "was used in providing a chaplain for the non-Catholic inmates, the response was generous, a chaplain was provided and he has done a splendid and greatly appreciated work."

The usual good things are said of the M. S. A. and the Washington Memorial, both of which enterprises has the sympathetic and cordial support of this Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home "is being faithfully, carefully and capably managed," we learn from his report and from the tabulated facts and statistics of the officers who constitute the Board of Managers.

Of raffles, lotteries and games of chance used by lodges at fairs and the like to raise funds, he speaks unsparingly in these words: "Such practices are improper, unworthy of the dignity of a Mason and are in direct violation of the laws of this commonwealth." He concludes his sterling appeal by affirming the inherent dishonesty of such things and urges the brethren "to put the seal of disapproval upon them."

During this communication the Grand Lodge of Guatamala was recognized. The Correspondent's report is from the hand of Past Grand Master Bro. George A. Kies, who is one of the seasoned reviewers of "The Round Table."

It is always a pleasure to open the Connecticut Proceedings to the last pages, just because we know we will read something distinctive, and personal and worth-while. And this year is no exception to our practice,

for Brother Kies' report was read long before any other part of the volume. A few trenchant and pungent words, often with a touch of wholesome tonic irony, characterize his way of doing things. But we must not be misunderstood; always about his words even in sharp disagreement or incisive criticism, there is a kind of lambent humor of kindness and fraternal good-will, that disarms opposition and turns the edge of resentment.

Maine receives cordial and gracious attention. M. W. Grand Master Spear is rightly credited with "a wealth of ideas and recommendations." While his attitude toward the Klan is tacitly commended. Indeed we have not found in his entire review of Maine one note of censure or disapprobation.

Since meeting Brother Kies at Portland during the session of the Grand Correspondent's Guild this fall (1924) we have come to appreciate his personality and rather distinctive point-of-view. From our brief conversation we learned enough to know that his idea of Masonry is that it is a kind of ethical estimate of the real values of life, a kind of spiritual attitude toward the realities which are worth living. If indeed, he will pardon what is almost an impertinence, he believes with Emerson, "So much of the truth (of Masonry) do I know, as I have lived." And, after all, that is all Masonry is worth, what each brother LIVES in his own conduct and enmeshes in his own character. Indeed so vital, so basic is this, that many a man is living Masonry who has never taken a degree, while some of us it may be who are 33ds, are hardly Masons at all. I would give more for the real Masonry of Abraham Lincoln (who never took a degree), than for Benedict Arnold's, whose Masonry was not vital and fundamental enough to save him from base treachery and treason.

Your correspondent is complimented to the extent of having one-half the entire review of Maine devoted to his correspondent's report.

DELAWARE, 1924.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,860; net gain, 141. There are twenty-two Constituent Lodges. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-eight Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. David C. Rose, for Maine.

On the roster of Distinguished Visitors we note particularly the M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell; M. W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, Jr., Grand Master of New Jersey, and several other brethren from these two Jurisdictions.

In Grand Master Edward W. Cooch's annual report we see that among his official duties was the laying of three corner-stones, two for public schools and one for the Memorial Library at the University of Delaware. At these ceremonials the Grand Master used the trowel which he used at the Washington Memorial exercises at Alexandria.

The blessing of a small jurisdiction like Delaware is seen in the fact that the Grand Master visited every lodge at least once, and several of

these twenty-two, on more than one occasion. Other visitations, outside of his official jurisdiction, were made to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

The attitude of Delaware toward the M. S. A. is given in a few brief words of the Grand Master, "the Association is an imperative necessity if Masonry is to maintain its standing as the leading fraternity of the world." Yet in spite of his high praise there creeps in a note like this, "It is claimed that the Association has made some mistakes, has expended our five cents per member upon projects which could very well have been omitted." But he concludes with this wise word: "If we do not like some part of the program, let us stay in where we can have a part in shaping its policy to our liking." Grand Lodge voted on his recommendation to "continue our membership."

A page of his address is given to the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins, which is interesting and instructive reading. Sir Alfred's entire report to the Grand Lodge of England on his return, will be found in this review under "England." The Grand Master of Delaware was one of the six Americans to receive the newly struck jewel presented by the Grand Lodge of England to her Grand Representatives in several of our jurisdictions.

We learn that the debt for the Masonic Home of Delaware has been paid with the exception of the last tenth and the Grand Master eloquently urges this last payment before the next Annual Communication. We note with our usual conservative approval that he refused dispensations for conferring all three degrees at one communication.

His two "Decisions" are interesting, first that "attending divine service in a denominational church is not Masonic labor, and it is therefore improper to open a lodge for that purpose, to wear the regalia of the lodge or take its paraphernalia." In Maine it is allowable without dispensation on St. John's Sunday, and hardly ever refused when requested of our Grand Master on other Sundays. About the only Latin this correspondent can recall after more years than he likes to acknowledge, is a phrase that hits this difference of practice between our jurisdictions,—*Ubi homines sunt modi sunt*. Which rather freely transcribed means, that there are modes wherever there are men. The same applies to Grand Master Cooch's second decision that an applicant, elected to membership and found subsequently to have an artificial foot, is ineligible, the election being void. Under our recent legislation the applicant could be elected and raised if the artificial limb is under his control. And Maine is considered one of the ultra conservative jurisdictions at that! It took us several decades to arrive at this liberal policy, but during the few years this law has been in operation we have heard of no abuses or complaints.

The Craft in Delaware are considering the building of a new Masonic Temple in Wilmington, the Grand Master approving by saying, "a building housing all our Masonic activities would bring us closer together, would be more imposing than two or more small structures, and would be more economical in construction and maintenance."

This small jurisdiction is doing a giant's work in giving scholarship

to deserving and needy children of Master Masons. Twenty-two lodges composing this Grand Lodge distributed seven such scholarships during the year. Had we the power of giving an apostolic benediction it would go forthwith to Delaware. David with his little sling slaying the giant Goliath (which we may call illiteracy, ignorance and superstition) came to our mind when we read this. Perhaps little dear Delaware may point some larger and mightier jurisdictions the way to real, constructive Masonic service which will last through the generations longer than the most imposing temple of granite stone.

The Grand Master concludes his address with this living gem: "There is nothing wrong with our ritual. There is nothing wrong with the institution itself. The fault lies (dear Brutus) with the member who is not and never was a Mason." Good! This correspondent has often said that he knew men who were better Masons though they never took a degree, than many of us who have taken all thirty-three of them. Surely Abraham Lincoln was a better mason than; let us say, Benedict Arnold.

After reading this word from Grand Master Cooch we were not surprised that the Grand Master of Massachusetts presented him with the Henry Price Medal in recognition of his distinguished services for the Fraternity.

This correspondent is rather glad to see that the Grand Lodge declined to become a member of the International Masonic Association.

The redoubtable and beloved M. W. Bro. Harry G. Noyes made "an inspiring address." Which is to us a rather superfluous statement, for his name is a kind of synonym for inspiration.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is over the well known and welcome signature of M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P. G. M., and fulfilled the old adage, "that brevity is the soul of wit," to which we would add the words — wisdom. With unerring discrimination Brother Day selects only those topics which are of vital value to the Craft, and presents them in terse and sinewy phrase.

Under Maine (our 105th Annual Communication) he calls attention to Grand Master Spear's censure of our Grand Lodge, "as among the most conservative and least progressive of the entire country." An assertion which has caught the eye of too many reviewers for the comfort of this correspondent. (See close of Missouri review for comment). It has occurred so often that this reviewer is taking refuge not in extenuation or explanation of the censure, but in Mark Twain's comment respecting a similar situation, "It's important, if true." If our Grand Master had simply used the adverb "radically" before progressive, it would have lightened our labors and ministered to our tranquility of mind.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 21,132; net gain, 1,183. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Mark F. Finley, paid due and tender tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Alexander Grant, an eminent

Craftsman, "strong in his convictions and sincere in his friendships, with a whole hearted love for Freemasonry." Our own deceased Past Grand Masters, Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet are enshrined on the Roll of "The Dead of Other Jurisdictions."

The Grand Master made one decision to the effect that Major ——— who had "partial paralysis of the lower extremities" so that there was no "independent power of locomotion" (which in simple English seems to mean that he couldn't walk) was denied under the strict law of this Grand Lodge. It was the only ruling possible, as we have read the law (Sec. 88 of the Constitution) but Grand Master Finley expresses a regret, since the disability was incurred in the service of his country, that such a decision was imperative under the constitutional statute, for he says in words which do credit to both his heart and judgment, "I would be glad indeed to make a ruling that would except him from a too rigorous construction of the law and permit his petition. Unfortunately, however, it is not within the Grand Master's prerogative, etc."

We note with pleasure the commissioning of R. W. Bro. Harry G. Kimball, as Grand Representative for Maine, and herewith send the greetings of this M. W. Grand Lodge to him.

Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the formation of two new lodges, and a long list of official visitations is given indicating an arduous year of Masonic service.

He is a zealous advocate of the Masonic Employment Bureau which is growing every year under its motto, "help a worthy brother to help himself."

Among his recommendations is one appropriating one hundred dollars toward the "Harding Memorial" to be erected in Marion, Ohio, "a shrine that shall perpetuate the memory and service of Brother Warren Gamaliel Harding."

He speaks of the M. S. A. moving its headquarters to Washington, and believes that its presence there will emphasize the importance of the National capitol as a seat and source of Masonic influence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence gives a most interesting resume of certain of the Grand Master's rights and prerogatives in the matter of the right and time of visitation, holding (and we believe rightly) that this is "inherent in his office, and that it cannot be properly circumscribed, controlled, limited or directed in any respect." Although the amendment of the Committee was lost (76 to 59 votes) we personally believe that the Committee was right in urging its adoption.

The Committee on Correspondence recognized the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, which recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge. While the same committee asked "for further time" in the matter of recognition of Turkey and Roumania.

The report of a Special Committee having in charge the erection of a New Masonic Temple reports substantial progress in the raising of funds for this purpose. At present \$980,514.11 has been pledged, and we learn that the campaign will be continued until the entire two million dollars has been secured.

The M. S. A. is commended for its activities and especial emphasis is laid on its educational campaign by the Committee of Representatives of this organization.

We see with real pleasure the enrollment on the Grand Lodge register of Warren G. Harding Lodge, No. 39.

At the St. John's Day Communication (December 27, 1923), the Grand Master made a brief but informing address on a few of the fundamentals of Freemasonry, and their practical application in such service as that represented by the M. S. A. and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, as exemplified in the District of Columbia. Brief reference is made by him to the New Temple, which he believes should be hastened to a conclusion, under the guidance of the best financial ability obtainable and the supervision of the best architects as a kind of advisory committee.

Thirty-seven illuminating pages of these annual proceedings are given to the affairs of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. We find therein careful and conservative administration of its finances, with attention to the minutest details of its management by the Superintendent and Board of Directors.

Full membership of each lodge is given, which in our opinion makes a fertile field for the dissemination of all kinds of propaganda and every institution and business that craftily uses the name and Masonic appeal for its own ends.

The Annual Report on Correspondence for 1922, his twenty-third annual review, is given by P. G. M. George W. Baird. While there is no "Foreword" the "Conclusion" of this able and statesmanlike report, deals with several matters of interest, and often of debate, in the various Grand Jurisdictions. Brother Baird keeps an even balance of the scales. Especial mention is made of the Sterling-Towner Bill and the effort of some Grand Lodges to further the interests of education by advocating its adoption by Congress. He says this wise thing, "To the mind of the writer a great menace exists in the effort of parties to discredit existing school histories (defective though they be), on the eve of the issue of the history series under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, and the Soviet circulars, which, we think, are intended to supplant the present public school histories."

Dealing with foreign relations he asserts that the Grand Lodge of New York has instituted lodges in Roumania, "where a Grand Lodge exists."

Maine is generously and commendably reviewed in its One Hundred and Fourth Communication. Brother Baird is one of those reviewers who does not depend on the scissors and paste pot, but gives us his own thought in his own language. It is refreshing to find a reviewer who does not use one extended quotation, so far as Maine is concerned there is not one set of quotation marks in the entire review. It is solid matter. Our annual proceedings are uniformly praised; M. W. Brother Spear's administration is commented on and commended; the Grand Secretary's report is briefly reviewed, and your Correspondent's report is considered reportorially respecting the District of Columbia.

ENGLAND, 1924.

While there are many interesting and instructive items in connection with the three Quarterly and Annual Communications of this "Mother Grand Lodge of the World" these are all overshadowed by the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden, and President of the Board of General Purposes, to several Grand Lodges of the United States. It is the thought and conviction of your Correspondent that this somewhat extended Report of Sir Alfred ought to be broadcasted throughout all our American Jurisdictions in the interest of international Masonic understanding and goodwill. It clears for us and for the brethren of England many points problems and differences which have had a tendency to confusion and even misunderstandings in the past. We therefore, throw aside for the moment all our resolutions to never use lengthy quotations in our reports and print it in toto under the title —

MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"I have the honour to submit a Report on the Mission to the United States of America, with which your Royal Highness was pleased to entrust me.

"When, at the Quarterly Communication on June 4th, I was welcomed by your Royal Highness in Grand Lodge on the day of my return to this country, I used these words: 'I would like to express, here and now, my deep appreciation of the warmth of the enthusiastic welcome which was given, in various Jurisdictions in the United States I visited, to the accredited representative of the United Grand Lodge of England. Since last standing in this Hall, I have travelled on behalf of Grand Lodge over twelve thousand miles; I have visited ten American Jurisdictions; and I have spoken at Masonic gatherings in twenty American cities. And I come back to my own country with the assurance of the devotion of those Grand Lodges to the principles for which the Grand Lodge of England has always stood, and of their personal thanks to and admiration of yourself, M. W. Grand Master, for the manner in which you have so long presided over the destinies of the English Craft.' This tribute I desire to repeat with emphasis now.

"I would venture to recall the circumstances which led to my undertaking the Mission to America. Five years ago, the United Grand Lodge of England had the privilege of the presence of twenty-nine leading representatives of various American Jurisdictions — in the main Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries — on the occasion of the Especial Grand Lodge holden at the Royal Albert Hall on June 27th, 1919, in Celebration of Peace. During their stay in England, these distinguished Brethren more than once expressed a strong hope that their visit would in some way be soon returned; and later I personally received from time to time invitations to different American Grand Jurisdictions. It was not, however, until the end of last year that I was in a position to accept any of these; and then, with the approval of your Royal Highness, I arranged to make a journey to the United States during the ensuing spring. The Board of General Purposes, in reporting this to Grand Lodge on December 5th, 1923, expressed the belief that the interchange of fraternal information secured by such a visit would be of great mutual service, as being conducive to a greater understanding between the English-speaking members of the Craft; and later it uttered the hope that the visit would strengthen still further the bond of friendship and goodwill between the British and American peoples. It was in that belief and hope that I arranged to leave

this country on February 27th, of the present year, bearing the following message from your Royal Highness to our American Brethren:

“ On the occasion of the visit of Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, P. G. W., President of the Board of General Purposes, to the United States, I take the opportunity of conveying through him to the Brethren of all Jurisdictions in friendly association with the United Grand Lodge of England my fraternal good wishes and sincere desire for their continued happiness and prosperity.

‘ It is my earnest hope that the tenets of our Order may assist still further the bond of friendship and goodwill, which so happily exists between our two nations; and I shall watch with sympathy every endeavour to promote these feelings by the development of Freemasonry in the purest and highest aspects.’

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOUR.

“ When planning the details of the tour, it at once became apparent that, in the less than three months that could be given to the undertaking before returning in time for the Quarterly Communication in June, severe limitations would have to be imposed. I found that, if the invitations to visit several Jurisdictions bordering on the Atlantic seaboard, as well as certain Grand Lodges in the Middle West, were accepted I should be bound to decline at that date any outside this definitely circumscribed line. Being thus constrained by considerations of time as well as of personal strength, I, with sincere regret, was compelled to decline very cordial invitations to visit the Grand Jurisdictions of California, Utah, Nebraska, Georgia, North Dakota, and Delaware; but I received from representatives of all these the most cordial good wishes, as also from the Grand Masters of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, and South Carolina, as well as the Grand Secretary of New Hampshire, all of whom met me during my stay in the United States; while the Grand Master of Louisiana sent by telegram his especial regards. And I would premise that an absolute rule during the visit was not to attend any Masonic gathering, or one even indirectly associated with Masonry, to which I had not been invited, or was not accompanied, by the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction in which it was held.

“ Landing on March 6th in New York, I was welcomed by the leading Brethren of that Jurisdiction, who gave an equally hearty Masonic ‘ send off ’ on my leaving the same port on May 28th. By the kindness of friends, my headquarters throughout the American stay were at Montclair, New Jersey, a few miles south of New York, whence on March 10th I proceeded to Boston, and attended a meeting of the Fourth Estate Lodge, to see the American working of an important Degree. On the next evening, I was present at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, where I received a very hearty welcome; and the following day, after being privileged to be at a confidential meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Massachusetts Jurisdiction with their Grand Master, I went to the Regular Communication of their Grand Lodge, and again had a cordial greeting. This was assisted by Bro. Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, Vice President of the United States from 1913 to 1921, who was emphatic in his fraternal greetings. In the evening the Grand Master of Massachusetts invited to assemble in my honour the Past Grand Masters and Grand Officers of his Jurisdiction, as well as the Grand Masters of two neighboring States, two others being prevented from attending by a heavy snow blizzard, which also had hindered hundreds of Brethren from distant parts of the State from being in Grand Lodge. During my stay, lasting until March 14th, in the course of which I had a personal interview with the Governor of the State, I had the opportunity for frequent consultation with the leading Brethren of the Jurisdiction on matters of Masonic policy

in which information was given and received on both sides; and it may be here noted that similar conferences took place in very Jurisdiction I visited.

" In the course of the two following weeks, I had special consultations with representative Brethren of New York and New Jersey, and was entertained at a large gathering of the leading members of the former Jurisdiction by their Grand Master; and on March 31st, I went for five days to Washington, there to meet the Brethren of the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, which has Washington for its centre. In the capital city of the United States, I met a number of representative members of the Craft headed by their Grand Master, whom I accompanied to a ' Grand Officers' Night ' at the Washington Centennial Lodge. I also was made most heartily welcome by Bro. John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, who has a vivid memory of the reception given him when visiting London at the Peace Celebration, and is now head of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a very powerful Masonic body in the United States, which has its counterpart in this country in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Under his escort, I inspected the preliminary work now being pursued for the erection of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, in Virginia, as well as the Temple of the Alexandria Washington Lodge, the original Lodge Room of which is filled with relics of the first President of the United States, who lived at Mount Vernon, near by, and was the first Master of this Virginian Lodge.

" While in Washington, I had the especial privilege — through the introduction by Bro. Frank B. Kellogg, the American Ambassador to this country — of interviews with the President of the United States (Mr. Coolidge) and the Secretary of State (Mr. Charles E. Hughes), as well as with the Chief Justice of the United States' Supreme Court (Ex-President W. H. Taft). The last of these distinguished Americans is a Mason, and, in that capacity, attended a banquet given in my honour at the House of the Temple, at which were present a number of United States Senators, members of the House of Representatives, and leading American admirals, generals, scientists, and literary men, all members of the Masonic Fraternity. In my interviews with the President and the Secretary of State, and in response to their questions, I stated the nature and object of my Mission, which was to promote — and, in a large degree, through Freemasonry — by full, free, and frequent intercourse the already friendly relations between the English-speaking peoples in general, and those of this country and the United States in particular; and that statement in each case was approvingly received. Before visiting Washington, I had a conversation in New York with Bro. John W. Davis, a former American Ambassador to England, who had the Brevet Rank of Past Grand Warden conferred upon him at the Especial Peace Grand Lodge of June 27th, 1919. Bro. Davis recalled with much interest that Masonic incident regarding himself, as well as others in connection with the period of his residence in London; and he expressed cordial wishes for the success of my Mission.

" On April 7th, I witnessed the Ceremony of Initiation, well-performed by leading Grand Officers, in the Jonkheer Lodge, at Yonkers, not far from New York, being there accompanied by the Grand Master of New York, and his successor, the then Deputy Grand Master. I next visited, on the 9th, the City of Philadelphia, where the Grand Master and Brethren of Pennsylvania gave me the most cordial of receptions. The Mayor of Philadelphia extended to me a civic welcome, and I was the official guest of the city during my stay; the Grand Master brought together a large gathering of the leading Brethren of his Jurisdiction, who expressed the warmest sentiments of amity and admiration for the Grand Lodge of England; I witnessed the working of St. Alban Lodge; and I was given more than one opportunity to inspect the Grand Lodge Library, a finely arranged and well-displayed collection, worthy of close Masonic study. The great friendliness of feeling here shown was repeated when I went on

April 15th to Trenton for the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which I addressed on the following day, having spoken the previous night at an assembly of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, and leading Brethren of the State. In these Grand Jurisdictions, as in every one visited during my stay in America, I read the personal message of your Royal Highness. It was everywhere greeted with sincere warmth, and with expressions of appreciation of the great work your Royal Highness has done for Freemasonry, especially during the twenty-three years' tenure of your Grand Mastership.

"The most arduous part of my undertaking began with the fortnight I spent in four great Jurisdictions of the Middle West, opening with that of Missouri. On April 19th, I travelled direct to St. Louis, a distance from New York of 1,051 miles; and, on the 21st, after being specially welcomed by the National Masonic Research Society of the United States, I was present at the Tuscan Lodge, and spoke at an Emergent Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the proceedings being most fraternal and hearty. The following day, the Grand Master showed me much of Masonic interest in and around St. Louis, and gave me the opportunity for pleasant intercourse with some leading Brethren; and that night I proceeded to Columbia, the University City of the State, where I not only addressed the Grand Chapter of Missouri, but witnessed some admirable working in Acacia Lodge. On the 24th, I journeyed to Kansas City in the same State, a distance of 278 miles from St. Louis; and there I was entertained by the Orient Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as well as, on the 26th, by the Ivanhoe Lodge of Kansas City, one of the largest Private — or, as they are there termed, Subordinate — Lodges in the United States. After being present at the dedication of a new portion of the very spacious and striking Ivanhoe Temple, I attended a very large meeting of the Lodge to witness the Ceremony of Raising, in the presence of the Grand Master, the 4,000th Mason now a subscribing member of Ivanhoe Lodge. Throughout my week in the State of Missouri, I was accompanied by the Grand Master to every Masonic gathering; and I am grateful for all the help he gave.

"Late on the night of April 26th, after the Ivanhoe Ceremony, I went forward to the State of Iowa; and, after being heartily welcomed on the way at Marshalltown by the Brethren of the Marshall Lodge, I proceeded to Cedar Rapids, the well-known Masonic centre of the Jurisdiction. In that city, I witnessed some Iowa working at the Crescent Lodge, in the presence of over two thousand Brethren from different parts of the State; visited twice the Iowa Masonic Library, a very fine Institution which impressed me as admirably designed and managed; attended a meeting of the Grand Master's Advisory Council by his special invitation; was entertained with the leading Brethren by the Grand Master; and that night went on to Chicago to be greeted by the Brethren of Illinois. After two days in Chicago, where my pleasant experiences were repeated and even emphasised, being specially welcomed by the Grand Master and his leading Colleagues in the Illinois Jurisdiction, with his District Deputies, I journeyed on the night of May 1st to Columbus to be met by the Brethren of Ohio, headed by their Grand Master, with the same cordial enthusiasm that had accompanied me throughout the journey. In this last city, I addressed, under the presidency of the Grand Master, a gathering of about 2,000 Masons, assembled from all parts of the Jurisdiction. The next morning I visited the New England Lodge at Worthington, one of the oldest Lodges in the State, where an Emergent Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was convened to greet me; and it was due alone to the sudden and severe illness of his eldest son, that I did not have a promised interview with the State Governor.

"On the evening of May 3rd, I ended my fourteen days' visit to the Middle West, in the course of which I had travelled by rail and motor car

over 3,000 miles, including five night journeys, and had spoken in ten Masonic centres of activity. Any record of this part of my tour would not be complete if I did not mention the very great pains that were taken by the various Grand Masters to ensure my convenience, as in each instance I was greeted, before leaving one Jurisdiction, by the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Marshal of the one next to be visited, and was escorted by him to my destination, a mark of regard which was very highly appreciated.

"After resting two days, I attended the Grand Lodge of New York on May 6th and 7th, and gave thereat the message from your Royal Highness with which I was charged. Not only was my welcome from this very large gathering of the heartiest, but 'the Grand Master's Family'—as the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the State are known, corresponding very closely to our Grand Officers Mess—gave on their own account a Most cordial greeting. On the 13th, I paid a visit to Baltimore in order to address the Grand Lodge of Maryland, where the Grand Master and his Brethren paid me special honour; and, on the following day, I went to Elizabethtown to inspect the very extensive and excellently arranged Pennsylvania Masonic Home. The next day I returned to New York to be welcomed at a special banquet by the National Masonic Service Association of the United States, at which attended representatives of Grand Lodges in distant parts of the Union whom I had not previously had the opportunity to meet; while, on the following night, there was a reception in my honour at Newark to the most active Masons of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey. This concluded the formal portion of my Masonic stay, though on May 20th I was the guest in New York of the leading Brethren of that Jurisdiction who, nearly two months earlier, had similarly entertained me, and who throughout had given me the warmest sympathy and support, as well as afforded the fullest aid and information.

"During the tour, I had the honour to present, by your Royal Highness's command, the newly-struck official badge of a Representative from a friendly Grand Lodge to the United Grand Lodge of England, to six distinguished American Brethren who had not previously received this mark of honourable distinction. These were the Grand Lodge Representatives of the Jurisdictions of New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. In every case, the presentation was made in the presence, and with the expressed approval, of the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction; and in each it was welcomed by the assembled Brethren, as well as by the Brother immediately concerned, with open manifestation of approval and enjoyment.

"It will afford an indication of the extent of Masonic territory covered during the Mission if there be given, according to the latest available official statistics, the membership of the various Grand Lodges visited in its course:—

New York.....	299,034
Illinois.....	259,573
Pennsylvania.....	193,650
Ohio.....	179,788
Massachusetts.....	115,585
Missouri.....	107,041
Iowa.....	83,871
New Jersey.....	78,469
Maryland.....	30,993
District of Columbia.....	21,132

Thus decidedly more than one million and a quarter American Brethren were addressed through their respective Grand Lodges and Grand Masters.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

" Since my return home, I have had both time and opportunity to consider generally what I had learned from this visit to the United States; and the chief lesson I drew from all my experiences — and this is a counsel to be given to Brethren on both sides of the Atlantic — was to avoid hasty judgments formed on first impressions. In regard to such differences as are plainly visible between the system of Grand Lodge and Lodge government in the United States and our own Jurisdiction — differences, it is ever to be understood, in degree but not in doctrine — national characteristics and local circumstances always and most steadily have to be borne in mind. A marked divergence in national psychology accounts for the one difference which to the Englishman is most apparent, and that is that what we as Masons present to the mind's eye is in America represented to the bodily vision. It is impossible openly to speak more on so delicate a matter; but I would record the opinion that the manner in which the dramatic story of our earliest-known workings has developed into the acted drama now seen across the Atlantic, demands closest study from those Masons, both English and American, who desire to know what are the differences in practice here and there, and how and why they arose.

" When such a study is undertaken, it would always have to be with full realization of the temperamental and psychological differences between the English and the American peoples — differences more easily observed than accounted for. It would be difficult to explain why the English Brother who is as scrupulous to conceal marks of his Masonry from the outside world as his American Brother is ready to display them, and who in his Masonic observances is as reticent of emotion as the American is ready with drama, should have in Craft Masonry a far more ornate display and difference of Clothing, whether in Grand Lodge or Private Lodge, than is used by the overwhelming body of Symbolic or Blue Masons in the United States. This is a problem which affects us all; but there also are problems which directly touch American Lodges alone, as there are those which directly touch English Lodges alone. Concerning these, which, at the most, are non-essential in their basis, it is well that each body should exercise both toleration and patience, and not seek to impose its opinions, even by implication, the one on the other.

" As to Masonic practice generally, American Masons appear to pay a degree of deference to the precise words of James Anderson on constitutional points, and of William Preston on points of practice, which English Brethren who have studied those eighteenth century Masonic writers at closest hand are unprepared to share. In this country, we do not regard either as an infallible authority; and our belief is that much of our strength has come from having been able to differentiate with clearness between what in them is of permanent value and what personal opinion.

" But it is always to be borne in mind that the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions which exist in the United States are entirely independent of each other, having no central authority, acting on their own regulations, and by their own methods of government, within their several boundaries. As a consequence, the composition of the various Grand Lodges, the method of selection of the several Grand Masters, and even the term of service of these high officers, vary greatly with the Jurisdictions, just as does the working of the Private or Subordinate Lodges.

" Amid much that is strange and often exuberant, the fraternal observer cannot fail to be impressed not only by the skill and assiduity with which, despite extraneous attractions, the concerns of American Symbolic Lodges are managed, and the zeal and ability with which their leaders promulgate the genuine principles and tenets of Freemasonry, but by the almost limitless patience the Brethren display in the discharge of their Masonic work. This last characteristic is the more noteworthy in face of the overwhelmingly large size of very many of the Lodges; but it is good to recognize

the keen sense of order displayed within the doors of the Grand Lodges and Private Lodges alike, while the strict regard paid to the presiding officer is voluntary discipline of the best kind. It further is well not only to note but to appreciate the keen interest in Masonic problems, both practical and philosophic, and the informed concern with Masonic questions of international interest, manifested by the foremost Brethren in the Jurisdictions I visited.

"There is, however, one striking difference in Grand Lodge methods of government which aroused my keen attention, and appears worthy of our consideration. Even in the largest American Jurisdictions, no such divisions exist for purposes of local self-government as our Provincial or District Grand Lodges; but the supervision of the Lodges is undertaken, and their discipline directly maintained, by a system of District Deputy Grand Masters. Each of these has a comparatively, though varying, small number of Lodges given directly into his charge during his term of office, which may, or may not, be for longer than a year. The District Deputy Grand Master is held responsible for visiting every Lodge under his charge during the year, and reporting on its work to the Grand Master, who in many cases meets these officers of his own appointment before each Grand Lodge Communication, and enjoins them as to their duties and the manner in which good results can be obtained. To some extent, this is done in many of our Provinces by a system of visitation under the Provincial Grand Master's special direction. But that system is not universal, and, in any case, it does not apply to London; and, therefore, a closer examination of the American plan, with an attempt to estimate its full value, would, I believe, be of much use to ourselves.

"Two phases of American Masonic activity are especially to be noted—the great and growing exercise of benevolence and the ardent expansion of Temple building. In each case American Masons mainly rely on a Grand Lodge levy rather than on the voluntary system; though individual gifts, and especially for benevolent objects, are many and munificent. I had the privilege of visiting the Masonic Homes of Pennsylvania, Missouri, and Ohio, at Elizabethtown, St. Louis, and Springfield respectively, while only pressure of time prevented me from inspecting the great New York Institution at Utica. At each of these, girls, boys, and aged Freemasons and their widows and other dependent female relations have their separate Homes, situated within the same area; and all are splendidly looked after. It would be impossible in so vast a country as the United States to have three centralised Institutions such as we possess in England; but there is a growing tendency to erect these Homes in Jurisdictions where they have not previously existed, and to extend such as are already in full work. New York, indeed, at the Grand Lodge Communication I attended, determined to make a very strong effort in the way of extension.

"One other phase of what may be termed Masonic aid-work demands note and attention. In various American Jurisdictions there have been established Masonic Bureaus, Masonic Relief Boards, and Masonic Service Associations. Certain of these appear to exercise the functions here attempted to be covered by Employment Exchanges and Friendly Societies; and the first-named are an extension of Masonic effort into the relationship of employer and employed which invites careful investigation. It is claimed for these bodies that they have earned the confidence of both sides to the labour problem; and their existence and energies are not to be ignored.

"In regard to Temple building, American effort is not confined to the large and splendid edifices which are being erected all over the country for individual Lodges and Grand Lodges, but is extended to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. This last great building, when complete, will cost over a million pounds, the main portion being raised by a levy of one dollar on every subscribing member of an American Lodge,

on approval of the project by its Grand Lodge. It is being erected not far from Mount Vernon, Virginia, the first President's home, and near the town of Alexandria, where he was the earliest Master of the Alexandria Washington Lodge, still in existence, of which he remained a working member to the end. The edifice will form a central rallying point and place of pilgrimage for American Masons wherever dispersed; and it is regarded as truly symbolising the unity of American Freemasonry.

"But a very great difficulty that often presents itself to the visiting Englishman, and one with which from instinct he is out of sympathy, arises from the extremely varied and remarkably strong bodies in the United States which, though not directly, are in some way associated with Freemasonry. In this regard, considerations of *genius populi* as well as *genius loci* must always be held in mind; and it would be unseemly to dogmatize regarding detailed matters which immediately concern Masonic organizations not our own. But, without attempting to enter into particulars respecting individual semi-Masonic or pseudo-Masonic American bodies, I would definitely state the opinion that Masonry, as we know it here, stands in no need of extraneous organisations over which the authorities of the Craft have no control, but for the practices of which Freemasonry generally is apt by the outside world to be held responsible. I, therefore, am strongly of opinion that the Rulers and Administrators of the Craft would be well advised to watch with the closest attention any attempts to introduce similar bodies into the English Jurisdiction.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE WELCOME.

"In the course of the visit, I was made an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, a distinction never previously conferred on any Brother not an American, and only on one of that country. The same honour was accorded in the Jurisdiction of Missouri, in which my only predecessors in Honorary Membership were three, two being the great French soldier and patriot, Lafayette, who assisted materially to secure American independence, and his son, both of whom received the honour in 1825; and the other being Past Grand Master Jonathan Nye, of Vermont, in 1842, for distinguished services rendered to Freemasonry during the Morgan upheaval, which for a time threatened the very existence of the Craft in the United States. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri likewise voted its Honorary Membership, while the Brevet Rank of Senior Grand Warden was conferred in the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and Massachusetts presented the Henry Price Medal, the highest honour that Grand Lodge gives to one who is not a Mason of the State.

"Regarding my welcome generally, for the continuous warmth of which sincere thanks are rendered to every American Brother of whatever Masonic rank who assisted to greet me, I will not attempt to distinguish between the hosts. But I feel bound to acknowledge, with profound gratitude, the recognition, given everywhere of the country from which I came, and of which, in a distinct degree, I was regarded as a representative. In every gathering I attended — Masonic, public, and social alike — the Union Jack was flown side by side with the Stars and Stripes, and the English National Anthem was sung as well as the American. Even as an act of courtesy to one from afar, it moved me deeply: as a token of widespread desire for better understanding through fuller intercourse between our two peoples, it filled me with hope.

"These were the outward and visible signs of a greeting which was given me as directly representing the United Grand Lodge of England. In that capacity I made clear to every Grand Lodge addressed what were the fundamental principles for which our body stands, and from which, in no circumstance, will it depart. To each I gave an unqualified assurance that the United Grand Lodge of England stands as firmly as it ever did by the principle of reverent and absolute recognition of an Almighty Being, with

a revelation of His will; and that it was never less likely than now to depart from this fundamental base. I am rejoiced to state that every Masonic gathering addressed gave the most cordial and ungrudging assent to the principles thus defined; and I returned with the full assurance that the American Freemasonry we recognise in its various Jurisdictions, is as true as is English Masonry to the essential principles and tenets of the Craft.

"Almost daily now, testimonies come from leading Brethren in every Jurisdiction visited, from Massachusetts to Maryland in the East, and from Missouri to Ohio in the West, that they believe this Mission has cemented more closely the ties which bind English and American Freemasonry. They declare that their Brethren stand, where they always have stood, side by side with English Freemasons on the fundamental principles of the Craft; and they hold with us that, as long as English-speaking Masons do not swerve from these principles but maintain them to the utmost, Freemasonry will be a great and growing influence for good in the world's affairs. If, in any degree, my visit has served to deepen and widen the belief in our essential principles, its main object — that of bringing American and English Freemasonry into closer relationship — will have been fully attained.

(Signed) ALFRED ROBBINS, P. G. W.,
President Board of General Purposes."

London, 1st August, 1924.

FLORIDA, 1924.

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 24,228; net gain, 1,537. There are 246 active lodges on the roll. There were present nine Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Ware, for Maine.

M. W. Brother John L. Hall, Grand Master, in opening his annual report makes mention of a fact, which is probably true of every Grand Jurisdiction "that the names of the men who were most active in the formative period of our State" were also the names of those most prominently identified with Masonry. Certainly this holds true of our State of Maine, and a few of our lodges are named for earlier Governors of Maine.

On the Necrology Roll are the names of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Cephas L. Wilson and Charles W. Johnson, with several other eminent fraters distinguished like them for service to the State and Nation.

Among the Grand Master's pleasant and constructive duties during the year, were the constituting of two, and the instituting of five, new lodges. Ten corner-stone ceremonials were conducted during his term of office.

He denied dispensation for participation of lodges in Fourth of July and Armistice Day parades, and recommends that a definite policy in such matters be adopted for guidance in the future. It is a little difficult to understand at this distance why these dispensations were denied, if there was not some definite understanding, if not clear constitutional policy and principle for the guidance of the Grand Master, and upon which he acted. With us it is a principle, so clear and definite, that very seldom are such requests preferred to the Grand Master, and then almost invariably refused.

There were forty-three "Decisions," each one being printed as a question and answer and many of them would be called rulings, or interpretation of Masonic law with us. All, however, are based in good Masonic law and custom and common sense.

A resolution looking toward the codifying of the digest, with a comprehensive index was adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee endorsed the Grand Master in his action denying dispensation for participation in public parades, and Grand Lodge adopted a regulation to the effect that except for Masonic funerals, cornerstone ceremonials, and St. John's Day services and celebrations there should be no display of Masonic regalia in public processions.

Obviously some Masonic journal has been rather "overdoing" or misstating things, for we find a resolution withdrawing endorsement from any newspaper, or magazine of "a Masonic or alleged Masonic character." In the resolution is a provision that the Grand Secretary notify such journals of this action, and request such to discontinue or withdraw any "advertisements or notices claiming endorsement by this Grand Lodge."

A special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence announced the principles and rules which should govern that committee in the fraternal recognition of other Grand Lodges. These rules and principles are the usual and familiar ones which have obtained with the majority of conservative jurisdictions for many decades.

An "Oration" by Brother Stafford Caldwell, drafted at the eleventh hour because of the illness of the official Grand Orator, was on the pregnant theme, "Freemasonry's Interest in Education." It was a masterly and thoughtful message, full of memorable sentences and inspiring appeals. The essence of it was that in spreading Light of Truth, the Fraternity must stand back of the American Public School system, which in an historical and vital sense, was a birth of the Fraternity.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home gave a report covering several pages of the Proceedings, which shows this institution carefully administered and soundly financed. It is the pride and joy of the Craftsmen of Florida.

Under a regulation adopted at this communication lodges must have their annual reports in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least forty-five days before the Grand Lodge sessions under penalty of a five dollar fine.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the efficient and seasoned hand of M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright, P. G. M. It contains two hundred and twenty pages of good instructive and constructive material which repays careful reading and thought. What he calls "a tail wagging conclusion," contains some of the best and most illuminating of his writing. He deals with such matters as physical perfection, noting the progressive changes which are being made in many Grand Jurisdictions in this regard, with the Ku Klux Klan, and the varying attitudes from severe condemnation to utterly ignoring that organization, by the different Grand Masters of the United States. The High Degrees and English Language in Public

Schools are both dealt with in a broad and vigorous fashion by Brother Wright. Of the latter he says that while we must "accept the decisions of the highest court in the land, but certainly take the liberty of disagreeing with those jurists of the court, and agree with the two members of the court who filed dissenting opinions." This dissenting opinion is printed at the end of his remarks on the subject.

Maine is generously considered in three pages of constructive and commendatory comment. Grand Master Spear is cited by the use of his strong and trenchant words on using the ballot for personal retaliation or revenge, and is cordially approved in his vigorous language anent the Klan.

Several paragraphs of Brother Wright's report deals with your reviewers' views on various Masonic subjects, but as their is no criticism we suppose their is cordial agreement on his part.

It has been a pleasure, and I had almost said, a kind of liberal education to con these two hundred pages of one who not only knows how to write clear and sinewy English, but to think clearly and profoundly on Masonic topics and issues.

GEORGIA, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 67,842. There are 682 "live, working units of the Grand Lodge," which graphic quotation is taken from the Grand Secretary's report for 1923. There were present ten Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-six jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother W. F. Bowe, for Maine.

This jurisdiction has lost two pillars of Masonic strength in the death during the year of M. W. Brothers Rev. J. M. Rushin (Past Grand Treasurer), and Past Grand Master Brother Max Meyerhardt.

M. W. Grand Master Joe P. Bowdoin, in his annual report deals at considerable length with the needs and opportunities of the Masonic Home, outlining its present limitations and giving plans and policies for the wider extension of its service.

Grand Master Bowdoin arrested the charter of one lodge, who so far departed from Masonic law and usage, as to petition the State Prison Commission for the pardon of one of its members. The papers carried the usual flouting headlines, such as "Masons to Petition for Pardon of—" "Lebanon Lodge Will Appear as an Organization Before Prison Commission." It appears that the associated press carried the story throughout the United States, much to the scandal of Masonry. From the facts as they appear in the report of the Grand Master, we are of opinion, nay more, conviction, that he did absolutely right in the premises.

He arrested the charters of seven other lodges because of their moribund condition, and says that he rather expects to see an increase in this condition in the remote country places as there is a decided tendency in these days of good roads and automobiles to concentrate in the larger towns and cities.

Under "The Dead of Sister Jurisdictions," we read the names of two of our own best and noblest, M. W. Brothers Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund B. Mallet.

A busy year of masonic service was indicated by the dedication of three temples, the constitution of eight new lodges, the laying of twenty-two corner stones and innumerable official visitations.

Grand Master Bowdoin endorses in emphatic terms the work and aims of DeMolay, and says "many chapters should be organized within the next year."

Last year Georgia instituted a monthly message from the Grand Master to all the constituent lodges, and in his report he asserts that this has been a success. It is something rather unique in Grand Lodge circles but its success in Georgia suggests that it might be profitably employed on a wider scale.

Under "Foreign Correspondent" we emphatically agree with him, that W. Bro. Raymond Daniel "is the best of all the States, and that he is a jewel among the precious gems." Local loyalty like that must be an encouragement and inspiration for what is sometimes a kind of thankless job and taken by the brethren as a matter of routine labor.

At the conclusion of his address the Grand Master was excused from the sessions in order that he might be present and participate in the ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Memorial.

The Jurisprudence Committee gave a broad and humane interpretation to the physical qualification law in the Code, which is very like our own recently adopted in Maine. The same committee forbids the use of so-called Masonic ciphers, keys and written work of a secret character, any member "so offending shall be charged with gross un-masonic conduct" and subject to trial and conviction by either suspension or expulsion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence refused recognition to the Grand Lodge of Argentine and deferred the request of Guatemala. The same committee submitted a report outlining the basis upon which fraternal recognition should be granted to other Grand Lodges, which basis accords with our own ideas and the practice of this Grand Lodge of Maine for many years.

The full ceremonies of commissioning M. W. Brother N. H. Ballard, Past Grand Master, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, are printed in full, with the words of the presentation by R. W. Raymond Daniel and the reply of Brother Ballard make interesting and informing reading.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia created the office of "Director of Masonic Welfare" whose duty it shall be to uphold the true Masonic spirit, create harmony, and be of general assistance to the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge. It strikes us as a worth-while departure and we expect will produce those intangible, but no less real results, which cannot be estimated in material ways. The same committee realizing how archaic and out of touch with modern thought much of the old language

in the Funeral Ritual is, suggests a committee on revision of the Ritual, which committee will report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary is called by a kind of mixed figure of speech in one short sentence, "a giant, a bulwark and a beacon light." We believe Bro. Frank F. Baker, Grand Secretary, to be all this, but not all at once, else the age of most monstrous miracles has come again and we go back to the time of what Shakespeare called "the anthropophagi."

Grand Master Bowdoin receives a more consistent compliment, "Sweetest sentiments come to us as we mention his name," what finer tribute could be paid to any one of us than that, the odor of living violets is around it, not the cold claminess of dead immortelles. Long may his life flourish in such fragrance of friendship and his name live in immortal green.

The first thing this correspondent does when he opens the annual proceedings of Georgia, is to turn at once to one of the most distinctive and personality flavored reports on Foreign Correspondence by W. Bro. Raymond Daniel. Georgia is fortunate in having such a correspondent who is able in short compass to get the gist and essence of these annual proceedings. His Foreword under the title "The Period of Performance" rings with Masonic conviction and prophecy. He deals with such topics as the world war as bringing the dawn of awakening to the Fraternity, and points to the time when this awakening shall yield fruitage in performance which is even now commencing in the Masonic world. Yes, we can see unmistakable signs and glimpses of this and it is not too much to say that some future historian will record our era as that of practical service in the field of Masonic labor, for we are even now seeing the challenging tasks and opportunities that are confronting us and the evidence is broadcast everywhere, in every Grand Lodge, that sends to this table its annual proceedings, that we are leaving the old and entering into the new field of creative labor and practical Masonic fulfillment of our theories and fraternal ideals and dreams. "So God fulfills Himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

Maine receives many compliments on its doings and legislation. Grand Master Spear is frequently quoted and commended. The Klan letter of M. W. Brother Spear is cited at considerable length and his position is cordially commended and confirmed by Brother Daniel.

This correspondent for Maine bows his head in blushful appreciation of his word that his report "is one of the biggest, broadest and best we have seen in years. His splendid work is of a character that will grow even more distinguished and brilliant." Something to grow to, surely; and to try to justify in the coming years. Such a word gives us courage and inspiration, and we appreciate it beyond the telling in words.

Two excellent Masonic Essays are printed in the conclusion of the report, one by M. W. Bro. Louis Block of Iowa, on "Masonry and Modern Life," which is familiar to us from the Iowa proceedings, the other entitled, "A Masonic Menace from Within" which pricks many an inflated Masonic bubble and brings our pretensions up with a round turn; the core of both excellent essays is the truth of Emerson applied to the Masonry of every man of us, "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived."

IDAHO, 1924.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,500; net gain, 364. Number of lodge on roll, 77. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-five jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Victor Peterson for Maine, who is the present M. W. Grand Master of this noble jurisdiction.

The M. W. Grand Master of Washington, Brother Robert C. McCroskey, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Morton Gregory, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, Horace W. Tyler, were introduced and cordially welcomed to the Grand East, while later in these annual sessions these distinguished fraters made instructive and cordial address of greeting and goodwill.

Grand Master Victor Peterson in opening his address makes reference to the vicissitudes of Masonry in the city of Lewiston, where a lodge was established sixty-one years ago which soon became extinct, its charter having been given up before the Grand Lodge of Idaho was organized. We learn that "Lewiston was then an outfitting place for miners, with a small and changing population." This settlement has since become one of the strong and populous cities of the State, although it is the first time that the Grand Lodge has held its Annual Communication there.

The Grand Master gives a brief but adequate account of the ceremonial at the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial; he also speaks a good word for the M. S. A.

Among his pleasant duties was the issuing of dispensations for two new lodges, the laying of one corner-stone, and the dedicating of a new Masonic temple. A suggestion that there has been some "goings on" is contained in the following: "In accordance with the recommendation that I appoint a committee to investigate the conduct of Masons attending Ceremonials of the Shrine and certain other meetings, I have appointed, etc." We rather think it was time, from last year's account, and maybe we shall see a little later in this review what the committee appointed has to say about these discreditable affairs which so agitated the Grand Lodge last year.

His "Decisions" all seem in accord with the usual Masonic practice, although one or two would be looked at askance by us in Maine, but "other lands, other laws" probably holds good between Masonic Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master endorses the Fort Bayard work, as "a noble undertaking."

Under "Condition of the Lodges" he tells us that some few of these have felt the discord arising over the Klan, and we agree with him when he avers: "For any Mason to pretend that there is a connection between the Klan and Masonry, is reprehensible, and cannot but be condemned."

Altogether our Grand Representative's report as M. W. Grand Master of Idaho, is a business-like, and in many passages an eloquent document, which it has been a delight to read and marks him as one of the strong personalities of the present Grand Masters in the United States, and Maine deems itself happy and honored in having the name of M. W. Bro.

Victor Peterson on our roster as Grand Representative, and to him we send cordial fraternal greetings and best wishes.

The Grand Lodge of Denmark was recognized, and the request of Czecho-Slovak, was deferred for further inquiry.

During the afternoon of the second day of this annual communication, the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone at the University of Idaho, with full ceremonials, a brief account is given in these proceedings, which indicate that it was an inspiring event as it will long survive in the memories, and be preserved in the annals of the Craftsmen.

But, we are doomed to disappointment in the matter of a report from the Grand Master's special committee on the "Didoes of the Shrine." We have searched in vain for that report through these proceedings, perhaps the committee like the wife of Tam O'Shanter, "is nursing wrath to keep it warm," and we shall have a scathing, scalding outpouring next year, and we will hope it will raise the hair of the offending scapegraces of the Mystic Shrine.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the first annual review of R. W. Brother John W. Shore, who reviews sixty-six jurisdictions. Brother Shore succeeds R. W. Brother George E. Knepper, whose writing and fraternal correspondence we have always enjoyed. We send hearty greeting and cordial welcome to his honored successor in this office in Idaho. He voices the experience of every reviewer when he says that after reading the annual proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions, he "is impressed with the tremendous fund of information given and the wealth of knowledge displayed." He then urges the brethren to read and consider and digest these reports, which some few choice spirits will eagerly do, while others of less ethereal soul will pass them by as many materially minded and dulled souled men will the violets of the spring time and the melody of the woodland thrush.

It is not too much to say that Brother Shore's first review is in every way worthy of his predecessor in the office, which is indeed high, but wholly warranted praise.

Maine comes in for judicious commendation. Grand Master Spear is given praise for "an address virile and outspoken in character." We like Brother Shore's way of using his own language, and not resorting to extended quotations to fill up his review. We get the flavor of his personality, for as Sainte Beuve said "style is the man," and there is something more than the usual commonplace language employed by him in expressing his ideas and views on these Masonic subjects. We hope to enjoy this type and kind of work in future reviews.

ILLINOIS, 1924.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 271,374; net gain, 11,736. Number of lodges on roll, 961. There were present nine Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of sixty-three jurisdictions, including ours of Maine, R. W. Bro. Amos Pettibone.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur E. Wood, presented his annual report, a brief and business-like document, with the routine duties of his office well arranged. We learn that among his pleasant duties were fourteen corner-stone ceremonials, six dedications, the constituting of sixteen and the instituting of eighteen, new lodges.

Grand Master Wood pays tender tribute to Daniel G. Fitzgerrell, Past Grand Master of only four years ago. There is a full page photograph of this eminent Illinois Craftsmen whose administration we reviewed in this annual report four years ago. The face is that of a gentle, yet virile manhood, with something of the scholar indicated therein. Another pillar of strength was R. W. Brother Henry E. Hamilton, a P. S. G. W., a mason for upward of fifty-eight years. We learn also that "he attended the sessions of our Grand Lodge longer and more continuously than any other one living or dead."

Chicago had the privilege of entertaining Sir Alfred Robbins (P. G. W.), President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England; a clear picture of this eminent English Craftsman adorns the pages of these Proceedings, and a brief account is given of his memorable visit.

Grand Master Wood has a few crisp and telling words to utter respecting, lotteries and raffles for raising funds for lodges, saying that such things bring reproach and disrepute upon Masonry. He issued an effective edict against such practices and we learn, "I am happy to say that observance of this edict has been general throughout the state."

Regarding the use of the black ball he rightly says, "that it is the right and privilege of every Master Mason to use it at his own discretion; yet I feel that a word of caution should be given against the indiscriminate and prejudiced use of this power."

He had the unpleasant and unwelcome duty of disciplining several lodges and brethren; there was one especially flagrant case of a Worshipful Master who represented himself in a town as a single man, who had a wife and children living in Chicago. He was summarily removed by the Grand Master from office.

Grand Master Wood believes and advocates that at least 125 names of members should be on any petition for a dispensation for a new lodge, and that each shall have deposited ten dollars, as \$1,250.00 is none too much for a lodge to start with as a sound financial proposition, and as a strong organization "which will naturally take more pains to scrutinize applicants, and in that way secure a better class of candidates." Which is good counsel and sound wisdom.

Among his recommendations is one that annual dues in towns and cities under 50,000 population shall be fixed at a sum not less than five dollars and in cities over that number at not less than ten dollars. He also recommends the budget system in administering the affairs of each lodge.

The Annual Proceedings give four photographs of temples dedicated during the year, each one an impressive and dignified specimen of architecture.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Missouri, M. W. Brother Joseph S. McIntyre, and R. W. Brother Frank Jesse, were introduced and accorded the Grand Honors, and both replied with brief speeches of greeting and cordial felicitations.

A comprehensive report is given of The Masonic Orphans' Home, which shows that institution effectively managed and its finances carefully administered. The same is true of the Masonic Home at Sullivan.

An "Oration" by Bro. Henry Horner, Grand Orator, gives a fascinatingly interesting account of the office and the various brethren, who through the generations, have filled the office; among these we read among other eminent names that of the First Grand Orator in 1840, Stephen A. Douglas. There is mention of the Lincoln-Douglas debates and the early relationship of these two giants of earlier statesmanship in Illinois. Other names of early Grand Orators are those of James A. McDougall, at one time Attorney General of Illinois; Horace S. Cooley, Secretary of State; General John M. Palmer and a score of others equally well known and famous men of the State. Adlai E. Stevenson, Vice President of the United States was Orator in 1896.

As greatly as we miss the name of Delmar D. Darrah as Fraternal Correspondent, we are pleased to greet and welcome his successor, R. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, who submits his first annual review. In a brief "Foreword" Brother Beach speaks of the almost liberal Masonic education which results from a perusal of the annual proceedings of Grand Lodges. Under "Physical Qualifications" he avers that there is a more liberal tendency in nearly all Grand Lodges, an observation which accords with our own experience within the past few years.

Maine is generously and graciously considered by this reviewer in nearly three pages of worth-while reading regarding our doings.

It is an illuminating commentary of our Annual Communication; sparing in citation, R. W. Bro. Beach touches the pivotal and salient things with a facile pen and kindly heart. M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear, Grand Master, is uniformly commended in his words and actions and our whole procedure seemed to merit his approbation. An extended passage from this reviewer's correspondence report is given, while he is commended for presenting "an interesting and valuable report."

We shall hope to know and regard Brother Beach with each succeeding year as these reports come from his hand, but we regret the absence of his predecessor, Delmar D. Darrah, whom we loved and admired as an able writer, a well-informed Craftsman, and a man of keen Masonic scholarship and acumen.

INDIANA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 120,973; net gain, 3,899. Number of lodges, 559. We learn, also that the smallest lodge has a membership of twenty-six, while the largest lodge numbers 2,408 members.

There were present twenty Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives

of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, for Maine, who is also Grand Fraternal Correspondent for Indiana.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Chas. A. Lippincott, in opening his annual address made reference to the M. S. A. as rendering a useful service to the Craft, but said, "I am not ready to recommend that our Grand Lodge affiliate and I doubt whether the expense of operating is justified by the results so far achieved."

Under the topic "Lawlessness" he refers to lodges that are harboring brethren guilty of unmasonic conduct in breaking laws of the state and nation, and urges all such to do their duty and clear the Fraternity "from the stain of aiding or encouraging any man" in such courses.

He calls attention to the "Fellowship Forum" (Washington, D. C.) as a Klan organ, which "misrepresents Masonry" in the Nation's Capitol. In which this reviewer believes that he is right when he says, "The Grand Lodge should make it evident to every member of the Craft in its jurisdiction that this preposterous, impudent, audacious assumption is utterly without foundation in fact." Of the Klan, Grand Master Lippincott says a few pungent and telling words, "a determined effort has been made to identify Masonry with the Klan, and that this effort has succeeded to such an extent that many Masons, as well as many non-masons, have been led to think that Masonry is in some way affiliated with the Klan."

He also punctures the old familiar saying, "Once a Mason, always a Mason" by showing the fallacy and utter absurdity of such an assertion.

Among his "Decisions" is one to the effect that a lodge resolution upon the question of immigration was out of place and denied both the principle and spirit of the Fraternity by the introduction and controversy about a political question regarding which equally sincere and honest men might differ in opinion and conviction. Surely every citizen has ample and free opportunity, whether a Mason or otherwise, to register those convictions in another place, with the exercise of the prerogative of every American.

During his term he dedicated five Halls and Temples, constituted three new lodges, laid the corner-stones of six Masonic Temples, and for thirteen other buildings of a public character, mostly Schools and Churches.

Under "Necrology" we see the names, as if gleaming with hallowed light, of two of our own noblest and best, M. W. Brothers Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet, both Past Grand Masters of Maine.

In the Grand Secretary's report we notice an item to the effect that there have been during the year fifty expulsions and twenty-one suspensions for unmasonic conduct, and with him, we see in this a real and positive effort to rid the Fraternity of encumbrances and poor building material, which can only weaken and discredit the structure.

Many pages of these Proceedings are given to a careful and business-like accounting of the administration of the Masonic Home, which contrary to the usual fact, is both readable and informing. We find the financing sound and the affairs efficiently handled by the Directors and Superintendent.

The Jurisprudence Committee, (with one exception, which is a local

matter) commends the actions, legislative and judicial and executive of the Grand Master.

The Committee on Correspondence recognized Guatemala, but deferred action in the case of Agentine. Grand Lodge adopted both recommendations.

The General Washington Johnston Memorial was duly dedicated in honor of one whose life was devoted to the Craft; among his distinguished services we learn that he was the Father of Masonry in Indiana Territory, and in March of the year 1809 constituted the first lodge and founded the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Indiana on December 3, 1817. A pen sketch of the memorial, twenty-five feet in height, a delicate marble shaft, is included in the graphic account of the ceremonial.

The Jurisprudence Committee tacitly recognized DeMolay by saying, "a subordinate lodge may permit the Order of DeMolay to hold its meetings in Masonic quarters over which the lodge has jurisdiction, but which are not used by the lodge in any manner for ritualistic work or other Masonic purposes." This might be called gaining a kind of toe-hold in Indiana and it would be easy to prophesy the ultimate result of this action.

The same committee did just right in our idea of things by refusing to reinstate a man who had been for thirty-five years under suspension for non-payment of dues who had made in all that time no effort to regain his Masonic good standing.

The Eleventh Annual Review on Fraternal Correspondence is from the hand of R. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, and covers fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions.

Prone to extended quotation, he is yet vital in these selections, taking as in the case of our own Grand Master Albert M. Spear, the real pith and marrow of the address, or official report of some committee.

Maine is seven-eighths excerpt, but there are kindly, but brief words of commendation. Your correspondent is praised for "a very complete and interesting report on Correspondence. Indiana for 1922 is thoroughly covered."

IOWA, 1924.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 83,871; net gain, 2,466. There are 647 lodges on the roll. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Milo J. Gabriel, made fitting mention of the real Masonic service rendered by such eminent leaders as M. W. Bro. Thomas Lambert, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Brother D. D. Carlton, Past Grand Treasurer.

Grand Master Gabriel notes the usual decrease this year in the majority of Grand Lodges, over the rather phenomenal gains of the years during and immediately following the war, but believes that such a "steady and consistent growth of the last year points significantly to the fact that the quality of our membership is regarded with greater concern than increasing our strength numerically."

Among the pleasant and constructive duties of his term was the constituting of three, and the organizing under dispensation, of four, new lodges. Six new temples were dedicated, while fourteen corner-stone ceremonies were conducted during the year.

In a careful and rather studiously guarded way he says of the Klan, "I can in no wise officially sanction a movement that tends to array man against man, notwithstanding the fact that many planks in their platform may appeal to some Masons."

The visit of Sir Alfred and Lady Robbins is duly commended by the Grand Master, as an event which will serve to cement the bonds of friendship and appreciative understanding between England and America. A good photograph of the distinguished visitor and his lady, is given in these annual Proceedings.

An event which he greatly appreciated was the privilege of conferring the third degree on his own son. This is the first time in the history of the Craft in Iowa that this has been done, and we learn that "it is the seventh occasion of its kind on record in the United States."

During his term he called upon the lodges to observe a Father and Son Meeting and Banquet, to which request many of the lodges responded. While there was some "misapprehension and fear" at so unprecedented an event we are assured that the affair was unqualifiedly successful in every lodge where it was tried. Because of his attitude in this regard, we are not surprised to find Grand Master Gabriel, an outspoken champion of the Order of DeMolay.

The Grand Lodge was chosen as the custodian of a trust fund of \$100,000.00, the bequest of Mrs. Lucille L. Blair (Ormond, Fla.) which fund is to be used for educating children that "are in circumstances warranting assistance." The father of Mrs. Blair, was for more than fifty years a member of the Order in Iowa. The Fund will be known by his name, the Charles Linderman Fund.

The Grand Librarian's report is a model of effective arrangement and filled with interesting and instructive matter. An artistic bookplate has been adopted by the Grand Lodge, a clear cut of this appearing in the report. A letter from Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, which reflects the kindly heart and discriminating taste of this distinguished Craftsman and Christian preacher is included in R. W. Brother Newton R. Parvin's report as Grand Librarian.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Sanitarium is a well articulated document, and shows the design and progress toward the end of establishing a Sanitarium for at least one hundred inmates, and what the report calls "the necessary attendants." They are planning on a net increase each year of ten per cent. which fact is based on the experience for a decade in other Grand Jurisdictions. \$200,000.00 is the minimum for such a building. \$600.00 per year is the expected cost per capita for each person. Which makes a tremendous total in the aggregate, but not a large sum for a great jurisdiction like Iowa, if that were all, but surely such a sum large as it is must be increasingly augmented, at accelerating speed

with each successive year. All this was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who recommended its adoption after some debate and demur.

A guest of the Grand Lodge was M. W. Bro. James D. Markham, Grand Master of Minnesota, who made an eloquent address on "Duties of Masons as Patriotic Citizens."

A resolution of thanks for the munificent gift of Mrs. Blair was offered by Brother C. C. Clark which is a well worded letter of appreciation to the donor, a copy of which will be engrossed and sent to her.

Rev. Brother Robert Tipton, a Past Grand Chaplain, delivered an address on the topic "Masonry and Progress," which outlines the close relationship between these two. The entire address is a plea to apply our Masonic teachings and principles to the burning issues and challenging needs and duties of our day. "Take Masonry seriously" is the gist and spirit of his oration. "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived," said Emerson and Brother Tipton enforces and illustrates this Emersonian dictum as applied to our Fraternity.

P. G. M. Brother Louis Block writes the usual strong correspondence report, prefacing it with the customary essay, or "Foreword" which this year is entitled "The Movement For Masonic Study." His "Afterword" makes another clear and sinewy literary gem on "Getting at the Meaning of the Ritual." Both are eloquent pleas that we as Masons shall realize that as the Great Christ said, there are words "which are spirit and life." That only as we penetrate beneath the outward symbol, and words are nothing else but symbols, do we touch the real and eternal meanings of Masonry, as indeed of Life itself. How much we do need to know, that, as the inspired Apostle said, "it is the letter which killeth, but the spirit which giveth life." Brother Block is driving at this tremendous truth in both these gleaming essays. No word has come to us that gets at the core and marrow of Masonry like these two brief "Fore and Aft Words" of his.

Among a full half dozen mistaken ideas of Masonry in his "Foreword," we select the fifth as illustrative of the whole:

"5. Another mistaken idea that sometimes seizes upon the minds of some of our members is that the organization exists for the purpose of *opposing* someone or somebody, of being *against* certain classes, creeds, or collections of individuals, when nothing is farther from the fact. Masonry is not an anti-society, not a 'ferninst-fraternity,' but it is a *for* society, a *pro* organization. It exists not for narrow negations, but to further certain great affirmations. It is not a destructive organization. It is a great creative, constructive and co-operative congregation of *builders*, and not a society of wreckers. Its tools are *working* tools. Not one of its allegorical implements has about it the slightest suggestion of any purpose to destroy, but each is eloquent of an impulse to create, and a desire to build."

That's the kind of thing that Louis Block drives into us, and many of us need it driven in "good and plenty." It will be seen from the above selection, which is so true and so well put, that we have for once broken our resolution not to give extended quotations,—that this Iowa Corres-

pondent belongs to what old Carlyle used to call the "seeing men." He is no utilitarian but "doth indeed bestride this narrow world like a Colossus" of Correspondents. It must be an exhilarating thing for a great jurisdiction like Iowa to find itself vocal, sometimes volcanically vocal and vibrant, as in these recent years by the writing of this man, whose opulent Masonic erudition and exuberant optimism for his fellow man is one of the outstanding features of the Masonic world.

But we must leave this kind of thing, and speak in more prosaic way of his treatment of Maine. Judged either by quantity or quality of writing Maine feels itself of some real and virile importance in the world of Masonic affairs. We are generously considered in over four pages of almost unqualified approbation and unstinted praise. Grand Master Spear is accorded three pages of comment and illustrative citation on such topics as physical qualifications, the K. K. K., Masonic advertising, Bolsheviks, and spite balloting. Your correspondent is given the remainder of the review where he is called "a wise and learned Masonic scholar" which comes to us with something of the delightful shock of good news, if also with maiden blushes of diffidence. But there are other things which must remain unquoted out of sheer modesty. The best or worst, of it all is that such words confirm us in our nefarious course of iniquity to inflict the brethren with these reports which we know are not widely read, so that we have been often tempted to place those words which Dante saw over his dread Inferno, "All Hope abandon ye who enter here" at the opening of each annual review, in order that the brethren might be intrigued into reading what it was all about.

We take this opportunity to thank Brother Block for his kindly and fraternal consideration of our Maine Proceedings.

KANSAS, 1924.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 75,265; net gain, 2,968. There are 435 lodges on the roll. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Richard E. Bird, the present Grand Master, for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Richard E. Bird, gave a brief and business-like report of his term, one of the shortest and best that we have been privileged to read. The type and calibre of his Grand Mastership may be seen in his preemptorially declining to attend a banquet on the eve of Grand Lodge sessions, given by the P. G. Ms. Association, "to discuss pro and con, the Grand Master and his address to be given the next morning." He said, and this correspondent emphatically agrees with him, that such a procedure is not in keeping with the dignity of the office. Here are his words: "It does not appear to me to be proper procedure that the Grand Master should subject himself and his annual address to the review and discussion of any organization whatsoever prior to its submission to the Grand Lodge." That's the kind of a man, Mason and

Master he is. And we congratulate him and his Grand Lodge on saying and doing a thing, which we judge to have been a long established custom, but which certainly is premature, undignified and superfluous, for to read his annual address, or report, to some other organization, before presenting it to the Grand Lodge to which alone he is amenable, would be closely akin to disrespect to that august body, the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

He issued two edicts which show the same back-bone, one against undue Masonic publicity in the press, the other against lodges petitioning or memorializing Congress in behalf of specific bills or legislation.

We think we know what he is "driving at" when he says, "Organized effort has been made to turn Kansas into a veritable field of Ares, plowed and sown with dragon's teeth of hatred and intolerance, but everywhere and always I have found the deep and well grounded thinkers of our Craft thoroughly alert, well posted and alive to the situation." Which assertion reminds us of a remark of old Father Taylor in the Seaman's Bethel in Boston, who had been repeatedly disturbed in his preaching by a whispering sister, "If the sister on the right end of the front pew, in the plaid shawl and blue bonnet, doesn't stop whispering, I shall point her out."

He devotes considerable attention to the "District Deputy System" finding it of real value in the supervision and constructive work of the Craft.

His two "Decisions," approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, are in accord with the usual practice and customs of the Fraternity.

On Comity between Grand Jurisdictions he graphically says, "To request a courtesy, and at the same time to require a Grand Jurisdiction to violate its own laws, is not in keeping with the spirit of comity." Only too often this occurs and the only remedy we can see is either to endure it, or follow the practice and procedure in international law of comity and reciprocity between nations.

Perhaps we "smell a rat" in this brief line, "By order of the Grand Lodge all references to matters pertaining to the Masonic Home" administrative in their nature, as shown by the journal has been eliminated from the printed Proceedings."

Charters were authorized for six new lodges, and dispensations granted for four others. Two corner-stone, and two Temple dedication ceremonies, were held at special communications.

An inspiring and educational "Oration" was delivered by Bro. E. H. Lindley, Chancellor of the Kansas University. Another address on "Landmarks, Ancient Charges and Regulations" was given by W. Bro. R. P. McColloch which is filled with information. Especially clear was his exposition of "Landmarks" and we think we shall know one when we see it, after this extended and lucid portrayal.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized, as also the Grand Lodge of Colombia (Barranquilla).

The Correspondence Report is written by M. W. Brother Albert K. Wilson, a careful and conservative reviewer. He opens his report with a few terse comments on matters pertaining to the Craft in general. He deals

with "Publicity" from the same point-of-view as Grand Master Bird, and quotes the resolution recently adopted by Massachusetts in this respect.

Of recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy, or the Grand Lodge of Italy, he takes the same conservative position as our own Grand Lodge. Of the visit of the Grand Master of the Orient, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in order to secure recognition he says: "It is not in good taste for a Grand Master to travel several thousand miles and make personal appeals to Grand Lodges in presenting a request for official and fraternal recognition." An opinion in which this Maine correspondent heartily concurs.

Another matter which is clearly outlined from the Kansan angle, is the deplorable condition between the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and Kansas, which makes interesting and enlightening reading, especially for one who has read only the New Hampshire side of the difficulty. The truth must be somewhere between the two, and it may be that a little mutual concession and tactful mutual compromise, would remedy the situation, which at present is the only instance between the various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, which sounds the note of discord or lack of fraternal harmony. But it is none of our business, except on the broad ground of inter-jurisdictional harmony and good-will.

Maine receives cordial attention, and our "doings" are quite uniformly approved. Grand Master Spear is liberally quoted and commended. He has a few words of gentle irony for our Grand Secretary; while Judge Josiah Drummond, whom he personally knew and loved, comes in for a few gracious kindly words of praise and eulogy. There is something more than a gentle rebuke in his praise of Brother Drummond, when he asks, "We wonder what he (Josiah Drummond) would say today to his brethren of Maine who have provided by legislation, that it is proper to make Masons of those who had lost a portion of their limbs and are supplied with artificial ones?"

Well, since we are put by that question on the defensive or argumentative, we think Josiah Drummond would say if alive in this year of our Lord and his Grace 1924,

"That new occasions teach new duties,
Times makes ancient good uncouth,
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of Truth."

Or perhaps, those noble lips would open with words like those of Alfred Tennyson, and tell us,

"The old order changeth, giving place to the new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

For Josiah Drummond was a progressive spirit, open to new light and progressive ideas and expanding principles, and would have been the first to recognize that the principle of the old operative guilds, was hardly progressive and consistent, with our speculative Masonry of modern days,

which insists that "it is the internal," that is, the moral and spiritual values of manhood and character, "and not the external" qualifications that we are to weigh and scan and act accordingly. He would have said, we believe, of one who had lost a limb in fighting for his flag, do not put Masonry in the position of penalizing patriotism, and condemning service for the Republic. Josiah Drummond would have quoted a little scripture too, and the words of the wise King Solomon at that, (Ecclesiastes 7:10) "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these, for thou dost not consider wisely concerning this."

Your correspondent is cited for his "Foreword" on "Radical and Conservative Freemasonry." And we find ourselves in entire accord in his explanation, arising out of the matter of Grand Master Sell's famous edict relative to the O. E. S. Surely, there is no question, but what a sovereign Grand Lodge has the right to say what kind of building material shall be used in the structure.

KENTUCKY, 1923.

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 71,026; apparent gain, 1,766. There are 613 lodges on the roll. There were present twenty-six Past Grand Masters at this Annual Communication.

After a brief and witty speech of welcome to the Grand Lodge by the Mayor of Louisville, Brother Huston Quin, and a word of appreciative response by the Grand Master, a distinguished visitor in the person of R. W. Brother A. E. McCulloch, Grand Junior Warden of Tennessee was received with the Grand Honors, and made fitting reply of fraternal greeting from his Grand Jurisdiction.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Emerson E. Nelson, in opening his address referred to the interesting fact that Kentucky was the first Grand Lodge in the United States to build a Masonic Home. They are now raising a fund for the building of a New Home for widows and orphans, which the Grand Master believes to be "the most important special work committed to my administration." We find every guarantee of success in the splendid spirit which has animated the lodges in response to his efforts and appeals.

A pillar of strength has fallen in the temple in Kentucky's loss of Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, M. W. Brother John Hess Leathers. Touching and eloquent tribute is made by the Grand Master and other brethren to the character, personality and achievements of this distinguished Craftsman.

Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. James Garnett was appointed to fill the vacancy of Grand Treasurer. He was also elected at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Uniformity in work and ritual is agitating the brethren, the Grand Master saying that in his official visitations he found differences in every lodge, "and work being carried out after the manner best suited to the degree team putting on the work." In order to remedy this condition he

recommends that the Committee on Jurisprudence present some plan for securing this desired uniformity of work. That committee reported and recommended that "a Committee on Work" should be appointed by the Grand Master, said committee to determine what the work and lectures are, which the Grand Lodge shall approve as the "authorized work," but "shall not be obligatory until so specifically ordered by Grand Lodge."

Among his "Decisions" we note with approval that an Entered Apprentice who had lost his right hand by a traffic accident, is entitled to the remaining degrees. This is simple common-sense, for otherwise the Fraternity puts itself in the position of penalizing misfortune, and repudiating its obligations to help its members in adversity and distress. Adding insult to injury would characterize any other course.

Grand Master Nelson speaks strongly in condemnation of the Klan even to the extent of saying that in his opinion "a Mason cannot hold membership in an organization teaching or practicing principles contrary to those of Masonry." He also says that since he uttered those words in an edict, he has become increasingly convinced "that it is necessary to blot out, so far as Masonry is concerned, an organization as un-American and one that is disrupting churches, schools, lodges and societies."

Of the Kentucky Masonic Homes he expresses his conviction that these are as ideal as such things can be.

Here is a recommendation of the Grand Master which strikes us as both strange and a bit ludicrous: "I, therefore, recommend that the Order of the Eastern Star be officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky." This was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, but we have searched in vain for any report or action on this so strange and almost revolutionary recommendation. An exchange of fraternal representatives would be an interesting and even tragic development of such recognition, at least from our side. But when this ultra-conservative correspondent sees what some Grand Lodges of America have officially recognized, the proposal does not seem so ridiculous and comic after all. But in sober truth probably no more was meant, than such recognition as is accorded to the so called higher bodies of Masonry, but even here there is a manifest and mounting difficulty and difference. Certainly the O. E. S. of Kentucky has been of incalculable help in Masonic philanthropies and deserves all honor and praise, but "to recognize them officially and fraternally" technically speaking, would lead to some comic-opera complications which might be immortally sung by Gilbert and Sullivan.

We see with interest and sympathy that the Grand Lodge is talking of memorializing the General Assembly of Kentucky to buy the old home of Henry Clay, a distinguished Past Grand Master of Kentucky, and preserve it as a memorial and shrine for this eminent statesman "whose genius and reputation added so much lustre to the fame of this State." The Grand Lodge to pay ten thousand dollars as its part toward the commendable enterprise.

What is graphically termed "The Million Dollar Committee" appointed

some years ago for the erection of the New Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, to be located near Louisville, is continued "with the strong endorsements and approval of the Grand Lodge, and all Master Masons wheresoever dispersed." This committee have already secured the sum of \$1,130,053.56. Which sum itself is a splendid tribute to the zeal and efficiency of the committee.

The Committee on Finance turned down the Henry Clay resolution, saying in effect that it does not deem such expenditure warranted, and "disapprove such an allowance in the sum (\$10,000.00) named, or any sum."

The writer of the Correspondence Report, R. W. Brother William W. Clarke, submits an interesting and always informing review of the various Grand Lodges. An opulent Masonic mind and experience is evidenced throughout the review. Kentucky is to be congratulated on its Correspondent.

Maine is cordially considered, an extended excerpt from Grand Master Spear's address, touching upon the matter of physical qualification, is printed in full, while the entire address is rightly termed "admirable." M. W. Brother Spear is approved in his attitude and words respecting the Klan, which is called "sane and wise."

Anent our constitutional amendment on the elapse of time between the conferring of degrees, we find that Kentucky has had a similar law for many years, "and that it works admirably."

Your correspondent for Maine is vouchsafed the same word "admirable" in commendation of his second annual review. What appeals to us was Brother Wright's kindly and considerate forbearance in not quoting our "Foreword" in "Conservation or Radical Freemasonry" in part, because it was one of those things that quoted in part gives a totally wrong conception of the writers meaning and a misplaced emphasis by citation of a section of it entirely ignores the central message. His praise that "it is fine and thoughtful literature" is enough, and this Correspondent returns herewith his gratitude for his appreciation.

LOUISIANA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 31,265; net gain, 1,981. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Joseph Sinai, makes mention of the death of M. W. Brother Albert Campbell Allen, in the opening words of his annual address. A pillar of strength has fallen in the temple in the death of so great and good a Craftsman as M. W. Bro. Allen.

Among a multitude of dispensations granted, we see only a few for "out of time degrees," and many refused, a few for joint public installation with the O. E. S.

Among his forty-two "Decisions," many of which were technically "rulings" which were probably provided for by the Code, had the brothers

searched diligently for them, we find a few which according to our Maine law and practice would have been different, yet in the main Louisiana is in accord with us. The differences, which are rather minor, are undoubtedly because of variation in the law of the two Grand Lodges.

Among Grand Master Sinai's pleasant and constructive duties we find five dedication ceremonies, six corner-stone ceremonials and innumerable "visitations." Three new lodges were constituted during the year.

We read with delight that \$400,000.00 has already been raised for the New Masonic Temple in New Orleans, and that the brethren of the city "are overwhelmingly in favor of it."

That the Grand Master believes that Masonry in Louisiana should be law-abiding is seen by two edicts gainst lotteries (at fairs and bazaars), and against violating the Volstead Act.

He makes a good point in speaking of corner-stones, when he says that instead of mere slabs substituted for real blocks of stone, they should always be blocks of natural stone "of suitable size and dimensions to correspond with the building and placed in the Northeast corner." This seems to us a worth-while thing to say especially in view of the thin and ridiculous substitutes which are often provided for such ceremonies in this jurisdiction. Not in our memory has this question ever arisen with us.

Maine, which has recently taken the progressive step, cordially agrees with the Grand Master, that the time has come for a more liberal interpretation of the physical qualification requirements. We did not feel that this old Conservative (ultra we are called by many) Grand Lodge of Maine had done anything radical, in doing simple justice to many worthy applicants for the degrees of modern speculative Masonry in taking advance and liberal ground in these matters. It seemed to us the natural and human, if not humane thing to do, and it was done with almost absolute unanimity by the brethren.

He commends the Warren G. Harding Memorial to the favorable attention of the brethren.

Among his out of State Visitations we note that he was the guest of the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Texas. Full accounts are given of these two visits in his report.

A moving "Oration" is given, and printed in full, by W. Bro. Robert H. Harper, Grand Chaplain on the subject "What is Masonry?" In this splendid message of Bro. Harper we find many illuminating passages, which are quotable and memorable. Perhaps the practical appeal of the eloquent word of the orator, could not be better phrased than in that word of Emerson "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived." If we apply that to our Masonry it might surprise many of us, to find how little Masonry we really have, and how scant is our Masonic knowledge under this dictum.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the Grand Master in his many rulings, as being in accord with Masonic Law in Louisiana, while his various and numerous dispensations were accorded the same treatment.

M. W. Brother John A. Davilla, who is Grand Secretary, writes the Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. In his opening he avers that

"common interests are drawing the Grand Lodges of the United States and now, after a period of five years (since the World War) it can be safely said that all barriers are down and a common understanding reached which cannot but rebound to the good of the whole." Which seems to us rather too optimistic in view of the racial hatreds and national animosities which are stirring especially in Europe. But better to be courageously optimistic than to supinely despair in pessimism.

Our Maine proceedings are fully and sympathetically reviewed. Extended citations are made from M. W. Brother Spear's address, especially emphatic is Brother Davilla on our Grand Master's condemnation of spite balloting, and the Ku Klax Klan. Our resolve to raise the one dollar per capita for the George Washington Memorial is accorded full consideration and tacit approval.

Your Correspondent is praised for a "report which not only evidenced ability, but hard earnest work." Well, we are sure about the last of the kindly compliment, anyway.

We are glad to see that anent our struggles to eliminate the moon clause in Lodge By-laws in Maine, that Louisiana has done this thing, "but it died hard," we are tersely told. We believe it is in its death-struggle in our jurisdiction, and may be after some few more generations of enlightenment and "hammering" it may fulfill Lord Byron's line, "gone glimmering through a dream of things that were."

We have enjoyed this review of Brother Davilla, there are some rather unusual and quaint turns of speech which are a bit unfamiliar to our ears, but add a kind of piquency or sharp flavor to his language. We find him always on the side of the creative and progressive Craftsmen and yet conservative in the root sense of the word, that he would "hold fast the good of the past" even though his vision is toward the light and sunrise.

MANITOBA, 1924.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 11,078; total increase, 397. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-five jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

M. W. Brother W. J. Major, Grand Master, calls attention to an obvious fact, which is too often ignored, especially in Grand Lodges, that to keep Masonry progressive "we must have our ranks continuously supplied with new blood and new men." A significant remark appears in the autobiography of Dr. William Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood,—he said, "I could not get one man upwards of forty years of age to accept it." The open receptive mind of youth is needed in all organizations lest they chrysalize and mechanically reject new ideas and principles.

Nearly four pages of the Grand Master's report are devoted to the use and value of District Meetings, in which he is a firm believer and a zealous advocate.

He takes the somewhat unusual position, but Masonically he is absolutely right, that the refreshment hour "is as much a part of the lodge meeting as the ceremonies in the lodge room." Here are his good words about it: "Let innocent mirth be there in abundance, let us have wholesome song and humorous story, but let it always be understood that at the table of a Freemason impurity of thought, speech or conduct are prohibited." During his term he had the privilege of instituting four new lodges, and consecrating three others.

Instead of compelling a brother to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues the Grand Master advocates the following method: "To provide for the automatic exclusion of the member who is in default for one, two or three years and the issue of a demit or certificate of exclusion indicating thereon the reasons for which it was issued. Provision could be made for reinstatement if desirable, or re-admission could be obtained only by the usual method, of an applicant for the degrees." Certainly this method has obvious advantages over the customary way and is worthy of consideration.

Great plans are underway in Manitoba for the observance of "Jubilee Year" in 1925.

Under "Spurious Growths" the Grand Master devotes two pages to "the playground of Masonry," without specifically mentioning the Mystic Shrine, and warns Grand Lodge not to become involved in any recognition tacit or otherwise of what he calls "a danger to our Craft, which if not avoided at once, will eventually bring it into disrepute and disgrace and wholly destroy its purpose and mission." Strong and sterling words which many a Grand Jurisdiction in the United States can verify by bitter and humiliating experience.

The eleven Masonic Districts are dealt with in the reports of the D. D. G. Ms., and evidence careful supervision and constructive labor by these loyal Craftsmen.

The Jurisprudence Committee condemns the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with a Curling Association, or Bowling Team, and such like athletic clubs. The Committee on Condition of Freemasonry devoted seven worth while pages to a kind of eulogy of the aims, labors and achievements of the D. D. G. Ms., which cordially meets with our approval, for too often these brethren perform their task without gratitude or any semblance of appreciation.

The Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Ecuador were recognized at this communication by recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Three notable addresses are included in the annual proceedings, one on "Ancient and Modern Free Masonry," by W. Bro. W. G. Clarke; one by R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. A. Cunningham; while M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton (P. G. M.) gave the third on "The Legend and Symbolism of the Third Degree." All are worthy of more than this casual mention, and many gems of thought and literary expression are wholly quotable did space in this review permit. Relative to what has been said above under the Grand Master's caption "Spurious Growths" this resolution was unani-

mously passed,—“ Resolved, that it shall be deemed an act of Unmasonic Conduct for any member of any lodge under the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, F. & A. M., to use his membership in Freemasonry as a basis for securing admission into or membership of any Body or Society hereafter to be formed or established in this Grand Jurisdiction which requires Freemasonry as a basis for such membership.” Which certainly looks like a hit at something which seems to the brethren to be a real danger and insidious menace. They are to be congratulated in facing the danger in time, before the wedge has entered too far and gained such a strangle hold (to change the figure), that it is a difficult and delicate thing to be rid of, because the tentacles reach too deeply into the vitals of the parent body. Such things are a cancerous growth which too often gives a gangrenous smell of putridity to the whole body.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by R. W. Brother James S. MacEwing, his third annual review. In his “ Foreword ” he thus speaks of organizations which like carbuncles, or wens, or tumors, or cancers or a dozen other like excrescences and parasites, have fastened with a death like grip upon the main body,—“ In the United States there is an ever increasing organization of new societies that are endeavoring to hitch their handsleds to the Masonic hobsled. We hope they may not become so numerous as to stall the team.” With a clear eye he sees our danger in the multiplicity of such things that are threatening to swamp us.

Maine receives at his kindly hands large and generous treatment. Two of our annual proceedings are reviewed 1922 and 1923. Grand Master Wheeler receives praise and citation from eloquent address (1922). He makes quotation from one of the D. D. G. Ms. reports as follows: “ There being no candidate we devoted the time to reading parts of the ritual and making such corrections as were necessary.” He asks, “ I wonder just what he means and if Maine permits what he says he did ? ” The explanation is simple, but it was ambiguously expressed. One brother reads the ritual (which is in cipher) and if the reading is incorrect the D. D. G. M. corrects the reading. To attempt or presume to correct the official ritual in Maine, would be lese majeste, and with Shakespeare all Maine would say, “ Off with his head; so much for Buckingham.”

In the 1923 review we are credited with recognizing the National Grand Lodge of Italy, which is exactly what we do *not* do; the head of this reviewer, who is Chairman of the Committee, would deserve to fall had he recommended any such procedure. The recommendation was the exact opposite, although Grand Master Spear spoke favorably of it, in his annual report, which presumably misled Brother MacEwing.

MARYLAND, 1923.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.
Membership, 30,759; net gain, 857. Number of lodges, 215.

This Annual Communication was preceded by the Two Hundred and Sixtieth Semi-annual in May, which was devoted largely to routine and local matters.

The Grand Lodge recognized at this Semi-annual Session, the Grand Lodge of Columbia at Bogota. A rising vote was taken on the resolution regretting serious illness of the M. W. Grand Master Brother Warren S. Seipp with best wishes for restoration to full health and strength that "will enable him for a long time to come to guide and direct the Craft with the wisdom of Solomon and the skill of Hiram Abif as he has so constantly done in the past." A sentiment in which we of Maine heartily concur.

A full account of the Memorial Service in memory of Bro. Warren G. Harding, is printed in a most informative and readable form. The eulogy was delivered by the Attorney General of the State of Maryland, Brother Alexander Armstrong, and touches the salient qualities and achievements of his life and character with a master's hand and the true orator's eloquence.

The Grand Master's address at the Annual Communication was brief, measured by the average of such reports, but filled with kindly counsel and inspiring appeal to courage and patient trust. He speaks of his illness which prevented his attendance at the Semi-annual meeting as helped by "the many kindnesses shown me by my brethren." He says this worth-while thing, that the promiscuous giving of Masonic souvenirs and emblems is an abuse for "it cheapens the Fraternity and makes a laughing stock of our sacredness."

He praises Joseph Fort Newton, D. D., the editor of "The Master Mason" as one whose "name to Masonic students, stands for success and enlightenment." As Mr. Newton is a friend of this reviewer, we need hardly say that we strongly echo this approbation of a great preacher and accomplished Craftsman.

The Grand Master was proud of Maryland for its part in the cornerstone ceremonials at the George Washington Memorial, and presented the Grand Lodge with the trowel which was given to him at this memorable event as a Masonic memento of this historic occasion.

The Report on Correspondence is written by R. W. Brother Henry Branch, P. S. G. W. In an introduction of six lines he said: "There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT."

Brother Branch reviews our One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication with generous sympathy. He tacitly commends M. W. Brother Spear for his scholarly address and for his rulings and words relative to O. E. S. emblems in Masonic halls; for our attitude respecting the Washington Memorial; and our estimate of the Klan. He says that our Grand Master "lays flattering unction to his soul" in highly praising the standard of Masonry in Maine. There is a bit of irony here for he quotes our Grand Master's word as follows: "This jurisdiction (of Maine) has maintained a standing as close to the line of precept and example as any other association, religious or lay, within the confines of our good State." Your correspondent believes that while that is laid on "pretty thick" by Grand Master Spear, that there is a large measure of truth in the assertion flattering and even fulsome, as it must seem and sound, to those afar

off who are unacquainted with our per cent. of rejections in Maine, and the real quality and calibre of manhood which is accepted for the degrees.

We thank Maryland's correspondent for his word of appreciation of our review of this old and honorable Grand Lodge in Maryland.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1923.

Quarterly Communications, and the One Hundred Ninetieth Anniversary.

Membership, 115,585.

At the March Quarterly, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Dudley H. Ferrell, deals briefly with such familiar themes as the M. S. A., the Washington Memorial, and those splendid philanthropies of Massachusetts which are so efficiently administered at Charlton. Of these the Grand Master said: "This extension of our work of assisting the aged and helpless, who have nowhere to look but to us, is a challenge to our Masonic spirit. If I know the brethren of Massachusetts, it is a challenge that will not go unanswered."

Grand Lodges in Colombia, namely, those of Barranquilla and Bogota are fraternally recognized, in a clear and persuasive, if not wholly convincing, exposition of their standing and legitimacy, and the report states that Massachusetts is ready and waiting to recognize another at Cartagena "upon receipt of proper advices from it requesting the same." This last is officially known as "The Most Serene Grand Lodge National, of Colombia." The Chairman of the Committee, M. W. Brother Melvin M. Johnson (P. G. M.) certainly makes a good point in the interest of lucidity when he says, "we beg courteously to suggest to our brethren of Colombia that these names tend toward confusion. Each seems by its title to claim jurisdiction over the whole Republic. It would seem to us that it would be helpful, at least to foreigners, if the titles were made less similar and more distinctive." "Most Serene Grand Lodge" strikes this correspondent as fairly (if not indeed ironically) distinctive enough for most purposes. And the word 'Seems' recalls a line of Hamlet, 'Seems, madam, I know not seems.' Anyway Maine must be content to follow Hamlet's conservative advice, and "Season our admiration for a while."

At the December Quarterly the same committee recommended recognition of Guatemala, Ecuador and Salvador, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, while it was denied to the Grand Orient of Haiti, and deferred in the matter of Honduras. The committee's report in these matters, makes interesting and instructive reading, and we have enjoyed their portrayal of conditions in these various Republics, and the delineation of their reasons for such fraternal recognition as above indicated.

Brother Melvin M. Johnson submitted a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, maintains no representative at Washington, and therefore no paper, magazine or other periodical there, or anywhere, has a right "to voice or represent the principles, opinions or attitudes of this Grand Lodge, etc." Although the name of no paper was mentioned in the resolution, with which we are in hearty

accord, it is a clear condemnation of the "Fellowship Forum" of that city, which has been making such preposterous claims and in some instances rather scandalizing the Fraternity.

R. W. Bro. Louis C. Southard is nobly memorialized by M. W. Brother Melvin M. Johnson. We are speaking of this memorial because R. W. Bro. Southard was well known in Maine, a native of Portland, and a graduate of our University of Maine (1875 with B. S. degree) a lawyer of recognized standing and ability, whom it was a privilege to know and the committee's praise is not too high, "However hurried he might be, his own affairs would wait while his friend's received immediate attention."

A noble and beloved Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Dana J. Flanders, received the Henry Price Medal at the December Quarterly. A fitting recognition of unwearied service in the Temple by a true and tried Craftsman of many honored years of Masonic labor.

The Grand Master at the June Quarterly speaks of the possibility in the near future of a New Masonic Temple in Boston and urges the brethren to hold "unreasonable criticism" in abeyance until the Directors of the Grand Lodge are ready to act. The old subject of "Begging Letters" comes in for brief but terse treatment the Grand Master saying, that those should be ignored, whether foreign or domestic in their source, "until they have been approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

We note that a portrait of M. W. Brother Arthur D. Prince was presented and "appeared for the first time on the walls of the Grand Lodge Hall." The portrait, yes; but not the manly genial face which has long graced and even glorified the halls of Massachusetts, and will we fervently hope, for many years to come be a kind of living benison for the brethren there, as this Prince of Men has been for Maine through many seasons and occasions of Masonic rejoicing.

One hundred and twelve pages of the Proceedings are devoted to an extended, but withal enthralling account of the One Hundredeth Anniversary of Warren Lodge at Amesbury. It is filled with interesting historical data written and compiled by R. W. Bro. Chas. I. Pettingell, and must have entailed an enormous amount of research and labor in its compilation. We have read it with ever increasing admiration for the unusual historic sense for the graphic incidents and the salient events of the century of years.

At the September Quarterly the Grand Master speaks in touching phrase of the passing of R. W. and Rev. William H. Rider. A gleaming portrait of Brother Rider is given, and a eulogy by M. W. Bro. Dana J. Flanders, which portrays in a few words the noble character of a real man, whose matchless ministry of the Manhood of the Master, will long be a tender and hallowed memory of the writer of this review, who was privileged in the earlier days to be associated with him and to call him friend and brother.

The Grand Master has some forthright words to say respecting the usual colorless and negative reports of "Investigating Committees" and he brings such officials up with a "round turn" as subject to the discipline of the Grand Lodge for neglect and delinquency of duty. It was a timely word well spoken.

A full account of the George Washington Corner-stone Ceremonial is given under the caption "Special Communication at Alexandria, Va.," which gives us informing words of Massachusetts' participation in this outstanding event of the Masonic year. Bishop Freeman's address is given in full on this occasion.

Among many Hundredeth Anniversaries, we notice that of Star in the East Lodge at New Bedford, an interesting account being given, together with the historical address by the late Brother H. B. Worth, which has held our attention.

The Annual Feast of St. John the Evangelist closes the Annual Proceedings of Massachusetts. We always look forward to reading of this Festival for the speeches are always of a high order and given by a few of the great Craftsmen of the Fraternity. After a pleasing and eloquent speech by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Dudley H. Ferrell, who presided, the following were introduced by him: R. W. Brother Frank L. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts; W. Bro. A. S. Gibbs, from Buenos Aires, Argentine (S. A.), who spoke of Masonic affairs in that Republic in a most instructive way and brought the greetings of his brethren; M. E. Bro. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, who spoke briefly but in his inimitable personal way (we have had him in Maine times without number almost and hope to see him as many more) and finally Bro. and Doctor Tehi Hsieh of China, gave the last and in many respects the best speech of the evening, telling us many things respecting that country and the Masonic situation there, which were helpful to a better understanding of our fraternal duties and privileges in that land. Altogether it was a speech which must have been a source of both delight and enlightenment to the brethren. His concluding sentence may be taken as a good example of the entire appeal: "I want to conclude by saying men of courage, of far-reaching vision, with iron in their blood, are invited once again to apply their master hand in leading China in her development in such a manner as you would want her to go, to the end that we shall co-operate for the saving of mankind and peace on earth and good will to all." This gives the heart and spirit of the message, but no words can recapture the fine personality which must have radiated through and warmed and vitalized the oration.

These Proceedings of Massachusetts are embellished by numerous clear photographs of new Masonic Temples, and several portraits of a distinctive kind which portray the kind of Masonic manhood which this old Commonwealth produces. There is no review of Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1924.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 138,974; net gain, 4,903. Number of chartered lodges, 481. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-two jurisdictions, including, we are glad to see, R. W. Brother Kenneth H. McKenzie for Maine. An appointment this year. Welcome from Maine.

M. W. Brother Charles A. Durand, Grand Master, notes in his annual address that in the last ten years Michigan has nearly doubled its membership.

Large place is given to the "Deaths in Sister Grand Jurisdictions" and we see the names of two of Maine's noblest and best beloved inscribed therein, M. W. Brothers Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet.

Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the constituting of six new lodges, the dedicating of fourteen temples, the laying of five cornerstones, and the issuing of six dispensations for six other new lodges.

He issued an order, printed in full, prohibiting the practice of holding fairs, circuses and bazaars with raffling and other lotteries as features thereof. Rightly he condemns it as controverting the clear statutes of the State and placing the lodge in the position of being a flagrant law-breaker and thereby violating the laws of Masonry. Here are a few of his trenchant words: "Masonry is too big an institution to be obliged to run a gambling house or give questionable entertainment for the purpose of raising money to build Temples which are dedicated to certain holy things. There are too many side issues which are bringing discredit upon the Craft and which are leading our membership astray through the exploitation of frivolous and undignified schemes." It was a vital word nobly said and its effect must have been of salutary force throughout the jurisdiction.

We note that the Grand Lecturer called 140 Lodges of Instruction during the year and thereby reached 460 Worshipful Masters and nearly 20,000 Master Masons. A worth-while work nobly accomplished.

Scores of pages of these proceedings are given to what is a source of joy and pride to our Michigan brethren—their Masonic Home. The report shows a great institution soundly financed and efficiently managed.

The total collections for the George Washington Memorial has reached the munificent sum of \$140,302.05.

The Jurisprudence Committee "backed up" the Grand Master in the matter of smoking in lodge rooms by saying: "It has been repeatedly held that it is improper to smoke in a lodge room. A lodge room is dedicated to God, the Holy Saints John and Masonry, and it is as improper to use it as a smoking room as it would be to use a church for the same purpose." We of Maine can lay a little flattering unction to our soul and assume, "an holier than thou attitude" in a matter of that kind because it is probably not within the memory of any living Mason in Maine, when such a desecration of the Temple has been known. We are rather a fine lot of Sunday-school boys down in Maine? Well, may be, perhaps, I don't know; let us drop the painful subject.

The "Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association" are printed in full and cover sixty-eight pages of these annual proceedings. It is a splendid account of the ceremonials and the speeches notably those by President M. W. Bro. Louis A. Watres, Brother J. Stanley Durkee, President of Howard University (a guest by the way of the Grand Lodge of Maine a few years ago when he made a memorable and moving address to the assembled brethren).

The M. W. Grand Master of Virginia, Bishop Freeman, M. W. Bro. Andrew I. Randell. The minutes close with a kind of benediction from W. Bro. Joseph Fort Newton from the "Masonic News," entitled "A Cornerstone of History."

The annual report of the Committee on Correspondence, was written by the Chairman of that Committee, R. W. Brother William G. Gallagher, who reviewed seventy-two annual proceedings. He makes a bit of an apology in the opening of his report by saying: "It is extravagantly long, and as brevity is desirable, I shall hereafter try to be brief." A good resolution always, but so difficult to fulfill for the reason that there are so many good things, just as in this case of Michigan's annual proceedings which cover the almost unbelievable number of 1,260 pages. As this is Brother Gallagher's first report, we are glad to extend to him the hand of cordial fraternal welcome, and from this rather large sample we feel warranted in saying that he will be a valuable addition to the corps of reviewers.

Maine receives nearly twelve pages of courteous and kindly notice at his hands. Our doings are comprehensively dealt with, and Maine seems to bulk largely (as it deserves to do) in these welcome and readable pages of Brother Gallagher.

Extended excerpts from Grand Master Spear's address are chosen, and he seems to have a kind of genius in getting at the "breath and finer spirit" of our annual proceedings by such vital selections and his constructive comments thereon.

Your correspondent is honored by nearly a page of quotation anent our Michigan review of last year.

MINNESOTA, 1924.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 55,909; net gain, 1,274. There are 292 lodges on the roll. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-two jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James M. McConnell, in his annual address states that Masonry in Minnesota is on a sound and prosperous basis.

Among the more distinguished brothers in a somewhat extended necrological list, we see the names of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Calvin M. Brown, William B. Patton, Henry M. Trusler. We echo the simple sentiment of the Grand Master that "the world, as well as Masonry, are richer for their lives."

Among the pleasant duties of his term we notice the constituting of six new lodges, the laying of seven corner-stones, and one hall dedication while six dispensations were issued for new lodges.

Among his decisions we approve that a man who is deaf, but by use of artificial devices can hear the words of the ritual and several lectures, is eligible for the degrees. Surely, such a man is in the same class with a

petitioner with defective eyesight, who by the aid of glasses can see, and Maine has taken the advanced ground that artificial limbs if under the control of the petitioner, may supply the deficiency caused by amputation.

The Grand Master believes (and in our thought justly believes) that the Grand Lodge should forbid all so-called Masonic lecturers except when authorized by the Grand Master, especially those from other jurisdictions whose motive seems to be that of personal profit.

He also has a judicious word respecting DeMolay,—“whether it is wise to admit young men of nonage (non-age) to the sacred confines of the temple and there confer on them degrees which may easily be more spectacular than those which they may later receive as masons. The Grand Lodge must likewise understand that so soon as it gives approval to this boy's society it will be called on to approve a similar society for girls.”

A flood of light is shed on the question of the increasing expense and burden of Masonic Homes, by this sentence: “The question which confronts this Grand Lodge and all Minnesota Masons, is not whether they favor a Masonic Home, but whether they will carry to a successful conclusion a project to which they already stand committed.” And in closing his words on the Home, he said: “First cost, thought it may be greater than we had thought, will not deter us from laying our foundations broad and deep.” There seems to run through such words, a note of regret, or at least of doubt, whether it was wise in the beginning to undertake an enterprise which entails an increasing problem and burden of debt. Many other Grand Lodges sound a similar note, and convinces Maine, that desirable as such a Masonic Home may be, the quiet and rather unassuming way in which our Charities are handled may be the wisest for us, and that before undertaking such, for us, stupendous enterprise, we should consider the experience and accumulating burden of expense, before embarking on “so noble and glorious an undertaking.”

An interesting feature of the sessions was the introducing and welcoming of Past Grand Master Bro. Henry R. Denny, eighty-six years of age, who has sat in Grand Lodge continuously for fifty years. Verily “the hoary head is a crown of glory,” and we send our greetings to the venerable and devoted Craftsman, the Dean of the Past Grand Masters of Minnesota.

\$2,500.00 was donated to fraternal work at Rochester; membership was continued in the M. S. A.; \$300.00 appropriated to the American School in Tokio.

We notice that the Jurisprudence Committee had something rather vital to say on the matter of DeMolay, referred to above in the Grand Master's address. “We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in refusing to permit lodges to sponsor a Chapter of DeMolay be approved.” Adopted.

A moving and eloquent “Oration” by R. W. Brother G. G. Bennett, Grand Orator, is printed in full, which contains much of masonic wisdom and appeal, and shows how our principles may be made operative in the life of the individual, as citizen and neighbor. It fulfills the thought

of Emerson, "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived." How true of Masonry.

Memorial pages, with touching eulogy, are set apart for the distinguished brothers who have passed into the Great Beyond during the past year. These voice the loss and sorrow, but also the abiding hope and unfaltering Masonic faith that "somehow, somewhere meet we must."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by R. W. Brother E. A. Montgomery, as Chairman of the Committee. He reviews sixty-six annual proceedings in a comprehensive and scholarly way.

While he is prone to extended quotation, there is many a vital word of constructive comment, nothing of carping criticism or petty cavilling. It is a review of broad fraternal spirit, a spirit which it is delight to hold communion with and a kind of masonic education to know.

Maine receives something more than four pages of consideration. Grand Master Spear's address is called "unusually fine," and several citations are printed from it. These touch the gist of the address and show a keen sense of insight and discrimination.

He touchingly narrates the announcing of the death of M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper, during the sessions of our Grand Lodge.

Regarding this Correspondent, Brother Montgomery finds himself in accord with our views on "Conservative or Radical Freemasonry."

MISSISSIPPI, 1924.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 33,308; net gain, 2,162 (splendid). Lodges on roll, 381.

The formal opening of this Annual Communication was preceded by several "joyous" speeches of welcome and response, scintillating with wit and humor and voicing the kindly feeling of the City of Vicksburg, the O. E. S., and the brethren on this occasion. It was a feast of good cheer and the atmosphere of it all has reached even to this, from Mississippi, fairly remote jurisdiction. One of the good stories, used with real point, was respecting Broadcasting, too long to quote, but Mississippi certainly broadcasted "more than a little," and radiated something of the spirit of the session even into Maine.

There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-three Grand Representatives of as many jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Marsh Hainer, ayers his conviction that with the extensive "building program" which is shown in many parts of the State, the Fraternity has entered on what he terms, "the accumulative period." This constructive era is, he believes, prophetic and symbolic of larger growth in other than material ways, and the net gain for the year, commented on above, is evidence that his prophecy is being realized.

Among the list of their fraternal dead, we note with tender fraternal regard the name of one of their best, Past Grand Master Thomas Upton Sisson. We note also, as if touched with deathless light, the names of

M. W. Brothers Frank Eugene Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet among the "Dead of Other Jurisdictions."

Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the constituting of eight new lodges, the organizing under dispensation of three others, and the laying of eight corner-stones, all of which activities are proof of the prophecy that there has been real creative activity, as well as material constructive growth in Mississippi.

Something of the real benevolence of this worthy jurisdiction is seen in their care and maintenance of Masonic Homes, and especially in the raising by subscription of \$20,000.00 for a Masonic Unit, at the State T. B. Sanitarium; to this large sum the Grand Lodge added five thousand dollars, and last year another thousand. Work begins at once on this building.

Grand Master Hainer emphatically endorses the Washington Memorial and the M. S. A. of which latter organization this Grand Lodge is a staunch supporter.

The reports of the thirty D. D. G. Ms. are included in these annual proceedings, and while unusually brief, show careful and progressive work faithfully done by these Craftsmen.

We note the unusual number of degrees conferred this year by one lodge (Pearl Lodge) the number reaching the grand total of 339. We should say that, following the Grand Master's word, that this must have been the year of "accumulative work," for this lodge.

A gift of \$500.00 for the Natchez Protestant Home, shows something of the broad spirit of Mississippi philanthropy.

A "Ford" car was purchased for the Grand Secretary during the year, the report says in order "to carry the mails to and from the office and in the transaction of his other business."

A full verbatim debate is printed on the mooted questions, and while these are very human and to us, fascinatingly interesting words of controversy and argument, still they account in no small measure for the production of one of the largest volumes of proceedings which come to this reviewer's table of nearly nine hundred pages of matter, and the distribution must be something of a tax on the delicate adjustments and limited carrying capacity of that new Ford car, and something of a strain on paper mills as well as the finances of the Grand Lodge. None of our business, of course, but just mentioned in passing.

These annual proceedings are embellished by clear photographs of the Masonic Homes at Meridian, and at Columbus, while extended accounts are given of the standing financial and otherwise, of these worthy philanthropies of Mississippi.

Under recommendation of the Committee, this Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

Among the distinguished guests of the Grand Lodge were the M. W. Grand Master of Louisiana, Bro. Prentiss B. Carter; R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. John A. Davilla, and Past Grand Master Bro. John M. Armstrong. Grand Lodge had also the happy privilege of welcoming the

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Brother W. F. Kuhn, recently deceased.

An extended report of the Law Committee, deals with matters largely of local interest, but all seem in accord with the usual practice and custom of the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed. Dr. Kuhn delivered an interesting and abundantly witty address on Practicing Freemasonry. This was printed in full, and exemplified the truth of R. W. Emerson, "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived." Just as true of Masonry, as anything else.

Five hundred thirty-two pages of this Leviathan of annual reports is given to a complete roster of the 33,308 names of members of various lodges, with their place of residence, and other information, a most fertile field for all kinds of propoganda through the mails and by every kind of an organization or so-called masonic insurance company. We wonder if it is really worth while.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the hand of Past Grand Master Brother H. C. Yawn, and opens with a brief but informing "Foreword," in which he deftly touches a few of the salient questions and affairs of the Masonic world. In each of these matters we find ourself in hearty accord with him. Brother Yawn expresses himself in clear and simple English, which never leaves us in doubt as to his meaning, and when he is constrained to take issue on some question it is always in a fraternally courteous spirit and like a real gentleman.

Maine is fully reviewed in nearly four pages of worth while reading. Grand Master Spear is commended for a vital and constructive administration, and ample quotation is made from his address, including (what practically every reviewer has included in his report), the incident of the fabled eagle that was killed by an arrow winged with a feather from his own breast. Your correspondent is commended for his Foreword on conservatism and radicalism in Freemasonry.

MISSOURI, 1924.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 109,897. There are 659 chartered lodges, all of which made returns.

A long list of "distinguished visitors" is given, including the M. W. Grand Masters of Illinois and Kansas, Brothers R. C. Davenport and Elmer K. Strain.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Joseph S. McIntyre, in opening his annual address avers that it has been his experience during the year that the brethren of Missouri "are anxious to know more of the true history of Free Masonry and its purposes." We learn that he has not hesitated to tell the truth respecting many misconceptions and venerable myths connected with the alleged traditions of the Craft. He is more interested in the present day challenging opportunities of the Craft than in the mere antiquities of the Order and says: "Neither pedigree nor ancestry can make any institution or individual great." And from this

thesis he announces a livable and workable Freemasonry for our own day. It is a virile message which he proclaims which must have electrified the assembled brethren.

Among his recommendations is one to the effect that Missouri will not ask other jurisdictions to confer the E. A. degree, and likewise declines to confer it for other Grand Lodges.

Three of the most prominent of the Past Grand Masters have died within the year, M. W. Brothers Clay C. Bigger; John Rolph Parson and W. F. Kuhn. Names well known and universally honored and beloved in every jurisdiction.

A very gracious act was accomplished under the Grand Master's recommendation, M. W. Brother C. C. Woods was retired with the title Fraternal Correspondent Emeritus for life with the salary of \$750.00 per year. He recommends, also, that his successor R. W. Bro. Mather be allowed the same amount per year.

Because the history of the Craft in Missouri has been "sorely neglected," the Grand Master makes recommendation that a Grand Historian be appointed by the incoming Grand Master.

Nearly twelve pages of the Grand Master's address deals with the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins, P. G. W. of the Grand Lodge of England. The address of the distinguished visitor is given at considerable length, and as it touches upon the matters contained in Sir Alfred's official report to the Grand Lodge of England given in toto under England in this review, it need not be quoted again. This reviewer, however, takes this opportunity to commend the reading of Sir Alfred's report (under England) as an informing and illuminating document which clears up several matters of misunderstanding and even contention between the Mother Grand Lodge of the English-speaking world, and many American Jurisdictions.

A full page photograph of Grand Master McIntyre on visit to Dr. J. S. Halstead, aged 106 years, and called the "oldest Freemason in the world," is given, with an interesting account of his visit with this venerable and beloved Craftsman who personally knew Henry Clay and heard General Lafayette speak in 1825. We learn also that the wife of Dr. Halstead is living at the age of 95.

Among the Grand Master's decisions is one that a "man who has lost his left arm" is eligible if by the means of artificial appliances, "he can perform the necessary ceremonies." Which decision accords with our own practice.

During these annual sessions the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of York Rite Temple in St. Louis, a full-page photograph being included in the proceedings, together with a long list of articles deposited.

On Friday an unusual Masonic Oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Russell Henry Stafford, on the subject—"The Social Functions of Freemasonry" unusual because of its implications and applications of our Masonic symbolism to the economic needs and sociological problems of our day. The industrial and commercial issues are made

clearer and more challenging in the light of this particular treatment by Bro. Stafford.

This was followed by an address on "Slaves of Habit," by President Stratton D. Brooks, of the University of Missouri. A name well known and honored in the educational world and especially beloved by the New England educators. The address was a clear and concise presentation of Masonic teaching from a somewhat novel angle.

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries touches on the salient qualities of each personality (as indicated in the opening of this review) and is one of the best which has come to us during the year. Maine is given due place with the names of our three Past Grand Officers, with an account of the Masonic services of each beloved and honored frater, who has passed away during the last year.

A resolution was adopted withdrawing from the M. S. A. on condition, and here we must quote the exact language of the resolution, "if said Association will return to its original purpose and get rid of those guilty of alleged extravagant management." The language used is a bit obscure, the use of the words "guilty" and "alleged" being somewhat contradictory at least in their ordinary connotation.

The Committee on "Fatherless Children of France" reports that Missouri is still caring for thirty such children, a legacy from the war days when they assumed the care of fifty, of which twenty have either married or reached the age of eighteen years.

The Report on Correspondence is over the joint signatures of M. W. Bro. C. C. Woods and R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather. For many years the former has conducted this annual review for Missouri with conspicuous ability and, as indicated above, we believe that his successor will uphold the traditions and achievements of this office. In a brief introduction to the review the authors devote a few trenchant words to the M. S. A. saying that "it is not yet assured of a permanent place in our Masonic world. In some quarters it is recognized with indifference, not to say open opposition and some hold and express the opinion that its sphere of operation is too limited to warrant the expenditure of time, talent, and money necessary for its maintenance." While this is true beyond question, yet fairness would suggest that there are yet many Grand Jurisdictions who view the M. S. A. in quite other light, looking upon it as a kind of Messiah which will lead us out of the wilderness of conflicting and often contradictory practices. While there are such things as "indifference and open opposition," there are also unqualified enthusiasm and unfaltering support and advocacy of the Association on the part of many Grand Lodges.

The report has, also, this to say of the Klan that all Grand Jurisdictions "repudiate all connections with it, officially or socially, and some denounce it in very strong terms."

The review of Maine in its 105th Communication is adequately considered by the reviewer. Due praise is given to M. W. Bro. Albert M. Spear, Grand Master, in his annual address. Extended quotations are given of several vital matters dealt with by him, especially our Grand

Master's strictures on Maine "as among the most conservative and least progressive of the entire country." If our Grand Master had only put the adverb "radically" before the word progressive it would have saved this reviewer considerable humiliation and somewhat extended explanation. Since, however, he meant exactly what he said there is little room for cavil and we must take the castigation with a smile and like the Flagellants of the Twelfth Century who walked in procession with bare shoulders and bore whipping until the blood ran in order to obtain the mercy of God and appease His wrath against the vices of the age. Such flagellations were considered by this Order as equal in virtue with baptism and the sacraments, and so in a metaphor we submit to the scourge for the health of our soul.

We appreciate, therefore, the words of Brother Mather in closing, which praise seems a bit inconsistent with Brother Spear's criticism and flagellation,—“The Craft in Maine seems to be *moving* (if moving alive at least) along in every way worthy of our great fraternity, and in keeping with our best traditions.” This is a balm in Gilead for our flagellation-wounds.

Your Correspondent is termed “a splendid successor” to Bro. Albro E. Chase, which is praise indeed and greatly appreciated.

MONTANA, 1923.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,433; net gain, 756. Total number of lodges, 143. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Daniel J. Muri for Maine, a recent commission (June 4, 1923). We cordially welcome Brother Muri.

After a series of informal preliminaries in speeches of welcome and response, bouquet of flowers from O. E. S. and a Flag ceremonial, the annual communication was opened by the address of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Claude J. McAllister, which is rather sermoniac, even homiletic in parts.

Extended tributes are paid to several Past Grand Masters who have been called to higher labors, notable on this list are M. W. Brothers Theodore Brantly, Otto Francis Wasmansdorff, Edward S. Stackpole (born with notice in Vassalboro, Maine), all Past Grand Masters of Montana.

The year has “been marked by a calm, steady growth, a healthy sign” we read in the report. A large number of visitations are included, with a brief description of each, while he had the pleasure of constituting two, and instituting one, new lodges.

In the course of his address, the Grand Master paid high tribute to our American Public School System, and said that it should “be kept free from political and religious strife, sectarian interference and partisan controversy.”

From his words respecting our schools we are not surprised to find him saying commendatory words of DeMolay for Boys, and we find that in

Montana there are seventeen Chapters of the Order, and two more in process of formation with a membership of 1,275.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations is one that two competent brothers be engaged at two hundred dollars per month, as lecturers and field workers in the constituent lodges in behalf of Masonic education.

Under the heading "Our Splendid Masonic Home," the Grand Master pays tribute to the service rendered by this institution and to its efficient administration by the Board of Directors. During the year he issued a circular letter of explanation and appeal which brought ready response from the brethren of the lodges. There is some consideration of building in the future an Orphanage and Hospital in connection with the Home, the latter being imperatively needed. He recommends the payment of \$5.00 into the Endowment Fund of the Home, "by each and every petitioner for the degrees," which fund shall be used for the maintenance and operation of the Home; and \$2.00 per year assessment, for five years, upon each and every member of lodges in Montana which sums shall be used for the purpose of "carrying to full completion the Masonic Home Building Campaign." Again we see something of the accelerated and mounting costs of these institutions and the increasing financial problems confronting Grand Lodges every year, which fact rather confirms Maine in its somewhat conservative method of administering its Charity Fund in the quiet and economic way which has characterized this jurisdiction for many generations.

The Grand Master recommends that twelve months must intervene before petition can be made to Royal Arch Chapter, or Scottish Rite degrees,—a growing tendency in legislation in many Grand Jurisdictions, and in every way a wholesome and salutary procedure. Unanimously adopted.

On the Wednesday afternoon of the annual communication Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the Deaconess Hospital at Billings; a full page photograph of the ceremony and the participating official (with a few of the coy sisters of the O. E. S. pecking round a pillar of the temple, caught by the camera) is given in these annual proceedings. A brief address given by Bishop C. W. Burns appropriate to the occasion is printed in full.

Another address on "Open Mindedness" was given by Brother M. A. Brannon, a scholarly and convincing appeal for clear thinking, and consequent intelligent action on the part of the brethren. Temptation is strong to make extended quotation from these two excellent and eloquent orations, but the resolution of this reviewer, no less than the exigences of space, forbid us.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Grand Master's recommendation in levying a five dollar tax on each initiate, doubled the amount, making a ten dollar tax on each petitioner accepted for the degrees. There was much discussion pro and con, some emphatic opposition expressed but finally this levying of \$10.00 was adopted. Thus may we see something of the "High Cost of Homes" in Montana. The matter of

\$2.00 per member for the Masonic Home, was postponed until the next Annual Communication, while the voluntary subscription plan for the Masonic Home building fund was continued. The annual dues were increased to \$2.50, one dollar of which goes to support the Masonic Home.

A plan for providing for D. D. G. Ms. was considered but deferred until next year.

Fraternal recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodges of Ecuador and Guatemala, but deferred in the case of Argentine.

The formal report on Foreign Correspondence, is the fifteenth annual by M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner (P. G. M.). We have had occasion before to commend these clear and comprehensive reports of Brother Hepner, and the present is in keeping with the high standard maintained through the years by this always interesting and able reviewer.

His method, sparing in quotation, and mostly the composition of his own pen, has always been something of a delight and model for your reviewer.

Unfortunately Maine is omitted, doubtless for the very good reason that Brother Hepner did not receive it in time for review, but we must have it sometime even though it be a year delayed. His report this year covers an even one hundred pages, and touches the pivotal, salient things of each jurisdiction. Kindly in comment, even when he is constrained to disagree with some sentiment or action, but always constructive even when he is forced to express some criticism or register an opposite conviction. We congratulate Montana on this able correspondent.

NEBRASKA, 1924.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 39,585; net gain, 943. Number of chartered lodges, 286. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. We regret to note the absence of Maine's Grand Representative.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charles A. Chappell, calls the necrological roll, which contains the names of four Past Grand Masters of Nebraska: Most Worshipful Brothers Edwin Force Warren, Henry Gibbons, Milton J. Hull, and Alpha Morgan. A heavy toll numerically, but far greater in the quality and leadership of these eminent Craftsmen.

The Grand Master affirms that there has been a noticeable advance in the excellence of the work during the present year which is a source of gratification to all. He constituted one New Lodge, and officially dedicated a New Temple, while he reports that two more Halls will be ready for the same ceremony in the immediate future.

The Masonic Home at Plattsmouth is one of the real achievements of Nebraskan Masonry and the brethren take "a true and proper pride" in its growth and maintenance, as also in the Masonic Children's Home, another important and successful accomplishment of the Craft.

The Grand Master has strong and constructive words to say regarding Masonic Lodges conducting lottery or gift enterprises believing if such

things were permitted "it would only be a question of time until there would be a reaction with a train of evils and with injury to the Fraternity." Among his appointments of Grand Representatives we see that of "Brother Charles M. Farrar near the Grand Lodge of Maine, commissioned December 21, 1923." We regret to announce the decease in August (1924), of our dear and good friend and brother so soon after this appointment.

During his term the Grand Master laid three corner-stones for School Buildings which fact suggests something of the standing and strength of the Fraternity in Nebraska. In the effete East, the strength of the opposition (?), has made it often advisable to avoid the controversy and petty sectarian rancour in the interest of civic harmony and "domestic tranquility."

One of the Grand Master's "Decisions" is of interest, to the effect that "one of Indian blood in his veins could become a Mason, blood lines are not recognized under the law in this Grand Jurisdiction." A decision in accordance with the law of the majority of jurisdictions.

A recommendation of the Grand Master that the degree of Past Master when not conferred at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, should be conferred either by the Grand Custodian or under his direction and control. The Jurisprudence Committee endorsed this, and it appeals to us as a good method of disposing of a condition which too often arises when the Past Master's degree is done, as frequently in our own jurisdiction, in an informal and slipshod manner by brethren who have but the faintest idea of the significance of the ritual or the meaning of the work.

Grand Master Chappell's closing under the truly Masonic caption, "Together, Brethren, Forward" is a gem of inspiring appeal and forms a fitting climax to an unusual annual report which it has been a delight to consider and review.

The Report of the Grand Custodian, who is an important officer in Nebraska, corresponding in a measure to our own office of Grand Lecturer, covers more than ten pages of the proceedings, and shows careful and painstaking administration of the exalted office.

The members of the Grand Lodge visited Plattsmouth for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the New Infirmary to be erected at the Masonic Home. It was a gala day in Plattsmouth, the citizens assembling together with the brethren. A full program is given of the events connected therewith, which includes an eloquent and informing Oration by W. Bro. John R. Webster.

Another Oration, the annual, was given the following morning at the next session of the Grand Lodge, by W. Bro. Merrill B. Carman, and was listened to with evident appreciation and applause. It deals with such vital matters as civic duty, educational possibilities and ideals, the larger patriotism and Masonic responsibilities connected with these; altogether it is packed full of real meat, and is a model of what a Masonic oration ought to be. Somewhat extended, covering nine pages of the annual proceedings, it is a document which has held our attention and challenges our admiration.

During this session a distinguished visitor in the person of the M. W. Grand Master of Kansas, Brother Elmer F. Strain, was welcomed to the Grand East and made fitting response to the cordial reception which greeted him from all sides of the hall.

A close vote on the question of withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association was held and it was voted to withdraw (98 votes to 80) from the Association.

The sum of \$200.00 was voted in support of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, this amount, however, is to be under the direction and custody of the Masonic Relief Association and Employment Bureau of Omaha, and to be used for the relief of transient and sojourning Masons, who should be given temporary assistance.

A careful and well articulated report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, covering eight pages, gives the essential changes, with elimination of inconsistencies and contradictions which have crept in through the years of legislation.

R. W. Brother John A. Ehrhardt submitted his ninth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, together with a brief but illuminating "Foreword" which touches on such widely various topics as the Klan, the Mystic Shrine, the M. S. A. and the George Washington Memorial. Respecting the Klan he says: "The careful perusal of the proceedings of several Grand Lodges during the past Masonic year will demonstrate that on the question of the K. K. K., they are using the soft pedal, instead of the forcible language employed in former proceedings." Brother Ehrhardt feels that this is a mistake, and that more militant opposition than ever should confront the "invisible empire."

Maine receives cordial treatment at his hands, our doings meeting with his approbation in every instance. The remarkable closing of our Grand Master's annual address is quoted in full, it constituting more than one-half of the Maine review. Your reviewer knows what Shakespeare meant by the phrase, "damning with faint praise" which is undoubtedly all that he really deserves, for this is what he gets, "a very carefully prepared review, devotes two pages to Nebraska."

NEVADA, 1924.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 2,629; net gain, 108. Thirty-four lodges are on the roll. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions, Maine's being absent.

Among the names on Nevada's Necrology we see that of Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother George A. Morgan, and also the Very Reverend Grand Chaplain Bishop George C. Hunting. Pages of tender memorial are allotted to both, with the usual choice selection from the poets inscribed opposite their names and full page photographs.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Silas E. Ross, gives a brief and business-like accounting of his term of office in his annual report, which makes little attempt at rhetoric; but he announces in well chosen words that

"harmony prevails, lodges are well officered and in good financial condition. Forty per cent. rent their quarters, and sixty per cent. own their own lodge rooms."

Among his recommendations is that of remaining a member of the M. S. A.; appropriating for Sojourner's Club (Fort Bayard); School Building at Tokio; and encouraging each lodge to secure a small Masonic Library.

The Committee reporting on this address said: "Such energy and devotion to Masonry displayed by him can bring but one result—the upbuilding of the Fraternity in general and the individual Mason." A verdict in which we heartily concur.

In these annual proceedings we read that "the York Grand Lodge of Mexico bears the date A. L. 5865, and since its formation genuine Masonry has been taught, and its principle tenets, like ours, are three-fold."

Nevada has raised forty-five per cent. of its quota for the Washington Memorial, and words urging the completion of its quota are made by the Grand Master and by the Committee.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, and denied or deferred in the cases of Argentine, Colombia, Italy, Spain and Mexico (Pacific).

A somewhat unusual report of the Committee on Charity, was to the effect, that there has been no call on the Charity Fund for the year. In this Nevada has probably the unique distinction of being about the only Grand Jurisdiction which could make such report.

An embellishment of Nevada's Proceedings is a two page group picture of the Past Grand Masters.

The "In Memoriam" contains the names of two of our Past Grand Masters; Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund B. Mallet, and also that of Past Senior Grand Warden, Edwin Albert Porter.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is over the distinctive signature of M. W. Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, who is also Grand Secretary of Nevada. It is one of the best arranged and most readable of the reports which reach the Maine reviewer. We notice in the course of his report that "China" is one of the Grand Jurisdiction reviewed. A brief history is given wherein we learn that Masonry was established in Shanghai in 1855, that there are at present eleven lodges, with one thousand members. In their consecration ceremony while using the familiar corn, wine and oil, there is added in their ceremonial salt, with these words: "And every obligation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt, neither shalt thou suffer the Salt of the Covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer Salt."

Maine receives due meed of praise and quotation largely from Grand Master Spear's address, while our legislative doings are uniformly commended and quoted with approving commentary. Your correspondent is credited with "an able review, written with clarity and precision." Refer-

ence is made to the Foreword on "Radical or Conservative Freemasonry," and a few brief sentences fall from his pen in elucidation of the conservative proposition.

It has been a rare delight to read Brother Vanderlieth's review which teems with careful thought and rather remarkable powers of literary style.

We again commend his charming verses selected for the obituary pages of these Nevada proceedings.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1924.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,598; increase of 235. There were present four Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-four jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

M. W. Brother LeBaron Wilson, Grand Master, speaks in the opening of his annual report of the substantial growth, financially and numerically within the jurisdiction, especially emphasizing that it has been a "growth in character" as well as in mere numbers and believes it a promise and prophecy that the Fraternity will fulfill its mission "and go forward for the elevation of mankind."

Brief but touching mention is made of the passing of R. W. Brother Frederick J. G. Knowlton, Past Grand Master, who for eight years was Grand Treasurer, and elevated from that office during two of the most critical and arduous years of Masonry in New Brunswick, as Grand Master. As one of his achievements we read: "To his initiative and enthusiasm, we owe it that Grand Lodge now possesses this valuable Hall property."

Nineteen official visits were made by the Grand Master during his term, and he reports that there is opportunity for improvement in the ritual work and voices the hope that the day is not far distant when some way to instruct the lodges in this respect will be found. Maine has found its Grand Lecturer, with periodic Schools of Instruction in various central and strategic places a source of constructive help in this regard. Then, too, a system of District Deputy Grand Masters helps in the same way.

Two new lodges were consecrated during the year, and dispensation issued for the organization of another.

The Grand Master made recommendation that a per capita tax of one dollar for five consecutive years be made, thereby freeing the Grand Lodge of its burden of debt, and enabling them to carry on a larger charity and benevolent work than was possible under the burden of indebtedness. It is good to see that the special committee to which this recommendation was referred reported favorably upon it, and was endorsed by the brethren.

We note with pleasure that considerable discussion centered around the proposal for a Grand Lecturer, that there was a decided trend of thought in that direction and only because of the new per capita tax instituted at this session of the Grand Lodge, was the matter somewhat reluctantly deferred, with the hope that it might be consummated in the future.

The five D. D. G. Masters make a full report of their activities for the year, nearly all of them making a visitation to every lodge in their respective districts.

The entire proceedings of an emergent communication to lay the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple at Moncton, are given, and make interesting reading. The principal of the Normal School at Fredericton, R. W. Brother H. V. B. Bridges, L. L. D., and Past Grand Master gave "an able and eloquent public oration." It is replete with references to the past achievements of the Fraternity, with fervid hopes for future accomplishments, with many a touching reference to the devotion and death of those of New Brunswick, in the Great World War. He spoke in closing especially to the younger members of the fraternity urging them to carry on the work of the past, fulfill the traditions, and while preserving the ancient landmarks to further "the work of the order to its highest and greatest end."

Several other brethren made brief but fitting allusions to the building of the New Temple, and the entire program was well balanced and merited the praise which it received in these annual proceedings.

We have before expressed our regret that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick publishes no Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 14,773; gain, 268. Number of lodges on roll 80. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-one jurisdictions, although we are forced to admit the absence of ours from Maine.

M. W. Brother Frederic E. Everett, Grand Master, makes the usual reference of a slight falling off in net increase during the year, and avers his conviction that the growth is a healthy one and optimistically says, "that if the quantity is lacking the quality is better." He sees in all this evidence of greater care in the selection of Masonic building material, and that applicants must be "worthy and well qualified."

Clear and worthy portraits, with a page of tender eulogy, are set aside in the Grand Master's report to the memory of the Deceased Fraters of the year, among which we read the names, and words of appreciation for, M. W. Brothers Henry Irving Hazelton, Henry Brewer Quinby, both Past Grand Masters of New Hampshire. Pillars, indeed, were these strong and loyal craftsmen whose life and labor are mortised and tenoned in the Masonic structure of those rugged granite hills of our neighboring state.

We notice a few dispensations for "out of time degrees" granted by him which would have been looked at askance in our own state. The appearance and consequent eloquent words of M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell are mentioned by M. W. Brother Everett, as the outstanding feature of the semi-annual communication earlier in the year (December 27th).

Mention is made of the "Master Mason" and of the able editorship of Brother Joseph Fort Newton, and the Grand Master urges individual

subscription to what is fast becoming the official organ of American Masonry, under the tutelage of the M. S. A.

His "Decisions" were few, but in accord with the usual masonic custom and practice.

A gift of \$500.00 to the national government's tuberculosis hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, was made by him and endorsed by the Grand Lodge.

Brother Everett mentions a most interesting fact, which must be a source of great pride to the brethren of New Hampshire, namely, "that this greatest of earth's memorials (Washington Memorial) to one of the greatest men of all time" is to be built of New Hampshire granite from the famous Redstone Quarry near North Conway. We re-echo the beautiful sentiment respecting this, "We have every right to rejoice that the everlasting rock from our own home hills has been chosen to typify the very heart and soul of Freemasonry."

He calls attention to the misuse and abuse of the word "Masonic" in a few burning words of protest, an abuse which has always stirred our own sense of propriety and often indignation. He thus condemns in no stilted or effeminate language "Masonic Balls," Masonic Baseball Clubs; the Jurisprudence Committee sustained him by presenting and passing a resolution to the effect that hereafter the word "Masonic" is strictly prohibited, except, of course, in connection with organizations and purposes, which the Grand Lodge shall from time to time decree and endorse.

Fifty-three pages of the proceedings are given to reports of the D. D. G. Ms. and indicate good work faithfully and unpretentiously performed. The usual good old New England names, with a tinge and tang of the down-east Yankee, including the ubiquitous and inevitable Smith, are appended to these eight reports from as many Masonic Districts.

We note endorsement of "The Order of the Rainbow" for girls by the brethren.

The usual condition of Jurisdictions sustaining, or trying to sustain in a few instances, Masonic Homes, is indicated by a one dollar per year per capita tax for a period of five years. This special tax is to be devoted to the erection and maintenance of a hospital annex to the Home in Manchester.

The "Order of the White Shrine" is deferred in the matter of holding meetings in New Hampshire lodge rooms, until the next annual communication.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution is to the effect that a fine of ten dollars shall be laid upon any lodge failing to have its representative answer the roll call at both the opening and closing of the annual communication. This will be of special interest to Maine, because there has been some discussion recently relative to the same matter, and probably some action will soon be taken along the same line of delinquent lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution making four weeks time obligatory between the conferring of the E. A. degree after election thereto.

A most interesting thirty pages of these annual proceedings are devoted to the proposition that New Hampshire was the first to suggest a Masonic memorial for George Washington. Certainly it is a clear and conclusive argument which is given chronologically. The actions of other jurisdictions are given, in each case they are subsequent to the action of New Hampshire, which places its date on June 8 and 9 in the year 1824. Maine, it will interest the brethren to know, was not so far behind in the enterprise as our date is January 13, 1825. It may be possible that the matter will precipitate some controversy during the few following years, although it does not appeal to this reviewer, as at all worthwhile, and when we consider, even the apparently earliest date of June, 1824, we need rather to be ashamed that the matter has lagged for nearly one hundred years since its first mention by New Hampshire. Verily here is evidence enough of the truth of that old line of alleged poetry, "Procrastination is the thief of time." Instead of any heated controversy better far that we hang our heads in recreancy and shame, that a matter of simple justice to one of our greatest and best Masons, should have been deferred for a complete century before we had stamina and push (and shall I say Masonic 'guts') sufficient to do an act of simple justice and real Masonic Americanism, to one of the noblest men ever "born within the tide of time."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, is over the rugged and familiar signature of R. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney. He calls his Report "Opus 18, if musicians alone were to get it," and says it was written for "just plain every-day Master Masons, in common Yankee speech." Well, Brother Cheney, why demur at "Opus 18," surely there is something of harmony in the soul of every Master Mason which must respond to these dulcet periods of Masonic melody. There is no brass-band obstreperousness about this review, rather something which reminds this reviewer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at its best.

In a brief introduction Brother Cheney avers, and in this we cordially agree, "Never before in its long, long life has Freemasonry been such a positive thing as now." He rises to a real prophet when he says: "Some future historian will write of our Masonic life as being the period of Masonic awakening." We heartily believe that. At least for live men *now* is the Golden Age of Masonic growth, progress and activity.

Maine receives such generous and appreciative treatment at his hands as to leave little to be desired, and this reviewer is placed in the position when trying to say "Thank you" of the old revivalist brother, who was forever singing, "The Half was never told."

There is hardly a line of quotation in the entire review of more than three pages. Our doings and deliberations and legislative actions are commented on with cordial approval. Grand Master Albert M. Spear is the kind of man and Mason that meets with his unqualified approbation. Especially does he approve his attitude toward the Klan, saying, "He dodges nothing, and is definite, safe and sound."

Your correspondent earns the word "brilliancy" for his Foreword, and his entire review is called "of extraordinary value" and has some therapeutic value, too, for Bro. Cheney says it is a cure for "the blues," as he proposes to use it as "our first remedy" should such "blues" overtake him. That is a compliment, indeed. Thank you.

NEW JERSEY, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 78,469; net gain, 4,615. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. William Ritchie, for Maine.

An extended list of "Distinguished Visitors," is given including R. W. Bro. Alfred Robbins, Past Grand Warden, and President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frank C. Sayrs, in his address points to constructive Masonic labor in the constituting of four, and the instituting of the same number, of new lodges. Six corner-stone ceremonials were conducted and innumerable visitations and dedications of temples.

The Grand Master recommended the appropriation of one thousand dollars for the Sojourner's Club, at Fort Bayard, New Mexico. Adopted.

Under "Foreign Relations" a most interesting correspondence is printed between the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, relative to irregular lodges, and invasion of jurisdiction by the Grand Orient, which is officially recognized by New Jersey. The upshot of the matter was that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to which the entire question was referred seemed reluctant to take the decisive step of severing these fraternal relations because of this invasion, and puts it up to the Grand Master by recommending that he be empowered to terminate this fraternal relationship, "when it shall appear to be expedient."

Thus is Maine's conservative course in the matter of official recognition which was discussed in our Grand Lodge of Maine during the war, with considerable sentiment in favor thereof largely because of war sympathies and affiliations, justified. New Jersey, because of that war-appeal, took the decisive step of recognition and evidently it will come to a "show down" in the near future if one may judge by the increasingly irritating situation and the temper of the correspondence submitted, especially from the Orient.

The question is left hinging on the affiliating by the Grand Orient of certain clandestine lodges in Pennsylvania, if this should be done, the Grand Master acts at once by severance of relationships. This Maine correspondent thinks from the correspondence submitted that there are already other grounds, which would entirely justify such action by New Jersey.

The Grand Master is a DeMolay enthusiast, and urges "hearty and sympathetic support and co-operation" by the Grand Lodge of these Chapters.

The M. S. A. is cordially and generously supported in New Jersey, the Grand Master making a recommendation that twelve thousand dollars be appropriated for this purpose this year. We learn, too, that this Grand Lodge is a bit inclined toward the Masonic International Association for he makes recommendation that a Committee be appointed to study the aims and purposes (and perhaps also the basic principles (?)) of this organization. Adopted by Grand Lodge.

Strongly, even unstintedly, the Grand Master condemns the use of gambling devices at lodge fairs and Masonic club affairs, as contravening the laws of the Order and in direct and palpable violation of the State Statute.

Among his recommendations we notice one changing from a two-thirds vote to a majority vote, when discipline or punishment is to be visited upon a member. The reason given, which seems to us well taken, that there is difficulty (often indeed impossibility) if securing conviction for some offending and personally popular brother, under the old method.

So many of the above distinguished guests made speeches that we have despaired under the space limitations of these reviews of giving even the barest outline of the many excellent and eloquent orations which were delivered (and many of them printed in full), during this communication.

Clear and architecturally beautiful cuts of Masonic Temples which were dedicated during the year are included, and make an impressive addition to the volume of Proceedings. During the sessions, and after the interesting and instructive speech of Sir Alfred Robbins, a Jewel of the Grand Lodge of England was presented by this eminent Craftsman, to M. W. Brother William D. Wolfskeil, New Jersey's Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England.

On the roll of "Dead of Other Jurisdictions" we see in letters of hallowed light the names of two of our noblest and best beloved, M. W. Brothers Frank E. Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet.

The Committee on Jurisprudence makes a good point respecting the multiplicity and often contradictory complexity of Masonic law and regulations by saying "All laws should be general in character and application, not special, and the fewer the better, and this is particularly true in Masonry, where the enactment of special and promiscuous legislation might easily lead to innovations in the fundamental principles upon which the institution is founded." Here is indicated one of the obvious evils which are brought about by the succeeding years of special resolutions and legislation which leaves many a Grand Lodge in an intricate and inconsistent maze of laws and rules controverting, and often openly repudiating, each other.

Thirty-four pages of the Proceedings are given to an enlightening account of the management and affairs of the Masonic Home, embellished with several interesting photographs of the handiwork of the children of the Home. This extended report shows an institution well financed and efficiently administered.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar signature of

M. W. Brother Robert A. Shirrefs. An opulent Masonic mind and experience breathes throughout the review, which is distinguished also by a literary style somewhat unusual among correspondents. It is as clear as a mountain brook and flows with a like flexibility. We have enjoyed it both for the substantial matter which it contains and the gracious manner and lucid style in which it is written. Having met him at several Supreme Council Convocations, we get the flavor of personality in his reviews and appreciate all the more his individual way of approaching and dealing with Masonic topics.

Maine is cordially considered in several pages of this review. Grand Master Spear is praised for his words and works during the year, especially in such matters as Masonic advertising, physical qualifications and the Klan. We assume, since there is no demurring, that our "Doings" met with his approval, and were in accordance with the customary and rather conservative practice of old jurisdictions like New Jersey.

Your Maine Correspondent is honored by an extended citation from his "Foreword" on "Conservative or Radical Freemasonry."

NEW MEXICO, 1924.

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,163; net gain, 188. Seven Past Grand Masters were present.

Preliminary to the formal opening of the communication there was a most feeling address of welcome delivered in behalf of the local lodge to which the Grand Master briefly responded.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Joseph Gill, in opening his annual address believes that "Masonry is assuming a new attitude toward its purposes and is translating its beautiful philosophy into terms of constructive usefulness." He seems to consider that Chapters of DeMolay Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Daughters of Job, are evidence of this.

Among the dispensations refused we note with approval one to sub-rent a Masonic Hall to the K. K. K. His words are not unlike those of our own Grand Master when the same request was made of him for the use of a Masonic Hall for Klan lectures.

The "Decisions and Opinions" of the Grand Master are in accord with the usual practice of the Fraternity. Something of the liberal attitude of New Mexico may be seen in his decision that a man who has lost his left hand at the wrist is not ineligible to the degrees, "Providing he is otherwise qualified," this is the only decision which would be a subject of doubt in Maine, and not then provided there was an artificial hand that was so under the control of the owner as to make the signs and conform to the work.

Fort Bayard receives cordial endorsement from the Grand Master who recommends that increased help be given, and "that its needs be adequately presented to our sister jurisdictions." Many Grand Lodges have contributed generously toward this noble philanthropy.

Grand Master Gill recommends that the Grand Lodge becomes a member of the Masonic International Association, and that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, without denying recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

A feature of the Grand Lodge for several years has been a "Revolving Student Loan Fund," by this fund during the year we learn that sixteen students have been helped, surely a useful example of the practical labors of modern speculative Masonry. If temples were builded of old by our operative brethren, we recall another kind of temple spoken of by the Great Light, your young man shall be as temples unto the Lord. And so in New Mexico, they help to build them.

Twenty-five pages of these proceedings are given to a report of the Committee on Masonic History and Research, which gives some interesting and readable data of the early Masonic days, wherein occur such names "as that Illustrious Brother, Kit Carson" and a score of others whose labors and lives were mortised into the Masonic Structure of New Mexico.

Several of the D. D. G. Ms. submit brief but informing reports which show faithful work accomplished by these Craftsmen in their respective districts.

R. W. Brother John Milne writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a document of 186 worthwhile pages, ending with a conclusion which makes brief comment on such varied subjects as the "higher degree craze," on gambling in lodges, on the Washington Memorial, the Masonic Service Association. This conclusion closes with these words which we echo as an expression of our own sentiment and appreciation of the kindness of the "Round Table." "We have had praise more than we deserve but never an unkind word. It has been a great privilege to be a member of the 'round table,' and at least our own life will be fuller and better as a result of the associations."

Maine is comprehensively considered, several quotations from Grand Master Spear's address are printed, and brief comments made thereon. Grand Master Spear's words on the Klan are quoted, without comment, to the extent of over one page, and a like amount of space is given to an extended excerpt from your Foreign Correspondent's review of New Mexico.

R. W. Brother Milne's view of Masonic questions, is always broad and vital, and it is a pleasure to read such good work and to congratulate New Mexico on the fraternal and liberal spirit of its reviewer.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1923.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 50,638. The Grand Master said: "That when our Grand Lodge was constituted in 1888, there were 176 lodges. In 1914, when I first assumed the office of Grand Master, there were 253, or an increase of 77 during the first twenty-six years. Today, after eight more years, we have 390, or an increase of 137 during the eight years just ended."

The M. W. Grand Master is Bro. William Thompson. In all these years of his service he avows his aspiration was "to make it harder to be accepted in a Masonic Lodge than to gain admission to any other body of men imaginable, and this is now done by our system of Investigation Committees in every lodge. By making admission to our Order difficult, we make it the more desirable of attainment." This sound, because basic Masonic teaching, runs through the major part of his address at the First Quarterly Communication.

Because of the criticism of several American correspondents that he issued dispensations too readily and commonly for "out of time degrees" he explains that their practice differs markedly from ours, being a matter wholly within the constitutional Law of New South Wales. He says that every one of his 4,120 dispensations during his long years of service have "been in strict conformity with the Constitution" and that never yet has he granted dispensation for a "candidate being proposed and balloted for at short notice." Such misunderstandings, as caused American correspondents to criticise his action might be avoided, as a matter of fraternal courtesy, if there was a general rule and understanding that in all such matters it is in the blunt phrase, "none of our business," anyway. The presumption is always in favor of the Grand Lodge, whose Constitution and Regulations, may differing widely in its requirements and prerogatives from our own.

At these Quarterly Communications quite invariably there are several New Lodges consecrated, Temples dedicated and other constructive Masonic labor recorded, so that we are always prepared to read of "constructive growth and progress" at every Quarterly occasion.

A pleasant event was the presentation of the Grand Master with a check for 1,131-14-1, in English pounds sterling. To which presentation he made fitting but brief reply.

There is an interesting account of the opening and dedication of "The Masonic Schools" at Baulkham Hills on Armistice Day (1922). In the course of his address the Grand Master said that "We are determined that our little ones will have the very best that money can buy; additions can readily be made to these schools as occasion arises, and the child of the millionaire could not get a better practical education under more congenial surroundings than will be provided for the Orphans of Masons at these schools." Over four hundred of such children will be domiciled here and it is a magnificent philanthropy worthily begun in the State of New South Wales. We of far-off Maine extend our congratulations and best wishes for the progress, prosperity, and perpetuity of these schools. Indeed the benediction of the Psalmists came to our lips as we read the inspiring account of the dedication of these new buildings, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces; For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

We read at a later Quarterly that the Trustees of the above Institution are planning a complete scheme for the erection of a College "on part of our area at Baulkham Hills."

M. W. Grand Master Thompson must occupy a large place in the esteem and affection of the brethren for at nearly every meeting, whether the Grand Lodge Quarterlies, or the humblest lodge in the jurisdiction, we find sentiments like the following: "Expressions of love for our Grand Master have been most marked, and everyone expressed sincere wishes that he will continue to guide the destinies of this Grand Lodge."

There is no extended and formal Report on Foreign Correspondence, but the Chairman of the Committee, R. W. Brother William Epps, presents a page telling of reports received from other Grand Jurisdictions, and making commendatory comments on these, and suggesting that as they contain real information, they might profitably be read "during the intervals between work in the lodges."

NEW YORK, 1924.

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 299,034, with 941 lodges. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of sixty-five jurisdictions, among which we find such unusual and foreign Grand Lodges as "Lessing zu den Drei Ringen," "Zur Eintracht" and Three Globes and Cuscatlan. Maine's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. William J. Moore, was present at this annual communication.

M. W. Brother Arthur S. Tompkins, Grand Master, during the reading of his annual address, was relieved by Past Grand Master R. H. Robinson, owing to the "indisposition" of Grand Master Tompkins. We see the names of our noblest from Maine recorded on the Necrology Roster for the year, as follows: "M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, Senior Past Grand Master of Maine," and "M. W. Edmund Buxton Mallet, Past Grand Master of Maine."

Grand Master Tompkins points out a dual duty of representatives to Grand Lodge communications, to the effect that they are to be the official representative of their respective lodges, but each is also a medium through which the proceedings and activities of the Grand Lodge, its plans, needs and achievements "are to be communicated to your lodges." It is, therefore, his duty to inform his lodge of these things in a detailed report upon his return, that none "may plead ignorance" of all such procedure and legislation.

A list containing detailed report of thirty-seven coremonials attended, (dedications, corner-stones, installations, constituting lodges, etc.) is given, and we learn further that "during the year thirty Masonic banquets, twenty-one Masonic anniversary celebrations, and seventy-seven lodge communications outside my own lodge" were a part of his varied and arduous duties during the year. He gave dispensation to "establish two new lodges in Beirut, Syria," and two in Finland. We learn later in his report, that three lodges in Finland, have applied for a special charter with leave and authority to form a Grand Lodge of Finland, which during the later deliberations was cordially granted.

Under the caption "The Masonic Home Community Church" we find that church services are held every Sabbath day and "are well attended by the Home family, while Sunday School for the children is held in the chapel every Sunday." A new departure for the Fraternity. We know several rural communities in Maine where there are no church services, but several church buildings standing ingloriously unoccupied, often in that community there is an active Masonic Lodge, we know that it is a "shakey" and wholly unmasonic proposition, but when a "Community" Church, freed from all sectarian domination can be sponsored in a great jurisdiction like New York, what a field it opens at least to the imagination, for these village lodges erected to God, to take them over on the non-sectarian community basis, and breathe the breath of new life and vigor into them. Provided, which this correspondent greatly doubts, it is within the province and prerogative of the Fraternity at all. If it is, New York here suggests a mighty field of usefulness and labor, if assuredly trial and probably many controversies and contentions for our Fraternity throughout the world.

Among the special days, established by the Grand Lodge of New York, we find the following regularly observed: "Flag Day, Washington's Masonic Birthday, and National Education Week." The New York brethren evidently believe in the American public school system, and propose to do all in their power to strengthen and extend its facilities.

A slight error in the Grand Master's address is printed; the name of the editor-in-chief of "The Master Mason," being printed as "Rev. R. W. John Fortnewton, D. D." Joseph Fort Newton, D. D. is correct.

The Grand Lodge of New York has three lodges in Roumania, as well as those mentioned above in Syria and Finland.

The Committee on Legislation and Law Enforcement secured an amendment to the Penal Law of New York, which makes it unlawful "for any person to use or wear a Masonic emblem or insignia unless he is a regular Mason."

Forty-two pages of the "Proceedings" are given to a detailed report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, which show an excellent financial standing.

Among the distinguished guests were R. W. Brother Sir Alfred Robbins, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and Chairman of England's Board of General Purposes, who later made an address to the assembled brethren which was listened to with much attention. There were also welcomed the M. W. Grand Masters of New Jersey and Delaware, Brothers Andrew Foulds and John J. MacCrum, both of whom made brief, but cordial addresses of fraternal greeting and goodwill.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in recommending the granting of a charter to establish the Grand Lodge of Finland, intimates that this New Grand Lodge of Finland will grow at a rapid rate and probably undertake the establishing of lodges in adjacent foreign lands, among which are mentioned Latvia, Lithuania and Russia. We read that "the lodges in Finland have been handled very intelligently. Their work has

been examined, and we find that the work is as carefully done as in any lodges of this State, and the best of our lodges will have great difficulty to excel the work that is being done in the City of Helsingfors."

The Committee on Ceremonial Forms presented in full, covering fourteen pages, the New Masonic Funeral Service, which is a masterpiece in its kind. There is a simple dignity about it which is far and away removed from the old sepulchral imagery and lugubrious rhetoric which so characterises and mars our older forms born in another age when Death was the King of Terrors, and the custom was to dwell on what Shakespeare calls "the graves, and worms and epitaphs." The opening word from the book of Job, is one of triumph, and through the entire service there runs the note of abiding hope and confident trust in immortality. It must be something of a comfort and quiet happiness to be interred by such a ritual as New York State is adopting.

Brother Ossian Lang, R. W. Grand Historian, gives the usual interesting account of the Craft Guilds and Cathedral Builders, a gem of historical research and literary expression, which it is a delight to linger with, so choice is the language, so sweetly meditative the thought, and withal so accurate in its chronological facts and statements. We again salute Brother Lang as a master, and congratulate the Grand Lodge of New York on having so masterful a writer and thoroughly competent an historian.

Brother Lang is also a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and under his recommendation the Grand Lodges of Jugoslavia, Egypt, Bulgaria and Chile, were fraternally recognized at this Communication.

The extended and more formal report by this Committee is over the signatures of the three members of it, and presumably written in collaboration, although we are not so certain of this, because there is both similarity of method and literary style in the various reviews.

Maine receives its part of space, which in every case, (but that of England, Massachusetts, and a few more) averages about one-half a page of the Proceedings. Your correspondent is given something of an honor in having at least one-third of the Maine review given to his Correspondence Report.

NEW ZEALAND, 1923.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 21,320; increase, 1,186. There are 253 active lodges.

M. W. Brother John Rushworth, Viscount Jellicoe; was unanimously re-elected as Grand Master, while at the same time M. W. Brother, the Hon. H. L. Michel, was elected as Pro Grand Master. Full page photographs of both Grand Masters adorn the pages of the Annual Proceedings.

On the Necrology Roll among many of the distinguished Craftsmen of New Zealand, we see the name of Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. James Moncrieff, a "zealous supporter" of Masonry in that jurisdiction.

Something of the constructive growth of the Institution in New Zealand is seen by the constituting of eleven new lodges, while there are several others in process of formation.

At the death of V. W. Brother Walter E. Scott, Grand Treasurer, the Grand Master appointed W. Bro. J. W. Hillary to that position.

The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland was recognized, as also the Grand Orient of the Netherlands. The Grand Lodge of Scotland having signified willingness that New Zealand should have jurisdiction over Samoa, the M. W. Grand Master granted a warrant for a lodge in Apia.

At the installation of the M. W. Grand Master, the "Installing Grand Master" made fitting and eloquent reference to the service of Viscount Jellicoe in the work of the Order and also to his great service during the war "as one of the outstanding leaders in preserving at a crucial time that great Empire of ours, of which we Freemasons are so justly proud." After his induction into office M. W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe made a somewhat extended address which is filled with patriotic sentiment and Masonic loyalty. As a sample of his utterance we may take the following regarding the English Navy, of which Viscount Jellicoe was the magnificent leader during the world war: "In the Navy — and I am glad to see some members of my own service present — there is a saying that a clean ship is a smart and efficient ship, and that a smart ship is a happy ship. Apply the meaning underlying this saying to a lodge and you will see the significance of a lodge with suitable appointments." He speaks in such blunt manner of many other things connected with the workings of the Craft, speaking of Masonic Study and Research, of Benevolences, of growth both in numbers and in character. He finds that one in sixty of the population of New Zealand is Masonic, while in Australia it is one in forty-five; in Canada one in fifty-five; in the United States one in one hundred and ten; and in Great Britain one in one hundred and twenty. The largest lodge in Auckland has a membership of 218 which is the largest in the entire jurisdiction of New Zealand.

We note with pleasure that M. W. Brother J. J. Dougall, Grand Representative for Maine, tendered his felicitations and good greetings to the M. W. Grand Master of New Zealand. We of Maine express our appreciation for this fraternal and kindly act, and reciprocate the good wishes and fraternal congratulations to him and through him to the M. W. Grand Master of New Zealand and the brethren of this Grand Lodge's obedience.

We notice the "Social Functions" at the close of this communication, and among these "a harbour excursion, when the brethren and lady friends were taken to Roma Bay and had the opportunity of witnessing the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Lodge Eastbourne, No. 217, which ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master." This was followed the same evening by a "Grand Ball" which was held in the "Town Hall."

There are brief and informing accounts of the faithful labors of nine Provincial Grand Masters, which exercise their office and do essentially the same labor, as is so efficiently performed by our D. D. G. Ms. in Maine.

There is no report of Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 39,655; net gain, 1,284. There are 454 lodges. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty jurisdictions. We see with fraternal sympathy, the name of the late beloved brother, R. W. Alexander S. Holden, the Grand Representative for Maine, in the necrology roll, with a full page photograph and a noble eulogy of this great and good Craftsman.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Hubert M. Poteat, indicates a busy and arduous year in his annual report. Among the more pleasant duties were the issuing of dispensations for two new lodges, innumerable official visitations; while there were unpleasant ones, also, in the arresting of six charters and the suspension of two others. His "Decisions" were all in accordance with Masonic practice, and call for no cavil, we especially commend him for refusing to "make a certain distinguished North Carolinian a Mason at sight," which request was made upon him by no less a distinguished Craftsman than the Editor-in-chief of the *Masonic Review* of New York City.

Grand Master Poteat avers his belief that wherever there is indifference or lax Masonry it can be almost invariably traced back to "shoddy, stumbling, dull and stupid degree work."

The following is worth extended quotation as Dr. Poteat's prescription for that sleeping sickness, or insidious hook-worm parasite, which he calls "Masonic indifference": "Take equal parts of accurate, impressively delivered ritual and Masonic study, mix with a liberal quantity of brotherly love and tolerance in the realm of opinion, add clean living and genuine interest in the poor and unfortunate, and take in unlimited doses." Yes, we rather think that would be a tonic, or purgative, which would brace up the system, and expel the accumulated accretions of Masonic laziness and indifference. It would be for many a run down, "pro lapsus" condition of many a Masonic coporosity what a certain vegetable compound, which bears the familiar name of Lydia Pinkham, does in its own particular and peculiar realm.

The Grand Master says many a good and striking thing like this, "the most dangerous tendency I see in North Carolina Masonry is a weak-kneed, flabby spinelessness on the question of law-breaking. The Grand Lodge must deal sternly and without mercy with lodges which trifle and dally and piddle (what a word) with law-breaking and law-breakers and who thus bring disgrace and dishonor into the ranks of our Fraternity."

Among his twenty-five recommendations we notice one that a Committee be appointed to erect a suitable monument at the grave of Past Grand Master William R. Davie, Founder of the University of North Carolina.

Ten special communications were held during the year, full accounts of these are given in the proceedings, and indicate interesting and important events in Grand Lodge annals.

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphanage made a full and detailed report on this worthy institution which has been established for more than half a century and is the pride and joy of the North Carolina brethren.

A notable contribution was made by R. W. Brother J. Ed. Allen, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Relations. The following were recommended for fraternal recognition: The Grand Lodges of Panama, Venezuela, Columbia (at Barranquilla) Columbia (at Bogata), Columbia (at Caitagena), Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Salvador (Cuscatlan) Honduras, Porto Rico, Alpina (Switzerland) Vienna, Norway, Denmark, the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and those of Queensland and Tasmania. We of Maine, would look rather askance at some of these, one or two of these, however, are on our lists and it may be that a few others, notably Queensland (from which we have had no request) should be recognized.

A strong and eloquent eulogy was given (printed in full) for Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Richard N. Hackett.

The Jurisprudence Committee endorsed most of the Grand Master's rulings and recommendations, but we are glad to see that they did not O. K. this, "That aliens be declared ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry." After considerable discussion, pro and con, the matter was put to vote, and the Jurisprudence Committee was sustained.

The various reports of the D. D. G. Ms. are included and show a careful guidance and supervision of the Craft in more than forty Masonic Districts. It is simple and unpretentious service that is responsible in no small measure for the conservative and healthy development of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

The Report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is by R. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen, and we are glad to see such from North Carolina, which has been in the past few years, greatly missed. We learn from Brother Allen's preface, that this is his "first trip" as he expresses it, and it is an achievement of which many a seasoned reviewer might well be proud. It has been a delight to read and an informative document for any Mason.

We rather like this from his preface: "We find that a small group of Grand Jurisdictions, as a matter of policy, choose not to have any attempt to notice the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. We accord to these the unabridged right to regulate their own customs and policies, not having felt any desire to intrude upon their intimated wish not to enter into the interchange of Masonic intercourse through the medium of these Reviews." This too, has been the principle upon which Maine has acted and will continue to act, as a matter of dignified fraternal courtesy.

Pages of valuable statistical tables are included, which must have meant hard, exacting labor on the part of this arduous reviewer.

Four pages of well digested and arranged material constitutes Bro. Allen's review of Maine's Proceedings. Our doings are uniformly commended; Grand Master Spear is praised for a "Masonic attitude which is most wholesome."

Several citations are made from our Grand Master's eloquent address and the inevitable "fabled eagle" figure of illustration is included, as it has been, by practically every reviewer who has written at any length.

Your Maine Correspondent is credited in his "Foreword" on "Radical or Conservative Freemasonry" with a "fine document, and cordially thanked for "the kindly and complimentary mention" of North Carolina in his review of last year.

We welcome R. W. Brother J. Edward Allen to the group of reviewers, and prophecy that from his initial effort he will take high rank both as a careful Masonic thinker and also as a man of unusual powers of verbal statement. His literary style is excellent and it has been a pleasure to linger with and almost caress with the tongue his choice language in expressing his views.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1924.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,033; net gain 260. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters and forty Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

Among many interesting preliminary features, that which stands out most interestingly was the reception to those who had been for fifty years or more in membership in the Fraternity. One of these had been for nearly seventy years a member of the Order, namely Past Grand Treasurer Evarts C. Stevens, while R. W. Brother George H. Keyes, P. G. M., had been fifty-eight years a Mason. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother W. L. Stockwell, in a few fitting words, greeted these honored guests of the Grand Lodge, and "they were escorted to the East where they received the Grand Honors."

In his annual address, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Ralph L. Miller refers to the possibilities of the Fraternity, "if all members would only put into practice the lessons taught by the working tools." He foresees the result of such a practical application of our teaching in the coming of "the Univeral Brotherhood, when peace and good will shall prevail."

He pays due tribute to the memory of P. G. M. Brother John J. Hull whose "long and faithful service" helped to build the Masonic edifice in North Dakota.

It was his privilege to grant three charters for new lodges during his term of office.

The Thompson Prize in Oratory, given by the Grand Lodge annually was won this year by Oliver Peterson, a member of DeMolay, whose oration was on Law Enforcement, under the title "The Pillars of the Temple." The Grand Master recommends the continuation of the practice of giving this prize, there having been considerable discussion as to its abandonment because but two educational institutions participated in the contest.

The Grand Master announces that the Grand Lodge is named as beneficiary of two estates, in one case amounting to \$20,000.00, and in the other, the entire estate, the amount of which is not given.

Under "Decisions" we note that the Grand Master insists that unless the lecture of the M. M. degree is learned, such members are "undesirable material" and may be suspended until the lecture is learned. We are left in some doubt as to whether expulsion may be resorted to in the matter of a persistently recalcitrant member, although his phrase "the sooner we are rid of them the better" would indicate his personal conviction. He also ruled in answer to a question as to whether or not a petition could be accepted if the question (No. 21A in the questionnaire) concerning the K. K. K. was answered in the negative, "that it could not be received." We think we know what that question is, and cordially commend his answer.

Under the caption "Ku Klux Klan" we read these words: "The manner in which some of our members have violated the Grand Lodge edict regarding membership in this order and the activity they have shown in attempting to get others to violate their Masonic obligations and the methods employed in so doing and the spirit of discord apparently created where they have been active, all confirm me in my belief that the Grand Lodge acted wisely when it passed the legislation which it did in 1922." Far be it from us to meddle with such matters in a friendly jurisdiction which is so evidently having its own troubles from this source, but must not the above result be inevitable from such an organization when too drastically repressed? Wholesomely ignoring that organization, which carries the germs of its own dissolution, will in our belief bring about the "consummation devoutly to be wished" much more quickly than aggressive and drastic militant opposition. Three pages of the Grand Master's address are given to the matter which seems to occupy a large place and caused the M. W. no end of anxiety and trouble.

In R. W. Grand Secretary Stockwell's report is given a full page group photograph of "Ole Stevens and his six sons" all raised by Edmore Lodge, June 11, 1924. It is a sterling group of masonic manhood and calls for more than passing notice. To our inference there seems to be solid Americanism grafted on good Swedish stock, which has contributed so much to the growth of that great Northwestern section of our country.

R. W. Brother George H. Phelps, the Fraternal Correspondent submits an interesting and well articulated report, in the course of the annual proceedings, which in a degree forstalls and anticipates many of the keen judgments and wholesome comments, of his more formal and extended report on the fifty-six jurisdictions reviewed. He deals with such matters as DeMolay, "Degree Mills," the difficulty arising between Kansas and New Hampshire, and many other interesting and debatable matters in and between various Grand Jurisdictions. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the Grand Lodge of Guatemala were fraternally recognized, while it was withheld (and this correspondent believes rightly) from the Grand Lodges of Italy and Porto Rico.

During the annual session attention was called to an old heirloom more than three hundred years old, which rested upon the altar, a Bible written in the Dutch language, a gift of W. Bro. Gilles Bailard.

The Committee on Necrology presented a report touchingly phrased in memory of those of the past year who had entered into the Great Beyond. Well chosen quotations from various poets embellished the report and added greatly to its beauty and value.

An incident which appealed to us was the receipt of a telegram from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of North Dakota, extending congratulations and best wishes for growth and prosperity. Surely these two great fraternities, with aims and ideals so similar, and composed of men of sterling worth and recognized standing in their communities, oftentimes of men holding honored membership in both Orders, ought to be cordially interested in the welfare and progress of each other.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. R. E. Wenzel, delivered a stirring and thoughtful address during the session which was listened to as the report expressed it, "enthusiastically." This we can well believe after the reading of it because it touches in a vital and enlightening way on masonic meanings and applications to individual, civic and world-problems, which confront and challenge every citizen and mason in our republic as seldom before in the annals of our nation's history.

The Committee on Jurisprudence O. K.'d the Grand Master in all his "decisions and rulings," sepecially in the matter of his somewhat drastic action respecting the Klan, but recommends that question 21A (hereinbefore referred to) be stricken out of the questionnaire. This was adopted.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, was written by R. W. Brother George Hovey Phelps, and deals with fifty-six Grand Lodge Proceedings. In a clear and sinewy style he touches the central and pivotal things in each jurisdiction, liberal in his comment and always fraternal even in his disagreements and when under compulsion he is forced to take issue with some legislation or action of some jurisdictions.

Maine is dealt with generously both as to length of matter and in respect to our doings. Grand Master Albert M. Spear's address is frequently quoted and commended and Brother Phelps holds our Grand Master in high regard as a man of keen mind in matters of masonic jurisprudence. He quotes with emphatic approval Grand Master Spear's words in criticism and opposition to the K. K. K.

Your correspondent is commended for "a mighty fine review with a splendid Foreword, and hopes he may be permitted to know him personally at no distant date." A fraternal sentiment and hope, which this correspondent cordially reciprocates. We met Brother Stockwell, Grand Secretary in May, at Portland, and if he is a good sample of North Dakota Masons, the quicker Brother Phelps comes to Maine, the happier and better we shall all be because of his visit. Brother Phelps says: "Maybe he (your correspondent) does not know that among the pioneers of Masonry in this State (North Dakota) there were not a few State of Maine Yankees, which may account for some of our progressive and aggressive tendencies." Surely, we know it, as Kipling somewhere says, "we found them all over the world, a doing all kind of things," but perhaps there is a better quotation from Holy Writ, "a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1924.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,579; net gain, 114. Number of lodges, 94.

The preliminary service of worship, was held at Bridgewater Baptist Church, where an impressive sermon was delivered by the W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. H. Eaton. This is an annual custom on the opening day of the Annual Communication. The sermon of R. W. Brother Eaton deals with incidents of the Old Testament which have direct, though traditional, bearing upon our institution. Vital and dynamic words were uttered by the preacher on the present challenging duties and responsibilities of the Craft as a world-wide organization, which can be of contributing help in the constructive tasks of our time, and especially in ushering in the "Federation of the World."

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James Henry Winfield, gives in a brief sentence, his conception of the opportunity and duty of the Order by saying "An institution which lives entirely within itself, hiding its light under a bushel, can serve no good purpose." His entire address, and the high lights of his year's administration, prove that he has tried to put into practice this good masonic preaching.

He mentions the decease of one M. W. Past Grand Master, Brother William Medford Christie, whose influence will long be felt in Nova Scotian Masonry and whose life was builded into the structure of it.

Under "Visitations" it is good to read that in the last two years the Grand Master has visited every lodge within his jurisdiction, and he reports frequently during this long list of visits, that "the true spirit of Masonry prevailed," which speaks volumes in a few words.

It was his pleasant duty to lay the corner-stone of one new hall. Large place is given in his report to a visit to St. John's Lodge in Newfoundland, where he was greeted by many distinguished Masons, including the Rt. Hon. Lord Amphill, Pro. Grand Master of England. He emphasizes the fact that all the ceremonials under the Mother Grand Lodge of England were performed with simple and quiet dignity, especially commenting on that of the installation of the District Grand Master Designate. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under the Grand Master's recommendation, conferred their respective Grand Honorary Ranks on each officer of the Grand Lodge of England, who were present on this occasion.

Among several interesting plates included in the proceedings is one of the completed Freemason's Hall in Lunenburg, and another of the interior lodge room. Both simple and impressive in their dignity.

There are informing reports from the D. D. G. Ms. of the ten Masonic Districts, which followed the usual routine of careful and painstaking Masonic labor.

Mention is made of a new Temple in Halifax shortly to be erected, and the brethren are rejoicing in this new addition to this old and noble city. The corner-stone was laid in May, 1924.

Among the nineteen Grand Representatives present at this Communication we note with fraternal pleasure that our Grand Representative R. W. Bro. James H. Winfield is the M. W. Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge voted to advance ten thousand dollars at six per cent. for the new Temple at Halifax, and the same amount next year on like terms and like security.

The Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, M. W. Bro. E. W. MacKay was officially greeted with the Grand Honors, and addressed the brethren in felicitous and fraternal terms, bringing the greetings of his Grand Jurisdiction to the Nova Scotian brethren.

The Tenth Annual Correspondence Report is submitted by M. W. Brother James E. Jones. Maine receiving its due meed of space and praise. Bro. Jones uses much and extended quotation, but always on vital points, and is somewhat sparing of his own comment. Grand Master Spear's citation covering nearly three-fourths of his review. Your correspondent is quoted, and is commended for a report "showing a great amount of time and thought" expended in its compilation. Yes, it was all of that. Being somewhat new to the job the amount of mental perspiration exuded could be measured by the gallon.

OHIO, 1924.

One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 187,701. Net gain, 7,913. There were present twenty-four Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-seven Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. O. P. Sperra (who is also the esteemed Foreign Correspondent) for Maine.

After the customary preliminary amenities of welcoming and response by several distinguished brethren, and an address in behalf of the George Washington Memorial by M. W. Bro. Louis A. Watres (of Pennsylvania), the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Campbell M. Voorhees delivered his annual address. He devotes several pages to the eminent Craftsmen who have been "called up higher" during the year, among these we see as if hallowed in letters of living light the names of M. W. Brothers Isaac Kinsey, Edwin L. Lybarger and the beloved Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Jacob H. Bromwell.

We note the appointment of M. W. Harry S. Johnson (the Junior P. G. M. of Ohio) as Grand Secretary, and from his record as Grand Master of last year, we have every assurance that he is fitted for the exacting duties of this high office.

Among the pleasant and constructive duties of the Grand Master was granting dispensation for four new lodges, and constituting five others, the dedication of sixteen temples and lodge halls, and the laying of twenty-two corner-stones.

An interesting account is given of the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins, P. G. Warden, and President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Master commenting on this visit and the address of Sir Alfred made the following constructive suggestion,—“His

plea for co-operation and a mutual and appreciative understanding of world issues between this country and Great Britain were eloquent and timely, and one could not help feeling that an interchange of representative men in the world of Masonry would serve to enhance the interest of peace and goodwill among English-speaking people." (For the essential address of Sir Alfred, see this Review, under "England").

A substantial check out of the Emergency Fund, was donated by the Grand Master for the sufferers in the Lorain Tornado. The constituent lodges also made contributions to the brethren of Lorain in their adversity. The amount was in excess of \$12,000.00, ten thousand of which was expended under the direction of the American Red Cross.

Brief, but graphic, account is given of the George Washington Memorial Corner-stone Ceremonial. Ohio gave another "donation" of \$5,000.00 for this purpose.

Under "Extraneous Organizations" we learn that the policy of M. W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson (P. G. M.) as inaugurated last year to curb the obstreperous activities of such organizations, was carried out by the District Lecturers, and that the whole, rather deplorable, situation as outlined last year by Brother Johnson, has been rectified by the co-operation of the lodges.

Under recommendation of the Foreign Correspondence Committee the Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

In the necrological roster of "Other Jurisdictions" we see the name of one of our manliest and best, M. W. Brother Edmund Buxton Mallet.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended that no action be taken on the matter of the Sojourner's Club at Fort Bayard, N. M., which was "adopted."

We notice under "Dispensations Granted" that very many lodges were allowed to meet in I. O. O. F. Halls, during the emergency period, these halls of the Odd Fellow brethren being freely and fraternally offered in each instance. It is an evidence of that kindly co-operative spirit which "ought ever to accuate" these two great fraternities during such periods of adversity.

We notice that "Warren G. Harding Lodge, No. 687," was constituted during the year, thus giving evidence of the fraternal regard of the brethren of Ohio for a distinguished citizen and beloved and loyal Craftsman.

A full page photograph is given of the Eastern Star Building, with another page of description, showing the respect of the Grand Lodge for the benevolent labors of this Order. A picture of the "Hillman Memorial" given by the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., is printed on another page of these proceedings. This institution now houses twenty-four boys and we learn that it is a real "homey" home, the account saying, "we have removed the institutional atmosphere with its attendant depressing effect."

Two photographs of the Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Cottages are given showing what this noble Grand Jurisdiction is doing for the youth under its charge and fraternal custody.

Thirty pages are devoted to the affairs of the Ohio Masonic Home, showing careful financial administration and efficient management of this outstanding philanthropy of the brethren of Ohio.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is given over the familiar and loved signature of M. W. Brother O. P. Sperra, Chairman.

Seventy-one Jurisdictions are comprehensively reviewed by this master-hand of one of our leading Masonic writers. It is always a pleasure to turn to Brother Sperra's reviews with the certainty of reading good English and acquiring vital Masonic information and lucid comment.

Maine is generously considered in five pages of worth-while writing on matters of vital interest. Extended comment and quotation is made by Brother Sperra on Grand Master Spear's annual address, dealing with such things as "Masonic Development," "Increased Costs of Maintenance of Grand Lodges," and "Respect for Law." Commendatory words are added to these excerpts from our Grand Master, and the evidence is clear throughout the review that our conservative, business-like way of doing things in Maine appeals to this reviewer, and frequently are we commended to the Ohio brethren as something worthy of imitation in our procedure.

Your correspondent is given more than a full page of the five with this high praise, "one of the able reports for the year, wherein excellent judgement is shown; a review entertaining in its entirety, etc." All of which is greatly appreciated by this correspondent, especially as it comes from one for whom we acquired some year's ago a special personal regard, and even, if we may so say, a kind of fraternal fondness.

OKLAHOMA, 1924.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 62,793; net gain, 3,063. We also learn from the Grand Secretary's report that there are seventeen lodges with over 500 members, while one of these, Oklahoma Lodge, No. 36, has a membership of 1,960.

There were present twenty Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Ross F. Terrell for Maine.

After some pleasant preliminary ceremonials of welcoming and response thereto, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. William Edward Stuart opened his address by saying that although it was the Sixteenth Annual Communication, yet it was also the Fiftieth Anniversary of an organized Grand Lodge "within the present territorial limits of Oklahoma, as the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was organized at Caddo in the Choctaw Nation in 1874."

We, therefore, of Maine congratulate Oklahoma on its Golden Jubilee, and while felicitating them on the honorable past, quote a line of Tennyson as to the future, "that which you have done is but earnest of the things that you shall do."

The Grand Master in speaking of certain necessary discipline which he was constrained to exert said: "A few of our members, some of whom have been elevated to high position as Masters of their lodges, and others who

have received degrees which cannot be asked for by petition, have felt the force of our laws. Even an ex-governor of our state, J. C. Walton, has been expelled from our Order." Even as far away as this Grand Jurisdiction of Maine we watched those proceedings of expulsion with both intense interest and cordial approval, it was a brave discharge of a disagreeable although imperative duty.

Among his pleasant duties the Grand Master constituted seven, and issued dispensations for five, new lodges, while there were many emergent communications, largely for corner-stone ceremonies.

From our Maine practice and point of view too many dispensations were issued for "out of time" degrees, the list given containing twenty-nine of these. He made 150 visitations during the year. His "Decisions" are O. K. as we view such matters in Maine.

Among his recommendations we notice that which requires each lodge member to attend at least two lodge meetings during the year, but exempting those who by reason or age or illness cannot possibly attend.

Of interest to us is the following: "I recommend that the penalty of five per cent. run for only two months, and that it shall not exceed ten per cent. of the whole amount, that if the report is not made and the dues and fees remitted within sixty days after the same becomes delinquent, the Grand Master shall suspend the Master and Secretary of the lodge until such time as the delinquency is cured." This is drastic, but probably necessary medicine, if anything like a permanent cure is to be effected for malignant and chronic cases of this kind.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized.

A very human disposition was made of a resolve that the Masters of Lodges in Oklahoma wear "the three-cornered Colonial hat of the George Washington period, while in the East," by voting it DOWN.

That Oklahoma has regard for its youth is seen by several commendatory references to DeMolay, The Order of the Rainbow, and Boy Scout work, appropriations were made for these various organizations.

On Wednesday evening of these annual sessions, the New Masonic Temple in Oklahoma City was dedicated.

During the communication an "Oration" by Grand Orator Sexson was delivered, which is printed in full, and deals with the message of the Great Light as applied to Masonic life and character, especially as related to the Youth of our time in schools and universities, and would have appealed strongly to W. J. Byran and his school of Fundamentalist Thought.

Reports on the Masonic Home, and its new additions occupy large place in the annual proceedings, and show that the brethren of Oklahoma have an institution for which they are making repeated and increasing sacrifices for its welfare and progress. It is soundly financed and efficiently administered as the annual reports amply demonstrate.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, his thirteenth, is from the pen of R. W. Brother Thomas Chauncy Humphry. We learn also that Bro. Humphry made several similar reports in the earlier days to the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, so that in fact, this is the nineteenth annual

review which he has written. There faces the opening page of Brother Humphrey's review, a full page photograph of the writer, which it has been a delight to study, we find a face of nobly matured years, strong and virile, indicating a man of intense conviction and sterling character which it would be a delight to know more intimately and personally than is possible through the pages of a formal review. And from the delegates and representatives of Oklahoma that we met so cordially and delightfully at the sessions of the General Grand Council and Chapter in Portland this year (1924) we should all feel very much at home with the brethren of Oklahoma, of whom we may take R. W. Bro. T. C. Humphry as a type of their noblest and best.

Maine is accorded generous and approving attention at his hands. M. W. Grand Master Spear is praised for his attitude respecting the Klan, and your reviewer is quoted *en extenso* respecting Oklahoma.

OREGON, 1924.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 26,825; net increase, 1,495. Chartered lodges, 158; 3 U. D. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty jurisdictions. We regret the absence of Maine's Representative.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. George Thomas Cochran, announced in his annual report the instituting under dispensation, of three new lodges. Several loans for New Temples have been made by the Grand Lodge, while a new Masonic Club House Building has been encouraged at the University of Oregon of which the Grand Master said: "This is one of the first steps toward the recognition of Masonry in higher education in this State."

There is being raised in Oregon, funds to erect a million dollar temple in Portland and the Grand Master recommends that \$20,000.00 of the Grand Lodge funds be used in the purchase of stock or bonds of the Association for this purpose. However, this was denied by the Grand Lodge, after discussion.

Two official circular letters were sent to the lodges by the Grand Master enjoining the observance of "Constitution Week" and "Father and Son Week," both of which occasions were generally observed.

Of two "Decisions" one was to the effect that it was allowable for a lodge to employ an attorney to "prosecute one of its members in a lodge trial" although there were several provisos added to this ruling. The Decision seems to us wholly within "Masonic usages and landmarks."

We learn from the Grand Master's address that the Grand Lodge has undertaken the construction of a Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and that they are now financing "Unit C" of that Institution, largely as an accommodation for the children. There are now thirty-seven adults, and nine children domiciled there. The Grand Lodge is creating a "Cemetery Fund," the income to be used in taking "care of graves designated by the donors to the fund."

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. O. C. Hagmeier, delivered an instructive message under the general title "Some of the Truths in Masonry," in which he traces the deeper symbolism of the Order, and applies its truths to the issues and duties of Masons as citizens of today. There are many gems of truth embedded in the matrice of his message.

A resolution was adopted memorializing Congress to make a suitable appropriation "to indentify and mark the place, where the Lewis and Clark expedition spent the winter of 1804-05, by a suitable memorial and monument." Grand Lodge evidently felt that it was entirely in keeping with the principles of the Order to do this as both Lewis and Clark were members of the Fraternity. Whatever this correspondent may think personally of this action, there can be no doubt of the outstanding importance of this memorable and tragic expedition in the annals of America, and especially of the United States. We are not inclined to cavil about this action of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, but like Kipling's "Shut-Eye Sentry," we "closed both eyes, so of course we didn't see nothing wrong."

Like the majority of Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Cochran, presented the George Washington Memorial Trowel to the Grand Lodge in a simple and effective speech, which was received with appreciative applause. A distinct honor came to the M. W. Grand Master in being asked to bear the "Three Great Lights" in the procession on that occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Memorial Temple.

We note with fraternal appreciation the names of two of our noblest and best beloved Grand Masters, Brothers Frank Eugene Sleeper and Edmund Buxton Mallet on Oregon's Necrological Roll of Honor, while the report of the committee is a clear and convincing argument for immortality wherein the committee quotes a familiar passage from Shakespeare and another from Victor Hugo.

Oregon recognized the Grand Lodges of Guatemala, Venezuela, and Czecho-Slovakia, while they postponed the applications of Roumania and Northeast of Spain.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that Brother Edwin Markham be nominated as poet-laureate of Masonry in the United States. Brother Markham was a native of Oregon, though now a resident of New York and "is dean of American poets and is especially noted for his poems on the brotherhood of man." A part of the resolution instructs the Grand Secretary to communicate with other Grand Lodges toward this recognition, with "the request that they concur in this resolution." Maine will therefore probably receive such fraternal request in due season, and *if* it is within the province of Grand Lodges to recognize such an office, as a kind of national poet-laureate of Masonry, this correspondent can think of no living poet whom such an office may more honorably be conferred than upon Brother Edwin Markham. But that is quite a large *if*.

Grand Lodge endorsed and praised DeMolay and the Daughters of Job.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother David P. Mason, and opens with an introduction wherein he discusses such matters as "Higher Degrees," DeMolay and the Washington Memorial.

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of Maine receives cordial attention. It is a comprehensive review of our legislative actions. Grand Master Spear is quoted on several topics, notably on the Klan.

Your correspondent is credited with "an able and interesting report," while an extended citation is made from his essay on "Conservative or Radical Freemasonry."

PANAMA, 1923.

Septimo Periodo Constitucional.

This Annual Communication was in addition to many "Sesions Extraordinaria" and "Sesions Solemne," which would be termed by us, Emergent Communications and Lodges of Sorrow for eminent deceased Fraters. At the "Sesion Anual" we are pleased to see the presence of our Grand Representative for Maine. The total active members in this Grand Jurisdiction number 269, while there are six lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge of Panama. Something of the adverse conditions confronting the brethren of Panama can be seen in the following illuminating words of R. W. Bro. Victor Jesurun, Grand Secretary, "The labors of these six lodges are worthy of praise especially when we take into account the general crisis which now prevails in this country and the hold taken by fanaticism in our young Republic in spite of the fact that we are living in this century of light and civilization."

As we read that the brethren of Panama have taken as their motto, "Forward Always" we may hope and believe that these obstacles will be overcome and that true to this slogan they will march forward to ultimate triumph. Our sympathy and encouragement go out to them in their laudable endeavors.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn also that there are several Clandestine Bodies in Panama which are a source of irritation and growing difficulty in this Grand Jurisdiction.

During the year fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, France and Brazil, while negotiations are in progress for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Columbia (Bogota).

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother A. D. H. Melhado, in outlining his duties during the year tells of the following tasks accomplished; first, the codifying of the law of this Grand Lodge, the revising of the Constitution and similar legal procedure for the clearer governance of the Craft in Panama. Second, the adoption of proper ritualistic ceremonies for corner-stone laying, Masonic funerals, Dedication of Temples and such services. Third, some way of finding out the real standing of lodges by inspection of official records and similar documents.

The matter which was a source of great pride and interest to the M. W. Grand Master was the "Construction of the Temple." A splendid lot of land has been acquired for \$5,800.00, and there is still on hand \$1,200.00. It is with real joy that we learn that "we will be assured that the building and dedication of our Temple, will shortly be a splendid reality."

As these annual proceedings are in Spanish we get only the general drift of affairs, and our translations are far from accurate but we infer that the Grand Lodge of Panama, though numerically small, is yet doing its part in the Masonic labors of the world, and doing it against adversity and militant opposition which we in this jurisdiction can hardly realize so subtle and insidious is that opposition, so bitter and intolerant the bigotry and fanaticism which it is compelled to confront. But the Grand Lodge of Panama is on the path of progress.

"Anuarious Revisados" by which we mean literally, the Annual Reviews of the Reports of Grand Lodges, is from the hand of R. W. Brother Jose Oller, Grand Correspondent. These are brief and we infer informing from our rather free-hand running commentary in translation.

Maine receives rather more in space than the average and our doings legislative and judicial, are commented upon favorably. Grand Master Spear is commended and the essential facts and achievements of his administration are catalogued. Grand Secretary Chas. B. Davis is praised for "presenting an informing annual report," and your correspondent for the same kind of "los anuarious revisdos." We are gently chided for the non-appearance of Panama's annual proceedings, but as we did not receive it, how can we so impart it, but we have tried to make amends this year in the above review of the small but noble and respected Grand Lodge of Panama.

PANAMA, 1924.

There is even more Spanish in this report than in the former, which gave a translation of both the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's reports. We learn however, that in this Seventh Annual Communication, there are two lodges, out of six constituted lodges, doing their work in the English language. One dispensation was issued by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jose Oller, for a new lodge which was given the truly Masonic name of "Fraternidad."

A New Constitution, for the governance of the Craft was adopted at this communication.

We learn that two eminent brothers, M. W. Past Grand Masters Bro. Guillermo Andreve and Bro. A. D. H. Melhado, were appointed for the purpose of requesting recognition of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, while the same two fraters are to act as Panama's representatives before the International Masonic Congress at Geneva, Switzerland.

Of the new Masonic Temple we are informed that "progress has been made during the year, in regard to increasing the funds of the erection." The wish is expressed, "May we during the next term see our hopes realized."

Panama held membership in the International Masonic Association, as well as in the International Congress mentioned above. M. W. Brother Andreve made a full and informing report of the proceedings of the Congress to which he was the accredited delegate.

We learn from the Grand Secretary's report that forty-eight Grand Lodges have extended recognition to Panama; among these is our own Grand Lodge of Maine.

An interesting item is to the effect that when M. W. Brother A. D. H. Melhado departed from Panama, for "other shores" the brethren tendered him a farewell banquet, which was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jose Oller.

The last word of the report is this encouraging sentence: "The Masonic Institution in this jurisdiction had made slow, but firm, strides and numbers in all about four hundred active masons."

In these Annual Proceedings for 1924, there is no Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1923.

Annual Grand Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications.

Membership, as given at the March Quarterly, 186,515; net gain, 6,080. There are 534 lodges on the roll (December 27, 1922).

Almost the first business at the March Quarterly was the acceptance of a bequest under the will of Bro. L. H. Eisenlohr amounting to \$125,000.00 which sum is to be used in building and equipping a "Girls' Home at Elizabethtown." Another bequest of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a fountain for the Home, to be known as "The D. F. Buchmiller Fountain," was received.

A rather unusually well phrased and solemnly eloquent eulogy was delivered by Rev. Brother F. C. Seitz, on the passing of R. W. Brother, Past Grand Master John S. Sell, the Junior P. G. M. of Pennsylvania. There is another beautiful requiem on the death of Bro. John Wanamaker, nationally known as a merchant-prince, as the founder of the Sunday School movement throughout the world and as the instigator of the United States Parcel Post System while Postmaster General of the United States.

A difficulty of old standing is settled by R. W. Grand Master Abraham M. Beitler as follows: "Lodges in this jurisdiction may receive petitions for membership from Masons who were initiated in war time in lodges in other jurisdictions, or abroad, and warranted by other Grand Jurisdictions without inquiry from us, and that such Masons may visit our lodges." This, it seems to us, is a fair settlement of what promised at one time to be a source of perennial irritation to Pennsylvania because the edict of a former Grand Master had forbidden such Masons (largely of Sea and Field Lodges so called), to petition Pennsylvania lodges. Many of these Masons on returning from Europe to Pennsylvania discovered that they were not Masons at all in the Pennsylvania sense. Many other Grand Lodges had the same grievance against another Grand Jurisdiction, which we will not name, which made Masons "right and left" as the saying has it, without obtaining the usual waiver from other Grand Lodges. We personally feel that Pennsylvania has done the large, generous and fraternal thing, something more than strict justice, in the light of the facts.

At the June Quarterly a resolve to the effect that one dollar per capita be paid toward the Washington Memorial before the laying of the corner-stone in November, (1923) was adopted.

At the September Quarterly we learn that arrangements are under way for the laying of two corner-stones at Elizabethtown: one for the Eisenlohr Home for Girls (at a cost of \$140,000.00) and for the Thomas Rankin Patton Masonic Institution for Boys (at a cost of \$150,000.00). It is fairly staggering for us of Maine to realize that here is a quarter of a million dollars given in two splendid donations almost in the same year by generous members of the Order in Pennsylvania. If we may be allowed a little street slang we say to the prosperous brethren of Maine, "Loosen up and keep step with the procession."

The address of the Grand Master is a highly interesting and historically instructive lecture on the last fifty years of Masonry in Pennsylvania, since the Grand Lodge has occupied the present Temple. It is filled with quotable and vital facts, and as we notice a resolution to the effect that it is to be "printed and copies delivered to the subordinate lodges," we wish it were possible (Grand Correspondent N. B. please) to temporarily constitute ourselves "a subordinate lodge."

We note the death of Bro. Rabbi Krauskopf, a R. W. Grand Chaplain for many years, it carries this Correspondent back a quarter of a century when we heard this great and good man and Mason speak in Philadelphia.

The Annual Proceedings of Pennsylvania are so filled with good things and quotable events, that the entire volume is the despair of this reviewer. To know exactly what to choose is to leave a multiplicity of equally interesting things unnoticed. Fortunately, however, the December Quarterly deals largely with the splendid Masonic Institutions of philanthropy, their financial and administrative affairs. It is a colossal and to us of Maine a titanic benevolence which is under the supervision and administration of this great State. After reading it all, we can only say in utter humility at not being able to deal adequately with such stupendous charities, that these institutions are efficiently managed, soundly financed, and reflect the spirit of true Masonry in their administration.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, was recognized at the Annual Communication.

The Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. M. Beitler, astounds us again by the following: "It is a pleasure to state that Brother John Smith has advised the Committee on Homes of his intention to erect another Boys' Home. The plans are being prepared. Its cost will exceed \$200,000.00." Just as simple as that. What astounds us is that any man by the name of Smith, and good old "John" too, could possibly have accumulated two hundred thousand. It is safe to say from the standpoint of this reviewer, that this Brother John, must belong to another branch of this numerous and ubiquitous family. Like this correspondent, who bears the same commonplace and platitudinous name, he, too knows the ironic truth of those words of Sydney Smith, "The Smiths never had any arms, and invariably sealed their letters with their thumbs."

But our astonishment was really of another kind, which we have already voiced, that Pennsylvania Masons deal in such tremendous sums, and receive such stupendous bequests as if they were monthly occurrences.

We note that this Grand Jurisdiction has been called to mourn the passing of R. W. Brother James B. Krause, Past Grand Master, a pillar of strength in their Temple and whom the Grand Master memorializes in fitting periods of fervent tribute and Masonic affection.

The Grand Master is a loyal advocate of DeMolay for Boys, seeing in it a real force for "instilling in boys a love for law and order and a new conception of patriotism."

He urges also after these fifty years of occupancy the need of a new Temple, and the urgency of being awake on the part of the Grand Officers, or some committee, in selecting a new site in the immediate vicinity "for vacant lots are becoming scarcer and more expensive month by month." Resolution adopted to this effect.

The year's record shows the following constructive Masonic labors performed: Seven new lodges constituted; dispensations granted for five others, and seven corner-stones laid.

The incoming Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear, gave a brief but incisive address dealing with his aims and plans, and touching upon such varied themes as *Clandestine Masonry*, *Lawlessness*, the *M. S. A.*, the *Large Lodge*, the *Washington Memorial*, and finally with that most essential, if sometimes most atmospheric, thing of all, the *Spirit of Masonry*. It was a good talk, well phrased, and carefully considered, going to the roots of the various subjects considered.

The Report on Correspondence is from the hand (we may also and more fittingly say from the head and heart) of R. W. Brother Thomas F. Penman.

With a broad grasp of Masonic affairs, and a conservative and constructive Masonic mind, he deals with sixty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

An illuminating "Conclusion" deals with such central realities as Masonic education; Masonic Parasites; and the George Washington Memorial. Of "Masonic Parasites," he lays down the doctrine of Ancient Craft Masonry as applied in the large majority of American Jurisdictions which does not recognize or countenance any so called side degrees, "we cannot allow attachments to be made to it (Ancient Masonry) which destroy its symmetry and pervert its original purpose. Its business is to make Masons, in all that the title implies. If it can succeed in that, its votaries are not to be easily diverted by the lure of fancy or imagination; if it fails in that mission the fault lies within; it cannot profit by outside help; it must clean its own house." It is such things as this that make Brother Penman, one of the clear advocates and champions of the best and highest in the Masonic world.

Maine receives adequate and commendatory notice. Reference is made to M. W. Brother Spear's annual address, which is highly praised both by personal word and by extended citation. He cordially commends his outspoken words on the Klan, which he calls "scathing treatment." Our

action on liberal interpretation of the physical qualification law is quoted at length.

Your correspondent is given a page of fraternal attention, and is quoted *en extenso* in the matter of R. W. Grand Master Sell's edict on the O. E. S. We especially thank him for these closing words: "We rather like Brother Smith's fine literary style, his honest vigor and spirit of fair play. He and we are going to get along together like 'little birds in their nests agree.'"

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1924.

The Twelfth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,685 net; increase, 5. Number of lodges, 94. There were present seven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of sixty-two Jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Geo. R. Harvey, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frederic Harper Stevens, in opening his annual report points out the difficulties and adversities which confront the brethren of the Islands, for he says that the world at large cannot quite appreciate that the greatest problem which confronted him during the year was the "question of unity, of harmony, the question of keeping the subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction in one harmonious whole." He then gives graphic account of this matter of disunion, largely because of Clandestine Masonry under the Supreme Council of Spain, which has several lodges in the Islands, especially in Manilla. The Grand Master gives an extended account, and incidentally considerable correspondence between the two Grand Bodies, which make interesting, if sometimes irritating, reading. The consensus of the correspondence seems to rest unquestionably with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands which seems in every way justified in its complaint of invasion of jurisdiction and therefore it terms these lodges of the Gran Oriente Espanol, clandestine lodges. There has been some complaint in past years from Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, for the same cause, against the same Gran Oriente Espanol. We get something more than a hint of the situation there from words like these of Grand Master Stevens: "We must never, under the stress of personal feeling allow the seeds of discord to take root in our lodges. Enemies surround us on all sides and there is no other country in the world where the majority of the people have been schooled by the Latin race, where Masonry has done so much and progressed so rapidly as herein the Philippines." Since some nineteen pages of his address is given to the matter of Espanol, we infer that it is the source and seat of a good deal of irritation and anxiety by the Grand Lodge.

In order for uniformity of work and ritual the Grand Master recommends that a Committee be appointed to take steps to insure such uniformity by the issuing of a ritual in cipher in "both English and Spanish and that every subordinate lodge be furnished with three copies." We learn from his report that the Mystic Shrine has caused some discord there by raising the question of the eligibility of Filipinos so that "it has become a serious matter." He recommends that the Grand Lodge "go on record as being opposed to any Shrine Ceremonial in the Philippine Islands."

In the matter of physical qualification the Grand Master rendered a "Decision" which in effect allows a man, lame in his right foot from paralysis, to be accepted for the degrees. We notice among the distinguished guests M. W. Brothers Geo. M. Moulton and Arthur H. Armington, Past Grand Masters respectively of Illinois and Rhode Island, who were on a tour of the globe and were extended a hearty greeting "in this farthest outpost of American Masonry." Under the Grand Master's recommendation a committee was appointed to study and investigate the International Masonic Association. Among his constructive duties of the year was the constituting of eight new lodges, and the granting of eight dispensations for others.

The "Grand Oration" was delivered by Brother H. Lawrence Noble on the subject—"Your Masonic Aura," drawing his illustration from the aura of the painters. It was a stirring appeal to the nobler instincts of manhood and the application of our principles to the daily affairs of life, especially as related to the Brotherhood of Man.

A special committee recommended that "steps be taken to secure a dispensation to organize a Chapter of one of the nationally known women's orders now operating in the United States." Our guess would be the O. E. S., which already has a Chapter in Manila and "it has been successful and prosperous from the date of its installation up to this time."

Many pages of these Proceedings are given to the account by the Representatives to the Corner-stone Ceremonial of the George Washington Memorial which was greatly enjoyed by them. The program is so familiar to us of the United States Jurisdictions that no detailed account is needed.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by M. W. Brother Charles S. Banks. He deals in opening his report with twelve various topics which are of prominence in the Masonic World, among these we notice with interest such matters as Physical Qualifications, Masonry and "Side Shows," the M. S. A. and the George Washington Memorial. Under Masonry and "Side Shows" we read this, "it is rather sickening to see the growth of epimasonic mushrooms that in the past years have become excrescences upon the body of the Order." He tersely asks, "Will these warts gradually dry up and drop off?" A painful question that for many a Shriner, asking him to "dry" up, while the drop off might be easy enough. Again the question comes, "Or will these warts keep on swelling and swelling and then, like a bubble, 'burst'?" This correspondent has no hesitancy in answering his query, "Should there be a decided setting down of the foot and saying, 'Out with you all as far as using Masonry as a test of your membership is concerned unless you are recognized as a part of Masonry?'"

Brother Banks reviews forty-two Grand Jurisdictions. It is our loss that Maine is not included in his list, for we know from his way of dealing with other Grand Jurisdictions, that we should read something worth while and enlightening. May we not have it, thought it is a bit delayed?

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1924.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 1,169; net gain, 29. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-four jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. G. W. Wakefield, for Maine.

A preliminary ceremony of receiving a bouquet of American Beauty Roses from the O. E. S. marked the opening of this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. W. MacKay, gave a brief and business-like account of his year's administration in his address. He calls attention to an outstanding event of the year in the dedication of the New Masonic Hall at Summerside.

In the "Necrology" we see the name of one of our most loved Past Grand Masters, Edmund Buxton Mallet, a friend of this reviewer, and indeed of succeeding generations of our Masonic family, who is greatly missed from the close and friendly intimacy of the fraternal circle.

Grand Master MacKay points out the progressive meanings of Masonry as applied in the Three Degrees, giving the meaning of each as it touches the growth of manhood and civic duty. How nobly this is expressed in a few words: "The sole object of Masonry, is to aid man in solving the problems of life and in attaining to the glorious crown of manhood. We have no hesitation in saying that our principles are more spotless than our practice, and our doctrines purer than our lives."

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Brother R. H. Rogers, said respecting the repetition of ritual, what needs to be said again and again, "When the words are mumbled, or rattled off parrot-like, our ritual is dishonored and our ceremonies and lectures are made to fail in their purpose of inculcating the principles of the Order."

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address commends his diligence and zeal in visiting every lodge within the jurisdiction and they note with satisfaction, if also a bit of implied regret, that his dispensation for "out of time" degrees were few.

A resolution that the Grand Lodge take the proper steps for an observance next year of the semi-centennial of the founding of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and that the Grand Master "or other representatives of Sister Jurisdictions be invited to participate therein." Carried.

Next year action will be taken on the matter of "a per capita tax of one or two dollars" per year for the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage, which institution has been liberally supported for several years by this Grand Lodge.

The matter of the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Guatamala was "laid on the table."

As this Grand Lodge opened with American Beauty Rose presentation from the good sisters of the O. E. S., so it fittingly closed with what the proceedings calls "a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Order of the Easter Star, for the beautiful flowers sent to the Grand Master at

the opening of Grand Lodge, which were distributed among the officers at the close of the session."

Opening and closing to the odor of roses, with the dear sisterhood somewhere in the background, we cannot refrain from repeating the words of Tom Moore:

" You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will
But the scent of the roses will hang around it still."

We again express our regret that Prince Edward Island has no official report on Foreign Correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1924.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 13,206; net gain, 529. There are 79 lodges on the roll, two U. D. There were present nine Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-three Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. P. W. A. Burket, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Masters of Michigan and Canada in Ontario, Brothers C. A. Durand and John A. Rowland, were cordially received with the Grand Honors.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Allan P. Shatford, indicates something of the labors of the year in his report of three new lodges consecrated, the dedication of one Masonic hall, the instituting of one lodge and a large number of visitations. These are all described, especially that of his visit to Gaspé for the instituting of the new lodge. The " long and fatiguing journey " was compensated for by " the most enthralling scenery in all the world."

The Grand Master tells of an interesting visit to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, where he was an honored guest and received at the hands of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, the " Erasmus James Phillips Medal " which is given to eminent Masons " for meritorious services rendered." He was present also at the Washington Memorial corner-stone ceremonial, and gives a brief description of this outstanding event of the Masonic year.

The visit of the Pro. Grand Master of England, M. W. Bro. Lord Amptill is recorded in his report.

The Masonic Memorial Temple is the " big event " in Quebec, and the Grand Master shows his enthusiasm in such phrases as these: " We are rejoicing in a success so striking and so unimagined that we have not yet recovered from the surprise and glory of it." Or again, " Who will not treasure until the day of his death the untrammelled, spontaneous outburst of joy that engulfed all beholders on the night when announcement was made that our objective was exceeded by nearly \$250,000.00?" Such enthusiasm is contagious and we rejoice with the Quebec Craftsmen in their splendid achievement. We note also with pleasure that the Grand Master used the words of Chas. Rand Kennedy's " The Servant in the

House," which we used last year in our "Foreword" as a good symbolism of the nobler spiritual Temple, "eternal in the heavens."

He is also an eloquent exponent and champion of Masonic Education and Charity urging the brethren toward these ends with the same enthusiastic periods which characterized his language respecting the New Temple.

"A Mason's Religion" is the title of Grand Chaplain Rev. D. J. Fraser's Oration and the spirit and tenor of it all may be seen in such a sentence as the following: "The assent of the mind alone to theological formulas is a dead orthodoxy which is far worse than a live heresy." It is altogether a brave, forward-looking message for live Masons to apply their principles and working tools to the great issues and duties of today.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. W. Williamson, in his report points out, what is noted by practically all such officers, that "the high watermark (of membership) immediately following the war has given place to a steady but substantial growth." We all rejoice at the return to this normal and stable condition.

The reports of the D. D. G. Ms. indicate careful supervision and efficient, though unpretentious, administration on the part of these Craftsmen.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. Brother E. T. D. Chambers, and is his thirty-seventh annual review. Eight pages of the opening deal with the usual matters which are interesting the Fraternity over the world. We especially like his answer to our own Past Grand Master Bodge's query "Why Do We Review?" And answers it by quoting Tom Bodge at considerable length; a clear, convincing explanatory word of the purpose, aim and spirit of Fraternal correspondence. Other topics discussed by him are under such titles as "The Real Work of Masonry," "Dangerous Innovations," and "Mexican Masonry." It is all informing matter and expressed in a lucid literary style which it is a delight to read and almost caress with the mind.

Under our Maine review he speaks of his labors as fraternal reviewer, when Judge Josiah H. Drummond was Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee "when the present writer commenced his work in a similar capacity for the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

Grand Master Spear's strong and virile words on the Klar are cordially commended and quoted at considerable length.

Our "Doings" evidently met with his unqualified approbation for there is not the hint of stricture or disagreement in the entire review.

Your correspondent is credited with "a thoughtfully prepared review" and "an admirable 'Foreword.'" He is absolutely correct when he says that "M. W. Brother Smith has no more use for the Klan than has the Grand Master, and he quotes approvingly several Grand Lodge Reviewers who share his views on the subject, and our own, too." It is not too much to say that in all our observations and experience we have never yet found an outspoken advocate or champion of that organization among Grand Masters or Grand Correspondents, a significant fact which connotes a great deal.

RHODE ISLAND, 1924.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 17,032; net increase, 775. There were present at the Semi-Annual Communication, seven Past Grand Masters. The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. E. R. Evans, addressed the Grand Lodge at this semi-annual session in which address he discussed in concise, clear and convincing language "Some Sovereign Principles of Masonry," and made application of these principles to our duty as Americans and citizens.

At the One Hundred Thirty-fourth Annual Communication, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Arthur Grant Newell, speaks of his year as being filled to "the brim and overflowing with activities incidental to the office." His long list of visitations and official duties indicate that he has not overstated these duties, and responsibilities. It is interesting to see as suggesting the antiquity of Masonry in Rhode Island, that one of his pleasant duties was his participation in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 4. There were other celebrations of the centenary kind all of which are duly and fully recorded in the Grand Master's annual report. We note with especial interest his words respecting "Roosevelt Lodge, No. 42," for we have heard much of this particular lodge, composed largely of Italian brethren, from the lips of one of its noblest sponsors, Past Grand Master Walter A. Presbry, of Providence. The present Grand Master had the rather unusual experience of raising Brother Mon Fah Chung to the sublime degree of Master Mason at a convocation of this lodge. We are glad to read his words respecting this event for they fulfill the hope and prophecy of Bro. Presbry: "By admitting Dr. Chung, Roosevelt Lodge has again demonstrated the universality of Freemasonry, its membership at the present time being composed of eleven nationalities. I doubt if there is such a unique lodge in any jurisdiction of recognized Masonry. Unique in many ways, its love of fellowship, its desire for service, its serious and impressive interpretation of the ritual, and its spirit of charity is unexcelled, and now by receiving Dr. Chung have once more exemplified the teachings of our Fraternity."

Grand Master Newell extolls DeMolay, "as expansion in the right direction," heartily approves of the George Washington Memorial, commends the Masonic Service Association, but has little to say for or against the Masonic International Association.

The seven D. D. G. Ms. report in full on their activities in their several districts, and evidence careful, unpretentious duty, faithfully performed.

An address given by Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, D. D., Bishop of Washington, at the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Memorial is printed in full, and while it is familiar to many who follow the leading Masonic literature of the times and especially this outstanding Masonic event in the annals of American Masonry, it is not of wide circulation in the various Grand Jurisdictions. It has seemed to us a worth while thing to do, to give general circulation and distribution to this epoch making oration, which together with that even more masterly oration of Dr.

Joseph Fort Newton, were two of the main features of that corner-stone ceremonial. Each jurisdiction might well follow the example of Rhode Island in thus circulating one of the vital and trenchant words of modern Freemasonry.

We must once more express our loss at the omission of any extended Report on Fraternal Correspondence from Rhode Island. Judging from the quality and character of these Annual Proceedings, such a report would be a masterly one, and would take its place as one of the valuable documents along this line of fraternal exchange of views and reviews in the world of Masonic thought and activity. The annual proceedings of Rhode Island without this invaluable addition is like one of the truncated statues of the Greek genius in sculpture, beautiful and sinewy in form and meaning but with the arms, if not indeed the strongly moulded head, entirely lacking.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1924.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 12,796; net gain, 404. Number of chartered lodges, 177. There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. G. W. S. Eisnor, for Maine.

After some preliminaries of welcome and response, the M. W. Grand Master of Alberta, Brother W. J. Botterill, was welcomed with the Grand Honors, and made brief but cordially fraternal response, bringing the greetings of his Grand Lodge to Saskatchewan.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother J. W. MacNeill, in opening his address called the attention of the brethren to a fact, which we of these United States have also to confront and deplore, that "there is a growing and insidious disregard for the law in obeying of several acts which have, in recent years, been put on the statute books of our Province." Surely we, whether in Saskatchewan or Maine, must emphasize things like this, "The man who sets out to defeat the law, or the enforcement of the law, is not a good citizen, and, therefore, not a good Mason. He is opposed to the fundamental doctrines of our Order." Surely, you say a commonplace, a mere platitude, yes,—but basic and therefore in need of just such saying again and yet again. The temptation is strong to quote the entire monograph on this subject so clear and convincing, so thought-compelling and conscience-probing are the words of the Grand Master MacNeill. His forthright, rugged Scotch soul breathes and throbs through it all. This correspondent *knows* there is a real manhood back of these words.

The Grand Master gives account of the various District Meetings during the year which he has attended and he is an eloquent champion of these meetings in creating brotherly feeling and good-will.

During his term he officiated at one corner-stone ceremonial, and dedicated three temples, and delegated another to be laid. Two dispensations were issued for new lodges during his term of office.

Among his "rulings" is rather an unusual case of a candidate who had reached in the M. M. degree the ob. up to the "third penalty when he was overcome with nausea." The ceremonies were discontinued and it was discovered that the candidate "had been drinking." He rules that the man having received only a part of the ob. and not having been brought to light, was not a Mason, and "that the correct method of procedure was laid down in the Constitution, etc." Which is good commonsense and therefore sound Masonry.

In another "ruling" as to whether Mormons were allowed to join Masonic Lodges, he said, "I could not give a definite ruling, etc." It would be an instructive and informing experience for him to read Brother Sam Goodwin's pamphlet, "Mormonism and Masonry," which may be obtained by writing to Brother Goodwin, who is Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent of Utah. It is filled with meat for guidance in such a situation, as that which confronted the Grand Master.

The solid Scotch and English names subscribed to the sixteen reports of the D. D. G. Ms. make us long to visit Saskatchewan, where we are the Grand Representative for Maine. And if MacNeill is a type we know it would be a vital and memorable experience.

"The Search For The Lost Word" is the title of the address by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Archdeacon G. F. Davidson, wherein he traces the old traditions and legends down to modern times, and makes vital application of these earlier realities to the crucial and challenging issues of our own day.

During this Communication the Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized, while the requests of National Czechoslovak, and North East Spain, were "tabled for further consideration."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence has no name signed to it, but as R. W. Brother W. M. Thompson's name is given in the other report mentioned above we infer that he is the writer thereof. We commend him for a good though exceedingly brief report. By far the most so that has come to our attention. Maine has no place, much to our regret but perhaps another year, though a twelve-month delayed, we shall have the enjoyment of seeing what this young but virile Grand Lodge thinks of us and our "Doings."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1924.

Annual Communication, preceded by Half-yearly Communication.

Membership, 11,051; net increase, 758. There are 115 lodges on the roll.

At the Half-yearly Communication report was made by the Board of General Purposes that two new lodges had been consecrated, and three others have been granted petitions, which with us would be equivalent to the usual preliminary organization.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother A. W. Piper, K. C., in his brief address made announcement of the departure to Victoria of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. C. Reynolds, which was a source of real

grief to the brethren. He also spoke of the forty years which had passed since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of South Australia and that next year fitting celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary will be held. The brethren are looking forward to the laying of the corner-stone of the New Temple and by next year it will be well under way toward completion, "an adornment to the city as well as a monument to the Craft and the Constitution." This was greeted with appreciative applause. This will be the great Temple for whose building the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. C. R. J. Glover, visited many American Jurisdictions in order to secure the proper designs and profit by the experience of other Grand Lodges of the world. This visit was referred to at considerable length last year in our report.

At the Annual Communication we learn from the report of the Board of General Purposes that two new lodges were consecrated. The New Temple is reported as still in progress by as the cost of construction exceeded expectation "it was considered imparative that considerable modifications should be made in the plans and specifications." We find that much of the marble, and cut-stone work must be eliminated under this new necessity.

The M. W. Grand Master was compelled to retire from office and after consultation it was found that M. W. Brother the Hon. Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M. A., L. L. B., could be prevailed upon to "place his services at the disposal of Grand Lodge." He was later elected and installed into the high office of M. W. Grand Master of South Australia, F. & A. M. An extended and thoroughly interesting account is given of the ceremony of induction. The retiring Grand Master made a brief but gracious address which was frequently greeted with "applause." He makes somewhat extended reference to the New Temple which met with the approval of the brethren. We learn that, "At long last, as it seems, work has actually begun on the site of the New Temple." This was greeted with cries—Hear, Hear. "I cannot say that the work of construction has begun, but the excavations are being made, and in the course of a few months we shall see the beginning of that noble building in which we hope to be domiciled."

The address of the newly elected and installed Grand Master was a model of careful statement and was greeted with frequent outbursts of applause. After expressing his appreciation for the gracious and kindly words of the retiring Grand Master he touches upon the aims and designs of Freemasonry as applied to the individual as man and citizen, and shows the clear and challenging duty which confronts us every one "to be good men and true." With manly modesty he said, "And brethren, the work of the humblest member of our Order may be of higher moral worth than that of a Grand Master. The best craftsman is he who reaches the highest standard that can be reached when using the medium on which he is set to work." That is the kind of message which held the brethren, true Masonic teaching which goes to the foundations of life. It would be an instructive pleasure to quote other passages from this eloquent and vital appeal which must have come to the Craftsmen as both an inspiring word and as benediction from an eminent Craftsman, but the limitations of these

reviews forbid further citations of one of the best Masonic words, in brief compass which we have read in many a day. We may perhaps be permitted to prophecy that under this kind of sterling manly worth in Masonic Grand Mastership, South Australia will be ennobled and even transfigured in the onward years.

Under the title "A Touching Incident" we read that the retiring Grand Master escorted Rt. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Poole, P. D. G. M., to the M. W. Grand Master. We read, "there was a touching filial meeting and the brethren stood and applauded as the venerable brother shook hands with his son, and then quietly retired from the Grand Lodge. Surely here is fulfillment of the word, "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

The Review of Correspondence covering nearly one hundred pages, groups the Grand Jurisdictions under such headings as "United Kingdom," "Australia," "Canada," and "U. S. of America."

Maine receives courteous and commendatory attention. The announcement of the death of M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper which came during our One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication, is touchingly referred to by the reviewer, and may we say that we greatly appreciate words like the following from him: "The Grand Lodge of Maine may be assured of the profound sympathy of our Grand Lodge in the loss of such a noble and distinguished Brother?"

Grand Master Spear is frequently praised and quoted, especially in his attitude toward the Klan. We read with pleasure that, "We heartily agree with the dignified and lucid opinion of M. W. Bro. Spear, and his words have our unanimous and unqualified endorsement." We like that kind of outspoken manly approval.

We hasten to assure this good reviewer that our remarks anent Brother Glover's American visit, and the multiplicity of "spittoons" was as he surmised just a bit of good natured persiflage and fraternal banter, which was too good to pass over without a "little fraternal fun." We have the absolution of Bro. Glover and the official clemency of the Grand Correspondent and as they say in the comity of nations "the incident is now closed." We receive and reciprocate the following: "We hasten to assure our Beloved Brothers beyond the Seas of our continued admiration, our esteem and our love." What a splendid spirit for us to voice once in a while.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 28,717; net increase, 581. 342 lodges on the roll, three of which are U. D. Six Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges. We note with fraternal regret the absence of Maine's representative in the list. Private Grand Honors were accorded the following "Distinguished Visitors," M. W. Bro. LeGrand Everett, M. W. Bro. Alex B. Andrews (P. G. M.) and R. W. Bro. W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who

made the usual fittingly fraternal remarks which stressed the cordial relations between these contiguous jurisdictions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother J. Campbell Bissell, opens his annual allocution with reference to the chaotic condition of the world, but believes that those truly Masonic virtues of Human service and the "strength of Unity," with justice and humanity will save mankind from returning to the monarchical barbarism which "was the curse of the Middle Ages."

On the necrology roll we see with a bit of mist in our eyes the names of our own Past Grand Masters "Ed" Mallet and Frank E. Sleeper.

Under the caption "State of the Craft," he pays glowing tribute to the unselfish service of the brethren in the Cleveland school fire which he terms the greatest service "in the history of the country." In this great work the Masonic order showed the people of the United States the true ideals and the true purposes of Masonry and glorified the principles in which they profess to believe." The quotation which the Grand Master attributes to Thomas Cromwell (on the authority of Lord Bacon) is rather the closing words of the long speech of Cardinal Wolsey after his fall and may be found in the closing words of the Third Act of Shakespeare's Henry VIII.

Among the Grand Master's pleasant duties was the constituting of one, and the organizing of three, new lodges. He laid nine corner-stones, largely for School Buildings, during his term of office.

He attributes the fact of not having rendered any "Opinions" during the year, to the care and watchfulness of the D. D. G. Ms.

His only recommendation is one respecting the means for raising the full per capita of the Washington Memorial, and suggests that more than 100 per cent. would be fitting for a Grand Jurisdiction which has had the First Vice President since the beginning of the enterprise.

Grand Master Campbell refused to grant dispensations, except in two cases which as outlined seemed justifiable, for "out of time degrees." He also sternly refused to grant dispensations for conferring the M. M. degree on more than five candidates at one communication except in the case of six "full blooded brothers the youngest of which was twenty-six, and the eldest thirty-seven years of age." We like that phrase "full blooded brothers" which the Grand Master uses in this connection and our study of this old and honored Grand Lodge would lead us to say that there are about 28,000 or more of this particular type and kind in South Carolina. The incident itself was so unusual, perhaps unprecedented in Masonic annals, that it is worthy of note and especial comment.

Thirty-five "visitations" are given in his report as an important part of his service during the year.

The twenty-five D. D. G. Ms. submit brief but informing reports of their activities which reports indicate loyal and painstaking labors.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended that the right of visitation be granted to the brethren of the three lodges at Bucharest in the Kingdom of Rumania. The recommendation was adopted.

In a brief but informing report the Grand Historian mentions several interesting events among which we excerpt, "that in 1866 the Masons of

one Northern State voted \$3,400.00 to the Masons of South Carolina." Evidently the northern brethren were trying to make some reparation for what was destroyed a few months before during that memorable march of Sherman to the sea. Another item included in this history is that, "in 1906 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania celebrated the bi-centennial of the birth of Benjamin Franklin." We find also that in February, 1737, there was a Masonic celebration in Charleston, South Carolina, where Freemasonry had been introduced as early as 1731, by Thomas Whitmarsh, a partner of Franklin, and fellow member of St. John's Lodge, who had gone to Charleston to set up a press and establish a branch printing office. And so we see once more how deeply into the pre-revolutionary days drive the roots of our Order and with what great and good names and personalities it is associated.

Of the usual high order was the Report on Fraternal Correspondence by R. W. J. L. Michie, Past Grand Master. Your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting and exchanging views with Brother Michie at the session of the "Masonic Grand Secretaries' Guild" in Portland, in May. It needs hardly to be said that henceforth his reports will mean something more because of this acquaintance with a rich and positive personality. The tinge and flavor, of what for several years has appealed to your reviewer as one of the distinctively individual and able reports, will be heightened by this valued meeting. Brother Michie's opening word is characteristic of his way, "Having survived all the ills supposed to linger round the number Thirteen, I herewith submit my Fourteenth Annual Review, etc." Sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions are carefully and trenchantly considered. It is the kind of conservative comment which we have always had from this old jurisdiction. An interesting word of his respecting the admission of blind candidates, is as follows: (And we suspect it will come as an astounding revelation to American Grand Lodges that the Grand Lodge of England, the oldest and most conservative of all, has sanctioned the admission of blind candidates for generations). "There is a 'Blind' Lodge in London, called 'Lux in Tenebris' where the majority of the members are blind. The practice seems to be of many years standing."

Brother Michie then quotes, the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Amptill, in verification of his assertions in the following words: "You can unhesitatingly admit a blind man who is otherwise eligible to the Craft." And again Lord Amptill says: "I have never heard the question of the eligibility of sightless men raised in this country. It must have been definitely decided long before my time. There were of course very practical objections to those who were halt, or maimed or blind in ancient times, when Masonic lodges were actually the Trade Unions of the day." The following words from the Grand Secretary of England are also enlightening: "We do not, as a rule, encourage blind men to enter our Order, but where blindness is the result of injuries sustained during the war, we have allowed candidates to be initiated." Brother Michie's comment on all this is exactly what we should expect: "It is a most radical

departure from what all the Masonic Jurisdictions in the United States consider a landmark of Freemasonry, yet it is sanctioned by the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. I will not attempt to criticise, I simply state the facts."

If time and space permitted it would be a pleasure to quote this noble hearted reviewer on the Louisiana law which prohibits illegitimates from becoming Freemasons. Suffice it to say, "There is neither Justice nor Mercy in such a law."

Maine receives a large amount of fraternal consideration whether viewed in inches or in substantial matter. Judge Spear is heartily commended and frequently cited, our Grand Master's words on the Klan are termed "earnest, forcible and eloquent." Altogether we receive at his kindly hands a clean bill of health in all our deliberations and doings.

Your correspondent is accorded over a page of space and is praised for "painstaking care and a report which shows him to be well grounded in the principles of Masonry."

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1924.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 18,965; net gain, 460. Number of lodges on the roll, 168. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and Grand Representatives of thirty-nine Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Frank M. Roberts, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother R. S. Lockhart, in his address calls attention to the fact that for "the fiftieth time the gavel has sounded to assemble the Grand Lodge representatives." We extend the congratulations and best fraternal wishes of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, to the M. W. Grand Master, and brethren of South Dakota, and quite agree with him that in the language of Emerson, "every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm."

Of the M. S. A. the Grand Master finds that the "live" lodges are getting a great amount of good out of the Association's educational bulletins.

Among his constructive duties was the constituting of one lodge, the organizing of three others (U. D.), the dedicating of two Masonic Temples and the laying of two corner-stones.

He is a staunch supporter and advocate of DeMolay and in his annual address urges the brethren to visit their Chapters, and give them the endorsement and encouragement which they need.

An outstanding event in the year was the laying of the corner-stone of the new Grand Lodge Library. An unusually clear full-page photograph is bound in these Annual Proceedings.

In a brief and telling phrase the Grand Master says, "To be a good Mason, one must be a good American. The two words have therefore almost become synonymous. It was through their love of country, gleaned by them from Masonic teachings, that the founders of our government were enabled to throw off the yoke of tyranny and set up the government we love."

After the delivery of the Grand Master's address there was a short ceremony of greeting and felicitation between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Another touching ceremonial was the presentation of a Jewel to Brother Peter Wilson, for fifty years a Mason.

The Committee on Necrology paid a tender and eloquent tribute to Past Grand Secretary R. W. Brother Charles T. McCoy, who for many years was a pillar of strength in the Temple, occupying the position of Grand Secretary for nearly fifteen years.

There was evident some criticism of the M. S. A. for we learn that the question was raised, what this organization was doing to warrant the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, in continuing its contribution to the work? Lucid if not convincing, explanation was given by Past Grand Master Ashley that this Association had provided facilities for Masonic enlightenment each month, so that each lodge could, if it would, make its meetings more interesting and varied in program. We learn that "a notable increase in attendance and interest is manifested" in many lodges, and by this means furnished by the Association "excellent results have been secured." It is the old story of providing and even leading the horse to the trough, but the question of the ages still arises, will he drink?

We see with tender affection the name of our own beloved Brother, Past Grand Master Edmund Buxton Mallet, on the Roster of the Distinguished Dead of Other Jurisdictions.

M. W. Brother Charles L. Brockway, writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. It is a very full and kindly review of our Maine transactions. He gives large place in his report of Maine to our action in the matter of a liberal interpretation of the physical qualification requirements. Just because there is no criticism we assume that our advanced position in this regard meets with his unqualified approval. We emphatically agree with him that Grand Master Spear's "Conclusion" is worthy and should be read in every lodge. Your correspondent is quoted at some length, and commended for a very complete and fraternal notice of South Dakota. Altogether Bro. Brockway's review has proved readable, instructive and delightfully entertaining. It is one of the outstanding reviews which we have read thus far in our consideration of the various Proceedings of the year.

TENNESSEE, 1925.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 47,658; net gain, 2,314. There are 476 lodges on the roll. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. J. H. Swan, for Maine.

A commendable feature of the opening of this annual communication was the clear reading of the Codal law relative to members giving out any information to the press of the doings of the sessions, and the statute forbidding "illegal and unmasonic electioneering." In Maine the former

is handled very conservatively and wisely by the Grand Secretary, and the latter is under strict prohibition with us.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Howell E. Jackson, calls attention in his annual address to the fact that Grand Lodge is meeting in the new Nashville Scottish Rite Temple and voices the belief that such a monumental structure will prove "an inspiration to higher deeds and greater achievements."

Among the illustrious dead of Tennessee we see with sympathy and regret the name of M. W. Brother Thomas Owen Morris, a Past Grand Master of former years whose labors have been registered in the quarries and in the temple construction of Tennessee Masonry.

We note with fraternal pleasure the appointment of Bro. J. H. Swan as their Grand Representative for Maine, and hereby extend to this R. W. Brother, the heartiest greetings and symbolic hand-clasp of the entire fraternity of Maine.

The Grand Master under the caption "Guarding the Outer Gates" says this splendid thing about applicants, "he should be a gentleman, as Americans interpret that word, no matter what his standing in the so-called social world. We have known hod-carriers to be more refined than some Senators of the United States." Good! And again he says speaking of belief in Immortality,— "An annihilationist cannot participate in our Mysteries, and would be an 'atom' of foreign matter in our Ceremonials." "Atom," good, but scientists are always talking about the indestructibility of the "atom." Again, "He should be a temperate man in EATING, drinking and in speech, orderly, forbearing, not contentious, nor inclined to speak evil of others." We capitalize EATING because at many banquets we have seen many gastronomic atoms doing their masonic duty to the full. Here is another fine thing: "It is often much easier to get an unworthy one IN than it is to get him OUT and that sometimes the attempt to put him out disrupts the lodge." The entire section under this caption is well phrased and a much needed caution respecting new applicants.

Under M. S. A. we find the Grand Master expressing emphatic doubts as to whether it is wise to remain a member of this body, suggesting that Tennessee pay that Association what it owes, and "withdraw" according to the laws and requirements of the Association.

Among his "Rulings" we like his answer to the question, "How to prevent lady applicants for membership in the O. E. S. from being black-balled?" His answer was absolutely and emphatically right—"It is none of our business."

In the matter of physical qualification we find that the word "impart" means "by actual demonstration, not by description."

His attitude, and that of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is exactly that of Past Grand Master Spear of Maine, in his recent action respecting renting of Masonic Halls to the K. K. K., or allowing them the use of such premises for their meetings.

The usual situation respecting Masonic Homes is put by the Grand Master with rather unusual bluntness by saying of the "Widows and Orphan's Home," "it is our greatest asset and our greatest liability; the asset is in the boys and girls who are being made into useful citizens; the liability is in providing ways and means to accomplish this." Verily, herein is the increasing difficulty of many Grand Jurisdictions who have such institutions and these problems exonerate Maine's course and justify our attitude, which must often seem reactionary to other Grand Lodges, in "going slow" in establishing such philanthropies when "the ways and means" are not in sight either for their beginning or subsequent maintenance.

Grand Master Jackson under "Masonic Funerals" calls attention to what is a reproach to the Craft in many other jurisdictions,—lack of attendance of the brethren. One lodge reported that only the Master and the Tyler were present. He thinks it were better, and in this we emphatically agree with him, to "discontinue entirely Masonic burial services than to have them so neglected or performed in such slip shod manner, with so few Masons attending as thus to bring the fraternity into disrepute."

From the report of the Committee on Education we learn that the Order in Tennessee is standing back of the Governor of the State in his determination and aggressive campaign to stamp out illiteracy, and especially to rectify "the deplorable condition of the rural school system. The entire report is well expressed and challenged our respect and admiration. Happy and fortunate indeed is that State of which the following words can be written: "The citizenship in our State is thoroughly aroused and willing to pay almost any price to bring an equality of opportunity to all the children of Tennessee."

Two distinguished visitors, M. W. Brother James S. MacEwing, Grand Master of Manitoba, and his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. A. Ovas, were cordially greeted, and brought the fraternal good wishes to the assembled brethren.

The persuasive oratory of another visitor, M. W. Bro. Andrew L. Randall, of Texas, and Executive Secretary of the M. S. A., had the effect of bringing the Grand Lodge of Tennessee into line, and away from the Grand Master's suggestion of "withdrawal," for we learn that a motion was made to continue membership in the Association, and an appropriation made to pay the assessment.

The Report on Foreign Correspondent is written by R. W. Brother H. A. Chambers, and contains one hundred and thirty-six pages of good, instructive matter, which touches on the central points of each Grand Jurisdiction. Something more than half of each review is extended quotation, which he justifies in a brief "foreword" by saying: "We have quoted from the Proceedings so that the brethren can see for themselves what our foreign brethren in their own language have said and reported as done — instead of what we might say they have said and done."

Maine fares rather better than the majority, in this matter of quotation; comment is made on M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear's annual address, and several brief citations made therefrom, while your Foreign Correspondent is credited with having "well reviewed Tennessee and given full discussion of the Address of Grand Master Hardwick."

TEXAS, 1924.

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 128,880; net gain, 6,001. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty Grand Lodges, including M. W. Bro. S. M. Bradley for Maine.

Among the extended but impressive preliminaries at the opening of this communication was the welcoming of those venerable brethren who for more than forty years have been Master Masons. Each had an individual presentation and we are informed that each was greeted "with applause." The oldest was eighty years of age, and for fifty-five years a member of the fraternity.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Gus. A. Brandt, then delivered his annual address which covers exactly 101 pages of the Proceedings. It was a labor as of Hercules in the mere compilation of it, and if it was delivered in toto must have been something of an endurance test on the part of the brethren. We suspect, however, that much of it was omitted in the reading, although to read it is interesting and instructive.

To try to give a resume of so formidable a document is obviously impossible in the brief scope of these reviews so this reviewer must be content in selecting the salient and pivotal things.

Grand Master Brandt pays deserved tribute to the labors and personality of two honored and beloved Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers David F. Johnson and John L. Terrell.

During his term eleven lodges were constituted, while dispensations were granted for nine new lodges. Innumerable corner-stone ceremonials were held, several dispensations were refused for such services largely because the exercises were to be held on Sunday and even though two of these were for churches the Texas law (Art. 288) forbids it. We withhold comment, but certainly it might well be a source of humiliation, if not worse, to the Church which made the request. The confusion has arisen in several Grand Lodges, perhaps the real question is, are such ceremonials for Churches on Sunday a "Masonic labor," or a religious ceremony? We incline to the latter interpretation and therefore would call it not "labor" at all, but an inward re-freshment and soul-re-creation.

We are pleased to see refusal of dispensations for out of time degrees. The "Decisions" are exactly 346, the vast majority of which might better be termed "rulings and interpretations of law." No. 8 may be taken as typical "Can the Junior Warden of a Lodge, who has been convicted of transporting liquor, be called to trial by the Lodge?" "Answer,—He can."

Among his recommendations is one asking the Grand Lodge to enact a law by which lodges shall have entire charge of funeral services "without interruption by anyone or any other organization." This accords with our Maine practice and law, for many generations.

The Gavel Club at Legion, the home of the U. S. Hospital for ex-service men, has erected a building of field-stone at a cost of something like eight thousand dollars, which has the cordial endorsement of the Grand Lodge, and from various accounts throughout the proceedings is accomplishing a vast amount of real and constructive work among the brethren compelled to be inmates of this institution.

An interesting account of the attempt of the Committee appointed for the purpose of purchasing "The Old Masonic Oak Tree" at Brazoria is given, wherein the brethren, dealing with the "eternal feminine," found her price fluctuating from \$250.00 to \$10,000.00. Finally the owner refused "to consider any kind of offer." Feminine human nature is much the same the world over and we can appreciate these words of the report, "this good woman acting upon a woman's right, changed her mind, and declined to sign the deed. So far as the title control or possession of the tree is concerned, the Grand Lodge is just as far from it as it was a year ago." Let the good brethren of Texas be admonished that it was a woman and a tree, "that brought death into the world and all our woe, with loss of Eden, etc."

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Joe B. Hines, delivered an address under the title—"As A Man Thinketh," which touches upon the deeper things of our Fraternity and applies them to the nearest duties of each day. It will be seen that this subject and the suggested treatment removes it from the usual and commonplace treatment of such themes.

Among the distinguished guests of this annual session was M. W. Bro. John W. Turner, Grand Master of New Mexico, and M. W. Bro. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary of Louisiana, both of whom brought the cordial greetings of their jurisdictions and made stirring addresses to the brethren.

Several brief compositions by students of the Masonic Home and School at Fort Worth are printed in full and give information respecting this institution and its aims and achievements. From these brief addresses, and the remarks of P. G. M. Nat M. Washer, who is Chairman of the Board of Directors we congratulate Texas upon a noble work done in the true Masonic spirit.

Texas evidently believes in utilizing the time, for there are several other "orations and addresses" by eminent Craftsmen, notably that of Bro. F. T. Sadler, on the topic "Selfishness Versus Service," which strikes the true Masonic note with an eloquence which must have inspired the brethren.

M. W. Bro. S. M. Bradley, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommends that action on the request of Guatemala for recognition be deferred.

The Grand Lodge voted to affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association

of the United States and Canada, appropriating \$350.00, or as much thereof as may be needed, for this purpose.

After reading the addresses given by the young men of the Masonic Home and School, cited above, we were prepared for exactly what we have received,—a most interesting account of the affairs of that institution, which are conservatively administered. This philanthropy is evidently the pride of the Craft in Texas.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that joint committees of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico should prepare a plan for the founding and operating of a Tubercular Sanitarium with appeal to all Grand Lodges for support, a kind of national movement to "secure adequate hospitalization for our consumptive brethren—the need being national in scope and character." This, we have just received and read with growing approval. It contains the "Report and Recommendations of the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Commission" and makes an appeal which is both pathetic and convincing.

The Jurisprudence Committee upholds the Grand Master in nearly every one of his 346 rulings, although there are a few which call for a little elucidation and kindly comment and cavil. This committee makes good our assertion in the opening of this review, by saying, "that at least 300 were given on plain questions, and most of them involved simple edict-answered questions." That is exactly the way it appealed to us when we read them through, and it may not be too caustic a remark to add, that certainly if this is a sample of what the Grand Master of Texas has to endure every year, there is a wide field for Masonic education in the vast expanses of this noble jurisdiction.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was, as usual prepared by M. W. Brother S. M. Bradley, P. G. M., who is also our Grand Representative for Maine. The more formal report is prefaced by carefully compiled statistical tables of lodge membership in all countries. We get these grand total of 27,661 lodges in the world, with a total membership of 4,123,653.

Another interesting and painstaking feature of the review is a tabulation of the various Grand Lodge institutions of benevolence. Each State is given with its funds, and various charities and philanthropic institutions. Maine, however, is all wrong, for he says we have "a permanent Charity Fund of \$7,000.00," whereas our 1924 report gives \$84,408.49, with an annual income from invested funds of \$3,884.65.

Maine is reviewed in its 105th Annual Communication, and receives, besides extended citations such words as these, "we infer that officers and members of lodges are well informed in Masonic law and usage." Surely Grand Master Spear's one lone "Decision" against Brother Brandt's 346 would warrant such an inference.

We greatly appreciate Brother Bradley's word relative to our refusal to recognize the National Grand Lodge of Italy, he said: "We believe Maine is pursuing the proper course, although the Grand Lodge of Texas extended fraternal recognition some years ago." This would indicate

both a broad and conservative mind on the part of the Texas reviewer. He further says, "that what Masonry they (Italy, etc.) have in these countries is only an imitation of Ancient Craft Masonry." Which opinion coincides with our own.

The Age of Masonry in Maine is indicated by these few words: "We note that the oldest lodge in Maine dates from March 30, 1769 — 155 years ago, and several years before the Declaration of Independence was drafted."

Your Correspondent is given credit for "a well written report" and is cordially thanked "for the compliments, whether deserved or not." And he hastens to say both as benediction and conviction "Deserved."

UTAH, 1924.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 4,502; gain, 182. There are 25 Lodges on the roll. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven Jurisdictions; we note with fraternal regret the absence of ours of Maine.

Before the Grand Master's annual address, a tenderly beautiful tribute of affection was paid to the memory of the deceased brethren for the year by P. G. M. Bro. John E. Carver.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. S. H. Goodwin, tells interestingly in his report of his journey to Kaibab forest in Arizona, which name was given to one of the Utah Lodges and holds a sentiment for the brethren because of that.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Leroy Aylmer McGee, reports Masonry in Utah as strong and progressive. Mention is made of the death of P. G. M. Watson N. Shilling who was in office in 1892. Several interesting facts about Brother Shilling are as follows: A veteran of the Civil War, a participant in the Nez Perce Indian War and in the Custer Massacre, he also gave the world the "first telegraphic report of that massacre." Such was the type and calibre of Masonry in Utah, and we make no doubt that it is still made of the same sterling stuff in these degenerate (?) days.

We regret to see that the Grand Master in one of his decisions was forced to say "No" because of the exigencies of the code-law to an applicant who had lost the major part of his right thumb. It was obviously with reluctance that he made this decision, because there are a few words appended which indicate that he believes the law to be too stringent in this regard.

He suggest that Utah do something toward the Fort Bayard Sojourners Club in New Mexico.

Among other pleasant duties we note the laying of two corner-stones during the year, full accounts of which are given in the proceedings.

Of the organizing of a Chapter of DeMolay, he says: "I know of no event during the year that is more important to Masonry, than this." Which as Mark Twain remarked of his obituary, "is important, if true."

We read with interest under the caption "The Finlinton Bill" that it provides for school buildings to be used "for other than business purposes." We infer that there have been notorious abuses for it has been used "to permit a particular church to force its doctrines upon the children of those who do not wish to espouse its cause." Whether this is Mormonism, or something else, we are not informed, but in either case it is surely an abuse of privilege, if not a clearly unconstitutional act which outrages the very genius and principle of American government. He suggests that each Mason, as a citizen, should work for the repeal of this "obnoxious" act.

The Jurisprudence Committee did not favor a fine on lodges which are delinquent in making annual returns. Adopted. The same committee approved the Grand Master's decision in the matter of the loss of the right thumb of an applicant, as indicated above, although there was considerable discussion, and several amendments submitted, we read "that the motion to adopt was carried."

We note with pleasure a recommendation that \$250.00 be used for the purpose of printing another edition of Sam Goodwin's "Mormonism and Masonry" to which appreciative reference has been made by this reviewer in past years. And should this reach Brother Goodwin's eye, we hope the Maine Correspondent will be put on the mailing list, instantler, at once, immediately.

It is a gem of clear statement and convincing appeal, with historical references which are especially valuable to the Maine reviewer because there are several churches of L. D. S. on the seacoast of Maine.

This volume of Annual Proceedings is embellished by a very clear full page photograph of Grand Master McGee laying the corner-stone of a church (Methodist) in the town of Price, an ample account is given of the event.

The Report on Correspondence is from the skillful and seasoned hand of M. W. Brother Sam H. Goodwin. It opens with a "Foreword" which deals with the Ku Klux Klan in no uncertain or hesitant manner, and also with the subject "Plagiarism and Obscurity" in which he gives these insidious gentry a beautiful and well deserved "dig" for lifting his literary matter without giving credit to the originator. It was done with a sharp stiletto wielded by a delicate and effective hand.

Brother Goodwin deals with our One Hundred and Fourth Communication. He compliments M. W. Brother Albert M. Spear on his "shapely head and interesting face," and further says (we believe rightly although it ill-becomes us to say it) after studying the face of a Justice of our Maine Supreme Court, "We enter on the review with the assurance that Masonry of the Pine Tree State must be all right when the Craft there selects such men for leadership."

When we read that we knew that Bro. Goodwin really knew something at first hand about Maine, and we find corroboration of this in his wholly beautiful and brief lyrical song at the mention of the dedicating of a new

Masonic Hall at Bar Harbor. We will put his poem in the Walt Whitman form, although he has expressed it in prose:

" Bar Harbor,

How familiar are many of the names of Maine's towns,

How inextricably are many of them bound up with a bundle of memories;

Which make the Down East Country to stand out quite apart,

From all other localities for the writer of these lines;

And no less is true of the men and women whom we knew in that State:

In years long since gone by."

That surely is a gem of tribute and affectionate praise as of one to the manor born, who must have been nourished on our hillsides and tasted "the mettle of our pastures" and who still carries something of the strength of our granite hills in his vertebrae and the clear gleaming waters of our shores and lakes and rivers in his vision. "In the years long since gone by," there is a pathos and poetry in those few words that make us love Sam Goodwin, and we greet him across the myriad miles and the spaces of the years, as a man of Maine and a true son of our soil. And should he ever return, like the prodigal who lived on husks in a far country, we will kill the fatted calf, and "drink (pure spring water) and be merry" until the sun shall greet the Dawn and the night of stars shall have paled with the Morning. There! We can write a little prose-poetry too when such an occasion arises and when a son of Maine yearns like those of old who sat by the rivers of Babylon and shed bitter tears of captivity and banishment for their native Jerusalem.

But we must leave heaven hued poetry for the dull prose facts of the reviewer. Correspondent Goodwin is no paste and scissors writer; it is all solid composition of his own, with little quotation. Our Maine "doings" pleased him in every way. He says of Grand Matser Spear's address that "it reaches a very high level of thought, expression and vision."

Your correspondent is told that "he has taken up his work and right worthily has he discharged the duties of this difficult position." Which is praise, indeed, from so matured and well seasoned a reviewer as Brother Goodwin. It is that kind of thing from that kind of men, which makes us believe that we have not wholly failed in these labors of reviewer.

VERMONT, 1924.

The One Hundred Thirty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 18,456; gain, 227. There are one hundred and three lodges. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and thirty Grand Representatives, including R. W. Brother George I Whitney for Maine. Brother Whitney is Grand Master of Vermont, and in his opening allocution he tenderly refers to an old friend of this reviewer, Col. Everett C. Benton, a Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, although a native of Vermont and a Past Grand Junior Warden of Vermont. He truly asserts, "his cordial greeting and friendly grasp of the hand will be missed by us."

We note with emphatic approval M. W. Brother Whitney's appointment of R. W. Brother Rev. A. Francis Welch, of Augusta, as Grand Representative of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

He notes briefly the generally healthy condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction and urges each Craftsman to make it an individual obligation "to make your lodge a live, worthwhile institution." All his dispensations would be cordially endorsed by Maine, and follows our own careful and conservative practice. He calls attention to, and especially emphasizes the undesirability of renting rooms, which have been dedicated to purely Masonic purposes, to be used for other than purely Masonic purpose, which follows the custom and tradition in our own jurisdiction. He also takes advanced ground in recommending that candidates should not receive successive degrees under a period of less than four weeks, unless under dispensation in cases of urgent and imparative necessity.

Among the Grand Master's out of state visitations he gives especial attention to a conference of Grand Masters in the District of Columbia, where matters of interest were considered and social foregathering enjoyed. This meeting was preliminary to the Big Show the following day, the laying of the corner-stone of the George Washington Memorial, of which great Masonic event he gives an extended and graphic account of the outstanding features and principle personalities assembled for the ceremonial. He visited also the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and at another time attended the farewell dinner at the McAlpin, in New York, given in honor of R. W. Sir Alfred Robbins, who is well known in the Masonic world, as the honored President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was fraternally recognized at this annual communication. The Committee on Grand Master's Address, pays well deserved tribute to Brother Whitney's administration saying these kindly words: "A faithful laborer in the Masonic vineyard." Or again, "His unselfish and conscientious labors have meant so much to Vermont masons that these will remain a blessed memory."

Among the appointments of the incoming Grand Master we note with especial personal pleasure the name of R. W. Bro. Rev. Henry L. Ballou, whom we met in Portland, Maine, in September, at the General Grand Council and Chapter Sessions, and again in Boston at the Supreme Council.

The thirteen D. D. G. Ms. make full and informing reports of simple, and to often thankless, duty loyally performed. We have commented before on the good old Yankee names appended to these thirteen reports, which sound very much like our own in Maine.

A carefully compiled and arranged Digest of Masonic Law, with Index, from the year 1907 to that of 1923, is printed and covers thirty pages of these annual proceedings, and must be a document of real and permanent value to the Craftsmen in that old and beloved jurisdiction of Vermont.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master Brother Archie S. Harriman, and reviews fifty-three annual proceedings. Brother Harriman is the kind of reviewer who gets

beneath the surface of things, and probes the core and marrow of Masonic values and realities, and brings us something worthy, not only attention pro tempore, but worthy of preservation in Masonic libraries. While there are extended quotations, rather more than this reviewer likes, yet in all fairness it must be said it is well chosen and vital matter, the essence and finer spirit of each annual proceeding seems to be excerpted by Bro. Harriman. Maine receives its due share of fraternal attention, and citations are made in five instances from Grand Master Albert M. Spear's annual address, and in conclusion quotes that particular figure of the fabled eagle that was killed by an arrow winged with a feather from its own breast, which has appealed to the majority of Grand Reviewers and is usually quoted by each one in full.

Your correspondent is credited with "a most readable report, one of the most complete and informative reports we have had the pleasure of reading. "An extended quotation, respecting ultra radicalism in Freemasonry is given with evident approbation. Brother Harriman expresses regret that his predecessor, Brother Weston could not have lived, to read our complimentary review of his work. It may well be, Brother Harriman, that as Tennyson somewhere expresses it, "he sees with larger, other eyes than ours," and what are our words but poor outward symbols of inward realities which are after all essentially spiritual.

VICTORIA, 1923.

Four Quarterly Communications.

Membership, 30,332; net increase, 3,852. R. W. Brother C. T. Martin was present at the various Quarterly Communications, as our Maine Grand Representative.

We learn from the Grand Secretary, R. W. Wm. Stewart, P. S. G. W., that the year has eclipsed all records in this history of the Grand Lodge. The following is the constructive record for the year,—there were twenty-two new lodges consecrated, and over four thousand candidates initiated. The Grand Superintendent of Works has officially approved the architect's plans for twenty-five New Temples. The cost is estimated at 80,000 pounds sterling.

Best of all is the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings that the Masonic work and labor "continues to be satisfactory."

The M. W. Grand Master is His Excellency Colonel the Rt. Hon. George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K. C. G. M., C. B., C. V. O., C. B. E. In the course of his address at the First Quarterly Communication the Grand Master speaks of the above substantial gains for the Fraternity in Victoria with commendable appreciation. He speaks of the year "1874 as a red letter year because in that year the late King Edward VII was installed as Grand Master of England, and the Duke of Connaught, who succeeded to and still holds that great position, was initiated. In 1922 we were all delighted to know that the Prince of Wales, the grandson of the former Grand Master, was invested as Senior Grand

Warden in the Grand Lodge of England by the Royal Initiate of 1874." Much of this Quarterly address deals with the men eminent in statesmanship who have held high and honored place in the Grand Lodge of Victoria. He finds that the substantial buildings of Masonry in his Jurisdiction are but the type and symbol of the soundness of the Fraternity's basic principles of morality and Brother Love.

M. W. Brother F. T. Hickford (P. G. M.) was appointed Pro Grand Master for the "ensuing year."

At another Quarterly Communication the M. W. Grand Master made pointed references to certain evils which have troubled many of our American Grand Lodges. Such things as lotteries, boxing bouts and public bazaars conducted in order to raise funds for lodges are condemned by him. He said this fine thing which is worthy of thought in America: "Masonry is strong enough morally and financially, without making pitious entreaties for assistance to those not connected with the Institution." We agree with him that it is often a most discreditable, always undignified and frequently pitiful degradation of the Fraternity when such things are publically done in the name of our Craft. Better to suffer in self-respecting penury than to evidence it, if it is ever necessary, to the curious and prying eyes, and not infrequently slanderous lips, of the "outsiders." It gives a convenient handle for the petty critics and often outspoken censors of our Institution.

The Board of General Purposes condemns the practice of naming either lodges, or Temple Buildings, for living persons. A judicious and wholesome requirement, for reasons that are obvious to any thoughtful Craftsman.

A report of the Proceedings of the First Conference of Secretaries of subordinate lodges, occupies forty-two pages of these Annual Proceedings of Victoria, and while enthrallingly interesting are not quite in order in this review. Topics and practices of interest to the Secretaries are on the official Agenda, and were dealt with in a practical statesmanlike manner. Several interesting discussions occurred, which cast much light on those vexed and debatable problems which concern the conduct of the Secretary's office.

At the last Quarterly the Grand Master announced that the wearing of Masonic regalia at any function other than Masonic was a practice to be discouraged. This follows our own Maine Constitutional law which strictly forbids it.

The M. W. Pro. Grand Master made a most informing and eloquent speech in nominating the Earl of Stradbroke for Grand Master at the last Quarterly Communication. It was a model of tribute and appreciation of one who has conducted the affairs of Victoria Freemasons to a successful consummation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Wm. Stewart, P. S. G. W., and opens with a brief "Foreword," wherein he outlines the needs for such a "Review," and that each Grand Representative should prepare a brief "statement of events of general Masonic interest occurring within

the territory represented by him." This has been done, although Maine has no place in such "Review." We exonerate our Grand Representative R. W. Brother C. T. Martin this time, and grant him absolution for his "sin of omission," but exhort him to remember us of Maine next time, when these several reviews of Grand Jurisdictions are written. We do not like to be put in the class of old Roman Cato who on seeing statues erected to other Roman Senators in the Forum, said, "I am content for all will ask, where, then is Cato's statue?" It is only a poor negative distinction after all.

These reviews from the various representatives are unequal in length, and exceedingly various in treatment and in literary expression and style, but are interesting and graphically written by many of the brethren.

VIRGINIA, 1924.

The One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 43,630. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. Chas. A. Nesbitt, for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Price, said in opening his annual address that "never before has Masonry been more robust, more highly respected nor more influential in its appeal than now."

He pays eloquent tribute to the memory of M. W. Brother George W. Wright who had held all the high offices in the various Grand Bodies of Masonry in Virginia. At the time of his death he was Grand Lecturer, having held the office of Grand Master in 1899. Our own Past Grand Masters, Brothers F. E. Sleeper and E. B. Mallet, are enshrined in letters of living light on Virginia's page of "The Dead of Other Grand Jurisdictions."

The Grand Master made an appropriation of \$250.00 for the Fort Bayard tubercular hospitals for ex-service men in New Mexico.

A long and interesting list of "Visitations" indicated a busy and arduous year for the Grand Master, while there were innumerable occasions for corner-stone ceremonials and dedications. Two new lodges were instituted under dispensation, during his term of office.

Naturally the corner-stone ceremony of the George Washington Memorial loomed large in the events of Virginia, and a good account is given by Grand Master Price, of this outstanding event in the Masonic world.

Speaking of the numerical growth of Masonry in Virginia the Grand Master notices the slight falling off in numbers, a fact which is quite general according to the various annual reports of other Grand Jurisdictions, but he rightly senses the situation by saying that "our present membership is made up of active, contributing Masons, and, to use a commercial expression, our "bad accounts" have either been charged off or transferred to the suspense ledger."

His nine "Decisions" are all conservative and well within the usual practice and law of the Fraternity.

The M. W. Grand Master of North Carolina, Bro. J. LeGrand Everett, was an honored guest during these sessions and made a few well chosen remarks of fraternal greeting.

The volume of Annual Proceedings contains brief and informing reports of the fifty-eight D. D. G. Ms., which show careful supervision and constructive labor performed by these eminent Craftsmen.

After the eloquent speech of P. G. M. Andrew L. Randell of Texas, a Committee was appointed to study, consider and report on the advisability of Virginia joining the M. S. A. The report is to be ready at the next Annual Communication.

The Finance Committee had recommended that the printing of the roster of the entire membership of the lodges of Virginia, be discontinued in order to save expense, but it was not adopted. When it is realized that exactly 378 pages of the proceedings are used for this purpose, we can understand the action of the Finance Committee. But another point which has always appealed to us is the fact that such complete membership lists become a fertile field for all kinds of propaganda, while certain business organizations, and especially insurance companies of a certain kind, do not hesitate to use the term Masonic, or in other and more subtle ways make the Masonic appeal to the less informed brethren. We have always deplored it as a good opportunity for such organizations as the Klan and similar institutions, to work their way and will among our members.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Home shows careful administration, with finances efficiently managed. Remodeling is about to be done on the buildings and the committee urges that "the Board of Governors proceed with the work as rapidly as practicable."

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence is over the welcome and familiar signature of M. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston. Somewhat prone to extended quotation Brother Eggleston yet gives us constructive comment and in a spirit of fine frankness registers his disagreement when it is necessary. For instance, we quite agree with him in his opening review of Alabama when he takes issue with the Grand Master of that jurisdiction who said of DeMolay that "it is closely related to the Fraternity." But such candid disagreements are few, and for the most part are absolutely just and constructive in their nature. Again we find him saying, "We do not think it wise to recognize bodies in the Latin countries where they are subordinate to any higher authority." Exactly this has been our conservative Maine practice, especially when the York Rite was merely a kind of camouflage with Scottish Rite sovereignty in the background.

Maine is generously considered in six pages of worth-while reading. There is many a kindly comment, with now and then a bit of ironic by-play just enough to give zest and tang to his writing and to make us feel that while our ways and words and works are all right, still Maine now and then does human things like all other jurisdictions.

Grand Master Spear is quoted at considerable length on such matters as Masonic Advertising, the K. K. K., the Washington Memorial and Socialism.

Brother Eggleston said he had not read very far through Grand Master Spear's address before he was convinced "that Judge Spear was a man of unusual ability and that he was giving the Craft in the State of Josiah Drummond a full share of that ability. Had we not reached that conclusion his closing would have convinced us." Brother Eggleston then gives the eloquent and inspiring peroration of Judge Spear in full.

Your Correspondent greatly appreciates his word, "We found that Foreword' so greatly to our liking as to overcome our dislike of foreword in general in so far as to impel us to quote it in full as the rare exception."

As this particular "Foreword" was that on "Conservative or Radical Freemasonry" we knew from Brother Eggleston's conservative ways and words through many years of reviewing that its essential message would be in accord with his personal convictions. Maine has many points in common with this old and honored Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, conservatism being one of many. Our numerical strength is about the same and we opine that the type and calibre of character and Masonic manhood would be very similar.

WASHINGTON, 1924.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 42,807; net gain, 2,231. There are 265 lodges on the roll. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-two jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. T. E. Skaggs for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Tom Wooster Holman, shows in his annual report an exceedingly busy year with five new lodges constituted, and eight others instituted under dispensation, while there were eleven corner-stone ceremonials, two temples dedicated, and innumerable visitations made. The routine clerical duties of his office, judged by the evidence furnished in these annual proceedings, must have been heavy and exacting. He granted eight dispensations for "out of time" degrees, far more than would be allowed in our Maine jurisdiction of about the same numerical size as Washington.

His "Decisions" which are many, are in strict accord with the usual practice. He narrates his official visit, as guest of honor at a reception given for the officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

From a passage in his address, we infer that Washington is contemplating placing a one year period before a member can petition for any of the higher degrees in either Rite. There are fifteen pages under the head of "Recommendations" but most of these refer to matters purely of interest and application to Washington; one however under the caption, "Proselyting on Masonry" is of more than passing and local interest. It appears that several business houses were advertising "For Masons Only," and Grand Master Holman rightly calls this, "base proselyting on our membership." He avers, and rightly, that all such are without the pale of Masonic respectability or dependability, "and should be shunned

by all of us." He recommends that the abuse be referred to Committee to rectify this condition and "protect the brethren against such unscrupulous methods."

As a sample of Brother Holman's sterling qualities of Grand Mastership and his strong way of expressing himself, here are the concluding words of his annual address: "Our job is a man's job, but we should be well trained and fit, so let us pull together in this common aim, supported by a sincere faith in the Fatherhood of God and actuated by a true spirit of a genuine Brotherhood of Man."

During this communication, the Jurisprudence Committee recommended the fraternal recognition of Guatemala, and also of Panama, the latter of these is recognized by Maine. Spain, Guyanus (Senora, Mexico), Czecho-Slovakia, Ecuador and Argentine, were either rejected or deferred.

A Committee on Revision of Funeral Service, has evidently done well for we read that this new funeral service is being printed in pamphlet form for distribution. The committee speaks in its report of presenting "Death not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger," an improvement which could be made even in the average church ritual, for all such phraseology was a product of the medieval mind, which the modern and more enlightened world is rapidly outgrowing.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Tisdall, and other Grand Officers of British Columbia, were received and welcomed with the Grand Honors. The Grand Master of British Columbia responded with appropriate and eloquent remarks.

A most moving and thoughtful Oration was delivered by the Grand Orator (printed in full) W. Bro. Loomis Baldrey, on the theme, "The Ancient Lights." It is filled with worth-while paragraphs, which did space permit, it would be an informing privilege to quote.

A special committee conveyed the Greetings of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in session at the same time, to which a beautifully worded greeting was returned.

An interesting feature of the annual communication, which indicates something of the far-flung fraternal lines of Washington, was the assembling at the altar of the representatives of the Alaskan Lodges where they were greeted with words from the Grand Master and received the Grand Honors.

A request of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Washington for \$20,000.00 to help in paying the expenses of the Thirty-sixth Triennial, was declined with regrets by the Committee on Finance. The same committee recommended that \$250.00 be sent to the Sojourner's Club at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and \$1,000.00 for the Employment and Service Bureau (Masonic) in Seattle. Later a kind of compromise on the matter of the Grand Commandery, K. T. request was made, the Grand Lodge voting one-half the amount requested or \$10,000.00.

The sum of \$200,000.00 "or as much thereof as may be necessary" from the Home Fund, was voted for the purpose "of improving the site

purchased for the New Masonic Home, and for the erection of the necessary buildings."

The Thirteenth Annual Report on Correspondence is from the seasoned hand of M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllister. We are personally glad to see his return to the individual form of review, rather than the "topical" form. The change was made we are informed because "about eighty per cent. of the brethren favored this plan." He makes apology for the brevity of some of the reviews on the ground that this "late change of plan" made it imperative. A well arranged "Index of topics" in the Correspondence Report is added which must have entailed an enormous amount of painstaking labor.

Maine receives adequate and generous consideration. Grand Master Spear is cordially quoted and commended, and our doings in general are not criticised, but tacitly commended as in accordance with the best usage tradition and practice of the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed. A brief line of praise for your correspondent is as follows: "It is a most thorough report of our doings and most readably presented." While it is almost an impertinence to say it, Maine hopes that this individual form of review will continue from M. W. Brother McAllister as it certainly appeals to us, largely it may well be, because we thereby come to know his personality better and seem to have a more real and vital comradeship in correspondence by this method.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1924.

Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications.

Membership, 6,493; gain for the year, 483. There is an average of 65 members to each working lodge. There were present forty-four Representatives of Grand Lodges, including W. Bro. C. E. Hazelwood, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., L. L. D., O. B. E., V. D., the Archbishop of Perth, presided at these various Communications and at the first Quarterly pointed out the imperative need of economy in "the affairs of the private lodges," showing how they are falling short for several years in their ordinary expenditures and that each lodge should seriously consider how their situation can best be remedied. He has a strong word on the secrecy of the ballot which clearly outlines the Western Australian usage in this respect, somewhat differing from our own. Two new lodges were consecrated. He says of Masonic Clubs, what has been the experience of lodges in this Jurisdiction, "that the close association that has all along existed has been greatly to the mutual advantage of the Club and the Craft generally." At the Third Quarterly the Grand Master said in simple, straight forward phrase, "Clean living, straight dealing, kindness in trouble — these are the simple attributes of our old Freemasonry."

We read that there is a law which prohibits "the wives and relatives of members who frequently, in the country lodges, prepare the Installation Banquet," which law reads in part as follows: "Masters of lodges are advised that the presence of non-Masons at the Festive Board, after the

Toast List has been commenced, is prohibited." This would work havoc in Maine country districts, especially where at installations the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of the brethren often prepare the Banquet, and participate in it frequently. It is a custom which has been hallowed by time and we have never heard of evils resulting therefrom.

The Grand Master under the caption — *The Craft and Politics*, — makes this distinction, "On no account must any attempt be made to bring the Craft into the political arena, but this does not prevent a Freemason from taking an intelligent interest in the affairs of his country."

What strikes our American ears with a strange and unwonted sound is the assertion of the Grand Master that "lads of eighteen years of age may be fit and proper persons to be admitted to the Craft," but this is a matter of dispensation by the Grand Master which he intends "to strictly limit."

Yet another matter which differs materially from our practice is that of lodges "expending moneys of the lodge in the support of outside institutions." In Western Australia it is left to the majority vote of the brethren of the lodge. With us lodge funds must be used for Masonic purposes, which is a matter of Constitutional law.

At the Annual Communication an interesting discussion resulted from a motion to increase the allocations of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund. Comparisons were made with other Grand Lodges, notably New Zealand. The matter was disposed of by passing the motion.

The Grand Master is looking forward with hope toward a union of the constitution of Western Australia and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and thinks there are suspicious signs pointing in that direction. We learn that Scotland is willing to leave the entire matter to the decision of the brethren of her obedience in Western Australia.

The Grand Inspector of Workings discovered, what this correspondent believes to be an invariable rule, that lack of punctuality in opening a lodge always goes with "slackness in the working of the degrees."

The V. W. Inspectors of the six Masonic Districts give brief account of their various districts and evidence faithful and unpretentious Masonic labor loyally performed. The reports read very much like those of our D. D. G. Masters.

An interesting report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence avers that "year by year this report grows in popular favor" as evidence he tells us that for the last two years the demand for these reports has far exceeded the supply which was printed. We learn that an increased issue is to be published this year, and then these words which would be welcome news to the majority of American correspondents, "it is hoped that this year no brother making application will be obliged to go without."

Nor do we greatly wonder at this demand when we read the Correspondence Report of this committee. It is an able document, dealing with the vital things of each Grand Jurisdiction and expressed in crisp readable English which it is a delight to peruse.

Maine is generously considered and commended. M. W. Brother Frank E. Sleeper's death, announced at the Grand Lodge session, is dwelt upon

with fraternal sympathy. Grand Master Spear is unqualifiedly commended and frequently quoted. The matter of the Klan is given nearly an entire page of comment and citation.

After quoting our new law on physical qualifications he says with a touch of wholesome irony, "Inter alia, the committee advocates 'leniency in construction and application of the law.' There should now be no doubt as to who are fit and proper persons to be made Freemasons."

Your correspondent has this complimentary thing said of his work: "Not the least interesting part of the Annual Report is the part devoted to Foreign Correspondence." Two quotations are made from it and kindly comments accompany each of these.

With something of the keen reporter and also judicial editor with broad vision, the writer of this Western Australian review has given us several hours of delightful an instructive reading, and our knowledge of international English-speaking Masonry has been broadened and vitalized.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1923.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 31,018; net gain, 1,467. Number of chartered lodges, 160. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-five jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. A. B. C. Bray, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. E. Carl Frame, in opening his annual address said, "That there can be no danger to Masonry from without; nor, can there be from within, if those of us who are enlisted under her banner will but remember and practice the Tenets of our Institution." A platitude and a truism, to be sure, but a platitude because it is a fundamental and we are always prone to forget that it can always be said of a truism, that it is *true*.

Among his "Decisions" we see one to the effect that an elected candidate who refuses to declare his trust in God, is ineligible, that the degree should be stopped, the candidate taken from the lodge, and his fee returned.

In Maine we would call that not a "Decision" but an axiom of Masonry. We like his "Decision" prohibiting a lodge levying a certain amount in addition to the regular dues for the support of a Masonic Club. As much as we in Maine believe and support such clubs, that certainly is a clear violation of Masonic constitutional law, and was rightly regarded in that light by the Grand Master.

One constructive recommendation is that forbidding any Master Mason petitioning for any further degrees until a period of one year has passed.

Grand Master Frame has a few telling words to say on the Ku Klux Klan and its notorious and rather infamous attempt to connect itself with Masonry by making absurd claims that a large percentage of its membership is Masonic.

We learn from the report that two lodges in West Virginia use what might be called individual Bibles on which each candidate is obligated,

and at the conclusion of the Sublime Degree he is presented with the same Great Light on the first leaf of which is inscribed the dates of his Initiating, Passing and Raising. This seems to us an interesting and rather novel idea, the Bible is passed on to other generations as a kind of hallowed heirloom of ancestral Masonic affiliation.

Brief but informing reports of the various D. D. G. Lecturers and the D. D. G. Ms., are printed in full and indicate careful and painstaking labors faithfully performed.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home, show efficient administration, and we see what is often a condition in such institutions, a crowded condition so that many applicants have to be turned away, "much to our regret."

An interesting and enlightening report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence states that several applications from "Grand Lodges of Grand Orient origin" for fraternal recognition have not been considered for the reason that West Virginia "does not recognize any organization of Freemasonry, in any country which has not divorced itself from any other branch of the Masonic Order than the one known as Ancient York Masons, or Symbolic Masonry. Which position, ultra-conservative as it is, coincides with our own practice, in Maine.

The Jurisprudence Committee in its report dealing especially with the Grand Master's recommendation for one year to elapse before a Master Mason can petition for further degrees, has this rather gentle way of turning it down: "Your committee cordially approves of the spirit of the Grand Master's remarks and recommendation, but does not recommend any new laws at this time."

A full list of the membership of these one hundred and sixty lodges is printed, which becomes a fertile field for all kinds of propaganda and those who do not hesitate to use such as mailing lists for business, and especially insurance organizations with some Masonic appeal. To our way of thinking such lists play into the hands of those who by some subtle Masonic approach, rather abuse, than legitimately use, these membership lists which are scattered more or less generally throughout each Grand Jurisdiction.

The annual Report on Foreign Correspondence is R. W. Bro. George W. Atkinson's thirty-third review. In addition to his formal report, Bro. Atkinson has several pages which he calls "Concluding Remarks" at the end of the review. We find our own experience and observation concurring with his in the following regard, "that Masonry is progressing throughout the world, and especially the English speaking world, in a remarkable manner, both as to its membership and influence." We believe that more can be legitimately said, and that future Masonic historians will be speaking of our era in the Masonic world, as the period of Masonic Awakening, not only in ideas and ideals of the Fraternity, but in practical application of these to the problems, issues and duties of our time. We read with interest, as a piece of Masonic news, that Cecil Howard an American sculptor has been commissioned to design the

Masonic monument at Verdun in hallowed memory of those Masonic soldiers who fell in the Great War.

Maine is generously and graciously considered in four splendid, and even gleaming, pages of his report. Our "Doings" are quite uniformly commended. Brother Spear is commended for his words on spite balloting and on the K. K. K. Extended citations are made of these topics with evident approval of this keen reviewer.

Your Maine correspondent is credited with a report which "shows industry and ability." We can only reply that we are sure of the former at least. A word which pleases us even more is the fact that he recognizes that this Maine reviewer "has laid aside the editorial scissors completely and writes every thing with his own hand." Yes, it is hard work, as Bro. Atkinson knows for he does much the same thing, and herein is the real industry involved in preparing such a review.

The major part of this writer's "Foreword" on "Conservative and Radical Freemasonry" is given place in our Maine notice.

What a real gentleman M. W. Bro. Atkinson must be, for he says only the truth when he says respecting our omission of good old West Virginia last year, "I regret the absence of an allusion to our West Virginia doings in his report of the present year, but I am sure it was through no fault of Brother Smith." In familiar language this reviewer can only say, "I did not receive it, how therefore can I impart it."

WISCONSIN, 1924.

The Eightieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 52,364; net gain, 2,816. Number of lodges, 295. There were present twenty Past Grand Masters, and forty-five Grand Representatives, including R. W. Geo. B. Wheeler for Maine.

A letter from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William H. Webb, tells of his absence on account of serious illness and that he must not be considered for advancement in office.

The M. W. Grand Master of Illinois, Bro. Arthur E. Wood, was welcomed with the Grand Honors and responded "in a few well chosen words."

The Grand Master of Wisconsin, M. W. Brother Charles F. Lamb, paid fitting tribute to Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. James G. Monahan, in his opening address to the Grand Lodge; later P. G. M. Bro. Aldro Jenks gave a tender and beautiful eulogy of the eminent frater deploring the loss of one who was a pillar of strength in Masonry in Wisconsin. We note, as if touched with eternal light, the name of our own beloved Past Grand Master, Edmund Buxton Mallet, on Wisconsin's Necrological Roll of Honor.

Among Grand Master Lamb's appointments we note with pleasure, that of R. W. Bro. David L. Wilson, as Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Among the Grand Master's pleasant and constructive duties during his term of administration, we find seven dedication ceremonies, six cornerstone ceremonials, and the constituting of five new lodges.

Among his numerous "Decisions" we note with approval that "a lodge cannot deny the use of its lodge room for the funeral services of a departed brother simply because the officiating undertaker is a Catholic." To decide otherwise would put Masonry in the position of drawing narrow sectarian lines. If a Catholic undertaker is forbidden, by the same ruling and consistency, any other sectarian or denominationalist might be excluded. It is difficult to understand how such a question could have arisen in the mind of anyone well grounded in the principles and practice of the Fraternity.

We are pleased to see due and fitting tribute paid by Grand Master Lamb to the eminent and beloved Foreign Correspondent, P. G. Master Aldro Jenks who for many years has instructed the brethren and written one of the most readable and informing reviews from any Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Nathaniel Ames, a soldier of the Revolution, who died at the age of one hundred and two years, was honored by the Grand Lodge on August 30th, with a commemoration service, we read that "Bro. Ames served three years in the army and four years in the navy and his hand clasp with Washington, links the Masons of the Revolution with the present."

Wisconsin has not been a member of the Washington Memorial Association much to the chagrin of Grand Master Lamb, who rather sharply reminds the Grand Lodge of this delinquency saying, "we are among the Grand Lodges of the country the only outsider, in this great and important undertaking." He therefore, makes recommendation of remedying this fact, by becoming a contributing member of the Association and by the usual one dollar per member contribution from each member of each lodge.

An extended report of a special committee indicates that the Grand Lodge is to use a system of District Lecturers under the direction of the Grand Custodian, which as outlined would seem to be an effective method of disseminating Masonic ritual and knowledge.

A well arranged and articulated Audit of the Grand Lodge; and also, the Wisconsin Masonic Home, covering nearly fifty pages of these Annual Proceedings, shows a sound administration of both institutions by the brethren.

The George Washington Memorial was recognized by the donation of five thousand dollars. The Jurisprudence Committee made it a violation of Masonic law for a group of brethren to associate themselves for the formation of a Masonic Club. The words are these, "The organization of any club within the membership of a lodge is forbidden by this Grand Lodge." We have seen no particular harm in allowing such Masonic Clubs in Maine, in fact many lodges have found them valuable adjuncts for social and educational purposes.

Because the Wisconsin Tax Commission had ruled that gifts to Masonic Lodges were not gifts to religious, charitable benevolent or educational institutions, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to present

the matter before the Tax Commission for "the purpose of securing from that commission a ruling that will allow deductions of gifts for Masonic purposes in returns for State income taxes." This correspondent feels that such procedure is just, and that the ruling of State Tax Commission was both unwarranted and arbitrary.

Something of the worth and aggression of the Order of the Eastern Star is seen by the presenting of a deed to the hospital to the Grand Lodge, which was graciously received in a few fitting words, by Past Grand Master Bro. Alexander E. Matheson, who is President of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Masonic Home. The Hospital was duly dedicated during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The familiar, and to this correspondent, beloved name of M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks is signed to the annual report on Foreign Correspondence. Beloved name, just because some years ago on the first appearance of this correspondent's report for Maine, words of praise and encouragement were written by Brother Jenks, when this writer was untried and a mere novice at the work. Those words will never be forgotten, and have confirmed this correspondent in his annual course of iniquity and premeditated criminal imposition on the brethren of Maine.

The same skillful and masterly hand is seen in the review of this year from Wisconsin. It is a report graphic and comprehensive in its grasp of the salient facts and forces of each Grand Jurisdiction, and the presentation of them in well-chosen language.

Sparing in extended quotations, which are so easily scissored from annual proceedings, and pasted or pinned together, Brother Jenks believes in mental labor and individual initiative. We therefore get something of the flavor of a real personality in his review.

Maine is accorded full and approving consideration. The condition which indicated to him that our financial status "does not seem of the best," the borrowing of five thousand dollars to meet the running expenses of the Grand Lodge, was a condition rather more apparent than real, being merely a temporary load in order not to disturb funds which were yielding larger returns. As a matter of fact his suggestion that "we increase the amount of Grand Lodge dues," is exactly what has been done.

Your correspondent is approved for presenting "a carefully and courteously scanned" review of Wisconsin.

WYOMING, 1924.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 7,207; increase, 334. There are forty-four lodges on the roll, one U. D. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of forty-one of the forty-three chartered lodges.

Preliminary to the formal opening, Bro. Elwood Anderson, in reply to a cordial speech of welcome made the following significant point, "Only in democracies among free people has the Masonic institution flourished, and where democracy does not exist, there Masonry is having a hard time."

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James W. Stuchell, in opening his annual address speaks of the Golden Jubilee year for Wyoming Masonry, and the force it has been in stabilizing social, civic and economic condition, especially in those earlier pioneer eras of the country.

Washington's Masonic Birthday was observed by nearly every lodge in the State, under a proclamation-letter of the Grand Master.

Among his "Decisions" is one to the effect that Yellowstone National Park is within the territorial jurisdiction of Wyoming.

Something of the constructive labors of the Grand Master may be seen in the fact of his laying two corner-stones; constituting two new lodges, and making innumerable "Visitations," all of which are recorded with a brief account of the various occasions.

The usual account in all Grand Lodge Proceedings of the great event of the Masonic Year, the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington Memorial is given by the Grand Master in his report. He makes in a few words one of the best tributes to the Memorial which we have yet seen: "This memorial, standing as it does, among the historic landmarks of our national republic, will remind the word of the important part played by Freemasonry in the birth and early life of our republic, and will be an ever present reminder of the unity of our fraternity and its devotion to our government and its institutions."

We learn from the report of the Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Alfred J. Mokler, that he is busy writing and compiling a "History of Freemasonry in Wyoming," and with the records of this Fiftieth Anniversary Communication, will be published in book form.

A distinguished Brother, the M. W. Grand Master of Montana, Bro. Harion L. Hart, was cordially greeted with the Grand Honors, and made fitting and eloquent reply in bringing the greetings of his jurisdiction to the assembled brethren of Wyoming.

A brief, but trenchant address on the "Law and Masonry," was made by Brother Melville C. Brown, who was the only Mason present of those earlier few who established the Grand Lodge in 1874. There was a pathos in his closing words which must have touched the members, he said: "I am getting old and feeble. My time is not long to be with you. I know, as I shall go down to the dark valley and across the river, that warm and gentle hands will be reached to greet me, hands of Masons whom I have known for years and years in this world. Farewell and God be with you." Surely this is a noble and notable expression of what Rupert Brooke called "that hoped for serene, which men call age."

The Committee on Necrology in three memorable pages of the Proceedings gave a most illuminating argument for "life beyond" which it has been our privilege to read, embellished by several worth-while poems, and several incidents of eminent men touching upon the theme. The writer's name was Bro. William O. Wilson and deserves "honorable mention" as we say in University circles.

In the Proceedings is an interesting historical sketch of the Grand Lodge for these fifty years. It is filled with instructive matter, and several

medallion portraits of the early founders and organizers. There is one especially noteworthy of Bro. Asa L. Brown, who, we learn was acting Master of the Impromptu Masonic Lodge held on Independence Rock, July 4, 1862. From a tablet on this Rock, there is an inscription which says that on July 4, 1920, a service of commemoration was held by Casper Lodge.

The Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, who reviews fifty-two Grand Lodge Proceedings. The pivotal matters in each jurisdiction are touched upon either by quotation or comment. A quiet and unpretentious, but withal worth-while review. With Brother Lowndes there is no "splurge," but solid substance in Masonry, which it has done us good to read. After reading his review and making this estimate of his work, we turned to his medallion portrait, and found our judgment confirmed in his strong and clean-cut countenance. After saying these "nice" things, we can administer a little reproof for he says in cold blood, "Wyoming for 1923 is not reviewed." On that we take absolute and positive issue, for its there although last, not least by any means in our review of last year (1923) And just to heap "coals of fire" on his head, we herewith transcribe what we said about him last year:

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, who is also the efficient Grand Secretary of Wyoming. One hundred and ten pages of worthwhile review touches on matters of vital interest, if sometimes disputed opinion, pertaining to the Craft. Considerable quotation constitutes Brother Lowndes' correspondence, but as it is always well selected and deals with some crucial issue of the Fraternity we rather appreciate than deprecate it. Maine receives cordial and generous attention at his hands. He touches on the high lights of our communication, and tabulates our actions with approval. Past Grand Master Randell is quoted with praise. Your correspondent is given credit for 'a review that is well worth the time taken to read it.' Thanks." And having done this apostolic thing, we hereby grant gentle forgiveness for the oversight, and canonical absolution for his error.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

Ashley A. Smith
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama	1924	New Jersey	1924
Alberta	1924	New Mexico	1924
Arizona	1924	New South Wales	1923
Arkansas	1924	New York	1924
British Columbia	1924	New Zealand	1923
Canada (Province of Ontario)	1924	North Carolina	1924
Colorado	1924	North Dakota	1924
Connecticut	1924	Nova Scotia	1924
Delaware	1924	Ohio	1924
District of Columbia	1923	Oklahoma	1924
England	1924	Oregon	1924
Florida	1924	Panama	1923, 1924
Georgia	1924	Pennsylvania	1923
Idaho	1924	Philippine Islands	1924
Illinois	1924	Prince Edward Island	1924
Indiana	1924	Quebec	1924
Iowa	1924	Rhode Island	1924
Kansas	1924	Saskatchewan	1924
Kentucky	1924	South Australia	1924
Louisiana	1924	South Carolina	1924
Manitoba	1924	South Dakota	1924
Maryland	1924	Tennessee	1925
Massachusetts	1924	Texas	1924
Michigan	1924	Utah	1924
Minnesota	1924	Vermont	1924
Mississippi	1924	Victoria	1923
Missouri	1924	Virginia	1924
Montana	1923	Washington	1924
Nebraska	1924	Western Australia	1924
Nevada	1924	West Virginia	1923
New Brunswick	1924	Wisconsin	1924
New Hampshire	1924	Wyoming	1924

APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence 1926

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of
Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report:

FOREWORD.

Masonry, as A Unifying Principle of Protestantism.

How bitter and divisive bigotry can be in the hearts of otherwise good and noble men is seen in the fact that a century and a half ago a little book appeared in England bearing the title, "An Old Fox Tarred and Feathered." It is interesting to read that the "Old Fox" was noble old John Wesley, and the man who wrote the book was Toplady the man who wrote,—

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee."

Both men were followers and ministers of the gentle Gallilean and his gospel, yet both carried their extreme sectarianism to the point of bitterness and rancour against each other. It is safe to say that had both men been touched by the genius of Freemasonry they could not have carried such feelings and animosities against each other in their hearts. In Masonry we have real fellowship and fraternity, without any member of our lodges giving up his convictions. The narrow line-fences of sectarianism and creedalism tend to steadily, if not readily, disappear and yield before the true Masonic spirit. Nothing can retard this natural, normal process toward unity of fellowship. Herein is seen in some measure the bearing of the above caption of this Foreword.

Consulting the dictionary the other day, I received the surprise of my life, for I discovered that the primary or root meaning of the word—Protestant—is, "to make a solemn affirmation," or "to bear witness to a truth." The Latin prefix "pro" means "for" (not against), while the basic meaning of "test" is to bear witness. It is with this large and positive meaning that I am using the word, which under that usage would include our Hebrew brethren, for they too, and none more nobly, have borne their witness through the ages for Truth. It is safe to say that the majority of us in using the word—protestant—mean that we have protested against something, rather than borne witness to or made solemn affirmation of, the truth. It is time that we claimed out nobler heritage in the true, inclusive meaning of this honorable and noble name.

There are to be exact 202 different denominational names; 202 different often contradictory versions of religion; we have been contentious, often it may be as bitter and bigoted as in the days of Wesley and Toplady, about our special brand and trade-mark of it, while all the time, back of these 202 varieties and creedal labels there was only one religion, which sounds very much like what we as good and true Masons are striving for, and which may be found in the Great Light of our Fraternity in St. James I:27,—“Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this,—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” That is the best definition of religion in the Bible, or out of it, that we can find, and it rings true to the teaching of every Masonic degree. A distinguished English playwright, George Bernard Shaw, who is also a prophet of our time, said recently, “After all there is only one religion, though I know there are more than a hundred versions of it.” A good Craftsman, Lessing, said more than a century ago, “Official, creedal and ecclesiastical Christianity has been on trial eighteen hundred years, the religion of Jesus has yet to be tried.” How readily Masonry adapts itself to this teaching of old St. James! With these 202 labels before us, it is fairly obvious to the thinking mind that unless we can come to some kind of a unifying principle, some kind of fraternal co-ordination and co-operation, this old discreditable, destructive, devisive tendency must continue perhaps into a hundred more sects and creeds. That has been, and is, the crying scandal of Protestantism. This narrow devisive spirit, which claims all the truth and can see no good beyond its own borders, is the very spirit that has stained the pages of history with the blood of martyrs. That spirit engendered prejudices and perpetrated and perpetuated persecution, fostered fanaticism and begot bigotry, permitted gross superstitions and committed the cruelties of the Inquisition; that spirit lit the martyr-fires of Smithfield, burned witches in Salem and flogged and hung Quakers in Boston. It is entirely safe to say that Masonry had no part or lot in these tragic events of history. Its gemis and spirit is all the other way,—a unifying principle, not a devisive one. Masonry does not “multiply distinctions, then

Deem that our puny boundaries are things
That we perceive, and not that we have made.”

Masonry tries to live in the spirit of that noble counsel of George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, who wrote to his followers on his death-bed, “Keep out of all jangling, do not contend and disagree, but work and think and speak in love and patience and spiritual power.”

Fifteen years ago in a small city in Maine of about six thousand inhabitants every minister was a member of the Fraternity—a Mason good and true. We called each other by our first or given names so friendly and fraternal we were; we sat together in the same Masonic lodge, and worked together there. We exchanged pulpits freely, and on one radiant Easter evening, we ministered with our peoples at the same Common Communion Table, and broke bread together there and partook of the same cup. It created comment throughout the nation, that there were six

different denominational names all meeting at the same common fraternal communion. I suppose that Masonry alone was responsible for that somewhat epoch making event; at least it is fairly significant that one of those ministers is the present Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and yet another a Past Grand Master of Maine. It may well be that such things point the time when,—

“ These things shall be — a loftier race
Then e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes.
Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free:
In every heart and brain shall thro' b
The pulse of one fraternity.”

It is like a group of Maine folks starting at the foot of old Mount Katahdin, miles and miles apart at its base, separated from each other in the darkness of unknown places and untried ways. But yet above us the same gleaming summit in view, the same glowing end to be attained. Easily enough we might contend and even fight about our own special angle of vision, our own personal view of *the way* to arrive at the uplifted goal. But the moment we begin to climb, we get nearer and ever nearer together, hailing each other with words of cheer, or even it may be with cries and counter-cries of alarm and defeat and despair. But the goal is still above us and as we strive forward —“ breast and back as either should be,” we are coming nearer together, converging toward the goal, until by high endeavor we have reached the gleaming summit, so men have thought and dreamed in all the ages of time, and it may well be that our Fraternity is one of the contributions toward, “ that one far off, divine event toward which the whole creation moves, ” the Universal Brotherhood of Man. At least to this correspondent Freemasonry is the one outstanding unifying principle of Protestantism which prophecies that,—

“ A mightier church shall come,— whose covenant word
Shall be the Deeds of Love: not ' Credo ' then,
' Amo ' shall be the password through the gates:
And Man shall not ask his brother any more —
' Believest Thou? ' but ' Lovest Thou, ' and Man
Shall answer at His Altar,— ' Lord, I Love.'
For Hope may anchor, Faith may steer,— but Love
Great Love alone is Captain of the soul ”

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH

ALABAMA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 53,990; net gain, 1,621. Chartered lodges, 582. Beside the official family, there were present six Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-eight Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Francis M. Stillwell for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Duncan C. Carmichael, in opening his annual address voices some pertinent truisms of the Craft, and yet those

basic principles without which Masonry as represented by its manhood, can never achieve, or properly function, in our complex civilization. We should always remember that there is one vital thing to be said for a truism, namely that it is true; and perhaps the main glory of most common-places is that these are fundamentals which must be repeated again and again or they are easily forgotten or ignored.

Alabama mourns the departure of M. W. Brother James A. Bilbro, Past Grand Master. Worthy and eloquent tribute is paid to this noble old Veteran of Alabama Masonry, by Grand Master Carmichael. And we of Maine extend to our brethren of Alabama our most cordial greetings of sympathy in the falling of this pillar of masonic strength and wisdom.

Something of the constructive power of the Craft in this old and honored Jurisdiction is seen in the granting of eight dispensations for new lodges during the year.

We of Maine herewith greet our new fraternal representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, R. W. Brother Francis M. Stillwell, who succeeds Bro. Chas. H. Winston, deceased.

Among the pleasant duties of the Grand Master's term was the laying of twelve corner-stones, many for public schools and Christian Churches.

The Alabama Masonic Home receives ten dollars per candidate, except in the case of "anyone actively engaged in the work of the ministry of whatever sect or denomination" who may receive any or all of these degrees gratuitously. Maine doesn't allow that any more under a recent law, but very often it amounts to the same thing for we have noticed that frequently his fees are paid back to him for services rendered on St. John's Sunday or some other occasion by the local lodge. It is the opinion of this correspondent that the majority of clergymen prefer to have it so, to pay like the rest of the brethren, on an equal basis and then be adequately remunerated for services rendered under the teaching of the Great Light, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

It is the annual custom in Alabama to send an appeal to each subordinate lodge for contributions toward the Masonic Home, as the Grand Master's circular letter this year (1925) expresses it, "calling attention to the needs and extending to *each* Mason an opportunity to contribute toward this great work." Again we see, as in practically every Grand Jurisdiction, the problems confronting the maintenance of such institutions. Maine's way of using its Charity Fund quietly and conservatively without removing the brother or his dependents from the community in which they were born and reared is probably the best for us and has received the commendation of several jurisdictions which have discovered the high and increasing cost of such luxuries after their establishment with enthusiasm and wide-spread publicity. Once launched on that sea of troubles, the financial difficulties, like adverse winds and currents and tides keep the vessel constantly reckoning her course in the ship's log-book,—the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Maine is content to go slow with the initial launching, and hopes to raise its Charity Foundation this year by some judicious constructive measure which will give us adequate and

increasing funds for charity purposes, through the onward years of Masonry in Maine.

During his annual address the Grand Master speaks in praise of the growing custom of presenting each new member with a copy of the Great Light upon which he has received his obligations.

Called from labor to refreshments, the "Ladies of the O. E. S." were cordially greeted and the usual friendly addresses made during a delightful interim, which must have been like one of those musical naunces occasionally occurring in some great masterpiece of melody.

Fifty pages of these proceedings deal with the affairs of the Masonic Home and it is interesting to find careful administration of the funds and a manful grasping of the new problems. The Home is the pride of the brethren and generous offerings and gifts are tabulated in behalf of this worthy philanthropy.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence wisely interpreted that part of a M. M.'s obligation "usually referred to as 'On The Square'" in a broad spirit by saying that no brother had either the right or duty of prying or probing into another brother's personal or family affairs, but only to the extent that may be involved in any brother's being "guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason." The same committee recommends that lodges "lend their aid, encouragement and support" to the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

This committee was supported in a resolution of sympathy to the "Brethren in Italy in the denial to them of the right of peaceable assembly, and condemns as anarchistic and intolerant the attitude of the Government of Mussolini," and calls on all true Masons in "this great free government of ours to aid and assist our Brethren of Italy to restore to the citizens of Italy their personal, Masonic rights."

R. W. Brother Fred Wall writes the Correspondence Report and we regret to learn that it was written under the handicap of sciatica which confined him to his room for "a majority of the time." We extend fraternal greetings and sympathy to Brother Wall and assure him that under these conditions he has prepared a notable and noble report which is a credit not only to his ability, but to his sinewy strain of Masonic grit which grappled with the task and produced a worthy evidence of the calibre of his character as man and mason.

Three full pages are devoted to Maine, and under the above physical conditions, something of the strength of our Maine granite and rugged hills has crept into his cosmos, and we have read it with pleasure and profit.

He adverts to our Grand Master's words respecting Maine's Masonic strength being at the head of all jurisdictions in proportion to its population, a position which we have constantly maintained since about the year 1883 when ours was three per cent. of the population, whereas in this year of our Lord and His Grace 1925, it is six per cent. Maine then "comes in" for some kindly gracious words as follows: "A year ago this Corres-

pondent said he liked the way the Masons do business in Maine and he is glad to state that his respect has increased as the last twelve months have passed by." "We congratulate Maine."

Several extended quotations are made from Grand Master Moulton's address particularly his reference to our Masonic Charities. While the late Bro. Charles M. Farrar, who left his entire estate to the Grand Lodge of Maine Charities after the decease of his widow, is praised with these few meaning words: "Brother Farrar understood the spirit of Masonry." We who knew and loved him would put it even stronger, he was a kind of daily enfleshment of that spirit, and his Masonic action at death was but evidence of his life among the brethren,

In closing this review Maine's correspondent would graciously greet Brother Wall with these words,—may health speedily return to him and his good right hand maintain its cunning.

ALBERTA, 1925.

The Twentieth Annual Communication. 143 lodges on the roll.

Membership, 12,350; net increase, 370. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-seven jurisdictions. We fail to find ours for Maine mentioned in the list.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. H. P. Reid (full page photograph of this Grand Master opens the volume of Proceedings) welcomed P. G. M. of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. R. S. Thornton who made brief response, and later in the sessions gave an admirable address, marked by careful thought and scholarly acumen, on "The Great Symbol of the Craft." Bro. Thornton's delineation of the Forty-seventh Problem of Euclid was a little masterpiece of historical and mathematical accuracy, illustrated by geometrical figures, which it was an informative delight to read. The entire address was a unique portrayal of a much neglected symbol of the Craft.

Grand Master Reid in opening his address, made reference to the way of handling the benevolences, which method is similar to our own way in Maine, and he also notices, what is an increasing problem with us, how to provide adequate revenue for such purposes out of a comparatively small Charity Fund.

Among those mentioned in the "Necrology" we find the name of the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. William L. Ouimette, and M. W. Bro. George Murray, Grand Master, both loyal Craftsmen, and pillars of strength in Alberta.

Among the matters condemned by Grand Master Reid are printed rituals which are offered for sale in book stores and purchased "by any who may desire them." Of these he says, "they are contemptible masons and not worthy of membership in our Order." Which condemnation is good, but how to stop the sale seems to be an unsolved problem in Alberta as elsewhere. He strongly objects to press-publicity and considers those who give such information to the press as guilty of "a grave Masonic misdemeanor."

During his term he dedicated four halls, laid one corner-stone, and constituted three new lodges. "Chain Prayers," that pestiferous nuisance of so many lodges, is condemned in no uncertain terms as a relic of barbarism and superstition.

Under "District Meetings," which are coming into vogue with us, he commends the wisdom and foresight of those brethren who first proposed the idea, as these group gatherings have amply justified themselves in this jurisdiction.

Fifty pages of the Proceedings are given to the D. D. G. Ms. reports, which read much like our own, and evidence faithful, unpretentious work.

In the Grand Secretary's report we learn of the following constructive Masonic labor during the year,—nine new lodges instituted, and three constituted.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, recommended that the request of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, be laid on the table until the next annual communication.

The Committee on Benevolence closes an extended and informing report with words which show that their methods are quiet and unobtrusive like our own in Maine so that the cost of dispensing the Charity Fund is "reduced to a minimum." With us the cost of administration of the Fund is nothing, and our beneficiaries, like theirs, are maintained at home among their own friends, without the stigma of being an inmate of a benevolent institution even though it be a Masonic Home.

Another eloquent address was delivered by Bro. His Honor Judge F. A. Morrison at a banquet tendered the Grand Lodge of Alberta by the brethren of Edmonton, which dealt with the symbolism of the Order as applied to civic duty and social amelioration.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reviews sixty-four Grand Lodge Proceedings. It is a varied, and somewhat unequal review, which is in a measure attributable to the fact that there are eight individual writers of the report, each dealing with a group of Grand Lodges. Maine is cordially and adequately reviewed by M. W. Brother H. C. Taylor. Grand Master Spear is heartily commended for his conservative and constructive administration. There are no criticisms offered of our entire procedure and he especially commends the questionnaire for the D. D. G. Ms. suggested by M. W. Brother Spear at our One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Your Maine correspondent is praised for "a facile pen and a masterly way of dealing with subjects that require considerable skill to be worked into interesting reading. This Brother Smith has succeeded in doing."

For which kindly word thanks are herewith returned. Altogether an evening spent with the Grand Lodge of Alberta has been entertaining and wholly enlightening. To your correspondent the scholarly way in which M. W. Brother Thornton handles his subject, especially his diagrams and mathematical demonstrations of the Forty-seven Problem of Euclid, with his historical and constructive comments thereon, is the outstanding high light of the volume, and could be printed to advantage and distributed to the four points of the Masonic world.

ARIZONA, 1925.

The Forty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,688; gain, 244. There are thirty-five lodges on the roll, two U. D. Beside the Grand Lodge family, there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-two Grand Lodges, including W. and Rev. James R. Jenkins, for Maine. We herewith send fraternal greetings to our Grand Representative for Maine.

M. W. Brother Otis J. Baughn, Grand Master, expresses his belief that "Masons should be the outstanding men of their respective communities," and sees in the present communication that this is so in the Freemasonry of Arizona. He pays tribute to the Fraternity by saying that whatever makes a man a better Mason, thereby makes him a better citizen. He constituted, among other constructive Masonic labors, one new lodge at Bowie, and instituted another (U. D.) in the City of Phoenix.

Among a multiplicity of "Decisions," which in the majority of cases would be called opinions in Maine, we note that "Concordant Bodies of Masonry" does not include the Shrine, the O. E. S. or the "Grotto," an opinion with which, of course, we heartily concur.

Under the caption of the M. S. A., we note the altogether too common sentiment of disappointment with results obtained "by our connection with this Association." He finds such results "negligible," and especially emphasizes the "discourtesy" of the Association officials in not replying to his correspondence. This has been a complaint voiced by other jurisdictions. He says that practically every lodge in Arizona has failed to receive any help from this source, but no definite action for withdrawal was taken at this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master is an ardent advocate of the extension of the Masonic Home at Oracle, calling it "a splendid piece of property located in the finest and evenest climate in this country."

He found some evidences of the attempt to establish clandestine lodges in Arizona by emissaries from Mexico. We are told that Masonic (?) Insurance Companies are operating in this jurisdiction to the detriment of the Craft.

An interesting account is given of his official visit to the "Pacific Grand Lodge of Mexico," just across the border from Arizona, and in the lodges under this Pacific obedience he found "the very highest type of intelligent, thinking Mexicans, who epitomized the very highest type of Mexican citizenship, well educated, refined, dignified and courteous to a degree unknown in America." This will come as a surprise to many, but this correspondent has no doubt of the fact as stated by Grand Master Baughn. Arizona is in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge, and also the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Under "Masonry not a Religion" he points out the usual distinction between the words religious and religion and he "feels that we cannot emphasize the point too much."

An interesting and eloquent Oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Brother Tolar R. White, which dealt largely with the two Hiram's.

He had caustic words to utter respecting those who trace our history back to the Garden of Eden and even before that time, the brethren "feeling apparently that the more hoary its head and the more venerable its age the more it would be held in reverence." This correspondent has always deplored such well meant, but wholly futile and inane efforts to establish an antiquity which from its very nature cannot be verified and which really brings the Fraternity into ridicule by careful scholars and men of antiquarian research.

At this Communication Arizona fraternally recognized the Grand Lodge "Lessing Zu den drei Ringen" (Czecho Slovakia), but "did not feel justified in extending recognition" to the Grand Lodges of Venezuela, Argentina, Guatemala and Spain. But it expressed "sympathy" for Spain and Italy in their misfortune in having their lodges closed and banned by the Government.

There is no formal report of this committee.

ARKANSAS, 1925.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 35,550. Total number of lodges, 560, five of which are U. D. Beside the official family, there were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-three Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Jacob Trieber for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Storm O. Whaley, speaking in his annual address under the subject — the Nation — sees a return of America to that "underlying spirit of common-sense which has always saved America before she reaches the point of rashness." Bolshevism, and such like "wild-eyed" socialisms receive due meed of denunciation, while nearly a page is given on the "Eighteenth Amendment" in which the Grand Master sees that the "forces of good have gained on those of evil and we are approaching a better era."

Grand Master Whaley praises the notable brethren of the Fraternity in Arkansas from Brother Charles E. Rosenbaum to Fay Hempstead and John Q. Wolf, P. G. M. George Thornburgh who died two years ago is praised as "the most loved Mason in Arkansas."

Among his constructive duties during the year was the granting of five dispensations for new lodges, and the laying of five corner-stones, most of them for churches.

Among the distinguished dead for the year are two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Richard H. Taylor and Felix G. Lindsey. These Masonic pillars are tenderly memorialized in touching eloquence by the Grand Master, and the Committee on Necrology.

Among his recommendations is one to the effect that because the old law respecting the care of medical and surgical patients at the Baptist State Hospital at Little Rock has been stretched to cover all kinds of "chronic and incurable diseases," while others have taken the law to mean a kind of home for the aged and feeble, that this law be "clarified and made to cover only immediate surgical or medical treatment

necessary to preserve the life of a brother and not for chronic or incurable diseases." The Grand Master is to be the "sole judge" of the fitness of the applicant to be admitted to the Hospital. Adopted.

In a brief but emphatic word the Grand Master endorses the public school system and then makes fervent eulogy of DeMolay as "the greatest thing given to the world in my generation." Which seems to this correspondent a little exaggerated and rather overdone in its fervent praise. Excess of zeal, rather than sound judgment and careful analysis of relative values, will often lead us into just such buncombe of phrase.

The annual report of the Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home and School, occupies twenty-six pages of these proceedings and shows an admirable institution conservatively administered and soundly financed. It occupies a large place in the thought and heart, and doubtless, from the financial tables here given, a pretty large place in the finances of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, expresses sympathy with the Masons of Italy in their persecutions under the Fascist; severs relations (as did Maine a year ago) with the Grand Orient of Belgium, and has a few deprecatory words to say respecting the "Valle de Mexico" saying that the "Valle de Mexico" has now lost the recognition once obtained from Arizona, North Carolina and Oklahoma, and all they have left in America now is Texas. Which would seem to place Texas in the same situation as that of the soldier in the world war of whom they said, "They're all out of step but Jim."

The Grand Orator R. W. Bro. W. A. Utley uses the well-worn subject, "The Mission of Masonry," but deals with it in a vital and unique way, touching upon the dynamic symbolism of the Craft, and its meaning and application to the problems and issues of our own day.

We note with interest that our Grand Representative for Maine, Brother Jacob Trieber, was reelected a member of the Finance Board for five years, succeeding himself as his term expired at this communication.

Arkansas has no formal review of Grand Lodges.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1925.

Fifty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 13,393. Increase in membership, 618. Relief granted, \$16,717.92. There were present, beside the full line of officers, eleven Past Grand Masters and nineteen Representatives of other Grand Lodges. We notice, with regret, the absence of Maine's Representative. British Columbia received the fraternal greetings of R. W. Bro. Allen L. Curtis, their representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Grand Master, M. W. Brother Stephen Jones, in commenting on the harmony and growth of the Order, mentions the fact that British Columbia is second in membership to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. Among the constructive labors of the year were the constituting of four, and the forming of two new lodges; the laying of four corner-stones and the dedication of one hall.

Among the Grand Master's "rulings" we notice the ineligibility of applicants that have lost a leg (above the knee) and another that had lost the right arm (between the elbow and the wrist). An unusual honor and privilege was that of welcoming two hundred brethren of the British Empire Service Squadron at the Masonic Temple in Victoria. The Grand Master gave the address of welcome on this occasion, and it is interesting to see that the officers of United Service Lodge, No. 24, conferred the M. M. degree. The loyalty and patriotism of the brethren of British Columbia is also evidenced in their annual observance of Armistic Day when the Grand Master placed a wreath on the Memorial Tablet on the walls of Victoria Lodge, and delivered a brief address in commemoration of those 'who heard the call of duty and of honor at a time when response to that call meant the safety of the world.'

Under the title "Benevolent Fund" we find that the brethren there have an objective of raising \$250,000.00 at ten dollars per member, which is meeting with cordial response from the brethren in British Columbia. Should Maine employ the same system on a basis in round numbers of 44,000 members our Charity Fund would be augmented to nearly \$800,000!

Fifteen D. D. G. Ms. have their annual reports included in the Proceedings and make reading very like our own officers of our Masonic Districts.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. William Burns, makes his usual interesting and well phrased contribution dealing with several lodges, especially noteworthy is that of Kanloops Lodge, No. 10, embellished with five full-page photographs of the old lodge hall in 1886, and their new quarters opened in 1922. Something of the outward and material growth of the Fraternity in British Columbia may be seen by a comparison of these several plates.

An interesting feature of the closing hours of the Communication was the presenting to the East of a venerable member of the fraternity, Bro. G. C. Keays who was present at the founding of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Cordial greetings, simple speeches and applause marked the significant event.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by R. W. Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith, is an interesting and informing document of one hundred and twenty-nine pages, and written in his usual logical and lucid way. In his brief word of introduction Brother Smith has caustic and justifiably ironic words to say about the multiplicity of organizations based upon Masonry as a prerequisite for membership "in the republic to the south of us with a prodigality rivalling France in the Eighteenth Century." This correspondent wholly agrees with him in his implied criticism and inferential censure of these sub-orders which are a growing burden to the Craft and may only too easily become a reproach and scandal to Masonry in the United States.

Because your correspondent sees almost "eye to eye" with him, it is a pleasure also, to note his regret that too many of our Grand Lodges are "yielding to the pressure," some in a follow my leader game, and others more or less honestly in pursuit of the will-o-the-wisp known as "Universal

Masonry," by recognizing to many alleged Grand Lodges deriving wholly from the A. A. S. R.

His report on our One Hundred and Fifth Communication is wholly commendatory. Direct reference is made to our action respecting Central and South American Grand Lodges by avering that to find "the legitimacy and regularity of these is one of the "easiest things" to do. To which we wholly agree, with the reservation that in the report one must observe a certain urbanity and amenity which comports with a courteous request for fraternal recognition. Illitimacy which in the plays of Shakespeare and indeed in our English Bible, goes by a short and sinewy word of seven letters, would hardly preserve the humane and urbane proprieties of such action.

Your correspondent is commended for "a well written and exceedingly interesting report." We discover that in British Columbia "the Great Light is the Volume of the Sacred Law, by whatever name it may be known, being for each the Volume which contains for him the revealed will of God." The clear inference being that if this is so, a Mohammedan may be obligated in British Columbia on the Koran; a Parsee on the Zend Avesta; a Chinese on the law of Confusius or Lautse; a Morman on the Book of Mormon, etc. We have no desire to demur, much less cavil, at this, if it is the law of British Columbia, for one of the basic masonic principles which we learned several decades ago was that of "other lands, other laws." It is simply interesting as a Masonic fact in British Columbia, and makes us tolerant and liberal of practices and principles so widely divergent and even different from our own in Maine.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1925.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 105,339. There are 546 lodges on the roll, two of which are U. D. Beside the Grand Officers and Lodge Representatives, there were present five Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-two jurisdictions, including ours for Maine, R. W. Bro. J. B. Way.

After some delightful preliminaries of greeting and response, and an introduction of the M. W. Grand Masters of Massachusetts, Michigan and Quebec, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ontario not being present because of illness, his address was read by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Rowland, who called attention to the condition of the Most Worshipful and asked indulgence by saying, "you must remember that the address was prepared under some difficulty and great pressure." Grand Master Drope in his address called attention to the fact that seventy years ago the Grand Lodge was born in the same city where they are now meeting, Hamilton, Ont. The numerical growth is indicated by the fact that then there were forty-one lodges with a membership of 1500, and now 546 lodges with a membership of 107,000. Financial growth is shown by a total income seventy years ago of four hundred dollars, and three hundred as the yearly expense (1856) and now the income is nearly \$150,000.00 and disbursements

of \$140,000.00. Nearly \$108,000.00 of this disbursement has gone for Masonic relief. A record of which any Grand Lodge is rightly proud.

Three Grand Masters have touched the eternal mystery during the year, M. W. Brothers A. T. Freed, W. R. White and John E. Harding. Fitting and tender tribute is paid both by the Grand Master in a few brief words and by the Committee on Necrology. Something of the constructive masonic labor of the year is seen in the fact that seventeen lodges were dedicated, and four constituted, while two corner-stones were laid. Under "Benevolence" the Grand Master says this wise word: "That a private lodge that seeks to pass on to the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge an undue portion of its responsibilities is not only acting unfairly to the other lodges, but is an enemy to its own best interests, for Masonry in a lodge which neither knows nor practices charity, like faith without works, is a thing that is dead." We have departed a little from our usual rule never to quote even at this length, but the counsel is so excellent and expressed in such clear and forthright words that we would not mar a perfect jewel of literary form and statement. Grand Master Drope pays his respect to the Ku Klux Klan in no uncertain terms, voicing the opinion of every Grand Master in the United States who has had occasion to speak of this pestiferous and sinister organization, that it has no connection "in letter, in spirit or otherwise," with the Masonic Fraternity. The hood and the mask come in for their usual scathing denunciation at his hands. Several interesting and informing pages are given to the Grand Master's visit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He speaks of the service in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, a fourteenth century edifice, where two thousand masons assembled. Mention is made of Ontario's donation of one thousand dollars for rehabilitation of the Irish Lodges destroyed during the recent rebellion. Grand Master Drope closes his address with his sincere regrets at being absent by the decree of fate and says, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Many "Long Service Medals" were presented by our loved and eloquent friend, who will never be forgotten by the Grand Lodge of Maine, M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton. It is a little speech redolent with his rare personality and embellished by choice selections from the poets, among which we recognize our own New England singer, Oliver Wendell Holmes, which closes his address.

Two hundred and seven pages of the annual proceedings are given over to D. D. G. Ms. reports, many of which we have read with our own Grand Master Spear's comment in mind, that our own Deputies seem to duplicate each other's reports and that they really serve no useful purpose. This correspondent does not wholly agree with that opinion and while there must of necessity be a strong similarity and even duplication, yet may they not be valuable because seen through a personality and individual temperament, which a mere questionnaire can never accomplish? Surely this is true of Ontario's D. D. G. Ms. reports, and while they do read much like our own, there is this unmistakable personal flavor in most of them. The Chairman of the Committee on Condition of Masonry in referring to the

reports speaks of the varied and disproportionate nature of these by saying, "some are telegraphic in their brevity while others are encyclopedic in their detail," which is a clever way of putting the case. It is equally true of our own.

The Board of Fraternal Correspondence recommends that negotiations be carried on with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, that correspondence be had with the Grand Lodge of Denmark, and the Grand Lodge Nationale of France, and in a kind of blanket form as follows: "Such other Grand Jurisdictions as are officially recognized by and are in fraternal correspondence and intercourse with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland." Ontario thus shows its loyalty and at the same time its wholesome conservatism.

The formal report on Correspondence is from the hand (and heart) of one whom Maine has come to love and revere since his visit with us a few years ago, M. W. Brother W. N. Ponton. After a brief "Foreword" which deals with Masonic matters in general the reviewer considers sixty-six Proceedings of Grand Lodges in particular. One which intrigued our curiosity was that of North China which he reviews at considerable length. It is interesting to see that it was held in Shanghai (October, 1922), and there were present among other distinguished visitors, our friend and brother M. W. Grand Master Arthur D. Prince, of Massachusetts. And then it dawned upon us when we saw his name, that Brother Prince has told us all about his visit to China, and our curiosity was satisfied in realizing that this "North China" was a kind of District Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. We learn that there are 909 members in this North China Grand Lodge. Brother Prince has always spoken of the brethren there with pardonable pride, and we find this conviction duplicated in an extract from his address while visiting the brethren there. At this Communication in Shanghai there were present representatives from the District Grand Lodge of Japan and of Scottish Masonry in North China, beside the brethren from this District Grand Chinese Lodge. The account is interesting and wholly instructive reading and we hereby thank Brother Ponton for his service in reviewing this communication which we had not seen.

Maine is generously accorded five pages of kindly and wholly commendatory review. Our One Hundred and Fifth Communication is considered. He refers to our Grand Representative's letter which was read in Grand Lodge from R. W. Brother J. B. Way. Brother Ponton refers to Canada's Grand Representative as not appearing "with his confreres." Alas, my old friend who took nearly all his Masonic degrees in both Rites with me twenty and more years ago, has been called "to where beyond these voices there is peace," as Tennyson expressed it. R. W. Brother Wilmer J. Dorman, Canada's Grand Representative, has been dead for two years as we mortal's measure time, but his living though unseen presence will always remain with us who called him "friend" and foregathered with him in Masonic conclaves throughout this jurisdiction.

Grand Master Spear is frequently quoted and invariably commended, while your Maine Correspondent is accorded the distinct and valued honor of one-half the report and credited with a report "full of suggestions and vitality." We are constrained to say that if Brother Ponton is to be the permanent reviewer for Ontario it will be a yearly pleasure to read a review distinctive in thought, and pleasingly personal in literary form and style.

In his "Afterword" he touches upon several matters, one of which especially interests us, his reference to a Masonic Home for Ontario, which he emphatically favors. He says of our Jurisdictions in the United States that these Homes are "a universal success" with us, a conviction in which this correspondent does not share, for if there is one thing clearer to him than any other as he reads these Proceedings from year to year, it is that in some instances they have been anything but a success, and in the large majority even when successful there is an increasing financial burden and funding problem. Of course this does not apply to immensely large and wealthy jurisdictions such as Pennsylvania and New York, but in many others we read something which indicates that many Grand Lodges are regretful that they have made that step, but now cannot retreat.

COLORADO, 1925.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 31,159; net gain, 908. There are 139 Chartered Lodges, with an average membership of 224.

There were present twenty-one Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-two Jurisdictions, including ours for Maine, R. W. Brother Joseph A. Davis.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother William Newell Vaile, opened his annual address by fitting tribute to Past Grand Master George W. Roe as a man and Mason of "engaging qualities of mind and heart, who lived a life of usefulness and public esteem." A touching "resolution of remembrance" was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Among Grand Master Vaile's pleasant and constructive duties during his term was the laying of many corner-stones largely for public school buildings. We note that he was constrained to decline several invitations for corner-stone ceremonials for Christian churches during his term, the declination was on the ground that being on Sunday, and "masonic labor being forbidden on that day" it would be "foreign to the traditions of the Craft to have this work of operative Masonry exemplified on the Sabbath, even though the principal value of such exemplification is its religious symbolism." We have no desire to demur or differ with this baldly literal construction of the law and usage, but surely it places the Masonic Fraternity in the position of being more narrowly and bigotedly Sabbatarian than the most strictly sectarian church which requests the service of the Craft, not for Masonic labor at all, but for a ceremony whose "principal value is that of religious symbolism." Surely the spreading of a little

cement, and the lowering of a corner-stone by mechanical means, can only be termed "labor" in the most technical and literistic sense, and such an explanation of refusal to perform the ceremony is one of those pieces of unconscious humor and bathos which places the Craft before the world in the role of purveyor of innocent and unwitting comedy. A Gilbert and Sullivan Opera might be founded upon such a ludicrous situation as the Masonic Fraternity rebuking the Church for Sabbath-breaking, and holding such an interpretation of the word — labor — as might appeal with ironic and almost grewsome satisfaction to some ultra literalistic Labor Union of these modern days.

Brother Vaile's objection to laying a corner-stone for a high-way marker or monument is sound and commendable in every way.

Among his constructive duties was the organizing U. D., of four new lodges, and the constituting of two others.

Grand Master Vaile speaks clear wisdom in the matter of the multiform and increasing number of organizations "building upon Freemasonry." He disapproves of "Grottos" and even of DeMolay, and such things in no uncertain tone of voice. He gives seven pages of his address to the Klan, wholly in criticism and denunciation of its insidious and nefarious activities and propaganda and recommends a resolution to the effect that "all Master Masons are advised not to affiliate with it, and are urged to withdraw from it if already affiliated." This was passed in milder form.

An excellent "Oration" on the subject, "Build With The Tools of Masonry," was delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. Brother R. W. Hershey, who touched upon the use of these tools "for those more noble and glorious purposes" so well-known to members of the Craft, but Brother Hershey gave to this familiar language a new and vital turn and application to our own problems and issues of today which must have interested and enlightened the brethren. It was a worthwhile word and nobly expressed.

Another address, printed in full, was delivered by M. W. Brother J. Claude Keiper, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia, which dealt largely upon the Washington Memorial enterprise, of which Association Bro. Keiper is Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual communication was closed by a few words from one of the oldest and best beloved of the Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother Chase Withrow who began his service as Grand Master in 1866. He spoke of the beginnings and youth of Masonry in Colorado. It was a fitting and eloquent benediction for this Sixty-fifth Annual Communication. His words dealt largely with an incident of the civil war in Union Lodge, No. 7, when the majority of that lodge sympathized with the Confederacy and it was threatened with disruption. A compromise was reached by forming two lodges both of which exist today, and Brother Withrow shows the quality and calibre of his Masonic manhood, by saying, "this shows that those men were men who were ready to give other people the right to do as they saw fit just as well as they held that right for themselves." A

concession which would go far in solving many of our economic, racial and sectarian problems of today.

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by the seasoned hand of R. W. Brother Stanley C. Warner who reviews sixty Grand Lodge Proceedings in this review. He speaks of the "lukewarmness" of many Grand Jurisdictions toward the M. S. A., and of the increasing feeling "that it has not performed its original mission."

Maine is accorded generous and courteous consideration by this able reviewer, whose report it is always an enlightening delight to read. Quotation is made of Grand Master Moulton's reference to our Masonic standing numerically as being the leading jurisdiction in masonic membership proportionate to our voting population. Our withdrawal from the M. S. A. is quoted and our action recorded. Our withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium is included in his review, while our tentative efforts at Masonic Charity, by the appointing of a Charity Foundation Committee is commended.

CONNECTICUT, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 42,906; net gain, 1,648. Number of lodges on the roll, 120, all of which made returns.

There were present, beside the official family, fourteen Past Grand Masters and thirty-six Grand Representatives, but ours of Maine did not appear. The M. W. Grand Masters of Vermont, New Jersey and Rhode Island, were greeted as the distinguished guests at the opening of this communication.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Winthrop Buck in opening his annual address makes reference to the peace and harmony prevailing and calls attention to certain constructive Masonic labors which he has performed, namely, the constituting of one new lodge, the laying of three corner-stones and the dedication of four temples. He gives a kind of diary of days from February to the following January of his official activities, most of which were visitations, the diary covers twelve pages of the report, and indicates an active and devoted Craftsman.

Among his "Observations" we note with particular interest the attitude of the Grand Master, which probably reflects that of Connecticut, toward the Grand Orient of France in its invasion of the territorial integrity of Pennsylvania. Connecticut like Maine, is not in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient but, like Maine, it also views with condemnation such activities and extends its fraternal support to Grand Lodges like Pennsylvania and New Jersey which have severed such relations within a few months. Later the Grand Lodge, under report of the Jurisprudence Committee, sent a communication to Pennsylvania to this effect.

Eight pages are given by the Grand Master to elucidation of the M. S. A. and to affirmation of its loyalty to that organization.

The Finance Committee submitted a recommendation which was adopted to the effect that \$2.50 be paid by each lodge per member upon its rolls

for the purposes of its Charity Foundation, exemption being made for those who have been members thirty years in good standing, and that each lodge be required to send to the Grand Secretary \$10.00 for each initiate and affiliate from sister jurisdictions, for the Charity Foundation. Thus does one Grand Lodge face its hard duty in providing the means for an adequate Masonic Charity, and perhaps after the first hard pull, it will be seen not as a hard duty, but as a kind of joyous privilege to do the plainest part of any brother's obligation. Maine, too, is about to face a similar task, under less stringent terms perhaps, but something of the same method seems to be about the only way to provide such adequate funds as this jurisdiction must have if it is to perform the mission and express the spirit of real Masonry in Maine.

A full roster of each lodge is given occupying more than half the volume of Proceedings and making a splendid field for all kinds of pseudo Masonic advertising and propaganda by those agencies which are ever on the lookout for such things. Some brother has only innocently to borrow from the local lodge for "one night only" these Grand Lodge Proceedings and a multigraphing machine will do the rest. So-called Masonic Insurance Companies have already used such full lists to make their subtle and left-handed appeal.

We always read the Correspondent's Report of M. W. Brother George A. Kies (P. G. M.) before any other part of the volume. Perhaps it is the flavor and tang of a choice personality and a keen and fearless critic that constrains us to do this. At least this correspondent thinks he knows good writing, delicate and penetrating criticism and decided individuality when he finds it in writing. "There's the reason" in the cant phrase of the advertising columns of the daily press. Maine is generously and rather graphically reviewed in its One Hundred and Fifth Communication. Grand Master Spear is praised for a "strong plea for organized effort in promoting Masonic education, while Grand Secretary Davis is quoted as his "Widow's certificate" experience, and Correspondent Kies avers that he "can narrate even more surprising tales from his own experience." He cites at length your reviewer's "advanced and liberal" ground in the matter of calling church corner-stone ceremonials more of a rest and refreshment, than in any essential sense a Masonic "labor." He demurs a little and opines that "Masons should keep Sunday as an absolute day of rest." To which we cordially agree, for we have seen them do it with the Boston Sunday papers and Andy Gump and Buster Brown and his dog Tige, there isn't even mental labor to that vast dreary desert of inanity called the Sunday edition. Probably we are at one in the matter and both of us would make a sharp distinction between rest and vacuity.

DELAWARE, 1925.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,912; net gain, 58. There are thirty lodge on the roll. Beside the official family, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-eight Jurisdictions. Ours for Maine was not present.

Among the distinguished visitors at this communication were M. W. Grand Masters of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, while our guest of last year at the annual communication, M. W. Brother Chas. H. Callahan, Grand Master of Virginia, was received. All made interesting addresses at the Masonic Home during the first day's session.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles D. Bird, in his annual address, a brief business-like document, made tender mention of the loss of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M. W. Brothers John F. Saulsbury, and Josiah W. Ewan. Fitting ceremonies were held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Five emergent communications were held during the year for cornerstone ceremonials, three of which were for public school buildings.

The Grand Master is an ardent supporter of DeMolay of which he says: "An institution working with such symbols as the Holy Bible, the American Flag and the School-books, is surely worthy of our interest and support."

Among his recommendations is one for the usual one dollar per capita for the Washington Memorial, another for continuance in the M. S. A., and another appropriating three hundred dollars for educational work with this organization. All three recommendations were adopted.

Respecting the Masonic Home of Delaware, he says: "That to be able to say that every dollar due on our Home has been paid, is sufficient reward for the effort required." Which remark indicates the usual financial burden which is entailed by such noble, if sometimes ill-advised, fraternal enterprises. The Home represents a total investment of \$180,000.00.

A distinctive feature of Delaware Masonry are the Gunning Bradford, Jr. Memorial Scholarships, which are producing substantial educational results and for this purpose the Grand Master recommends an increase of five cents per member for this purpose. Many worthy applicants have been refused because of lack of funds. The old assessment was ten cents per capita for this educational program. Adopted.

Under "Decisions" we note that Grand Master Bird says that the original charter, even though precious by reason of age and famous signatures, must be in the lodge room during every session of the lodge, which, of course literally accords with the ancient regulations and time-honored law and usage. In Maine (where several of our charters carry such names as Brothers Paul Revere and Joseph Warren) we protect them to the utmost, by placing them in safety deposit fireproof bank vaults, and work under "Certificates of Charter" duly signed by Grand Secretary and often by the Grand Master. This procedure, we believe, answers all purposes and reduces the possibility of charter loss by fire to the minimum of risk.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, who briefly, but succinctly, reviews sixty-seven Grand Lodge Proceedings, including ours from Maine, in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Reference is made to Grand Master Moulton's address; excerpts made from his statistical tables, especially in regard to Maine's Masonic popula-

tion being the largest of any state in the Union proportionate to its voting population, being "five and six-tenths per cent." An honorable, and in all its bearings, a most significant fact for the Masonic world to note and consider. Nearly one half of Brother Day's review is given to an extended and worthwhile quotation of Grand Master Moulton's reference to the Washington Memorial.

He refers also to our tentative effort, by the appointment of a Charity Foundation Committee, to extend our ministrations in this regard.

Your Correspondent is credited with "an excellent report," and makes specific mention of our praise of the Gunning Bradford, Jr. Scholarships which noble work is a distinctive and constructive feature of Delaware Masonry which has challenged the admiration of the Craft throughout the world.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 22,700; net gain, 656. There are forty-four lodges on the register. Beside the Grand Lodge Officers, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-eight Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Harry G. Kimball for Maine.

This One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication was preceded by several "Special Communications" for constitution of lodges and corner-stone ceremonials. The May Communication (stated) dealt with several matters of interest to the Craft, the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Roe Fulkerson, touching in his address upon the M. S. A., which he cordially commends, and the United Masonic Temple project was duly considered and ways and means adopted for a more general and aggressive campaign for raising the funds for its building. Two million dollars is the goal set for this enterprise. There have been 11,605 subscriptions, and the President of the Association predicts "a satisfactory showing when the entire 22,194 brethren have responded to our call." A recommendation to the effect that the building will be commenced "on or before the fall of 1927."

It is interesting to note that the District of Columbia has two recently chartered lodges named after distinguished deceased brethren,—Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, No. 44, and Samuel Gompers, No. 45, although if we recall correctly there was some slight debate, or demur, relative to the last name when the charter was granted.

The Grand Master, Brother Fulkerson, at the annual communication dealt at considerable length with the New Temple which is projected. The land for this building cost \$900,000, while up to date there has been given in cash \$210,810.00 for this purpose. He also reports that "about \$22,000.00 per month is being received, in a steady stream which is sufficient evidence of the wisdom of the plan."

Among the distinguished dead of this Jurisdiction we note with fraternal sympathy the name of M. W. Bro. Harrison Dingman, P. G. M., who was widely known and affectionally called "Pop" Dingman by his brethren. The Grand Lecturer Emeritus, R. W. Brother Thomas H. Young, also

passed away during the year. Fitting tribute and memorials are given by the Committee to these noble Craftsmen of this Jurisdiction.

Among his three "Decisions" we note that a collective ballot is allowed in D. C., which led to a rather unusual, but always possible, complication. With us in Maine it is prohibited thus avoiding such complications. Another decision was that a petitioner who had lost a portion of the third finger of the right hand, was eligible for the degrees; under our Maine law, of course, the question, would not have arisen at all.

The Grand Master is an eloquent champion of Masonic Clubs and praises recent action of the National League of Masonic Clubs in establishing a chair at George Washington University for those intending to enter the Diplomatic and Consular Service of the United States. He sees in it, "a constructive work, wholly unselfish in its character and cannot fail to be highly beneficial to our government."

Of the Washington Memorial the Grand Master takes pride in saying that "our Jurisdiction was the first to pledge its complete quota."

The all too usual condition of Masonic Homes is seen by the Grand Master's report that a "deficit of \$6,000.00 will confront us and an increase in the per capita tax from 75 cents to \$1.00 will be requested." In the next paragraph of the annual address we learn that the \$1.00 per capita for liquidation of the debt on the present Temple will no longer be needed for the purpose but the Grand Master recommends that it be continued for the purpose of purchasing the new property at Temple Heights for the new Temple mentioned above.

He recommended that the present organization of the "Masonic Employment Bureau" be abolished, and its affairs vested in a Board of Managers to be composed of one representative from each of the Grand Masonic Bodies and also the Shrine, the "Grotto" and the O. E. S.

The Grand Master closes his businesslike, and progressive Masonic address with Brother Rudyard Kipling's "The Palace."

We notice an interesting item that the 1925 Baseball Game netted the splendid sum of \$17,156.11 which was given to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home to be used in construction of "The Children's Building" of this institution.

Among the interesting reports was that of R. W. Brother Sydney R. Jacobs on the Conference of Grand Masters held in Chicago, in which he referred to the invasion of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania by the Grand Orient of France. A resolution was adopted at this conference urging any Grand Lodge now in fraternal relations with this Grand Orient of France to sever such relations. Maine has never been in such relations although during the world war, we came perilously near, under the war-hysteria, of forming such relationships with France. Conservative counsel however, prevailed, and Maine was saved from taking this drastic action which has been taken by several American Grand Lodges within the last year.

We note that P. G. M. George W. Baird objected to the name of Samuel Gompers Lodge for a new lodge about to be constituted, but as his motion

was "not seconded," he seemed to be in a kind of hopeless minority, although we can understand and even sympathize with his position, and extend to him the consolation of Wendell Phillips who said, "One on God's side is a majority."

We note also that a Christmas gift of \$250.00 was appropriated by Grand Lodge for the Grand Chaplain at this communication.

A St. John's Day Communication was held in December at which several important matters were considered largely of local interest. The Grand Master's actions were reviewed, and his decisions as indicated in two instances above, were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. The Committee on the Grand Master's address commended in the large majority of instances, his progressive administration and paid due tribute to "the splendid prosperity and excellent progress made by him."

At this communication (St. John's) the Grand Master was installed by the retiring Most Worshipful. The new Grand Master's name is M. W. Brother Sydney R. Jacobs.

The Report on Correspondence is the twenty-fifth from the able hands of M. W. Brother George W. Baird, Past Grand Master. We herewith cordially congratulate Brother Baird on his twenty-five years of uniformly excellent service in his roll of Grand Correspondent. It is a record of which to be proud, and an achievement which falls to the lot of but few members of the reviewer's table, largely because they usually receive the appointment when they are past the meridian of life, often indeed in old age, when the sands of life are running low.

Maine receives cordial and comprehensive review in nearly three pages of worthwhile reading. We like his way of doing things, although we cannot always see eye to eye with him in every matter. Perhaps it is better to have cordial disagreements, rather than the dull, flat uniformity of mere agreement. Brother Baird is not afraid of hard work with hand and heart and head for very seldom does he give lengthy quotations, which must be a kind of "snap" for those reviewers who can "get by" their Grand Lodges with excerpts and cuttings which save so much mental perspiration and perhaps "writer's cramp."

Grand Master Moulton is cordially commended for his conservative and yet constructive administration. It is good to see that so experienced and seasoned a veteran as Brother Baird quite coincides with our action relative to Mexico.

Your reviewer is praised for a clear report of the District of Columbia. In a clear and convincing "Conclusion" Brother Baird touches on several matters of vital interest, especially does he deal with the matter of the teaching of biology and evolution in our public schools, especially the Tennessee case of which he says, "the efforts of our late Brother William J. Bryan to legislate biology out of the schools, was as futile as his effort to fix the price of silver by politics." To which we heartily agree only instead of "futile," let's add the word "asinine" and tell the whole truth politely.

FLORIDA, 1925.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 25,871; net increase, 1,643. Active lodges on roll, 250. There were present beside the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, and thirty-five Grand Representatives including ours of Maine, R. W. Bro. W. S. Ware.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother T. T. Todd, points out to the assembled brethren that they are the Grand Lodge, he tells them this essential truth, "The power you possess is even greater than the Grand Master, for you enact the law by which his decisions are governed."

Under "Necrology" we learn of the death of the R. W. Grand Treasurer (Emeritus) Bro. Henry Robinson, a tower of strength in the Masonic building of Florida. We learn also that Grand Lodge erected a monument to Past Grand Master, Charles W. Johnson, it is inscribed with the usual data, but includes the fact that it was erected by the Masons of Florida in appreciation of his manly life and Masonic service.

This Grand Jurisdiction has paid forty-seven per cent. of its quota for the George Washington Memorial as we learn from a table of statistics. In that table Maine is credited with thirty-one per cent.

The Grand Master calls attention to that pestiferous and perennial nuisance, "the chain prayer," which he rightly calls "the same simple, superstitious and threatening script that has been circulated in former years." He avers his belief that this nonsensical nuisance originated outside of the Fraternity, which we may hope is true for the standing and common-sense of Freemasonry.

Under "Prohibition," he says, that any member who comes under trial for violation of the Eighteenth Amendment and is convicted, should be brought to Masonic trial with the "object of purging our Fraternity of all those who would violate their sacred pledges to us." A conviction in which every true Mason must heartily concur.

Florida, like many other Grand Lodges under the war hysteria adopted a resolution in 1918 permitting fraternal intercourse between their members and the Grand Orient of France, and now find themselves constrained to recognize their mistake since that Grand Orient has seen fit to establish clandestine lodges in many of our American Jurisdictions and claims the right to do so in any territory not in fraternal relations with it. Pennsylvania is greatly and we believe rightly aggrieved, and many other Grand Jurisdictions are severing their hastily tied bonds of fraternity with the Grand Orient. From the report of the Jurisprudence Committee we learn that Florida had earlier severed relations (1870), but allowed visitations as noted above, Florida now very neatly escapes from the situation by "reinciding this resolution," permitting such fraternal visitations.

Maine it will be remembered during the war-stress and hysteria was put under strong compulsion to do the same, but fortunately in the sequel and in view of this unfortunate situation which is arising in several other Grand Lodges, we kept our balance and Masonic sanity, and did not pass the resolution for fraternal recognition. Thus again is the careful and conservative course of Maine amply justified.

Among the constructive Masonic labors of the year was the instituting under dispensation of five, and the constituting of six, new lodges; the laying of eighteen corner-stones, and the dedication of two temples.

His decisions (twenty-one of these) for the most part refer to local matters. No. six however is of some interest to the Craft: A lodge had four applications from Gypsies, claiming residence within jurisdiction of a lodge, but as they are somewhat notorious nomads, the Grand Master puts it up squarely to the Investigating Committee, insisting that they should give the matter rather more than the usual scrutiny as to character and methods of earning a livelihood. He rather broadly hints that these applicants better be so thoroughly investigated as to be rejected.

Perhaps there is a hint of the fabulous stories of real estate transfers and land booms of Florida in a resolution which was carried to the effect that if the Trustees of the Masonic Home of Florida can sell for not less than one million dollars, they have the permission of Grand Lodge to do so. As the minimum was started at \$500,000.00 in the original resolution, and an amendment said \$1,000,000.00 we are left to infer several things.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur in the Grand Master's decision that a lodge could not meet on the ground floor of a building without dispensation, he averred that it must always be in an upper story, the Committee said, "when available." Which shows how commonsense must always underlay theory.

The Correspondence Report closes abruptly with these words of the Grand Secretary: "Note—after writing the foregoing portion of his review, Brother Wright was taken seriously ill and was unable to finish it. He passed away April 25th, two days after the closing of the Grand Lodge. It was thought best to print what he had written, leaving the balance of the review for another year." Maine is not one of these so glorified by him.

Such is the touching word closing a long and noble life full of unremitting Masonic service and sacrifice. Silas B. Wright was one of those who fulfilled the requirements of Holy writ, "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God," and of such a one we need have no doubt nor any fear. That he has passed into that great unseen of God where "beyond our voices there is peace," we must believe. That he has thrown aside the thin worn garment of the clay, triumphed over the poor concealments and confinements of the material, and touched the eternal realities of Truth and Light and Life eternal, we must believe. He was one of the first to greet this reviewer cordially, and far beyond his deserving at his first attempt to write these reviews for Maine, and we took heart of him in his kindly and seasoned counsel to us, and we now like to think of him as not far way or mysteriously removed into some remotest star, for while we had not met him the flesh, yet in the contact and friendly communion of spirit, I am not so sure but we were nearer than words can say for friendship and fraternal affection can always see the deeper meaning of those words of Whittier:

"That love will dream, and faith will trust,
Since God, who knows our needs is just,
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must."

GEORGIA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership 69,821; gain, 3,073. There were present beside the official family six Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-six jurisdictions including R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bowe for Maine.

For the first time in sixty-five years M. W. Brother James W. Taylor Past Grand Master, failed to respond when his name was called. Brief and touching tribute was paid to this loved and honored veteran of the Craft in Georgia who died December 15, 1925. A full page photograph of this distinguished Craftsman is given and several pages of affectionate tribute to his services and memory are included in the annual proceedings. Maine sends its word of sympathy and appreciation for one who was known, honored and beloved far beyond his own jurisdiction.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. James D. Hamrick emphasises the fact that Masonry is, and has ever been, a pioneering order, "fired with courage and faith" and finding its fruit in service to mankind.

Ninety-five official visitations, the laying of eleven corner-stones, the dedication of a temple at Decatur, the constituting of two new lodges, and the organizing under dispensation of one other, gives a kind of cross-section of the Grand Master's duties and constructive labors for the year. Eight lodges were burned during the year and Grand Master Hamrick says that most of them "did not carry any insurance and the loss was total." He then urges the bonding of lodge officers, and a kind of compulsory insurance on each lodge, and in view of this large loss in one year, such a policy would seem almost imperative.

Georgia has created the office of—Director of Masonic Welfare—which is functioning admirably in this jurisdiction under the tactful and aggressive leadership of Past Grand Master, Charles L. Bass.

Grand Master Hamrick pays deserved tribute to the untiring historical research of Bro. Raymund Daniel, who is also Fraternal Correspondent, and is now writing and compiling a history of Georgian Freemasonry, which this Maine correspondent will delight to read for its clear style and sinewy English of which Bro. Daniel has given ample evidence in his annual reports.

Grand Master Hamrick recommends the prohibition of smoking in lodge rooms, urging that if it must be, it be confined to the ante-rooms of the lodge. Maine for at least thirty years has never had this difficulty and this by a kind of unwritten law. This correspondent, however, is not in the least Pharisaical about it, for if the truth is told there is some chewing of the weed, rather surreptitiously and almost apologetically, on the part of some brethren in a few lodges under our jurisdiction. We must remember that in the parable story it was not the Pharisee who prayed in self-righteousness, "I thank God I am not as other men are," but the one who said, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," which went down to his house justified, and received the Master's blessing.

One year ago Georgia passed a law requiring \$5.00 from each E. A. for a Charity Fund when they received the degree. This has worked well, the

Grand Master says, and impresses the candidate with the real meaning of the degree and especially that part of it, which "heretofore was too often meaningless." From this plan Georgia has realized in one year the substantial sum of \$14,000.00, and "we have placed no additional burden or obligation upon the lodges or members."

The Grand Master urges the adoption of a uniform work outlined and recommended by the Board of Custodians, believing that it is the most important labor now before the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home receives at the Grand Master's hands kindly encouragement and praise in these words, "the interest of every Georgia Mason centers in our Home, for it is indeed our noblest charity and our greatest work." M. W. Brother Chas. L. Bass is a tower of strength for this noble philanthropy of the brethren.

This correspondent heartily agrees with the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, that it, "is replete with sound advice and safe and sane recommendations. It breathes the spirit of service and tells of much accomplished." Fortunate indeed is that Grand Jurisdiction which calls a man of this type and calibre to the helm and wisely defers to his counsel.

During this communication a bill was enacted to the effect that the Jurisprudence Committee must first pass upon any proposed laws or amendments, which must have been read "at two separate sessions," the Committee report allows discussion, and must be passed by a majority vote.

The Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home shows an institution carefully administered and conservatively financed, and is legitimately enough the pride of the Craftsmen of Georgia.

The report of the Director of Masonic Welfare, M. W. Bro. Bass, deals with the details of an effective administration and demonstrates the need and worth of this somewhat unusual office. He reports that the "general condition of the Craft is better than it was a year ago." The patient constructive labors of Brother Bass will be seen in the onward years of Masonry in this honored and beloved jurisdiction.

We are sorry to see that the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's recommendation to bond the officers of subordinate lodges and to cover by insurance, was "tabled." It is equally true of lodges as of men, that many of them need to be protected against themselves, against their own negligence, carelessness, and indifference to their own welfare.

The tenth annual report of M. W. Brother Raymond Daniel, is prefaced by an interesting and illuminative essay under the title, "Applicative Freemasonry." It covers fourteen pages and deserves a far wider reading than its own special jurisdiction for it is filled with quiet counsel and sage wisdom. It might well have been opened with the word of Emerson, "So much of the truth do I know, as I have lived," as a kind of holy text for his sermon. For in the deepest sense it is sermonic and touches that inward reality out of which the wise King Solomon said "are the issues of life." He makes a keen and much needed distinction between what

might be called "ritualistic" Freemasonry, and that which is dynamic. A mere ritualistic freemason may easily miss the secret, the inner springs of the Fraternity in his devotion to the outward letter of the Craft, while the dynamic brother gets some spur, incentive and real inspiration for living his life on the higher planes of justice, mercy and brotherhood. The heart of his message is, to quote one gleaming, radiant sentence, that, "the time has come for Freemasonry to displace its so-called mystery and build in its stead a Practicable Fraternity, and apply its principles to our lives." It would be a pleasure to dwell upon this essay at greater length for we have not seen anything better and wiser, touching the inner truth of our Order, than these fourteen pages of concentrated Masonic teaching in its practical and dynamic phases. Surely if Masonry cannot eventuate in a nobler type of manhood and American citizenship, it may readily enough come under that condemnation of the "salt which has lost its savor," we know what such salt is good for on the testimony of the Great Light. Masonry will fail, when it *deserves* to fail, and it will fail like countless other institutions of past ages, when its emphasis is on the outward forms of rituals and ceremonies, and not on the spirit and inward realities and dynamics of its message and mission. "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Maine receives five full, noble pages of review at Brother Daniel's hand. There is a plethora of somewhat extended quotations, largely from Grand Master Moulton's address. He touches upon our Masonic standing in the forefront of the world in membership proportionate to our population and especially upon our contemplated movement for a larger "Charity Foundation."

Brief reference is made to Brother Moulton's ruling or decision that a Masonic Hall cannot properly be used for a brother's wedding as it is hardly a "Masonic purpose." But it might be "creative and constructive." What? This should be deleted and officially censored maybe.

Your correspondent is called several kindly things by a figure,— "a light on a high hill shines impressive and inspiring," and again "a giant among the tall sons of the Masonic morning." And after reading these kindly things, we turned to the Nunc Dimmittis, and chanted with diffident voice and virgin blushes that old refrain. Our Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is quoted and praised, and nearly a page and a half is given to our review of last year, for which we return our thanks to Brother Daniel.

IDAHO, 1925.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,761; net gain, 261. Lodges on roll, 78. Average membership in each lodge, 125. Beside the Grand Lodge family, there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Victor Peterson, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frank Knox, opened his annual address with the usual encouraging report of conservative gains. Some-

thing of constructive Masonic labor was performed during the year by the laying of one corner-stone, the dedication of a Temple and the instituting of one new lodge. We commend the Grand Master for refusing a dispensation for the laying of the corner-stone of a railroad depot at Boise, although the request came from a high official of the Railroad. Something of the common sense of the Grand Master may be seen in his decision that a lodge can accept donations from an individual who does not belong to the lodge, or from a corporation. There are twenty-six of these "Decisions" mostly in regard to local matters, but nearly all of them would be called opinions, or rulings with us, as practically all of them were decided by the Grand Master by reference to, or citation of, the Code Law. Such duties are part of the penalty of the office in many Grand Jurisdictions and show the need of diffusion of Masonic education and wider knowledge of jurisprudential law.

The Grand Master intimates that the Order of DeMolay is getting rather insistent in Idaho for recognition or sponsorship, and suggests that the question be thoroughly considered and disposed of by Grand Lodge.

The question of dual membership came up, and from our Maine point of view, it would be settled in short order.

A peculiar situation arose, according to the Grand Secretary's report in which recognition of the Grand Lodge of Denmark was accorded without invitation or request on their (Denmark's) part last year. After Grand Lodge had so voted, Grand Secretary Pike tried to discover the name of the Denmark officials, especially the Grand Secretary, but failed, even after consulting a well known Masonic Research Society. He closes his account of this ludicrous situation with the laconic words, "To date we have had no reply." Alabama and New York are in fraternal relations with Denmark.

Idaho has paid fifty-five per cent. of its quota for the Washington Memorial, a fair average for the Grand Lodges of the United States.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education indicates an aggressive program underway and appropriation was made for the continuance of this work.

Something rather novel is indicated by a few words of a committee termed "Secret Investigating Committee" but their report is so vague in its general terms that we are left in doubt as to its real purpose, but its title does sound sinister, but whether it is a kind of detective Bureau of Espionage, or an amplification of the regular investigating committee, it is difficult to tell from the report.

Two forms for a new "Funeral Service" were submitted to a special committee and as this committee was unable to decide between them, it was left to the Grand Lodge's decision, which chose both, leaving the choice optional with the Master of each lodge. The desire for a new form grew out of dissatisfaction with the references to greswome things of the grave, which too often reminds us of that line of Shakespeare, "Let's talk of graves, and worms and epitaphs," the revision has evidently tried to shorten the old form and delete such sepulchral imagery" which harrowed up the feelings of the family."

It is with something of a shock of surprise and pleasure that we read the oration of the Grand Orator Brother J. G. Elridge, who deals with an old theme in a new and striking way. He applies the old Masonic lessons to the life and issues of our day, in a way that must have held the attention and ennobled the minds and lives of the brethren.

In the matter of dual membership referred to above, we notice a division of opinion on the part of the Jurisprudence Committee, but Brother Victor Peterson who brings in a "minority report" has his name affixed to both reports, but his conviction seems clear enough in the "minority report" but somewhat inconsistent with the majority report which he also obviously signed. The majority report "was approved." The situation evidences one of the evils of this so-called dual membership, which is not allowed in Maine. The same committee recommended that lodges be allowed to sponsor DeMolay Chapters, but the Grand Secretary says, "the Grand Lodge ordered the paragraph stricken from the report."

A resolution was adopted requesting the Grand Master to arrest the charter of a lodge which had not been represented for thirteen years, and during the same term of years but one communication had been filed. It appears also that repeated attempts have been made to interest this probably decadent, and at least recalcitrant lodge in the correspondence of the Grand Lodge officials, but without success. In Maine the initiative in such a situation would be taken by the M. W., without such pressure from the Grand Lodge.

The second Annual Report of R. W. Brother John W. Shore, Grand Correspondent, deals with sixty-eight jurisdictions. In a brief preface to his report he voices his opinion that there is a more "optimistic" note being sounded in Grand Lodges, and that a conservative and steady growth may be expected because of the wholesome diminution in new applicants. He sees progress in these three regards, in toleration, in benevolence and in education.

His method of dealing with various jurisdictions is largely that of citation, with lucid and sometimes emphatic comment of his own. He has given us an evening of quiet satisfaction in finding a clear mind and sinewy style brought to bear upon the "doings" of the Masonic world.

Maine is cordially and comprehensively viewed and reviewed by Brother Shore in our last (One Hundred and Sixth) Communication. He says of our "Proceedings," "We have seldom seen a better arranged volume." Kindly comment and commendation is made on the address of our Grand Master especially on our withdrawal from the M. S. A., on the "Condition of the Fraternity," and on our action relative to Foreign Jurisdictions. Your correspondent is commended for "scholarly care and devotion" and indeed a lot of fine things like that, and then modestly he says,—"Following such a correspondent is a hard task." And as this is Brother Shore's second report your correspondent "knows that feeling" too, as this is now his fifth report. Nearly the whole of the Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is quoted by Brother Shore. Thanks, multiform and manifold, for the implied compliment.

ILLINOIS, 1925.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 280,041; net gain, 8,816. Chartered lodges, 979. Beside the full line of Grand Officers, there were present ten Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Amos Pettibone, for Maine. M. W. Bro. Orestes Mitchell, Grand Master of Missouri, was greeted from the East and delivered a brief and friendly speech voicing the fraternal regard and good-will of his jurisdiction toward the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, opened his annual address under the title "Tornado," but we soon learn that it was the tragic disaster which swept the State leaving devastation everywhere in its train. He gives the terrific facts in statistics that there were 523 deaths, 1,513 injuries and a fifty million dollar property loss in Illinois alone. The brethren of Illinois raised the sum of \$83,976.94 for relief, and we are informed that several lodges telegraphed their gifts before the official appeal reached these lodges, which speaks in trumpet tongue of the real Masonic spirit in this large and noble jurisdiction.

Under the caption George Washington Memorial we learn that 270 lodges have "gone over the top" in the matter of their per capita contributions, another evidence of the virility of Illinois Masonry.

Several of the Grand Master's "Decisions" interest us. Especially one relative to the request of Columbia Lodge, Buenos Aires, Argentine, with which we of Maine dealt this year and the Grand Lodge seemed to take the same stand as our own Grand Lodge at its last communication. Another decision is to the effect that a Fellow Craft from a Scotland Lodge, still a citizen of Scotland, might be received as the Illinois requirement for citizenship was "intended to govern only original petitioners."

Among his "recommendations" is one that would drop out the word "new" in the following code-law, "No new lodge shall be named for any living person." The occasion of this was that an *old* lodge asked if in changing its name it might use that of a living person. Grand Master Davenport rightly negated the request.

We notice, also, a recommendation for enlargement of the Charity Fund by putting a ten dollar tax, or additional fee, on each petitioner for the degrees. We note that this is an increasing necessity with many Grand Lodges especially those who are supporting great philanthropic institutions in the form of Homes, Orphanages, etc. These range from \$5.00 to \$40.00 for each new petitioner.

Grand Master Davenport uses strong but just words in condemnation of some kinds of lodge entertainments, citing as a kind of "horrible example" a lodge entertainment on Sunday night, a banquet and dance in a well known cafe which was of a "vulgar" nature.

The constructive nature of Illinois Masonry may be seen in the fact that eighteen new lodges were constituted, eighteen corner-stones laid, thirteen temples dedicated and fourteen new lodges instituted, U. D. Two full-page photographs are given of two of the new temples, dignified pieces of architectural skill and Craftman's labor.

Forty-two pages of these Proceedings are given over to a detailed and exceedingly minute report of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange, and the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan, and show both institutions adequately financed and conservatively administered. There are a total of 171 men and women at the Masonic Home.

M. W. Brother Past Grand Master Elmer E. Beach writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. His foreword tells of the spirit of optimism pervading the reports of the various Grand Masters, and that "Freemasonry seems never to have rested on more solid and lasting foundations." While he gives due place to the steady growth in numerical strength of the Order he is far more emphatic and interested in proclaiming that there is a greater understanding of Masonic principles and ideals. He deals briefly but vitally with such subjects as DeMolay, the Klan, Education, Appendant Orders and Bequests. Our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication is given cordial notice and comprehensive treatment to the extent of four pages, two-thirds is quotation. He says this worth-while thing about Masonic Homes and our Maine method of dispensing Masonic charity, "one of the larger jurisdictions where one hundred and eighty persons were assisted in their own homes among friends and neighbors at an expense of \$100.00 per year per person, while it cost the same jurisdiction over \$500 per year for each person maintained in its Masonic Home, and these figures made no allowance whatever for the original cost of the Home." Such things must give us pause when we are allured by the dream of a Masonic Home in Maine. If this correspondent has read intelligently the clear word of several Grand Lodges, and rightly read between the lines of many other Grand Lodge Masonic Home reports, there are many of these that are heartily tired of the increasing financial burden and rather yearn for the way and method which we are using in Maine, but once launched on that sea of troubles they must keep on sailing, for anchorage seems far off with too many of them.

Grand Correspondent Harriman quotes your reviewer's "Foreword" of this year on "Youth and Masonry," and said he would like to give it all if space allowed, for which kindly thought we express our thanksgiving as this review is being written on Thanksgiving day, 1925.

INDIANA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 124,102; net increase, 3,129. Active lodges, 557. Beside the full list of Grand Officers, there were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-five Grand Representatives. Ours of Maine, R. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay (Grand Correspondent), was present, and we send unanimous fraternal greetings to Brother Gay.

A "Foreword" of six pages tells of the customary festivities preceding the formal opening of this communication. An extended speech of Brother Robert C. Baltzell, an honored Judge of the Federal Court, dealing with youth and its problems and achievements, is printed in full and makes inspiring reading and we are not surprised to learn that there was "splendid applause at the conclusion."

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Lee Dinwiddie, opens his annual address by eloquent reference to the Washington Memorial and urges the Grand Lodge to meet its full quota in whatever way is best. Reference to the above membership figures will show that it is a tremendous aggregate to be raised.

Under the caption "Lodge Doings on Sunday," the Grand Master discourages the laying of corner-stones on that day, or to give picnics and "Home Comings" as a lodge. He says that Masonry "is the one Order in the world that tries to hold this day sacred." A sweeping assertion, of course, which careful consideration would readily question. We note that during his year sixteen corner-stone ceremonials were conducted, some of them for churches. The situation has arisen in several Grand Lodges, that when a request from a Church has come to lay a corner-stone on Sunday, many Grand Masters have turned it down, on the ground that it is a Masonic *labor*, and as such, not permissible. This correspondent holds that while technically and nominally it is, of course, from our lodge point-of-view a Masonic labor, it is essentially, a religious ceremonial, and requested as such in good faith by the church. Such a situation puts the lodge in the rather questionable, and altogether unenviable, position of rebuking the church for Sabbath desecration. It is another case of "where the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life."

Under "Opinions Given," which in many jurisdictions would be termed "Decisions," we read that in one lodge after repeated balloting, the Worshipful Master found ten votes each time, with only nine voters present, we mention this because we wondered at once what our good genial and lately lamented brother, William R. Marshall, of Indiana (Vice President) would have said, the grim, ironic humor of the situation would have caused something to be remembered, perhaps to the effect that Indiana's political ways are firmly established and the brethren do these things automatically in Indiana.

Another ruling of the Grand Master was to the effect that a "Memorial Service," for the deceased brethren could be held on Sunday, but it took one page and a half to elucidate the matter.

The Grand Master sent relief to the extent of \$250.00 for the sufferers in the mine disaster at Sullivan (Indiana) and \$500.00 for the Red Cross for the relief to the cyclone victims last year.

During his term he arrested one charter because of disorderly conduct,—the Worshipful Master and several of the brethren being indicted for boot-legging and the lodge generally demoralized, and we commend him for this courageous act of duty. He suspended nine charters, temporarily, and we read with pleasure that eight of these charters have been restored. There are three lodges "On Probation" for want of proficiency in the work, and this correspondent as Federal and State Probation Officer in Maine, hopes that these probationary charges will behave and make good, as his experience warrants him in saying that "given a chance" the majority succeed.

Forty-five pages of the Proceedings are given over to a consideration of the Indiana Masonic Home, including the report of the Trustees, Directors and Home Superintendent, all showing a noble philanthropy generously supported and conservatively administered.

In the Memorial Report we note with regret the irreparable loss to this honored jurisdiction of M. W. Brother Past Grand Master William Ridley. High and deserved tribute is paid to one whose Masonic labors have been mortised into the fabric of the building of Indiana Masonry.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, whose full page photograph adorns the opening pages of the review. For several years we have speculated as to what manner of man Brother Gay was, his reviews we have enjoyed and from what the literary critics call "the inward evidence" we had formed a kind of mental picture or character sketch of this distinguished and able correspondent. Now having looked at this picture, as old Walt Whitman would say, "long and long," we seem to find a corroboration of our imaginings and fulfillment of our fancy. A kindly face, with broad forehead and keen eye, the kind of friendly face with the owner of which it is a privilege to hold these myriad-mile relationships of correspondent, for his is always a delicate touch and penetrating criticism and withal a kindly heart.

Maine is comprehensively and graciously reviewed in two full pages, two-thirds of which, however, in Maine's case, is extended quotation. Grand Master Spear is quoted anent the wastages of Masonic energy, and Grand Secretary Davis on "Widow's Certificates." He says that in 1924 the M. S. A. was debated pro and con, until we "adjourned without action." But rather decisive action was taken this year, as will be seen from our 1925 Proceedings. Your correspondence is given credit for "a very interesting report."

IOWA, 1925.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 89,274; net gain, 1,836. Lodges enrolled, 650. Beside the official family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters.

The communication was opened by delightful preliminaries of greeting and response, the greeting being extended by the Mayor of Davenport, who asserted that "Iowa can be justly proud of the fact that it ranks lowest in illiteracy," and that the Grand Lodge is older than the State of Iowa.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Ernest R. Moore, a sketch of whose life and achievements (and a full page photograph) opens the volume, indicates a year of constructive Masonic labor by saying that he constituted two, and instituted (U. D.) two lodges, dedicated four temples and laid nine corner-stones.

Of the Washington Memorial we find that Iowa has contributed \$40,160 a little less than fifty per cent. of their total on the basis of membership.

Like the proverbial "bolt out of the blue," comes these words of the

Grand Master concerning the M. S. A., "The new direction of affairs has not been satisfactory to us, the directing force has not always been competent and much of the new program is unwise." The Grand Master continues in this strain and here is the climax, "I served notice of intention to withdraw as required by the By-laws of the Association." Again he says after laying down the principles and purposes of the Association as he conceives them, "If, however, these necessary details, so neglected in the past, be not properly cared for, I believe our membership should be terminated." Such words and contemplated action from Iowa reminds us too much of Brutus' stab of Caesar, and we at once thought of Cesar's word when Brutus' dagger was drawn from his body, "et tu, Brute?" Surely this is being wounded in the house of its friends, for this correspondent has ever thought of the Masonic Service Association as the conceived and beloved darling of Iowa, and the most fervid and eloquent advocates of it have been, surely in the past, of this jurisdiction. Indeed, this correspondent was won to it, and to its purposes, principles and program more by the clear logic and inspiring advocacy of Brother Louis Block, Grand Correspondent of Iowa, than by any other single individual in America. It is sufficient to say that our withdrawal last year seems to find ample justification in the present attitude, rather threatening warning and impending withdrawal of Iowa. We are simply compelled to believe in miracles when we read this kind of thing from Iowa, and to fervently hope that no poet in the M. S. A. will arise to sing of Ichabod, as Whittier did after the deflection of Daniel Webster. We have read Grand Master Moore's word in this regard three separate times, and are still rubbing our eyes and pinching our flesh to see as Keats said "whether we dream or wake."

Another word of Brother Moore relative to the Grand Orient of France justifies the conservative course of Maine in never extending recognition for he says "I recommend that fraternal relations be suspended until that Body (the Grand Orient) furnishes satisfactory evidence that it will respect the doctrine of territorial jurisdiction as regards Grand Lodges in the United States." This grew out of the situation, referred to in proper place, of invasion of Pennsylvania and New Jersey by the Grand Orient of France. The recommendation of Grand Master Moore was met by the Committee on Recognition by not merely suspending, but SEVERING fraternal relations "until such time as the matter is adjusted to the satisfaction of our sister jurisdictions." But why not the full course instantler? Why "back and fill" with a Grand Orient that has the "nerve" to do this kind of thing, which is a flagrant violation of basic laws of Masonry? Could anything be more unmasonic as American Grand Lodges conceive such matters? And a Grand Body that even "contemplates such a Masonic crime, etc., deserves the severest penalty of the law," so far as another Grand Lodge can inflict it as Iowa has rightly done, together with a score of others in America.

We sympathize with Iowa in the passing of R. W. Brother Newton R. Parvin, the efficient and beloved Grand Secretary of Iowa, a tender tribute

is printed in the volume of Proceedings together with a photograph of the kindly, manly face of this beloved frater.

The Grand Librarian, who is the new Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother C. C. Hunt, gives an extended report of seventeen pages to this institution which is clearly phrased and abundantly informing and as this correspondent receives the regular reports and bulletin of the Iowa Masonic Library (receipt of which is hereby gratefully acknowledged) filled with informing articles, we know something at first hand of the magnitude and purpose of this great institution of which Iowa, and indeed the whole Masonic world, is justly proud.

We learn with pleasure that the M. W. Grand Master of Missouri, Bro. Orestes Mitchell, was a guest of the Grand Lodge and brought the greetings of that large and honored jurisdiction.

Two unusual addresses were given at this Eighty-second Communication, one by Brother H. F. Atwood on "Masonry and the Constitution," and the other on "Abraham Lincoln," by Brother Joseph B. Oakleaf. Both deal with vital and basic topics, and with delicate and penetrating criticism present applications to our modern needs and issues. These have made an hour's delightful and ennobling reading. The portrayal of Lincoln's task and burden by Brother Oakleaf is a needed word for our day, while Brother Atwood shows with the fine balance of the historian, how the Constitution was conceived and fashioned on the principles of our Order, and largely by men of this Fraternity. Both addresses are worthy of wider distribution and the M. S. A. could not do better than to print them for general consumption throughout the United States. They are easily the equal of many of their pamphlets.

Brother Louis Block writes the report on Fraternal Correspondence and prefaces his review with an extended "Foreword" on the topic, "The Design of the Masonic Institution," in which he delineates the unspoken meanings of the fraternity, with a "sly dig" at the abysmal ignorance of the average craftsman on interpretation of familiar passages of scripture on the ritual especially that piece of magnificent spiritual symbolism in the last chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes which is given in the Third degree. He says, "To him it meant no more than does a Latin prayer to a worshipper who knows no tongue but English, no more than does the whirr of the Chinese prayer-wheel to the coolie who can't read."

Something of the the rich cultural personality of Brother Block may be seen in reading his "Afterword" on "Masonry and Music" which closes his review. His words are a clear portrayal of the need of harmony in this very literal sense to color and heighten the meanings of our ritual. This correspondent has always believed that there is a kind of unspoken poetry in our Masonic ritual when properly voiced, and that certain delicate nuances in that phrasing are fairly murdered by the average pronouncer. Herein is the word of Tennyson true, "that words, like Nature, half reveal and half conceal, the soul within." Brother Block's words on the "daylight lodges" in New York and Chicago, composed of those, who, like actors, musicians, artists and the like, seem to fulfill these things, and to

hear their rendition by voice and music and action, is "an experience long to be remembered." He speaks of the old Pleyels Hymn, one of the deep and nobles strains of Hymnology in the Christian Church, as bearing him aloft "on angel's wings," and it is mentioned here because years and years ago this correspondent used its melody for an Ode at Tufts University.

Under Michigan he speaks of Brother Gallagher's leviathian of reports last year, "as like giving birth to an elephant." We thought so, too, and of the parturition pains of its delivery to the light of common day.

Maine is cordially and graciously considered in a review of four pages, one-half of which are well selected citations from Grand Master Spear's address at our One Hundred and Fifth Communication, which he calls "timely and vital." He makes comment on our action respecting the National Grand Lodge of Italy, and commends Brother T. H. Bodge for his words on the M. S. A., finding with him that the whole secret is "Get to Work."

Brother Block is exceedingly kind to your reviewer using half of his report in comment and quotation, terming it "of very excellent quality, with a style that is nothing short of charming." For which word we are grateful.

MANITOBA, 1925.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 11,400; total increase, 322. Number of Lodges on roll, 100; three of which are under dispensation.

There were present, beside the full list of Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-five jurisdictions. Our Representative of Maine was not recorded as present. An extended list of Grand Masters from Minnesota, Saskatchewan and P. G. Ms. from North Dakota, Alberta, were announced and received with the usual cordial ceremonial of welcome.

A feature of this Fiftieth (Golden Jubilee) Communication was the dedication and unveiling of a tablet near the spot where the first Masonic Lodge of the Red River Settlement was instituted, on the eighth of November, 1864. Several interesting ceremonies in connection with this Fiftieth Anniversary were conducted at this communication.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. James S. Macewing, in opening his address, calls attention to the fact that this is the fiftieth consecutive time that the gavel has fallen for the convening of the brethren in Grand Lodge, and proceeds to outline a brief history of those earlier days in Manitoba, and to prophecy the dawning of a new era of prosperity and achievement in the years that are to be. During his term we find the following constructive Masonic labors performed: The instituting of two, and the constituting of five, new lodges. Under the topic, "Newspaper Publicity," the Grand Master takes occasion to rebuke those over zealous brethren who are forever wanting "to do something for Masonry" by keeping the lodge forever before the public in the daily press. He emphatically con-

demns the practice and those misguided brethren who are "constantly crying that this order and that order are doing something, and that we must mend our ways and become up-to-date, or in other words, advertise." This attitude, which is not peculiar to Manitoba, he unsparingly condemns, and calls the brethren rather sharply to rehearse their instruction in the initiation ceremony which forbids the imparting to the profane of "any information of what takes place in the lodge."

Five pages of his report are given to District Meetings, which are commended by him as a source of fraternal acquaintance and good-fellowship, and his words might well serve as an incentive to the brethren of Maine, who are just beginning to hold such District Meetings.

Grand Master Macewing heartily commends Masonic education in a well phrased message in which he especially invites the brethren to a study of the Masonic address of each communication, and to "that reservoir of Masonic interest, the report of Fraternal Correspondence." The entire report of the Grand Master is a model of brevity and good-sense, embellished now and then with a well selected quotation from the poets.

It is a pleasure to read the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. of the eleven Masonic Districts and to find them faithfully performing their duties, without much meed of praise and too often probably with much criticism.

We learn with admiration that the brethren of Manitoba did not let their Golden Jubilee pass without something more than formal ceremonies and banquets. They raised a Benevolent Fund, which to date amounts to \$44,445.97. Appropriately, too, they published "The History of the Grand Lodge" in an edition of twenty-five hundred copies.

The Grand Lodge under report of its Committee on Foreign Relations, suspended relations with the Grand Orient of France until such time as the Grand Orient shall discontinue its devisive and unmasonic policy of territorial invasion of Grand Jurisdictions which are fraternally recognized by Manitoba where the principle of exclusive jurisdiction is recognized. This grew out of the protest of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. We heartily commend the action of Manitoba, while it is a source of satisfaction to see that Maine's conservative course in withholding such recognition, is abundantly and increasingly justified, by every such unfortunate necessity of suspension, and often summary severing, of such fraternal relations.

An instructive and eloquent address was given by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother W. A. Cunningham, which is replete with traditional masonic allusions and the practical application of our working tools to the problems and duties of our times. Another, The Commemoration Sermon, was preached by M. W. Brother Samuel P. Matheson, the Primate of Canada, in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, on the text "Ask of the days that are past." It is good to see, however, that it was not merely a backward glance over traveled roads, but a vital and forward-looking message for the onward years of the Craft in Manitoba. A thoughtful and well phrased message which it must have been both a delight and inspiration to hear.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the G. S. W., R. W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, preceded by a brief "Foreword" of one page, in which the reviewer condemns much of the rampant radicalism which is creeping into our Masonic institution. Especially does he mention the multiplicity of organizations which are founded on Masonry and requiring membership as a prerequisite, as a grave danger from within. Well does he say, "Freemasonry has successfully withstood attacks of many kinds from without for centuries, and can keep on doing so." Brother Reid would have us heed that searching word of the Great Light, "That a man's foes, will be they of his own household."

In his review each jurisdiction receives about a page of notice. Maine in its One Hundred and Fifth Communication is considered briefly, yet with comprehension of the vital parts. Grand Master Spear is quoted and commended several times, while our action in denying fraternal recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Italy, is quoted and tacitly commended.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1924.

Annual Communication (December 10th) preceded by three Quarterly Communications. Membership, 120,119.

The volume of Annual Proceedings contains as a frontispiece a Bather Portrait of M. W. Brother Everett C. Benton, Past Grand Master, and the account of a special communication for the Masonic burial of this pillar of Masonic strength in Massachusetts. We who were privileged to know the strong sterling qualities of Brother Benton sympathize in the loss of Massachusetts of one of their noblest and most courageous leaders. To this correspondent who was privileged to meet him on several occasions the lines of an unknown poet seem in place, for few men faced the burdens and cares with braver fortitude and good cheer,—

"I do not like the way the cards are shuffled,
I did not choose the game, nor ask to play:
But yet, through changing odds, I will unruffled,
Play like a man what's dealt me day by day."

Something like this was the soul of Everett Benton, and affection must bear its testimony that beyond the "end of the trail" he has taken up the eternal onward march into the mysterious shadows, with the same unflinching courage and manly goodwill, which characterized him through these mortal years. Many a time the guest of Maine, we learned to love and honor his dominant personality and splendid heart qualities.

At the first Quarterly Communication the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Dudley H. Farrell, speaks of lotteries, which have been permitted by several lodges, as a discredit and disgrace to the Craft and strongly urges their discontinuance on this ground and as a violation of the statute law which every Master Mason has pledged himself to honor and obey. The Grand Master also calls the attention of the brethren rather sharply to the abuse of the refreshment hour by "questionable jokes and songs of doubtful significance" as a part of the entertainment. He questions

the wisdom of permitting itinerant and irresponsible speakers and lecturers to go about the jurisdiction dealing with every subject under the blue canopy of God, and often creating prejudices and ill-will by their tactless talks which probably do more harm than good to the brethren. He suggests that such speakers should have the sanction of the Grand Lodge before being allowed this privilege; in short, and in his words we can read between the lines and infer what particular thing he is "hitting," "Freemasonry must be kept free from any passion of suspicion or hate that would make it the slave of narrowness or bigotry."

A full page photograph of R. W. Sir Alfred Robbins (P. G. W., President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England,) is included in this Quarterly Communication report, and laudatory words respecting his address on the occasion. Brother Thomas Riley Marshall was also a guest of the session, and made "an eloquent and inspiring address full of that wit and wisdom for which he was so justly renowned." Those who have read his "Recollections," "A Hoosier Salad," published at the time of his death, can well appreciate this brief commendation.

An amendment was adopted to the effect that each member "of one or more lodges in this jurisdiction" shall pay two dollars each year for Grand Lodge support, and each lodge shall pay five dollars for each candidate initiated. The vote was nearly overwhelming in favor of this amendment, the figures being 804 yea and 46 nay.

At the Third Quarterly the M. W. Grand Master of Delaware, Bro. E. W. Cooch, was in attendance and brought cordial greetings to Massachusetts. The Grand Master condemns in no uncertain tones several varieties of what he terms "delinquency" in the jurisdiction, and is especially condemnatory of that merciless nuisance, which has acted like a sinapism (see Century Dictionary if needed) on every Grand Lodge, the chain letter and prayer.

Among the outstanding events of the Masonic year was the visit of Sir Alfred Robbins (referred to above), the adoption of the above mentioned amendment, the completion of the Williams Memorial addition to the Masonic Home (October 25th), Massachusetts continues its membership in the M. S. A., and Grand Master Farrell avers his belief "that fair progress has been made" by this Association. Reference is made to the "Overseas Districts," especially in Chile, China and the Canal Zone where Massachusetts has several lodges under their obedience which are prosperous and progressive.

In this volume of Proceedings there are innumerable "Special Communications" for various purposes, and full and often graphic accounts of these various occasions are given, embellished by full page photographs of the event itself. This is especially true of corner-stone ceremonials. That of the Shrine Hospital (Springfield) is particularly interesting as it shows the Grand Master in full regalia pointing almost with an accusing finger at one of the silk-tiled brethren, and as this was a semi-mystic shrine event we are left in doubt what it was all about and what the brother was guilty of in calling forth this particularly pointed gesture of the Grand

Master. Another photograph shows the Grand Master laying the corner-stone of the New Temple in the same City of Springfield.

At the State's Communication in December, Hon. Alvan T. Fuller made a brief, but significant address in which he touched upon his duty as Governor of the Commonwealth, in the light of his membership in the Order.

The Grand Feast (St. John's) is fully reported in the last pages of the volume. It holds its place as perhaps the most significant event of the Masonic year as it has for generations almost without number in Massachusetts. A clear and noble photograph of R. W. Brother Charles H. Ramsey who was installed on this occasion as Grand Treasurer for the twenty-fifth time is included in the interesting account of the festivities. Among the speakers at the Grand Feast were M. W. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (P. G. M. of North Dakota), who spoke, simply yet eloquently, on the general theme of seeing our duties in the clear interpretative light of our Fraternity. We have read also with pleasure and interest the address of Brother Samuel S. Young of Peking on Masonic progress in China. From it we gather, much which we had learned from M. W. Brother Arthur D. Prince who gave an account of his visit there some months ago, that Masonry in China is a virile reality and equal to the best in our American Lodges. The last address for the Grand Feast was given by the Bishop of Delaware, the Right Reverend Doctor Philip Cook. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, whose talk was in fulfillment of that word of Emerson, "So much of the truth do I know as I have lived," as applied to Masonry and the Christian religion. It was a simple quiet word which went to the roots of the matter and must have brought inspiration to the brethren.

Massachusetts has no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1925.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 143,317; gain, 4,719. There are 486 lodges on the roll. There were present, beside the Grand Officers and Lodge Representatives, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. Kenneth H. McKensie for Maine.

Some delightful preliminaries in greeting and response opened the sessions. M. W. Grand Master Brother Ben J. Henderson, in speaking of the Masonic Home pays high tribute to its work and administration, as he does to the Eastern Star Orphanage to which one thousand dollars was donated by the Grand Lodge. Michigan has exceeded its quota to the Washington Memorial, and the Grand Master expresses his belief "that time will demonstrate that this project is worthy and well worth the efforts and sacrifices which we have made for it." It is with pleasure that we notice his announcement of substantial bequests for the benefit of the Home. The constructive Masonic labors of the Grand Master are seen in the consecration and dedication of five new lodges, and the granting of dispensations for four others, while he dedicated fourteen temples and laid nine corner-stones.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education outlines the achievements and aims of this important work which is evidently being conducted with success in Michigan.

The Jurisprudence Committee calls a halt in the matter of permitting halls and temples to be used by organizations which have some shadowy connection with the Craft. The occasion of this was an application of the White Shrine of Jerusalem for this purpose. The Committee said, "we have gone as far in this direction as we should, and therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted." Passed.

Five hundred dollars was given to the Craftsman's Club at Ann Arbor.

Twenty-eight pages of the Proceedings are given to a full and illuminating account of the Washington Memorial Association, in which we notice the attendance of our Grand Master of Maine, M. W. Brother David E. Moulton, and P. G. M. Thomas H. Bodge, at the Fifteenth Annual Convention of this Association.

The Obituary Report is a well-phrased and tender word from the hand (and heart) of R. W. Brother W. H. Gallagher who is Grand Chaplain and also Fraternal Correspondent. We would have known it was written by the clergy even had we not known that the writer puts Rev. before and D. D. after his name. The Christian conviction and transcendent faith of Brother Gallagher shines with quiet and ineffable light through all his eulogy.

Grand Master Henderson after a few words regarding the illegal activities of a non-masonic organization "which requires as a prerequisite masonic membership," makes a recommendation that a special committee be appointed for investigation of this and other like organizations, to report and recommend at the next annual communication. We rather surmise that we know what is aimed at from former years, and we hope if proven guilty of misconduct there will be a real "spanking bee" in Michigan.

A special assessment of fifteen cents per capita for the "Outside Relief Fund" was adopted during the closing hours of the session.

Just before the installation of Grand Lodge Officers a word was said by the Grand Master respecting the recent recovery from illness of Brother Lou Winsor, Grand Secretary, in which this Grand Lodge of Maine heartily concurs, "members of this Grand Lodge are thankful to Almighty God that he (Brother Winsor) was spared to us in the serious illness which he had. And I know that I am expressing the hope of the heart of every brother that He will spare him for many, many years to come." There was a time when Lou Winsor's name seemed to this writer like a kind of synonym or symbol for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and so we are very happy in his recovery and in the general love of the brethren for him.

There is a delightful comraderie about the brethren of Michigan, calling each other by their given names, often shortened to one syllable, which has always appealed to us in its genuine informality and kindly fraternal greetings even in the most formal sessions of this great and honored jurisdiction. Its "Bert" and "George," and "Lou" and "Ben," etc., and this reviewer is frank to say that he likes this way of doing things, this

forgetting of absurd dignities and starched formalities and acting human even while doing Masonic labor, surely it must have been so with the operative Craftsmen generations since.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. William H. Gallagher in which he reviews sixty-eight Grand Lodges, and covers exactly 507 pages of these Annual Proceedings. As Brother Block of Iowa, said, "it is like giving birth to an elephant." And if that is so the gestation and parturition pains must have been enormous and excruciating. But since it was safely delivered we extend our heartiest congratulations on this monumental leviathan of reports. Brother Gallagher is a painstaking correspondent and the minutest detail of every Grand Lodge is recorded, nothing seems to escape his eagle eye. And it behooves this and every other Grand Lodge to heed the admonition of Robert Burns:

"A chiels amang ye taking notes,
An', faith he'll prent it."

Something of the extent and thoroughness with which Brother Gallagher does his work, which seems like a labor of love as it comes from his hand, is evidenced by the fact that ten full and noble pages of his report are given to the report of Maine. Smallest details are covered, each special communication of our Grand Lodge is faithfully reported. It is three-quarters quotation to be sure, otherwise how could any human constitution stand the above mentioned parturition pains, but it is for the most part vital and crucial matter which concerns us, and every other Grand Jurisdiction. We are reported, even down to the fact that the Boston and Maine R. R. did not grant reduced fares.

Grand Master Spear is frequently quoted, and invariably commended, even when Brother Spear points out our faults and deficiencies, which are of such a nature as to be humiliating in their rich, varied, abundant and multiform nature.

Your Maine reviewer is given two pages, largely quotation respecting our review of Michigan.

MINNESOTA, 1925.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 58,092; net gain, 1,817. There are 297 chartered lodges. There were present, beside the official Grand Lodge family, seventeen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-one Grand Representatives, ours for Maine was not present. We notice that the Grand Orient of France is on the list and would respectfully suggest that Minnesota's Grand Representative study the situation in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in respect to this Grand Orient's invasion of territorial jurisdiction of these two Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother James D. Markham, opens his address with a familiar quotation from Philip James Bailey's "Festus" and follows it soon after with another from Shakespeare, both of which are appropriate to the subject-matter which deals with the passing of time, and the sanctity of friendship. He mourns the passing of Past Grand

Master M. W. Bro. Alonzo Thomas Stebbins, a tower of Masonic strength in Minnesota for many years. The constructive activities of the year are indicated by the constituting of five new lodges, the dedicating of two halls, and the laying of seven corner-stones. At one of these we note the presence as Grand Orator of Bro. Dr. M. D. Shutter, of Minneapolis, and know that the brethren enjoyed a fervent and thoughtful address on that occasion.

The Grand Master unqualifiedly approves "Masonic Clubs." Most of the Grand Master's "Decisions" deal with purely local matters, we note however and with cordial approval, as it follows our own Maine law, that "Ministers of the Gospel may not receive the degrees free or for less fees than other petitioners."

From the Grand Master's report we learn that Minnesota has withdrawn from the M. S. A. There is an interesting word of the Grand Master under the title "Complaints" which leaves much to be desired in the matter of clear and definite statement, but it would seem that he is trying to discourage certain alleged Masonic publications throughout his Grand Jurisdiction, these he does not mention by name, but we have a fairly clear idea of the names of some of these that are bringing reproach upon the Craft and giving it an entirely false attitude in the eyes of the profane.

Grand Master Markham is a strong advocate of the Masonic Home and gives an account of his conversion from an ultra-conservative to what he terms "an enthusiastic booster" of this institution. He makes out a clear and emphatic case for Minnesota, although he by no means convinces this correspondent that other ways of dispensing Masonic aid and relief are not as efficient and economical.

At one of the public schools, where he had laid a corner-stone, he found that school teaching thirty-seven "different nations, tongues and dialects," and from this as a kind of text he delivers a worth-while message on the mission of our American Public School System.

The large place which the Minnesota Masonic Home occupies in the thought and hearts of the brethren is seen by the fact that exactly fifty-two pages of this volume of the Proceedings are concerned with its administration and financing. We gather from these reports and tables that there is a judicious expenditure of the funds and rather careful conduct of its affairs.

The Committee on Fraternal Work at Rochester reports the increasing labors of their representative there. There were last year 2,772 brethren and O. E. S. members necessitating 6,601 calls during the year. The fame of this institution has gone far and wide, and many from every State are patients there. An oration by the Grand Orator, no less a personage than Dr. Charles H. Mayo, is printed in full and is replete with wit and Masonic wisdom, altogether it shows something of the real tasks and duties which are confronting masons in these days of challenging service and opportunity. This "Oration" is exactly the kind of word that we should expect from one whose life has been devoted to suffering humanity for many years.

The report on the M. S. A. outlines our own case in Maine pretty thoroughly when it avers, "unless we can see our way clear to organize and carry out the program (educational, etc.) we shall reap little if any benefit by remaining a member of the Association." That was our Maine case exactly, and we withdrew not so much as condemning the Association, as recognizing and deploring our own shortcomings and faults in not being able to take advantage of the good things offered by the M. S. A.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by M. W. Brother E. A. Montgomery deals with sixty Grand Jurisdictions. Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered in a little more than four pages of clear flowing English and keen and penetrating review. Judge Spear, Grand Master, is commended for a conservative, yet forward-looking administration, while his telling phrase "that Maine is among the most conservative and least progressive jurisdictions in the entire country," comes in for comment and quotation. This correspondent heartily wishes that Judge Spear had never said it in that form, because the phrase has been quoted too often for his comfort, and he is put in the position of bowing his head in humility every time it "bobs up" in some good reviewer's report. What might have been said among ourselves with truth enough perhaps, was never intended for the gaze of the world. Your correspondent believes that had the phrase been "conservatively progressive jurisdictions" it would have covered the case and in his judgment been truer to the facts.

An extended quotation from Judge Spear's address is printed which touches on the duties and opportunities of Masonry in the complex life and issues of our times. Your correspondent's action in the matter of the National Grand Lodge of Italy, and several Central and South America Grand Lodges is quoted, and he is given credit for a "splendid report," for which word we are deeply grateful.

Altogether Brother Montgomery has given us two hours of delightful and informing reading in his review and we find ourselves agreeing with him in essentially every instance throughout his correspondence.

MISSOURI, 1925.

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 111,969; net gain, 2,072. Chartered lodges, 659. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of seven Grand Lodges.

Among the distinguished guests at this communication were the M. W. Grand Masters of Arkansas and Iowa, Brothers Storm O. Whaley and T. W. Wallington.

The M. W. Grand Master of Missouri, Brother Orestes Mitchell, opened his annual address by reference to the stabilizing influence of the fraternity in a land which is "infested with radicals and intolerants whose program is to create disrespect for law and order, distrust of organized society and government, etc." For all of which he advocates "a revival of pure patriotic affection for our Country for its own sake."

The Grand Master called attention by touching eulogy to the passing of three Past Grand Masters, as follows: M. W. Brothers William A. Hall (also Grand Treasurer), William F. Johnson and Robert F. Stevenson. Other fitting reference is made to the falling of these three strong towers of Masonic strength in Missouri by the Committee on Necrology.

In response to his request that the lodges observe "Flag Day," he met with "a response which was exceedingly gratifying." He urged active and ardent support of the Public Schools by each lodge.

Missouri withdrew from the M. S. A. last year but from the words of the Grand Master in his address that "we should again associate ourselves with this National Association and contribute our bit toward the uplift of humanity at large," it would appear that there might be a reconsidering of this action of withdrawal as a Committee with which the Grand Master was evidently in touch, reported later in the session that, it was unable to agree and referred the whole matter to the Grand Lodge for action.

Grand Master Mitchell believes that DeMolay should receive the support and sponsorship of the Freemasons of his jurisdiction.

Three new lodges were organized under dispensation during the year, and many halls dedicated while the Grand Master laid five corner-stones during his term of office.

Among the Grand Master's "Decisions" is the following: That a man who has lost one leg above the knee and by the use of an artificial leg can perform the ceremonies is eligible for the degrees, which accords with our recently passed Maine law.

We are glad to see a clear answer to a clear question which has disturbed and troubled many brethren. Question:—"If a member affiliates with the Catholic Church does that constitute any grounds for charges against him?" Answer:—"No. Freemasonry bars no one and does not question anyone because of his religious faith or church affiliations. All that is required of him is that he be a believer in God." The ban and bar has come not from our Order, but from the Church in several Encyclical letters from the Supreme Pontiff at Rome.

In these days of militant "Fundamentalism" it is enlightening to find the Grand Orator R. W. Brother H. L. Reader speaking of "Masonic Fundamentals" in his annual oration and touching in a vital way upon many of the challenging needs and issues of our day and showing us the way to their practical application to civic and national questions of the hour.

The oldest Master Mason "in the world," Dr. Joseph Singer Halstead of Brenckenridge, Mo., died in 1925, at the age of 107 years and six months.

Another excellent oration by R. W. Brother John F. Caskey touched upon such matters as Liberty, Law and Light, and their masonic meanings and applications.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was given by R. W. and Rev. Bro. Arthur Mather, D. D., who is also Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. He reviewed forty-three Grand Lodge Proceedings, his report

covering nearly two hundred pages of lucid comment and penetrating criticism.

Brother Mather follows in the footsteps of M. W. Brother C. C. Woods for many years the beloved and honored correspondent of Missouri. We herewith cordially welcome Brother Mather to the Round Table of Correspondents, and assure him of our heartiest co-operation and friendship.

Maine receives generous and kindly attention at his hands dealing with our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Two extended quotations from our Grand Master Moulton's address on "Condition of the Fraternity" and "Charitable Work," constitute the major part of his review of Maine. Our withdrawal from the M. S. A. is noted without comment.

Your correspondent is credited with "a highly interesting" report, and words of appreciation are written for our welcome to this new reviewer last year. The distinct progress which he is making warrants our confidence and justifies our praise of one year ago at his maiden appearance among the correspondents.

NEBRASKA, 1925.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 40,287; net gain, 702. Number of chartered lodges, 286. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-five Grand Lodges, ours for Maine did not appear on the list.

The annual communication was opened with the few delightful preliminaries, a notable feature of which was the presentation of the Past Grand Masters by a kindly and humorous speech by P. G. M. Henry H. Wilson. To call each of the Past Grands a "fossil" in the museum of antiquities, and to "get away with it" and leave no bitter sting was the achievement of Brother Wilson.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Robert R. Dickson, in his annual address put the burden of Grand Lodge responsibility where it rightfully belongs on the shoulders of the representatives of the respective lodges, and urged attendance at every session. He uttered this wise word: "Many of the brethren are apt to shirk and seek to avoid responsibility for that which is done, and charge the mistakes made to the Grand Lodge." How true!

During his administration he granted four dispensations for new lodges and conducted ten corner-stone ceremonials.

Under "Discipline" he speaks severely of one lodge that had acquitted a member charged with criminal assault, after he had been found guilty by two juries in two different counties, and finally the Supreme Court passed the same final judgment. But all this was set aside by the lodge and we read that "the brother was exonerated." Grand Master Dickson shows the kind of stuff he is made of by saying: "From the records, it is apparent that the brother not only violated the laws of the State, and his Masonic obligations, but impaired the good name of Masonry."

The various Masonic "Homes" in Nebraska are praised in fervent terms by the Grand Master and from the financial tables connected therewith it is evident that these are economically and effectively administered but there is the usual story hinted at, of increasing problems in the furtherance of these philanthropies and the Grand Master's last line is eloquent of much, " Shall we be weighed in the balance and found wanting in the performance of duty? "

The report of the Grand Custodian, R. W. Bro. Robert E. French, is an extended one, replete with instructive facts and true Masonic wisdom.

In the evening of the first day's session W. Brother Matthew A. Hall delivered a worth-while oration on the subject " According to Law." A lucid and logical exposition of the nature, purpose and application of law in our human relationships, and its Masonic meanings. The oration is embellished with many heroic incidents which prove the real spirit of Masonry even though one has never taken a degree and is touched throughout with that message which came from God's Gentleman of Gallilee. Several familiar poems are included which enforce and elucidate the theme which must have held the rapt attention of the brethren.

The report of the Joint Committee on the Children's Home at Fremont, is printed at length and shows that the O. E. S. and the Grand Lodge are working together in peace and domestic tranquility in the founding and maintenance of this institution. The fine spirit of service and sacrifice of both bodies is included in the official name, which is, " The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported favorably on fraternal recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and asked for further time in the matter of recognition of the Grand Orient of Argentine. Adopted.

A Committee on Promotion of World Peace gave a brief but emphatic endorsement of the World Court, the report closes with these words that " with the adoption of the World Court we shall have made a tremendous advance toward the judicial settlement of international disputes and hence toward the preservation of universal peace." A conviction which seems to be growing throughout the civilized world.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was written by W. Brother Frank L. Haycock who took the place of the regular correspondent, M. W. Brother John A. Ehrhardt, who because of illness was unable to perform the task. He opens his report with a brief and gracious " Personal Preface " in which he rightly though modestly says, " If one gives the best of himself, it should preclude the necessity for defense of his work, however poor it may seem." With this graceful and vigorous word, he proceeds to give us a good review, though brief, of each Grand Jurisdiction. Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered. Reference is made to R. W. Bro. Charles W. Farrar, now deceased, and always greatly loved by the brethren of Maine; from some facts which Brother Haycock has in his memory, and which he has communicated to your correspondent for Maine in a private letter, he deduces the strong pro-

bability that Brother Farrar is "a descendant of Henry Price, the father of American constituted Masonry." It may be so, and logically and sentimentally it ought to be so; at any rate from Brother Haycock's personal letter we are sure of the fact that State of Maine ancestry is in his veins and we are glad not only to welcome him as the latest newcomer to the "Round Table," but to greet him cordially from the Pine Tree State from which his ancestors were generated. How good it is to read these words about Maine from the plains of Nebraska, "In reviewing Maine, the thought, 'My Country, 'tis of thee,' is ever present. It is my native land. Familiar names dot the proceedings. Memories of boyhood days and of woods and waters arise in mental picture." How the "mettle of our pasture" tells in this old rugged Maine stock which has gone to people and ennoble every state in the Union; how those memories of childhood years throng the heart when as the Bible says, "they are living in a far country" (although not of course on the husks which the swine did eat); the pine clad hills of Maine, the gleaming amber waters and kindly hearts will welcome him back any time that Nebraska will let him go. There are plenty of his name, especially in Waslington County, and we observe "Old Home Week" once a year!

NEVADA, 1925.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 2,687; net gain, 79. There are thirty-four lodges on the roll. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions; ours of Maine was not present.

At the formal opening of this communication the M. W. Grand Master of California, Brother David J. Reese, was welcomed and made a speech in response to his cordial greeting which was a model of fraternal sentiment and masonic cordiality.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edward A. Ducker, in opening his address made touching reference to those who had been called "to where beyond our voices there is peace." At once your correspondent turned to those matchless memorial pages which he had come to expect from Brother Vanderleith and found the same chaste and subdued choice of poems in memory of the beloved fraters, which has always characterized his arrangement. A quiet and pensive atmosphere as of the autumn time surrounds these pages and as Keats says, "makes us half in love with easeful death." There is nothing which comes to this reviewer's table any more beautiful or ennobling than this annual selection of real poetry, which is far and away from mere verse or cheap and tawdry sentiment.

This is a temptation to which your correspondent has yielded every year to praise this man for his exceptional work.

Among Grand Master Ducker's common-sense decisions was one that a man who had lost the sight of one eye was not disqualified for membership; he also rightly withheld his approval from an amendment to by-laws disqualifying any man who "had passed his fiftieth birthday," from receiving the degrees.

A long list of "visitations" which must have included the majority of the lodges of Nevada, shows the craft in excellent fraternal and financial condition, a fact which we find later verified in his words on the "State of the Craft." We find that the M. S. A.'s educational plan and pamphlets however, pretty much neglected by most of the lodges, and he urges the various committees having these matters in charge to push a more vigorous campaign of Masonic education in these "backward lodges."

The only recommendation made by the Grand Master is that of continuing in membership with the M. S. A. Approved.

He also urges friendliness and support for the DeMolay movement.

Among his circular letters was one urging the lodges to observe "Educational Week" in co-operation with the public schools of Nevada.

The Committee on Fraternal Recognition did not recommend fraternal recognition of the Argentine Grand Orient, and the Grand Lodge Cuscatlan of San Salvador.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother A. J. Maestretti, and is replete with wise words and masonic admonition. He traces the application of Masonic light and our symbols to the challenging problems and duties of our day in education and economics, in religion and government, in social and civic ways. Altogether it is a brief and yet comprehensive message outlining the mission of the craft to the civilized world.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the welcome and familiar hand of R. W. Brother E. D. Vanderleith, the Grand Secretary, and deals with seventy-seven Grand Lodges. With logical lucidity he touches the various high spots of each Grand Jurisdiction without extended comment and with rather more than usual of quotation. Our One Hundred and Fifth Communication is given a generous amount of attention, our M. W. Grand Master Albert M. Spear is credited with a "straight forward address, straight from the shoulder," your correspondent with "a virile pen and a report good to read, mark and inwardly digest." The name of Vanderleith bulks very large in this reviewer's vision as he has frequently indicated in other reports. His literary skill and fine poetic temperament, indicated in so many ways throughout the volume, has drawn him to us as a rare and choice spirit whom it would be a privilege to know and (not to be sentimental) to love.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1925.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,955; increase, 165. Lodges on roll, 46. Beside the Grand Lodge family, there were present five Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-one Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother Herbert E. Gould for Maine.

The proceedings of a special communication at St. John, on Sunday, May 17th, are given. A special service conducted by V. W. Brother C. Gordon Lawrence was the principle feature of the occasion. The entire sermon is printed in full from the familiar Masonic text in Amos VII:7. The aim of the address was to point out the modern symbolism of the

working tools, especially the plumb-line. Altogether it is a lucid talk which touched upon vital Masonic principles and no doubt held the attention of the brethren.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother George D. Ellis, in opening his annual address calls attention to the fact that 850,000 pounds sterling have been raised by the Grand Lodge of England for the building of the Masonic Temple in London for those English brethren who fell in the Great War. He also calls attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has just celebrated its Two Hundredth Anniversary and that "Freemasonry in New Brunswick is deeply indebted to Irish Masonry." Mention is made of the abandoning of the requirements of belief in God, and the Great Light, by the Grand Orient of Belgium, with which Grand Orient we severed relations last year on this ground. The O. E. S. comes in for some criticism at his hands and he avers that "the use of our Private Lodge rooms is greatly to be deprecated." One new lodge (Hartland, No. 46), was constituted during his term of office. An extended list of "visitations" largely to local lodges is given, and of especial interest is his visit to the Semi-centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of P. E. I.

He called attention to the abuse which had crept into some lodges in the matter of proposing new members, and quotes the clear prohibition of the Constitution in this regard.

The Board of General Purposes reported against the considering of a Masonic Home, saying that the "financial engagements of the ensuing five years precluded any effective action."

An outstanding feature of this Communication was the unveiling and presentation of a portrait of M. W. Past Grand Master Brother Daniel C. Clark. Maine had the pleasure a few years ago at its centennial of greeting this honored Brother, and hearing his address on that occasion, which makes the event of more than formal interest to us of Maine.

An interesting and wholesomely conservative report of the Committee on Foreign Relations was adopted. This report calls attention to the fact that New Brunswick is in friendly relations with all English-speaking Grand Lodges of regular obedience throughout the world. The report calls attention to Prince Hall Lodges (colored), saying "they are unrecognized by us, not because this Grand Lodge (N. B.) has decided that they are illegitimate in origin, but because we must defer to the American doctrine of territorial jurisdiction that forbids us to recognize two Grand Lodges in one state." Masonry in Southern Europe is considered by the committee of rather dubious standing because of their "political activities, and still more so by its rejection of one of the three Great Lights." Regret is voiced of the political disturbances in Italy and Portugal where Masonry is in open conflict with the government. New Brunswick is considering recognition of a few of the Central and South American Grand Lodges at their next session. We especially like their action relative to the conflicting Grand Lodges in Mexico, where the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico have been for years "disturbed by a bitter controversy as to their respective claims to regularity and juris-

diction." New Brunswick withdraws recognition from the York Grand Lodge on the truly Masonic ground, "that they do not wish to support the claims of either of the parties against the other." Which has been the attitude of Maine, and will continue to be, until their differences are harmonized and there is one Grand Lodge exercising sovereign territorial jurisdiction.

There is no formal review of sister Grand Lodges.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,086. Increase in membership, 313. Number of lodges on roll, eighty, each of which made annual returns.

The Annual Communication is preceded by a report of the Sixty-sixth Semi-annual Communication, at which time the three degrees are worked by various lodges for the edification of the brethren; this semi-annual seems to take the place of our various Lodges of Instruction in different parts of the State, for we learn that at the conclusion of the work of the three degrees, the State Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Herbert E. Richardson, made comment and offered criticism on the work of the day.

At the Annual Communication the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Frederic E. Everett, commented at length on the flexibility of the Masonic Order and the ease with which it adapts itself to the problems and issues of the age. While recognizing the granite foundations of the Craft he yet sees in the superstructure something yet building and built upon. It is a piece of delicate and penetrating insight which can see and say these words, "we change not our Freemasonry, but we have begun to apply its basic principles in new channels. A vision of greater usefulness has permitted us to apply the old things in newer ways."

Among the Grand Master's record of degrees by courtesy we notice several in Maine, conferred upon the brethren during the year. There are more in which our State of Maine is involved than any other, which befits us as New Hampshire is our nearest neighbor. Among the Grand Master's constructive labors were the laying of three corner-stones, and the dedication of three temples.

Last year a one dollar assessment per year, for five years was adopted that the Manchester Masonic Home might be enlarged and its equipment improved. Grand Master Everett says that this was paid "without a grumble" and we herewith congratulate the brethren, while at the same time we commend the fact itself to the Maine brethren as one of the increasing necessities of entering upon a Masonic Home project. If we can read between the lines of many Grand Jurisdiction reports (and we hasten to say that we are not now referring to New Hampshire) there are several Grand Lodges that regret having started so stupendous an undertaking, and are now constrained to carry it forward with ever increasing financial difficulty and burden.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren on having watchmen on the towers of the temple which was shown by the fact of 135 rejections during the year.

The usual reports of the D. D. G. Ms. are given, and read much like our own and evidence faithful labor loyally performed.

A motion to assess the brethren one dollar per year for a year's subscription to "The Master Mason," was discussed, and finally laid on the table for next year.

A resolution was adopted allowing the Order of the White Shrine, to hold its meetings in the lodge rooms of New Hampshire. This had been on the table, since last year and the mature deliberations of the brethren seemed to see no harm in such procedure and permission.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is the nineteenth from the hand of R. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney. And for this excellent piece of literary work Brother Cheney is paid the munificent, princely sum of \$150.00 per year. Well may he aver that to do it, "is a growing fascination because one loves Freemasonry." If one might be permitted to amend the scripture a bit, "the literary laborer is worthy of an aquare hire." And here's hoping that Brother Cheney gets it! Seventy-two annual proceedings are ably reviewed. Maine for 1923 is given more than the usual allotment of space, nearly three and one-half pages of kindly and delicate criticism which it is a pleasure to read. Grand Master Spear is praised for his vigorous charge upon the forts of Masonic conservatism. Your Correspondent's report is given this high praise: "Every page seems to be a message, the men who read it are bound to grow in the Masonic graces." We are glad to accept "the hand that is stretched forth in the spirit of love" from New Hampshire. We love him and would like to see him more monetarily appreciated.

NEW JERSEY, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership 82,827; net gain, 4,358. There are 254 lodges on the roll. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present eight Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-two jurisdictions, including ours for Maine, R. W. Brother William Ritchie. A long list of D. Vs., including M. W. Brothers Samuel M. Goodyear (G. M. of Pennsylvania), Charles D. Bird (G. M. of Delaware), Brother Walter T. Arnold (G. M. of Connecticut), and Brother Henry C. Dexter (G. M. of Rhode Island).

The M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, Brother Andrew Foulds, Jr., speaks in his opening words of the annual address of the irreparable loss to the Grand Lodge in the deaths of Past Grand Master M. W. Walter Chandler, and of R. W. Bro. E. Wilmer Collins, who had served the Craft by many loyal years of Masonic labor.

Included in his address is an interesting letter of rather tender reminiscence by R. W. Sir Alfred Robbins, who last year made America a visit as the official representative of the Grand Lodge of England. Sir Alfred's entire report after his return to England, was included in our last year's

correspondence. New Jersey was one of the favored jurisdictions during his visit, and of this he makes feeling reference in his letter to Grand Master Foulds.

Among the constructive Masonic labors of the Grand Master was the laying of eight corner-stones, account of these is given in the record of "Emergent Communications" which preceded the annual communication; the instituting by dispensation of seven, and the constituting of four new lodges. He turned down a request for a new lodge in Paramaribo, Surinam in Dutch Guiana, with the following words: "I am of the opinion that we should confine our lodges to the territorial limits of the State of New Jersey, and felt that we could not conveniently accede to the request." Which is revelatory of much, and speaks volumes for the wise, conservative course of this large and honored jurisdiction. There are Grand Jurisdictions which would "jump at" the chance in a kind of nonsensical scramble for Masonic imperialism. Another evidence of Grand Master Fould's wise and truly Masonic policy and principle is seen in his severing relations with the Grand Orient of France for invasion of the neighboring jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

A matter which interests Maine quite directly is under the title of "Proposed Charity Foundation," as a committee was appointed last year to consider the ways and needs and means for a similar Foundation in Maine. Grand Master Foulds recommends a one dollar per capita from each member per year, for five years. He urges also that as an official publication for the Grand Lodge is too expensive a proposition, that New Jersey take advantage of the proposition of the publishers of "The Master Mason" by which every member in New Jersey can receive it at one dollar per year, instead of three dollars the regular price. Beside this there will be issued as the New Jersey part of the magazine, sixteen pages each month dealing wholly with New Jersey Masonic matters. This one dollar per member is to be collected by the secretaries of the lodges and sent to the Grand Secretary of the M. S. A. as payment for the New Jersey edition. Adopted by Grand Lodge.

Masonic Clubs and the O. E. S. are quite impartially commended by the Grand Master, as on the whole invaluable adjuncts, and co-operators with the lodges. His "Decisions" are all conservative and well within the usual practice of the Craft wheresoever dispersed.

This volume of Proceedings is illuminated by several clear photographs of new Masonic Buildings and several pictures of different parts of the Masonic Home, and add much to the interest and variety of the volume for 1925.

Several of the distinguished visitors mentioned above made admirable and eloquent addresses, and we were especially glad to read again Brother Andrew L. Randell's speech, couched in its usual fervent and instructive terms.

We were glad to see that the Foreign Correspondence Committee turned down the request of the Masonic International Association (which includes a score of Grand Orients and Latin speaking Grand Lodges with

which we are not in fraternal relations, by saying, "we are unable to find any justification for association with this organization."

How large a place is occupied by the Masonic Home in the hearts and thoughts of the New Jersey brethren is indicated by the fact that full forty-two pages of these Proceedings deal with reports and tables and other matters dealing with this splendid philanthropy.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is largely written by M. W. Bro. P. G. Master Robert A. Shirrefs, but we notice the initials E. A. R. appended to several of the reviews included in the report and learn after a brief search that Bro. Ernest A. Reed is the reviewer. Both writers have done their work ably, each with a distinct flavor or aroma of personality, if we may so express it. This reviewer believes that he could for the most part discriminate Bro. Shirrefs' writing, even if the other initials were not added. This is not in any way to reflect discredit, or to make invidious comparison between the two literary styles. They are both equally good in different ways and have a decided personal tang of their own. We are used to the Shirref-flavor, which is an awful admission for a man in Prohibition Maine to make—Shirref-flavor is an old, well-bodied, rich and mellow one to us who have been reading Bro. Shirrefs reports in this and the Supreme Council (A.A.S.R.) for several years. We have no doubt but that the Reed-flavor will be as good, when we have tasted it as long.

Maine is reviewed by Brother Shirrefs and deals with our One Hundred and Fifth Communication. Grand Master Spear is quoted for nearly half the review, and it is an excellently chosen and phrased passage on the tolerance and universality of Masonry. Your correspondent is kindly treated with commendatory and encouraging words anent his review.

NEW MEXICO, 1925.

The Forty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,421; net gain 258. There were four Past Grand Masters present.

After delightful preliminaries of welcome and response, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother John W. Turner, speaks in his annual address of the approach of their Fiftieth Anniversary and pays due meed of praise to those of other years, during "the turbulent days of early pioneering who builded better than they knew." He then urges with inspring eloquence that having this noble heritage from the past, that we of the present "carry the standard of Freemasonry still forward and write the name of this great organization a little brighter upon the scroll of time."

Something of the educational program and the extent of its application may be seen in his words that, "we have in force today about forty loans to students in higher educational institutions."

The Grand Master, evidently with some opposition, is trying to embark the Grand Lodge on a kind of Masonic Home project. It would indeed be an heroic if not hazardous enterprise for a jurisdiction of little more than six thousand members to attempt to establish, equip and maintain such a Home. Maine with more than seven times that number does not feel

any such imperative demand, believing that as in the past Masonic generations, it can best handle such things in other and even more desirable and efficient ways. New Mexico last year decided to join the International Association, but as Byron said, "a change came o'er the spirit of the dream" and further investigation was ordered. (See review under New York in this report). Three words come to this reviewer's mind when considering the International they are, dangerous, delusive and (ultimately) devious.

Of the M. S. A. the Grand Master said he was satisfied that it "can and will fill a long felt need if properly guided through the experimental stage," With Hamlet we only say, "Aye, there's the rub."

The Sojourner's Club, at Fort Bayard (N. M.), is highly praised and progress reported. The matter is again referred to each Grand Jurisdiction for patronage and financial support.

An interesting photograph is included in the volume of "The Carlsbad Cavern National Monument," from which we learn that a Masonic body foregathered here, eight hundred feet underground on August 3, 1924. A score of men, presumably brethren, are gathered in sitting posture and in shirt sleeves beneath the walls of the cavern. An interesting account of the event is given by the Educational Committee.

We of Maine extend sympathy to New Mexico in the loss of M. W. Brother James Henry Wroth, a tower of Masonic strength in the Grand Lodge and well known and beloved for many years.

After the words of the Grand Master so fervently extolling the M. S. A., we are surprised to find the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, saying this, "if these necessary details, which are in accordance with the original plan of the Association, are to be neglected as in the past, we question the advisability of longer continuing our membership, etc." Well, we have usually discovered if we search long and patiently enough through Grand Lodge Proceedings, that there is usually some sentiment like this lurking in the background, even when things seem clear and calm on the surface.

There is no extended report on Fraternal Correspondence, but a brief three-page paper giving reasons and more or less justifiable excuses and condonements for his dereliction is printed, wherein we find much of the desires and diseases, which seem multiform and manifold, of the writer of the report. With an engaging and charming frankness he seems to sum it all up in the phrase, that he is afflicted with "an innate distaste for labor.

NEW YORK, 1925.

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 311,270. Number of lodges, 956, all of which made returns. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of sixty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother William J. Moore for Maine. This is by far the longest list of Grand Lodges having fraternal relations of any American Jurisdiction,

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We note with fraternal sympathy the passing of R. W. Brothers John Lloyd Thomas and Brother Rev. George R. VanDeWater, both of whom were pillars of Masonic strength in the building of New York Masonry. Among the constructive labors of this jurisdiction during the year were the laying of five corner-stones, the dedication of four temples, the organizing (U. D.) of nine, and the constituting of seven, new lodges. We note also, as a kind of incipient evidence of Masonic extension which has been characteristic of this Great Jurisdiction, that four lodges have been organized under dispensation at Bucarest, Roumania. We do not mean to imply that this expansion into foreign fields is in any sense a manifestation of masonic imperialism, but is probably justified (to go back to 1898 in our country's history) on the ground of manifest masonic destiny. But judged by what occurred later in the session, and the drastic action of the Grand Master in several instances (referred to later in this review) it appears fairly obvious that such overseas expansion and domination is rather hazardous in the long run of things.

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Nine pages of his address are given to a full explanation and justification of his summary and drastic action in the matter of the so-called Masonic International Association, an organization which has been viewed with concern and even suspicion by this reviewer from its inception. The proposition of this Association, which contains less than three per cent. of the Masonic membership of the world, some of which is clearly clandestine was for a kind of universal amalgamation of Freemasonry, apparently regardless of anything but the label Masonic, — so the Masonic millenium, the gleaming Utopia of a world-wide Fraternity of Craftsmen, was to come instantly by three per cent. of rather questionable Masonic material leading the ninety-seven per cent. into the Promised Land of corn and wine. In the crude language of the old adage, "the tail was trying to wag the dog," but some parts of the canine anatomy refused to budge or oscillate. New York, it must be confessed, at first thought they saw "something in it,"

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to see and frankly admit the mistake, and do the bravely Masonic thing in a critical and momentous crisis. For many of us—smaller jurisdictions and counting for little by comparison with New York's influence in such matters—were disturbed and anxious, as to their leadership in such dangerous and untried paths of Freemasonry. This correspondent feels considerably as he used to many decades ago on the foot ball field when the University had won a decided victory against its old opponent. Or to put the matter in more accepted form, we feel at the action of New York like raising a *Te Deum*, and singing *Gloria In Excelsis*.

Another action of the Grand Master was in withdrawing from the Masonic Service Association, the correspondence relative to it being included in his annual address. From this we learn that out of the thirty-five Grand Lodges joining in 1919, twenty-nine (and even less at this present hour) remain. He says, "That after a period of six years the Association was floundering in an endeavor to formulate some plan to justify its existence." He avers that the whole program of the M. S. A. is disappointing in its achievements. Perhaps one difficulty is the manifest contradiction between a Grand Lodge maintaining sovereignty and yielding it to an outside, if not essentially, a "super" organization. The one great desideratum—which we frankly acknowledge is the main point of strength in the M. S. A. advocacy, that the Craft in the United States may speak in some crisis and emergency (like the world war) with one voice, instead of forty-nine, can be fulfilled by the Washington National Memorial Society which has the support of every jurisdiction in the United States. And, if this is not feasible, then a kind of informal conference of Grand Masters may be able to function if there is emergent and imperative necessity. Grand Master Rowan thinks that the M. S. A. has become "a publishing organization, which is duplicating similar work done by several jurisdictions."

The space taken for the discussion of the above important matters reduces us to brief mention of other outstanding events of the annual communication.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence through its able chairman M. W. S. Nelson Sawyer, recommended the recognition of the Grand Orients of Greece and of Turkey, the German Grand Lodge called "*Zur Bruderschaft*," and while not officially recognizing the Spanish Grand Lodge (Barcelona) and the Grand Orient of Argentine does (somewhat strangely from our Maine point of view) accord the privilege of "visitation" and "affiliation" in New York lodges. New York does the following in the matter of fraternal recognition,—it extends it to two or more Grand Bodies occupying the same territorial jurisdiction, this of course by mutual consent. And from this practice, we withhold comment.

An interesting and delightfully instructive report of the Overseas Mission is given by Brother Sawyer, dealing largely with Syria and Roumania where New York has several lodges in each country in fulfillment of what has been called in the earlier part of this review, "manifest masonic destiny." M. W. Brother A. S. Tompkins writes of Finland which

is a kind of child of New York. We are glad to see that New York has cancelled its relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, on exactly the same ground as actuated Maine last year. M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, begins his minority reports with this issue of Belgium, and continues them on several other matters of vital importance, especially in that of the International Association.

We regret that space will not allow extended comment on the work of R. W. Brother Ossian Lang, Grand Historian, who occupies twenty pages of the Proceedings. It is solidly informing and written in a style which is charming, and deserves to be printed for every Masonic library in the world. We again call him, as so frequently in the past, a writer of delicate penetration, a master of expression and one of the leaders of Masonic thought and research.

An extended appendix contains the entire subject matter of the International Masonic Association, and has given this reviewer several hours of informing, if sometimes a bit irritating, reading.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother Sawyer and opens with a brief introduction in which he says, and we cordially agree, that it should be the purpose of the writer "to check influences which would persuade the lodges to occupy themselves with contentious political questions more or less subtly introduced."

Maine is given generous and gracious review. Grand Master Spear is commended, and quoted, especially his word about Maine "being the most conservative and least progressive of the entire country." This reviewer has always said in the words of Mark Twin, on reading the news of his death, "This is important, if true," and let it go "at that."

Your correspondent is credited with a review "of high literary quality, comprehensive and well-organized" and respecting our comment on the "First Internationale" that "Maine must eye it askance" he quotes with tacit approval. For which kindly comments we thank him. We do not believe that he has had any "part or lot or share" in this temporary aberration and excursion of New York into the fields of Internationale Hazard and Utopian Iridescence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 40,609; net gain, 1,237. Chartered lodges, 451. Beside the official family, there were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. Ours of Maine was not present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother J. LeGrand Everett, in his annual address referred to his visit to the Oxford Orphanage and expressed his appreciation of the work accomplished and his hope that the brethren would make an annual visit and "contribute to it substantially from his means." He calls attention also to the completion of the Walter J. Hicks Memorial Hospital, which is now completed and in use, although "not entirely paid for." He recommends that the balance due be assumed

by Grand Lodge, and amortization of the amount be extended over two or three years. He makes this brief, but pungent appeal: "It must be paid for, my brethren, and I know of no other way to liquidate the debt." Another indication of the "high cost" of such things, fulfilling the word of Kipling, "For all we take we must pay, but the price is cruel high."

During his term eleven corner-stone ceremonials were conducted. The M. S. A. is in high favor in North Carolina, P. G. M. Poteat being on the Executive Committee of the Commission. Three lodges were organized under dispensation during his term. It is interesting to note that one of his Decisions accords with our recently adopted regulation, viz: "That a man who has lost his leg may be made a Mason, if, by artificial means he can comply with the requirements." We note also, without comment, that a man whose grandmother is a negro is ineligible to the degrees. Regarding a man who can neither read or write "and not even sign his name," the Grand Master allows that while the Code does not specifically state, that he is ineligible it does by implication suggest that a man must have at least the rudiments of an education in order to petition, and the Grand Master clearly intimates that for the standing and welfare of the Craft any lodge should "go slow" in considering him fit building material for the Order. As we note that North Carolina is one of the most progressive of the American Jurisdictions in the matter of Masonic Education it could hardly take the position of encouraging illiteracy. In keeping with this we find that the Grand Master recommends that no brother shall be installed as Master unless it is duly certified that he has read the Constitution "at least once."

An interesting and eloquent Oration is given by the Grand Orator on the subject—Manhood and Masonry—by Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D., in which he points out that those distinctly Christian virtues, Temperance, Courage, Justice, and Wisdom, are also Masonic principles, and both basic in manhood. He then applies these principles to the issues and duties of our age and shows the contribution which the Fraternity has made, and will make, for "the welfare of man and the glory of God." Altogether a clear straight-forward word which strikes the vital nerve of Masonic purpose and ideals.

About thirty pages of the Proceedings deal with the administration of the various charitable institutions conducted by the Grand Lodge, and seem to indicate that while there are increasing burdens and growing financial problems in administration, these Charities are conservatively conducted and efficiently administered.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended withdrawal of recognition (extended in 1922) from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico; the quasi recognition extended a few years ago to the Grand Orient Lusitania of Portugal. North Carolina, also, drops from its list (as Maine did this year) the Grand Orient of Belgium. In withdrawing recognition from these three we see the wholesome tendency and wise conservative course of North Carolina and congratulate the brethren thereon.

The Committee on Necrology, presented a well-phrased memorial for

the deceased brethren, which it has been a quiet and chastened happiness to read. Brother Leon Cash is to be congratulated in knowing how to do a difficult and delicate thing in a noble way. His words, and poetic selections, are admirable and show a fine spirit of triumphant faith in the great mysterious beyond of God.

Many pages of the Proceeding are given to Special Communications, the majority of which are for corner-stone ceremonies, while the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. are given under a separate appendix and make instructive reading and deal, as ours do, with the routine visits of these important officials.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is printed and bound in a separate, but supplemental volume, of the Grand Lodge Proceedings. It is a distinct addition to any Masonic library, not only for its actual bibliophilic value, but for its worth-while quality as Masonic knowledge. It is written and prepared by R. W. Brother J. Edward Allen. This correspondent herewith congratulates North Carolina on its painstaking and inspiring reviewer. His review opens with a keen and penetrating essay on the subject "How Were You Prepared?" in which he gives quiet counsel on this vital theme. After reading it we are confirmed in our somewhat radical opinion that there is many a truer Mason outside the Fraternity than many of us who hold thirty-three degrees therein. For Masonry is a matter of Life, our estimate of it, and our attitude toward it, it is a kind of spiritualization of the enduring values of human relationships. Lincoln, who was not a Mason, was a better one than Benedict Arnold, who is traditionally alleged to have been a Mason. Perhaps this illustration will make clear this reviewer's contention which is implied, though not definitely stated, in the essay of Brother Allen.

The Grand Reviewer gives us several illuminating pages on the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, most of which we have long since considered, although it is valuable to have it all stated in so short a compass of words and citations, his conclusion so far as North Carolina is concerned is that his Grand Lodge should withdraw recognition from the Valle de Mexico, and extended it to the York Grand Lodge. Which is wise counsel, but by no means exhausts the possibilities. The Grand Orient Lusitania, Portugal, and the Grand Orient of Belgium, come in for careful and adverse comment, as the above mentioned action of the Grand Lodge, would, of course, indicate. We are especially interested in his words on Belgium, because they confirm the somewhat drastic action of Maine last year in severing relations. It is a wise word, which indeed answers the whole of that Grand Orient's contention for atheism, philosophic atheism so called, in Belgium's Grand Master's defense of their course of alleged Masonic procedure." We believe that all present-day tendencies to lower the fundamental requirements for recognition beyond what we ourselves insist upon, is a tendency toward the encouragement of such disbelief as is all too common today. We accord to any man the privilege of electing this, if his conscience so directs; but we insist that it be not done in the

name of Masonry, and we will not manifest any willingness that such be done." Which puts the matter in a nut-shell.

Maine receives generous and gracious attention at his hands. Grand Master Albert M. Spear is cordially congratulated on a constructive and progressive year's administration. He is frequently quoted, several times at extended length, but always on matters basic and vital to the Craft.

Your correspondent is given credit for "some of the best Masonic reading of the year" and two and one-half pages are given to his review, the entire "Foreword" of last year being printed in full.

Commenting on this reviewer's reference to Maine being "stampeded" by M. W. Brother Randell's inspiring speech in advocacy of the M. S. A., he avers, "that North Carolina was 'Sold' before Randell spoke." We are just wondering what content Brother Allen gives to that specific word.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1925.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,070; net gain, 37. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present eleven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions, including ours of Maine.

A pleasing feature of the opening session was the welcoming of M. W. Brother H. L. Hart, Grand Master of Montana; another happy event was the greeting of those of Fifty years' standing, one venerable brother being recorded as seventy-one years a Mason.

M. W. Brother, Theodore S. Henry, Grand Master, in opening his annual address called attention to the loss of Past Grand Master Edwin H. James.

The Grand Master made the word "Citizenship" the theme of Masonic study during the year, and judging from his report there was eager response on the part of the various lodges. North Dakota is strong in its devotion to the M. S. A., and the Grand Master recommended that an assessment of one dollar per capita for one year be levied upon the brethren for a yearly subscription to "The Master Mason," issued and published by the Association.

During his term he laid the corner-stone of the First Congregational Church at Dickinson. One of his "Decisions" is that of "a member in good standing compelled by intimidation or fear to request a demit, should be restored to membership and the demit cancelled." Surely there is nothing more unmasonic or miserably contemptible than such a method of getting rid of a brother, there is only one masonic and manly way, by due trial and square dealing.

Under the title "Recognition of European Grand Lodges," he says this true word, "I believe we should not be so ready to hold Masonic intercourse with organizations which are Masonic in name only and of which there may be question of their holding fast to the great fundamental landmarks." Surely to recognize any such is to confirm them in their errors and strengthen them in their sins both of omission and commission.

Twelve pages of the Proceedings are given to an extended and illuminating report of the Grand Lodge Library which is evidently a well established and growing institution.

The Fraternal Correspondence Committee asked for more time in the matter of recognition of Argentine, but granted fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Panama. An illuminating consideration of the Masonic claims and crimes of the Grand Orient of France in which occurs this query of the Grand Master, "were we too hasty in recognizing the Grand Orient of France, and should such recognition be withdrawn?" To which we would laconically reply — Sure! A body that deliberately invades and rapaciously violates the jurisdictional sovereignty of so many Grand Lodges of the United States, deserves short shrift and summary treatment by abrupt termination of relations.

W. Bro. Geo. H. Phelps of this committee submits a topical outline of various matters and issues that are engaging the attention of the Masonic world. It seems to be a kind of concession to those who still prefer this kind of thing, but we are pleased to say that North Dakota's Correspondent has little use for it as he says in his more formal review in the usual manner which forms a valuable appendix to the volume of proceedings. In this "topical outline" of five pages, we find our Grand Master Spear quoted at length on the subject of Individual Masonic Responsibility.

On the roster of the Departed of Other Jurisdictions, we note with fraternal appreciation the name of R. W. Brother Winfield Scott Hinckley, Past Junior Grand Warden.

A well phrased "Resolution on Law Enforcement" was adopted which reminds us that North Dakota, like Maine, is a Canadian border state and therefore has its peculiar problems which seem to us rather tenderly handled by the committee in the wording of the resolution.

A joint committee "turned down" the Grand Master's recommendation for a one dollar per capita yearly subscription to "The Master Mason." In which action we emphatically concur. If that kind of thing is once commenced, where will it stop?

There had evidently been considerable discussion respecting the Frank J. Thompson Memorial prize for oratory in the colleges, some believing that since there was no great amount of competition, only two or three students competing sometimes, it better be turned to other uses, but a "Special Committee" reported for its continuance seemingly on the ground that since it was left for that purpose by the original donor, and a part of the Grand Lodge By-laws, there was not sufficient justification for its diversion into other channels.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Brother George Hovey Phelps who ably reviews sixty Grand Lodges' proceedings. This is his third annual review. Heretofore he has employed rather reluctantly, we gather from his words, the topical method of review. When we opened his review this year and found him employing the usual method of consideration of each Grand Lodge, we raised a kind of — *Te deum laudamus*, a sort of, *Gloria in Excelsis*, that he had changed. And in our opinion it is

a worth-while change, as it is a conspicuous achievement by Brother Phelps.

Maine is given generous and gracious attention at his hands. Our Grand Master, Judge Albert M. Spear, is cordially commended and briefly quoted, for Brother Phelps is no paste-pot, scissors correspondent, but deals with solid things in a straight forward way. It is rather delicate and penetrating criticism which we get from him and North Dakota is to be felicitated on so quickly finding a worthy successor to Grant S. Hagar, recently deceased.

For this kindly thing said of your reviewer we express our thanks, "Here is a three-year old producing a report that would be a credit to a veteran, for it is work of a ripe scholar, a master of English and a good Mason." There is always danger in taking that kind of praise too seriously, and after making a liberal discount especially of the "ripe scholarship," we simply say that we will try to live up to such words anyhow, even though the effort terminates in ludicrous failure sometimes. This correspondent never was quite sure what the phrase, "perseverance of the saints" really meant, but there is real application of it to Brother Phelps after reading his new form of review and hailing him as a master in this particular kind of reviewing.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1925.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,962; net gain, 83. Chartered lodges, 79. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present three Past Grand Masters, and twenty-eight Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

The Grand Lodge, as is their annual custom attended divine worship, and listened to a sermon by V. W. Bro. Rev. R. M. Leign, an abstract of which is given from which we gather that the basic principles of our Order were enforced by eloquent words and the symbolism portrayed by forceful illustration and all made applicable to the duties and issues of our day.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother James Henry Winfield, in opening his address makes touching reference to the loss of the Grand Lodge in the passing of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers John Hay and Murray Lawson. A tender memorial address for M. W. Brother William Medford Christie, three times Grand Master of Nova Scotia, is given in full, and we sympathize with the Grand Lodge in the loss of so great and good a man as their Grand Master Christie.

Among Grand Master Winfield's "Decisions" all of which are in line with Masonic law and common-sense, we note that a man who was initiated as an E. A., became mentally affected, but after a year's treatment was "discharged as cured," and been normal ever since. Of course there was only one decision to that, the Grand Master ruled for his advancement. And we quote it only for the purpose of showing how common-sense synchronizes with Masonic law.

The Nova Scotia Freemasons' Home was supported by a three dollar per capita levied by the Trustees. It would seem to be the common

story of increasing high cost for the maintenance of such institutions which confronts the majority of Grand Lodges in keeping these splendid philanthropies on a sound and progressive basis.

We notice with interest the action of Nova Scotia in severing fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium for precisely the same reasons that actuated Maine in our last communication. The committee on the Grand Master's address, heartily endorsed his action in this regard.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, which seems to have such matters under their charge in this jurisdiction, recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and denied it to the National Grand Lodge of Italy, in this latter regard coinciding with the action of Maine two years ago.

The Grand Master had remitted the dues of one lodge which had been under tremendous expense in building its new Hall, but the committee, while allowing his action, rather censured it (and in our belief rightly so) as essentially establishing a demoralizing precedent for other lodges in like situation in the future.

An address by R. W. Bro. A. S. Reid, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Delaware, brought the greetings of that jurisdiction. It must have been a kind of "old home week" experience for Brother Reid, as we learn that he visited Nova Scotia twenty-six years ago.

The ten D. D. G. Ms. make the usual reports of their Districts, which read much like our own and their duties evidently cover the same ground as ours. Good old Scotch and English names are appended to each report and indeed the entire roster of membership (printed in full in their proceedings) gives us an insight into the quality and calibre of their membership. It would be a pleasure to foregather with such sterling stock, so much like our own.

Under report of the Jurisprudence Committee a kind of wholesale, promiscuous and altogether cosmopolitan fraternal recognition of ten Central and South American Grand Lodges was adopted, and the way opened on the same basis for five others in Europe, including the Grand Lodge Alpina. This is traveling pretty fast for staid old conservative Maine, but as we have noticed Nova Scotia's action in severing relations with Belgium, which coincides with our own action this year, it may be well for us to preserve our somewhat conservative policy so that such action may not be necessary in the future. There is something involved beside rules and principles, important and convincing as these may seem to be, and it is difficult to phrase that something because it belongs to ensemble, esprit de corp, the no less real things because a bit vague and even intangible. A man may be in every way outwardly correct, keep all the rules and principles of a gentleman (like Lord Chesterfield, shall we say), and yet there is something in his ensemble, some spirit or atmosphere which he exhales, that makes us a little careful and reluctant to invite him to our home circle. Lord Chesterfield was the very flower of courtesy and gentlemanliness, but one has only to read his familiar letters to his son, to see that there was something very real and very necessary wanting to a real man.

The Report of Correspondence is written by R. W. Brother James E. Jones. In a brief introduction he speaks of the many who joined our Institution during the Great War, thinking they could obtain something for nothing and have discovered their error, and are now demitting or being suspended for non-payment of dues. We might devoutly wish that it would always work out thus automatically, but many lodges are carrying, and will probably continue to carry, this war-burden of indifferent Masonic material admitted under the war-psychology and hysteria.

Maine, for 1925, is cordially and comprehensively considered. Grand Master Moulton is commended and his action in several regards approvingly quoted. His action in admitting to petition a man who had lost one foot at the ankle, but with an artificial foot which allowed him to give all Masonic signs, is rather criticised by Brother Jones who calls this decision, "about the limit." The answer is that if *we* reached the limit (which a recently passed law permits) how about Grand Master Winfield's Decision (Page 35, G. L. Proceedings this year, 1925) which deals with exactly the same kind of case, viz: "If a candidate who has lost his right foot above the ankle and has an artificial foot and is able to perform all that would be required of him according to the ancient Rites, can be admitted?" Answer: "In the present instance, the information being that the candidate can perform all that would be required of him, I rule that he *is eligible* for admission."

There you are good Brother, "the heart still overrules the head," as the poet said, and Grand Master Winfield reaches "the limit" too, but not in the same way. He reaches "the limit" by winking at such things and stretching a point almost to breaking (we used to do it too occasionally) but in Maine we have a clear statute allowing it under the conditions outlined. Maine did not like to be put in the position of penalizing misfortune, an accident perhaps incurred in the patriotic service of our country on the fields of Flanders. It puts a Grand Lodge, without such provision, in the position of both penalizing patriotic service, and evading what is often a clear cut law of the code of statutes.

We can now go "the limit" with a clear conscience and full fraternal heart.

OHIO, 1925.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 193,461; net gain, 5,760. Six Hundred and Six lodges on the roll, five of which are under dispensation. There were present twenty-three Past Grand Masters.

After several preliminary speeches of greeting and response, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother James B. Ruhl, delivered his annual address of seventy-two pages of the proceedings. In the course of his allocution he made fitting and tender mention of the loss during the past year of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Allen Andrews and Horace A. Irvin, who was also Grand Treasurer since 1919.

The Grand Master makes a good point which is perhaps sufficiently obvious but not enough clearly emphasised that "a brother is either able to pay his dues or he is not — and if unable for any good reason, the lodge should remit his dues. It is quite different as to the brother who is able to pay his dues and neglects them, or won't pay them. The sooner you proceed against such brother, the better it will be for your lodge and Masonry." Under the Ohio Code Chapters of DeMolay are forbidden to occupy lodge rooms, and the Grand Master severely deprecates the breaking of this statute by several lodges and proceeds to warn them that any further violation "will be regarded as a wilful violation of Masonic Law and cause for arresting of charter of such lodge."

Another matter which receives his severest condemnation is the holding of lotteries and raffles under the auspices of local lodges. The violation of the Eighteenth Amendment on the part of the brethren is condemned in no uncertain terms, he cites one city where officers of the law who are members of the Order have been punished by the State, and allowed by their lodges to be "inadequately" punished after what he terms "a more or less insincere trial."

Among his constructive duties was the organizing U. D. of five new lodges, the laying of twenty-seven corner-stones, the official dedication of twenty-five temples and lodge rooms, while he made innumerable visitations. One was to Marion Lodge where he visited the tomb of Bro. Warren G. Harding, who was raised in this lodge and of which he was an honored member at the time of his lamented decease as President of the United States. The Grand Master placed a memorial wreath on the tomb in the name of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

In the course of his address he cites the instance of a candidate receiving the major part of the E. A. degree, and being found with an artificial leg "from the knee down." The obligation had been taken and the Grand Master on being asked about it, allowed the candidate to proceed, while censuring the lodge for violating Section IV of the Ancient Charges. Of course Maine under its recent law would have had no trouble with the matter providing the candidate was able with his artificial limb to do the necessary masonic work. He issued an "Order" against attempts at the commercializing of Masonry in his jurisdiction which was timely and justifiable in view of the facts as outlined by him.

It is interesting to note in his address that the Grand Master recommends that Ohio follow the plan of eighteen other Grand Lodges requiring each candidate and applicant for affiliation to pay ten dollars for the use and benefit of the Masonic Home, which plan he avers "will not keep out a single desirable petitioner." In this regard he cites the action of Pennsylvania and California in doubling their fee for this purpose with beneficial result.

We learn from the Grand Master's address that Ohio is tentatively adopting the plan used by several other Grand Lodges of obligating the candidate on a new Bible (for sanitary and sentimental reasons which are obvious) and at the time of his raising presenting him with the volume

suitably inscribed. The candidate will thus receive the time honored Apron, and a copy of the Great Light, in Ohio.

During the session the Grand Orient of Italy's request for recognition was "indefinitely postponed," which accords with our action in Maine a few years ago. A request from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was denied on the ground that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is officially recognized and then occurs these words: "Recommending that we take no part in any controversies of these two bodies, we feel that no action need be taken at this time." To this Maine correspondent it seems that to recognize either one (to the implied exclusion of the other) is to take part in their somewhat too bitter and unmasonic controversy. At least it is to confirm one by such fraternal and official recognition, which has a tendency to perpetuate the feud and to make "for confusion the more confounded," by such recognition.

Brother Sperra (our old friend of Maine) makes reference to the Grand Orient of Belgium (with which we severed relations last year) and to the Grand Orient of France, having little regard for either as legitimate Masonic Bodies within our American and English meaning of the terms.

At the conclusion of the report on Necrology, the Grand Chaplain made touching mention of the death of the Grand Master's wife at the Washington Memorial.

Brother Sperra submitted his sixth annual report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, dealing with sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions in his usual clearly interpretative manner.

Maine receives generous and courteous attention to the extent of four full commendatory pages. Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication is reviewed. A little reversal of quotations is made, an extended excerpt from Maine's Correspondent being credited to Grand Master Moulton, while a cutting of Brother Moulton's address is given to your correspondent who can stand this mutual and unwitting plagiarism if the Grand Master of Maine can do so.

Brother David E. Moulton is credited with a constructive year of Masonic progress, and our Maine doings are generally approved, as befits a correspondent who seems to us of Maine like one of our own since his foregathering with us a few years ago.

Your correspondent is praised for "an exceedingly able report" and thanked for his compliments to the Ohio reviewer, which were not "compliments" at all, but the plain unadorned truth of appreciation of a broad minded man and able writer of Masonic correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1925.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 66,662; total gain, 6,947. There were present, beside the official family, seventeen Past Grand Masters and thirty-eight Grand Representatives, including ours of Maine.

The annual communication opened with a delightful series of greetings and responses from distinguished brethren, after which preliminaries the,

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry S. Johnston, gave his annual address in which he touched upon matters vital to the Craft, and especially on "The Origin of Masonry," in which he dealt with the beginning, the symbolism and the present day mission of the Order. He sums it all up in a few words, "So let the Masons of 1925 as their successors in privilege become in truth and spirit their worthy sons and lineal representatives in educating the people as to their rights and duties, guarding the sanctity of the public forum and the untrammelled freedom of the press; be our daily care to protect the educational system of the public school in the hands of its friends, etc." We have noticed more and more a tendency to stress education in all the Grand Lodges of America as the outstanding and imperative duty of the Fraternity of the hour, the only danger which we foresee is that the brethren in their zeal and devotion to the cause will become involved in mere political and partisan issues arising therefrom and so entangle the Order with those questions and problems which are those primarily of individual citizenship and personal civic duty of every member of the Craft, but which in the Masonic sense are best left to that individual conscience and initiative which it is our duty and privilege to train and inspire. There is little need for Grand Master Johnston to invoke the spirit of our Masonic ancestry with such words as these: "Oh, Masonry of our fathers, etc." It is the conviction of this correspondent that this kind of thing, is beside the mark, for the Masonry of today is far ahead of some earlier eras in the matter of being alive to present challenging duties and issues of the day, and especially in the matter so greatly stressed by the Grand Master of enlightenment and education. What modern masonry needs is clearly indicated by the following words of Lord John Russell in the House of Commons: "We talk too much, I think, a great deal too much, of the wisdom of our ancestors. I wish we could imbibe the COURAGE of our ancestors."

We read in the Grand Master's address that Oklahoma, having sold its Darlington Home property by contract with the State, at less than its realty value, now finds the State trying to evade its clear duty, and the Grand Master says the question is "one of plain, common honesty. The State is in no different situation to any person that owes a debt. Its duty is to pay. To repudiate would be plain dishonesty." Evidently there is trouble brewing and these sharp words seem to indicate that partisan administrations in the State do not honor each others obligations and agreements.

The Grand Master tells in his report of an interesting, and so far as Oklahoma is concerned, unprecedented event which took place during his term of office, the Master Mason's degree was conferred upon a father and four sons at the same communication. It is unusual enough anywhere to justify especial mention.

Organizations of youth receive emphatic endorsement and support in this Grand Jurisdiction for the M. W. eulogizes and commends the Boy Scouts, the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Rainbow and College Masonic Clubs and Fraternities. After an extended and somewhat fervent lauda-

tion of the M. S. A. we find after all, that Oklahoma's M. S. A. Commission voted *unanimously* to withdraw from the M. S. A., the Grand Master saying that he feels that he is aiding and abetting in the murder of his best friend. And yet he alleges his own grievance by saying that it was difficult for him "to obtain literature, or answers to letters nor by any means whatsoever attract sufficient attention from national headquarters (of M. S. A.) to keep in touch therewith." Which prompts us to say that "his best friend" didn't seem to reciprocate his affection, and it looks like a divorce or severing of the bonds in Oklahoma. Of course this doesn't justify "murder" or even manslaughter, and perhaps a decree of divorce is the only way. But perhaps it may not be ungracious to say we have noticed that divorce decrees are growing rather too fast.

Among his "Recommendations" we are especially glad to see an emphatic one to the effect that "expulsion" should be decreed for all members of the order engaged in violation of the Prohibition and Narcotic Act, and "any lodge that elects or confers degrees upon any inebriate, or any person who buys and sells, etc., liquors or narcotics, such lodge shall be subject to forfeiture of their charter." Drastic, but just! and clearly and absolutely Masonic.

We sympathize with Oklahoma in the loss of two distinguished Craftsmen, who were towers of strength in their Masonic structure, M. W. Brothers Arthur James Weir and Richard W. Choute, both Past Grand Masters of Oklahoma.

An address which must have been as a kind of hallowed benediction was given (printed in full) by the venerable Father Murrow (full page figure of this grand old man of Masonry in Oklahoma) during the sessions. It was a valedictory of a unique kind, and was largely an exhortation for preparation of the soul for the future life, it pleased the brethren for at its conclusion it was greeted with applause and many speakers thereafter tenderly referred to it, in spite of the fact that it stressed a kind of brimstone and sulphur destiny for the majority. Here is a sample of the venerable brother's diatribe, "Eternity is forever, and the soul that is within you, has to go into that eternity, and it will never die, it will never perish; the spirit can go only two places, the one place is Eternal Life, joy, peace, life everlasting, holiness, glory. The other — ah, Me! — is eternal death, eternal suffering, eternal torment, eternal torture, and you know it. You know it, brethren, every one knows this." Well, Well! We have no desire to even comment on this kind of thing, except to say that it has no place at such a time and place, and is totally foreign to any Masonic teaching and violates every propriety of Masonic usage and custom. That it was applauded was a tribute to the nobility and venerability of a beloved Craftsman who is rightly sure of his own escape from such sulphur fires and no doubt fulfills another word of the Great Light, "the hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the hand of M. W. Bro. Thomas Chauncey Humphrey. A good photograph precedes the review, which is the twentieth which he has written. In a brief "Foreword"

Brother Humphry says, what is the experience of every correspondent, that we feel more and more "like kinsfolk." He also said what must be a delightful experience that many members have given him assurance that "they enjoyed reading his report." The review is of fifty-seven jurisdictions, including a generous and vital one of Maine in our One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication. Grand Master Spear is quoted and commended. His extended word on what might be phrased as — the wastages of Masonry — is given a rightful place in this report. Considerably more than half the review is a quotation from our report of correspondence last year respecting Oklahoma. We hope to read many more of Brother Humphry's keen and discriminating criticism and reviews in the onward years.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1925.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 1,169; net gain, 14. Lodges on roll, 17. There were present beside the officers and representatives of the lodges, ten Past Grand Masters and the the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother Geo. W. Wakeford, for Maine.

The Annual Communication was preceded by three "Special Communications," or Lodges of Sorrow for M. W. Brothers Daniel F. McDonald, John Yeo and for R. W. Brother Alexander Horne, Grand Treasurer. A large toll for one year in a Grand Lodge of little over one thousand members.

The M. W. Grand Masters of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, were greeted from the Grand East and expressed their happiness in being present at this Semi-Centennial Session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother William C. Lawson in his annual address expressed his pleasure in welcoming the members to this Fiftieth Anniversary of their Grand Lodge. It is interesting to read, albeit with a touch of pathos, that every member, save one, who was present at the founding of the Grand Lodge fifty years ago, have passed away. So Time taketh toll. Among the Grand Master's recommendations is that fraternal recognition be accorded the Grand Lodge of Guatamala. Adopted.

Past Grand Mater Brother Benj. Rogers was appointed, and later elected to fill out the term of Grand Treasurer Horne, deceased.

Grand Master Lawson announced the completion of the Semi-Centennial program to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had the pleasure of visiting every lodge, but one, in his jurisdiction the advantage of a small Grand Lodge of only seventeen constituent lodges.

The Grand Secretary notes in looking over the records of the past that in 1875, there were 526 members and today 1,169. During that fifty-year period there have been thirty-three Grand Masters, eighteen of which are now living, and six Grand Treasurers of whom none are alive.

The remainder of this volume of annual proceedings is given to the Anniversary exercises. Among the outstanding features were the historical sketch given by R. W. Brother, our Grand Representative for Maine,

G. W. Wakeford, who calls attention to many interesting historical facts, among these are the following: That St. John's Lodge, No. 1, (Charlottetown) held its centennial celebration in 1897, and thus may be seen how misleading as to the age of Masonry in Prince Edward Island, is the observance of a mere fiftieth celebration by the Grand Lodge. Many interesting documents and letters are included in Brother Wakeford's address with signatures of crowned heads of England and many eminent brethren of Canada, while the Morgan Anti-Masonic excitement comes in for a brief mention. Twenty-five pages of the proceedings are devoted to this interesting history which has made delightful and instructive reading for this correspondent. Perhaps the outstanding event of the celebration was the church service in St. Paul's Anglican Church, when Grand Master, M. W. Brother Rev. Canon Allan P. Shatford (M. A., D. C. L.), of Quebec, Rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle (Montreal), delivered the anniversary sermon. The text was from Genesis 47-8, "How Old Art Thou?" and the subject was — The Achievements of Age, and dealt with such truly masonic words and principles as Wisdom, Humility, Stability, Tolerance and Service. These principles were applied to our own life and times, and the light of the past was made to unveil the challenging issues and duties of the present day. Altogether it was an address which must have moved the hearts and exalted the souls of the assembled two thousand and more brethren that were in attendance. At a banquet held in the evening the usual number of "Toasts" were responded to by well-known brethren, especially by the visitors from neighboring Grand Lodges. A brief report of the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee tells us the interesting and significant fact that during this fifty years the Grand Lodge has never had occasion to suspend or expel a single member, nor a single quarrel with any Sister jurisdiction. A record the like of which can hardly be equalled by any other Grand Lodge in America. He raises the question, "Has not the time arrived when we should lay aside the swaddling clothes of babyhood and take our place with the Sisterhood with a Correspondence Review? If we may be allowed to answer,—here it is,—YES, and with R. W. Bro. W. P. Doull as Foreign Correspondent.

QUEBEC, 1925.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 13,703, net gain, 497. Lodges 101, two of which are U. D. There were present beside the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-one Grand Lodges, including ours of Maine.

We note with interest the attendance of several well known brethren from Massachusetts, led by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Dudley H. Farrell.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother Allan P. Shatford, performed several constructive Masonic labors during his term of office, notably the consecration of one, and the instituting of two, new lodges. He also laid the

corner-stone of the hospital for Crippled Children (Montreal), for the Mystic Shrine, one of several of these noble philanthropies situated in various parts of North America. Of this occasion, this "unforgettable function" as it is termed by the Grand Master, we have heard from several of the Maine brethren that were present and also of Grand Master Shatford's ceremony and address at this ceremonial.

By the delivery of twelve sermons, listed in his address we learn that M. W. Bro. Shatford is a clergyman, and we herewith extend greetings from Maine to one engaged in the Master's work of matchless nobleness who can also see something of the deeper meaning of a similar message and mission in our Masonic Order. Two of his notable addresses deal with the subjects: "The Five Points of Masonry," and "Symbolism in Masonry."

In the course of his annual report he has some worth while things to say under the caption, Form and Spirit, and suggests the real purpose of the Fraternity by saying, "Masonry seeks to build men of all races, creeds and parties, together. She is of all religions where God, is recognized. Any effort to identify her exclusively with one form of religion or race would destroy her mission."

The Grand Chaplain, whose address follows that of the Grand Master, is a Jew. Rabbi M. J. Merritt, and he deals thoughtfully and eloquently on the theme "Israel and Masonry." The tolerance and cosmopolitan character of our Institution could not be better shown than in this instance of the Christian Clergyman and the Jewish Rabbi, sitting together in the same East and delivering there words of wisdom from the same platform. Well may we remember the words of the poet, "Shall I ask the brave soldier who fights by my side, if our creeds agree?" If both keep the requirements of the Great Light, "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God," the form and name can matter little. Perhaps such incidents point to some larger, better things dreamed of by the seer:

"A mightier church shall come, whose covenant word
Shall be the deeds of love. Not 'Credo' then, 'Amo,'
Shall be the password, though its gates: Man shall
Not ask his brother any more, 'Believest thou?'
But, 'Lovest thou.' And man shall answer at God's altar
'Lord, I love.' For hope may anchor, Faith may steer
But Love, great Love alone is Captain of the soul."

And so we may recall that benediction of St. Paul, "now abideth, faith, hope and love, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

Twenty-four pages of the Proceedings are given to the reports of the D. D. G. Ms., of the various Masonic districts, one of which, the St. Francis District, borders upon our own territory of Maine. These reports read much like those of our own Deputies, and the names appended indicate a Scotch or English ancestry.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is the thirty-eighth from the hand of R. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers and we read with regret that "a severe and protracted illness interfered" with its preparation. Maine,

for 1924, receives generous and kindly attention at his hands. Grand Master Spear's trenchant words on the meanings of Masonry are quoted at considerable length, while your Correspondent is credited with "a charming review" and quoted under Mississippi. We take this occasion to wish Brother Chambers increased health and returning strength to continue his work as Grand Reviewer for our near neighbor of Quebec.

RHODE ISLAND, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 17,623; net increase, 591. Besides the official family, there were present nine Past Grand Masters, and twenty-two Grand Representatives, ours for Maine did not appear on the list.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Henry C. Dexter, in opening his annual address commented on the fact, which is of quite general application to Grand Lodges, that during the year there had been a slight decline in the numerical growth, attributable to causes, "quite evident and well-understood upon reflection by all." An extended list of "visitations" indicate a busy year of service, while several of these were to other Grand Jurisdictions notably Connecticut and New Jersey. An outstanding event of the year was the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newport (R. I.). An old corner-stone laid by Grand Lodge in 1819, bears an inscription which indicates how closely our Institution was related to the new government of the United States. "This corner-stone laid June 25th, in the forty-third year of Independence by the M. W. Grand Master of Rhode Island, surmounted with Masonic Arms, and on the reverse, Newport Asylum, erected A. D. 1819." The old U. S. naval ship "Constellation" now used as Training Ship for the U. S. N., was the scene of a luncheon party during the celebration. Each guest was presented with a small block of oak taken from the cross-trees of the vessel.

Under "Masonic Home Fund" we find that it is approximately \$40,000, and as there is a Standing Regulation that when this fund shall have reached fifty thousand dollars, a committee shall be appointed to consider the matter of using the fund for building a Masonic Home. The Grand Master wisely suggests that times have changed since that regulation was passed, and he uses the phrase, "this sum is entirely inadequate to either build, establish or maintain a Masonic Home." Our observation of such matters in various Grand Lodges is that the sum is hardly sufficient to "equip" a modern plant for such purposes, he therefore suggests that the Standing Regulation be made to read "one hundred thousand dollars," instead of as above. A bequest from Brother Frank B. Hazard of ten thousand dollars the income of which should be used toward the support of such a Home should it be established. Twenty-one years is the limit of the bequest before such a Home is established, which seems to us an unfortunate effort to force the issue of building a Home.

Of the M. S. A. he says in fervent praise of the Association, that to him "it is comparable to a fire department." There is in the phrase a kind of

merciless fitness which appeals to our sense of grim ironic humor, but we withhold such comments, except to say that surely he has seen the small town (New England) fire department get into action and cover the whole country around with their futile but splendidly gleaming activities. As the Psalm book says (at this point) Selah.

Rhode Island not wishing to act hastily in the matter of severing relations with the Grand Orient of France, for alleged invasion of territorial jurisdiction notably in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, reserves action for investigation by Foreign Correspondence Committee until the next Semi-Annual Communication. The date 1918 (May 20th), in which Rhode Island entered into such fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, suggests the pressure of the war-appeal and the atmospheric hysteria of the time as responsible in some degree for this action in 1918.

Rhode Island was one of the seven Grand Jurisdictions which contributed its one hundred per cent. quota to the Washington Memorial Association, an honorable distinction of which they are justly proud.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized at this session, while they properly ignored the request of the Grand Lodge of Cuba to interest themselves in the matter of the Isle of Pines under the Hay-Quesada Treaty, saying, via Committee (F. C.) that Freemasonry should be absolutely free from and "the request is contrary to the spirit of Freemasonry." Good sense, and the Maine Committee didn't even consider it important enough to be seriously discussed.

A noble letter from President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University expressing gratitude for four scholarships given by the Grand Lodge is included in the very worthwhile and readable report of the Trustees of the Educational Fund which Board is this year distributing \$10,000.00 for such purposes.

Several "Special Communications" are reported in full in the volume of Proceedings, as is also the Semi-annual held in November, 1924.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1925.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 12,969; net gain, 173. Number of lodges, 179. There were present beside the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters and Grand Representatives from thirty jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother G. W. S. Eisnor, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. D. A. Kingsbury, is a firm believer in the system (used by us) of D. D. G. Ms., and pays them high tribute for loyalty, in the opening part of his annual address. He also narrates his attendance upon several District Meetings, sixteen of them, during the year. As there are sixteen Masonic Districts reported briefly by the various D. D. G. Ms. we may assume that one such meeting was held in each District. We notice that our good friend M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, was present at two of these and we are not surprised at the statement that he was a source of "counsel and good cheer."

The Grand Master says that immediately after the tornado which swept Illinois, he sent five hundred dollars for their relief, but received reply to the effect that near by contributions had taken care of the situation and it was not necessary.

He tells of his visit to Manitoba, of which Saskatchewan is the daughter and of being cordially received by this Grand Lodge in its Fiftieth Anniversary.

His "Decisions" are wholly of local matters and in strict accord with the usual practice. Constructive Masonic labors were performed by the issuing of one dispensation for a new lodge, by the constituting of another, by the dedication of one new Masonic hall and the expenditure of substantial funds in charity and benevolence. Saskatchewan is realizing, like Maine, that it is high time that their fund was adequate to their opportunities and "at the present time they are barely meeting their obligations." He says, "there is pressing need for the building up of this fund." Just our Maine situation, with which we are wrestling this year. Their fund amounts to \$188,646.92, with an annual interest, or income yield of \$2,600.11.

An interesting address on, "Our Masonic Contribution to Canadian Life," was given by the Grand Chaplain, the V. W. Bro. G. H. Glover, which deals with those very real economic, civic and social values which are the peculiar prerogative of a Masonic Lodge in any community. It was a worth while word on a difficult theme.

We learn from the report of the Board of Benevolence that during the year there was expended for Masonic charity in this Grand Lodge of 12,969 members, the splendid sum of \$9,230. Maine must droop its head before such generosity, especially when we compare our niggardly doles with our numerically large membership.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. W. M. Thomson and deals briefly with each jurisdiction. Our One Hundred and Fifth Communication is considered at more than the average length and is kindly and commendatory in its comment. Grand Master Spear is quoted at such length that more than one-half of the review are our Grand Master's words. Our action in respect of recognition of Central and South American Grand Lodges, and the National Grand Lodge of Italy is cited without comment. Touching reference is made to our loss in Past Grand Master Mallet, and P. G. Wardens E. A. Porter and James E. Parsons.

Printed in the Proceedings is an address by M. W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill which is filled with wise and kindly counsel about Masonic loyalty and success. We are glad to see a familiar word of Carlyle's that, "the greatest of all failures is the loss of faith in one's self."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1925.

Half Yearly and Annual Communications.

Membership, 11,727; net gain, 676.

The constructive labors of the Craft are seen in the granting of five petitions for new lodges and several new lodge rooms were opened. From

the Grand Master's address which was read by the acting Grand Master in the absence through illness of M. W. Bro. the Honourable Mr. Justice Thoma Slaney Poole, M. A., L. L. B., we cull the following, that "Freemasonry has grown in South Australia with greater comparative rapidity than the population." We learn that the male population in ten years increased by twenty per cent., but during the same period (1911 to 1921) the membership of the Fraternity increased by over 100 per cent. The Grand Master then speaks the usual message "of quality, as well as quantity, be requisite." He rebukes those over zealous brethren who indulge in "Undue publicity." He called attention to the hope that when the Australasian Masonic Conference is held in the city (Adelaide) the Foundation Stone of the New Temple will be laid. He avers his belief that these two events will "give a further impetus to our energy." A message of sympathy was sent to the Grand Master with the hope that he would be "speedily restored to his pristine vigor." A sentiment and hope in which this Grand Lodge of Maine heartily concurs.

The Board of General Purposes again calls attention to the subject of undue publicity at the Annual Meeting with a sharp reprimand for those indulging in this reprehensible practice so contrary to the purposes and principles of the Craft.

An interesting account of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Temple, referred to above, is given in this volume of Annual Proceedings. It was an epoch making event and will long be cherished in the annals of the Grand Lodge. The account of the ceremonial impresses us with its quiet dignity, and the Grand Master's speech is a model of restrained fervor and lucid comment on the meaning and inspiration of the hour. He said, "It is over ninety years since the history of South Australian Freemasonry began. Strangely enough it began before the Province was founded, for on 22nd October, 1834, the South Australian Lodge of Friendship was formed under the English Constitution and met in London. In the first decade of the Colony's existence it was the only Masonic Lodge in South Australia."

In this interesting narrative he traces the growth of the Order from these small beginnings and prophesys larger achievements in what Tennyson calls the "onward years." A word of splendid symbolism is spoken by him to the assembled brethren, "Freemasonry of today seeks to shape not stones, but lives, to build not cathedrals but temples of the individual soul." And so in this chaste speech we are brought into conscious and living communion with those hidden and unspoken meanings of Freemasonry which too often escape the ritualistic inculcation of our familiar lessons in the various degrees.

At the annual communication many felicitations were extended to the Grand Master on his re-election to his high position, to which he responded with gracious courtesy and sincere emotion.

A "Masonic Banquet" was tendered to the visiting representatives, an extended account of which is printed in full and has given us a half hour's delightful entertainment and instruction. The Grand Lodge of Maine

herewith sends its most cordial greetings and a brief line of Alfred Lord Tennyson which suggests that we must not rest content with any achievement but look forward by the inspiration of all such, to the doing of yet larger things. "That which they have done but earnest of the things that they shall do."

A brief review of Correspondence closes the volume. Maine is given rather more than the average amount of space; Grand Master Spear is quoted and commended for a conservative yet constructive year of Masonic labor.

Several references of your Maine Correspondent are quoted and altogether our Grand Lodge doings are approved.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1925.

The One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 29,440; net increase, 725. Number of lodges, 289. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-two jurisdictions. Ours of Maine did not appear in the roster.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother C. K. Chreitzberg, in opening his address especially welcomed the small lodge representatives, as he put it, "those lodges, like the 'Lodge over Simpkin's Store,' which are dispensing true Masonic Light and knowledge without the embellishments of ornate fittings, gorgeous robes and illustrated lectures." He also urges the systematic study by the brethren of the history and philosophy of Masonry which is now "a closed book to the rank and file of our Fraternity."

We read in his report of an unfortunate incident during the year of two rather well known brethren who had capitalized their standing in the Order for political purposes, publishing a letter from the Grand Secretary giving affiliations in various Masonic bodies. This was used as a kind of campaign document, by the principle and his political manager. The Grand Master exonerated the Grand Secretary, but censured the improper use of his letter by the candidate. It created a good deal of indignation, and met with "poetic justice" for we read that the candidate was defeated, and the Grand Master avers, that, "this letter contributed in no small measure to that defeat." As Shakespeare put it, "he was hoisted by his own petard," or in the colloquial of the day, "hung by his own rope." It has been our observation of similar things that such publicity is invariably a kind of boomerang, and inevitably hurts more than it helps.

Among his recommendations is one changing the name of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, to the "Committee on Foreign Relations." Which is, indeed, far more expressive of the duties of the office, as the formal correspondence is usually only a part of the labors of the office.

We notice, also, that South Carolina considered the "Joining Membership," overture from Columbia Lodge, Buenos Aires, Argentine, and disposed of it, as did Maine this year, by a courteous negation. Your correspondent likes the following outspoken words of the Grand Master

relative to "Chain Letters": "It is a slur on the Fraternity to think we are simple enough to believe good luck will follow obedience to this hair-brained scheme. Masons are not superstitious and are not fooled by any such absurd nonsense."

During his year he instituted (U. D.) one, and constituted two, new lodges, laid five corner-stones and made the usual large number of visitations.

Among many "Decisions" largely of a local kind, we notice one asked by the Grand Secretary whether "an illegitimate son would be eligible?" Answer (Thank God), Yes. It is unthinkable, whatever may have been the practice in the earlier operative guilds, that our Order today founded on its principles of fair dealing and "square" living, should deliberately punish innocence. The bald fact of the matter is that there may be illegitimate fathers and mothers, but the infant is born according to the legitimate laws of gestation and parturition, and in innumerable instances have grown into noble and commanding men and women in their various departments of achievement. The list of great names of history would surprise us all. There is probably a biological reason for this, into which, of course, we cannot appropriately enter in these reviews. When we hear someone called "a fallen woman," let's be fair and say, well, there's a "fallen man" somewhere in the wood-pile.

The twenty-five D. D. G. Ms. submitted their usual reports, which are much briefer than ours of Maine, but seem to concentrate their activities clearly and instructively.

Fraternal Relation's Committee deferred recognition of "the Grand Lodge, Oriental Santiago De Cuba," on the ground that S. C. was already in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and it would be an act of discourtesy to extend recognition to another, which sounds reasonable to our conservative ears.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address commended his suggestion for the erection of "a great Masonic Cathedral at Jerusalem as a memorial to the founders of the Craft." Your correspondent suspects that it is not impossible that the Craft might in this way substantially support the Zionist Movement, but somehow it does seem like erecting a monument to an evanescent shadow of mere masonic legend and somewhat mythical tradition.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, submitted its fifteenth annual report. But why evade by such formal nonsense, the real fact, that Brother J. L. Michie (P. G. M.) wrote it all? If it be true as Emerson said, "that any great institution was but the lengthened shadow of a man," surely we may say of the South Carolina Foreign Relations report, it is but the lengthened (not shadow), but real substance of the man Michie. Thoreau was fond of saying that if a man attended to his own business with loyalty and skill, the world of men would "wear a path to his door." That is why most of us, younger and unskilled correspondents, open first of all in South Carolina's Proceedings to Bro. Michie's report; figuratively speaking some of us are beginning to "wear a path" to his door, and to

sit at the feet of Gamaliel. But enough of this kind of left handed commendation; Brother Michie is "the real thing" in foreign and fraternal correspondence, that's what we have been trying to say by left handed inuendo and quotation.

Maine receives generous and commendatory notice in its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication. Judge Spear is quoted at length and praised, Grand Secretary Davis and our Grand Lecturer, also. He says of M. W. Bro. Harry G. Noyes (N. H.) that he delivered a most inspiring message on Masonic Duty and Charity, and then adds in parenthesis like this (Not of record). And we reply, true enough, *not printed*, but we demur quite considerably when he says "not of record," for many of us will carry it, while as the immortal bard says, "memory holds its seat in this (how true of any correspondent's head) distracted globe."

Brother Michie says, and we appreciate the implication, "we have spent a delightful couple of hours reading, etc." He reviews in a very entertaining manner. "Well, often and often when reading far into the night many of these annual proceedings of the world, we have thought of old Jeremiah's question in the valley, "Can these dry bones live?" and any correspondent may be a little encouraged by such a compliment from such a source, for to clothe much of what he reads with fair and palpitating flesh, (of entertainment) is to do a worth-while, and to this correspondent, a rather difficult and delicate miracle of resurrection.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1925.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,296, net gain, 333. Number of lodges, 171, four of which are U. D. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges. Maine's Grand Representative did not appear.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frederick Treon, M. D. (a fine Bather photograph and biographical account opens the volume) makes reference to the fact that the Grand Lodge is beginning on its second half century. It was his sad duty to announce the fact of the passing of three eminent Craftsmen and Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers James Lewis, Robert H. McCaughey and Frank A. Brown. Here is the pathetic truth of the poet's word made tragically clear:

"The ranks of our picked and chosen
The long years may not fill."

Something of the constructive Masonic labors of the year are seen in the fact that during his term the Grand Master instituted three, and constituted two, new lodges, while he dedicated one temple and conducted four corner-stone ceremonials. Under "Decisions" we find him upholding the dignity and integrity of Masonry by saying that a brother who is in the liquor business, is guilty of a grave Masonic offense and should be dealt with according to our laws, he said: "You cannot go on countenancing such conduct. Put your lodge squarely behind the laws of our country." In the matter of crippled candidates he puts the matter up to the local

lodge on the ground that they know the situation and can obtain the facts "better than any Grand Master who has not seen the man."

Among his recommendations is that of a questionnaire, which we have recently adopted in Maine with excellent results:

The Grand Secretary in his report calls attention to the fact that the fifteen jewels which were made for these brethren who had been "Fifty Years a Mason" were exhausted and asks authority for the purchase of nineteen more for as many other brethren who have attained the same high honor, but the committee reported — too expensive.

An excellent photograph of the Grand Lodge Library, at Sioux Falls, built in 1924, adorns this volume and is an excellent example of some architect's skill in design and construction. This building was formally dedicated during the communication by the Grand Master.

The usual foregathering with the O. E. S. took place during the closing sessions of the Grand Lodge, and gracious words of greeting and response were spoken by which we infer that there is a hearty spirit of co-operation and good will in the two organizations which are working together for "friendship, morality and brotherly love" in South Dakota, and for those works of charity and pure beneficence which have spread their fame both far and wide.

The Grand Orator, Brother Charles S. Hall, delivered an interesting and thoughtful oration, covering six pages of the proceedings, and deals with Masonic education and those meanings of Masonry which are so applicable to the problems and issues of our own times.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is over the familiar and always welcome signature of R. W. Brother Charles L. Brockway, and deals with sixty-one annual proceedings. Brother Brockway preserves a just balance between criticism and praise. Maine in its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication receives kindly and commendatory attention. Grand Master Spear is quoted at considerable length, and our actions in general, and especially the major matters are touched upon with intelligence and courtesy.

TASMANIA, 1925.

Half-yearly Communication.

Membership, 3,434; net gain, 87. Forty lodges on the roll.

All we have received this year from Tasmania is a twenty-eight page "Half-yearly" report, containing the proceedings of three special communications. Due mention was made of the death of the S. G. W., Brother A. V. Steer, and the appointment of his successor Brother W. G. Bowtell. Among the new legislative acts was an amendment to the Constitution that a candidate must be proposed at a regular meeting and balloted upon at a regular meeting not less than "three months thereafter."

We notice with pleasure in the brief report of the last half-year meeting, of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Temple at Adelaide during the Second Conference of the delegates from the Grand Lodges of Australia. The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Henry L. D'Emden, and

the President of the Board of General Purposes, R. W. Brotler F. P. Bowden and several other well known brethren, represented Tasmania during this Australian Masonic Conference.

We are pleased to see under the caption "Reports of Other Grand Lodges," that ours from Maine is on the list.

A regulation was adopted to the effect that Grand Lodge officers and brethren should meet "once every three years in some other centre than Hobart or Launceston, such as at North-West Coast or North-East Coast centre." This was evidently done with a view to breaking down a growing policy of centralization and views were expressed that such a movement would tend to the advantage of Freemasonry in Tasmania.

The Grand Master in his brief address commends Masonic Lectures for the enlightenment of the brethren and thanks his Grand Chaplains for orations delivered on various Masonic occasions.

Several of these brief "Orations," two by the Grand Master himself, are printed in full, none of them covering over a page and one-half, while ours in America usually run on in their prolixity and often verbosity for a score of pages of our annual proceedings. It is a commendable brevity, and these "Orations" seem to lose nothing by such compression.

It is a source of real regret that we cannot review Tasmania for the entire year, especially in its annual communication which has not been received.

TENNESSEE, 1926.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication.

Membership, 49,264; net gain, 1,606. Four Hundred seventy-six lodges on the roll. Besides the official family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-five Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother J. H. Swan, for Maine. Four hundred fifty-five lodges were represented.

At the opening of the Annual Communication Edict No. 68 was read and the constitutional provision against furnishing any information for the public press, and the resolution against electioneering as illegal and un-masonic.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charles W. Polk called attention to the departure for the celestial lodge of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Geo. E. Seay and Henry A. Chambers. Tender and fervent eulogies were presented later in the sessions by well known brethren in praise of their untiring labors for the Craft in Tennessee.

During his term the Grand Master constituted seven new lodges. During the year Tennessee withdrew from the M. S. A. on the ground that by the expenditure of \$2,500.00 they "were receiving no benefit."

Respecting the George Washington Memorial Association the Grand Master recommends that twenty-five cents be placed on each member for four years in order that the State's quota for this purpose may be met.

From the Grand Master's report we learn that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has just been incorporated by the State Legislature, which

seems to us of Maine a bit belated action especially after 112 annual communications.

The Grand Master gives nearly four pages of "rulings" almost entirely of local matters, the majority of which could have been easily answered by the questioner by consultation of the digest and regulations. It is the old unnecessary burden which is placed upon nearly all Grand Masters in every jurisdiction and may be accounted for either on the ground that somebody wishes to be absolutely right (and wants the Grand Master's authority to show for it) or a general disorder of laziness or disinclination to consult the printed statutes and regulations.

The Grand Master praises the O. E. S. as "an ever present help in the time of need," and evidently there has been a generous disposition on the part of the Eastern Star Chapters to help in the matter of Masonic charity and especially in support of the Masonic Home. A new Dormitory for Girls was officially dedicated.

Among his recommendations is one to the effect that because the "fraternity is extremely and grossly ignorant of Masonic law" the Grand Secretary be asked to prepare a copy of the Constitution and Edicts, the same to be printed and furnished to the lodges. Evidently the multiplicity of minor "rulings" to which reference has been made, caused the Grand Master to take drastic steps to save his successor from the same burden and penalty. Several of his recommendations were turned down by the proper committee, one to the effect that the Jurisprudence Committee be required to submit to the Grand Master a copy of their report two hours at least before it is presented to the Grand Lodge. We think that this justly met with nonconcurrence, the Jurisprudence Committee is a creation of the Grand Lodge, and answerable to it, not to the Grand Master.

Among the legislation of this session is a law prohibiting gambling of every kind and degree under the auspices of lodges. Clubs are forbidden to use the name "Masonic" without authority. No limit is placed on the number of degrees that can be conferred at one meeting. One who has served as a Master of a U. D. lodge is eligible to be elected as W. M. of a chartered lodge.

In the matter of fraternal recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico the Foreign Relations Committee recommended that the matter lay over for another year before action is taken. To us of Maine it is the old situation referred to in the Great Light, "that a house divided against itself, etc," recognition of either adds to the confusion of authority and confirms one against the other, when both on paper can make out a strong and well nigh convincing case for recognition. But we are ultra conservative in such matters and make no claim to infallibility in such situations.

Grand Lodge instructed its Grand Master to "resume and maintain cordial fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Panama." By some oversight in publication these two Grand Lodges had been inadvertently dropped from the list and therefore Tennessee is making the "ammende honorable" in this manly fashion.

The Report on Correspondence is written in part by M. W. Brother H. A. Chambers, who died during the year, his place being taken by R. W.

Brother C. H. Smart who contributes the remainder of the review, as Acting Chairman.

We note that Brother Smart received the appointment this year and we hereby welcome him to the "round table," and from the work submitted this year as a worthy successor of one who for many years honored and adorned the office of Foreign Correspondent of Tennessee. Brother Smart did a "man's chore" in the short time allotted to him before the annual communication, reviewing more than thirty in the short space of a few weeks. His work however shows no signs of haste, but seems to be a quiet deliberate piece of Masonic criticism and review.

Brother Smart gives Maine cordial and courteous consideration in three pages of worthwhile reading and review. He is a man of independent thought, and does not hesitate to openly and vigorously criticise when he disagrees. In the matter of our Grand Master's ruling that a Masonic Hall ought not to be used for a brother's marriage service, he avers that to him "that is drawing the lines a little too tight because the Great Light sanctions marriage." The answer is of course that the Great Light especially in the Old Testament, sanctions quite a lot of things which would be out of place in a Masonic Lodge. But it is a minor matter, at best and hardly worthy of debate by earnest, serious craftsmen.

It has been a real pleasure to read a rather new and refreshing review filled with outspoken frankness and phrased in clear sinewy English which is a delight to the literary palate. Welcome, Brother Smart it will be a pleasure to foregather, confer, and if it may be to disagree and debate with you, respecting such Masonic questions about which equally honest men may frankly differ.

TEXAS, 1925.

The Ninetieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 132,774; net increase, 3,894. Working lodges, 978. Beside the official family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-eight Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother S. M. Bradley, for Maine.

At the opening there was an unusual number of preliminaries, including the customary speeches of welcome and response, while the welcoming of the brethren who have been in "good standing for more than forty years," was a pleasing feature of the occasion. The oldest was Brother D. Robertson (eighty-seven years of age) who has been a Mason for sixty-six years. Greetings to this venerable brother from far away Maine!

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Guinn Williams, opened his annual address with a sad and depressing story of the disruptive and devious activities, and contemptible tactics of the Klan in Texas. This correspondent does not intend to dignify such pistareen policies and picaunish principles as characterize the Klan in its relations with Masonry if they cannot use us in their nefarious propaganda, under the "rule or ruin" method, by anything like extended notice in this review. We simply take this opportunity to congratulate Texas on having a Grand Master of

sufficient calibre and backbone to see his duty in a difficult and delicate situation, and try to do that duty in a square, down-right manly way. The probabilities are that had more of this type been dominant in Texas in former years, this disruptive and devious organization would never have made the inroads into the Fraternity, or even "got a toe-hold" in the rock of Masonry. Maine can devoutly thank God that in the last decade men of strong mind and unswerving integrity have been at the helm, and allowed no wiggling keel-worms, or parasitic barnacles, of this kind to handicap the ship, or retard its sailing progress in "peace and harmony."

The Grand Master arrested several charters and altogether seemed to know his duty in the crisis which was indicated by such a question as the following which was repeatedly asked him: "How can we stop the factional and unjust black-balling in our lodges?" Several pages of his address deals with this kind of thing and after reading it all, we recalled the remark of Phillips Brooks on one occasion, "there are times when even the devoutest minister wants to say — damn."

The Grand Master is an earnest advocate of the M. S. A., and of Masonic education under its auspices. He recommended assessing each member one dollar per year for the purpose of erecting a Hospital for Tubercular Master Masons. It is good to see the splendid philanthropies conducted by this Grand Lodge and to read the Grand Master's words in commendation of the Masonic Home and School (at Fort Worth), the Home for Aged Masons (at Arlington) and now this new project as indicated above.

He concludes his address with three pages of kindly counsel and true Masonic wisdom which it has been a delight to read. Something of the constructive work of Masonry in Texas during the year is evidenced by the organizing of six new lodges (U. D.) and the laying of twenty-eight corner-stones. His "Decisions" were sound and in accordance with the usual law and usage. Eleven new lodges were constituted during the year.

Among the Deputy Grand Master's "Decisions" is one relative to a demitted Mason, who is also a minister, who has been publically stating "from the pulpit that Masonry is the work of the devil, that there is nothing to it, and it is his duty to cry out against it." Question:—"Is this a Masonic offense and can he be disciplined?" Answer:—"In my judgment he is guilty of a masonic offense, and if you cannot get him to see the error of his ways, file charges against him." Right, unquestionably right masonically, but sometimes under such conditions while getting the offender "to see the error of his ways," follow the counsel of the Great Light,— "to suffer fools gladly," or to remember the gentle word of old Oliver Cromwell in English Parliament who said to a bitter adversary and fatical opponent, "I beseech you, by the bowels of Christ, believe it possible that you may be mistaken."

The same Deputy Grand Master, who bears the honored name of E. R. Bryan, said regarding "Chain Letters," that the usual quota came to him and that in every instance they "adorned the waste basket and the chain was abruptly broken." He calls them, and rightly a result of super-

stitution. He also warned the brethren against the alleged "Roberts Texas Masonic Directory." This correspondent is moved to say that in this leviathan of annual reports of more than one thousand pages, the entire roster of the Texas membership is printed in full, so why a directory when 132,774 names and addresses are given. What a fruitful field for Klan propaganda, on the quiet! What a bonanza for Patent medicine advertisers! Or Insurance sharks! Or anything under the sun that wants to get "a toe-hold" for its wares or its alleged message and mission. We may be sure that such a field is being surreptitiously plowed and furrowed and assiduously tilled by all these designing organizations and commercial enterprises.

An "inspiring and delightful address" was given by the Grand Orator, Bro. A. S. Nobles, which touched in a vital way upon Masonic duties and issues of our own day, and must have held the brethren's attention.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Panama.

Another address by Brother Hiram F. Lively was delivered during the session which dealt with the early history of the Craft in America, and outlined the challenging opportunities that are confronting each Mason to do their work and practice charity in the same spirit of fidelity and devotion which characterized our earlier brethren.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, with which Texas is in fraternal relations, has invaded the Texan Jurisdiction, and the incoming Grand Master is directed by resolution to "withdraw recognition, if such a course be dictated by his judgment."

Past Grand Master, Brother S. M. Bradley, Grand Correspondent and our Maine Representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas, was allowed "a pension of \$40.00 per month for the balance of his natural life." It was a gracious and well deserved tribute to one who has been unremitting in his fidelity and devotion to the interests and ideals of Masonry in general and Texas in particular. It met with the enthusiastic approval of the brethren.

Brother Bradley's report on Foreign Correspondence covers this year sixty-five Grand Lodges. Over two hundred pages are devoted to this review. Valuable statistical tables preface his report and at the end we get a grand total of Masonic membership in the world of 4,411,341. According to this compilation there are 29,675 Masonic Lodges throughout the world. An interesting fact about Masonic Homes in the United States, and for us of Maine in particular, is the fact that there are 5,747 "guests" in thirty-eight Masonic Homes and the cost of maintenance is \$2,898,000. Which if our figures are correct makes the average cost per "guest" a little more than five hundred dollars per annum.

Maine is cordially and liberally reviewed by Brother Bradley. He makes due comment on Maine's Masonic standing and leadership numerically in proportion to our population. He avers in connection with our withdrawal from the M. S. A., "we have just about come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Maine is following the right course." And at the close

of his paragraph on our action he again says, "we have just about been forced to the conclusion that the money contributed to the M. S. A. would earn much better dividends if devoted to benevolent and charitable purposes, in helping a brother to help himself." And these words coming from Texas the home of Brother Andrew L. Randell, who got us into the Association, by a wonderful speech of persuasive eloquence, are significant and eloquent of much which will remain unsaid by this correspondent. As a tribute, however to Brother Randell's eloquence, this Maine correspondent is bound to say, that never in half a century was this old, staid conservative State, so quickly and throughly "stampeded" by any orator as by his address before the Grand Lodge of Maine a few years ago, inducing us to change our conservative ways and launch out into the deep of the unknown and untried.

Brother Bradley gives our Grand Master high praise for his administration, and quotes him at extended length on several subjects.

Your correspondent is given credit for "a well written report," and thanked for his appreciative words.

VERMONT, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 18,682; net gain, 226. Chartered lodges, 103, all of which made returns. Beside the full list of Grand Officers, there were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-six Grand Lodges, including M. W. Brother George I. Whitney for Maine.

Grand Master M. W. Bro. Christie B. Crowell, in opening his annual address calls attention, very tenderly to the loss of the Grand Lodge in the passing of M. W. Brother George W. Wing, P. G. M., the oldest of them all in Vermont. Being of the legal profession he was a tower of strength in the interpretation of Masonic law and comity.

We are glad to learn that Vermont has been successful in holding District Meetings, as Maine is rather tentatively trying it out, so far with good success. We learn that by holding these in September and October in Vermont that many brethren travel many miles to be present and enjoy the fraternal foregathering. The Grand Master attended "all of these meetings" and it just occurs to us that perhaps this is why they were so unqualifiedly successful, certainly his presence adds greatly to the attractiveness of the program.

Two new lodge rooms were dedicated by him during his term. One lodge held its Seventy-fifth Anniversary this year.

Vermont is 100 per cent. in its contributions toward the George Washington Memorial which fact is eloquent of the kind and calibre of the Masonry of this old and honorable jurisdiction of Vermont. He suggests that Vermont follow the example of New Jersey and collect one dollar from each new initiate for this purpose.

In regard to the M. S. A. the Grand Master recommends that a special committee be appointed to consider the desirability of affiliation with the Association. Respecting DeMolay he avers that the sentiment in Vermont

is heartily in favor of this organization and Grand Master Crowell adds, "with such sentiment I am in full agreement and accord."

The thirteen Masonic Districts are considered by the several D. D. G. Ms. and show painstaking labors unpretentiously performed. The names appended to these reports are good old "Yankee" ones, with the inevitable name of Smith included, and read much like our own except they are in much briefer form than ours.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the second from the table of the Grand Reviewer, M. W. Brother Archie S. Harriman, and deals with sixty-four jurisdictions. In a brief introduction Brother Harriman speaks of appendant orders and of "the steady pressure of the Order of DeMolaý, the Daughters of Rebekah (?) etc., for more or less direct recognition by Grand Lodges." It certainly appeals to us that it is a steady pressure and many Grand Lodges over came that pressure by yielding to the burden. The question mark above is placed there for the purpose of calling attention to what is to us a new order, and thinking that the Order of Rainbow may be intended and that possibly the brother is subconsciously thinking of the Rebekah Order of the I. O. O. F., we would like to be enlightened if something like this is really in the air for Masonry.

Maine in its One Hundred and Fifth Communication is graciously and generously reviewed by Brother Harriman in three pages of kindly comment and quotation. He thinks our proposal for a questionnaire for the D. D. G. Ms. is good and suggests that "it might be welcomed by our own District Deputies." He says, "certainly such reports would far surpass in value the stereotyped form." An extended quotation from Grand Master Spear's conclusion is printed in full. Anent our own report, which he terms of "very high literary excellence," he says of Maine in tender reminiscence, "We feel a personal pride in its many good qualities, for having been born in Maine (glory be, brother), made a Mason in Warren Lodge, No. 2, educated in Bowdoin College and lived in the State for thirty-seven years etc." Apart from the remainder of this quotation in praise of your Maine reviewer, we send the greetings of the fraternity to Brother Harriman, and take great happiness in telling him that "Old Home Week" is observed here every year, and that after having numbered thirty-seven years in the Pine Tree State, he must have sympathy for the Isrealites in the Babylonian captivity.

VICTORIA, 1924.

Four (Quarterly) Communications.

Membership, 35,500; gain, 4,251. Chartered lodges, 325.

It is interesting to notice in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Brother His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, that the Masonic membership in Victoria is one fortieth of the entire population. And he speaks of that which concerns the rapid growth of Masonry in any jurisdiction, that there is always a subtle danger here. He commends study clubs of three or four lodges "to hear a lecture or an address on matters of Masonic

importance." He also commends the establishing of Masonic libraries and urges the younger members to greater zeal and devotion.

Something of the constructive growth of the craft in Victoria is seen by the consecration of twenty-five new lodges, the dedication of fourteen temples; and architectural plans and specifications have been approved for fifteen new Masonic temples.

We note the presence of our Grand Representative for Maine, R. W. Bro. C. T. Martin, and send our cordial greetings of fraternity and good will to him and by him to the membership of Victoria. The Grand Master speaks of visiting his old English home and seeing the investiture of H. R. H. the Duke of York, as Senior Grand Warden of England by the H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught at "a very full gathering at Grand Lodge." At the second Quarterly a letter from the Pro Grand Master, Fred T. Hickford was read and from it we learn of his visit to the Grand Lodge of England and of various tours of Masonic experience and observation. Another letter of similar tenor was received from him during the third Quarterly and he notes especially what has indeed impressed many of our visiting American brethren, the exceeding shortness of the ceremonials, thus giving time for fraternal greetings and intercourse. He suggests that something of like kind be done in Victoria. He speaks in praise of the Royal Masonic School for Girls at Clapham Junction, as "the most impressive thing" of his tour. And he asks, "if something of like kind cannot be done for the daughters of Freemasons, and whether we should not begin thinking as to the necessity of commencing a Masonic Girl's School on the lines of this great school in England?"

The Board of General Purposes recommended the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, at this third Quarterly Communication.

At the fourth Quarterly there was accorded a hearty welcome to M. W. Bro. Viscount Jellicoe, Past Grand Master of New Zealand. The Grand Master's words of greeting were heart felt and Viscount Jellicoe responded no less graciously. Several references were made to the noble career and achievements of Admiral Jellicoe in the last war, and his response was of becoming and manly modesty giving the major part of the credit to his men in these simple words, "there was nothing but the finest spirit shown by the officers and men, and one of the finest things in my life, of which I am proud, is that it was my privilege to see with my own eyes the splendid spirit of the officers and men of the Royal Navy throughout the Great War."

At this Quarterly, the Pro. G. M. F. T. Hickford was greeted after his return from England and made a brief speech touching upon his experience and outlining many of the matters which he had mentioned in his letters from England.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is comparatively brief, but it deals with the basic matters of each Grand Jurisdiction. Maine receives a few inches of space, about the general average, brief quotations from

Grand Master Spear and your Maine Correspondent are printed. When we realize that all the jurisdictions of the world are covered by thirty-four pages of matter, it must necessarily be a brief word devoted to each Grand Jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, 1925.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 44,780; net gain, 1,973. Number lodges, 255; four of which are U. D. Beside the official family, there were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-two Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Skaggs, for Maine.

After brief but impressive preliminaries of welcome and response, the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Robert C. McCroskey, opened his annual address by reference to one of the results of repeated attendance upon the annual communication, that "it renews, strengthens and perpetuates friendships already formed." An opinion which has been repeatedly verified by the experience of our Maine brethren.

Washington lost a strong pillar of Masonic strength and wisdom in the death during the year of M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster, for many years the courteous and efficient Grand Correspondent of this Grand Lodge, well may we in Maine, who knew his work and loved his personality revealed therein, say with those of old, "His death was untimely and his brethren mourn."

Grand Master McCroskey did substantial constructive Masonic work during the year as is evidenced by the organizing (U. D.) of four, and the constituting of seven new lodges; the dedicating of five new temples, and the laying of the same number of corner-stones. He appointed M. W. Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick as Foreign Correspondent, vice M. W. Brother McAllaster, deceased.

Among his "visits to Foreign Jurisdictions" we note one to Portland, Oregon, where he witnessed the M. M. degree "conferred by the Policemen's Team, of Portland." We can think of no more appropriate team to give a realistic touch to "the third degree" than a team of city police whether from Portland, Oregon, or Portland, Maine. There are some parts that fit them like the traditional glove to "the strong hand." And in the language of the street, "more power to their elbow."

The Grand Master gives brief but interesting account of his visit to Alaska, where Washington has several lodges under their jurisdiction. During this visit he constituted a new lodge at Petersburg, and reports finding "Masonry in Alaska in a very flourishing condition." He speaks of the high grade of Masonic work performed there, and says, "while away from Masonic centers they have labored hard and faithfully."

Among his recommendations is one to rescind the action of the Grand Lodge one year ago, that one year must pass before the newly raised brother shall petition for degrees in any "organization which has membership in a Masonic Lodge as a prerequisite." His grounds for such rescinding were three: First, it was too drastic, and kept brethren out of O. E. S. and

Masonic Clubs, etc., while it was intended merely for the so-called higher degrees. Second, such action should be taken by the higher bodies, which seems to us not so sound and logical. Third, he does not believe that you can legislate any brother into being a good Mason, and says, "if it be in him he will be one regardless of how soon he takes the so called higher degrees, if it is not in him to be a good Mason, then all such legislation cannot change him." "An argument that in its essentials holds good in American citizenship, and yet we need the "rules of the game," laws and regulations to govern and control. The Word must be enlivened, the Grand Masonic word no less than others. A man must be made a Mason "in his heart."

Another recommendation is to the effect that "no lodge shall charge less than \$9.00 per year as dues."

An extended report on "Research and Education" shows a committee alive to the needs and opportunities for spreading Masonic Light, and an executive secretary, Mrs. Conkling, who is achieving miracles in this regard.

The report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Masonic Home indicates careful management, and if the present and prospective plans are carried out we may well believe the Grand Master's prophecy that it will be "the finest and most practical Masonic Home in America and one that will be in keeping with the dignity and strength of this great institution."

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. A. W. Davis, received generous and hearty applause, at the conclusion of his annual oration, printed in full, which deals with the plans and principles of Life as related to Masonry, the dangers confronting us, and concludes with "a Forward Hope." Good reading which by the spoken word must have inspired the brethren. One scriptural quotation on page 79, which is attributed to St. Paul, should be given to St. James. See James' Epistle 1:27. Here is a sample word of real wisdom which closes this splendid oration, "The lost word is found when we utter it in our own hearts and translate it in our own lives." A simple profound thought which is worth dozens of the usual run of Masonic orations and sermons.

Here is the way they do things in Washington: "Resolved, That the sum of \$700,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated, for the erection of the new Masonic Home at Zenith, etc. Adopted, after reference to the Finance Committee which reported favorably.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the signature of R. W. Brother Edwin H. Van Patten, who is taking the place of our good old friend recently deceased, M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster. We find in explanation of the Grand Master's appointee as indicated in the opening of this review that Brother Chadwick "has been so busy with his law practice that he has not been able to perform the duty" which has developed at short notice upon Brother Van Patten. A brief but true tribute is paid to Brother McAllaster in these words of Brother Patten, "The breadth of view, the keen insight, the clear style of our lamented Brother McAllaster, together with his kindly utterances and exceptional

ability, make it very difficult for any one to follow him in the office without subjecting himself to unfavorable comment." Brother Patten will find that criticism will in no wise be unfavorable but kindly. For it has been this reviewer's experience that our Grand Correspondents are most human and gracious, and broad minded enough to recognize that no man can slavishly follow in another man's footsteps, or be a mere imitation and echo of his predecessor. Brother Patten is welcomed as one of independent thought and outlook who has done his work, his first labor in this respect, wisely and well. He does it in his own way, not as he thinks Brother McAllaster would do it, but from his own point of view and estimate of things masonically worth while.

Maine is allotted more than the average space in his report. He deals with us in our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication, giving credit to Brother Moulton, Grand Master of Maine, for a conservative and yet constructive year. He congratulates Maine on its leadership in having the largest number of Master Masons proportionate to the voting population of any State in the Union. Extended quotations are made from Brother Moulton's annual address, while he pays high tribute to his closing poem, which he (Brother Patten) thinks "may be original," since it has no quotation marks. This correspondent rather opines that Brother Moulton is not the author of the poetry, or only in the sense which James Russell Lowell had in mind when he said,

" Though old the truth and oft expressed,
'Tis his at last, who says it best."

Your correspondent is commended for commending Grand Master Holman last year in several Masonic regards. We have looked over and studied the above phrase, "Commended for commending, etc.," and find that it is exact and absolutely concise in its truth, but where will that kind of thing have its ending if persisted in through the years?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1925.

Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications. Membership, 6,870; net gain, 377.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., L. L. D., O. B. E., V. D., Archbishop of Perth, expressed a word of appreciation on the many messages of congratulation which reached him from the brethren on his seventieth birthday. He called attention to an abuse which had grown up in many lodges when candidates were being examined in proficiency in previous degrees, that by answering questions alternately it often happened that the candidate was called upon to answer only one question. This he avers is an abuse and he recommended that before being Passed or Raised each one shall answer all of the questions propounded in the examination.

It has been the deep desire of the Grand Master to unite all the Constitutions in Western Australia, and so overtures have been made to the Scottish District Grand Masters, after the usual circumlocution through the Grand Lodge of Scotland the lodges in Western Australia which derive

from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, appointed committees of conference, but as yet nothing definite has been achieved. The Grand Master however, while expressing his disappointment, is filled with hope for such a union. He said, "I still cling to the hope that as times goes on, my proposals may ultimately be found worthy of examination, or failing this, that some alternative may be suggested to bring together all the scattered Masonic elements in the State." Several of the letters exchanged during the conference are included in his address and make interesting reading.

The Grand Master called attention to certain parodies on the ritual that have been used by lodges at their festive board, and condemns it as bringing "our dignified and beautiful ritual and ceremonies" into ridicule and contempt.

We sympathize with Western Australia in the loss of an old and beloved Past Grand Master Bro. Sir William Ellison-Macartney. At the announcement of his passing the Grand Organist played the "Dead March in Saul" while the brethren stood in reverential posture and silence.

At the Annual Communication the Grand Master expressed his pleasure as he said, "looking to the twenty-five years of growth and achievement by the Grand Lodge." In the course of his annual address he made interesting remarks on "Freemasonry in Italy," and especially stressed the attitude and attacks of Signor Mussolini, the Premier, on the institution. He rightly treads with care about these matters saying, "At this distance we are at some difficulty in properly understanding the Italian situation and as we have never recognized the Grand Orient of Italy, and consequently never had any direct Masonic connection with that country, we have little or no first hand knowledge." He then goes on to trace the early history of our Order in Italy, where it was founded by the Grand Lodge of England, two centuries ago. These lodges were especially numerous in Southern Italy and in Sicily where they took on the English form. He refers to the excommunication of the Institution by Pope Clement XII, and later its interdiction by Benedict XIV. He puts his finger on half the difficulty in Italy by saying, "These Papal Bulls in all probability threw the Craft into open revolt against the Church of Rome, and it became strongly anti-clerical, and I am afraid strongly POLITICAL as well." The Grand Master speaks of the sterling patriotism of Garibaldi and Mazzini in those critical years, and as both these Italian patriots were members of the Order, he pays them due tribute. He says there are 40,000 masons in Italy.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence covers one hundred and ninety-four pages of this annual volume of Proceedings, and very faithfully narrates the leading events and achievements of each Grand Jurisdiction. Maine is given gracious and generous review. Grand Master Spear's administration is praised, but there "bobs up" that aggravating sentence which has caught the eye of too many reviewers, "that Maine is the most conservative and least progressive of the entire country." Many quotations are printed from our Grand Master's address, while your correspondent is also commended and quoted.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1925.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 32,976. Gain during year, 752. Lodges, 166, two of which are U. D. It is interesting to notice that every lodge was represented at the annual communication, and each one made returns.

There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-seven jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother A. B. C. Bray for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Clyde T. Dutton, in opening his annual address calls attention to the fact that eight years ago he was appointed to a minor office in the Grand Lodge. Retrospectively he traces his advance to his present high position as Grand Master and thanks the brethren for his preferment.

On the roll of Necrology we note the names of several eminent brethren including M. W. Brothers John W. Arbuckle and George W. Atkinson (Past Grand Masters) the latter being the oldest of West Virginia's Past Grand Masters. The R. W. Grand Secretary John M. Collins, who was also a P. G. M., died during the year. So time taketh toll of our noblest and best, and Maine sends its fraternal greetings of sympathy for the heavy loss in the departure of these distinguished Craftsmen of West Virginia.

Something of the constructive labors of this Grand Lodge and its Grand Master may be seen in the fact that there were laid seventeen corner-stones, largely for churches and schools, during the year.

Several new appointments were made by the Grand Master among which we notice that of M. W. Brother George S. Laidley as Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee succeeding P. G. M. G. W. Atkinson, deceased.

Several "Edicts" were issued by the Grand Master, one forbidding lotteries and raffles as tending to impair the good name of the Order.

A "Questionnaire" was sent to each lodge by the Grand Master, which brought forth some valuable information which is tabulated in his report. From it we learn that five per cent. of the members were owing two year's dues and three per cent. more than two years' dues, the poorest showing in this respect being made by "about twenty-five lodges." Seven lodges reported not a single member owing dues, a tribute doubtless to an efficient Secretary.

The O. E. S. comes in for a word of appreciation especially in its efforts in behalf of the Masonic Home toward which the Star gave \$5,000.00 last year.

The usual official condemnation of "Chain Letters" is made by the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of New York is cordially commended for its action in severing fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, for the same reasons as actuated the Grand Lodge of Maine, at the same time.

We learn from this annual address that there are now thirty-four residents at the Masonic Home.

The D. D. G. Ms. reports cover eleven pages of these annual proceedings and are somewhat briefer than ours of Maine, but show the same faithful and painstaking labor in behalf of the Fraternity.

The Board of Governors of the Masonic Home give a carefully tabulated report of this institution which is conservatively administered and soundly financed, with no indication of the usual annual deficit which is too often the accompaniment of other Grand Lodges which maintain Masonic Homes.

It is a pleasure to note that the newly elected and installed M. W. Grand Master, Brother A. B. C. Bray, is our Grand Representative for Maine and we herewith send our greetings and fraternal benison to this distinguished Craftsman of West Virginia.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master to join the M. S. A., and indeed was a bit drastic with the following words of gentle reproof, and it "is not in accord with the apparent sentiment expressed in his report bearing on this subject, which might be by others construed as a reflection upon the intelligence of the Craft of West Virginia." Surely not, there are plenty of fairly, and even highly intelligent jurisdictions, that have never joined, or having joined withdrawn, from the M. S. A. That proposition is a kind of two-edged sword — it cuts both ways.

A clear full page photograph of the Washington Memorial is given preceding the printed minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Convention.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the newly appointed Chairman of the Committee, who succeeds Brother G. W. Atkinson, of beloved and honored memory, Past Grand Master Brother Lewis N. Tavenner. Brother Tavenner opens his report with a feeling tribute to his predecessor in which he says, "Few, indeed, have been the Masons in past history of the Order who were more generally known and loved, and the pang at parting felt by West Virginia must find echo throughout the civilized world in breasts of many lovers of Masonry."

The writer of Maine's review has for many years, even before his appointment to the office, honored and revered the name of Atkinson as one of the gleaming names of Freemasonry in America, and it was with a distinct sense of personal loss that we read of his decease when we opened West Virginia's annual proceedings, this year. His name will long live not only in the annals of the Grand Lodge, but his influence and presence will be felt in all the years that are to be, and in every constructive work of the onward years of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

To his successor in office we extend our most cordial welcome and from his initial production we feel justified in predicting a worthy fulfillment of his high ideals. Brother Tavenner does his work in his own straightforward way, with a touch of dynamic personality which gives life and zest to his review. It has been a pleasure to read this review, and especially his consideration and report of our own Grand Lodge of Maine.

Grand Master Moulton's administration is given cordial commendation and comment, while your Correspondent is credited with a report which is termed one of "true foreign correspondence."

By one of those ludicrous printer's errors comment is made on the "New York Grand Lodge of Mexico." Ludicrous for reasons which will appear by reference to our comments on the situation in the New York Grand Lodge this year. There is a kind of ironic and biting fitness in having a "New York Grand Lodge of Mexico."

WISCONSIN, 1925.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 54,827; net gain, 2,463. Chartered lodges, 295. Beside the official family, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-three Grand Representatives, including R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Wheeler for Maine.

The volume opens with the address of M. W. Brother Frank Johnson, Grand Master, who calls attention in his "Necrology" to the passing of M. W. Bro. Past Grand Master Jesse C. Bradley, an eloquent memorial was prepared and later in the sessions presented by Brother W. H. Anschutz. During the year nine emergent communications were held largely for corner-stone ceremonies and dedication of temples. His "Decisions" (five) were all according to the usual practice and usage and dealt largely with local matters. We notice with pleasure the constructive growth of Masonry in Wisconsin by the instituting of three new lodges during the year.

Grand Master Johnson, does the somewhat unusual thing by giving a word of praise to the noble veteran of Foreign Correspondents, M. W. Brother Aldre Jenks, for twenty-eight years correspondent. He says of Brother Jenks, what this Maine correspondent is glad to re-echo: "He is generally known and recognized among Masonic writers and correspondents as one of the best in the United States and his reports are always interesting and of great value." To which we say "Amen" again and again.

Under "Physical Qualifications" the Grand Master holds to a strict interpretation and enforcement of landmarks, laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge. Of "Chain Letters" he says it is a vicious practice and contrary to the edicts of the Grand Lodge and wholly unmasonic; to this correspondent this is rather mild treatment why not say it is a degrading superstition and unworthy of average masonic intelligence?

The following unusual and indeed unique occurrence took place during his term, in one lodge a father of four sons raised all of them to the M. M. degree, and had installed three of these as W. M. of the same lodge.

A carefully compiled "audit" of forty-one pages, with extended tables of figures of finance, are included in the volume of proceedings, and indicate judicious expenditure of funds and careful administration of the Wisconsin Masonic Home.

The Committee on Masonic Research submitted an interesting report in which it says that the Order is "not functioning to its capacity, and to bring it to greater efficiency is the great problem." Of course we realize that the pamphlets of the M. S. A. have greatly helped in this respect,

but the difficulty seems to be, as suggested by this committee, to get the lodges and their brethren to read them, or to get speakers to elucidate them. Maine is making a trial of a "Speaker's Bureau" for this purpose with rather limited success.

A Committee on Revision of Monitor, presents a "Masonic Guide" for the use of lodges and from its tabulated contents it follows for the major part, the ceremonials, ritual and usage of our own "Blue Book" which has been used for many masonic generations in Maine, and from time to time augmented and clarified to suit the new conditions and practice. The price is about the same as our own, one dollar per copy.

An extended and lucid report of the Committee on Wisconsin Masonic Foundation gives us an outline of the purposes and principles and aims governing this splendid philanthropy and is good reading for us of Maine who are considering something of the same thing, although on a somewhat different basis, their fund being already large, and ours only in embryo.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, his twenty-eighth review and growing better all the time in fulfillment of the scripture adage, "Be ye perfect." Maine receives four full and noble pages of worth-while reading, with comparatively little quotation. He commends Grand Master Spear's strict constructionism of Ancient Landmark Regulations, Constitution and Customs but says like the wise and progressive youth he is for all his years, that "new conditions teach new applications to present day conditions and problems." The report is good solid reading and we have not only enjoyed it, but been bettered and even ennobled by the reading; it is inspiring to see a man of his years and experience so flexible in his mind (most of us chrysalize mentally at his age) so open to vision and withal so human and kindly in his inner-life. Long may he live to grace and glorify our Ancient Craft!

Your correspondent is commented upon in a full page and we are tacitly praised for liberal interpretation of physical qualification laws in Maine. He calls your correspondent "a worthy successor to Bros. Drummond and Chase." Which as Mark Twain said, of his death, "is important, if true."

Space in this review has been reserved for a somewhat extended passage from Brother Jenks conclusion. It is a much needed word, for many jurisdictions have erred in this regard, "There is a growing tendency of several Grand Lodges to act upon matters purely political in their nature, generally concerning school affairs. They have probably done this unwittingly without considering that they were by so doing violating the time-honored traditions of the Craft. Usually such measures have been recommended for favorable legislative action as the result of sentiment and on the spur of the moment. The tendency is a dangerous one and should be avoided. We refuse to recognize foreign Grand Lodges that permit the discussion of political questions in their lodges; why trespass in this behalf ourselves?"

Of the M. S. A. he avers that its progress seems like that of "a cray-fish" for he notes, what is all too evident, that "several important Grand Lodges have withdrawn," and he ventures the prophecy that "if this continues it will soon be so crippled in its finances as to be unable to function."

WYOMING, 1925.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 7,469; increase, 262. Chartered lodges, 44. Beside the full list of Grand Officers, there were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

After the usual pleasant formalities of welcome and response, the Communication was opened by Grand Master M. W. Bro. John Ira Kirby, who said in opening his annual message, a brief, business-like document, that there had passed to the Celestial Lodge, Past Grand Master Brother Edward F. Stahle.

The progressive tendency of Masonry in Wyoming is noted by the Grand Master that while not as large in numbers as in some former years, yet it is a steady conservative gain, which is always best for us in the long run.

During his term he issued "A Proclamation" for the lodge observance of Washington's Masonic Birthday, November 4th, which happened and appropriately enough on the general election day in Wyoming. Many lodges observed the day with elaborate and inspiring programs.

Both the M. S. A. and the Washington Memorial are cordially commended by the Grand Master and generously supported by this small but wholly loyal jurisdiction. He indicates the growth of the Craft by reporting that during his term he instituted one, and constituted another, new lodge. Three corner-stone ceremonials were conducted by him during the year.

His "Decisions" were all approved except one relative to a man's eligibility who had lost a leg at the hip but had an artificial limb, which enabled him to do everything necessary in our work. Of course under our recently passed Maine law, there would be no question, and from this decision being "Not Approved" we infer that Wyoming might profitably consider the phrasing of our statute in this regard.

From the report of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the Masonic Home Fund, we learn that this humanitarian work is generally supported and wisely administered. Several interesting pages are given to this institution and we seem to detect the usual problem of increasing cost and imparative expansion, which creates an annual difficulty, and sometimes deficit, in too many Grand Jurisdictions.

The Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence gives a long and wholly illuminating discussion of the above mentioned decision of the Grand Master relative to a petitioner with an artificial leg completely under his control, and makes it rather clear to the brethren that such a petitioner is eligible. Our Maine law covers such a case in so clear and

conclusive a way that we fraternally suggest its consideration, our law is liberal at the same time conservative in its permissions and implication. Maine no longer is put in the situation of penalizing a man for his misfortune and if the misfortune, as sometimes happens, be one incurred in the service of his country on the field of battle, of banning real patriotism by hard and fast rules of a former century when the operative masonic guild, quite rightly, insisted on "the perfect youth" qualification for an operative entered apprentice.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the twelfth from the hand (and heart) of M. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes. He reviews fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including ours for Maine in its One Hundred and Fifth Communication.

In a brief, but admirable "Conclusion" Brother Lowndes makes this rather telling point on the Grand Master: "One Grand Master welcomed his distinguished visitors by calling them the 'BIG MASONS'." This is one reason why the conscientious Masons are beginning to think that the profane only consider the "Three Degrees" as the gateway to Masonry and it is a "BIG MASON" they want to be, their only desire is to reach "the 66th," by the easiest route. Are we making "Masons" or are we just sprouting a plant that is to "bloom" when it reaches the "steenth degree?" That is worth careful consideration, surely. Maine is cordially reviewed in something over a page of good reading, especially so as half of it is your F. Cs. quotation from his "Foreword" on "Give the Youngsters a Chance." Thanks, Brother.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

Ashley A. Smith
Chairman.

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Colorado.....	1925	Ohio.....	1925
Connecticut.....	1925	Oklahoma.....	1925
Delaware.....	1925	Prince Edward Island.....	1925
District of Columbia.....	1925	Quebec.....	1925
Florida.....	1925	Rhode Island.....	1925
Georgia.....	1925	Saskatchewan.....	1925
Idaho.....	1925	South Australia.....	1925
Illinois.....	1925	South Carolina.....	1925
Indiana.....	1925	South Dakota.....	1925
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APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence

1927

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of
Maine:*

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report.

FOREWORD.

Magna est Veritas

It was said of old by one who had valiantly fought for it — "Thou canst do nothing *against* the Truth, but *for* the Truth."

Is it not emblazoned on our banners and is it not a basic teaching of every Masonic degree — "Magna est Veritas et prevalebit"? Are not the annals of history its indubitable evidence? That royal Prince of the House of Judah, who of old engaged in that memorable controversy in the Persian palace respecting the relative power of Wine, the King and the Influence of Woman, yet asserts, making an important addition to the question, that the force of these things is not to be denied, but above all other things "Truth beareth away the victory." So eloquent and convincing is Zerubbabel's discourse that it is recorded that the princes of that Court arose and exclaimed with one voice "Great is Truth and mighty above all things." The Persian King himself bowed before that decree and, with uncovered head, exclaimed "Blessed be the God of Truth."

All good institutions, whose aim is to enshrine and perpetuate Truth, have had their seasons of suspicion, their moments of martyrdom and their periods of persecution.

Thus Freemasonry, too, has been subjected to oppositions and antagonisms, to misrepresentations and persecutions, but in every age and in every clime it has vindicated its purity and demonstrated that its foundations are upon no shifting sands, but mortised and tenoned, by the Masonry of the ages, in the granite foundations of Truth. Truly has our Masonic institution realized the meaning of the words of Lowell,—

"Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,

Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

In the light of these facts it has seemed to your correspondent, that these seasons of suspicion and periods of persecution might make a good subject for a Foreword — because, if we know something of the difficulties and

dangers that it has endured, something of its perils, its persecutions and its martyrdoms, we can the better appreciate its value and at how great a cost of suffering and pain, bloodshed and torture it has been established and perpetuated through succeeding generations, and how great is our duty and obligation in keeping it strong and unsullied, in order to pass it forward to our posterity essentially purified and ennobled by our brief custody and stewardship of it.

In what I say on this interesting theme I make no claim to originality, because these records are largely matters of history and documentary evidence which our own Masonic historians have cited and compiled, and in part because some of them are found in the pages of both sacred and secular historical records with which even the most casual reader of history is familiar.

Freemasonry has existed wherever civilization has exerted its emancipating influence. It is much to be doubted if there is a civilized country in the world that has not its Masonic altars and where opposition has not at some period been brought against the Institution. It is equally true that wherever such opposition and persecution has been endured by Freemasonry, it has come from out that ordeal and trial vindicated and ennobled.

The opposition and antagonism by the secular governments of European nations, although sometimes instigated and sanctioned by the Papal hierarchy, forms an interesting and sometimes tragic chapter in early Masonic history.

Mackey tells of the persecutions of our Institution in Holland in 1735. "On the 16th of October a crowd of ignorant fanatics, whose zeal had been enkindled by the denunciations of some of the clergy, broke into a house in Amsterdam, where a lodge was accustomed to be held, and destroyed all the furniture and ornaments of the Lodge. The States General, yielding to the popular excitement or rather desirous of giving no occasion for its action, prohibited the future meeting of the Lodges. One, however, continuing regardless of the edict, to meet at a private house, the members were arrested and brought before the Court of Justice. Here, in the presence of the whole city, the Masters and Wardens defended themselves with great dexterity and while acknowledging their inability to prove the innocence of their Institution by a public exposure of their secret doctrines, they freely offered to receive and initiate any person in the confidence of the magistrates and who could give them information upon which they might depend relative to the true designs of the Institution. The proposal was accepted and the town clerk was chosen. He was immediately initiated and his report so pleased his superiors that all the magistrates and principal persons of the city became members and zealous patrons of the Order."

I suppose that most of you have read that great epic poem in prose — "The History of the French Revolution" — by Thomas Carlyle. If so you will recall how carefully he traces the potent causes that led to this era of violence and delirious anarchy which culminated in that carnival of crime, which is known under the name of "The Reign of Terror," when

the communes of Paris, guided and influenced by such turbulent spirits as Danton, Marat and Robespierre, a triumvirate of revolutionary fanatics, deluged with blood the cities and town of France. Two of these perished, by a kind of grim irony of fate, by the insatiable knife of that very guillotine which they had erected as the stern symbol of liberty, fraternity and equality, and on which they had beheaded their King and Queen, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, together with many of the noblest spirits of France,—Charlotte Corday, Madame Roland and the Girondists. The other, Jean Paul Marat, died by a dagger thrust received from the resolute hands of Charlotte Corday. Carlyle points out that every house in France, under the long reign of Louis XV, was watched by military spies and every gathering of the people, even though in private houses, was sternly and resolutely repressed. A half dozen peasants meeting together was a suspicious assemblage, inimical to the government of France, or at least to the reign of Bourbon Kings. Under this condition of affairs, it could hardly be hoped that Masonic Lodges should escape the suspicions and persecutions of the King. The police of Paris were constantly on the watch, governmental edicts were issued forbidding the meeting of lodges, which were thought to be the very hot-beds of revolution. Lodge furniture, jewels and records were frequently seized and fines imposed, and even imprisonment in the Bastille decreed for these offenders.

In Germany, the Empress Maria Theresa issued an edict decreeing that all Masons in Vienna should be apprehended if assembled in lodges. But it is good to know that this edict was brought to naught because Joseph I, the Emperor, was a Mason who exerted his influence in behalf of his brethren.

The earliest recorded instance of opposition by a secular European government was in the year 1425, in the third year of the reign of Henry VI of England, when it was decreed that Masons (this of course means our early operative brethren) should "not confederate in Chapters and congregations." It is I believe the only opposition on the part of the English government to the institution, and even this was never executed and soon fell into disrepute. England has always been friendly to Freemasons and its greatest monarchs have been patrons and in many instances Grand Masters of the Institution. The late King Edward was for nearly thirty years, while Prince of Wales, the honored Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Our historian Mackey tells of repeated instances where the governmental arm of England has been exerted in behalf of persecuted members of our Order. The cases of John Coustos, a Swiss, living in Lisbon, Portugal, and of an Italian named Crudeli, in Florence, are conspicuous examples of the substantial aid rendered by the English government to persecuted and imprisoned members of the Masonic Institution. Under the edict of Benedict XIV, in 1751, John Coustos came under Papal suspicion. He was arrested, tried and subjected to imprisonment and tortured to such a degree that he was "unable to move his limbs for three months." He was finally sentenced to the servitude of the galleys and only released by the interposition of the English ambassador. Under the Encyclical edict

of another Pontiff, Clement XII, the Florentine, Crudeli, was apprehended, thrown into the dungeons of the Inquisition, tortured, and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment. And the charge against him was that he had furnished asylum to a lodge of Masons. The Grand Lodge of England interceded, sent him financial aid and finally, by repeated protests, obtained his discharge from imprisonment.

The opposition of the secular powers of European States has, however, been as nothing compared with the persecutions of the Roman Church, especially in Italy. In all Catholic countries such opposition, not to use a stronger, more adequate and justifiable term, has been persistent, pernicious and sometimes pitiless.

Bulls are of various kinds, from the traditional one of the chinashop to that which we call the Irish bull which has conduced to the mirth and laughter of nations. Somewhere between these two, and perhaps related to both, is a series of Papal Bulls or edicts or encyclical letters of various Roman Pontiffs against Freemasonry.

Strange indeed is the fact that while the noblest churches and cathedrals of the middle ages, like those, for instance, of Strassburg and Cologne, were built by Operative Masons who have left their Masonic marks upon the stones and have reared those monuments of Masonry which defy the hand of time and the ravages of the ages, that the persistent persecuton of the Church for nearly four centuries should have been exerted against the principles and truth inculcated by the Order.

One of the earliest and most sweeping of these edicts or bulls, in Italy, was issued under date of April 28th, 1738, by Pope Clement XII. In that letter these words occur, " We have learned, and public rumor does not permit us to doubt the truth of the report, that a certain society has been formed, under the name of Freemasons into which persons of all religions and all sects are indiscriminately admitted and whose members have established certain laws which bind themselves to each other and which, in particular, compel their members, under the severest pernalties, by virtue of an oath taken on the Holy Scriptures, to preserve an inviolable secrecy in relation to everything that passes in their meetings." This letter is too long to quote at length and it is sufficient for our purposes to say that it rehearses the usual catalogue of offenses that threaten the peace and tranquility of the State and Church and the safety and salvation of the soul. It closes with an enumeration of dire penalties with these words, " such offenders shall be punished with the penalties which they deserve, as people greatly suspected of heresy, having recourse, if necessary, to the secular arm." The sinister and cruel meaning lurking in that phrase, " the secular arm," the impartial annals of sacred and profane history amply testify to all the world, and the cases herein cited of Coustos and Crudeli specifically illustrate and enforce. What that phrase meant and the method of its interpretation by Cardinal Firrao can be seen in his own words, " that no person shall dare to assemble at any Lodge of the said society nor be present at any of their meetings under pain of death and confiscation of goods, the said penalty to be without hope of pardon."

But human nature is much the same in all lands and nations, and so arbitrary and unjust a decree met with the opposition and neglect which it obviously deserved. It is on record that the Parliament of Paris obstinately and courageously refused to enroll it. It could of course have no force in dominantly Protestant nations, only as its own adherents and communicants were effected thereby.

It is an interesting fact to learn that even predominatingly Catholic countries, even in Italy itself, Masonic lodges were held in spite of the prohibition and in the face of such penalties. So openly and flagrantly was this edict ignored that thirteen years later, and under another Pontiff, Benedict XIV, another encyclical letter was promulgated, re-announcing and re-enforcing this edict of Clement XII.

There is in existence the Decree of the Council of Berne in Switzerland (1745) prohibiting the assembling of Masons in their lodges, and another in Scotland (1757) decreeing that the ordinances of religion should be denied to all members of the Institution.

In America, and especially in the United States, the force of opposition and the power of persecution, has not, for obvious reasons, been felt in any such violent, virulent ways. The genius of our Republic and the very atmosphere of Liberty would prevent that. There is, however, a most interesting and almost tragic era of Anti-Masonry in America, which is a part of our secular history. To this I must briefly refer, for out of the frenzy and fanaticism of the time was born a political party which had its candidates for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential office, and waged a bitter and vituperative, if absurdly unsuccessful, campaign. The nominees of this party, officially called the Anti-Masonic Party, were William Wirt for President and Amos Ellmaker for Vice-President. Only one State, which shall be nameless because it has since then so nobly vindicated its Masonic zeal and fidelity, cast its electoral vote — seven only — for these candidates. Let me cite an extract from its platform adopted in Philadelphia in the year 1830. "The object of this Party, in nominating and electing candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, is to deprive Masonry of the support which it derives from the power and patronage of the executive branch of the United States Government. To effect this object will require that candidates, besides possessing the talents and virtues requisite for such exalted stations, be known as men decidedly opposed to secret societies." That declaration was nobly met and repudiated by the people as an invasion of personal rights and even political liberty, by a patriotic people that remembered that the Father of his country was an honored Masonic Master in Virginia, that Benjamin Franklin founded the Second Grand Lodge of Masons in America, that John Hancock and Samuel Adams, Josiah Quincy and James Otis, General Joseph Warren and Paul Revere and a glorious company of patriots and statesmen, together with two-thirds of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and more than one-half of the members of the First Constitutional Congress wore the Masonic apron and were beloved and honored members of the Masonic Fraternity. The whole matter was formulated and fomented by unscrupul-

ous misrepresentation and maligning on the part of truckling politicians willing to make political capital and to acquire strength at any cost. We are far enough away from those stirring and fanatical times to see the situation and weigh the question in the clear penetrative and interpretative light of history and the fairness of impartial judgment. The situation grew out of the Morgan affair and excitement in Western New York. The feeling and excitement throughout the country was at white-heat and this bitter and intense frenzy was made immediate use of by those who saw in it the opportunity for political aggrandisement and advancement. So flat and ignominious was the failure of that party in 1831 that it fell into disrepute, sunk quickly into oblivion and is now mere matter for the historian and the annalist of dead and forgotten things.

These things but a few of the more conspicuous events that stand out upon the pages of the past show us, the living, what a price has been paid for this Institution that we enjoy today. These tragedies and trials of the ages gone are our present heritage. Out of the unflinching courage and undaunted herosim of our operative brethren of the middle ages the light of Liberty was kept burning in an age of deotism, the torch of Truth held aloft in an age of bigotry, the fires of faith kept aglow which animated and inspired the soul of ancient Freemasonry.

All the persecutions and perils of the past, the patriotism of our brethren of the Revolutionary era and all the achievement and steady progress of Masonry through the generations incite us to larger tasks, higher ideals and nobler triumphs. It is ours to bear the torch to nobler heights and larger victories.

" Hail to the Light of the Temple long crumbled,
Glowing still brightly the Craftsmen to guide,
Thrones have decayed and the mighty been humbled,
Shining still clear is that Light glorified."

Fraternally submitted,

ASHLEY A. SMITH.

ALABAMA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 54,538; net gain, 548. Present number of lodges, 579. There were present, besides the official family, seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-three jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Francis M. Stillwill, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Oliver Day Street, submitted his annual report of sixty six pages, one of the longest which has come to this reviewer's desk this year. There is considerable of good preaching in it, besides the usual tabulation of routine duties and achievements. He calls reverent attention by a touching eulogy to the death of Past Grand Master Bro. Percy Blackett Dixon. Our own of Maine, M. W. Brother Waldo Pettengill, and Grand Tyler " Win " Howell are recorded in the necrology list of Alabama. New charters were issued to seven lodges, one new lodge was organized under dispensation, seven corner stones laid and three

temples dedicated during the year. The Order of DeMolay, the George Washington Memorial and the M. S. A., are all commended and eulogized by the Grand Master. Although Alabama withdrew from the M. S. A., Grand Master Street evidently believes in it. Fraternal relations were summarily severed with the Grand Orient of France under his recommendation to the Grand Lodge. Maine, has never been in relations with that Grand Orient, and every American Grand Lodge has now severed its connection because of invasion of jurisdiction. In respect of the National Tuberculosis Association the Grand Master recommends that "we do not at this time commit ourselves in any way to this proposal."

We are pleased to note that under "Physical Qualifications" the Grand Master allows a very broad interpretation of the law and a liberal construction of its provisions by permitting the conferring of degrees upon a score of cases, every one of which would have been allowed by Maine under its recently passed legislation.

Brother Street in a very lucid answer to the question, "Is it proper and in accordance with Masonic law and tenets to offer prayer in a lodge in the name of Christ or Jesus?", said in substance that no sectarian practice or dogmatic prejudice should have any place in a Masonic Lodge. He deemed it highly improper for a Chaplain, or other leader in prayer, to address such prayer of the lodge to any other than God. Again under another "Decision" he deemed it "a Masonic offence for a brother to declare that he does not believe in Deity." In all of which he is masonically right of course, but in respect to the former matter innumerable little offences slip into our practice, which are best ignored and forgotten. There are nearly eight pages given to these forty-five decisions; last year Maine's Grand Master had but one. Brother Street thinks that just "because he is a lawyer" many of the brethren took advantage of the fact to get a lot of "free advice." And this correspondent is bound to say that in several instances they got exactly what they were looking for, with now and then a rather sharp rebuke for good measure.

A Grand Lodge "Drive" was instituted a few years ago which has already aggregated the sum of \$108,224.80, eighty per cent. of which is for the purpose of retiring the Masonic Home bonds, and the improvement of the Grand Lodge Temple. Much space in the Grand Master's report, is given to these two enterprizes, which clearly outlines the achievements and the plans for the future development of both. Besides the Order of DeMolay we find "the Order of Rainbow for Girls" coming into the session for a brief greeting and response. This correspondent expects that the next thing will be "The Seraphic Order of Infantile Cherubs" when fond mothers of prospective masons and O. E. S. sisters will bring their offerings to our Masonic altars chanting that beautiful old gospel hymn, "What Will the Harvest Be." The Grand Master urges the increase of the minimum fee for the three degrees from thirty-three dollars to forty dollars, and that ten dollars of this shall go to the support of the Masonic Home. This was adopted not without opposition, by the Grand Lodge.

Fifty-two pages of the proceedings are given to the report of the Trustees

of the Masonic Home, and indicate an abundance of donations from the brethren and also from the members of the O. E. S. The Home, judging from this report, is carefully financed and efficiently administered.

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The Twenty-first Annual Communication.

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Your Maine correspondent receives kindly and even generous treatment at his hands being credited with "making what would otherwise be a task into a pleasant pastime." Praise is given to his last year's "Foreword" on "Youth and Masonry" and a few comments which enforce the message.

Altogether the annual proceedings of Alberta are a credit to the business like methods of the brethren, and they are to be congratulated in having such an able corp of reviewers of the various Grand Lodges.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1926.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 13,965; gain, 621. There are 113 lodges on the roll, two of which are under dispensation.

There were present, in addition to the Grand Lodge family, seventeen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-one jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother F. Bowser, for Maine. An interesting presentation of the Representative's Jewel from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, marked the opening of the Communication.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Alex M. Manson, in opening his annual address pointed out those vital truths which are at the basis of Freemasonry, and showed how in the smallest affairs of daily life these are to be exemplified, over the counter, in the home, in the workshop, wherever man meets man in the social and economic relationships of daily life.

Grand Master Manson called attention to the passing of Past Grand Master A. Charleson, who held office in 1896-97. Fitting tribute was paid by him to his memory and Masonic service, while the Necrology Committee gave due place to his honored and beloved memory on their roll.

Among his visitations we notice one to the Grand Lodge of Washington, and we take a kind of vicarious delight in knowing that such cordial relations exist across that shadowy boundary called the Canadian Border. Among the constructive Masonic labors of the year was the constituting of two, and the organizing under dispensation of two more, new lodges. Among his common sense "rulings" we notice among many others, such things as — disapproving of "a Masonic picnic on Sunday," disapproving of rental of hall for the Ku Klux Klan. He gave special warning to the brethren against those who claim to have received Masonic degrees in lodges of jurisdictions not recognized by British Columbia. He declared that a man unable to kneel, and another unable to give and receive the "essentials of recognition" are ineligible.

We learn that since 1923 this Grand Lodge has been giving especial attention to its Benevolent Fund, and the Grand Master says that the brethren have not fully responded to the building up of this Fund. Under his management in co-operation with the D. D. G. Ms. there has been generous response to the extent of \$32,000.00. He expresses the hope "that the enthusiasm will be maintained." Six lodges have made a 100 per cent. showing, and thirty-four have given 50 per cent. or more for this Fund.

The reports of the fifteen D. D. G. Ms. occupy a large part of this volume of annual proceedings and show careful and painstaking labor loyally performed. The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother William Burns, gives an interesting report, embellished with several full page photographs of halls occupied by Victoria Lodge in 1860-65, and another of the hall used during the years 1865-78. Over the corner of the earliest lodge room, there is a large sign reading "Pacific Beer," which might bring tender memories to some of the brethren of the United States. Another interesting picture is that of laying the corner-stone of the Temple in 1878, a dignified and intense group of brethren engaged in Masonic labor. Two photographs are given of this Victoria Temple, one in 1878 and on the next page, as "remodelled" in 1909.

Among those receiving aid from the Benevolent Fund we find twelve members, fourteen widows and twenty-four children. The Benevolent Committee says that \$25.00 per month is "quite inadequate to give the necessary assistance," and we can quite understand the imparative need of augmenting the Fund as urged by Grand Master Manson.

The Committee on Constitution brought in a mode of procedure for Lodge Trials which is clear and compelling in its interest, but was deferred until the next Annual Communication before being adopted.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address said of that address, "that it embraces in very short compass the soundest specific advice to the Craft that we have ever had the good fortune to read in any Grand Master's address. Every word is earnest and forcible and indicates not only great Masonic knowledge on his part, but also that he is imbued with the true spirit of the Fraternity." This is high praise indeed, and quite coincides with our impression during the reading of it. A brief business like document which touches the vital roots of the institution, and outlines with vision, the possibilities and achievements of Masonry in British Columbia.

An interesting series of remarks were made by a distinguished visitor, W. Bro. F. H. Melville, of the District Grand Lodge of China (under the Massachusetts Constitution), which were greeted with applause by the brethren.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar and honored name of one of America's ablest correspondents, M. W. Brother W. A. DeWolfe Smith. Prother DeWolfe Smith has a trenchant style of statement and a keen analytical mind which probes into the causes and reasons for things, so that we get something worthwhile in Masonic literature and erudition. A man of diligence and fecundity of mind with whom it is a kind of fraternal sacrament to commune and foregather each year about our mystic round table of reviewers. British Columbia is indeed fortunate in having a man of this character and calibre for its Correspondent, and we appreciate and enjoy his work, even when he is most divergent from our own ideas and methods.

He finds for instance in our Grand Master's rulings a discrepancy in the case of two applicants, one who had an artificial foot but was able to give

and receive all the signs necessary for Masonic recognition, and the other who has an artificial right forearm and hand. Brother DeWolfe Smith asks this pertinent question, "why one should be taken and the other left presents itself?" The answer is found in our Maine law to the effect that in these two particular cases, one applicant could do the necessary masonic work, the latter could not, hence the difference and discrepancy in the matter, hence the reason why "one was taken and the other left." It is simply a matter of eligibility under our Maine law, which was passed in 1923.

Brother DeWolfe Smith tacitly commends our action in the matter of deferring the request of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for fraternal recognition by saying we did this "in view of the chaotic condition of what passes for Masonry in that country," which about expresses the idea. He says of our action in withdrawing recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium, that "it should never have been granted," and we cordially agree with him, but having been granted in some former years, perhaps during a moment of mental aberration, we did the only thing that was left us to do after Belgium's unmasonic action.

Your Correspondent is praised for his "Foreword on Youth and Masonry" with which he agrees and adds that we better make a virtue of necessity anyhow, for youth will have its way with us and if we don't give the Young Brethren a chance, "they will take it anyhow."

He makes a few gentle animadversions on our rather liberal attitude regarding physical eligibility by saying that "children under age or one of the opposite sex" might be eligible, which strikes us as a kind of non sequiter, or *reductio ad absurdum*, as the logicians say. With us of course as in British Columbia children and females are clearly barred but our Maine law allows men otherwise qualified who can do the masonic work even if they have artificial limbs, to petition for the degrees. On the other hand British Columbia's Masonic Law does not allow it—we follow our law, and British Columbia follows their's, and everybody ought to be happy, and certainly two men by the name of Smith are not going to haggle and pettily debate any such question, such picayune controversy is foreign to the ancient and honorable name of Smith anyhow, so here the question drops!

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1926.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 107,676. There were present in addition to the members of the Grand Lodge, one Past Grand Master, our dear friend and brother whom Maine loves and honors, M. W. Brother W. N. Ponton, and the Grand Representatives of twenty Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, for Maine. Maine can always count on Brother Way's presence, and that is precisely the kind and quality of Grand Representative that Maine likes to have as our official nuncio in Ontario.

After a few delightful preliminaries in the way of Mayoralty greeting and the Grand Master's response, distinguished guests were introduced

and fraternally received, among these we notice the names of the M. W. Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Brother J. C. Walker Reid, and the M. W. Grand Master of North Dakota, Bro. F. C. Falkenstein. Many others were present from Michigan, Manitoba, Minnesota and Saskatchewan.

The M. W. Grand Master of Ontario, Brother John Albert Rowland (B. A.), in opening his annual address made reference to the Locarno Treaty and the British coal strike. He then refers to the gains in membership referring to the above given number, and saying that this number had been increased to something like 110,000. He refers to the constantly increasing expense in publishing the annual proceedings, and then suggests that while appreciating the excellence of the reports of the D. D. G. Ms. and the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, that these be given a definite limit of space.

Among the names given under the caption, "Fraternal Dead," we note with fraternal regret and sympathy the passing of M. W. Bro. J. M. Burritt, whom he calls a "devoted member and servant of the Grand Lodge."

Something of the constructive Masonic labors of Ontario may be seen in the consecrating of six, and the organizing under dispensation, of seven new lodges, the dedicating of twelve lodges, and the laying of four cornerstones.

Among the names of those whose nominations he was pleased to confirm as Grand Representatives we note with pleasure that of R. W. Brother James Abernethy, of West Pembroke (Maine). We take this opportunity to assure the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ontario that Brother Abernethy will be a credit to Ontario, as he has long been one of our most earnest and devoted Craftsmen in Maine. The affairs of Ontario, near this Grand Lodge of Maine, are in entirely competent hands.

Something of the calibre of the Grand Master may be seen in his summarily suspending brothers for misconduct in office.

His rulings and decisions which are few are all within the usual practice of our Grand Jurisdiction, such things as, for instance, "a blind man is ineligible for the office of Worshipful Master," may be taken as a sample.

During the year he made two special contributions of one thousand dollars each to the Memorial Fund of the Grand Lodge of England and to the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto, which, we learn is not a Masonic Institution but was the special care of a beloved brother John Ross Robertson, and he gave it as a kind of "tribute to the memory of one to whom Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction owes so much." Both met the approval of the Grand Lodge. In benevolence Ontario paid out something over one hundred thousand dollars, which indicates something of the real spirit of the fraternity which is dominant there. Among his "Visits" we note that he was the guest of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, of Quebec and of Manitoba. Grand Master Rowland in closing his address referred to the value and purpose of the Institution, as a mighty instrument to break down the barriers of misunderstanding between men, and unite

them more closely in the bonds of Brotherhood. It is, "a great moral force directed toward the making of better citizenship." He then quotes a few lines from Shelley's "Adonais," and closes with a couplet from Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

Something of the magnitude of the voluminous reports of the D. D. G. Ms. is seen when we number the printed pages and find exactly 272, and the Report on Foreign Correspondence is even larger containing three hundred and fifty pages, making a grand total of 622 pages, more than two-thirds of the entire volume. Herein we can understand the suggestion of the Grand Master as outlined above. The printer's charges and paper expense must be a tremendous item in their annual expenditure. The Reports of the District Deputies are far more extended than our own, going into smallest details oftentimes. We have found our printed questions to be answered briefly by the D. D. G. Ms., a great improvement on the prolix and often senseless verbosity of the old way, besides giving us a vital knowledge of the things that we want to know officially. It is a time-saver and a paper-saver for us, and everybody seems satisfied in Maine with the new and more business like method. There are thirty-two of these Districts in Ontario, four of which are in the City of Toronto. As this Maine Correspondent has visited this noblest City of Canada, as we believe it to be, he can now understand something of the reason for its high standing and exalted atmosphere, with four Masonic Districts spreading the Light of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. He is glad to pay this tribute to Toronto in memory of a week's sojourn there a few years ago.

Under recommendation of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence Ontario recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the National Grand Lodge of France, and we of Maine confess that if we *had* to choose either in Mexico or France, where there is divided Masonic authority, these two would be our guess as to the right one. Leaving this delicate matter, we are glad to congratulate Brother Ponton and his committee on deferring the matter of recognition of the following Grand Lodges and Grand Orients: Vienna, Greece, Chile, Costa Rica, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Uruguay, Denmark, Brazil, Finland, Roumania, San Salvador, Columbia and Panama. With the large majority of these alleged Grand Lodges we can think of no better counsel than the last line of Milton's poem "On His Blindness," "They also serve who only stand and wait." Fraternal Relations were summarily severed with the Grand Orient of Belgium, an action which Maine had already taken some few years ago. Altogether it is a prudent, conservative report, and is a credit to the committee of this great and honored jurisdiction.

An unusually tender tribute is paid to the Fraternal Dead by the committee for that purpose, abounding in personal allusions and embellished with fitting verse.

The Report on Correspondence is over the familiar and beloved name of Maine's friend, M. W. Bro. William Nesbit Ponton (P. G. M.). In his "Prelude," opening his report, he has this choice bit of wisdom and literary

phrasing, " I trust that this composite picture of the annual drama of the Craft; this anthology of Masonic lore and of progress, may not be critically deemed to be of tantalizing scrappiness, but may have caught some of the spirit and form of literary digests and reviews — a mosaic yet a consistent entity."

We doubt if that particular thing was ever better expressed, and as it voices the conviction of every reviewer we have, contrary to our custom, quoted it at length. It is not only a gem of good English, but it expresses in brief space what has haunted every reviewer, and what we have found it difficult to say. Personally we should call it a tragedy for Ontario to limit, as the Grand Master suggested, the space allotted to this report. It is one of the few to which we turn when the Annual Proceedings of Ontario reach us, assured of clear, flowing English and of Masonic erudition which is vitally instructive.

Maine receives cordial and comprehensive notice. Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication is given six gleaming pages of this review. He refers to the reading of our Grand Representative's letter, which reading we recall as we caught something of the flavor of Brother J. B. Way's personality. Better than his letter, will be the " living word " of his personal presence sometime, and it can't happen to soon for the brethren of Maine, and if M. W. Brother Ponton should be his companion every Maine brother in attendance will be the better for his visit and his association with us.

Grand Master Moulton's references to the Washington Memorial are quoted, as is his conclusion. Our Maine action relative to Mexico, and Belgium is quoted and commended. Your Correspondent's Foreword on " Youth and Masonry " is quoted almost in toto. And he is praised for " a revelation of what the heart attuned to true culture and the message of goodwill can attain." And a lot of fine things like that are said, which this correspondent for very modesty, must pass over. He quotes also our attempt at paraphrasing Brother Sam Goodwin's prose into the Walt Whitmanesque style of poetry. We are especially gratified because he is one of the few correspondent's who made such comment on what we ourself thought a rather clever performance.

Well, what an enjoyable evening we have had with Ontario and especially with Brother Ponton's report, we rise from its reading almost as we might from a sacrament, and perchance there is in it the hallowed sacramental power of real fraternity, even though a kind of shadowy boundary line is supposed to mark our Canadian and American territories, while nothing of the kind can separate Masonic realities exemplified in our symbols and taught in our familiar precepts.

CONNECTICUT, 1926.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 44,181; net gain, 1,242. We note the significant facts — that there were 775 rejections during the year, that every one of the 120 lodges made returns and that 244 were dropped for n. p. d.

There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four Jurisdictions. Ours for Maine does not appear, for which we candidly express our fraternal regret.

Several distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were cordially received.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Walter T. Arnold, in opening his annual address made fitting mention of the decease of Connecticut's Senior Past Grand Master, Brother John Henry Swartwout, who held this exalted position in 1889.

Thirty-two dispensations were granted all well within the practice of a conservative jurisdiction. We note an interesting, if somewhat surprising event when the Grand Master visited the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey and "witnessed the conferring of the M. M. degree by members of Excelsior Consistory, 33rd degree." We withhold comment,—supposing it to be considerably like our Past Masters' degree work, only being conferred by 33rds, instead of Past Masters.

The Grand Master heartily endorses the work of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association of New Mexico, seeing in it that which is being faced by so many Grand Jurisdictions, the immediate and comparative need for those thousands of invalids who journey into those Southwestern Jurisdictions believing that the climate conduces to the arrestment of the disease. It is interesting to see that ninety per cent. of these make application to some charitable institution or agency within one year after their arrival. So great is the demand and need that our brothers of the Southwest are quite unable to furnish such help in proportion to the necessity, and the above named Association is receiving hearty endorsement and substantial contributions from many Grand Jurisdictions.

Among the emergent communications were several for dedications of temple and corner-stone ceremonies.

Included in the Grand Master's report is that of Cyrus R. Mitchell, who signs himself "Protestant Chaplain U. S. Veterans' Hospital 41." We have no way of knowing that Chaplain Mitchell is a member of our Institution but we note a statement of his as follows which leads us to recognize service rendered in the truly Masonic spirit: "It has been your Chaplain's pleasure and duty to see that those who are designated 'No Church,' 'No Religion,' 'Agnostic,' etc., have just the same care as the rest of the patients." We approve and applaud that kind of service. Another statement is to the effect that nearly forty-five per cent. of the inmates of the hospital are non-catholic, and we begin to see the reason why a distinctive "Protestant Chaplain" has been appointed to the institution and why he makes report to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who is probably helping to maintain the efficient services of this broad-minded chaplain.

We note with approval that the Grand Master has refused endorsement to many commercial enterprises and projects that have solicited patronage of the constituent lodges.

It is of immediate interest to the brethren of Maine since our action last year relative to a Masonic Charity Foundation that Connecticut instead of a fifty cent per capita, has assessed the members one dollar per year for five years. This sum is to be invested and disbursed like our own in Maine. In addition to this each candidate, "shall pay the sum of \$20.00 as a contribution to the Masonic Charity Foundation." So, brethren of Maine, you see what a jurisdiction about the size of our own numerically (44,181) is doing for the same purpose, and that our action of last year in comparison with most others (North Carolina, for instance, has a \$4.75 annual per capita) is rather paltry and niggardly, after all.

The Committee on Appropriations acted favorably on the Grand Master's suggestion regarding the New Mexico T. B. Sanatoria by recommending the appropriation of \$500.00 as Connecticut's contribution. Adopted.

Another interesting action was taken under recommendation of the Finance Committee namely that in addition to the one dollar per capita for the Masonic Charity Foundation, that \$2.15 per member be levied also (as in the past).

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is over the well-known and beloved name of Past Grand Master George A. Kies. This is one of the annual reviews that we look forward to with keen interest, if also a bit of apprehension,—interest because it is filled always with sound, sane Masonic common sense; apprehension — because we know Brother Kies' caustic wit and gentle railery if by any mischance we have slipped in making the yearly masonic journey. Maine, however, is fully commended. He says "we infer that there is no thought of establishing a Masonic Home" in Maine. This correspondent of Maine believes he voices the conviction of the vast majority of the brethren when he says that Brother Kies is absolutely correct in his inference.

Your correspondent is honored by Brother Kies' quotation and comment on his "Foreword" entitled "Youth and Masonry," giving more than half his review to this subject and other kindly words which have done us good to read.

Nowhere in such short compass have we seen the International Masonic Association so clearly and trenchantly dealt with, and withal so courteously as in Brother Kies' closing word of his report. With the keen rapier of critical acumen he has punctured that inflated bladder of pseudo-masonry until as our Maine farmers say, "it is flatter than a pancake." It is a real pleasure to see it so deftly done.

Again under the caption, "Too Many Laws," he administers deserved castigation on a growing evil in practically every Grand Jurisdiction. How truly the official code of rules and regulations, of constitutional laws and judicial opinions, etc., of Grand Lodges, remind us of that line of Pope:

"A mighty maze, and all without a plan."

Altogether we have had a pleasant evening with Brother Kies' report, and rise from its reading a happier and wiser man.

DELAWARE, 1926.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 5,955; net gain, 44. Number of Constituent Lodges, 22. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother Leonard L. Purks, for Maine. Several distinguished visitors from New Jersey were welcomed from the Grand East, including M. W. Brother Frank G. Sayrs, Grand Master, all of which made "interesting and instructive Masonic addresses."

M. W. Grand Master Brother James P. Pierce, in opening his annual report made fitting mention of the large toll taken from the Past Grand Officers during the year. Three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers, Geo. C. William, Geo. M. Jones and Charles H. Maull, were called into the Great Beyond during the year, a tremendous strain in a small Grand Jurisdiction of less than six thousand members. Maine sends its fraternal sympathy in the loss of so many eminent Craftsmen during the year. We learn from Grand Master Pierce's report that several emergent communications were held, two for temple dedications, and one for a cornerstone ceremonial. The Grand Master recommended continuance in the M. S. A., and also that the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for the service of the committee on educational work. Both recommendations were adopted. Recommendation that a representative of the Grand Lodge be appointed to investigate the needs of the National Masonic T. B. Sanitoria Association, was made by the Grand Master, which was adopted.

We note with pleasure the M. W. Grand Master's recommendation of a commission issued by our Grand Lodge of Maine, by its Grand Master, to R. W. Brother Leonard L. Purks, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and we hereby cordially greet and welcome R. W. Brother Purks.

It is with pleasure that we learn that the entire indebtedness on the Masonic Home, has been "nearly wiped out."

The Grand Lodge of Delaware is a strong advocate of the Order of DeMolay as a character builder in the lives of young men. The Grand Master's recommendation that each Master Mason raised be presented with "a Bible, with suitable title page for entering the name of the Candidate," was adopted. It is interesting to notice that in speaking of the Temple at Wilmington, which is being proposed, that sixty per cent. of Delaware's Masonic membership belongs to the seven Lodges in that city. He also recommended that whenever the Grand Lodge shall lay a cornerstone it shall be inscribed with the name of the Grand Lodge and the date of the ceremony.

Under recommendation of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, which was adopted, fraternal recognition was established with Queensland, Costa Rica and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

During the session the M. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, Bro. Frank C. Sayrs, was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of Delaware.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was made by the Chairman, M. W. Brother Thos. J. Day, his seventh annual review of Grand Jurisdictions. This report is one of the shorter, and yet adequate reviews, covering this year something over fifty pages in the annual proceedings of Delaware.

Maine receives something more than the average of space and attention at his hands. Our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication is considered. Mention is made of Grand Master Moulton's achievements during the year, citation is made at considerable length of our Grand Master's closing words, and our action (1926) of establishing a "Masonic Charitable Foundation" is mentioned without comment, as was also our use of Charter Certificates instead of the original during meetings of our constituent lodges.

Your Correspondent of Maine is commended for the comprehensiveness of the review of Delaware.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 22,993; net gain, 506. Number of lodges, forty five. Besides the Grand Lodge family, there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Sydney R. Jacobs, in opening his annual address called attention to the latent potentialities for altruism in our Institution, and accounted for its steady growth on this basis. Under "Condition of the Fraternity" and speaking of the small net gain for the year as compared with the "war time" accessions, the Grand Master says this very sensible word, "It is natural that these losses should be heavy for a few years to come." He believes that such as are thus automatically dropped from our lists because the Order did not yield them the "dividends" which they expected, represents a real, though of course, negative gain. He expresses the matter in a few brief words as follows: "They petitioned for the degrees with the mistaken idea that immediate and outstanding benefits would result, and being thus fundamentally in error, they have not been assimilated and are gradually dropping out." Our comment on this true word of the Grand Master is, that in Maine apple orchards there is a lot of wholesome pruning away of dead and dying branches which makes the tree sounder and far thriftier in its fruit yielding in October. As Hamlet said, "I must be cruel, only to be kind," and drastic use of the pruning knife has saved many a Maine orchard.

During his term he granted a charter for a new Lodge to be known as Samuel Gompers Lodge (No. 45) which according to the report is thriving and its progress amply justifies the action of the Grand Lodge in granting a charter. One new lodge was organized under dispensation to be known as Justice Lodge and the Grand Master suggests that a charter should be granted these brethren during this session, which was done. Two corner-stone ceremonials were held during the year.

The Grand Master speaks rather discouragingly of the Masonic Building enterprise at "Temple Heights" which represents a total indebtedness of \$471,500.00. While discouraged a bit, he voices a wholesome optimism that "the final outcome" as he terms it will be for the good of the Order. He urges, however, that an immediate stop should be put "to the non-productive payment for carrying charges." As the Grand Lodge has an equity in the property which is constantly advancing in value, of nearly one million dollars, there are good grounds for such optimistic courage as is voiced by the Grand Master.

Grand Master Jacobs speaks in the highest terms of the service rendered by "Masonic Clubs" and especially endorses the projects of the National League for scholarships at the George Washington University where young men can be trained for the Foreign and Diplomatic Service of the United States.

Brother Jacobs annual address is a clear, concise, business-like document which it has been a pleasure to read. His quietly conservative judgment is seen respecting many vexing questions and issues. His recommendations are few, choosing rather to refer the important matters for the decision of the Grand Lodge, rather than to force the issue himself and commit the Grand Lodge to some course of action which can better be decided by the deliberative body than by one member, even though he has the prerogative and authority of a Grand Master.

We notice with particular appreciation, especially in view of our "Foreword" of last year in this report, that every year at "Temple Heights" there is held a religious service. This year the leading clergymen of the city, everyone of which was a member of the Fraternity, participated in the service. There was a Jewish Rabbi, an Episcopal Rector, preachers of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Communion, all taking part in this service, a beautiful example of that principle laid down in the Great Light "Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." The service was a living example of our message of last year that "Masonry is a unifying principle of religion," wherein we can always prove to the world "that the outward letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

The Committee on National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria, while very sympathetic toward the Association, recommended that no contribution be given at this time, and deemed it unwise to become a member of it.

During this communication a cordial greeting "to the District of Columbia in particular" was received from R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, who recalls his kindly fraternal welcome of a year ago.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that no new lodge shall be named "for a living Mason, nor for one who has not rendered conspicuous service to a Grand Lodge or to one of its constituent lodges." This correspondent heartily agrees to this principle.

During the stated communication in May, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Vienna.

The Report on Correspondence is the twenty-sixth from the hand of the Chairman of the Committee, M. W. Bro. George W. Baird, Past Grand Master, who deals with sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions in his usual clear and constructive way. Brother Baird is a man of independent mental conviction and ethical insight into the deeper problems and issues of the Fraternity. Indeed twenty-six years of service is not only a highly honorable record but suggest the matured judgment of age and experience in dealing with our questions. Invariably he touches the essential thing and enlightens it with a few words of kindly and incisive comment.

Maine is given more than the usual space, and quite like most reviewers of our Maine names of Indian origin he gets them a little twisted, for instance Quantabacook Lodge at Searsmont is the proper spelling, not "Quantacook Lodge of Scarsmont." A minor, even trivial matter to be sure, but it looks and sounds strangely to our ears and especially to one who has known these locations and spent several vacations there.

We are highly pleased to note his word of praise relative to the report of the Charity Fund Committee, which is a "marvel of care, accuracy and labor."

Brother Baird comments also on Grand Master Moulton's references to the quality of our Masonic building material and the steady growth of the Order in our jurisdiction.

Your correspondent is allotted more than half the review of Maine. Kindly comment is made that "he has the courage of his convictions, the kind of Mason who leads and does not follow the incoherent majority." We especially like Brother Baird's attitude on the matter of the naming of Saumel Gompers Lodge, for this eminent labor leader, and feel that his objections are well sustained.

FLORIDA, 1926.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 27,398; net gain, 1,527. Active lodges on the roll, 249. There were present nine Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of thirty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. William S. Ware for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Lamar G. Carter in opening his annual address made fitting reference to the irreparable loss of the Grand Lodge in the passing of M. W. Brothers Silas B. Wright and Reginald H. Cooper during his year of Grandmastership. The writer of this review especially feels the loss of Brother Wright one of the ablest of our Grand Lodge correspondents whose keen mind probed and analyzed our Masonic problems and issues and his facile pen adorned every subject with which he dealt.

Something of Grand Master Carter's constructive labors may be seen in the fact that there were ten special communications during the year, four new lodges constituted and eight corner-stones laid. He refused to lay two corner-stones (both for churches), on the legitimate masonic ground that in one instance the walls had been completed, and only a space left for the stone, and in the other because the stone was not to be properly placed in the northeast corner of the building.

A somewhat extended list of "Degrees short of time" sounds a little strange to our ears, as such dispensations are granted but rarely in Maine.

We are glad to see, also, that he refused to authorize the Grand Secretary to furnish a list of names of the membership of constituent lodges for the purpose of a regalia supply house circularizing such membership for the sale of its products.

Once more, as in the majority of Grand Lodges this year, the New Mexico National Masonic Sanatoria Association is cordially endorsed by the Grand Master who recommends that the Grand Lodge give its aid and co-operation, "and provide financial assistance."

Grand Master Carter calls attention to the action of the Conference of Grand Masters (Chicago, 1925) in reference to invasion of jurisdiction by the so-called "Regional Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," which organization is fathered by the Grand Orient of France. The resolution adopted by the Conference calls upon every American Grand Lodge which is in fraternal relations with the Orient of France to sever such relationships at once. Again we of Maine see that conservative and resolute action in entering such relations, as we came somewhat too near doing during the war and under the pressure of the abnormal war-hysteria, is entirely justified by results. Had the Grand Lodge of Maine entered into such fraternal relationships, we would now recognize our error, and be taking the same drastic action which is confronting several American Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master gives forty-nine "rulings" a long list from our Maine point of view, and yet all within our practice and most of them clearly laid down in our regulations. The old question which has been asked and answered so many times respecting the Catholic Church again arises, and Grand Master Carter answers it rather laconically: "There is nothing in Masonic Law that would prohibit a Roman Catholic from becoming a Mason." Many of the questions are quite as obvious in their answers as this one, and reveal a commendable zeal on the part of the brethren to be like Davy Crockett who said, "Be sure your right, then go ahead."

Florida is erecting two monuments to its recently deceased Past Grand Masters Brothers Wright and Cooper.

For the George Washington Memorial, Florida has contributed about seventy per cent. of its one dollar per capita quota.

The Grand Lodge of Florida exchanged fraternal representatives, and extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Panama, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The Grand Orator, W. Brother Albert A. Murphree, gave his annual oration which is printed in full, and deals with the symbolical history of the early days, and the later "Middle Ages." Careful attention is given to the Anderson Constitution in England (1710) while the modern meanings of Masonry are deduced from these earlier times, and applied to our own issue and ideals of today.

After the adjournment of the Annual Communication news of the death of M. W. Brother Albert W. Gilchrist, who was Grand Master in 1911-1912, was received and a page of the annual proceedings set apart in his honorable memory.

The Correspondent's report is from the worthy successor of Past Grand Master Silius B. Wright, who bears the name of Ely P. Hubbell. We cordially greet R. W. Brother Hubbell, as indeed we have already less formally done by personal correspondence in a matter which did noble credit to his Masonic spirit. A sentence in his "Salutatory" struck us as phrasing a matter which confronts every correspondent, he said: "Being primarily intended to enlighten the Craft in our own State, controversial matters, though possibly valuable, are purposely omitted." A rule which for five years has guided this reviewer, the exceptions have been so rare that they are almost negligible, and only used when the need seemed imperative to elucidate another angle of a question, and never in mere controversy for its own sake. It's a fraternal correspondence and therefore the amenities of fraternity should be "the rule and guide" of our conduct at the round table.

Maine receives cordial and comprehensive review at Brother Hubbell's hands. Our procedure at our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication is commended in every instance. Reference is made to Grand Secretary Davis and Past Grand Master Bodge, who are called "the salt of the earth." A salt which has not "lost its savor" as all of the brethren of Maine know so well. Salt cleanses, purifies and rejuvenates and that is exactly what we get from these strong brothers of Maine.

Your Maine correspondent receives extended notice, and our action relative to Columbia Lodge Buenos Ayres (S. A.), and the Grand Orient of Belgium, is approved. Brother Hubbell refers to former correspondents of Maine in this wise: "The writer can scarcely remember, when he has not heard commendations of the masterly reports on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Maine, and the one this year is no exception, etc." Such is the kindly and even flattering praise for his Foreword of last year on "Youth and Masonry."

GEORGIA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 68,890. There seems to have been a net loss of 103. Lodges, 641. In addition to the official family, there were present ten Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty one jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. W. F. Bove, for Maine.

M. W. Brother, Past Grand Master James W. Taylor, died at the ripe age of ninety two. Due respect and tender eulogy was paid to his memory and Masonic services by several of the brethren, while Grand Master M. W. Bro. W. S. Richardson read his letter which was sent to each constituent lodge honoring his life and labor.

Grand Master Richardson rendered nine "Decisions" two of which while wholly justified from the Georgia Code would not be allowed in Maine. One allowing rental of Masonic Hall to the Klan, the other allowing Masons to attend church in regalia in a body as often as they like, in fact he says, "such a practice should be encouraged rather than discouraged."

Among his recommendations is one to the effect that legislation should be passed which would allow an unaffiliate Mason to be in proper Masonic standing during a "reasonable period for the presentation of his demit to another lodge."

He recommends that the words "Free and Accepted Masons" be added to the present official title which is "The Grand Lodge of Georgia." He bases his argument on the fact that there are already two negro Grand Lodges in Georgia, and that clandestine bodies might pre-empt the title also, which rightfully belongs to them. Certainly there is force in his argument. Another recommendation is that weak lodges shall be consolidated. He discourages the working of the degrees by itinerant fellow-craft clubs and degree teams, and has some sharp but deserved words to say of Masons that violate the Volstead Act. He recommends immediate investigation and action for all such. The Grand Master donated \$500.00 for Masonic relief in the Florida storm disaster, with the approval of the brethren.

The work accomplished by M. W. Brother Charles L. Bass, as Director of Masonic Welfare is highly and deservedly praised by Grand Master Richardson. This correspondent remembers Brother Bass when he was Grand Master of Georgia and will never forget the incident recorded in the year's proceedings, when during an interim of the Grand Lodge Sessions, he presented his aged mother to the assembled brethren. It was a touching moment even though recorded in cold type and must have appealed to the better nature of every Craftsman.

The increasing financial problems of Masonic Homes is indicated in a paragraph of the Grand Master's report, in which he says that the institution is already "overcrowded," and the problem of maintainance is annually increasing. It is a general condition and complaint from which Maine has been delivered.

During the year fifteen corner-stones were laid many of them by the Grand Master.

It is interesting to learn that a portrait of Brother General Oglethorp is to be presented to the Grand Lodge next year when it moves into its new building, which was not quite completed for this year's communication.

We are glad to see the safe and sane attitude of Georgia in answering a request of a subordinate lodge "to take steps to bring pressure to bear upon the Italian Government to stop persecution of brother Masons in Italy." We rather suspect that our good and conservative friend Bro. Raymund Daniel, Grand Correspondent is responsible in a measure for this attitude, which is in effect that since Georgia is not in fraternal relations with any of the Grand Lodges of Italy for the reason that such lodges are indulging in political schemes and religious affairs, that such a step on the part of Georgia would be in itself a "smattering of politics." Sympathy is expressed for the Masons of Italy but that is all, and this correspondent believes that it is rightly — all.

A rather winsome appeal from Brother Andrew L. Randell trying to lure Georgia back into membership in the M. S. A., is given in full. Georgia withdrew its membership a few years ago.

The Masonic Orphans' Home is considered in nearly forty pages of the annual proceedings and indicates efficient management and careful administration of funds. Everybody seems interested and in the long list of donations seemed determined to give something toward its support.

The Jurisprudence Committee gave the Grand Master, for the most part a clean bill of health in the matter of decisions, although demurring a little with some of them and modifying others.

We come now to that which was read first of all, the Report on Correspondence by R. W. Bro. Raymund Daniel. This report is printed in a separate volume of neat appearance, a pleasure to the hand as well as to the eye and mind of the reader. The volume has the imprint of an enterprise of the Grand Lodge of Georgia,—The Masonic Print Shop of Macon. It is prefaced by an essay entitled "The Citizenship of Freemasonry," which has made delightful and inspiring reading. It should be printed as a kind of tract of Freemasonry and is wholly worthy of wide distribution throughout the Masonic world. From its opening sentence quoted from Dickens "Tale of Two Cities," to its closing vision of "the dawn of a new and better day," it has enthralled us with its clear English sentences its profound insight into our national issues and its wholesome and reasonable optimism. It is one of the unusual things which make the somewhat wearying routine of these reviews worth doing. Like a breath of spring, "stealing and giving odor" as Shakespeare expressed it. It has so charmed and captivated this reviewer that he is sorely tempted to do two things, first—steal it in toto, shamelessly plagiarize it and place it in the forefront of this report as a "Foreword," and secondly, to quite the job of writing at all. As a sane utterance on progressive American citizenship and for want of a better phrase what I must call the prophetic impulse and vision of Freemasonry it is simply superb.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication is generously and constructively treated in four pages of his review. Grand Master Moulton is liberally cited and cordially commended. Our Masonic Charitable Foundation is called and quite rightly "the major achievement of the year in Maine."

Our Foreword of last year is treated in a kindly manner and more than half the review is given to citations from it. Brother Daniel has such words as these to say respecting your Maine reviewer (and for these we herewith express our gratitude)—"In our review of the 1921 Proceedings of Maine, we wrote that in the Grand Correspondent of Maine, Providence had raised up a new correspondent who by his first reviews, has placed himself in the highest circle of reviewers, etc." The succeeding years have more than verified our statement of five years ago. "Not alone is Maine proud of him; the entire Masonic world has cause to be glad for Brother Smith." We blushed for very modesty at such words, and hoped they are really true of course, and thought of that old New England phrase that

perhaps "we were some punkins" after all. Anyhow such praise has the disastrous and tragic effect of making this reviewer persist in his annual nefarious designs on the brethren, and trying to get a little more international Freemasonry into their systems.

IDAHO, 1926.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 10,008; net gain for the year, 247. Number of lodges on the roll, seventy-eight. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-six jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Victor Peterson for Maine.

M. W. Bro. Will H. Gibson, Grand Master, in opening his annual address dwells upon the constructive growth of Masonry in Idaho and prophecies that if its principles and precepts are kept unsullied by the coming generations, the Institution will continue to be "a mighty power for good among men." During the year Idaho lost its beloved Past Grand Master, Bro Albert W. Gordon.

Four objectives were clearly outlined by the Grand Master for his term of administration: First, Masonic education; second, every lodge represented at the Grand Lodge Communication; third, completion of Idaho's subscription to the George Washington Memorial; fourth, consideration of the tuberculosis situation and problem especially as it relates to Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. While these ideal objectives were not completely achieved, yet substantial gains were made in each regard. Under finance the Grand Master says that a per capita tax of seventy-five cents is imperatively needed to meet the necessities and requirements of the work of this Jurisdiction. The present per capita tax is fifty-five cents.

Under the caption "Tuberculosis Problem" the matter is duly and fairly considered by the Grand Master, and as Maine will be facing the issue in some future communication it may be well to dwell at some length upon the problem. The issue, as presented by such Jurisdictions as Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, is becoming of grave concern to our brethren in every jurisdiction. New Mexico is taking the lead in the matter with its newly incorporated and organized association called The National Masonic Tubercular Sanitoria Association. Probably every jurisdiction has received this association's urgent appeal to help support this philanthropy. The Association avers that many thousands of Masons throughout the United States are seeking relief and help in this southwestern country because of climatic conditions which conduce to recovered health. It appears that several of these Grand Jurisdictions in the southwest have been compelled to raise their per capita tax to three and four dollars to carry on this work, and especially to provide the funds necessary for the thousands of brethren thus afflicted. Twenty-five of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States are now represented on the Association's Board of Governors, and this fact itself indicates something of the national scope of the association. Maine, although having comparatively few such cases, will feel its brotherly obligation toward these southwestern juris-

dictions and toward the brotherhood at large in our country. It may well be that Maine's action last year in augmenting its Charity Fund by a fifty cent per capita will in future years be seen to be a wise and constructive piece of Masonic legislation.

During the year several special communications were held for the purpose of hall and temple dedications and one corner-stone ceremonial.

The broad interpretation of Masonic law in Idaho is seen by the several "decisions" rendered by the Grand Master of which the following may be taken as representative: "Can the petition of an applicant whose first two fingers of the left hand are missing be received? Answer, 'Yes,'—just like that no argument about it or long-winded dissertation pro and con, about the question" Maine would have answered the question in the same way.

The Grand Orator, Brother R. L. Givens, gave an interesting and illuminating oration, which is printed in full, dealing with some of the burning issues of our own time as seen in the light of our Institution, American citizenship must have meant more to the brethren in Idaho after listening to the clear and vital message of Brother Givens.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is given by R. W. Brother John W. Shore and deals with fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions. It is one of the brief reports covering about fifty pages of the proceedings, but in spite of its brevity it yet touches on the pivotal things of each Grand Lodge. Maine receives something less than a page of review, half of which is given to your correspondent's report of last year.

ILLINOIS, 1926.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 285,740; net gain, 6,144. There are 993 chartered lodges. There were present, besides the official family, ten Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-five jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Hal C. McLoud, for Maine.

An impressive "In Memoriam" service was conducted for Past Grand Master, Brother Arthur E. Wood, at the opening of the communication.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Richard C. Davenport refers to the Chicago Grand Master's Conference of which he was the official host and expresses his conviction that such an annual conference would be greatly beneficial to the Craft in the United States if for no other reason than that of conducting to a better understanding of inter-jurisdictional issues and problems.

Grand Master Davenport urges increased endowments for the Washington Memorial, commends a kind of School of Instruction, under the supervision of the Board of Grand Examiners, and gives high praise to the loyal and untiring labors of the numerous D. D. G. Ms. Grand Master Davenport arrested the charter of a lodge, and deposed the Worshipful Master from office, and suspended his Masonic membership, for allowing a candidate with an artificial foot to received the degrees. The justification or explanation of the lodge was that the candidate could "comply with the

law." Under our recently passed and very liberal law in Maine this difficulty would never have arisen.

Under the caption "Financing Masonic Temples" the Grand Master says some worthwhile things and cautions the over zealous and enthusiastic brethren of lodges not to go too far without looking ahead to final payments on the building and financing of temples. It is a growing evil with many lodges, in Maine as well as Illinois, to overestimate their ability to finance elaborate Masonic buildings and temples. Many have been handicapped for years by ill-advised haste and roseate visions.

Under "Class Presents" he calls attention to an evil in many lodges which has grown to such an extent as to have become a "pernicious practice" that of classes presenting their Master with gifts at the conclusion of the work. This is new to us in Maine, as we doubt if there is the least trace of this evil with us. It is both reprehensible and unmasonic, at least to the spirit of our Institution.

A busy and constructive year is indicated by the issuing of charters to fifteen new lodges, the laying of sixteen corner-stones, the instituting of thirteen new lodges and the dedication of twelve new temples. Two full-page cuts are given of two of these new temples, one at Belleville and the other at Elgin. Both are good examples of architectural dignity and skill.

The M. W. Grand Master of Iowa brought felicitous greetings to Illinois during the sessions, and was cordially applauded by the brethren.

The Grand Orator, Brother Charles S. Deneen spoke at length on some of our national problems, especially speaking of the race-problem, and suggesting their solutions in the light of our Institution and its teachings so in harmony with the basic law of our land, the Constitution of our country. It was a worthwhile word, worthily spoken.

The Jurisprudence Committee commended the position of the Grand Master relative to hasty and ill-advised financing of Masonic Temples by over zealous brethren (outlined above). The matter of "Class Presents" also received this committee's attention and condemnation.

A brief, but vital report is given on the Illinois Masonic Home, which indicates a Great Institution conservatively administered and soundly financed. An embellishment to the Illinois volume this year is a four page extension picture of this Home, giving eight different views of the various buildings of this impressive collection of architecture.

We note something of the high cost of upkeep and maintenance of such institutions by the appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for this year alone.

The only honorary member of the Grand Lodge is Brother Frank O. Lowden a name well known to every patriotic American; Brother Lowden made a brief but telling speech at the opening of the third day's session.

The Report on Masonic Correspondence is by R. W. Brother Elmer E. Beach and is fully in keeping with his high standard of excellence. One hundred and twenty-two pages of good, substantial Masonic wisdom and sound common-sense constitutes his review. In his brief Foreword or preface he calls attention to the growing disrespect for law which he finds

voiced in the message of the majority of Grand Masters. He utters the usual warning in these words: "The permanence of a republic depends upon the adherence of all its citizens to all its laws and a nation is headed for disaster when its best citizens will choose the laws to be observed and the laws to be disregarded." Which is another way of saying with Earl Chatham, "Where law ends, tyranny begins."

Another matter stressed by Brother Beach is that of Masonic Education, in which he pays high tribute to the work and aims of the M. S. A.

Maine receives at his hands about one page of review. Grand Master Moulton is commended and cited in the matter of delinquent dues, and the George Washington Memorial. Your correspondent's Foreword of 1926 on the subject "Masonry as a Unifying Principle of Protestantism," is commended as a good example of what our Institution can do "to overcome the rancor and bigotry engendered through sectarianism."

INDIANA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 126,215; net gain, 2,113. In addition to the official family, there were present twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions including R. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, for Maine.

A few delightful preliminaries characterized the opening session, including music and a little ceremony of greeting the Grand Representatives and their reponse thereto.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert W. Funkhouser, in opening his annual address called attention to Masonic Home Day which is observed every year by the Indiana brethren. Of this institution they are proud, and the Grand Master voices this feeling in his few words of appreciation and praise.

Masonry in Indiana has lost M. W. Bro. Mason J. Niblack and M. W. Bro. William E. English during the year and Grand Master Funkhouser paid fitting tribute, as did the Committee on Necrology, to these towers of Masonic strength, and their influence in the building of the Institution in this noble Jurisdiction of Indiana.

During his term he engaged in some truly constructive Masonic labor in laying eight corner-stones, and dedicating nine new Masonic Temples. Clear photographic cuts, full page, are given of practically all of these buildings showing impressive architecture and commodious apartments. One lodge was constituted and another instituted during his term of office.

Among his "Visitations" we notice with particular interest that of Mystic Tie Lodge, a duplication of the souvenir program is given whereon is depicted in clear vignettes the faces of twenty-two Past Grand Masters now living. The earliest is that of M. W. Bro. Frank E. Garvin who was Grand Master in 1894.

The Grand Master gives an interesting account of the achievements and purposes of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. The meeting of this Association was held in Chicago and

we are told that nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions of this country and Canada were represented. He says, "it is doing a good work and deserves the encouragement and support of organized Freemasonry."

He warned several lodges that were raffling an automobile under the ambiguous name of "St. John's League" and we are glad to learn that when the Grand Master's word was received by the brethren, "the money was refunded and the whole matter dropped."

The Grand Master's fourteen "Decisions" are all interesting, but as they follow the usual practise and custom in practically every Grand Jurisdiction, they call for no special comment.

We especially like his references under the caption "Masonry, Morals and the Law." Here is one of the good things which he said: "To be a Mason is a privilege that carries a corresponding responsibility. In this great Republic the law is the voice of the people, and it rests not upon bayonets, but upon the heart and conscience of our citizens. Law enforcement and obedience to the law is therefore, a moral as well as a legal duty." The brethren can infer the rest of it, the Grand Master pays his respects to those "respectable citizens" who encourage the bootlegger who "are kept in business by the so called upper classes in America." It is a scathing indictment of such practices. The Grand Master uses the phrase as applicable to our Order in its attitude toward law and order as "the Reserve Army of Civilization."

Among his recommendations is that in the installation ceremony the Ritual Committee provide some kind of a charge to the Chaplain and the Stewards, as no such provision is made in the present installation service. Another urges that provision be made in the Grand Lodge law allowing the O. E. S. the use of lodge rooms.

Forty-four pages of the annual proceedings are given to a detailed and illuminating report of the Indiana Masonic Home, which shows the funds carefully administered and an institution efficiently managed. Tables of expenditures by the months are given and seemingly every smallest detail is given.

The Jurisprudence Committee in reporting on a question which has been raised respecting an alien said, that there is nothing in the Indiana Constitution that requires a petitioner to be a citizen of the United States or if an alien, that he shall declare his intentions of becoming a citizen. The same Committee commended the Grand Master in his position on Masonry, Morals and the Law," outlined above.

Respecting the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria Association, it was recommended that a special committee be appointed to consider the whole question which is interesting many other Grand Jurisdictions, such committee to report and recommend at the next Annual Communication. This was adopted and the committee appointed.

At the close of the annual communication greetings were sent to a former Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. James B. Lathrop, who has just celebrated his one hundredth birthday. The proceedings aver that the good brother "is a living example of the results of a clean life and regular habits."

And we may fraternally hope that the brethren went home duly impressed and admonished to live one hundred years as evidence of that kind of living.

Another interesting fact was that two members of the same family had served as Grand Master, "the first time 'we are told,' in the history of the Grand Lodge." The father had the unique pleasure of seeing his son installed as Grand Master "twenty-seven years" after his own Grand Mastership. Then this little human touch occurred: "Grand Master Geake asked Past Grand Master Geake if he had anything to say." In reply the father said he could look back to the time when the young man would not speak so boldly to his dad, and then said "despite his well known modesty he hoped the son would make as good a Grand Master as had the father."

The thirteenth annual review is over the well known and honored name of M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay (P. G. M.). He gives the usual instructive table of statistics by which we find a membership in the United States of 3,122,764, including a total gain for the year of 87,466. There are in the United States according to his tables 16,279 lodges. Of the membership in Canada we find 185,950, with a total gain of 5,471, with total number of Canadian lodges, 1,276.

In Brother Gay's review Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication receives generous space and constructive comment. Extended quotations are made from Grand Master Moulton's address especially in reference to the earlier days, and the kind and quality of Maine's citizenship and manhood.

Grand Secretary Davis is quoted at length, and the long citation is concluded with this off-hand, informal comment: "Your Hoosier friends are still for you, Charlie!" Well, why shouldn't they be? We are all for Charlie, who know him, and 'to know him is to love him,' as the poet said of his sweetheart. And we could almost write a love poem, too, for Charlie, although he is far beyond the blushing buxom age when such thoughts and sentiments arise" and lightly turn to thoughts like these."

Your Correspondent is credited with "an exceptionally well written report."

IOWA, 1926.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 86,140; net gain, 433. Number of working chartered lodges, 558, all of which made returns. In addition to the Grand Officers and representatives of constituent lodges, there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and nine Past Grand Treasurers.

After the usual preliminaries of official greeting from the Honorable Mayor of Des Moines, and response thereto, the M. W. Grand Master of Missouri, Brother W. W. Martin and suite, were presented to the Grand Master of Iowa.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Thomas W. Wellington (we met him years ago by courtesy of Dr. William C. Mason, then Illustrious Deputy

for Maine, in the A. A. S. R.) in his annual address takes a kind of text from the familiar words of the ritual, "Masonry is a progressive science," and not only proves it logically by words, but the entire address shows commendable progress in constructive Masonic labor. This is seen by the constituting of three new lodges, the laying of fourteen corner-stones largely for public school buildings, and the dedication of eight temples. Of corner-stone ceremonials for public schools the Grand Master says, "Masons have ever been friends of the public school. Free government rests on enlightened citizenship. In the case of school buildings, the children gather to witness the ceremony and the impressions which they receive will long abide with them."

The Grand Master called attention to the passing of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Judge Thomas Arthur and Judge William Hutchinson. He made touching reference to their services and personalities as did also the Committee on Necrology. Such lives are tennoned and mortised into the Masonic Building of Iowa.

Grand Master Wellington, in refusing dispensations for new lodges, called attention to the fact, and we congratulate Iowa on this condition, that "available space" for such did not exist in Iowa. It is largely our own condition in Maine and the Grand Master pointed out our own situation in these words: "Already there are too many lodges, often two weak lodges where one strong lodge would be more profitable." He believes that the real interests of the Institution are served by discouraging the establishing of new lodges.

Under the caption, "General Grand Lodge," the Grand Master thinks there is very positive propoganda in behalf of this and said that several publications have advocated it. He sees in it, of course, a very subtle appeal and thinks that it would be a great "calamity" to the Fraternity. The assertions of Grand Master Wellington that such subtle propoganda is going on is something to disturb every loyal member of the Institution, perhaps it may reassure him to know that Maine will be a rock of Giberalta when such super-organization looms in sight as a manace to the Fraternity. It is unthinkable and even ridiculous with us as a serious proposition of sane and normal minds. May we not call it a dream of Masonic moronism? We believe that the "new psychology" has estimated that the adult mental age of the United States averages fourteen years, and perhaps a few of these have crept into the Fraternity and are now posing as the proponents of this General Grand Lodge. It is difficult to understand the infinitely subtle processes and mechanisms of the sub-normal mentality which is back of that kind of "half-baked" idea. And while we are thus talking in the language of the new psychology, we rather like the old Maine way of putting it which means much the same thing when we say, "there must be a screw loose somewhere," in such minds. And a loose screw can do infinite harm to delicate machinery

The Grand Master calls attention to the present situation in Iowa respecting the M. S. A. A committee could not agree as to the course of action, especially as to withdrawal and so the matter went "by default."

While the way of doing things by the M. S. A. is not entirely satisfactory to Iowa, the Grand Master believes that withdrawal would be unwise at this time and he sees what he calls "possibilities for achievement," in the Association. Who was the old poet who said:

" And optics sharp it needs, I ween,
To see what is not to be seen."

Of the Washington Memorial we learn that Iowa has contributed about one-half of its quota of one dollar per capita.

Under the subject of "Charity" we find that Iowa believes with Maine that it is unwise and inexpedient to establish a Masonic Home. He says and in the saying voices our own experience and our own practice: "Our present system has never cost the Masons of Iowa more than fifty cents per capita, and (Maine brethren please notice) at the same time it has given more satisfactory relief to those in need than could have been given by ANY INSTITUTIONAL CARE." This is the famous "Iowa Plan," which has been in practice and operation in Maine for more than one hundred years. Grand Master Wellington says, "other states are finding it expedient to adopt the system of allowances and annuities." Maine has a right to gently demur (we make no protest) because we have been practicing this system a generation before the Grand Lodge of Iowa was founded, eighty-three years ago. If it is a matter of priority and continued and consistent use for a century it may well be called the "Maine Plan." But it is too good a plan to have any controversy over it and we heartily congratulate Iowa on having the good sense and far seeing wisdom to adopt it whatever name we apply to it; we may well leave the name Maine and Iowa out of it and call it what it is — the common-sense plan. We especially like his clear cut phrasing of it, and we depart from our usual practice as correspondent and make a somewhat extended quotation from his words,—under this "Common-sense plan," as we have termed it, the recipient, — continues to live among relatives and friends. He is not taken away to die of homesickness amid strange surroundings. He is not restricted by rules which are necessary in any institution. The public does not know that he is dependent. By this system many a widow has been enabled to maintain a home for her orphaned children, many an aged and infirm brother has ended his day in comfort amid familiar scenes and surrounded by beloved relatives and friends. This system can be made to perform its functions at a *cost insignificant* when compared with the cost of maintaining a "Home." The Grand Master then goes on to recommend the employment of some competent brother to "make personal investigation of each application for relief which cannot be readily adjusted by correspondence."

We have had in Maine for many years exactly such a man, R. W. Brother E. G. Weston, who at the sacrifice of much time and trouble has given his unremitting attention without remuneration, to all such cases when there has been some suspicion of "grafting" or any uncertainty as to the worthiness of such appeals. He has been a kind of "watch-dog" of the

Charity Fund, and undoubtedly saved many dollars from being diverted into unwise and even unworthy channels.

So much space has been taken for the above matters that brief mention only can be made of the Grand Secretary's report, which contains a series of wonderful and wholly deserved tributes to the Iowa Masonic Bulletin which is a kind of compendium of early Masonic facts. The Grand Librarian (who is also the Grand Secretary (R. W. Brother C. C. Hunt) has an interesting and informing report which it has been a delight to read.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address in dealing with Masonic Charity refers to the one dollar per capita for the benefit of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund; Maine brethren should realize that fifty cents is our annual per capita. The committee goes on to say " One dollar per year is about two cents per week." (Maine's is less than one cent). The committee then asks, " Is there any *Mason* in this great State, etc? " We answer for Maine and in so doing probably answer for Iowa — No, no Masons, although there may be an insignificant few mere members of the Order, although we have never met them, and frankly don't want to.

The Jurisprudence Committee has an extended and enlightening report along these same lines, in which these matters are considered more in detail but the essential spirit of it all was given in the Grand Master's words, above cited.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is over the beloved and honored signature of Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Louis Block. He prefaces it all by an interesting and thoroughly instructive Foreword on " Two Masonic Essentials " which is an eloquent plea for instruction. This Foreword is a charming essay on the word of R. W. Emerson, " So much of the truth do I know as I have lived." Which is just as true of Masonry, as anything else. This essential message is enforced by clear thinking, by lucid sinewy style, and what is best of all, the MAN back of the words. A full page photograph of Brother Block faces the report and when we looked at it as old Walt would say " long and long " after reading his Foreword, the familiar words of the old English Prayer Book flashed into our mind, and we said of that photograph—" the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." The face fulfills all that we had conjectured of this man, kindly, broad-minded, full-hearted—a real spirit encased in the concealments and confinements of the clay—simple, plain, just and resolute we should say of this man and it has been a kind of ennobling privilege to rest in his healing shadow when the annual proceedings of Iowa reach us. We always turn to it first of all and never yet with dissappointment but if we may confess with discouragement and humiliation that we should presume to touch pen to paper after this kind of super-excellent writing.

One reason why we are writing in this way about Brother Block is because in his review of Maine he avers, " If we could only feel that we deserved these kind words, life would take on a brighter aspect." We are simply telling the good Lord's truth in the above and doing it that he may dwell in the radiant sunshine of his deserts.

Grand Master Moulton is frequently commended and quoted in his Review of Maine. Our actions in our One Hundred and Sixth Communication meets with his unqualified approval and the "saving sanity" of the Grand Master's decision regarding physical disability is praised. Several extended quotations are made from your Maine Correspondent's report, his Foreword on "Youth and Masoury" is commended, and much of his reivew of Iowa is given.

But this review of Iowa must stop somewhere. And it's going to stop now !

KANSAS, 1926.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 80,174; net gain, 2,133. There are 446 lodges on the roll. There were present, beside the full line of officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-five Grand Lodges, including M. W. Brother Richard E. Bird, for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charles A. Loueks, called attention to the passing of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers James H. McCall and William I. Stuart. He paid fitting tribute to their labors and Masonic characters, as did the Necrology Committee, later in the session.

We are glad to see his refusal to allow solicitation of funds from the membership of constituent lodges, and his declination of dispensations for "out of time" degrees.

Something of the strength and width of Masonry in this large jurisdiction is indicated by the fact that during the year seventy-five District Meetings were held, and as there are exactly that number of Masonic Districts in Kansas the territory was amply served. Four hundred and nineteen of the lodges were represented and 2,369 officers were in attendance. The purpose of these meetings is similar to our own,—to impart Masonic knowledge, to discuss and suggest measures that seem desirable and to promote social fellowship between the brethren of various lodges.

The Grand Master in his address condemns the holding of such things as "burlesque shows, circuses, barn dances" and advertising them in the daily press, as belittling the dignity of our Institution, and compromising the high ideals of Masonry in the community. In this, of course, Maine believes he is emphatically right.

Several pages under the topic "Discipline" indicates a Grand Master of determined will, acting courageously within his rights and duty as Grand Master, suspending erring brothers, and arresting lodge charters, when there has been gross neglect of Masonic duty. These cases are of interest, but as this is a fraternal correspondence, and these internal troubles of another jurisdiction, is none of our business, we refrain from comment on special cases. In every instance, however, the Grand Master seemed justified and we cordially commend him for devotion to the higher interests of the Order.

In his closing remarks, and deploring the fact that there had been a marked and steady decline in yearly net gains, which was very pronounced

this year, he sees a silver lining in the cloud, by saying: "Deplore it as we may, it must be admitted that there have been times in the past when there has been a tendency to desire an increase in membership which has sometimes resulted in a growth that cannot be said to be healthy." It has become a kind of settled habit of this correspondent to gauge the strength of Masonry and the standing of the Institution in a Grand Jurisdiction by the percentage of their rejections, rather than by large numerical gains, just as we might estimate the real value and endurance of a building by the defective timber and flawed material which the builders have rejected.

The Grand Secretary's report gives eight new lodges consecrated during the year; three temples and halls dedicated and twelve corner-stone ceremonials conducted. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$10,000.00 for the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home. Fifteen pages of the annual proceedings are devoted to the Masonic Home, the reports of the President of the Home Board, and the Secretary. These reports indicate a worthy philanthropy efficiently administered and the funds conservatively expended.

During the sessions the M. W. Grand Master of Iowa, Bro. Thomas W. Wellington, was cordially greeted and made eloquent response, which was followed by the "Oration" of the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. G. C. Dunlap, Professor of English at the University of Kansas who dwelt upon the authentic history of our Order, upon its ethical values and spiritual estimates of life, and applied it all to the pressing problems and burning issues of our day. It was nobly done and written in the most lucid and sinewy English which it has been our pleasure to read for a long time.

A portrait in oil, reproduced in cold photographic print adorns a full page. We see the face of M. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent, and now and hereafter when we are reading his reviews we shall know what manner of man it is whose work we have long appreciated and enjoyed.

Another special address of several worthwhile pages is by W. Bro. Robert P. McColloch, and deals with the Masonic Symbols and symbolism. It is all a beautiful commentary and elucidation on that familiar word of our ritual, "Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morals, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

The Grand Lodge refused to entertain any proposition for collective balloting and this correspondent believes rightly. It also refused to consider any change in the matter of physical qualifications, claiming that the perfect physical man theory is an Ancient Landmark, which as Mark Twain said about the premature press notice about his death, "it is important if true."

A by-law was adopted under recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee making the terms of the Grand Representatives three instead of five years.

The Correspondent's report is over the familiar name of M. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, and is a careful review of the Masonic procedure and

achievements of the Masonic world. In his introduction he says that the marked declination in net gains everywhere is on the whole a wholesome tendency. He thinks it is very much like adding mere names to our roster but "not making Masons."

Maine receives generous space and constructive comment. Grand Master Moulton's address is frequently quoted and commended. Your correspondent is questioned somewhat as to the possibility of progress of the mind of Josiah Drummond, which does not admit of controversy with us for the very good reason as Tennyson put it in a letter to his son Arthur Hallam Tennyson, "The face of death is toward the sun of life, his truer name is onward." Brother Drummond, who was a progressive mind and seeing soul in his day has made spiritual progress in the good beyond and "with larger, other eyes than ours" may approve our actions, or disapprove,—we do not know,—but somehow at our annual communications he seems a vital influence that is still with us, and his *Pax Vobiscum* always present as an hallowed benediction.

We have exactly the same feeling as Brother Wilson respecting the clinging barnacles on the good ship Masonry in the form of a multiplicity of higher degrees, and Masonic excrecences of a hundred kinds which handicap the progress of the Order.

Your correspondent thanks him very heartily for the following words: "Brother Smith's report is high class throughout and we only wish that all our brethren might have the opportunity of reading it from beginning to end." It is such kindly words that give us courage to persist in our annual monotony of words, our nefarious imposition on the brethren of Maine.

KENTUCKY, 1925.

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 72,072; apparent loss, 531. One of the very few instances where we have had to announce a loss in any Grand Jurisdiction, although there has been a marked decline in the net gains in practically every Grand Jurisdiction. There are 614 lodges in Kentucky. There were present twenty-three Past Grand Masters.

This is one of largest volumes of annual proceedings of any Grand Lodge, that of Texas exceeding it by a few pages, but as both Grand Lodges print a full roster of the membership of each constituent lodge, we understand that the size is more apparent than real. Such full list of membership does not appeal to our conservative ways of doing things in Maine, for such lists are a prolific field for every kind of propaganda and lends itself to all kinds of commercial enterprises, especially such enterprising and aggressive companies as insurance and similar things. Besides what a saying in paper, in postage, in printer's ink and compositor's charges might be had under a system of judicious economy for the benefit of the Craft. This is the way it appeals to us in Maine.

This volume is embellished with many photographic cuts of eminent brethren, besides pictures of corner-stone ceremonials, and several of the

Masonic Home. We have had a kind of haunting suspicion that perhaps the "apparent loss of 531" given above, might be in some measure due to the mounting expenses of this Institution.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother H. M. Grundy, spoke in his annual address of the great privilege which was his at this annual communication of laying the corner-stone of the Widows' and Orphans' Home and eloquently says, "Today we will lay the corner-stone of this home which will shelter our dependents for generations to come and stand as a monument to Kentucky Masonry."

Something of the calibre of this Grand Master is seen in his steadily refusing to allow the lodges to be circularized in the interest of commercial and other outside matters. During his year three new lodges were organized under dispensation.

Under the caption "Moonshining and Bootlegging," the Grand Master said some rather sharp and caustic words about brethren "who purchase or possess intoxicating liquors," and that to his knowledge several "members have violated this regulation and no charges have been preferred against them." We then learn there have been "some cases where members have been convicted in the Federal Courts, and even then the lodges have paid no attention." Which with all due respect to Kentucky is clear evidence of how old habits persist in a "moonshine" country. Twenty dollars per member is the Michigan tax, and when we read that a million dollar fund is being raised for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, we begin to clearly understand two things why there was a lot of rather heated debate about it, with a vote of sixty-four against it, and why there has been an apparent loss of 531 during the year. Maine which is rather addicted to its old-fashioned ways of dispensing Masonic charity is always confirmed in its course after reading of these things and can rather sympathize with the brethren who used such words as the following in censure and denunciation of the \$20.00 per,— "we believe it is inequitable, unmasonic, and despotic in principle and effect, therefore unjust, impracticable and unenforceable before any tribunal that uses justice as the standard, etc."

There is Kentucky eloquence for you. We of Maine rather sympathize with the minority in trying to stem the tide of engulfing expense, this inundation of taxes and multiplicity of mulctuary legislation. This last phrase is quite a mouthful, but it so well expresses the situation in many Grand Lodges that are laboring like Atlas of old to bear the burden of Homes, Hospitals, Orphanages and the like, that we cannot refrain from its use.

The Grand Master, Brother Grundy, cordially endorses the order of DeMolay, and the Masonic Relief Association.

The excellent report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar and honored name of R. W. Brother William W. Clark (P. G. M.), an excellent photograph of whom adorns the frontispiece of the review. He proceeds at once without the formality of a preface to his kindly consideration of Grand Lodges. Maine is generously treated both as to space-allotment and our actions. Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication

is given careful and comprehensive treatment. He cites at length Grand Master Moulton's words respecting Maine's numerical Masonic standing. Of his forbidding the use of a hall for a marriage ceremony he comments and thereby shows his kindly heart and broad-mindedness, "Had the question been submitted to us we think we would have stretched the legal problem a little."

Of our action respecting York Grand Lodge of Mexico and withdrawing recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium, he says the argument was "lucidly reasoned and convincingly stated. He is kind enough to say of your correspondent's report that "it well nigh attains the goal of perfection," which is praise indeed, but hardly to be applied to erring mortals even though born in Maine. Of our Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" which he quotes at some length he says it is "an admirable dissertation which is thought provocative."

It is good to look at Brother Clarke's picture and then find him with all the splendid grace of a Lord Chesterfield saying of the sisters of the O. E. S., "we side-stepped the question by profusely thanking the ladies for valuable services rendered the Grand Lodge's charitable work — and they were fully entitled to such recognition." This was said regarding our gentle raillery and innocent mirth on Kentucky's considering fraternal "recognition of the Eastern Star."

LOUISIANA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 34,905; gain, 408. In addition to the official family, there were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-four Grand Lodges, one of two of these we have never carried on our list. A Grand Lodge termed "Eclectic Union," intrigues us.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Haney B. Conner, in opening his annual address refers in touching terms to the loss of M. W. Bro. Joseph Sinai, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Adolph G. Ricks, who was Grand Treasurer for nearly twenty-six years. The Committee on Necrology paid a noble tribute of respect and fraternal affection to these eminent brethren.

During his term of office the Grand Master laid eleven corner-stones and dedicated three Masonic halls and consecrated one new lodge. Among several dispensations that were refused we notice one of an applicant who had "lost all three fingers and half of his thumb of his right hand," which even with our liberal Maine provision, would have disqualified him in our own jurisdiction. Several dispensations were refused to form new lodges, and one to have (listen here) what was called a "Masonic Wedding." What manner of strange monstrosity a "Masonic Wedding" may be, this Correspondent is unable to even guess, but as imagination and fancy plays with the theme the infinite variety of possibilities and the symbolism of our working tools on such an occasion, might have novel application. Certainly the square, level and plumb might be made use of for noble and glorious conjugal purposes — the possibilities are various, romantic and altogether fascinating.

The Grand Master has a long list of thirty-four pages of "Rulings and Decisions" the majority of which would be inconceivable in the asking with us. There are exactly eighty-eight of these and with us two or three, which could be so termed, is usually the limit.

Under "Discipline" he says calling attention to a very real menace, "I am more than ever convinced that the laxity of lodges with law violators not only forms an injury to Freemasonry, but is also an injury to society in condoning and failing to punish the offenders."

In dealing with the subject of Masonic Home and Orphan Children we learn that the Home was dedicated on June 24th, but whether it is desirable to have the aged and infirm, together with the children in the same location, is a question, one of the many problems which arise when a Masonic Home is established.

A kind of back-handed endorsement by a lodge of a "Shrine-Grotto Circus" met with a rebuke from the Grand Master. There are scores of cases of delinquency by members which have come to Masonic trial or otherwise disposed of, which make interesting reading, but as this is a "fraternal correspondence" and in fact none of our business in Maine, they must be passed by, although this correspondence might readily be enlivened were it proper or fraternal to include a few of these very human transcription of dereliction from Masonic duty and indeed sometimes of common decency. Such cases are handled by us "sub-rosa" by our Committee on Grievances and Appeals, and scarcely ever come to the public notice in our printed proceedings, which sometimes, even with the utmost care, fall into the hands of "profanes" and those who might easily distort such things to the detriment of the Fraternity. Knowing something of the complexion of things in Louisiana and that our Order's most eager censors and critics are dominant there, these cases coming to their attention could be used and misused and abused to the positive harm of the Fraternity. We think our "sub-rosa" way is infinitely better, at least we take no chances with our friends, the enemy, but thus playing into their hands by washing our dirty linen in their faces. A mixed metaphor to be sure, but the meaning is plain and the intention purely fraternal and in the interest of our Institution at large.

Louisiana is a hearty supporter of the M. S. A. A somewhat startling recommendation of the Grand Master is that "two negative votes be required to reject an applicant."

The Grand Orator, Bro. Robert H. Harper, delivered an oration on the universality of Freemasonry, its application to the issues and problems of times, and that Service is its great master-word.

The Committee on Jurisprudence anent the resolution of the Grand Master on religious instruction in the public schools said this fine thing: "What religion will you teach is the vital question? Masonry does not profess to be a religion. Our fraternity is strong in its championship of the public schools and we would not want to do aught to bring about discord in our various religious beliefs." Surely that way lies "confusion worse confounded," and we heartily commend the decided position of the committee in this regard.

A special committee turned down the proposed "questionnaire" and put the matter up to the Investigation Committee, where of course it primarily belongs. With us we find the questionnaire helps the Committee of Investigation, especially in the larger centers where standing of the applicants is not readily obtained.

The Grand Lodge pledged itself to contribute "its share" of the expense building of the National Masonic T. B. Sanatorium, "based upon the membership in this jurisdiction."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar name of M. W. Brother John A. Davilla, Chairman. It is his sixth annual report, and deals with sixty-five Grand Lodges. In his brief introduction he believes that Masonry "has struck its stride and is marching forward." He comments lucidly on the marked decrease in net gains in nearly every Grand Lodge and sees in it the evidence of a "healthier condition" of the Craft. We quite agree with this as the decreases were almost invariably for n. p. d., and such surely value the Institution so little that their elimination so far from doing harm, is a distinct gain in strength and progressive potency.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication receives generous and commendatory treatment at his hands. He compliments Maine on its numerical standing at the head proportionate to population. Our action respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico meets his unqualified approval. He says of that action, "it is strictly in accord with our views on the question." Your correspondent is credited with an "able review." Thanks.

MANITOBA, 1926.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 11,653. Total increase, 253. Number of lodges on the roll, 100, two of which are under dispensation. In addition to the Grand Lodge family, there were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-two jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Robert S. Thornton, for Maine. An honored guest in the person of M. W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master of Ontario, was received and later in the sessions gave an eloquent address to the assembled brethren.

M. W. Brother Albert L. Crossin, Grand Master, speaks in the opening of his annual address of the stabilizing tendency of our institution amid the chaotic condition of our times and among many strange immigrant peoples with other civic ideas and ideals than ours. Here is a clear word of his on this subject: "Admist such movements stands our great brotherhood holding by the eternal, unchangeable truths of life and welcoming into its membership all honest, true-hearted men; a unifying force in our national life and a powerful agency for the nurture of goodwill amongst men." Which is just as applicable to Maine as to Manitoba.

The Grand Master is a great believer in the District Meeting and devotes several pages of his allocution to advocacy of such gatherings of the brethren for social converse and acquaintance. He calls the D. D.

G. Ms. "the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, and the counsellor of every Master in his District." Which well expresses the purpose of our own in the various Districts in Maine. Among the interesting facts in his address we learn that this comparatively small Grand Lodge, has a Benevolent Fund which now amounts to \$186,006.76. There was paid out in Masonic relief during the year the splendid sum of \$10,493.70. Both figures show a rather remarkable financial strength in Manitoba. We doubt if there are many Grand Lodges in the world that can make even an approximate comparative showing with these figures.

Grand Master Crossin says this of our Order: "A virile Masonic Lodge is one of the greatest boons a community can enjoy. A feeble and ill-officered lodge serves no purpose and brings discredit on the craft. Therefore I contend for the most thorough enquiry before a dispensation issues." A truth which should have application in many Grand Lodges.

Manitoba fraternally recognized the Grand Lodge of Panama and of Vienna. We of Maine feel fairly certain of the first; but look rather askance at the latter.

The Jurisprudence Committee has an extended report on Masonic trials in which is quoted at some length Simons' "Principles of Masonic Jurisprudence" for the governance of such trials.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Andrew T. Norquay, gave an interesting address on the second day of the communication, which dealt with the Symbolism of Building as a Science and Art. It was instructive and entertaining in its illustrations and especially in its citations from history.

We are especially glad to see that the Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation of the Grand Master that Masonic clothing should be worn in public only at corner-stone ceremonials and funerals of deceased members of the Fraternity.

At the close of the communication M. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton gave an instructive address of the Past Master's Jewel. We are moved to say that if it is anything like his illuminating address of last year on the esoteric meanings of the letter G, it was well worth the hearing. To this reviewer last year's lecture was one of the outstanding things printed in the annual proceedings of any Grand Lodge which came to our table.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is over the familiar name of M. W. Brother James S. MacLewing and shows diligence of research and fecundity of mind. He brings a clear interpretative light to bear upon our Masonic problems and issues, and touches nothing which he does not adorn. We have perused his excellent report as the mariners say, from "stem to stern" and tried to find Maine included somewhere in its contents. This we failed to do, much to our fraternal regret and real Masonic loss, because we are convinced that Maine would have been treated in the same penetrating way which characterized his other reviews.

MARYLAND, 1925.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 32,055; net gain, 758. Ninety-one chartered lodges on the roll. There were present, beside the official family, thirty-eight Grand Representatives, including R. W. Bro. Isaac Scates, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Warren S. Seipp, in his brief and business like report at the semi-annual communication, called attention to the fact that "some lodges have at least 200 members in arrears, or more than fifty per cent. of the membership." He avers that this condition is deplorable, which is beyond all question, but hits "the nail on the head" when he says in effect that its up to the Secretary, who can either make or break a lodge, and truly many a lodge has broken on this rock of unpaid dues. He thinks that this condition is bound to play a tremendous part in the Masonic Home project. He thinks there is no good reason why any brother should be more than two years in arrears. He tersely puts it thus: "One year is a bill, two years is a burden, and over two years, practically impossible. If he can pay, and won't pay, the law is clear. If he is unable to pay, charity is recommended." Good, and straight from the shoulder.

Maryland is wrestling with its Masonic Home problem. At present there has been collected \$82,000 for this purpose. The per capita is \$1.66, and we opine that it will triple that before long when the project is really completed and in operation. How modest our per capita seems in Maine beside these larger sums in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Master Seipp gives a brief but graphic description of his journey over the mountains during a flood which held up traffic in Baltimore for three days, but he says, "by the aid of a good driver and an indulgent Providence we were enabled to constitute a lodge seventy-five miles away." He calls attention to the constructive Masonic work being conducted in Maryland by the laying of many corner-stones, the dedication of temples and the constituting of a few new lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Relations thinks it "desirable" that following the action of New York, fraternal relations should be severed with the Grand Orient of Belgium. Such action was taken by Maine two years ago under recommendation of our committee.

We regret to see that Grand Master Seipp at the annual communication "had been out of the hospital but a few days" and was therefore unable to prepare a formal report. He gave however a few brief remarks which were vital on various subjects pertaining to the Craft in Maryland. He devotes nearly half of his brief address to the M. S. A., giving the reason for withdrawal, which is precisely the same as actuated Maine two years ago. At this communication Maryland voted to withdraw from the Association.

Fraternal amenities between the Grand Master and the Grand Representatives were formally held and greetings exchanged. One of especial note was finely worded by Brother John L. Sanford, representing the Grand Lodge of England.

The Report on Correspondence is from the hand of R. W. Bro. Henry Branch, D. D., (P. S. G. W.). In his brief introduction he avers that he sees "a great revival of interest on the subject of Education," and we wholly agree that it is indeed one of the encouraging signs of our Masonic times that the brethren are seeking for "More Light."

There is an even one hundred pages in Brother Branch's review, which seems to be a rather selective list, as many Grand Lodge proceedings are omitted. Maine has no place, much to our regret of course, because we have always rather cherished the kindly insight and comment of Maryland, one of the oldest and most honorable of our American Grand Lodges, on our procedure in Maine.

Brother Branch's method is always that of kindly approval, never of criticism for its own sake, and only rarely of controversy when such is really constructive in its nature. We like his way and hope Maine will have a place with him next year.

MICHIGAN, 1926.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 146,255; net gain, 2,938. Chartered lodges, 489. In addition to the official family, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-nine jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Kenneth H. McKenzie, for Maine.

After several delightful, but rather time consuming, preliminaries of welcoming of the heads of the various so called "higher" bodies of the Order, greetings from the Mayor of Kalamazoo and the usual response, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur J. Fox, opened his annual address by saying that no losses had occurred in the Grand Lodge family for the year. Visitations were made by him, especially to the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the Grand Master's Conference in Chicago. We learn from his address that Michigan has paid its Washington Memorial quota and he recommends that one dollar be collected from each initiate for this purpose until the Memorial is finished.

Something of the perennial difficulties of owning and administering Masonic Homes, is seen in the Grand Master's words relative to the Committee report on the Home which was not accepted last year,—“it was very evident that many of the lodges were not satisfied and this feeling has continued throughout the year.” The Grand Master urges the brethren not to pass hasty judgment, but become better acquainted with the facts, he then says, “that the members be as progressive as those of any other jurisdiction in safe-guarding those aged dependents of ours.” It is interesting to notice that several substantial bequests were received for the benefit of the Home during the year.

Something of the constructive labor of Masonry in Michigan is seen by the dedicating of eight Temples, the constituting of four new lodges, the laying of three corner-stones, and the organizing under dispensation of four new lodges.

The Grand Master of Wisconsin, M. W. Brother Fred J. Marien, was presented and made a brief but telling speech in reply to the words of official welcome.

A comprehensive and detailed report of the affairs of the Masonic Home covers twenty-seven pages, and indicate funds carefully expended and an institution conservatively administered, although we get more than a glimpse in several reports and discussions, that there are vital problems of financing to be solved and other difficulties to be surmounted.

Extended report is given of the George Washington Memorial covering familiar ground, and in the table of contributions by Grand Lodges we note that Maine is a little above the average, its percentage of quota being 59.4.

Michigan adopted legislation under recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee that no brother "shall promote or organize any order or society or become a member thereof, whose qualifications for membership shall be Masonic affiliation." Such society must have the endorsement of the Grand Lodge.

Pages of these proceedings are given to appreciation of the Masonic services of M. W. Brother Lou Barney Winsor, the genial and efficient Grand Secretary who for forty-three years has been identified with the affairs of this Grand Lodge. His record shows that he belongs to everything Masonic, and semi-masonic and almost pseudo-Masonic. His membership in the National Court, Royal Order of Jesters is an interesting example, and of Bro. Winsor's qualifications we have little doubt being thoroughly familiar with his keen wit and kindly mirth. In this connection it is interesting to see that his signature appears on 157 charters of the Lodges of Michigan. A noble reply to this "Appreciation" was given by Grand Secretary Winsor which was replete with memories and enlivened by humor.

The Michigan "Masonry of One Hundred Years Ago" is given in an address of Past Master George Bushnell, who brought the past into the light and life of the present.

In the report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee we find that the request for fraternal recognition by Haiti, was declined, while that of Panama, Venezuela, Guatemala, Ecuador and Salvador was accepted, but wholly on the "example of Massachusetts," we are told, which while valuable "as example" is by no means convincing to many correspondents.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Brother William H. Gallagher. In his brief introduction he avers that he has tried hard "to study brevity" and as the result of his studious endeavor we get exactly 460 pages of review. He uses this phrase that he "hopes he has *exorcised*, at least one hundred pages." As a good churchman Brother Gallagher knows what "exorcism" is, this correspondent is unable to understand the use of this word in connection with his admirable report. For having looked through every dictionary and lexicon, we can find no other meaning given to it than "the" driving out of evil or unclean spirits by adjuration, conjuration or similar ceremon-

ial." What possible bearing can "exorcism" have upon this report? There are no evil spirits haunting or malingering in his pages, much less anything unclean. It may have been a printer's grewsome mistake for "excise" (to cut out) but this correspondent hastens to assure Brother Gallagher that there is nothing either excorsable or excisable in his review for all its 460 pages. Excision, which is rather a surgical word than otherwise, could not be practiced on this report without opening the author to the charge of literary malpractice. It is easily one of the best, if also most voluminous, which comes to our table.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication is cordially and even generously considered. Our actions meet with his approval. He says of Grand Master Moulton's address that it is "a thoughtful presentation of vital truths." An extended citation from Brother Moulton, on Maine's standing numerically in the Masonic world is given, without comment; and our wrestling with the problem of larger Masonic charities is given a full page. Our action in respect of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Grand Orient of Belgium is mentioned also without comment. Other reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions are considered in much the same way, and his quotations are always on matters of vital interest to the Craft. Altogether we have enjoyed our evening with Brother Gallagher's review, and acclaim him one of our most painstaking correspondents, but *exorcism* must have no place and even excision must be used sparingly.

MINNESOTA, 1926.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 59,586; net gain, 1,490. There are 298 lodges on the roll and returns were received from every one.

In addition to the Grand Lodge Officers, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-six jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Henry R. Adams, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Hayden French, in opening his annual address referred to the death of Past Grand Master Bro. Henry Rockwood Denny, the senior P. G. M., having served during the years 1884-85.

During his term the Grand Master constituted two new lodges and granted dispensations for seven others. He made one out of jurisdiction visitation, to the Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at Winnipeg in June. Five corner-stones were laid and one hall dedicated.

The Grand Master's "Decisions" are all conservative and well within the recognized procedure of the Institution. Such obvious things as prohibiting insurance solicitation from lodges, and balloting are among the decisions made. In answer to a question respecting a lodge's attending church, he utters these crisp sentences: "Attend church, if you wish to do so as individuals, not as Masons. Form no procession; wear no regalia; observe due decorum; do not seek to attract attention; don't advertise." In Minnesota church attendance as a lodge is not allowed annually, while

with us of Maine, it is permitted, without dispensation, on St. John's Sunday of each year.

Under "Masonic Home," we get something more than an echo of the increasing financial difficulties surrounding these institutions in the Grand Master's words, when he speaks rather more frankly than most, "of the great and every increasing responsibility of providing the funds necessary to continue the work." We learn that for five years there has been solicitation for such funds for building purposes, and that thus far such voluntary gifts have been disappointing and it looks like the old story of a heavy annual per capita for he speaks of "a plan whereby every Mason may know and realize his duty toward this great enterprise." And we rather think when it is done every member will "know and realize" that they own and must carry on a Masonic Home. All such things, too common in every Grand Jurisdiction, confirms Maine in its quiet, efficient, unostentatious method of dispensing its charities.

Last year Minnesota withdrew from the M. S. A. but there is some slight indication in the Grand Master's address that they may reconsider this action.

Respecting DeMolay and similar organizations he says, "to connect or consolidate them would create discord, trouble and disaster." The question, however raised by DeMolay is that of sanction, not of connection or consolidation.

In the absence by illness of the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. Marion D. Shutter, D. D., his place was taken by Rev. Bro. L. H. Bugbie, whose interesting and timely address is printed in full in the appendix of the annual proceedings.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery, Chairman of the F. C. Committee, recommended that the relations existing between Minnesota and the Grand Orient of France be terminated. This action grew out of the invasion of territorial jurisdiction in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and follows the action of that Grand Lodge (of Pennsylvania) and every Grand Lodge which have held meetings thus far in annual communication.

Of the George Washington Memorial we find that Minnesota has as yet subscribed but thirty-five per cent. of its one dollar per member quota.

The Committee on the M. S. A. asked for more time to consider the matter of reinstatement in that organization saying, "that the condition and status of the M. S. A. is now such that our Grand Jurisdiction should look forward to renewing its membership in the Association." From the report we infer that Brother M. W. Walter L. Stockwell had much to do with putting the whole situation in a new and more favorable light, which job Brother Stockwell is amply able to do.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a recommendation which was adopted to the effect that each candidate when raised shall be instructed in the first section of the lecture of the Third Degree, and shall pass in open lodge a satisfactory examination in the same.

A "Condensed Report of the President of the Masonic Home," is given showing careful administration both of funds and service.

Of the National T. B. Sanatoria Association, the committee reported that the Grand Lodge has about all it could stand in supporting its Masonic Home, and getting its one dollar per member for the Washington Memorial and that while endorsing this very worthy cause that Minnesota, cannot "at this time" give financial aid.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the fourth annual review of M. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery and deals with sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions including a very generous and constructive one for our Grand Lodge of Maine.

After making comment on Maine's standing first in proportion of Masons to population, he quotes Grand Master Moulton on the Washington Memorial, on balloting in less than the required time and "chain letters."

Your correspondent is credited with "a pleasing and comprehensive review" and his Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is cordially commended.

MISSISSIPPI, 1926.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 35,500; net gain, 792. Lodges on roll, 388, two of which are U. D. In addition to the official family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-eight jurisdictions. We regret to see that our Maine representative was not on the list.

An enjoyable musical program, with the usual speeches of greeting and response were given as a kind of preliminary to the more detailed business of the communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Q. Ellis, in opening his annual address called attention to the fact that several beloved members had heard the higher call during the year, among these was M. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Alfred H. Bays. Words of tribute and eternal hope were spoken by the Grand Master and later very eloquently by the Necrology Committee.

Among the Grand Master's "Decisions" we especially notice one forbidding the use of halls on the "ground floor," evidently the Mississippi law requiring "safe and suitable upper rooms" only. We have a few in Maine on the ground floor, but properly safeguarded from the inquisitive and prying eye of curiosity. He refused letters of introduction for those soliciting Funds for an Orphans' Home. He holds to the strict letter of the law in the matter of Charters which must be "Framed and Hung in the Lodge." In Maine very many of our original charters have been destroyed by fire, so that we now issue "certificates of charter" while the original charter is kept in a safety deposit vault in some bank. When it is realized that a few of Maine Charters have the hallowed name of R. W. Brother Paul Revere upon them as Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, and other eminent names, like that of General Joseph Warren of Bunker Hill fame, it will be seen that to use the hallowed parchment too commonly

is subjecting it to unnecessary risks. We therefore allow a lodge to work and be opened by Certificate of Charter issued by the Grand Lodge.

We especially like his ruling against "Scottish Rite Blue-Lodge Teams," wandering up and down Mississippi conferring the Three Degrees, and his prohibition of temples and halls for dances. He advocates the use of presentation copies of the Great Light in the King James Version believing it good Masonry to encourage the brethren to "seek the counsel and wisdom" of the Bible. We commend him for granting no dispensations for out of time degrees, an insidious evil which many Grand Masters find it impossible to resist. Something of the constructive work of the Grand Master is seen in the laying of corner-stones, the organizing of two new lodges under dispensation and the constituting of three others.

The interjurisdictional relations with Tennessee were a little strained by invasion of jurisdiction by Mississippi, but the matter was harmoniously adjusted by the respective Grand Masters.

He earnestly recommended the continuance of the Grand Lodge in membership with M. S. A. Adopted.

The Grand Master eloquently advocates the annual observances of "Masonic Home Day" in every lodge. Mississippi maintains two Masonic Homes, one at Columbus and the other at Meridian.

Grand Master Ellis did a somewhat unusual thing in the course of his annual report by acknowledging his and the Grand Lodges' obligation to the Illinois Central Railroad Company of which he is a train dispatcher. The generosity of the Railway Company in giving the Grand Master's time and service was a beautiful example of co-operation in the interests of the State.

The Law Committee answered twenty-four questions in a clear and somewhat extended way. Every answer would have corresponded with our own usage and practice, and indicates careful following of the constitutional law and conservative custom.

The Grand Lodge voted to raise its per capita assessment for the M. S. A. to twenty-five cents. Mississippi is an earnest and loyal member of the Association and the report of the M. S. A. Committee indicates that this particular Grand Lodge is getting something worth while out of their membership in it.

A resolution of sympathy for "all regular Masons of Italy," was passed in the closing hours of this communication. It bade the Masons of that much disturbed and oppressively dictated Kingdom to be of good courage, assuring them that "Freemasonry in this part of the world has weathered even worse storms than that which now rages above them."

An interesting and informing report of the Masonic Relief Association was given, pointing out the advantages and achievements of this Organization, how it detects frauds and imposters, and is in reality a kind of clearing house for "interchange of information between all members of Grand Jurisdictions in matters of relief and assistance to the unfortunate, and protection of worthy brethren against frauds."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was written by R. W. Brother W. C. Walker and deals with thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions including ours of Maine. Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication is cordially considered by Brother Walker, who refers to Grand Master Moulton's words respecting Maine's Masonic standing in having the largest number of brethren of any Grand Jurisdiction in the world proportionate to population. After an extended citation of Grand Master Moulton's speech, he comments, and we believe him. "The Maine brethren have a right to be proud of their standing." And yet whatever legitimate pride we may have in Maine respecting this, we are of the Masonic conviction that quality of Masonry not numerical quantity is the important thing to be considered, and by which any Grand Lodge ought to be judged. Maine believes it stands high in both regards.

The entire review is well selected quotations from our annual proceedings, the only original line of composition being that referred to above.

MISSOURI, 1926.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 113,212; net gain, 1,310. There are 662 chartered lodges all of which made returns. Besides the official family, the Credential Committee reports that fourteen Past Grand Masters were present, and only eight Grand Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother William W. Martin, in commenting on the small "net gain" during the year said, "this small net gain is not alarming, we are growing fast enough. Many Masonic writers feel that the fraternity is growing too rapidly." So unanimous is this opinion that the writer has never found, during the last five years, a single exception to this rule.

Under "Necrology" we find that Missouri has lost two of its noblest and best during the year. Names which we regretfully record and yet salute with affection and honor, M. W. Brothers Dorsey Albert Jamison and Algernon Sidney Houston. The Obituary Committee paid noble tribute to the memory and masonic labors and service of these eminent Craftsmen.

Of the M. S. A. the Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge, as he diplomatically expressed it, "should seek other opportunities for service and remain out of the M. S. A." He seemed to feel in his report that this Association had departed too much from its original plan and purpose and was too expensive a proposition for Missouri. Which is about the position taken by Maine at the time of its recent withdrawal.

Of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association he recommends that, "the seventy-five thousand dollars now invested in Liberty Bonds be donated for this purpose." He avers also and recommends that eventually a one dollar per capita (including the above) be given for this Sanatoria Association in New Mexico.

The beautiful Masonic Temple at St. Louis was dedicated during this annual communication. The cost we learn was over four million dollars.

The Grand Master calls especial and deserved attention to the twenty years' service of R. W. Brother J. R. MacLaclan, Grand Lecturer of Missouri, in a touching tribute to his unselfish service to the Craft. During his term he laid three corner-stones.

His "Decisions" are all well within the conservative practice of our own Jurisdiction. He says of the display of the Square and Compass on the front of automobiles that it is permissible if not used for commercial purposes. It's a rather shadowy distinction to be sure, but perhaps permissible, although in this reviewer's opinion in execrably bad taste and a little too suggestive of the kind of Mason that owns the car. In this sense it is a rather poor advertisement of the drivers type of Craftsmanship.

Another decision which follows our Maine practice is that a man who has lost a thumb on his right hand is eligible "provided he can by aid of artificial appliance conform to the necessary ceremonies."

A full account of the dedication of the St. Louis Masonic Temple is given covering about ten pages of these annual proceedings. The account is embellished by three clear full-page cuts, one of the classical lines of the building, one of the assembled brethren, and another of the Orator, Governor S. A. Baker, with the Grand Master W. W. Martin, surrounded by many of the official brethren of the Grand Lodge. Beside the Grand Master is a brother, perhaps the Grand Chaplain, with a celestial, soulful expression of countenance, looking upward as if the angels were coming through the blue. The "Dedicatory Address" was given by Rev. Bro. I. L. Holt, on the appropriate theme, "A House Not Built With Hands." This is printed in full and touches upon those fundamental principles of the fraternity borrowed originally from the Operative Masons, and applied in these days of Speculative Masonry to "more noble and glorious" purposes of building a house not made with hand eternal in the heavens," the character of masonic manhood which endures when the scaffolding of the flesh shall have fallen into its kindred dust.

The volume abounds in oratory for there are two others printed in full and both of them of the highest order of thought and expression, one by a well known educator and publicist, R. W. Brother Stratton D. Brooks, and the other by Rev. and R. W. Brother David Jones Evans.

During the session of Wednesday morning, amid the reverent silence and sadness of the assembled brethren, the Grand Master announced the sudden death of M. W. Brother D. M. Wilson, who had been in attendance at this Communication. Truly another tower of Masonic strength and wisdom has fallen, and we of Maine extend our most fraternal sympathy and condolence in the loss during this year of three of their noblest and best.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved practically all of the Grand Master's decisions, making some minor reservations in some instances.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Rev. Arthur Mather, D. D., Grand Chaplain, who pays a well deserved tribute to his predecessor, our old and honored friend and the writer of Missouri's reviews for many years, M. W. Brother C. C. Woods. Dr. Woods is now in his eighty-ninth

year, having been a mason for three score years. In a brief note Dr. Woods says that "Freemasonry is the most complete system of moral philosophy known to man — needing only one addition to make it divinely perfect — that of accepting the Galilean — the Man of the Garden and of the Cross, as the Son of God, our Redeemer and Friend " A statement with which we have no desire to contend, except to the extent of saying, that we must take Masonry for what it is; not for what it is not, nor ever purported to be, at least since the year 1717. Freemasonry allows every man to choose his own particular religion insisting only on the basic theism of all good men and true and so is divinely tolerant of all, which certainly takes us back to Galilee and the parable of the Good Samaritan. Indeed it is not too much to say that the spirit and atmosphere of Galilee and the Divine Galilean breathes and beats through all our rituals and our fundamental Masonic principles and precepts.

Brother Mather's review covers sixty-eight jurisdictions and deals in a clear, incisive, constructive way with the issues and problems of the Craft, including Egypt and Germany. With the latter Missouri is in fraternal relations with four distinct Grand Bodies,— the National Grand Lodge; the Royal Grand Lodge of Prussia; the Three Globes and with Zur Sonne. As little more than the names of these are given it may well be that the fraternal relationship is little more than formal and nominal. The Grand Lodge of New York is in relation with some of these also, we believe.

They have never appeared on Maine's list for reasons sufficient to us. We greatly regret that our Grand Lodge of Maine does not appear in Brother Mather's review. It is a distinct regret to us not to be included in so sane and conservative a review as this which we have just perused.

At the close of his review Brother Mather explains respecting Germany as follows: " For the first time for a number of years we have been able to secure some details, meager though they be (we should say so), concerning Masonry in Germany." He then sounds a warning note which is wholesome counsel indeed, " We note, however, that Grand Lodge Committees on Foreign Recognition are carefully scrutinizing applications that come before them and in this there is great wisdom." True enough but such scrutiny should apply not only to " applications," but to credentials of many already officially recognized by many Grand Jurisdictions.

MONTANA, 1925.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,975; gain eighty-eight. Number of chartered lodges, 133. It is interesting to note that the youngest lodge beat them all in number of gains, Shelby, No. 143, beating Helena, one of the oldest, by one. Which is a good illustration of this correspondent's Foreword of last year, on Youth and Masonry, Give the Youngsters a Chance." Evidently they took it in Montana' The score was Shelby, twenty-four; Helena, twenty-three, which sounds like a football score and really ought to have no place in this review.

When we opened the volume of Montana's proceedings and saw the strong manly face of the Grand Master M. W. Harlon L. Hart, we said at once, "New England," and sure enough on reading his biography we find Vermont the place of his nativity. How many of our best, fifty and more years ago, took their journey into those pioneer territories, now our largest and most progressive states, and contributed their energy and enthusiasm to their upbuilding. Brother Hart is typical of thousands, and this writer often thinks when he hears someone say "what's the matter with New England?" that this is the answer, we sent forth the best we bred for the development and sinews of other frontier commonwealths.

Montana always indulges in a lot of delightful preliminaries, any number of greetings and counter-greetings and facilitations and congratulations, prints them in full, and we like it all, but all of the time we know it isn't masonic business and evidently, from some few words that were dropped, a few of the brethren wanted "to get down to business and cut out this foolishness." But they didn't, but kept right on, through many pages until the real business began in the Grand Master's annual address.

M. W. Brother Hart calls attention to the loss of three pillars of Masonic strength in Montana: M. W. Brother William A. Clark (P. G. M.), R. W. Bro. Richard Locky (P. G. Treas.), and R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary. Thus time taketh toll with the West, as with us in the East, and we extend our sympathy to the brethren of Montana in so heavy and irreparable a loss in this triumvirate of Masonic giants.

Montana endorses DeMolay for Boys, and the Order of Rainbow for Girls, condemns "Chain Prayers," endorses the Washington Memorial; but the Grand Master seems a little skittish about the M. S. A. calling in that expert and specialist Brother Andrew Randell as a kind of last resort to stem the current which we infer is setting against it.

The M. W. Grand Master was the honored guest at the Annual Communication of Wyoming and North Dakota, which visit he reports in full.

It is pleasant to learn that P. G. M. Clark left a bequest of \$25,000.00 for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Master laid one corner-stone and refused, we believe rightly, to lay another for a Sugar factory. He cautions the brethren, and again we agree, against lodge secretaries telling the O. E. S. when brethren are under suspension for n. p. d., surely this is a matter, a secret of the Craft, which is nobody's business, outside the lodge room.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home covers several pages, and shows us funds carefully administered and an institution which is the pride of the brethren, efficiently directed and managed. Several full-page pictures give a good pictorial idea of the Home. An interesting and informing report by the Committee on Work, discusses pro and con the use of the words "compass and compasses" and decides rightly we believe masonically speaking, for the old English use of the word "Compass," although there is much to be said from a lexicographical point of view for the other word.

The Special Committee on the M. S. A., recommended that Montana's membership be continued for another year and be given a thoroughgoing try out before summary action is taken by withdrawal.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the seventeenth submitted by M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner (P. G. M.), and covers something over two hundred pages of illuminating discussion and comment on Grand Lodge procedure and action throughout the world.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication is cordially commended. Grand Master Moulton is quoted at extended length on Maine's charity, and a large excerpt from your Correspondent's Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is given.

NEBRASKA, 1926.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 40,937; grain, 650. There are 291 lodges on the roll, two U. D. Beside the official family, there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of forty Grand Lodges, ours for Maine does not appear.

Preceding the Grand Master's address there were several delightful preliminary exercises, especially noteworthy was the greeting and responses of the Past Grand Masters, and an impressive "Memorial Service" for those Past Grand Masters that have died through the sixty-nine years of Nebraska's Masonic history. There were forty of these names which as we read them seemed touched by the living light of Eternal Love. Something like this must have been the experience of the brethren for the service even in its brevity, seemed to be touched with the unseen realities of our Masonic faith in immortality.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John Wright, in opening his annual address made fitting reference to the passing of two eminent and honored Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Robert Emery Evans and John Adam Ehrhardt. Truly may we say of these, two pillars of Masonic strength have fallen in Nebraska, and we extend our fraternal sympathy in their irrevocable loss. During his term three lodges were constituted, and one organized under dispensation, while seven corner-stone ceremonials were conducted. In his account of the Washington Memorial Conference the Grand Master mentions with becoming regret that Nebraska's 100 per cent. quota has thus far only reached 20.4 per cent. toward this purpose.

Grand Master Wright expresses himself as earnestly in favor of Schools of Instruction and believes that every lodge should be examined every year as to their proficiency. This is done in Maine by a series of annual inspections, which are productive of exactly this desired result. Such inspections hold the lodges to a high standard of excellence both of work and procedure.

We note with fraternal pleasure Grand Master Wright's appointment as Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, of R. W. Brother James A. Richan, and assure him and Nebraska that they have selected

one of our best and most efficient brethren for this honorable office. We that know him feel confident of his entire fitness for the office.

Under "Discipline" we note with sincere fraternal pleasure that the Grand Master did, not only the Masonic thing, but the really Christian thing, in the case of a brother who had erred, but had now "associated himself with the church and was trying to lead the right kind of a life and on this showing the lodge suspended sentence." We like that. Surely the lodge could not put itself in the position of being less charitable and forgiving than the Church of Him who said "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you." The Golden Rule is essentially a Masonic principle. Among Brother Wright's recommendations is that of re-codifying the multiplicity and complexity of conflicting laws and regulations, which afflict too many Grand Lodges and in the case of Nebraska he informs us that ninety-five per cent. of all difficulties and misunderstandings relative to interpretation arise from this fact. He also recommends that a committee "draft suitable procedure" in the matter of Masonic trials.

Nebraska has joined and withdrawn from the M. S. A., and are now flirting again with it, for the Grand Master who earnestly believes in the Association recommends that we "again enter into membership with the above named Association." Not adopted, but deferred until next year.

The Grand Custodian, R. W. Bro. Robert E. French, presented a very enjoyable and instructive report which is filled with such good things and written in so lucid a way, that we are strongly tempted to quote it at considerable length, but this correspondent has a vow registered that he will abjure writing a report which is three-fourths excerpts and citations. The easy way of course, but not the kind of "good work" in Masonry which meets the approval of the overseers of the tasks and toils of the brethren.

Precisely the same thing is true of the "Oration" of the Grand Orator R. W. Bro. C. Frank Reavis, who deals with international problems and domestic issues in a convincing and eloquent manner, especially in the light of our Institution and its teachings. In ordering its printing it was termed a "matchless oration" and we believe it.

An unusual event took place at the close of the Nebraska Communication, after the customary words of gratitude for a successful year's administration by Grand Master Wright, the brethren "arose as one man" and accorded him the Grand Honors.

The Correspondent's report which is one of the briefest of the year and yet adequate too, in touching the high lights of each jurisdiction is written by R. W. Brother Frank L. Haycock. Maine has no cause to complain of brevity for Brother Haycock (a Maine man—glory be) has generously accorded us nearly three pages of kindly review. We are considered in our One Hundred and Sixth Communication. Brother Charles M. Farrar's death is noted with regret and fraternal sympathy as he was Nebraska's representative near our Grand Lodge. Brother Farrar's place is now filled by R. W. Bro. James A. Richan, as noted in the opening of this review.

Grand Master Moulton's address is generously treated both by comment and extended citation, but it is all vital matter which is given, of benefit whether in Maine or wheresoever the brethren are dispersed.

Incisive comment is made by Brother Haycock on our action relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, not in criticism of our action, so much as in giving another point of view. He says that he was "reluctant" to give such recognition but did so "in order that apparent unanimity in our committee might be preserved." He also avers that "Mexico is largely a question of point of view." Which assertion reminds us that year's ago some wit said of cultured Boston, that it was not so much a place, as a state of mind. Which witicism has its application to the State of Mexico, especially in its present troubles between Church and Government.

Brother Haycock (and we have many of that name in Washington County), closes his Maine review with these cordial words: "Hope to meet you some day, Brother Smith." We reciprocate and assure him that mere Masonic grips will have "nothing on us," when such a meeting occurs, here or hereafter.

NEVADA, 1926.

Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 2,721; net gain, thirty-four. There are twenty-three lodges on the roll. Besides the full list of Grand Officers, there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-four Grand Representatives, the name of ours for Maine does not appear on the list of those present. We express our fraternal regret.

At the afternoon session a corner-stone ceremonial was conducted under the guidance of the Grand Lodge and its Grand Master, M. W. Brother Clarence L. Young. The Nevada State Historical and Exposition Building in Reno was thus properly started on its building enterprize by the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Brief addresses were made by the Governor of the State, Brother J. G. Serugham, and a Justice of the Supreme Court, Bro. Edward A. Ducker, whose enlightening remarks are given in full. It was an oratorical opportunity of which the speaker took full advantage, outlining the symbolism of building as related to citizenship and character. Something of the surging eloquence of the speaker is seen in such words as these: "Cities stand where once their campfires blazed, and fields bloom where the wild grasses waved." Which is almost poetry!

An extended list of visitations indicates a busy year for Grand Master Young, and he was able to cover the entire list of Nevada Lodges during his term of office; the advantage of a small jurisdiction of twenty-three lodges.

Among his official acts was the appointment of R. W. Brother John M. Burleigh as Maine's representative near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and we herewith congratulate both Nevada and Brother Burleigh on this, a mutual honor to both parties concerned.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations are the following: That Nevada join "the movement to help, aid and assist our Brethren and their

families, which is being undertaken by the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria Association of New Mexico. That Nevada presents all its initiates with a copy of the Holy Bible. He also recommends the revision of the Nevada Code, and retaining membership in the M. S. A. Respecting the last he finds what has been Maine's experience that "the Craft are not getting the benefits they should from the M. S. A., and adds this significant word, 'and I do not believe it is the fault of the Association.'" In connection with this he suggests that a constructive program of Masonic education be inaugurated by the M. S. Committee and the Past Grand Masters, using such strategic days as Armistice, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday as appropriate times for the discussion of appropriate Masonic topics, whereby as he rather quaintly put it, "the brethren will be better enabled to earn their wages, and receive them, if any be due." After the reading of this we recalled the cryptic word of the Psalms, "Selah!"

During his visitations he took occasion to ask how many of the brethren had taken interest enough "to attend or visit the public schools?" He discovered "with dismay" that ninety per cent. of the brethren had not. Your correspondent believes such is a duty of good-citizenship and enlightened Americanism, primarily, whether we are members of the Fraternity or not, and only as good citizens, whether members of the Institution or not, take such interest both by visiting and information respecting our public schools, can the system do its work and adequately function in our American republic.

In closing his annual address Grand Master Young made fitting and eloquent reference to the basic law of our Nation as formulated in the Constitution and clearly enunciated the Masonic ideals and principles as contained in that immortal parchment and the imperative duty confronting every Brother of us in making its provisions prevail.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Charles L. Richards, emphasized much the same lesson in his annual oration which dealt with Masonic Service in three ways, to God, to Country and to Humanity. He quotes the late President Emeritus of Harvard University, and from his clear and inspiring words builds an oration which must have stirred the hearts of the assembled brethren.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made havoc with the Grand Master's recommendations as outlined above, although a committee was appointed to consider the matter of joining the New Mexico Sanatoria Association, to report and recommend at the next annual session. The Jurisprudence Committee even disapproved of giving a Bible to the initiate brethren.

The Committee on Charters granted a charter for a new lodge to be named Washoe Lodge, No. 35.

The volume of annual proceedings of Nevada contains the usual embellishment of well-chosen verse in its pages of necrology, which it is always a delight to read. The discriminating selection is made by R. W. Brother E. D. Vanderlieth and shows an unusual sense of literary appreciation as not one of his poems contains the usual bathos of merely lachrymose sentiment and funereal atmosphere.

The same high literary taste is seen in Brother Vanderlieth's Correspondent's Report which he has written for many years. It is always a pleasure to turn to his clear and sinewy English and to handle the Nevada proceedings which are a credit to the book-maker's skill.

Maine receives somewhat more than the usual allotment of space, and our doings are invariably commended. It is with wistful regret that Brother Vanderlieth acknowledges that Nevada has fallen from her high place as second in the list of Grand Lodges to have the largest membership proportionate to population, and that today Vermont, the District of Columbia and New Hampshire outstrip her in the race for such numerical honors. This regret was expressed because of Maine's standing at the head of the list, which fact is duly honored by Nevada's Correspondent. This Maine writer desires to convey to him that since it is quality and not numerical quantity that really counts in Masonry it may be, if Bro. Vanderlieth is a fair sample, that Nevada Masonry stands well at the front in other and more substantial Masonic ways.

Your Maine correspondent is quoted at length from his Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" and commendatory comment is made on his entire report which he avers, "is thoughtful and interesting throughout."

Some valuable additions from Disreali relative to Youth are made which are greatly appreciated. We reiterate what was said last year of his report, and reiterate largely because in commendable modesty he demurs, "It is one of the best arranged and most readable reports which reach the Maine reviewer." And we propose to say, something like this every year, as long as he continues to give us such high grade reviews, and whether Brother Vanderlieth acknowledges the truth or not.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1926.

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,275; gain, 169. Number of lodges, eighty, all of which made returns. Beside the Grand Officers, there were present nine Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three jurisdictions. It is with fraternal regret that we do not see the name of our Maine representative on the list of those present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Bela Kingman, in opening his annual address gave an extended list of the eminent Fraters deceased during the last year. Among the Past Grand Masters we note with sincere sympathy and regret such well known names as M. W. Brothers Walter G. Africa (Grand Master in 1921-22), William A. Plummer (1906-07), Ira A. Chase (1905).

During Grand Master Kingman's term one corner-stone was laid, and two Masonic Temples were dedicated. The One Hundredth Anniversary of Aurora Lodge, No. 43, was observed and another semi-centenary of Harris Lodge in the town of Warner. Like our own Maine procedure four Lodges of Instruction were held during the year. Among several interesting visitations we note that at Newmarket the Grand Master witnessed the

" raising of his own son, Bradford M., to the sublime degree of a Master Mason."

Respecting the Washington Memorial, the Grand Master urges a 200 per cent. payment. Their present standing is 186 per cent. A splendid record, perhaps unequalled in any Grand Jurisdiction. Brother Cheney represented the Grand Master at Chicago Conference of the M. S. A., of which New Hampshire is a loyal and generous supporter.

Grand Master Kingman recommends that the expense of the semi-annual communication banquet no longer fall on the Grand Lodge, but " be taken care of by the individual members in attendance and believes it can be without a dissenting voice." Which is an evidence of that superb optimism for which New Hampshire is deservedly famous.

The old, old story of Masonic Home difficulties and embarrassments is evidenced by his words to the effect that New Hampshire is " unable to properly care for guests, who needed (please note the words) hospital attention." The Grand Master is pleased to report that such hospital attention has been amply provided for, and that the wards of the hospital annex have been " completely equipped and furnished."

The reports of eight D. D. G. Ms. are printed in full and indicate quiet and unfaltering labor of a truly constructive and therefore Masonic kind. The good old English names appended to these reports are like our own in Maine.

Who the " old Harry " is by which many Maine farmers still swear, this correspondent does not know, but when we came across the names of *two* " old Harrys," who are always young no matter what their age, who represented New Hampshire at the M. S. A., meeting we thought, well perhaps it is one or the other of these, M. W. Brothers, either Harry M. Cheney or Harry G. Noyes. Anyway all New Hampshire swears *by* them, and never *at* them.

The assessments for the Masonic Home on the various lodges amounted to the splendid sum of \$15,246.00. This is what " Home " means for the eighty lodges of New Hampshire, and the brethren of Maine are quite content to administer its charities in our present unassuming, if old-fashioned way.

The Jurisprudence Committee asked for further time in the matter of the Grand Lodge of Vienna for recognition. As the report expressed it, " to await the filing of additional evidence." How true that word of Milton: " They also serve who only stand and — wait."

Respecting the above reference to free suppers at the semi-annual communications we notice with approval that " by a large and rising vote " that free banquets are to be abolished henceforth.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers paid the Grand Master the high tribute which from our reading of the annual report, he richly deserves that he has maintained the high standard in New Hampshire in " a masterly and dignified way." Brother Kingman was re-elected Grand Master.

The annual report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar signature of M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney. It is his twentieth successive

report and Bro. Cheney is under no illusions that the word "twentieth is suggestive primarily that I am now an old one." Tut, tut, my friend, let others say it—"old Harry" for to most correspondents you will, in the word of the old sentimental song, "be always young and fair to me." This correspondent simply refuses to acknowledge the adjective "old" in connection with *you*. How true that word of the Great Light "Honorable age is not that which standeth in length of years."

In his opening of the report he says that which has been undoubtedly the experience of us all,— "I have had a wonderful time doing it. A lot of corners have been smoothed and it has been the cause of much inspiration. I wish that every one of you could catch the enlarged vision that has come to me. It is this that has made it worth the while."

Sixty-three Grand Lodge Proceedings have been carefully and instructively reviewed by him. It has been not only a delight but a kind of Masonic education to spend an evening with his pages. He does a difficult labor with the ease and grace of the young veteran, that he is.

Maine receives the same generous treatment both in space and in material which has so long characterized him in reviewing Maine, for are we not nearest neighbors, and can't we say a lot of things about each other without hard feelings and in that spirit of good-natured greeting which two neighbors ought to have when leaning over the garden fence and talking of each other's garden produce? A little bantering and kindly jesting sweetens the atmosphere and makes for friendship; how we all need to know that this word is in our Bibles, "A merry heart doeth good, like a medicine." We can hardly have enough of that wholesome tonic.

With his usual kindly humor Brother Cheney says relative to Grand Master Moulton's refusing to allow a wedding ceremony in a Masonic Hall: "After all, we cannot see just how the ceremony would have desecrated the sacred apartment, though we guess the ruling was a wise one. A thing of that variety might have had as its sequence the holding of a baby show." What a logical mind Brother Cheney has, and yet in these days of "birth-control" propaganda we are not so sure that his logic is sound. In the words of the old hymn, "what shall the harvest be?" perhaps we better drop the matter, and say with the old Psalmist "Selah."

How like Cheney to say relative to Masonic charities, "We don't care how it is done, if it only be done in some effectual way." Broad gauge mind, New Hampshire does it by a Home, we do it, perhaps as effectually, in another way. The way is incidental, the result is the important thing. Your Correspondence Committee is complimented for its careful conservatism in these words: "Nothing that ought to be fraternally recognized as a Grand Lodge was discovered. The deep water in which others have found themselves, through hasty action, makes Maine's conservatism look better than ever." We of Maine have so frequently been criticised for conservatism, that it is decidedly refreshing to find a good word like that said once in a while in our commendation. When we think of the embarrassing and almost absurd difficulties in which much larger and even older jurisdictions have so recently been involved, notably New

York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania — we do feel that our conservative course of action in the matter of fraternal recognition, especially of Grand Orients, has been abundantly justified.

When we read the following we felt like raising a *Te Deum*, a *Gloria in Excelsis*," or just a plain "doxology" which is nearer to our powers,— "The Foreword is a wonder. In form and phrases it is all very choice; in spirit it is wholesomely uplifting. We like this report, immensely, because there is something in its beside a mere recital of facts — mere gleanings from the rest of the Masonic world. Comments and impressions illumine its pages — we just like it, and have had a great time reading it." Kindly praise like that once in a while makes the heavy labor a little easier and more buoyant, and we herewith express our fraternal appreciation and gratitude for this word, and congratulate New Hampshire in having this "particular old Harry" on the job.

NEW JERSEY, 1926.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 86,230; net gain, 3,403. There are 252 lodges on the roll. There were present, beside the official family, the Grand Representatives of fifty-four jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother William Ritchie for Maine. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. New Jersey is in fraternal relations with a few Grand Lodges which are not on our Maine list, and whose names sound rather strange, and in a few instances, a little suspicious to our conservative Maine ears.

Distinguished visitors — galore — were in attendance from six Grand Lodges, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Texas and the District of Columbia. Among those well known to our Maine brethren, were M. W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince of Massachusetts, and that ubiquitous brother whose name we find at some time as the guest of nearly every Grand Lodge, and whose visit to Maine a few years ago is well and cordially remembered, M. W. Brother Andrew L. Randell, of Texas. Since there was exactly twenty-three of these guests of New Jersey it is obvious that there was a feast of oratory and good-fellowship, during this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Ralph E. Lum, makes a telling point respecting recommendations by a retiring Grand Master by saying: "I hesitate to initiate plans, courses or projects, the carrying out of which might tend to impose undue burdens on the incoming Grand Master. The logic of the situation seems to me to be with those Grand Lodges, such as Pennsylvania, whose incoming Grand Master makes his own report and recommendations."

On the roll of necrology is the name of M. W. Bro. Josiah W. Ewan to whose honored and beloved memory the Grand Master, and the Necrological Committee, pays fitting and tender tribute.

The year was masonically constructive which fact is emphasized by the constituting of eight lodges, the organizing under dispensation of six others, and the laying of seven corner-stones. Innumerable visitations

were made in the Grand Master's own jurisdiction, and to several Grand Lodges as their honored guest.

Our suspicions, as suggested in the above list of Grand Lodges with which New Jersey is in fraternal relations, are rather confirmed in the matter of the Grand Orient of Haiti, as the Grand Master recommends that such recognition be withdrawn. This was confirmed in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The ground for this severing of fraternal relations is, that since 1921 when such relations were established, there "has not materialized the spirit of fraternity which was expected and during this year a peremptory demand has been received from the Grand Orient of Haiti that we memorialize the United States government to discontinue the treaty (establishing a political and fiscal protectorate over Haiti for twenty years) and withdraw from the Haitain republic." Herein is indicated why the attitude of Maine has always been rather ultra-conservative in establishing such relationship, especially with Grand Orients, and some alleged Grand Lodges. It needs hardly to be said that such experiences as that of New Jersey and last year New York with the Grand Orient of Belgium; and Pennsylvania with the Grand Orient of France, abundantly justifies such conservatism as has characterized our Grand Lodge of Maine from its constitution more than one hundred years ago.

New Jersey is a loyal supporter of the M. S. A. and the George Washington Memorial, making a contribution of \$12,000.00 for support of the former.

Many pages of the proceedings are devoted to a detailed account of the Masonic Home, which report indicates the expenditure of splendid sums for the guests of the institution, and for Masonic charity in general. The financial tables of the report indicate thorough going administration and expenditure of their funds.

An interesting and instructive report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Brother William B. Mackey, deals with the Grand Lodge of Ireland and especially its Bi-centenary last year (1925) which it has been a delight to read.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence devotes one hundred and eleven pages to its instructive report. The Chairman, M. W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs (blessed be his memory and hollowed his name) said in a brief opening sentence that "the entire review has been prepared by M. W. Brother Ernest A. Reed (P. G. M.,) with the exception of Holland, by R. W. Bro. William Van Eerde." We infer from this that our beloved friend, Robert A. Shirrefs' hand was relinquishing the pen thus early, resigning it to another. For so many years his masterly skill had been shown in the New Jersey reviews that we had come to look forward to them with increasing interest each successive year. He was, indeed, a master craftsman, and his kindly face and luminous eye will be missed by the brethren of this great and noble jurisdiction, as he will be in the sacred precincts of the Supreme Council 33rd, where his presence and influence was always felt and loved by us all.

Brother Reed in his review has "made good" and upheld the high standards of his famous predecessor both in erudition and literary ability. It has been a keen delight to read his words of kindly commendation and subtle analysis of Masonic problems and issues as outlined in this report.

Maine is given its due place and proportion of space in the review. Our doings are invariably commended. Our action in severing relations with Belgium, postponing Mexico (York Grand Lodge), and demurring in the matter of Columbia Lodge Buenos Ayres (S. A.) are given attention. The more extended and formal report is quoted, and comment of a kindly kind is made on our Foreword entitled "Youth and Masonry." He uses in praise thereof such words as "scholarly, optimistic, complete." For which good words we are deeply grateful.

NEW MEXICO, 1926.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,555; gain, 134.

The Committee on Credentials reports eight Past Grand Masters present, besides the entire official family with the D. D. G. Ms. of the fifteen Districts.

The M. W. Grand Master of Texas, Bro. Ed R. Bryan, was cordially greeted and responded graciously and later gave an eloquent address of greeting and goodwill.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Jaffa Miller, reports that during his term he was privileged to conduct two corner-stone ceremonials and to dedicate the same number of Masonic halls. Fourteen "Decisions" were rendered by him, one relative to the eligibility of a petitioner who had lost his leg at the knee, but who has an artificial limb with "good control of the same" is declared O. K. if he can comply with the usual requirements. Which decision, while looked at askance by many Grand Lodges, would have been under our recently adopted Maine law, received without question.

Grand Master Miller attended the Grand Master's Conference at Chicago, and gives a detailed report in which he refers to the Pennsylvania protest against the Grand Orient of France's invasion of jurisdiction and the severing of fraternal relations with the Orient on the part of every Grand Lodge which has held its annual communication in America. Several pages of Grand Master Miller's report are given to the M. S. A.'s endorsement of the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria, and since this is located in New Mexico we see the point of his assertion that "by reason of our urgent plea for united action on behalf of Masonry of our country in behalf of this needed service, it has focussed upon the Grand Lodge of New Mexico the earnest attention of practically every Grand Jurisdiction of our country." We are glad to read that the response has been very hearty and quite general and to learn that what has been achieved thus far "proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that when once the Masons of America know the facts they will act with vigor and promptness." Of this we of Maine have little doubt, although we expect that the method and principles of such prompt action will be by no means unanimous. Indeed

the advocacy of any hard and fast rule of action might defeat the very purpose of the Association and to arbitrarily adopt some particular mechanical rule of action might readily enough land such Association exactly where the M. S. A. has landed in a kind of sprawling hors de combat attitude in its relation with many Grand Lodges. The arrogation of super-powers is a rock upon which many such commendable Masonic enterprises have tragically been wrecked, and "gone glimmering through a dream of things that were." May it not be the fate of this humanitarian and noble project is the heart-felt wish of this Correspondent who has confidence enough in the latent powers and potencies of the American Masonic heart to hear and heed a worthy appeal, and to respond with a spontaneity which will be a credit, in every way and to both the giver and the recipient. One great danger which we foresee is that of precedent, for there are other tragic maladies than this of tuberculosis which Washington Irving called "the siren that sings us to sleep," if for this, why not for a dozen other maladies which our mortal flesh has been heir to since the beginning of time for the human race? Where may it not land us? Maine may become the Mecca for thousands of brethren afflicted with cancer let us say (or something else), and so with each Grand Jurisdiction until the thing becomes so top heavy that it must fall by its own weight. Surely there ought to be some flexible plan by which under the stress and pressure of real necessity each Grand Jurisdiction can look after its own in the clear inscence breathing climate of the great Southwest which has been bearing the burden of our diseases of this particular kind so bravely and generously though the years. New Mexico's Sanatoria has some live publicity brethren back of it, we have been flooded with literature and appealing propaganda, and this Maine Correspondent wishes the project — God speed.

So much space has been taken for this matter of Sanatoria that several other good topics dealt with by these annual proceedings must of necessity be omitted.

The Report of the Sojourner's Club deals with its interesting history and achievements, its plans and purposes and is a noble work which meets our approval.

Practically all of the D. D. G. Ms. of the fifteen Masonic Districts made reports of their activities, and these reports show quiet and unpretentious labor faithfully performed. They read much like our own in this jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, which we missed one year ago, is given over the familiar name of R. W. Brother John Milne, and deals with forty-eight Grand Lodges including our annual proceedings in our One Hundred and Sixth Communication. Outside of a brief mention and condemnation of the "chain letter nuisance," the entire report for Maine is given to our action respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and our withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Orient of Belgium. An extended citation from your correspondent's Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is given with the appreciated comment that "it is a real classic and ought

to be read wherever there are gathered together "Old" men and women who feel that our young people are going to the dogs."

Brother Milne's report is one of the briefest which comes to our table this year consisting of barely forty-five pages. But this fact must not be construed in any invidious or desparaging sense, for he has culled the vital things and commented when that was needed in a constructive way.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 41,334; net gain, 697 Number of lodges, 499, one of which is U. D. In addition to the official family, there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and thirty-seven Grand Representatives. Our Maine name did not appear on the list of those present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Leon Cash, in his annual address speaks of the Oxford Orphanage as the "just pride and crowning glory of North Carolina Masonry," and while it is now in part supported by State appropriation, he looks forward to the time when it will be wholly maintained by the Fraternity and hopes that it will always be broad enough "to still admit any orphan from anywhere." He recommends that the new school building just completed be named after the father of the Orphanage, Brother John Nichols.

The usual question of increased expenditure for Masonic Home maintenance comes to the front, the Grand Master saying that more room for an ever increasing number of "guests" is needed, also hospital facilities. One hundred thousand dollars, spread over a number of years in payment, is imperatively needed.

The Grand Master is thoroughly convinced of the plans and purposes of the M. S. A., and the committee having the matter of the Association in their charge, reports in the same vein.

Grand Master Cash is a great believer in consolidation of small lodges and defends his position with convincing logic. He cites the fact that there are in North Carolina twenty-eight lodges with a membership of less than twenty-five, and fifty with less than thirty members. The logic of such a situation in these days of good roads and quick transportation would seem to be toward conservative consolidation.

In his "rulings" he believes that expulsion is the proper remedy for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. His attitude toward physical qualifications is liberal as witness these words: "When applicants are men of sufficient means, of integrity and high character, I would favor letting down the bars still more when they knock at the doors of Masonry. They are much to be preferred to physically perfect fellows whose tongues belch forth blasphemies and whose daily conversation is abominably unclean, whose bodies are putrid with immorality and whose souls are lecherous beyond description. To get one of these fellows decent he would have to be disinfected with aqua fortis." We like that kind of plain talk and believe it is Masonic truth and the Grand Lodge of Maine, for all its rather notorious conservatism, has about the broadest and most

flexible law on the matter which has ever been put into clear words. It works no injustice to any unfortunate who is otherwise eligible.

North Carolina is co-operating with Tennessee in compiling a joint history of Masonry up to the year 1813, and the Grand Master recommends that \$1,000.00 be appropriated for this purpose. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee was chartered by North Carolina.

The Grand Master pays high and deserved tribute to Brother J. Edward Allen, Grand Correspondent of North Carolina who has become one of the outstanding men of the correspondents' corp within a few years. His article on the basis of recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges has become "a national standard." This correspondent so believes and often reverts to it as a "safe and sane" guide, but even then there are some things, some principles which cannot be quite comprehended in words. It may well be that rather impalpable things may be as important as the tangible in our attitude toward Grand Lodges and in determining our action toward them. Atmospheric realities are even more important than mechanical rules for our guidance in friendships, why may not the same fact apply in the matter of fraternity? As keen a mind as that of Brother Allen will see at once the point of this observation, which it is difficult to phrase in words, which as Tennyson said "half reveal and half conceal the soul."

An excellent and eloquent oration was delivered by the Grand Orator Rev. C. C. Weaver, on the subject, "Morning-minded Men," which was a plea for Masonic optimism and service, which it has done us good to read.

An extended, detailed report of the various officers of the Oxford Orphanage, covering twenty-five pages, indicates an institution carefully administered and prudentially financed.

Past Grand Master Andrew L. Randell, of Texas, was present and made his usual genial address, speaking cordially of several well known personalities in the Grand Lodge and closing with his usual eloquent plea in behalf of the M. S. A. It was one of the delights of the communication and was liberally punctuated with "laughter" and "applause."

A resolution recognizing the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and on their recommendation was adopted.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the forty-three Masonic Districts submitted brief reports of their doings for the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen and is one of the outstanding reviews of the year, filling a separate volume of 475 pages. His statistical tables of membership are very valuable and close the volume.

His opening words give some interesting inside information on "North Carolina Influence on American Grand Lodge History" in which we learn the vital part which this great and honored jurisdiction has played in the life of our nation and the development of several other Grand Lodges in the United States. He makes out a good case for North Carolina's influence in the Masonic life, either directly or by indirection in twenty-seven of these States. It is an honorable record of which any Grand Lodge may well be proud.

Maine is cordially and generously reviewed. Grand Master Moulton is frequently quoted and always commended especially on "Masonic Education" and the "Masonic Service Association." Of our withdrawal from the M. S. A. he believes that only two alternatives are open "one was to bestir ourselves and use the Association's materials, and the other is, to quit paying for something we do not use." It was, of course, the latter alternative which was ours. Brother Allen has some judicious words to say respecting Masonic Homes and Charity, in which he is an advocate of the institutional method in conjunction with our particular system in Maine.

Your Maine Correspondent is given extended citation from his Foreword on "Youth and Masonry." Comment is made on our action respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and on our severing relations with Belgium. In concluding he says "we hope he will write many more reports," for which kindly sentiment we heartily thank him.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1926.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,254; net gain, 184. Besides the Grand Lodge family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Ripley, for Maine. The M. W. Grand Master of Montana, Brother Edward W. Spottswood, was cordially greeted and made fitting remarks at the opening of the Annual Communication. A reception of those venerable brethren who have been Masons for fifty or more years was held, and there were four of these led by Past Grand Master George H. Keyes, "81 years young, 60 years a Mason."

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Theodore B. Elton, opened his annual address by reference to the performance of Masonic duties, the laying of two corner-stones for Masonic Temples. One Temple was dedicated during his term of office.

We learn with interest of the Walter L. Stockwell Fund, given by the wife of the Grand Secretary of North Dakota for the foundation of a Grand Lodge Library. This fund is to approximate eventually five hundred dollars, "the interest each year to be invested in books."

During his address, the Grand Master, emphasized the need of a more stringent application of recent legislation requiring the brethren to pass an examination in the Master Mason's degree. If this law cannot be enforced he recommends that it be repealed. We find that of out of 3,407 Master Masons raised since the law was passed, there are 842 that have never met this requirement.

Reference is made to his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters (Chicago), and to the resolution requesting all Grand Lodges in fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of France, to sever such relations.

The Grand Master recommended that \$500.00 be appropriated for T. B. Relief through the Masonic Service Association. Adopted.

Of the George Washington Memorial he urges the keeping of North Dakota in the 100 per cent. column, by giving every "recently made Master Mason an opportunity of contributing to this worthy cause."

Pleasing reference is made of the Grand Master's visit to the Grand Lodge of Montana, whose Grand Master, M. W. Bro. E. W. Spottswood, is the guest at this annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Two and one-half pages is given to the report of the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, in addition to the more extended and formal report by Grand Jurisdictions. In this shorter report M. W. Bro. G. H. Phelps touches on the crucial questions dealt with by many jurisdictions. These range from "Chain Prayers" which he calls a product of "the foolish bug," to the Klan which is a product of some other kind.

"A Stone Community Church" of the Methodist Episcopal persuasion was sponsored by one lodge, report of which was given, and apparently without any questions asked on the part of the brethren and without the legal point being raised. We have no desire to comment on the matter or raise any issue over either the propriety or legality (Masonic) of such procedure, except to say that in Maine it could not be done by any lodge in its capacity as a lodge, but as each member might help as a matter of good citizenship and Christian loyalty and labor. To us it would be dangerous precedent and would almost inevitably lead to unfortunate complications.

"The Thompson Memorial Prize in Oratory," a rather unique feature of the Grand Lodge was won by Mr. Glenn B. Sanberg, of the State University. There were but two contestants, the winner taking as his subject, "The Valley of Ignorance," which we may say is a deep and broad valley into which we have all entered and our Masonic glory is in trying to get out.

"The Committee on Grievances" had nothing to do and facetiously reported that if this state of things continues, "it looks as though this Committee could be dispensed with." Glory be!

The usual O. E. S. reception was held, wherein flaming peonies and flowers of rhetoric were outstanding features.

A resolution of interest to Maine, because of our recent action, was the instituting of a Masonic Charity Foundation Committee to study the situation and make report. The resolution "was adopted without dissent."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again written by M. W. Bro. George Hovey Phelps, and deals with sixty-one jurisdictions, including ours of Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication. Brother Phelps' method is quite in contrast with that of his predecessor Brother Grant Hagar, who was a great exponent of the "Topical Review" method. Personally we like Brother Phelps way of dealing with individual jurisdictions, there is more of the personal flavor and fraternal atmosphere about his reviews, than in extended dissertations on various topics of varying, and sometimes negligible, interest to the general Masonic world. This was especially true with the Australian Jurisdictions, and in some measure

also, applicable to the Canadian Jurisdictions. It was not wholly fraternal to inflict them with many topics of only particular interest to the United States Jurisdictions.

While it was ably done by Brother Hagar it had its limitations by reason of these conditions. Brother Phelps's way is more to our liking and in this we probably voice the feeling and conviction of the majority of Grand Lodges, who have long since abandoned the "Topical" method.

Maine is generously considered and most courteously reviewed. Grand Master Moulton is quoted and commended. An illuminating comment is made on Maine's Masonic standing numerically and while it stings us a little we are bound to say in all fairness that it is just. He deduces mathematically this interesting Q. E. D., which contrary to our custom we quote in full.—"This volume presents a challenge to our Yankee inquisitiveness, which is to figure out why Maine has the largest percentage of Masons among its population of all the states. Using some of the numbers in the book, we solve the problem in this way. The average fee charged for the degrees is \$32.25, the annual average dues are \$2.45. The net increase in membership for the year was 431. Multiplying the average fee by the last number gives a total income from his source of \$13,900. The sum of \$18,358.10 was spent for free suppers. Subtract the income from the expenditure and we find that a premium of \$4,458 was paid to get this new business." After further comment on our withdrawal from the M. S. A. because of the five cents per capita involved (which of course was by no means the whole of the story, or even the major part of it) he avers that "from a mathematical point of view, there was no other course left open but to withdraw and save that much loss." Suffice it to say that if that were the only, or chief motive in withdrawal, Maine would be wholly contemptible in such withdrawal. Eliminating the M. S. A. matter entirely we do winch a little under Q. E. D. "Maine has the largest per capita percentage of Masons to its population because joining the Masons is the cheapest form of indoor amusement and entertainment offered to the able-bodied adult, male, white citizens of that State." Much the same thing has been repeatedly said by our own Grand Masters, and we have no desire to argue the point, but rather to admit the fact and remedy the condition which was indeed in a measure remedied at our last Annual Communication with the legislation adopted to increase our Grand Lodge Charity Fund and to establish a Masonic Foundation for the onward years of Masonry in Maine.

Your Correspondent is credited with an enjoyable and instructive review. While our Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" has redeemed the situation as outlined above, because Brother Phelps said that "it gave him such complete satisfaction that we are going to keep on loving all our dear brethren of the Old Pine Tree State, even though we cannot understand the motives for all their actions." Which reminds us of that word of Pascal, "To know all, is to love all." Herein, also, is indicated the real purpose of these Masonic reviews, which ought to do just this, for we are told that "a friend is one who knows our faults, and loves us just the same."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1926.

Sixty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,744; gain, eighty-two. Chartered lodges, seventy-nine, and one U. D. Besides the official family, there were present four Past Grand Masters, and thirty-two Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother J. G. Winfield for Maine.

M. W. Brother W. J. Ewing, Grand Master of Quebec, was welcomed from the Grand East as the guest of this Communication.

The usual service in St. Paul's Church was given, with an excellent Masonic sermon, printed in full in the proceedings.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Arthur James Davis, in opening his annual address calls attention to the fact that there are "no gaps in our list of officers," although we note the passing of three Past D. D. G. Ms. and a Past Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. A. E. Curren.

One new lodge was formed during the year in Dartmouth. The Grand Master calls attention to the need at Windsor for an addition to the Masonic Home. Two visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions were made, one to the Grand Lodge Prince Edward Island, and the other to Quebec. Several District Meetings were held and the Grand Master reports that these added much to the success and prosperity of the year. He made a score of "Decisions" the majority of which were probably just as clearly answered by reference to the constitution and code, but indicated a commendable zeal on the part of the questioner to be sure of his procedure. The reports of the various Benevolent and Charity Committees indicate conservative administration and expenditure of the Grand Lodge Funds, and as we note a preponderance of Scotch names in the roster of Committees, we think we know why. The Jurisprudence Committee O. Ks. the large majority of the Grand Master's "Decisions," and as several of these deal with "dual membership" we rather guess that such permission of dual membership will lead to further rulings by Grand Master, indeed the committee report intimates as much to the brethren.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. An interesting outline of the "History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia" is given by the Grand Historian, R. W. Brother R. V. Harris, which indicates an interesting volume when published. This will be a matter of two or more years according to the report.

The ten Masonic Districts of Nova Scotia are fully reported by their respective D. D. G. Ms., and make interesting reading, showing faithful and unpretentious, but necessary, labor accomplished by these loyal brothers.

The Correspondence Report is written by the R. W. Grand Secretary, James C. Jones, his twelfth annual report. In his introduction Brother Jones says that he sees a tendency on the part of subordinate lodges "in weeding out deadwood and endeavoring to see to it that only men willing to become Freemasons, and not merely members of the Craft, are admitted." This correspondent believes that there is a marked tendency in this com-

mendable direction in many Grand Jurisdictions, which is seen in some measure, by the notable decrease in net gains, and with Brother Jones we, too, aver it is "a movement in which we are very heartily in sympathy."

Maine receives cordial and generous treatment in his review. Grand Master Moulton is congratulated on a prosperous and progressive administration, and several extended quotations and favorable comment, is made from his annual address. The closing paragraphs are quoted in full.

Your correspondent is credited with an "interesting foreword" entitled "Masonry as a Unifying Principle of Protestantism."

OHIO, 1926.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 198,265; net gain, 4,804. Number of chartered lodges, 605. In addition to the official family, there were present twenty-three Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of sixty jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother O. P. Sperra, who is also Grand Correspondent, for Maine.

After the usual preliminaries of official greeting from the City and cordial response thereto, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Earle Stuart told the brethren assembled that "the sands of time have run swiftly since last we met." It is a favorite metaphor of Grand Masters, in opening their annual reports, in the last five years this correspondent ventures the assertion that he has come across those "sands of time" running thus swiftly on exactly 157 occasions. Our Masonic "hour-glass" is rather overworked by all the brethren.

It is with sympathy and regret that we note the loss of M. W. Brother Joel Cave Clore, Past Grand Master of Ohio, holding that office during the years 1916-17.

The Grand Master appointed a large number of Grand Representatives to other Grand Lodges, because the regular appointees had "been absent for the last six sessions," and served them rightly too, to be thus summarily dropped, for the only way to *represent* another Grand Jurisdiction is to be present at these annual sessions as a matter of fraternal courtesy and even obligation. A very kindly and courteous letter of greeting and acceptance was received from R. W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins commissioned as Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England, which is printed in full in the Grand Master's report. Among the constructive Masonic labors of the Grand Master we notice the constituting of five new lodges, the dedication of seventeen temples and lodge rooms, and the laying of twenty-four corner-stones. An extended list of "visitations" indicate a busy year of Masonic service by the Most Worshipful in Ohio. He administered discipline in a fair and impartial manner as indicated by a somewhat extended explanation and correspondence with a constituent lodge. The request of the National Masonic Tubercular Sanatoria Association was referred to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home, for study, investigation and report. Among the Grand Master's recommendations was one to the effect that \$10.00 be levied on each candidate for the degrees, the

same to be used for "building and equipment funds for the Ohio Masonic Home." The perennial problem confronting Masonic Homes is also indicated by the same Board of Trustees in their word, "The time is here when we will have to enlarge *again* in order to accommodate those who are applying for residence in the Home."

During this communication the corner-stone for the New Masonic Temple at Cincinnati, was laid by the Grand Officers, with an interesting and impressive program of exercises.

For the Foreign Correspondence Committee, M. W. Bro. O. P. Sperra asked for further time for information and investigation on the request for fraternal recognition by the Mexican United Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, while the same committee at the same time recommended "no action" on several other circular requests by various alleged Grand Bodies.

We note with fraternal sorrow the inclusion of two beloved names from Maine, R. W. Bro. Winslow E. Howell, and M. W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Waldo Pettengill, on their list of dead of other jurisdictions, and Ohio's tender benediction, "Peace to their ashes"

Respecting the M. S. A. the committee appointed last year made an extended report at the conclusion of which they recommended, that, "seeing no benefit in joining the M. S. A. which could not come to us through our present facilities, and also noting some obvious disadvantages" we "do not affiliate with the Masonic Service Association." Which is about the situation which seemed to justify Maine's withdrawal two years ago.

A survey of Masonic Education in Ohio, covering nearly twenty interesting pages, was given by R. W. Brother C. S. Plumb. It shows something of the extent of this work in Ohio and seems to amplify and justify the report of the Committee on the M. S. A.

A full and lucid account, embellished with several photographs of early buildings, is given of the Sesqui Centennial of American Union Lodge, No. 1. Addresses were made on this occasion by Dr. Thomas B. Roberts, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, Brother Herbert P. Bagley.

We now come to what is called "Appendix K" of the volume, which is the usual excellent report on Foreign Correspondence by our friend of Maine, M. W. Brother O. P. Sperra. Conservative always in his attitude, he is yet a man of vision in Masonic matters. Sixty nine Grand Lodges are reviewed. One of the most interesting and instructive is that of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico (1926) which deals at considerable length with the attitude of the brethren toward the Mexican Government under President Calles. We are glad to find them, and indeed every branch of Masonry in Mexico, back of the Government, fulfilling their obligation "to conform cheerfully to the laws of the country in which we reside." and that Masonry is interested in religion to the extent of "reverence for Deity which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness." An extended citation from the official Manifesto is given in which reference is made to the insidious propaganda of the K. of C. in its subtle attempt to undermine the government, while some of them "are living at the expense of

the same government in the discharge of the duties of important posts, at the same time that they are combating them."

Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered as befits such a good friend of ours as Brother Sperra. Grand Master Moulton is termed "a conscientious and painstaking official." Citation is made from Grand Master Moulton's closing words relative to Masonry's attitude toward those meritorious causes which are always asking for our support and advocacy.

Your Maine Correspondent is given credit for "a very commendable and finely selected review, which is the work of a scholar," he then closes his review with more than a page of quotation from our last year's Foreword, "On Masonry — A Unifying Principle of Protestantism," of which he graciously says, "I wish that our Ohio brethren could read it all." Such kindly words puts Maine's correspondent under a debt of real obligation to one of the leaders of our "Round Table" of Correspondents.

OKLAHOMA, 1926.

Membership, 69,673; net gain, 3,011.

There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-seven jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Ross F. Terrell, for Maine. The ten opening pages of these annual proceedings deal with some rather informal but wholly delightful amenities in the way of words of greeting and response, congratulatory telegrams and felicitations.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Gilbert B. Bristow, in opening his address speaks of traveling 24,474 miles in the prosecution of his Masonic duties, largely in his own car and visiting 304 lodges. During his term he took the matter of withdrawal from the M. S. A., into his hands and officially withdrew. An extended and illuminating correspondence between him and the officers of the Association, and several members of Oklahoma's M. S. A. Committee, forms a large and instructive part of his report as does the somewhat heated debate in the Grand Lodge Sessions relative to his action and its legality and consequence. Finally, after discussion the Grand Master's action was sustained, and Oklahoma formally withdrew. Maine took the same action one year ago, with scarcely any debate, and with well-nigh perfect unanimity.

We note the passing of Past Grand Master Bro. William Andrew McBride and sympathize with Oklahoma's loss. Tender tribute is paid both by the Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology to this eminent brother.

Regarding the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria Association, the Grand Master believed that they should "do their bit" toward its support.

He speaks at considerable length of the Clandestine Masonry which has been invading our American Jurisdictions on the part of the Grand Orient of France, of the action of the Chicago Grand Master's Conference in recommending all Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relations with this Grand Orient of France, to sever such fraternal relations at once. We read that "all those whose Grand Lodges have met have already done so, and

that the others will undoubtedly sever their relations as soon as their Grand Lodges meet." Maine is under no such necessity, although it must be admitted that during the war-hysteria a few years since, we came somewhat too perilously near entering into such relations, but the sanity and balance of the brethren finally prevailed. A minority resolution for entering such relationships with this Orient had some support at that time. Fortunately it was rejected, or we should now be under that somewhat humiliating necessity of taking drastic, and what is always rather embarrassing, action.

Something of a constructive year in Oklahoma is indicated by the dedication of four, and the instituting U. D., of two, new lodges. Emergent communications were also held for the laying of twenty corner-stones, largely for Public School and Churches.

The committee reports that \$30,705.89 has been collected for the Washington Memorial, and during the sessions that committee was urged to complete its one dollar per member quota, "especially stressing that the larger and wealthier lodges" be made to see that they are not doing their proportionate share.

The Report of the Board of Control devotes forty-one instructive pages to the Masonic Home, and shows a great institution conservatively financed and efficiently administered, although here and there we catch echoes of problems arising, and difficulties being met in the maintenance of this philanthropy, which rather convinces us of Maine, that our methods are, at least for us, the better, more economical and altogether efficient way of handling our benevolent funds and dispensing our Masonic charity.

A somewhat unusual oration by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. William Shelley Rogers is printed in full. It is a clear and convincing attempt to answer the familiar question, "Whence come you, and whither traveling?" Embellished with quotations from the poets, and in lucid literary style Bro. Rogers brings Light to bear upon the questions and issues of our time especially in the light of Masonic history.

The Finance Committee "disapproved" a resolution appropriating \$5,000.00 for the Boy Scout Camp at Tulsa. The New Mexico Sanatoria received \$250.00 at the hands of this committee.

Many pages of the proceedings are given over to the debate, which really degenerated into a heated controversy, on the Grand Master's action in withdrawal from the M. S. A., its legality and advisability, which make interesting reading enough, but so far as Maine's custom is concerned, would have had no place in our printed procedure. We try to do our laundry work in private, away from the curious and prying eyes of those, whom it does not concern, and who sometimes inadvertently get a copy of such Grand Lodge proceedings, and perhaps "chortle" over what they do not, and for obvious reasons, cannot understand. Wrong conclusions are almost invariably drawn by them from such things and needless criticism and misunderstandings are thereby avoided. The upshot of the whole matter was that Oklahoma "withdrew" from the M. S. A., that is

the clear and sufficient and final fact, and so far as the "dear public" is concerned, that is enough for them to know.

A supplemental report of the Finance Committee appropriated \$600.00 for additional transportation expenses of the Grand Master, instead of adopting the resolution appropriating \$2,500.00 for the purchase of an automobile for him; which seems to this Maine reviewer, the sane and sensible course for any Grand Lodge.

The Correspondence Report, his twentieth review, is given over the well known and rather affectionately greeted, name of M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey. Fifty-seven jurisdictions are carefully and comprehensively considered by him, ours of Maine, among the rest. A brief Foreword touched upon topics like "Life Membership, which he advocates; the M. S. A. of which he says "a number of States have withdrawn;" the K. K. K. which he "rather damns by faint praise." Of the officers of the M. S. A. he has this rather tart and tingling criticism to offer, "they administer anodynes to the sick and give encouragement to the weak and urge them to remain with the Association; and they use good judgment on their part because every Grand Jurisdiction that they can hold fast, is just so many hundreds or thousands of dollars for the Association." This was so deliciously good, that we have departed a little from our resolve to use no extended quotations in these reviews, but a masterpiece of gentle irony like that simply cannot be denied! Mark Twain couldn't beat it for caustic, gentle wit and wholesome kindly humor.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication is adequately dealt with by Brother Humphrey. Grand Master Moulton is uniformly commended, and extensively cited, and our actions quite generally approved by him. Your correspondent for Maine is commended for his review; his "Youth and Masonry" Foreword is quoted; and two-thirds of his review of Oklahoma is printed. He said in conclusion, what we emphatically reciprocate,— "We would like to meet him and shake his hand." If that M. S. A. reference is a sample of the keen mind and gentle heart of the man, this correspondent can only say, such "meeting and hand clasp" can't come too soon.

OREGON, 1925.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

Membership, 28,038; gain, 1,350. There are 187 lodges on the roll, one of which is organized under dispensation. In addition to the Grand Lodge family, there were present thirty-three Grand Representatives, ours for Maine does not appear on the list.

M. W. Brother, Percy R. Kelley, Grand Master, in opening his address reports that Freemasonry in Oregon has been "constructive and successful." Among other things his address advocates "joining memberships," augmentation of the Washington Memorial Quota, the compiling of a History of Masonry in Oregon; recommends that each candidate when raised should receive a copy of the Bible, and urges lodges of Instruction in order that "the work may be uniform throughout the entire Grand Jurisdiction."

The Endowment Committee has been unexpectedly successful and has raised over \$216,000 for the Educational Fund. Like every Grand Master he was troubled by questions of balloting and physical qualification.

Under "Fraternal Dead," we read of the passing of M. W. Bro. Walter T. Williamson (P. G. M.), a tower of Masonic strength in this jurisdiction.

Something of the constructive Masonic labors during the year is seen in the constituting of three, and the organizing, U. D., of four, new lodges, the dedicating of three temples and laying three corner-stones.

During the year \$2,000.00 was given by the Mystic Shrine toward a children's cottage at the Home.

We are especially glad to see that the Committee on Resolutions "turned down" a resolution from one of the lodges, asking the Secretary of State of the Federal Government to intercede in the matter of Italy's oppression of the brethren there, this resolution avers (and we do not doubt it) that such oppression is "unreasonable, unnatural and uncivilized persecution." In all this, while sympathizing and even applauding the spirit and motive of the resolution, we must remember the genius of our Institution and the principles which have governed it for generations since its birth, and commend the Grand Lodge for its judicious and truly Masonic attitude and action. In keeping with this attitude, we were not surprised to see Oregon severing relations with the Grand Orient of France on the legitimate ground of invasion of jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. Practically every Grand Lodge in fraternal relations with this Orient, have done the same thing.

We learn that the Bureau of Employment is planning to extend its activities and that it has accomplished effective results in Oregon.

More than twenty pages of these annual proceedings are given to the Masonic Home. Herein we find funds conservatively, yet generously, administered and a great institution of philanthropy thoroughly functioning in its purposes and principles of "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love."

Something of the practical work of this Grand Lodge is seen in an account of "one of the boys in our Home." It seems that several years ago the brethren took "a boy from a back alley that was like a stray cat," today we find the same lad graduating from High School with a rank of 96 plus, at the head of his class and therefore valedictorian. We learn further that he has "won a scholarship in the State University." Surely it is labor well worth the doing even if we have to avert our face a little while we ask— is it Masonic? Fundamentally and essentially this Maine correspondent believes it is, but *technically* he is pretty doubtful. And when such worthwhile things are done, we feel like saying of the red tape of Masonic technicality and formalistic interpretation of laws, exactly what Admiral Dave Farragut said of the torpedoes.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother B. B. Beekman, gave a rather unusual address which centered on Masonic service and civic duty, this is printed in full, covering nearly ten pages.

The Grand Orient of Argentina, the Grand Lodge of N. W. Spain, the Grand Lodge of Roumania, and the Grand Lodge of the Pacific (Mexico)

asked for fraternal recognition, but their requests were deferred until next year. We believe this was wise and careful action, only to this correspondent as he reads some of these names, a *year* does seem a short time

So earnest are the brethren in Oregon about their Educational Fund that they transferred \$5,000.00 to it, from the General Fund at this session.

During this communication there were some delightful exchanges of felicitations between the Grand Lodge and the O. E. S., wherein flowers both of the garden and rhetorical variety, beautifully functioned with perfume as of Paradise and aroma as of ambrosian field. This correspondent thought that he would try his hand at rhetorical efflorescence and paradise perfumery, hence the above. The knights of ancient chivalry had nothing on the brethren in their courteous deportment under this trying ordeal

There was much "proposed, referred and deferred legislation" at this communication, most of it is for consideration and action at the next annual meeting.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar and honored name of M. W. Bro. David P. Mason (P. G. M.). It is published in a separate volume from the annual proceedings, and we rather like this way.

It has been the custom in Maine to print separately the Correspondent's report, and have it ready for distribution at the opening of the annual communication. The copies are usually all taken the first morning. It would, therefore, be a simple matter and at no great increase of expense, to publish it separately. The only question which arises with us is this,—is there not some slight danger of the two being separated, and perhaps Maine might give the impression occasionally that it did not publish a Correspondence Report. Indeed this is precisely our thought relative to Oregon, until we found the Correspondence Report Supplement separated at a long distance from the printed annual proceedings, in our files.

In his brief "Introduction" Brother Mason speaks of several leading topics of the Masonic world, among which are,—Education, the M. S. A., Funds for Education in Schools and Universities, Liberty and Law, Sir Alfred Robbins' visit to America as the nuncio of the Grand Lodge of England.

Maine is cordially and comprehensively reviewed in its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication. M. W. Grand Master Spear's address is quoted and his administration is commended. Brother J. Stanley Durkee's address is referred to as dealing "with Masonic duty in its many phases and applications to every day life."

Your correspondent's "Foreword" is printed in full and graciously termed by Brother Mason, as "especially interesting and bringing a striking truth."

PENNSYLVANIA, 1925.

Membership (December 27, 1924), 199,801; increase during the year (1924), 6,202. Number of lodges, 551.

An interesting contrast in times and membership is given that in 1873 the membership was 37,546, with sixty-two lodges carried on the roll in

the City of Philadelphia, now there are eighty-two lodges in that city with a membership in excess of 200,000. The Annual Communication was preceded by the usual four Quarterly Communications, and the minutes of these various meetings occupies nearly two hundred pages of the annual proceedings.

An emergency communication was called by the Grand Master for the purpose, wholly within his rights and prerogatives as Grand Master of making Brother George Wharton Pepper, a "Mason at sight." His name is nationally known as one of the honorable Senators from Pennsylvania, and probably if it must be done in this way, we of Maine can think of no one more deserving of the honor than the recipient. It is none of our business anyway although it has never been practiced in our jurisdiction.

M. W. Grand Master Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear has several caustic words to say about pendent Masonic organizations and he believes, as all well informed brethren believe, "that the time has come to call a halt" in such outside associations and organizations making Masonic standing a prerequisite for membership therein. He avers that the "time is ripe for the enactment of regulatory measures," in this regard. He would have the Grand Lodge sanction for such organizations, although if we understand him he would make an exception of organizations now in existence, and have these "regulatory measures" apply only to new ones. The incoming Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William M. Hamilton, spoke along the same line and said: "There is no doubt but that the purpose of some of these associations is a laudable one, and in other circumstances, they may well be deserving of success. It is equally true that there are those which tend to bring the Fraternity into disrepute; whose votaries apparently assume, as members of these organizations, a license to do things which they, themselves, would frown upon in their capacity as Masons. In either case, there is no reason for their being appendages to Masonry, and it appears certain that the subject will at some time, perhaps not far distant, require the attention of Grand Lodge." In the opinion of Maine's correspondent the time is long over due; for such organizations as are merely trading upon the Masonic name and standing and too often bringing that name into discredit and often into disrepute, because of their antics and grotesque buffoonery.

The Grand Master hopes for the time in Pennsylvania when the minimum lodge dues "will not be less than \$10.00 per annum."

During his term Grand Master Goodyear was forced to call a "halt" on misguided, overenthusiastic brethren who had formed "a Masonic Bowling League," and was using the Masonic name against both the Masonic law and good taste.

The Grand Master is an ardent advocate of Masonic Education as a means of teaching the history and fundamentals of our Fraternity, and devoted much space in his annual address to this advocacy. He believes that such lectures should always be "within tyled doors and not during the hours of refreshment." Truly may we say that the seeking for more light is a Masonic labor and therefore such education in lectures or discus-

sion or "open forum" meetings should be under the seal of secrecy. He disciplined one lodge for the promiscuous use of Masonic souvenirs and especially the purchase of such things out of lodge funds. Another disciplining was for a lodge which had admitted a candidate, "who does not now and did not at the time of presenting his petition believe in a Supreme Being." And of course, no comment is necessary in commendation of his action in censuring and disciplining a lodge and Committee of Investigation who so flagrantly ignored an ancient landmark. In this connection the Grand Master says this worthwhile word, "The investigation of the Committee of Inquiry should be thorough, searching, all-embracing. It is not enough that they know of nothing that would seem to render the petitioner unworthy. Their knowledge should be positive, not negative." That is good Masonry.

The Report on Correspondence is written over the honored name of R. W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman who reviews forty-six Grand Lodge annual proceedings, including our One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication.

Grand Master Moulton is praised for bringing to his office, "superior all round ability and ready grasp of the purposes and needs of the Masonic institution." Brother Penman referred to Maine's standing at the head for forty years in Masonic membership proportionate to the State's population, and avers his belief, "that their Masonry had undoubtedly had a great influence in shaping the character of their citizenry of the State," and that from their ranks have come the greatest and noblest leaders." We plead guilty to this soft indictment, for it would probably be found that seven-eighths of our Governors and Supreme Court Judges, and Senators and Congressmen have been members of the Fraternity in Maine. Indeed so exceptional is anything else in Maine as to be worthy of comment, if not indeed of criticism.

Reference is made, however, to our somewhat delinquent activities in benevolence and charity and we now plead guilty with a hanging head of humiliation, to the soft impeachment, but last year we took that situation into consideration and really did something worth while, placing a fifty cents per capita on the constituent lodges for this purpose.

Brother Penman finds much to admire and commend in Grand Master Moulton's words and administration of our affairs in Maine.

Your Correspondent is credited with "wisely guiding" our Foreign relations, especially in the matter of Belgium and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, while his review is called "an able and interesting document."

We have so often expressed our appreciation of Pennsylvania's Correspondent, for his wise conservatism, Masonic diligence and mental fecundity that we must withhold our hand this year, although we are bound to say in closing this review that there is what the Great Light calls "a healing balm" in just sitting for an evening in his shadow and reading the choice English of his annual review.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1926.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,837; gain, forty-nine. Number of organized lodges, ninety-nine. In addition to the official family, there were present eight Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of sixty-six jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother George R. Harvey, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Christian W. Rosenstock, in the course of his annual report says that the ninety-nine lodges are located "all over the Islands, from Aparri in the northern part of Luzon to Davao, on the southern coast of Mindanao, a distance of one thousand five hundred and sixty-eight miles." An astounding statement in distance which comes like a real surprise to most of us who think of these Islands in much smaller terms.

The Grand Master gives an interesting account of the earlier ideas and prejudices and persecutions suffered by the brethren, which things he reports are now for the most part outgrown. One splendid Masonic service rendered by one lodge in the Island of Negros is paying "the salaries of two school teachers, supporting several orphans, supporting a maternity hospital and giving part of their Temple for a schoolroom." Such service which might be questioned in some jurisdictions as rather technically un-masonic, because many of these institutions have no organic connection with the Fraternity, meet our heartiest approval, and go far probably in that particular community to dispel the clouds of prejudice and suspicion which generations have, from mean and narrow motives, hung around the Institution.

We infer from the Grand Master's report that in the Philippines there is positive demonstration that men of the most various and even opposite complexions and ideas and opinions have been joined in "one band or society of friends and brothers." Perhaps nowhere else in the world is there a better laboratory experiment and demonstration of the practicability of the brotherhood of man, than in these lodges of the Philippine Islands.

One corner-stone was laid during the year. A Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children is maintained by the brethren and the Grand Master terms it, "one of the most commanding Masonic activities ever undertaken by the Masons in this country."

He submitted a resolution disapproving of the use of the word "Profane" in either English or Spanish when reference is made to non-Masons. Even at this distance we can see how it might create misunderstandings and even worse in the Philippines, where the situation is always delicate and difficult. After considerable discussion the resolution was adopted.

Clandestine Masonry is still rampant there, although we find indications of its disintegrating for we find that the leaders of this spurious brand have quarrelled among themselves, and that a second clandestine lodge has been formed by the deserters and the Grand Master believes that, "if we wait long enough, we may see still more grand lodges formed by these unfortunates who do not seem to be satisfied with anything, even with themselves."

The proposed Shrine Ceremonial was cancelled by the Imperial Potentate on objection by the Grand Lodge. It appears that the Shrine in Manila refuses to admit Filipino Masons, however worthy or well qualified, which makes for disruption in regular Masonic circles and has been in the past a source of much trouble and discord. Afifi Temple of Tacoma, Washington, made public press announcement that it would hold a ceremonial in Manila whereupon the Grand Secretary of the Philippine Island, R. W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, made protest to the Imperial Potentate and that official in his annual address under "Dispensations Refused" had some sharp and wholesome words to say about the matter and closed his message with these significant words: "In view of all this I declined to issue a dispensation to Afifi Temple to hold ceremonials in Shanghai, Japan or Manila."

Grand Master Rosenstock recommended that a copy of the Holy Bible be given to each newly obligated candidate, but that the practice be made optional with each lodge. This seems to us a judicious provision especially in a land where quite possibly some other volume of the Sacred Law might be revered by a few of the brethren. He also recommends that the Grand Lodge disapprove of the work of special degree teams composed of Thirty-third Degree brethren, or "Masons of other degrees and titles foreign to those used in Masonic Lodges." Adopted.

A Masonic Cemetery started in 1920 is maintained by this Grand Lodge and we are glad to read that "in a few more years it will be entirely paid for, when the original plan of erecting a chapel or mausoleum will be in order."

During his term the Grand Master issued an "Edict" enforcing the provision against the use of Masonic keys and ciphers. Several "Circulars" were sent to the brethren, one declaring a lodge in Manila irregular and clandestine, another respecting the Tiler's duty of careful inspection and examination before admittance, and another against electioneering in lodge elections.

At the conclusion of the communication the newly elected M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, gave a brief but vital address which speaks well for his masonic knowledge and vision and prophesies a year of progressive and constructive Grandmastership. Four special communications were held for the purpose of constituting constituent lodges.

M. W. Brother George R. Harvey, Grand Correspondent, submits the annual review of correspondence. He opens his review with some vital words on several debated Masonic subjects with which our Grand Lodges over the world are interested. He is especially enlightening on the subject of clandestine Masonry in the Philippines and has given us some real facts which have put the situation there in a new light and indicate something of the delicate issues and perplexing problems confronting the brethren of the Islands, and particularly in the City of Manila.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication receives generous and constructive attention at his hands. We are glad to read, "The writer knows a few Maine men and the Grand Master's commenda-

tion (for ability, sobriety, integrity, etc.) fits them well." Brother Harvey's name sounds like one of our own, at least it has a tang of New England about it, and we rather suspect that he is one of us for his mental processes and verbal expressions now and again smack of the New England soil and soul. We shall be happy to have this confirmed or otherwise as the fact may be. Anyhow we are always happy when reading his review and he has always been exceedingly kind to this Maine reviewer saying this year, "Brother Smith is proving himself a worthy successor of the famous men who have gone their way before him in Maine."

QUEBEC, 1926.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 14,152; net increase, 454. There are eighty two lodges on the roll, two of which are U. D. The Grand Secretary cites an interesting fact that sixty per cent. of the year's initiations were on the Island of Montreal. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-one Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother P. W. A. Burkett for Maine.

The Grand Masters of Ontario and Nova Scotia, M. W. Brothers John A. Rowland and Brother A. J. Davis (N. S.) were welcomed as distinguished visitors to the Grand East.

In the death of R. W. Brother Curtis P. Taber, Quebec lost the last living member who assisted at the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1869. The Grand Master, M. W. Brother W. J. Ewing, makes mention of this loss and that of many other brethren including seven P. D. D. G. Ms. during the year.

Under "Dispensations Refused" he tells of two applicants whose only disability was physical, and then he indulges in this charming non-sequitor, "While I was assured that they possessed the moral and mental qualifications required by us, yet I feel that we cannot lower the physical standard, without danger of having the moral and mental standards lowered." We are constrained to confess that it is difficult to follow that kind of logic. The Maine law respecting physical disability is broad and flexible nor have we ever seen or heard of its being abused.

During the year the constructive work of Grand Master Ewing was evidenced by the consecration of two lodges, the instituting of two more, the laying of a corner-stone and the dedications of two Masonic Temples. An account is given of the dedication of the Shrine Hospital in Montreal, when more than 2,000 members of the Shrine and other brethren were present. A visit to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont in the Tenth District is given by the Grand Master, when he expresses his appreciation of the courtesy and kindly goodwill of the Vermont brethren. He would find the same spirit in Maine should he visit our jurisdiction.

More than sixty per cent. of the promised subscriptions of about \$750,000 for the New Masonic Temple has been paid and steps are being taken toward the fulfillment of the project in the near future.

The Grand Chaplain's address on "Builders of Destiny," is printed in full and deals with the basic thought and central ideal of our institution that Masons are builders not alone of temples of stone, but of that more permanent reality of which the Great Light informs us,— those "temples not made with hands" which endure when granite crumbles into dust. It was a noble word simply and convincingly spoken and must have held the enchained attention of the brethren. This correspondent is glad to see that the R. W. Grand Chaplain bears the high and honored name of — Smith.

The D. D. G. Ms. report progressive and prosperous work in their various districts. They read very much like our own in Maine, and the names appended thereto sound much like our own, names of good English or Scotch ancestry that have built the Province of Quebec, just as they have the Commonwealth of Maine.

It is a pleasure to read the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence respecting Nehemiah Goodkowsky, and the honorable and fraternal part played by the Grand Lodge of Maine therein, and we hereby congratulate Quebec on its final and happy solution of a vexing and long suspended problem between us.

We are glad to see recognition withheld from the alleged Grand Lodge of Vienna, which indicates a careful scrutinizing of so-called credentials. The English speaking Grand Lodges have always looked askance at all such and been exceedingly wary of extending recognition.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is over the well known and honored name of R. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers (P. G. M.). He opens with fitting reference to the Grand Orient of Belgium (with which Maine severed relation two years ago) as "abandoning the essential Masonic requirement of belief in God and by removing from its altars the Great Light," as completely severing its own relations with the majority of Grand Lodges by its own action.

It is also interesting to read respecting Ireland, that in the city of Dublin alone there are seventy-six Masonic Lodges, an increase of forty-three within a comparatively few years.

Maine receives exactly one page of kindly review touching upon a few pivotal points of our annual session. Somewhat extended reference is made to M. W. Brother Charles H. Callahan's visit at our One Hundred and Sixth Communication, and Virginia's gift to Maine of a gavel made from a walnut tree planted by Brother George Washington.

Your correspondent is given credit for "an excellent report and generous notice of Quebec's 1924 volume of proceedings."

Brother Chambers has a way of concentrating — *multo in parvo* — the salient facts of each Grand Jurisdiction in a few succinct words, with little ornate rhetoric, all of which it has been a delight to read.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1926.

The Twentieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 13,091; net gain, 122 (although a misprint says "net grain" 122, and we have no doubt it is as the old hymn says, "the finest of the wheat." There are 180 lodges, which no doubt serve as graineries for the fine wheat harvests of Saskatchewan in masonic manhood and character, this Correspondent can say these things about the brethren there because he is their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and knows something of the fine Masonic reaping of this noble jurisdiction. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-two Grand Lodges. We regret the absence of our Grand Representative for Maine, whose name does not appear on the list of those present.

After a few delightful preliminaries of greeting and response, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Gilbert Swain, opened his annual address by reference to the general welfare of Masonic affairs in Saskatchewan and spoke of the "helpful, harmonious and happy" relations existing between them and other Grand Jurisdictions. He pays high tribute to the value of District Meetings and to the faithful labors of the D. D. G. Ms. in these various districts of the Province. During his term it was his privilege to constitute and consecrate two new lodges, and organize under dispensation eight others, while one Masonic Temple was dedicated at Dinsmore.

Under the caption "Masonic Education and Research," we find him saying of M. W. Brother Thornton's address when he visited from Manitoba that he is "one of the pioneers of Freemasonry" and spoke of the "depths of Masonic knowledge of the speaker." This correspondent is especially desirous of reiterating this praise of Brother Thornton because he has seldom read a more lucid and instructive lecture than that given by him on what might be termed the esoteric meaning of the Letter G. We commented on it last year, and in reply received a very kindly and appreciative letter from M. W. Brother Thornton respecting the matter, for which we take this opportunity to personally thank him.

Something of Grand Master Swain's good sense is seen in the fact that one of the lodges was discussing as "an item of business" the question as to whether it was advisable to have an Eastern Star Lodge in that particular town, and the Grand Master wrote them that such discussion was not "Masonic business and should not be brought before the lodge as such," although it was permissible to assist an O. E. S. chapter to organize, "but this must take place outside the meetings of lodges." Of course, this is precisely the way it is done in Maine, and this Correspondent having been Grand Patron of the O. E. S. of Maine, is prepared to say that there is no confliction or disagreeable consequences involved as long as both organizations realize that there is no official connection between them.

The various D. D. G. Ms. submit the usual reports, which indicate quiet and efficient labors loyally performed.

Saskatchewan fraternally recognized the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, which we think is right, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, of

which we are not so sure, while we quite understand their attitude in asking for further information relative to the Grand Lodge of North East Spain. (North East is a place of Masonic Light? no, not in Maine anyhow). The Grand Lodges of Vienna and Czekoslovakia were also deferred. How true the word of John Milton, "They also serve who only stand and—wait."

The report of the Board of Benevolence shows a careful but efficient administration of these funds and a full page photograph is given of three bright faced children which we learn are being cared for by this Benevolent Fund under the administration of this Board. An extended list of funds received from the various lodges for this Fund is printed and shows generous sacrifice and a truly masonic vision and duty.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence is by R. W. Pro. W. M. Thompson and deals with fifty-six jurisdictions, including ours of Maine. As there are but seventy-four pages in the report it will be seen that these are of necessity brief. Maine receives a little more than one full page. Grand Master Moulton's address is quoted and commended at considerable length, while your Correspondent is credited with "an interesting and instructive report."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 29,503. There were present six Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three jurisdictions. We regret the absence of ours from Maine, which does not appear on the official list of those present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother C. K. Chreitzberg, in opening his annual address refers with quiet joy to the fact that the "devastating harvest of the grim reaper" has passed them by.

Of the Washington Memorial the Grand Master speaks in heartiest praise and gives a somewhat extended account of the meetings of the Association. We note with interest and cordial approval his appointment of R. W. Brother Allen L. Curtis as South Carolina's representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine. The writer of this review has known Brother Curtis from early boyhood, indeed he may say he was brought up under his pastorate in the Belfast Church, and it is with joy and something of real pride that this correspondent has seen him grow into manhood and become a leading citizen of his community and a real light of the Masonic Fraternity in Maine.

Something of the constructive labors of the Craft in South Carolina may be seen by the constituting of two, and the organizing under dispensation, of three new lodges, while five foundation stones were laid during the year. Among his visitations by proxy was one to a lodge at McCormick, where a fire broke out during the session. The brethren "called off," put out the fire, and returned to finish the work of the evening.

The Grand Master's "Decisions" which are few are all within the usual practice and quite generally recognized law of the majority of Grand Lodges.

Under "Balloting" we find this piece of Christian common-sense on the part of the Grand Master, on being officially asked respecting re-instatement of an expelled member who has been convicted of defalcation, served part of his term in Atlanta and had been paroled and was now seeking restoration of citizenship,—answered, "to my mind restoration rested largely upon the question—is he under the tongue of good report?" Surely, if the man has been punished, has learned his lesson, and is trying to live an upright and honest life, the Fraternity cannot put itself in the position of hard Pharasaism, or do less than practice the Golden Rule.

Some interesting words are said by the Grand Master on the subject of "Life Membership" in answer to Wyoming's questionnaire. He believes it should be done occasionally for "meritorious service" rendered the Craft, but not as a commercial proposition, of this he says and we believe rightly,—"This way does not appeal to me. It robs the award of all honor. It is exactly like purchasing a decoration, and makes an earned honor valueless."

An interesting historical insert in his address is a facsimile of a letter under date of May 1, 1823, when the matter of a "General Grand Lodge" was considered, and which was considered as the letter put it, "unnecessary and unadvisable." So the radical moderns that think they have something new in this General Grand Lodge idea are exactly one hundred and four years behind the times. The Grand Master says rather laconically of the proposition,—"I am fully satisfied that our brethren may rest content that a General Grand Lodge will not be established."

The twenty-five D. D. G. Ms. give brief, but informing reports of their quiet and unpretentious labors, which read much like our own of Maine.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations has this to say respecting Belgium: "We are glad to say that our Grand Lodge never did extend Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Orient of Belgium, so there is nothing for us to do." Herein is seen the wise Masonic statesmanship of R. W. Brother Michie, he knew better than to allow it. Years ago such recognition got by somebody in Maine, and recognition was extended but summarially severed two years ago by recommendation of the present committee. Careful, even conservative action in these matters has its reward in due time, although there may be considerable criticism and censure for narrowness and hide-bound conservatism. The severing of relations with the Grand Orient of France is a case in point. Practically every Grand Lodge which entered into such fraternal relationships under the pressure of war hysteria, have now withdrawn recognition. Maine came perilously near to it during the world war but was saved by the sober second thought of the brethren, so that today we are not under the humiliation and embarrassment of taking that drastic action.

An interesting address by Rev. Joseph Fort Newton is printed in full in these annual proceedings.

The Correspondence Report, one of the best that comes to this office, is the sixteenth review of the noble veteran of South Carolina, M. W. Brother J. L. Michie (P. G. M.).

Sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions are dealt with in his usual lucid and constructive manner. This correspondent acknowledges a debt of gratitude which extends over many years for the quite unwitting service which Brother Michie has been rendering him. Somewhere in the Great Light there is an account of men being healed by simply having the shadow of a great man fall upon them (really of course it was the shadow of Peter, and the account is in the book of Acts, less somebody think that this writer doesn't know), this is precisely our situation in relation to Brother Michie, we have been sitting in his kindly, even healing shadow, lo, these many years, and if we have learnt to do this thing at all, this correspondence, we owe much to him, and we have a right to say and with a deep personal meaning in the saying of it, "May his shadow never grow less."

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication is given the usual allotment of space and the usual amount of constructive treatment. Grand Master Moulton is briefly quoted and invariably commended. Mention is made of our action relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Grand Orient of Belgium, but without comment, although we know what it would be especially as respects Belgium. Our thanks are due Brother Michie for his extended citation from our Foreword on "Youth and Masonry." As a kind of benediction we have this to say, that we may not meet Brother Michie again in the flesh, as we did a few years ago in Portland, but we leave with him this cryptic thought,— what is heaven anyway but a friendly state where soul meets soul in noble, though it may be, unspoken converse? Mark Twain and W. D. Howells rode for hours in the smoker of a pullman, and neither spoke a word, but both said it was one of the best conversations they had ever had. May we meet that way, if it must be, but without the smoke, which is a little too suggestive of fire, in some friendly beyond of God.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1926.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,632; net gain, 336. Number of chartered lodges, 170. Four U. D. Besides the official family, there were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions. It is with fraternal regret that we do not see the name of our representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother John K. Kutnewsky, in opening his address paid fitting tribute to the passing of three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers George A. Johnston, Charles L. Brockway and John L. Turner. Suitable eulogies are paid to their memory and dignified memorial pages inscribed with their honored names. Maine extends its fraternal sympathy in the loss of three such eminent brothers who have wrought so long and efficiently in the quarries of Masonry in South Dakota. A constructive year is indicated by the following facts: Three lodges were constituted; two corner-stones laid and six temples dedicated. He rendered one "Decision" to the effect that a young man otherwise duly qualified, but having the first two fingers of his right hand much shorter than the

others and "webbed" together, is not eligible for the degrees because "it will not be possible to give the M. M. grip." "As an outline of the hand was sent him" we have no doubt that his judgment was true and righteous altogether, and his letter in reply to the question breathes regret at the decision.

Among his recommendations is one that schools of instruction should be held because the work given in various lodges differs in rather marked degree, which fact leads him to believe "that forbidden keys are being used."

Charters for four new lodges granted at this communication by recommendation of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Geo. A. Pettigrew.

A brilliant Oration by the Grand Orator on the subject "Leaders of Light," was given by Brother Chas. S. Hall, which was a challenging call to service in the clear, inspiring Light of him of Gallilee whose greatest luxury in life was doing good. A "Resolution" to the effect that when a member has been convicted of a felony in any State or Federal Court, he shall be deemed suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order, and shall not be reinstated until one year from the date of his release from imprisonment, which must be done by report of the Investigating Committee and the unanimous ballot in his favor by the lodge from which suspension was made. This was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who made, and we believe rightly, rather short work of it all by saying that it was "unnecessarily restrictive" and that proof of conviction by a State or Federal Court's authenticated copies of such record "is sufficient prima facie proof of un-Masonic conduct." Adopted.

The same committee "sat down hard" on dispensations by the Grand Master for degrees "out of time."

A Special Committee was appointed to consider and report on the New Mexico T. B. Sanitoria and report at this session. The Committee did so by asking for a year in which to investigate and that action be taken at the next Annual Communication. Which seems to us a commendable deliberation in so important a matter and one involving, in some respects a departure from the customary tried ways of the fraternity.

An interesting and touching feature of the volume is the printing in full of M. W. Brother Brockway's oration at the Temple Dedication at Mitchell (S. D.) prepared just before his sudden death and therefore the last word and message of this noble and eminent Brother to the Craft. It is simply phrased and is redolent of his quiet and charming personality and Masonic erudition. By a strange and eloquent coincidence the last words of the Oration are that the brethren should prepare themselves "for places in the spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from a new scribe, the successor of Brother Brockway, who had served for seven years. His name is R. W. Brother Arthur H. Tufts, M. D. We hereby cordially greet and welcome Bro. Tufts to our mystic circle of reviewers, and from the sample sub-

mitted we feel assured that we shall like him and appreciate his kindly spirit and scholarly work at the reviewer's table.

He opens his report with a few clear and kindly comments on general Masonic topics which are interesting the brethren over the world. We note that a few of the Grand Lodge reviews are over the initials C. L. B., and in his word of explanation preceeding the review we discover that Brother Brockway had written some of these before Brother Tufts took over the work. We are glad to see, and hail it as a good omen of a careful conservatism, that he recommends that the matter of fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, be deferred "until proper data is furnished." Maine thinks it will be a little difficult to find that "proper data."

Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication receives generous and discriminating attention at his hands being allotted nearly five pages of the report. Grand Master Moulton is quoted at considerable length, and congratulated on a progressive and constructive year. Our "doings" are quite generally approved. He is a little mistaken about "clergyman approbated by competent authority to preach the gospel, may be initiated, crafted and raised without any fee whatever." That used to be our law several years ago, but has been revoked so that the clergy, do the self-respecting thing like other "good men and true" in Maine, pay their fees. Commendatory words are said anent Maine's review and especially on the Foreword "Youth and Masonry." Thanks, Brother Tufts, and a cordial welcome "to our midst." A highly improper phrase as we were taught at college, years ago, but yet expressive (shall we say) of intimate nearness.

TENNESSEE, 1927.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Communication.

Membership, 50,022; net gain, 758. Number of lodges, 478. Represented, 457. Beside the official family, there were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty six Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother J. H. Swan, for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master Andrew E. McCulloch in opening his annual report called attention in a few touching words to the death during the year of two eminent and beloved Past Grand Masters, Brothers Edward K. Bachman and William H. Pumpus.

The observance of St. John's Day was advised by the Grand Master in a circular letter to all the constituent lodges which was quite generally observed under the name of "Widows' and Orphans' Day." The donations and offerings of the day were given to the Masonic Home. In the course of his letter he calls attention to the fact that such funds are greatly needed to "complete work that had to be stopped for lack of funds."

Under the Grand Master's direction five hundred dollars were given to the Grand Lodge of Florida for relief in the storm disaster of last September; while he recommends that legislation be passed empowering the Grand Officers to act in such emergencies in the future.

Fraternal relations were established by Grand Master McCulloch with Panama and Costa Rica. We note that he visited the large majority of the lodges during his term, and like a constructive Craftsman "gave the preference to the rural lodges and those in the smaller towns," feeling that the large city lodges could function without him, but that the smaller lodges needed the vital and dynamic contact of the M. W. Grand Lodge.

Something of the increasing problems and cost of Masonic Homes is seen in his words that during 1924 and 1925 a dollar assessment was necessary to "erect buildings and make other improvements" at the Home. The O. E. S. raised \$25,000.00 by approval of the Grand Lodge, for this purpose.

Tennessee's Grand Master has the courage of his convictions respecting the M. S. A. for he says in bold, bald words, "I want to go on record as being strongly in favor of withdrawing from this Association."

The Grand Master believes that twelve months should elapse after a brother has received the M. M. degree, before he is allowed to petition any organization basing its membership on the Order, in which we most cordially agree with him.

The Historical Committee submitted a very interesting account of the service rendered by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to other Grand Jurisdictions especially in the matter of furnishing Grand Masters to many of these. We suppose this to be true of a score of the oldest of our Grand Jurisdictions and are very sure that Maine would loom large on the Masonic horizon in this respect, for in scores of instances during the year have we found that phrase "born in Maine and educated in its schools."

Tennessee, by its Committee on Correspondence, "took the bull by the horns" as the phrase is, and recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, paying its rather uncomplimentary respects to the other Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico. It is probably true that if we recognize one, we must have some rather sharp words for the other, and Maine is content not to add fuel to the flames, and to help a confusion by worse confounding it.

Sixty six Grand Lodges are reviewed by the Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. This is Brother Smart's second report and is equal in every way to his initial production. He takes rather sharp issue, even with the veteran reviewers, and seems to have the courage of his convictions. In a brief introduction he acknowledges this, but supports his position by good argument. To Maine's reviewer it is refreshing to have a new and rather untried man come to the front, with a new outlook and untrammelled point of view and tell us by clear words, if not always convincing logic, why he believes in a principle. Maine is cordially and generously considered by R. W. Brother Smart. He says this "awful" thing about Maine Yankees, they "must surely have been done to Boston to take a course in schooling." How little he understands, the sting and smart of that kind of thing. Maine educated and furnished Boston with its Longfellow and Hawthorne and a dozen more. No, we don't get our schooling "down to Boston" at all; we educate at our schools and four great colleges and University our best and then send them to Boston and

vicinity to enlighten the flower of culture of the alleged "Modern Athens" with the "light which never was on sea or land." Indeed, the present Commissioner of Education of the State of Mass., Hon. Payson Smith, was born and educated in the State of Maine.

Your correspondent is given credit for an "interesting Foreword," from which he quotes our reference to the divisive tendency and disintegrating influence of two hundred and two different versions of the Protestant religion, and asks this question which we answer in a few brief words: "Well, suppose there are all of these different creeds, and that they will continue to multiply and increase, what of it?" The answer is that an army composed of two hundred and two different regiments, all opposed in aim and principle, fighting each other as sectarianism has always done, trying to thwart each other in every way, can't sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers, marching as to war" with a great deal of harmony, or fight against the common enemy of vice and wickedness of every kind and degree, with a united front and common purpose. The point of the "Foreword" has been rather completely lost unless Brother Smart sees that the contention was not for uniformity of beliefs, an absurd impossibility, but for that principle announced so many centuries ago in the Great Light of the Fraternity, "Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit (not of creeds, or polity or rituals) in the bond of peace."

TEXAS, 1926.

The Ninety-first Annual Convocation.

Membership, 143,189; net gain, 3,026. Working lodges, 986. Besides the official family, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. S. M. Bradley, for Maine, who is always in attendance and one of the outstanding influences and formative personalities in Texan Masonry.

Texas has a rather delightful way of opening its annual communication with several innovations, one feature of which is the cordial and yet rather informal way of greeting its old members, those who have been in membership over fifty years. While it must take a great deal of time yet apparently it is abundantly worthwhile for we find it continued year after year. One brother who was one hundred years of age last March (1926), was we are informed "made a mason before he was 21 years old." He probably holds the world record for we learn that he has been a "Mason something like seventy-eight years." Which reminds this correspondent of the cockerel in one of our poultry farms who rolled an ostrich egg into the hen house of his lady friends and said, "I am not complaining, but I thought you would all like to see what others are doing." That "seventy-eight years a Mason," gives us all an idea "of what others are doing" especially down there in the broad expanses and health-preserving climate of Texas.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Ed R. Byran, in opening his annual address called especial attention to the pioneers of Masonry in Texas and thought it might be a profitable study for the brethren to consider their

deeds of earlier days and imitate the courage and faith in the Institution and its progressive principles. Reference is made, of course, to Gen. Sam Houston and many others, Brother Houston being a kind of patron saint of the Texan Masonic brethren.

Something of the constructive work of our institution in Texas may be seen by the constituting of twelve new lodges during the year, and the laying of twenty six corner stones. Dispensations were also granted for the organizing of six new lodges. Under "Physical Defects" we find that Grand Master Bryan allowed the conferring of the degrees "on 200 parties with minor physical defects." As we study his reasons for this large numerical permission we find that he proceeded very much on the same basis as our recently passed Maine law would warrant.

Grand Master Bryan's "Decisions" are all of the conservative order, we notice especially that he refuses the use of a lodge room to the "White Shrine" and that "a party made a Mason in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico must reside the necessary time in Texas and take the degrees anew." The Grand Master has some decided opinions regarding the use of the Fraternity for political and commercial purposes which he expresses in clear and forceful language. The Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company comes in for a few words of caustic comment, and the Grand Master recommends that a special committee to make a careful investigation in order that no injustice be done the Insurance Company and the well known policy of the Grand Lodge be maintained and enforced. Which might apply to many other Grand Jurisdictions beside Texas.

A letter of the Grand Master, included in his annual report indicates that the K. K. K. has been active in its usual way and that M. W. Prother Bryan was entirely able to hold his own in the matter under controversy.

In a circular letter to the brethren the Grand Master called their attention to several delinquencies among these are profanity, the discussion of "Non-masonic questions in the lodge rooms," and commercializing the Order.

Several large legacies were left to the Grand Lodge of which Grand Master Bryan takes due notice and expresses his appreciation and gratitude.

The Masonic Home and School comes in for high praise at his hands, while he cordially commends the "Home for Aged Masons" maintained by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as a philanthropy which ought to appeal to the brethren at large.

Several pages of his report deals with the pro and con of the Masonic situation in Mexico which confirms Maine in its attitude a few years ago in the matter of recognition. The Grand Master feels that if his Grand Lodge does not care to sever fraternal relations with the Valle de Mexico, "then I recommend that it recognize the York Grand Lodge also." With such confusion and vacillation on the part of the largest Grand Jurisdiction immediately bordering on Mexico, Maine can hardly be blamed for pursuing the even tenor of its way by recognizing neither of these Grand Lodges both claiming exclusive jurisdiction.

Among his recommendations is one following very closely our own recently passed legislation respecting those applicants having physical defects which have been remedied by the use of artificial parts, if by their use they are able to receive, practice and communicate the rites and ceremonies of the Order. He also recommends that one ballot shall be sufficient for the symbolic degrees.

A truly eloquent address was given by the Grand Orator, Brother J. J. Gallaher, which touched on the freedom of Masonry, its achievements in the past time and its marvellous opportunities in these modern days. It was a vital word which clearly portrayed the duties and privileges of our Masonic membership, and was greeted with hearty appreciation by the brethren.

By one of those ironic and grewsome, though quite unconscious jests, the "M. W. Grand Master declared the lodge room *purged*" after the female members of his family, and that of the Deputy Grand Master, had been formally introduced and retired. It sounds a little too much like — fumigated!

An extended report of the Directors of the Masonic Home and School covering nearly thirty pages of these annual proceedings indicate an institution carefully financed and efficiently managed.

An extended address by our old Maine friend Past Grand Master Randell respecting the activities of the M. S. A. especially in its ministrations in the Florida hurricane, was liberally applauded by the brethren.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, covering fifty four Jurisdictions was written by P. G. M. Brother W. M. Fly. This is his first report, Bro. Fly taking the place of our old Maine friend, and our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. S. M. Bradley, who has been writing these reviews for many honored years. Last year he retired with "a pension of forty dollars per month for the remainder of his natural life." We shall miss his kindly reports, his able pen and his strong personality which radiated through his every word. It is the old story of "Hail and Farewell." And while we regret his absence at our Round Table, we greet with hearty welcome his successor in office, Brother Fly has written an able report and we anticipate many such able reviews in the onward years.

Maine is cordially and generously reviewed both as to matter and space by M. W. Brother Fly. Grand Master Moulton is liberally quoted, and the reviewer's comments are keen and constructive. This Maine reviewer is given two pages of kindly notice. He demurs a little, largely because of a quite unwarranted inference which he has drawn from our Foreword that what he calls "a preference is given to our beloved Institution even over the Christian Church as a force in building pure Brotherhood." "We meant that no such inference should be drawn and quite agree with him that "each institution should be left to fulfill their own mission in their own way." Masonry however is a splendid example to the church to cease its wranglings and bickerings over incidental and often trivial things and unite on the splendid principle enunciated by the Great Light, "Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

UTAH, 1926.

Membership, 4,818; gain, eighty-four. Number of lodges, twenty-five. Average lodge membership is given as 192 plus. A splendid charity record for so small a membership is indicated by the figure \$7,281.08.

Besides the official family, there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-one Representatives of Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. E. E. Corfman for Maine.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin R. Howell, opened his address by saying that it had been his privilege to visit every lodge in Utah during the year, an unusual experience for most Grand Masters, especially of the larger jurisdiction, and made possible in this instance by the fact of comparatively few lodges. We like the personal allusion in the following: One Utah brother asked the other how many landmarks there were in Utah, and received the reply, "there is only one and it is not an it, but a he, and his name is Sam Henry Goodwin." And from Brother Goodwin's portrait facing the correspondence report, we will say to his joy and comfort, he is not an *ancient* landmark at that!

During Grand Master Howell's term one new lodge was constituted. He rendered a decision which interests us, namely, that the same law is operative against the *Reorganized* Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as against the Mormon Church. Brother Goodwin's pamphlet republished recently under the title "Mormonism and Masonry" was a most enlightening essay and we can quite understand and sympathize with the brethren of Utah. No doubt this is one reason, perhaps the main reason, why there are only twenty-five lodges in this great State of Utah with a numerical membership under five thousand.

It is not difficult to understand why Bro. Goodwin's pamphlet referred to above has now gone into its fifth printing. His Historical bulletins must be worth reading, too, from the samples we have perused, and should Sam Goodwin, born in Maine, see fit to send them to this Maine correspondent, he would try to sing the doxology in appreciation thereof.

Grand Master Howell makes a real point when he says that Masonic funerals being about the only time when a lodge is seen in public ought to be conducted with dignity and decorum. We were a little shocked at the implication or inference to be drawn from his work of admonition, "Officers ought to refrain from smoking on such occasions and from loud conversation and laughter while the members are in view of the public." Surely such things at such a time must go far to injure our Order's standing in the public esteem, and especially, perhaps where there are so many hostile critics backed by a powerful hierarchy. Another similar matter is indicated under Bro. Howell's topic "Circumspection" when he avers that he knows that members of lodges are talking about lodge affairs with those not Masons. Truly it is a dangerous and disastrous process and we quite agree with him that it should be made a matter of severe discipline. As old Tom Hood says, "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart."

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Fred M. Nye, gave a brief report outlining his visit to the Chicago Conference of Grand Masters which is instructive reading and deals with matters vital to the Craft. Brother Goodwin also attended this Conference, and gives account of it briefly in his report.

Interesting report by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Librarian largely of local matters are given in full and indicate painstaking labor performed by these distinguished brethren.

Utah endorses the T. B. Relief Campaign by giving a five cents per capita through the M. S. A., and the Grand Master appointed a member on the Board of Control of the National T. B. Sanatoria Association.

There is a fascinatingly enthralling history of "The First Masonic Halls in Salt Lake," embellished with excellent cuts of the vintage of 1866 and 1869, showing the early and primitive conditions under which our Institution labored in those far-off days, this we suspect is from the wizard-pen of Brother Goodwin.

M. W. Brother Goodwin writes the Correspondent's report as for so many notable and highly honorable years. It is one of the reports that we look forward to "as blind men long for light," because it is always fresh in its attitude toward Masonic issues and rather novel sometimes in its point of view. With a rather unusual command of good quotations, sometimes from the Greek and Latin classics, Brother Goodwin has developed a literary style all his own which it is a charming delight to read. There is that subtle thing about it which for want of a better name we call atmosphere, a flavor or aroma of personality which is exactly our thought of that familiar phrase of the English prayer-book which says, "it is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." This year in his Foreword he rises into something of the prophet, like those of Israel when he calls us to repentance. He makes havoc with all the ancient assumptions of the misguided brethren who think of Masonry as something antedating the Garden of Eden. As old Carlyle said such men "are perfect examples of jackasserie." A biting phrase which Pro. Goodwin will appreciate as applied to all such.

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication is most comprehensively and even generously reviewed. Grand Master Moulton's administration is kindly reviewed and commended. He demurs a bit at our action relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, citing as an exact analogy "Thompson's fake brand of Masonry" in Utah. The analogy contains a decided fallacy for the very obvious reason that several American Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, instead of the York Grand Lodge, which we never heard of any Grand Lodge in America extending fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives with Thompson's Ballyhoo. In short there was not really divided Grand Lodge authority in Utah, even in Thompson's palmiest days, but there does seem to be such, at least a tremendous confusion and controversy over which Grand Lodge of Mexico should be recognized. Some American Grand Lodges have recognized one, and some the other, which can only

have a tendency to confuse the issues in Mexico, and confirm them both against each other. If Maine *had* to choose under some compulsion, it would probably choose, though somewhat at a venture, the York Grand Lodge, if for no other reason that it prints English, rather than Spanish reports, and makes out on paper at least, a little better case for recognition. But Maine, until more light penetrates this Northeast corner (notoriously a place of darkness Masonically speaking), will simply open the *Great Light* and read, "Who made me a Judge and divider over you (Mexico?)" or again, "first be reconciled with thy brother and then come and offer thy gifts at the altar."

We thank Brother Goodwin for his kindly references to our work as Correspondent, for his addition (from Lord Bacon) to the Foreword on "Youth and Masonry." And now if he will renew his youth by coming back to his boyhood home in Maine, we will forget Mexico and start hunting together for the fountain of perpetual youth, and perhaps the "old swimming hole" is as near as we ever really get to it after all in Maine. Somehow we have, what the boys call "a hunch," that we'd get along swimmingly.

VERMONT, 1926.

The One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 18,942; gain, 260. Number of chartered lodges, 103, all of which made returns and did work during the year. A splendid record for which we extend our fraternal congratulations.

Beside the full official family, there were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. George I. Whitney, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Christie B. Crowell, in the course of his annual address recommended that since the Grand Lecturer's meetings for the D. D. G. Ms., and the Masters of Lodges are of such high instructive value, that the Finance Committee consider paying the usual mileage and per diem to every Worshipful Master who will "induce his Wardens to accompany him." The Grand Master also pays high tribute to the District Meetings that are potent means of holding the work of Vermont to a high level and help Masonry "to press ever forward on the road of Progress." The Finance Committee, however, reported "that if a subordinate lodge wishes to send its Master and Wardens to this meeting they should pay their expenses."

He also recommended that plural membership be allowed, at least to this extent, that while he can belong to only *one* lodge in Vermont, he can hold membership in other lodges outside Vermont's jurisdiction.

Among his visitations was that to the Chicago Grand Master's Conference, to the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria and the "nearby Grand Masters' conference at Providence (R. I.)."

He recommended that no Master elect be allowed to take office until he has been invested with the Past Master's degree. Which, as we understand it, is simply enforcing a law which has become something of a dead-letter

in Vermont, as indeed it has fallen into "innocuous desuetude" in many other Grand Jurisdictions, and ought either to take the course recommended in Vermont, or be abolished altogether as a requirement to investiture as Worshipful Master. Adopted.

He recommends the donation of \$200.00 to the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria Association of New Mexico. Adopted.

One dollar per capita collected instanter for the G. W. M. Association until 100 per cent. is reached was the action adopted by Vermont. Grand Master Crowell earnestly recommends endorsement of the DeMolay for boys.

A special communication was held at Newport for the dedication of the new Masonic temple. An able address was given by R. W. Bro. F. W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee on M. S. A. recommended affiliation with that organization, but action was deferred until the next communication. The report was thus "laid on the table" until next year, and we of Maine who have "been through the mill" and learned our lesson, will await the action of next year with interest.

Vermont voted to allow the use of its lodge rooms for the Order of DeMolay, although there was some considerable discussion and we infer some opposition.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the Thirteen Masonic Districts have their reports printed in full and sound much like our own, while the names appended thereto are good New England "Yankee" names which it is good to see.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is the third annual review of R. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman (P. G. M.). In his interesting introduction he speaks in particular of the multiplicity of organizations that "have attached themselves to the good ship Masonry for the special benefit to be derived from such relationship." Vermont, being an inland State, it is barely possible that he does not know that on the New England sea coast we call such things — barnacles, and often a vessel is so encrusted with them that she has to go into "dry dock" for a thorough scraping and overhauling of these handicaps which interfere with and retard the splendid sailing qualities. This correspondent believes that the "good ship Masonry" is pretty nearly due for such a scraping and overhauling for the "barnacles" are interfering and retarding her progress. A little dry-dock treatment is needed in practically every jurisdiction, although there are a few notable exceptions, in the United States.

Brother Harriman reviews sixty-four Grand Lodges including ours of Maine. Our One Hundred and Sixth Communication is cordially and comprehensively reviewed. We read in the opening that Bro. Francis A. Walch, Vermont's representative was present. And we who intimately know Brother Walch assure Vermont that they are worthily represented by one of the Lord's noblemen, indeed when we are with him we often think of those words, only changing the name, which James Whitcomb Riley said in praise of "Jim,"—"I reckon when God made Jim, he didn't

do anything else that day but sit around and feel good." That's the kind of a gentleman which represents Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Nearly three pages of worthwhile review is allotted to us. Grand Master Moulton is quoted at length in four citations which is indeed the major part of the review. Your correspondent is credited with an "eloquent" plea for Youth, anent his Foreword on "Youth and Masonry." He says this beautiful, but wholly misguided thing, "when we read his reviews, we are well nigh discouraged." Having read him for three years, since Brother Harriman commenced writing, we hasten to say we can see no reason for such discouragement. It's good writing and careful reviewing of a constructive Masonic kind which is a credit to Vermont in general and Harriman in particular.

VICTORIA, 1925.

The Annual Communication, preceded by the usual Quarterly Meetings. Maine's Grand Representative, R. W. Brother C. T. Martin, was present.

Of special interest was the visit of "The American Fleet" which M. W. Brother F. T. Hickson, Pro Grand Master, called "an event of international importance." We learn that many of the brethren visited Masonically and enjoyed the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Victoria during their stay in the harbor. An outing to Nathania Spring was given to the American brethren which gave them what the Grand Master called, "a welcome opportunity of getting some glimpses of Victoria bush landscape scenery." He avers his belief, which we of the United States reciprocate, that such visits help to strengthen the cords of cordiality and brotherly understanding between Australia and the United States.

The Grand Master terms the O. E. S. an "irregular body" and has this drastic thing to say to the brethren: "The Brethren are distinctly, unequivocally warned against having any connection or association in any way whatever with such irregular organizations, which have been formed without the sanction or approval of this Grand Lodge." Which is exactly the attitude of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, but in the United States we do not have to take any such attitude because the Order of the Eastern Star disclaims any connection with the Fraternity, and has very seldom, in Maine never, seriously interfered with our Masonic affairs. Pennsylvania, a few years ago, took some such attitude as that of Victoria.

Among the constructive Masonic labors of the year we notice that thirty new lodges were constituted, while there was a net gain in membership of 3,809, and fourteen new Masonic halls and temples were dedicated. We note an interesting item to the effect that there were 208 "expulsions" during the year, which speaks volumes for the standing of our Order in Victoria.

M. W. Grand Master Hickson has a few tart words to say at one of the Quarterly Meetings on undue publicity in the daily press of Masonic functions, and he urges Masters and Secretaries to "use every effort to suppress" the publication of such things. He believes, and we agree with

him, that such things are a positive detriment to the Institution, and may be easily perverted into misunderstandings.

A rather "spicy" matter was considered respecting a member who had been guilty of immoral conduct, but as it has been against our rules as a breach of fraternal courtesies to give extended place to such things in a report of Fraternal Correspondence, we abstain. Suffice it to say the offending member was disciplined by the Grand Lodge, even after the local lodge had exonerated him.

Another matter for which we admire Victoria is that they severely censure a brother for circularizing members of the Craft for purely political purposes "electioneering" we call it in the United States. It is a breach of masonic principle which ought to receive the treatment which it gets in Victoria.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is very brief covering less than fifty pages of the annual proceedings. Maine gets a fair average, which is exactly twelve lines. We are congratulated on our numerical Masonic standing, and felicitated on "a most successful and progressive year." Your correspondent is briefly quoted respecting Cato's statue, and we are assured that "brotherly love continues."

VIRGINIA, 1926.

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 47,331. There are 353 lodges on the roll. In addition to the official family, there were present ten Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-nine jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Charles A. Nesbit, for Maine.

M. W. Brother Charles H. Callahan, Grand Master, opened his annual address with a fitting tribute to those of the earlier colonial days who laid the foundations of Masonry in Virginia, and then eloquently exhorts the brethren to be worthy of such inheritance, remembering that they are heirs of the Masonic generations that are gone, and heralds of those that are yet to be. Under "Necrology" he notes with befitting words, the passing of M. W. Brother Sol Cutchins, a tower of Masonic strength in Virginia.

Virginia is launched on an "Old Folks' Home" campaign which in addition to what its name implies means care also of Tubercular patients now cared for at the State Sanitariums. The endowment fund for this purpose is now being raised. Virginia already supports a "Young Folks' Home."

Grand Master Callahan speaks of his visit to our jurisdiction of Maine where to use his expressive words, he "was received by Grand Master David E. Moulton and presented to their Grand Lodge with most flattering allusions to Virginia." We of Maine take this opportunity to assure him and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia that our hospitality while not quite as demonstrative as some other jurisdictions, is none the less genuine.

During his term of administration he issued forty-five dispensations for corner-stone ceremonies. It is interesting to see that even in Virginia "there are a large number of lodges which have not contributed a dollar

to this now world famous enterprise, the George Washington Memorial." It is illustrative of human nature that several Grand Jurisdictions have contributed their full quota, and indeed, several have doubled it, like New Hampshire, while Virginia lags behind these. Certainly the State where the memorial is placed ought to be the first to respond with its full quota and we can hardly blame the Grand Master for feeling a little vexed with such lodges in his jurisdiction that have made no contribution. He recommended that a fee of ten dollars be collected from every man raised to the M. M. degree and that such fee be applied to the Masonic Home, and the Masonic foundation, as he put it, "share and share alike." He also recommended that a competent stenographer be obtained for the Grand Master at a salary of \$1,500.00. In conclusion Grand Master Callahan looks forward and prophecys that in twenty years, judging from the present rate of increase, the Virginia membership will reach the one hundred thousand membership mark, he then makes prediction of what obligations will be upon the brethren for the care of the aged, infirm and orphans in their institutions, and altogether it looks like an accelerated burden which must be bravely borne with the coming decades.

More than twenty pages of these proceedings are given to the Masonic Home project and the Foundation, with by-laws governing these institutions. The financial tables indicate funds generously given, carefully administered and efficiently maintained. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address thought that the recommendation of ten dollars from each initiate was rather too much like "an enforced and involuntary charity imposed on a candidate and that such compulsory charity is not in accord with the spirit of our institution." And certainly there is much to be said on that side, although its logical consequence, might be ridiculous and even absurd. The Jurisprudence Committee made havoc with several recommendations, and amendments. Nearly fifty pages of Virginia's Proceedings are given to reports of D. D. G. Ms. showing careful administration of these various districts.

And, now because this Maine Correspondent has been cordially and good naturedly invited to defend the use of Forewords in Correspondent's Reports we propose to take the remainder of Virginia's space by responding to his fraternal and facetious request. We thought at first to do this by writing a Foreword on Forewords as a kind of ironical and grewsome jest for Brother Joseph W. Eggleston's edification. But when we thought of the consequences latent in such procedure, by possibly involving the whole Round Table of Correspondent's in a useless and wholly profitless controversy, we desisted and decided to follow the fraternal suggestion of Virginia's correspondent. Anent Forewords he said, "Of course we differ sometimes even with Maine, and when we do, we do so honestly, but we have no hard feeling, but say what we think frankly." This Maine correspondent likes that, and responds below in exactly that spirit and temper. Brother Eggleston then goes on to say some finely discriminating and commendatory things of this correspondent's reports during the years and then adds these words: "But he wrote a foreword, against our long

standing orders, and we propose to try to teach him not to do so any more." This Ex Cathedra, papal edict; Vatican pronunciamento and encyclical Order from Virginia has humiliated us to the dust, our brain is enswathed with sackcloth of repentance and the ashes of the disgrace of his disapproval are upon our head. "Against our long standing orders" we can only reply with abject contrition in a language which our Virginia Vatican will understand, "mea-culpa." And yet as we raise our head from the dust and shake the ashes of our humiliation from our brow there comes over us the feeling that after all we are not living in the Dark Ages, or when Justinian was Emperor of Rome, but in this year of Light and Liberty, 1926, when papal edicts, even from Eggleston of Virginia, need not be slavishly obeyed but rather liberally construed and even fraternally disobeyed. His objection to Forewords is put again in this dictatorial italicised form "DO NOT WRITE FOREWORDS." We get his ipse dixit so often in his review of Maine respecting the prohibition of Forewords that we are at no loss to get his frank and even courageous meaning. He seems to *object* to Forewords. Well, brother, we have no objection to your objections, the more the merrier of course and even your kindly, frank objurgations of forewards done in that gleaming ex cathedra style, leaves us humiliated but quite unconvinced.

We have read and reviewed up to the present about forty-five Grand Lodge proceedings for this year, every one of which (and we say it with due modesty and becoming reticence) has had some word of appreciation of this particular Foreword on "Youth and Masonry." Now, brother Eggleston, of course it may be true as Wendell Phillips once said, "One on God's side is a majority," and this Maine correspondent hastens to congratulate you on your "majority support" in the matter; but is strongly reminded of something which happened a few years ago during the day after day deliberations of a certain jury who was laboriously trying to arrive at a verdict in a long fought case in our Maine Courts. The Sheriff went to the jury room on the third day of their deliberations at noon time, and asked the twelve good men and true, "shall I send up twelve dinners for the jury?" whereupon the *foreman* (please) brother do not "shy" at the word, so like the one under consideration) replies, "No sir, send up eleven dinners and a bale of hay." Of course, forty-five to one, is quite a heavy score in a football game but we have seen vanquished teams even against that heavy score leave the field like victors. "DO NOT WRITE FOREWORDS." It so happens that we are at present reading Gibbon's "Decline and Fall" for the second time, after thirty years, and how Virginia's Correspondent has been in our mind during the reading of those chapters on the growing power of the papacy and its autocratic domination of the human mind. "DO NOT WRITE FOREWORDS." Really brother such pundit fulminations are a long way out of their time, and are difficult to reconcile with our Maine ideas of liberty. To issue such pre-emptory orders one should style himself as did a certain Kaliph of the Turks, "the master of the seven races and Lord of the seven climates of the world." We have rather enjoyed ourselves in this frank persiflage of

words with Brother Eggleston and if ecclesiastical canonization be necessary with holy oil in order to give great pontifical power to his mandates, we stand ready with the holy chalice to anoint him Pontifex Maximus, E. Pluribus Unum, Presto, Chango, or anything else of that high sounding kind. Here endeth the First Lesson. In the simple and expressive word of the Psalms—Selah.

Nota Bene:—"A man convinced against his will,
Is of the same opinion still."

WASHINGTON, 1926.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 46,409; net gain, 1,629. 261 lodges, six of which are U. D. In addition to the official family, there were present nineteen Past Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge was opened with some rather delightful formalities in which a male quartette sang, and a "Flag Ceremony" was conducted, while there was cordial greeting from the Grand East to the nineteen Past Grands, one of whom made the usual fitting response.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Morton Gregory, opened his annual report with a familiar quotation from Whittier's "Snow Bound" in honor of those illustrious brothers who have been "called up higher" during the past year. Among these names enshrined in deathless light we read those of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Archibald W. Frater and John Gifford, two pillars of Masonic strength in Washington.

During his term we learn that the Grand Master traveled nearly 25,000 miles in making his visitations and attending to his Masonic labors. He delivered 126 addresses and attended 151 lodge meetings during his term.

Something of the more constructive labors of the year may be seen in the constituting of four, and the organizing under dispensation, of six new lodges, laid nine corner-stones and dedicated five halls and temples.

The Grand Master devotes a gleaming page of sound American patriotism under the caption "Law and Order," in which he avers his believe that ninety-nine per cent. of the membership is law abiding. Among his glowing words are these, "Straight thinking is necessary to straight doing, and there can be no true liberty without law." Ours must be "the straight forward, manly honest course of endeavoring to obey the law,—all law,—and by the force of our voice and the influence of our numbers make it decidedly unpopular to do otherwise"

How true his words,—*"Under the stress of patriotic emotion we failed to fan the wheat sown while Mars was in the ascendancy."* A truth which every Grand Lodge is beginning to realize, and a course which many of them are beginning to rue. He had occasion to administer a little discipline in one lodge where three Master Masons had signed the petition of an applicant, who was "actually in jail at the time for bootlegging." He says respecting several cases, "the time to root up a thistle is before it gets started."

He has this drastic, caustic word to say of so-called degree teams: "If they are permitted to continue, the 'Barkers of the Side Show' will soon have control of the 'Main Tent.'" Light, with dignity, will travel farther than sound with "Jazz." Which is so well expressed that we simply could not refrain from so apt a quotation. His sense of dignity and fitness is shown throughout his address. He caused one lodge to pay a fine of \$5.00 and re-install the officers, when that lodge had so far departed from Masonic common sense as to hold its installation on Sunday. Fining is something new, and quite unmasonic to us.

There is an interesting report of the George Washington Memorial in which we learn that Washington is doing its share toward the support of this national monument.

In the report on the Masonic Home we find a recommendation that the sum of \$527,130.28 be appropriated for this purpose.

An oration on the "Fundamentals of Freemasonry" was delivered by the Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Orator, and it was a worthwhile production, going to the roots of the matter in eloquent periods. It is ornamented with several familiar quotations from the poets.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother Charles M. Sherman, gave an interesting and instructive address on the early history of Freemasonry in Washington, in which he traced its beginning and development with the minutest accuracy.

Grand Lodge considered the invitation of the National T. B. Sanatoria but deemed it unwise, in their present financial condition, to make any appropriation for this purpose.

The Jurisprudence Committee turned down the Grand Master's recommendation that "twelve weeks" elapse between the conferring of the degrees. Maine thinks this was right on the part of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by R. W. Brother E. H. Van Patten, a new comer to the Round Table of Grand Correspondents whom we cordially greet and welcome into our mystic circle of the fellowship of light, shall we say? By appointment of Grand Master Gregory, Brother Van Patten is filling the place of M. W. Brother McAllister who has done this reviewing for several notable years. He says with becoming modesty, "I have attempted nothing spectacular, but have sincerely tried to give you an honest epitome of what is being done and said in other lodges." In this he has markedly succeeded and we congratulate him on his real success. In an admirable little introduction he touches upon several matters which are concerning and even agitating several of our Grand Jurisdictions. He speaks in a vital, understanding way of the real purpose underlying Masonic education, of the growing burdens that the brethren are compelled to bear in financing stupendous Masonic Home undertakings with their ever increasing problems of administration. Respecting this last topic he asks some pertinent and very vital questions. Here are a few of them: "Where will all this end? Is there not danger of swamping the smaller groups of Masonic interest?" His brief preface

contains a lot of reasoned commonsense which is charmingly expressed, and shows mature thought on pivotal questions.

Maine, much to our regret, has been left out of his reckoning, but we know that there was some good reason for it, and so we extend our clemency this time, but such quiet and thoughtful reviewing as we get from his hand interests us to the extent of saying and believing that it will not occur again. Welcome, Brother Van Patten, and this greeting comes with particular meaning as we of Maine, and you of Washington, are about as far distant geographically as it is possible for United States' Grand Lodges to be, and yet with the careful conservatism of Washington we are rather nearer masonically than with many a Grand Lodge much nearer to us in mere mileage.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1926.

Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications. Membership, 7,270; net gain, 400. There are 122 lodges on the roll. In addition to the Grand Lodge family, there were present thirty-five Grand Representatives, including Wor. Bro. C. E. Heazlewood, for Maine.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., L. L. D., O. B. E., V. D., who is also Archbishop of Perth caused his address to be read by the Deputy Grand Master because his "voice is not up to very much" as he expressed it. M. W. Brother Riley tells us that he was installed as Grand Master in 1904, when the Grand Lodge of Western Australia had been only four years in existence. He outlines the remarkable progress made in these decades of his Grand Mastership telling of the number of lodges now as compared with the earlier time, having nearly doubled in number, while membership has increased from 3,348 to 7,270. During this year two new lodges have been consecrated and two halls dedicated. Under the caption which is the heading of one of the Antient Charges "On Behaviour in the Presence of Strangers not Masons," he cautions the brethren against those indiscretions in public places when speaking of business transacted in the lodge room, particularly of rejections. He says, "all such discussions in such places are highly improper, not to say unmasonic" he then threatens to take disciplinary measures toward the offending brethren.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, R. W. Bro. J. Lawrence Ford, in his report speaks in a deprecatory way of those brethren who frequently hold "audible discussions without the Chair being directly addressed." It is perhaps too common a fault especially where Masters have little knowledge of the rules governing such procedure and the principles of parliamentary debate. He speaks also of what has been the experience of most lodges, that "a belated commencement usually tends to undue haste." He says this following word which intrigues us a little, "the time honored custom of not smoking in the South before permission is given is not always observed." In Maine permission would never be given and the time honored custom with us of Maine, is — no smoking at *any time* in the lodge room, although it is permissible in many Maine lodges in certain ante-rooms.

Various Inspectors of Masonic Districts submit brief reports of their activities, which show careful and painstaking labors loyally and somewhat unpretentiously performed. We notice rather strange names for lodges for instance the following: Goolamrup, Kalgoorlie, Quelkan, Wyalkatchem, Kojonup and Gnowangerop. How strange such names, indigenous to Western Australia no doubt, sound to our ears, and yet when we think of some of our Maine lodge names such as Neguemkeag, Kemankeag, Pre-sumpscot, Kenduskeag and Eggemoggin, and a dozen more, we suspect that such old American Indian names sound just as peculiar and strange to our brethren of Western Australia. The brethren there are probably just as used to their (to us) strange names as we are to ours. Ours sound rather musical to our ears, but it is difficult to get melody out of Gnowangerup, for instance.

The Board of Management for the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund for the year shows careful administration, generous offerings and disbursements in the interest of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence avers that the "reviews are of increasing interest every year and are strongly commended to the brethren who take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the Craft." We hereby take this opportunity to commend R. W. Brother J. D. Stevenson, Chairman of this Committee, for producing every year a rather remarkable report which is easily the outstanding one of the Australian Grand Jurisdictions. His conviction that such reports "are the best means known for the education of the young Freemason as to the nature and work of the Craft and its mission, "perhaps accounts in no small degree for the excellence and comprehensiveness of Western Australia's Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Ah — what does the M. W. Grand Master mean when we hear him saying as he opens his speech of welcome to the Deputy Grand Master of South Australia: "I am very sorry that today I am not too well. I have a tickling cough. You are not *Scotch* or you would understand." Ah, yes, we of the United States clearly understand, even across the myriad miles of *water* and in this land of the *Dry* and home of the Eighteenth Amendment. And we are not *Scotch* either, but we love them, but Glenlivet and Gordon are mere empty names now as Byron said, "gone glimmering through a dream of things that were." Well may we ask with Francois Villion, "Where are the leaves of yesteryear?"

At the First Quarterly Communication the Grand Master spoke of his regret at being unable to unite with the brethren of the Goldfields which are under the Scottish obedience, the brethren on the Goldfields not cooperating even to the extent of appointing a committee of comity and united fellowship. Queensland has done this and is now officially called the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and they raise their hymn to the Grand Architect of the Universe, as follows:

"Now that the Thistle, Shamrock and Rose
Are entwined in the land there the Wattle Tree grows."

Under the heading "The Grand Lodge of Ireland," we read this interesting historical fact,—“Early Freemasonry in Ireland is shrouded in mystery, and how long it existed before the Grand Lodge era no one knows, but ample evidence is forthcoming to prove its great antiquity. An old brass Square was discovered many years ago in an ancient bridge in Limerick, on which was inscribed a Masonic phrase:

"I will strive to live with love and care
Upon the level by the square."

The date was 1507. There is a tablet on the walls of the Carrickfergus Church announcing that the work was begun in 1614 by Thomas Page, Freemason. There are tombstones in Antrim erected to the memory of Freemasons and dates as far back as 1626. Trinity College, Dublin, possesses two manuscripts, one dated 1688, making it clear that the Fraternity was then known to the college students; the other, dated 1711, purports to be a Masonic ritual and is said to be the earliest known of its kind." This is interesting historical data for the Maine brethren, which alone justifies such an extended quotation.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by various members of the Craft. Maine is thoroughly and comprehensively reviewed over the name of Brother J. P. Walton, who gives five full pages to Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication. Grand Master Moulton is commended for fidelity "to his manifold duties." Citation is made of Maine's standing at the head in membership proportionate to population. One question what puzzles the Western Australia reviewer a little is, "how was a person who had an artificial forearm and hand," ineligible under our new law passed in 1923. The answer is that said person did not in all probability have such artificial forearm and hand "under the practical control of the petitioner," as our Maine Law requires, that is he probably could not give the necessary signs of recognition and could not do the required Masonic labor of the various degrees.

Comment is made on our Action relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and our withdrawal from fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium. Your Correspondent is credited with giving "an able review and in the kindest spirit." Nearly a page of quotation is given of our fraternal comments on Western Australia. His Foreword on "Youth and Masonry" is cordially greeted and he says that which we greatly appreciate, "once more we have to compliment the Committee on Foreign Correspondence on their most interesting, suggestive and instructive review, and especially for that Foreword."

It has been an enjoyable and instructive evening which we have spent with this Correspondence Report of Brother Walton and we rise from its reading "a wiser and we hope, a better man," for the spirit of it all is so intimately fraternal that it seems that distance makes little difference in real Masonic fellowship, and the word — antipodes — has no place in our fellowship of true Craftsmen.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1926.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 33,506; gain, 530. Number of chartered lodges, 166. There were present, besides the official family, eleven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-nine jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother A. B. C. Bray, who is also the M. W. Grand Master of West Virginia.

Grand Master Bray in touching words, calls attention to the passing of several distinguished and honored members of the Craft in West Virginia, among which we notice with fraternal sympathy the name of Past Grand Master John M. McConihay who has been ill for some years and whose absence has been greatly regretted by the brethren. Among the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions we note with fraternal appreciation the inclusion of our own M. W. Brother Waldo Pettengill, and our beloved Grand Tyler for so many years W. Winslow Emery Howell.

Among the constructive duties of the year we notice the laying of eleven corner stones and the dedication of five temples and halls. He refused on seven different occasions to lay the corner-stones of seven different churches because he deemed it Masonic labor, and of course it is technically and according to the strict letter of the law. He quotes the familiar words of the ritual and the words of Preston's lecture in justification of his refusal. And we have no desire to argue the matter, except to say that the laying of a corner-stone is essentially far more a religious ceremonial, than an arduous Masonic labor. The ceremony is requested by these seven churches as such and only by holding to the strict and narrow letter of the law, and quite forgetting and ignoring its essential spirit, can it be denied. In past years this reviewer has laid a few corner-stones and never felt it a heavy and taxing labor or work at all, but rather a kind of religious refreshment. Anyhow it is plain enough that every such refusal puts the Fraternity in the somewhat unenviable position of rebuking the Christian Church which requests the ceremony in good faith as a religious service, and not as working on the Lord's Day. We remember who it was in the Great Light who said, "I am holier than thou," and the Fraternity has no desire to put itself in the position of the Pharisee in the parable. The Jurisprudence Committee in dealing with the matter found a difference of opinion among its members and left the matter exactly where it was before, that is, at the discretion of the Grand Masters, some of whom in the past years have granted dispensations for such a purpose, and others like Brother Bray refusing it. Perhaps this is the best solution and this reviewer is very sure that if it were left with him as Grand Master he would decide it in a broad and liberal spirit. Almost the next item in his report is that of granting dispensations to nine lodges to install their officers on St. John's Sunday, and we had always supposed that a Masonic installation was masonic work also. So that we are under the painful difficulty of trying to resolve the manifest inconsistency and contradiction of the two positions. We confess ourselves unable to understand by what principle of consistency or logic, one is refused and the other allowed on Sunday. It seems to us a

quite mechanical and arbitrary ruling which refuses the one, and permits the other.

Brother Bray's "Decisions" are all conservative and well within the established usages and practice of the Fraternity.

He administered a sharp rebuke to two subordinate lodges which ignored "their solemn obligations by trying to evade responsibility for a unfortunate widow and her son," and let a Masonic Club do the relief work of hospitalization for the Mason's widow and place the son in the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence asked for more time in which to consider the request for Fraternal Recognition of Panama.

An impressive "Lodge of Sorrow" was held during this Annual Communication in which eloquent and tender tributes were paid to the eminent fraters who have been called up higher during the year.

West Virginia has a way of doing things which has appealed to us, for its business directness and dispatch. The annual proceedings are not weighted with a lot of superfluous and trivial matters, but every report is brief, yet clear and to the point. It is one of the best in this respect which comes to this reviewer's table and it is a pleasure to peruse a review so ably articulated and carefully arranged.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, and deals with sixty-two Grand Lodge's Annual Proceedings. This report, too, is like the rest, clear and succinct and written in lucid, sinewy English which it is a pleasure to read.

Maine receives somewhat more than the average space and is cordially commendatory of our Maine doings and activities. It is a kind of running sparkling commentary on the various achievements of our Grand Lodge in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. Grand Master Moulton is emphatically praised and quoted at considerable length, and your Grand Correspondent is treated liberally both in citation and commendation. For which kindly treatment we return our thanks to R. W. Brother Tavenner.

WISCONSIN, 1926.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 56,987; net gain, 2,160. There are 297 active lodges and seven under dispensation. Besides the official family, there were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-three jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother George B. Wheeler, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Fred J. Marien, in opening his address allows with tremendous enthusiasm but somewhat faulty historicity that for more than "sixty centuries" Masonry has been a refining influence and "the pulse beat in the onward march of civilization." That kind of thing lends itself to rhetoric and forensic eloquence and always "goes big" with the unformed brethren but the clear cold facts of Masonic history would make us rather more modest in our stupendous claims. These authentic facts are honorable enough without drawing upon the imagination and "playing up" the myths and fables of dim antiquity.

Two Past Grand Masters have died during the year, M. W. Brother Alvin T. Webb and John H. Corscot, both of whom are duly honored and memorialized by the Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology.

Something of the constructive work of the Order may be seen in the laying of four corner-stones, the dedicating of six Masonic Temples, and the organizing under dispensation of five new lodges. Ten "Decisions" of the Grand Master seem conservative and well within the customary procedure of the Craft.

The Masonic Service Bureau in Wisconsin is doing a real work in relieving distressed brethren which the Grand Master calls "applied, practical Masonry." He urges a slight increase of one-half cent per capita, in addition to that which is now collected which is three cents. An interesting three pages of the Grand Master's address deals with the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation. There seems to be a somewhat divided opinion as to methods best adapted to produce the desired results, and he wisely says that "the Board of Trustees must reconcile its view to the singleness of purpose for which the foundation was organized." That purpose is exactly that of our Maine Charity Fund with the exception that in addition it may be used both as to principle and interest for education and philanthropy, as well as for charity and benevolence.

We are grieved to see the "protracted illness" of Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. W. W. Perry, and Maine herewith sends greeting and best wishes for his recovery to the fullness of health and vigor.

Of the Washington Memorial the Grand Master recommends that Wisconsin become a contributing member of the Association, raise its one dollar per capita and select a State Chairman as a member of the Association. Among other recommendations we find that of presenting a Bible to each Master Mason raised. A circular letter was sent respecting the misuse of the word Masonic in connection with a cemetery which the Grand Master deemed unwarranted and "creating a false impression."

Under "Encroachment of Wisconsin Jurisdiction" this correspondent of Maine is sure that he voices the fraternal conviction of the brethren when he expressed his regret that the letter, allowed by Grand Master Moulton to Dresden Lodge, No. 103, to solicit funds should have been used in Wisconsin, as it was only intended for use in our own jurisdiction, and doubtless as he surmises it was the mistake of the Dresden brethren that they assumed that such permission gave them the privilege of soliciting the Craft "all over the United States." The matter has now been fraternal-ly adjusted by these Grand Lodges.

Interesting and instructive reports of the Grand Master's Conference at Chicago, are given by Worshipful Brother Chas. F. Lamb, with especial reference to jurisdictional sovereignty and transfer of membership by two well informed brethren.

Brother W. A. Ganfield give a brief address which might be termed the vital application of Masonry to community needs, in which he almost passionately pleads that instead of being a "degree mill" Masonry shall justify itself in "community uplift." We have read such things so often that we

ought to be duly impressed, and somehow we are not quite convinced that Masonry is going to be a failure in Wisconsin or the city of "Waukesha" because it doesn't get behind this, that and the other uplift agency and community welfare project which asks its support. The same brother presents the report for the Committee on Masonic Education which follows the same lines as his address.

The Jurisprudence Committee very properly disapproved of the Grand Master's recommendation constituting all Past Masters associate members of the Grand Lodge with vote and voice in its meetings. The committee said that "such a change in our law would be revolutionary and startling." Certainly it might be tremendously abused and put the Grand Lodge under the domination of lodges in the neighborhood of the place where such Annual Communications are held. In Maine for instance it might readily result in giving a preponderance of influence to Cumberland County and vicinity. No! decidedly and emphatically such procedure would work havoc in Maine, as probably in Wisconsin, in the long run. In the language of Shakespeare, "we had better bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of."

Forty-four pages of these annual proceedings are given over to a careful and detailed report with several carefully compiled tables of figures of expenditures, etc., which indicate funds conservatively administered and an institution efficiently managed.

The Grand Lodge after some debate voted to give \$5,000.00 in two annual installments for the George Washington Memorial.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is given over the well known and honored name of M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks. It is his twenty-ninth and deserves especial praise. How truly he avers, and how simply he voices the experience, of every correspondent in these words, "If its perusal brings as much pleasure to the reader as we have derived in working over its production, we shall feel amply repaid for the effort and time required of us."

Maine in its One Hundred and Sixth Communication receives generous and constructive consideration at this beloved veteran's hands (and heart, too). With little of quotation (the easy way which he has always resolutely abjured) he composes his report, and as a result we get something distinctive in style and with the flavor of personality. It is a choice temperament which is reflected in these pages and it always does us good to hold this annual converse and indeed communion with him. Even the shadow of a great man is a healing one.

Brother Jenk's comments on Grand Master Moulton's address, quoting from it not a word, a kind of sparkling running commentary on the constructive acts of Maine and its Grand Master. Your correspondent is given real encouragement again by his kindly words, for he says "Our Brother has earned his right to commendation." Of "Masonic Clubs" he can see little good and much potency for discord and other evils. The case is clear enough from his point of view but it so happens that in Maine our "Clubs" are open to all without discrimination, and in Bangor practically every

brother belongs, so there is little danger of an inner-criele. It is "a whole lodge" or rather in Bangor two whole lodges "acting under another name," for social fellowship and in the informal atmosphere (sometimes a little too smokey perhaps) of good will and kindly intercourse. Indeed it might be said that the two membership of these two lodges are becoming better acquainted, where before they were almost unknown to each other, and where there had been that mutual jealousy or emulation which too often characterizes two lodges in the same restricted community. This scribe, hastens to say, that this is not in any sense an argument against his contention, which theoretically at least is well taken, but simply a plain statement of facts in connection with our local Maine situation.

WYOMING, 1926.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 7,723; gain, 254. Number of chartered lodges, forty-five. Besides the official family, there were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of forty-four Grand Lodges. Among many brief preliminaries at the opening was the presentation of Bro. Finn G. Burnett who was present at the very beginning of Grand Lodge and had personally known every one of its Grand Masters. Brother Burnett made brief but felicitous response to the many congratulatory things which were said of him.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frank S. Knittle, cordially endorses the M. S. A., the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, and the Washington Memorial. He has a few telling words to say respecting the Grand Orient of France in its invasion of American Jurisdiction, especially of those which have refused recognition of the Orient. A kind of "dog in the manger" policy which has not so much the opposition as the contempt of legitimate masons toward clandestine attempts at such invasion.

During the Grand Master's year one new lodge was constituted; one corner-stone ceremonial conducted at the State University for a new Engineering Building; and another corner-stone was laid for a new Congregational Church. An interesting ceremony in special or emergent communication, was that of dedicating a granite stone on the spot of the original Masonic Home of the second lodge to be chartered in Wyoming. Five pages of "Decisions" are given practically all of which accords with our rule and practice in Maine.

An exceedingly interesting report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund is given, citing several cases which read very much like our own in Maine. Wyoming is going slowly in the matter of building its home, preferring to handle its cases quietly and effectively believing in every instance cited that it is far better to care for them without too much publicity and institutionalism. Beneficiaries are always far better cared for in their home environment, than as inmates of an institution. It is more humane, comfortable and economical, and in the majority of cases meets the wishes as well as the needs of the recipient-brother. Wyoming's appropriations this year ranged from \$200.00 to \$400.00.

The R. W. Grand Historian, Bro. A. J. Mokler, gave an interesting account of the early days of Masonry in Wyoming, but the major part of his report tells the oft-repeated story of the Washington Memorial. Another address printed in full, was given by Bro. E. D. Edwards, who dwells upon the 1717 beginnings of Masonry in England and traces its development down the years, showing how it has influenced the course of events through these centuries and the challenging opportunities confronting Masonry at the present hour throughout the world.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes a telling point about all "dictatorships," especially citing Italy, Hungary and Bulgaria, and avering that whenever and wherever an autocratic dictator has dominated a country, freemasonry has been abolished. It is probably also historically true that every dictator has sooner or later "ridden to a fall," and involved his country in revolution and often in ruin.

Among the distinguished visitors we note with especial pleasure the presence of the M. W. Grand Master of Nebraska, Bro. Edward E. Crites.

Wyoming is considering "Life Membership," a special committee having given the matter considerable thought, asks for more time in order to investigate further and "compile a complete and exhaustive report,"

Nebraska's Grand Master made an effective presentation speech in giving "a beautiful traveling bag" to Brother Finn G. Burnett in token of appreciation of his long and unremitting service and attendance in Grand Lodge. Respecting the Washington Memorial the Committee on Finance said, "we do not recommend the appropriation of any more funds until it is evident that the Memorial will be completed at a cost of \$4,000,000 and that this quota will be met by all Grand Jurisdictions of the United States." Which is both reasonable and equitable.

The Committee on Correspondence by its Chairman, R. W. Bro. J. M. Lowndes who is also Grand Secretary, submitted a review of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Brother Lowndes revels in citations, makes few comments and criticisms, but we are always confident that it will be a vital word which is quoted and a constructive comment whenever made.

Maine receives its due and proportionate allotment of space and citation especially from Grand Master Moulton's last annual address. Your correspondent is credited with conducting his work "in a very able manner."

Faternally submitted for the Committee,

Ashley A. Smith
Chairman.

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APPENDIX

Report on Correspondence 1928

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine:

The Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its annual report.

FOREWORD.

Masonic Institutionalism.

It was Hegel, one of the profoundest minds of his time, who said that as a student of history he had noticed "the Idea creates the Institution but in the end the Institution smotheres the Idea."

Signs are not wanting that something like this is insidiously over-taking and smothering the Masonic Idea. Our comparatively modern Masonic Institutionalism, with its elaborately organized philanthropies, was, in all probability, never contemplated by the original founders of the Masonic Fraternity. We have only to read once more, those early constitutions, to see how far we have departed from the original intention and spirit of the Order. Masonic Charity was a first-hand and a first-aid proposition, not something to be done by proxy, or committee or anything approaching a mere officialism. A re-reading or repeating of every obligation of the symbolic degrees would suggest that Institutionalism was wholly foreign to the genesis and genius of Freemasonry.

By far the wisest and most incisive word which we have read bearing on this subject is that of the Fraternal Correspondent of North Dakota, Worshipful Brother George H. Phelps, who said in his report to that Grand Lodge last year: "A theme, employing most of the loud noise making instruments, is what may be broadly called Masonic Charity. The trumpets blare most loudly over Masonic Homes which are being built or enlarged. One Grand Lodge has assessed every member in its jurisdiction \$20.00 to provide funds for 'A Million Dollar Home,' and by the way, this is the only Grand Lodge which shows a loss in membership during the year and that many subordinate lodges are surrendering their charters. Somebody has prepared a table which I hope is wrong. It shows that there are thirty-eight Masonic Homes in thirty-one states, or that seven states have two homes. They have cost \$20,000,000.00. It cost, the year the report was made, \$3,000,000.00 to maintain them. They care for about 6,000 persons. Or, they are paying \$5,000.00 per capita

to feed, clothe and shelter the inmates of these Masonic Homes. Question: Is that Masonic charity or Masonic profligacy? On this subject of caring for dependents I have found two widely separated lines of thought and action. One seems to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Finding the man who needs help and giving it to him directly, quietly, among familiar surroundings and in the company of old friends and associates. The other is institutional in character. The dependent is carefully investigated by a Board, if his needs are established, he is removed from his former location and placed with others to be cared for according to certain established rules, in a place open to visitors who are seeking a certain emotional thrill. Five years reading reports of Masonic Home Boards has not converted me to the latter method. I am more firmly convinced than ever that we are following the better course, knowing that the dependents will receive the most fraternal and painstaking care, and that it won't cost us any \$5,000.00 per capita to "foot the bill."

Much might be said in elaboration of Brother Phelps' cautious word and there are numerous indications that many Grand Lodges which are supporting such institutions are beginning to wonder and question the wisdom of the method. Last year one Grand Lodge whose Home is "filled to capacity with many applicants awaiting admission" candidly avows its conviction that Masonic Institutionalism has gone far enough and now advocates the adoption of the Good Samaritan policy, saying, "it is better NOW to adopt a policy which encourages the aged man or woman who seeks the help and guardianship of the Fraternity, to remain in the environment to which he or she has been accustomed rather than accept lodgings in a new place under strict and strange regulations and away from old ties such as home friends and acquaintances." Of course the logical question to ask is obvious, that if it is better NOW, why indulge in such extensive, increasingly expensive and expansive Institutionalism at all? Such words and situations convince us of Maine that ours is the better way and has worked well through many Masonic generations.

In one Grand Lodge we notice that some scandal was started and gained ground to the extent that a Joint Committee "recommended a thorough investigation that the truth or falsity of these serious charges may be shown, and that such investigation shall include real conditions at the Widows' Home." That, too, is one of the incidental penalties which Masonic Institutionalism is bound to pay when such gossipy reports are circulated respecting such Homes. In yet another Grand Lodge this year we read, "We should not permit ourselves to be disturbed by rumors now and then that there is trouble at the Home. For you cannot bring together such a large family of the aged and infirm without trouble." Of course not, and a great deal of that trouble, we have noticed is brought into the constituent lodges when those of unsound mind, or cancer patients, are rejected, under the regulations governing the Home; bitter feelings are too often aroused, lodges have been thereby disrupted and only too often the matter gets into the public prints or on the tongue of ill-report and the Fraternity suffers.

But this is of course merely incidental to the main thesis of this Foreword. For nearly twenty years we have read the enthusiastic accounts of the opening of these Masonic Institutions of various kinds, and somewhat carefully followed their development and growth through the years. Our observation has been something after this fashion: The corner-stone is officially laid with great enthusiasm and most eloquent orations by eminent brethren, the next morning in session of the Grand Lodge, the Finance or Ways and Means Committee, brings in its recommendation for a large per capita tax to support the Institution and each initiate is mulcted a fixed sum for the same purpose, under this process enthusiasm wanes a little but the burden is borne on the whole rather cheerfully. Next year the New Home is formally opened, enthusiasm waxes again, only to wane somewhat the next day when it is discovered that last year's per capita is not sufficient and that increased taxation must be endured. In a few years more comes the crying need for expansion, a hospital or at least an infirmary annex must be supplied, taxation per capita again. By and by some earnest and eloquent brother advocates a Childrens or Orphans' Home, enthusiasm again, but rather chastened from the former years, increased per capita of course, and so the accelerated and too often staggering process goes forward. Whether such Institutionalized Masonry was ever contemplated by the original plan of Masonry may be seriously questioned, and it may well be that in the onward years this may be the rock upon which the Order may founder in these engulfing and well-nigh suffocating seas of taxation and accelerated financial burdens. "The Idea creates the institution but in the end the Institution smothers (suffocates) the Idea."

Maine, on the whole, remains satisfied with its own way of providing for its own and will read again the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37).

Ashley A. Smith

ALABAMA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 54,266. There seems to be a net loss of 272. 582 lodges are enrolled. We note that there are 1,530 ministers in membership in Alabama. Besides the official family there were present six Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-one jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother E. F. Yeilding, for Maine. The Grand Representatives of Ireland, Nevada and Utah were dropped "for non-attendance for three successive years."

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Oliver Day Street, opened his annual address with a quotation from his last year's report in which he outlined the true democracy of Masonry and made it very clear to the brethren that the Grand Lodge belonged to all and not the possession autocratically of a chosen few, he said among many good things these words: "It often happens that those who are least conspicuous in assemblages like this could offer most useful suggestions but for the supposition on their part that the talkative ones know it all." A word which needs to be said pretty often in every Grand Lodge for the encouragement of the reticent and the wholesome discouragement of those who are always to the fore with words "of learned length and thunderous sound."

Explaining the slight net loss, Grand Master Street rightly diagnoses the case by saying "it is due to the very large number of suspensions, and in turn I believe these due in a measure to undesirable material accepted during the rush, incident to the World War." Truly it is a penalty which practically every Grand Lodge is paying for the war hysteria which caught us all to the extent that any man in a uniform was thereby considered desirable Masonic building material, a non-sequiter fallacy which is now having its legitimate harvest in these very ways referred to by the seeing mind of Oliver Day Street. Several pages of tables and statistics with clear deductions therefrom are given by Grand Master Street and his comments thereon are sensible and convincing. He avers, for instance, that much of this suspended material can be reclaimed by a little aggressive tactful labor on the part of the brethren, and especially by Lodge Secretaries. We are wholly of his opinion that ninety per cent. of this material can be thus reclaimed and the remaining ten per cent. is no good anyway and Masonry is better off without them.

Something of the progress of Masonry in Alabama is seen in the laying of eight corner-stones, the dedication of one temple and the constituting of one new lodge during the year. The Grand Master recommended that "The corner-stone shall not be laid with Masonic ceremonies after the erection of the building has proceeded so far that it cannot be lowered perpendicularly into its proper position in the manner prescribed by the ritual." We are glad to see the adoption of this common sense recommendation as there is nothing more farcical than such a ceremony conducted after the completion of a building; a kind of burlesque travesty worthy of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera-comique libretto.

Grand Master Street calls attention to the need of reform in the matter of Grand Lodge elections, which are now in confusion and chaos many times resulting as he says, "in one lodge casting two or three ballots when only entitled to one." This is one thing that Maine prides itself about, the matter is clearly explained before the annual election, every non-member is rigidly excluded in a kind of executive session, and we doubt if in many years there has been any discrepancy in the number of votes cast and the number entitled to vote.

We like another recommendation of Grand Master Street to the effect that no lodge shall be named after any living person, and that in the choice of lodges names they should have a Masonic, ethical, historical or architectural significance. When we see such names (and we have a few of these in Maine, too) as "Crooked Creek Lodge," "Hickory Flat Lodge," "Burnt Corn Lodge," and "Brown's X Roads Lodge," all actual names in Alabama, we can see and sympathize with the Grand Master's position and recommendation.

Grand Master Street condemned Masonic Business Enterprises especially in the case of the "Alabama Masonic Hospital," a corporation organized for hospital purpose and selling stock for that purpose.

Alabama has recognized the following Grand Lodges and Orients within a few years and representatives have been exchanged with them: "Denmark, Chile, Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Grand Lodge of France, Honduras, Luxemburg, Peru, Alpina, Switzerland, Jugo slavia and Czechoslovakia." Quite a list some of which Maine would eye askance and one of which was within a few years dropped from our list and relations severed. The Grand Lodge of Vienna was also recognized this year and representative exchanged with Alabama.

The Order of DeMolay has the hearty endorsement of Grand Master Street who says of it that it brings out the possibilities of boyhood and cultivates the manly virtues. It "trains them for public discussion and the capacity for presiding over deliberative bodies."

Of the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association he says "I advised against the Grand Lodge of Alabama at least at the present becoming identified with this movement. . . A position which has been taken by a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States. Grand Master Street quotes the long letter of Grand Master Simpson of Massachusetts, on this subject, setting forth the reasons for such an attitude on the part of the general run of Grand Lodges.

Alabama made the splendid contribution of \$11,651.03 to the Mississippi Flood Disaster being exceeded by only seven other states in the Union.

All of the Grand Master's "decisions" were in accordance with the usual practice of the fraternity and call for no particular comment beyond that of commendation for clearly setting forth his reasons for such decisions.

Respecting the Masonic Home we get the old story of deficit and increasing indebtedness for these luxuries of Masonic Institutionalism. A

ten dollar E. A. free has been placed on initiates and yet we read that "notwithstanding that the income of the Home this year is only slightly less than in 1926, still we were compelled to borrow \$42,000.00 this year as against \$37,000.00 last year. This was due to the income coming in more slowly, only resulting in a slightly larger interest charge for the year."

During a refreshment interlude the ladies of the O. E. S. were admitted and welcomed while an oration by M. W. Brother Nelson Williams on the contributions of Freemasonry to civilization and closing with a graceful tribute to the Eastern Star, was delivered. It is printed in full and makes informative reading covering six pages of the proceedings. M. W. Brother Williams is a Past Grand Master of Ohio and was formally made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, after his eloquent address.

Fifty-two pages are devoted to the report of the affairs of the Masonic Home, and in spite of the deficits referred to above seems to show careful administration of the smallest details of this philanthropy.

The Jurisprudence Committee endorsed practically all of the recommendations and resolutions submitted by the Grand Master in his annual report.

We do not find any report on Foreign Correspondence in our volume of annual proceedings for Alabama, an omission which we greatly regret because it was always worth reading even when we were constrained to take issue with some of the positions of the able correspondent. Perchance it is omitted because that able Correspondent is now Grand Master and the duties of the Grand Mastership has taken most of his Masonic time and labor during the year. We hope the omission is not to be a permanent one. It would be distinct loss to the fraternity in general.

ALBERTA, 1927.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication.

One hundred and forty-six lodges on the roll. Membership, 13,035; net increase, 370. There were present seven Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of twenty-seven jurisdictions. It is with fraternal regret that we notice once more the absence of Maine's representative.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother T. F. English, gave a brief and business like report with no attempt at oratorical flights, asserting that the usual "peace and harmony" prevails. A splendid Benevolent Fund amounting to \$115,503.27 has been accumulated during the years, and we are pleased to note that there is careful administration of this fund, essentially after the method of charity allotments in Maine. Grand Master English recommended the establishment of "A Home for the Aged" Fund, but the committee having the matter in charge wisely reported that "the present system is working satisfactorily."

During the year charters were granted to six lodges, three of which were constituted by the Grand Master in person. Dispensations were granted

for the instituting of three others during the year. Two corner-stones were laid and one Masonic Hall dedicated.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master was one respecting "Church Parades," it being his opinion that such public appearances should be limited to Masonic funerals and corner-stone ceremonials. Grand Master English believes that it is better for the brethren to attend without the "pomp and circumstance" of regalia and procession. There is much to be said in favor of his position; Maine, however, likes its own way of allowing church attendance on St. John's Sunday, without dispensation, but requiring it for other days. Probably one-third of the constituent lodges in Maine attend as a matter of ancient custom on St. John's Sunday which in many communities has assumed the nature of a time honored annual ceremony.

The D. D. G Ms. give excellent and interesting reports of their activities and achievements in the fifteen Masonic Districts in Alberta, and read much like our own in Maine and the names appended thereto sound like those of our Maine Brethren.

In reading the Grand Secretary's report we notice that out of thirty-three dispensations issued for church services and parades (as mentioned above) twenty-one were for June Sundays, the remaining twelve for various times during the twelve months. This would nearly accord with our own proportions in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but deferred the requests of the Grand Lodges of Panama and Egypt. About the only thing that disturbs us about the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is its derivation and paternity, in every other way it seems entirely regular, although the matter of internecine contentions with other alleged Grand Lodges in the Mexican Republic claiming exclusive jurisdiction is always a potential source of trouble and might easily enough lead to serious complications not only in Mexico but in the Masonic world in general. A little matter like Sarajevo led to the cosmic convulsion of the world war.

The Committee on Benevolence outlines very clearly its attitude in the matter of Charity work in Alberta, and we are pleased to find the principles and arguments laid down which have influenced Maine in its administration of its Charity Fund, for more than a century.

The committee on the Grand Master's address left the matter of attending divine service just as it was before. Which seems on the whole a judicious course.

The formal report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is sponsored by M. W. Brother F. E. Selwood (P. G. M.), who had the assistance of seven other well-informed brethren.

M. W. Brother H. C. Taylor reviews Maine in a cordial, incisive and comprehensive way devoting nearly three pages to his review. He rightly plumbs the matter of suspension for n. p. d. in our jurisdiction, which was

referred to by Grand Master Moulton in his annual address. The following is a wise word, "A high percentage of attendance will mean a low percentage of suspensions. You will never find a regular attendant suspended." With Alberta it is a serious situation for we discover that in 1924 the loss for this cause was nearly one-half the whole number of initiates, and in 1925 nearly forty per cent. Maine's record is not as bad as this but bad enough when we find for the same years something like twenty-five and twenty per cent. respectively.

The entire report of Brother Taylor is a commendatory and constructive one, dealing with the essential matters dealt with by Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. He speaks a commendatory word for your Maine correspondent terming him "a master of the pen" (really its a typewriter if anybody cares) and wishes that the entire Foreword on "Masonry — A Unifying Principle of Protestantism" might be given in full. This scribe is grateful for this gracious and fraternal compliment.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1927.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 14,512; gain, 549. A total relief granted from benevolent funds amounted to \$15,765.48. We note with regret the absence of Maine's Grand Representative at this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother D. W. Sutherland, had the usual word of loyalty to the Empire and the Dominion in opening his annual address, a characteristic of the Grand Masters of the Canadian and Australian Commonwealths. He avers that the Order will be tested in the coming year as it "has never been in the past," and sees unlimited possibilities in this body of "four million men selected for their intelligence and moral worth." Beyond question we may say that it will be a stabilizing and clear-directing force in the onward years, but only as each member is true to those principles of "Friendship, morality and brotherly love" which are the gleaming ideals of our Order.

Among the names gleaming with sacred light on the roll of necrology in British Columbia we note with special regret that of the Past Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan, R. W. Brother John Milton Shaw who died at Victoria, B. C., March 24, 1926.

During Grand Master Sutherland's term of office one new lodge was constituted and another instituted under dispensation. The majority of his rulings were in the matter of physical disabilities in which respect British Columbia holds to the strictest letter of the "perfect youth" theory, which is entirely an affair of their own, although it departs widely from our Maine attitude. We are glad to see that the Grand Master believes that "a full-blooded Indian was eligible for initiation."

The Grand Master has some incisive words to say respecting the administration of the Benevolent Fund and commends the constituent lodges for their activities in this regard claiming that they are doing "all that

can be expected in connection with local aid." If this is really true British Columbia certainly is in a class by itself and deserves fullest congratulations.

Under "Attendance" the Grand Master says that he has noticed "that the average attendance decreases when the membership exceeds the point where personal touch and comradeship is being lost." He dwells on this paradox that "many lodges are becoming weaker by becoming stronger," and we know exactly what he means and that it is a condition which obtains in very many large city lodges.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother William Burns, includes in his report several full-page cuts of the various buildings which have been built as Masonic Temples in New Westminster, several of which have been either outgrown or destroyed by fire.

We note with interest the appearance as a guest of M. W. Past Grand Master Bro. Leonard Morris of Prince Edward Island, at this annual communication.

The oldest living Past Grand Master of British Columbia was cordially greeted, his name should be highly honored as at this communication, M. W. Brother John Stilwell Clute.

An insignificant error in spelling of the residence of R. W. Brother Allen L. Curtis our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia is noticed on page 197 of these proceedings. Bro. Curtis' residence is Belfast (not Bedfast).

British Columbia prints in its annual proceedings the entire membership of each constituent lodge, with the place of residence, thus giving a fertile field for all kinds of commercial and political propaganda by those agencies which are only too eager to exploit such a field when it can obtain the names of the influential men in the community. Maine's correspondent has always deprecated this practice, although in the main it is none of our business, of course, we do know that such lists have been used by insurance companies and anti-societies of various kinds in the United States. What a splendid field, for instance, for K. K. K. propaganda, and such like instrumentalities, when a copy of such Grand Lodge proceedings occasionally falls into their hands. It is at least a matter for serious thought, if not for action. Several semi-masonic philanthropies are systematically working such fields whenever they can get access to them, which is comparatively easy, and this is done in spite of Grand Lodge warnings to the contrary. Why invite it in this semi-public way?

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is over the familiar and honored signature of M. W. Brother W. A. DeWolfe-Smith, who has written this excellent report for many years. It is always read the first of anything in these annual proceedings. We see almost eye to eye with him in Masonic matters, and never read it without gaining some vital Masonic information and getting a new angle of vision on some disputed Masonic problem or issue. Conservative in the best sense and a bit satirical and ironic about many things that pass for Masonry in many jurisdictions, we like Brother DeWolfe-Smith's style both of Masonic thought and expression.

Maine is cordially and incisively reviewed with nearly three pages of his report. Grand Master Moulton is commended in every particular, and copious extracts are given from his annual address, especially respecting "Floor Work."

Your reviewer is complimented on writing "an excellent review" and commended for his attitude regarding what are sometimes termed "concordant orders."

CALIFORNIA, 1927.

The Seventy-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 129,309; net gain, 6,897. 551 chartered lodges. There are twelve lodges working under dispensation.

Besides the official family, there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and 1,306 officers and representatives from 545 chartered lodges and the twelve under dispensation.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother George L. Jones, in his annual report called attention to the general condition of the fraternity again urging the old admonition "to seek quality, rather than quantity, for the admission of unworthy material will weaken the whole structure and tend to produce difficulties and dissensions which thought and care could have avoided."

During his term the Grand Master constituted twenty-two new lodges. The Grand Lodge helps in maintaining a Masonic Clubhouse at the University at Berkeley and is contemplating another such project at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Of the Washington Memorial the Grand Master recommended that a "per capita tax of twenty cents be levied for a period of four years," which sum will meet their quota by the time of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Washington's birthday (1932) when it is hoped that the temple will be finished.

Something of an innovation was introduced during the year in the observance of "Public School Week" when every lodge should consider some aspect of the problems of public schools and stand back of these educational institutions when under attack and insidious criticism of its avowed opponents.

Under the emergency call for Florida and the Mississippi Floods the sum of \$2,500.00 was given to the former, and nearly \$17,000.00 for the latter cause.

The old mooted question, so happily settled some years ago by Maine, of physical qualification, has arisen and the Grand Master suggests that some definite action be taken by Grand Lodge, clearly defining the position of the Grand Lodge, in order to relieve the Grand Master of deciding such cases when requested to so do by the lodges.

Under the caption "Politics" the Grand Master said wise words respecting the fraternity's participation in the furtherance of any brother's politi-

cal ambitions. It seems that one lodge had tried the preposterous experiment of forming a club of Masons for such ends, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary "got busy" at once and the enterprise was "squelched." The old charges of 1722 were quoted with good effect and a quietus put on such activity.

Grand Master Jones shows his backbone again in the matter of questionable entertainments put on at luncheons by lodges. He feels that such things discredit the name of the fraternity and lower our standards in the community, an opinion in which we of Maine quite agree and commend him for his stand in the matter. While no mention is made of the character of these entertainments we can read between the lines that it is the kind which might be termed exhibitions of female pulchritude and as St. Paul put it, "those who desire to make a fair show in the flesh."

Nor does Grand Master Jones mince matters in the duty of lodges to deal with those who have been convicted of crime in the "State or Federal Courts," saying in conclusion that such "criminals should find no abiding place in Freemasonry." The very last words—only three—of his address show the whole tenor of his report and the kind of Mason that this noble jurisdiction calls to the high office of Grand Master, here they are, "Keep Masonry Clean."

The attitude of the Grand Lodge toward Public Schools is shown by a report of fourteen pages of sound sense and courageous utterance. Probably the time is approaching when every Grand Lodge must do something of this kind as an answer to those undermining influences and specious criticisms which are insistently directed toward the educational system and institutions founded by the fathers of the republic, and upon which the welfare of the nation chiefly depends.

During this communication a per capita of ten cents was levied on the constituency for the establishing at the University of California of a clubhouse, similar in purpose to that at Berkley.

Sixty pages of these annual proceedings are given to a detailed report of the affairs of the Masonic homes in California, indicating conservative administration of funds and efficient management.

The Committee on General Purposes reported against lodges sponsoring Chapters of DeMolay, which was adopted by Grand Lodge. The same committee recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, and also the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge of California.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Committee on Correspondence was submitted by M. W. Brother Jesse M. Whited and is somewhat of the "topical variety" but so arranged that any specific subject can be referred to with ease. It is the best arrangement of this particular type of review which we have yet seen, and if this variety, which seems to be rather anathema to the majority of correspondents, must be produced, this is the way to do it. Brother Whited deals with such subjects as the Higher Degrees, the Presentation of Bibles, Masonic Homes, Libraries, the M.

S. A., Student Loan Funds. Maine is frequently cited on several of these issues. An extended citation is made respecting our Maine attitude on the Nacional Tubercular Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) which seems to coincide with the majority of Grand Jurisdictions which have considered and disposed of the matter.

Citation at some length is made of your Maine Correspondent's Foreword on "Masonry, a Unifying Principle," covering nearly a page of the review, while it is commended as one of the interesting Masonic "Readings" of the year. This Maine correspondent cordially thanks Brother Whited for such kindly references.

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario), 1927.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 110,549. There were 4986 initiates during the year. Two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother J. B. Way for Maine, were present at this communication. Brother Way is always in his place and Maine is assured of constant representation in Ontario.

Addresses of welcome were made by the Honorable Mayor of the City of Guelph, and the President of the Provincial Agricultural College. Distinguished visitors in the person of Grand Officers from Michigan and Nova Scotia were formally welcomed and during the sessions made brief responses.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother John A. Rowland, in opening his annual address made reference to the fact that while Columbus "perhaps" discovered America, it was the Scotch (glory be to Caladonia and the Thistle) who made "the real discovery of America." An assertion which we are not going to question as a matter of loyal sentiment, but we have been compelled to forget that there is such a thing as the impartial annals of history. With a fine loyalty to the Dominion and the Empire, Brother Rowland pays deserved tribute to those pioneers of the Province, led by such noble spirits as John Galt, who have made Canada what it is today, welding the myriad miles of untrammelled forest into one great country.

Something of the far-flung benevolences of Ontario is seen in the expenditure of \$100,500.00 in Masonic relief during the year and yet the Grand Master is not satisfied, believing that there is a weakness in such charities unless it is accompanied by "personal effort and interest." He is afraid—and it is a real danger—that such distribution will become a mere mechanical performance from year to year.

Something of the constructive tendency of Masonry in Ontario is seen in the fact that the Grand Master dedicated eleven lodges, laid five cornerstones and dedicated several temples during the year. He speaks a wise word of warning against too extravagant and expensive temples being erected which too often entail a heavy financial burden and cause the brethren to seek relief "by unwise and hasty additions to the membership roll."

Grand Master Rowland calls touching attention to the death of his immediate predecessor, M. W. Bro. William J. Drope, and Maine sends its fraternal sympathy in the loss of Ontario in the passing of this tower of Masonic strength.

Brother Rowland has a few incisive words to say respecting recognition of visiting brethren believing that Ontario can wisely follow the lead of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, while he seems rather doubtful of some of the names of Grand Lodges on the roster of the Grand Lodge of New York. He recommends that the committee give the matter careful attention and submit a list, in addition to those Grand Lodges already recognized, for approval at the next Annual Communication. It is a delicate and uncertain task, but perhaps if the committee follows the suggestion of the Grand Master respecting English recognition they will not go very far wrong in such matters of fraternal recognition.

It must have torn his heart-strings to refuse advancement to an Entered Apprentice that had received the First Degree, but shortly thereafter suffered an accident in which he lost both his legs and was "permanently confined to his bed." It was, indeed, a hard choice, and probably Grand Master Rowland was right, but after all Masonry had some obligation after it had administered the obligation of the E. A. degree, which is mutually binding of course. We notice that under "Dispensations" that he granted such for the installation of a brother as Master of a lodge who was "wearing an artificial foot." And reading the two together, "one taken and the other left," somehow the wise word of old Victor Hugo flashed into our mind, "there are times when, no matter what the position of the body, the soul is on its knees in prayer." Perhaps the bearing of this remark is a little far-fetched, but there is essential truth hidden there.

The Grand Master devotes considerable space to the requests for lodge rooms for the O. E. S. and other matters pertaining to the Eastern Star, and takes the only position which a Grand Master can take in his official capacity, whatever his personal sentiments may be. In conservative Maine we have settled the problem on exactly the same basis as with any other fraternity respecting the use of lodge rooms, and we note that in one instance "of very special circumstances" the I. O. O. F., were permitted such use in Ontario. Perhaps this is the best solution of a delicate situation.

The Grand Master in closing his remarkable address says among many fine and quotable things these lucid words: "To substitute the lodge room for the church, to claim for Masonry or any system of morality the regenerating power of a true religion is to misunderstand the functions of both." Such things need to be said often, this correspondent is fond of expressing it in these words, that masonry exists to make good men better, not to make bad men good, which is the distinct province of the church and religion. Masonry is not a reformatory, but a system of ethical growth and development. Bad men should be met at the door with a firm and courteous refusal of admittance; while average citizens, good men, should be welcomed.

Nearly two hundred pages of these annual proceedings, are given to the voluminous reports of the D. D. G. Ms., and read much like our own in Maine, and the names are those of good Scotch and English lineage.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is giving considerable consideration to the recognition of several Grand Jurisdictions in Europe and Central and South America but thus far have not been able to arrive at any clear and definite conclusion respecting many of them. Next year the committee hopes by further consideration and correspondence to be able to make several recommendations in this regard. We note that Ontario follows the usual principles of such fraternal recognition, as formulated last year by your committee of Maine.

The formal report of Ontario's Fraternal Correspondence Committee is written by M. W. Brother William N. Ponton (P. G. M.), and deals with sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions. It maintains his usual standard of erudite and literary excellence. Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is generously treated. Extended citations are made from Grand Master Moulton's address and the appointment of R. W. Brother James Abernethy as G. R., is cordially mentioned by Brother Ponton.

Your Maine correspondent is credited with 'a unique presentation,' and the introduction is quoted at nearly an entire page, while quotation is made from his review of British Columbia and South Carolina.

It is always a fraternal correspondence that Brother Ponton gives us with nothing of sharp criticism or unfraternal strictures of the various actions of Grand Lodges. It breathes a sweet and kindly spirit which it is a pleasure to experience once a year. To sit into the long midnight with Brother Ponton's report is a kind of hallowing communion and perhaps it would not be too much to say a kind of sacrament of fraternity. At least this Maine correspondent would say Bro. Ponton's report is one of the best (and first read) which comes to our reviewing table.

May he live long to give Ontario such reports!

COLORADO, 1927.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 32,729; net gain, 603. There are 168 lodges on the roll. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Joseph A. Davis for Maine. A brief ceremony of greeting and response, was held for these fifty-four Grand Representatives.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frank J. Reinhard, in opening his annual address called fitting attention to the passing of the following Past Grand Masters of Colorado: M. W. Brothers Cromwell Tucker, John Mills Maxwell and William Newell Vaile. The Committee on Necrology devotes several sacred pages touched with the light of Eternal Love in memory of these eminent Craftsmen of Colorado.

Among the Grand Master's decisions is one to the effect that no lodge can properly sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. With which ruling we are in accord.

Something of the constructive labors of the year are seen in the constituting of four new lodges, the laying of thirteen corner-stones, and the dedication of one Masonic temple. The Grand Master calls attention to a bequest of \$2,000.00, and another, which was involved in some rather intricate litigation, of the University Ranch a tract of 625 acres, near University Park, which has enhanced in value so that the Grand Lodge is really in time to come, the recipient of a rather princely bequest. A sharp reprimand against Masonic solicitation was administered by the Grand Master during the year, in co-operation with the other Masonic Bodies of Colorado. \$3,082.27 was sent to the Florida sufferers and \$1,000.00 for relief in the Mississippi disaster. Masonic advertising is subject to charges of unmasonic conduct and the Grand Master urges drastic treatment for those guilty of this offense. Quite in contrast with our Maine attitude toward Masonic Clubs, the Grand Master disapproved of them saying: "that no countenance be given them." Sunday Masonic picnics come in for emphatic condemnation at the hands of Grand Master Reinhard who devotes several paragraphs to the subject. Maine takes the same attitude of condemnation toward such things.

An enlightening and eloquent oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Will D. Grisard, on the topic of "Masonic Loyalty" in which he outlined the difficulties and persecutions endured by the institution and still confronting it in many lands, and pointed the way to a larger fidelity on our part in the present day, as inheritors and custodians of their achievements and martyrdoms.

The Robert Russell Foundation was established for the building of a Masonic Home in collaboration with the Order of the Eastern Star, which holds one-third of the property, the assessed value of the property bequeathed to the Grand Lodge of Colorado is about \$28,000.00. We congratulate Colorado on its good fortune. A common sense plan for a co-ordination of all charitable organizations of this Grand Jurisdiction was adopted as it seemed there was duplication and confusion in such matters by several different organizations administering Charity Funds rather at cross-purposes. Steps are to be taken to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Colorado in the near future.

The Report on Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Stanley C. Warner who comprehensively reviews the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. He prefaces his report by a worthwhile word touching among many other matters, the M. S. A., the Order of DeMolay and saying a vital word respecting the building of too expensive Masonic temples and incurring great expense therefor which is a burden to posterity. Of the New Mexico T. B. Sanatoria he says, what this writer has noticed through the large majority of annual proceedings, that there is a decided reluctance on the part of Grand Lodges to undertake the financial burden involved in the enterprise. Maine in its One Hundred and Eighth Communication is

cordially reviewed, our Grand Master being quoted and commended and your correspondent likewise honored by him by the citation of a few paragraphs of his Foreword for 1927. The constituting of a new lodge by Maine "the first one for ten years" is commented on by this correspondent, as is also the visit of Doctor F. W. Hamilton of Massachusetts and his address on "Real Masonry."

CONNECTICUT, 1927.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 45,109; net gain, 943. We again note that every one of the 120 lodges made returns.

There were present twelve Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-four Grand Lodges, ours of Maine does not appear as present, for which absence we express our fraternal regret. Several distinguished visitors in the person of Grand Masters from Vermont, Rhode Island and other jurisdictions, were cordially welcomed and made brief speeches during this communication.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Arthur N. Nash, gives due tribute to the passing of R. W. Bro. Harry Clinton Scofield, Grand Junior Warden. Our own losses are mentioned in the passing of R. W. Winslow E. Howell, Grand Tyler, and M. W. Brother Waldo Pettengill (Past Grand Master), during this masonic year. Something of the moral earnestness of Grand Master Nash is seen in a circular letter which was read in all the lodges respecting the speedy trial of men who had been convicted in Criminal Courts but allowed to remain in good standing in their various lodges, much to the scandal and dishonor of Masonry in their respective communities. During the year eight Emergent Communications were held, five of which were for the dedication of temples and the remainder for corner-stone ceremonies.

His "Decisions," which are lucidly set forth, are all within well recognized and conservative Masonic procedure.

An interesting account of the Grand Master's Conference at Chicago in November of last year (1926) is given. This conference discussed many of the problems and issues of the Craft and sometime it may well be in cases of national and international emergency or need can function quite as efficiently as any other organization which has received far more publicity as the voice of Masonry in the United States. It will do its work quietly, with no blare of trumpets, in the true Masonic way.

The Grand Master wisely advised "going slow" in the matter of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association. He avers that the small amount expended in relief does not justify the large overhead expenses incurred in salaries, printing, organization and such like things. Maine is also of this opinion.

The Correspondence Report is the fourteenth from the hand (and heart) of M. W. Brother George A. Kies (P. G. M.) and maintains the high standard of masonic and literary excellence of former years. A brief

"Foreword" respecting "Masonic Clubs and Charity" is good reading and we like the pervasive note of kindly satire contained therein. One Grand Master had ruled that a Masonic Club in doing charity work "had usurped a lodge prerogative." Brother Kies asks a few pertinent questions, for instance: "In case three or four Masons unite in a charitable donation, is it a like usurpation? Again, if a financially able Mason makes such a donation, is that a usurpation?" Brother Kies rather thinks (we infer) that the obligations of Masonry, especially in the E. A. degree, really mean something and it looks to us as if the keen stiletto-blade of his satire in the above questions, had punctured an inflated bubble of masonic verbosity. Such quiet punctures are wholesome treatment for us all who are given, as too many of us are given, to the utterance of high sounding words. We like Brother Kies way and expect sometime to receive from him the same treatment although thus far we have escaped by a miracle.

Another matter dealt with in this brief foreword is the comparison of statistical tables for the years 1925 and 1926 in the Masonic world, but more specifically in the United States. He finds in such comparison a "decrease in initiations, and mostly net gains." This has been our own observation and we cordially agree with him when he says it "is a healthy sign." He believes this "house cleaning," 10,000 more than the preceding year being dropped for n. p. d., is wholesome and shows a tendency, as he put it, "to clear the decks for our return to normalcy."

Under "Nebraska" he includes an extended citation from our word relative to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication receives extended notice with liberal extracts from your Maine correspondent's report. Grand Master Moulton's word respecting "Floor Work" when the dramatic has a tendency to overshadow the real meaning and lesson of the degree, is given kindly comment by Brother Kies.

Citation from your correspondent's report of Ontario, Idaho, Alabama and Indiana are given.

DELAWARE, 1927.

The One Hundred and Twenty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,010; net gain, 48. Number of constituent lodges, 22. There were present fourteen Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of forty Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. I. L. Purks, for Maine. Several distinguished visitors from New Jersey were welcomed from the Grand East, including M. W. Brother Howard R. Cruse, Grand Master, all of whom made interesting and informing addresses, during the sessions.

M. W. Grand Master, Brother Harry Galbraith, in opening his annual report made touching reference to the loss of two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers George B. Hynson and J. Paul Lukens, during the year. The loss of three Past Grand Masters last year makes an irreparable loss to this numerically small Grand Lodge of Delaware. Maine sends its

fraternal sympathy in the loss of so many eminent Craftsmen during the last two years.

We learn from Grand Master Galbraith that Emergent Communications were held during the year for a dedication of a lodge room and the funeral service of P. G. M. J. Paul Lukens. A splendid contribution for the Mississippi Flood victims was sent by a check for \$2,200.00, while \$600.00 was an additional donation of the Grand Lodge. We read also that the "affairs of the Masonic Home continue in a prosperous and satisfactory condition."

The M. S. A. is commended for its energetic action in Mississippi Flood Relief, while the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association is termed "a worthy project" but no action was taken respecting it, the consensus of opinion being that Delaware "has ample provision for taking care of the matter."

Fraternal visits were made to lodges in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey during Grand Master Galbraith's term of office.

During the communication an assessment of twenty-five cents per member for the Gunning Bedford, Jr. Masonic Scholarship Fund was discussed and finally "turned down."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee asked for further time in the matter of a request for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Guatamala.

An interesting account of the Committee on Education shows constructive work through a series of revolving scholarship funds which are accomplishing the desired results as evidenced by letters of appreciation from students and gifts from several individuals.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the eighth review from the hand of Past Grand Master Brother Thomas J. Day, and deals with sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. When it is considered that the entire review covers only fifty-one pages it needs hardly to be said that many of these sixty-eight reviews are rather brief. Maine, however, in its One Hundred and Eighth Communication receives cordial and comprehensive treatment being graciously accorded more than three times the average amount of space by Brother Day. Grand Master Wilson is commended and quoted at considerable length, respecting such vital matters as character-building, the basic duty of the Order and good citizenship as the best evidence in any community that a Masonic Lodge is doing its proper work.

Your Correspondent is commended for "an interesting report" of Delaware in our fraternal review of last year.

This correspondent is glad to commend the business-like arrangement of materials in Delaware's Proceedings. It is a pleasure to find such arrangement so that much time is saved in being able to turn at once to any matter needed in review. A real "index" closes the volume which is also a lucid arrangement of committee reports and Grand Lodge activities.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 23,264; net gain, 271. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and as visitors the M. W. Grand Masters of Maryland and Delaware.

In opening this volume of annual proceedings we chanced upon the picture and obituary of Past Grand Master Brother Ben W. Murch who was born in Carmel, Maine, in 1858, and received masonic light in Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, and was Grand Master of the District of Columbia in 1912. It is of personal interest to this Maine Correspondent to learn that Bro. Murch had attained to high position and influence in the educational field of activity in Washington, D. C. This Correspondent acted as Worshipful Master of Benevolent Lodge, No. 87, at Carmel, on May 13th (1927) at the time of the interment in the hillside cemetery in his native village. The Carmel brethren assembling in large numbers to do honor to their distinguished frater. The older members of Benevolent Lodge knew him well and recalled many early incidents of his life and Masonic activity and were proud of his achievements in the educational world and the high honors accorded to him in Masonry. This correspondent also would pay high tribute to the courtesy and kindness of the District of Columbia brethren who accompanied the body to its last resting place.

At the opening of Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Gratz E. Dunkum spoke of Brother Ben W. Murch's decease and also of the loss of P. J. G. W. Brother George E. Corson. This correspondent had also met Brother Corson in other Masonic Bodies during his visits to Maine. The loss of two such brothers in one year is a heavy toll for this Grand Lodge.

During the year the Grand Master constituted two new lodges and reports that they are "working earnestly and efficiently."

One corner-stone was laid and the Grand Master speaking of it said, "One gratifying thing in connection with our work of laying corner-stones especially for churches, is the very marked appreciation which is always evidenced by those for whom the service is performed. It is natural that this should be so, because of the character of our service and the frequent and reverent references made therein to the Great Architect of the Universe. The common aims of the Church and the Masonic Fraternity make it especially appropriate for us to lay the corner-stone of a new church building and I was glad of the opportunity which this occasion furnished to publicly proclaim our attitude toward religious organizations."

The Grand Master is in entire sympathy with the Masonic Clubs of the district that are trying to inaugurate a course of study for those who desire service in the diplomatic branch of the government. Appropriately enough this is being done at the George Washington University. He urges the brethren to support the project liberally.

Over \$5,000.00 was contributed to the Mississippi Flood Relief. An interesting account of the service of the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Brother John C. Palmer, at Temple Heights, is given showing services rendered there in the broad spirit of toleration to many of different denominational affiliations.

Grand Lodge under report of the Foreign Relations Committee declined to recognize the Grand Lodge of Persia, and quite rightly on the ground that there are but two lodges functioning as a Grand Lodge. It is the practice of most Grand Lodges to require at least three constituent lodges,—Maine requires this as a minimum.

Under the caption, Masonic Burial Service, the Grand Chaplain submits an interesting report, and reading between the lines we have an inkling of the difficulty which has confronted many a W. M., with certain autocratic church dignitaries at the time of the interment. Grand Lodge adopted the report with the exception of the resolution which rather too plainly indicated, to use the slang of the street, "where these dignitaries got off." Maine believes that the Grand Chaplain was right but perhaps it was a judicious procedure not to "hit too hard" those who assume and presume rather too much on their powers and prerogatives as "clerics."

The Committee on the M. S. A. avows its continued loyalty to that Association.

The St. John's Day Communication is fully reported in these proceedings together with several "special communications" and the "Stated Communication" in May, 1927. As these related to local matters it is not necessary to review them.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report on Correspondence was submitted by the untiring, outspoken and altogether delightful correspondent P. G. M. Bro. George W. Baird. Maine in its One Hundred Eighth Annual Communication receives comprehensive and courteous attention at his hands. With hardly a line of quotation Brother Baird makes our annals a living thing; Grand Master Wilson is commended for a conservative administration, many of our "doings" are cited as examples of good legislation, while your Maine Correspondent is given the major part of his attention. He is pleased at our references to Gompers Lodge and the man for whom it was named.

An instructive "Conclusion" is added to the report which makes illuminating reference to several Masonic questions and issues of our time which he always touches with a deft and sure hand. Our opinion accords with his in every question with which he deals.

FLORIDA, 1927.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 30,404. Net increase, 3,006. There are 254 active lodges on the roll. There were present eight Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions. We regret the absence of Maine's representative.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Cary B. Fish, in opening his annual address called attention to the passing of M. W. Brother Albert W. Gilchrist, Past Grand Master. Touching tribute was paid to his memory and the Committee on Necrology gave eloquent eulogy.

Among the constructive labors of the year in Florida was the issuing of five dispensations for new lodges, the laying of sixteen corner-stones and the dedication of six temples and halls.

We are pleased to note that this Grand Lodge has adopted a granite monument as the fitting memorial for all its Grand Masters. A beautiful photo (full page) of the one erected to Brother Gilchrist is given, which we understand is to be the design of all subsequent monuments. Brother Gilchrist leaves a substantial bequest to the Grand Lodge in his will, a phrase of which is cut into the granite of the memorial.

Grand Master Fish believes in the Conference of Grand Masters, believing that it has now passed the experimental stage, and completely repudiated the General Grand Lodge idea which was feared by many brethren.

Grand Master Fish is not an enthusiast for the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) believing that most of the funds collected "has been used for expenses and publicity purposes."

Florida continues to support the M. S. A., striking a somewhat interesting personal note in saying that it has been of great assistance in helping to raise the funds of relief in the recent flood disaster in Florida. Many pages of the proceedings, as well as the Grand Master's address, are given to this emergency relief work in Florida. We are glad to see our own jurisdiction of Maine mentioned with a substantial sum to its credit in this crisis and disaster. We note also that only one brother from Maine needed this relief, while several jurisdictions had twenty or more on their lists. The Florida Flood made great demands on the Grand Master's time and energy, and we are pleased to read between the lines and discover that Brother Fish was wholly adequate to the emergency and acquitted himself with notable Masonic efficiency and service.

We of Maine hereby extend our sympathy to Brother Ely P. Hubbell in the loss of his wife on March 27, 1927. Brother Hubbell is the efficient Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee since the regretted death of M. W. Brother Silas Wright of fragrant, hallowed memory.

The Correspondence Committee asked for further time in the matter of fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of Egypt and of Vera Cruz, which we think was conservative and wise.

More than twenty pages of the Proceedings are given to a detailed account of the affairs of the Masonic Home. The donations were large, and the funds available were carefully administered, but we notice the usual imperative necessity of enlargement by a resolution adopted to the effect that an additional building be constructed for the "older guests," and that the sum of one dollar be assessed each member for a period of three years to finance this enterprise. We again see the high cost, the constantly

accelerated cost, of such luxuries, and these things only confirm us of Maine, that our simple, liberal, unobtrusive methods of Masonic Charity are best for us.

A rather remarkable "Oration," quite out of the ordinary run of such things was given by Major Augustus E. Barnett on the subject: "The Five Great Affirmations of Free Masonry." It is printed in full, and deserves quotation did space permit. The twenty pages of this address make both informing and inspiring reading.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is the second by M. W. Brother Ely P. Hubbell. It covers 223 pages of worthwhile review and as we sat into the night with it we arose a better and a wiser man for the reading. Maine receives somewhat more than the usual average amount of space allotted to these reviews. "Duty well performed" is the simple and high praise given to Brother David Moulton's administration. He invariably commends his work and words. Our ways in general seem to please Brother Hubbell. Your Maine correspondent is commended for a report of "high literary value" and for his "thoughtful foreword." The only quotation made by Brother Hubbell is our brief word of fraternal appreciation of his predecessor M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright.

We hope "to set out the night" many times in the onward years with Brother Hubbell's reviews, so keen, so readable, so informing do we find them, and if these two given by him in the last two years are a sample of his ability and erudition, much instruction and pleasure awaits us.

GEORGIA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 71,085. In addition to the official family there were present ten Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-two jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother William F. Bowe, for Maine.

A touching memorial service for Past Grand Master Brother Robert L. Colding, who died three days before this annual communication, was held at the opening of the sessions.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother A. G. Miller, in opening his annual address referred to the completion of John Milton's masterpiece and drew an effective parallel with the completion of his own term of Masonic service. It is interesting to notice the constructive labors conducted during the year in the laying of sixteen corner-stones and the contribution of six thousand six hundred and fifty seven dollars by the lodges for Mississippi Flood Relief. A cottage for tubercular children at Alto is being established by the Grand Lodge and when completed is to be given to the Commonwealth of Georgia. The Masonic Home has been maintained at its usual efficiency and is the pride of the Georgian brethren, the Grand Master saying after due investigation that there "has been an economical administration of the funds of the Grand Lodge." Another piece of constructive work in Georgia is the administration of a "Student's Loan Fund," these loans

are now being repaid by former students and the Grand Master sees in this labor ' a means of helping many of Georgia's boys and girls to become useful citizens.

It is good to see the Grand Master saying words of appreciation and praise of M. W. Brother Raymund Daniel, Grand Correspondent, who has labored unremittingly in this office for many years with consummate skill and is today one of the outstanding reviewers of the Masonic field.

A difficult situation arose during the year in the finances of Grand Lodge and a loan was resorted to in the sum of \$30,000.00, a committee wrestled with the problem, submitted an extended report. Fifty-five per cent, of the entire income of the Grand Lodge was pledged as collateral for this loan. The committee report would indicate that there is intelligent determination to extricate the Grand Lodge from this most delicate situation.

The numerous " Decisions " of the Grand Master are all in accord with the usual practice and usage of the Fraternity, and shows adherence to the ancient constitutions and landmarks of the Order. His recommendations are three in number, one for a distinctive medallion to be worn by Grand Representatives and handed on to his successor; the second that a copy of the Code be sent (free of charge) to each lodge in the jurisdiction; and thirdly that a Budget Committee be appointed, which latter recommendation may help to solve the financial difficulties, referred to above, and extricate the Grand Lodge from its pressing worries of income and expenses.

Grand Master Miller closes his excellent address by a football slogan, which has helped on many a hotly contested field, " Come on, Georgia Masonry, Let's Go."

During the sessions and under report of the Jurisprudence Committee drastic changes in fees and dues to meet the increasing deficits was recommended, and after extended discussion, these recommendations were adopted by a rather close vote as follows, 368 as against 288. It would seem to the outsider that such action was imperative under the conditions confronting the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

It was a source of great delight that we came across the election of M. W. Brother Raymund Daniel as Grand Master at the Wednesday morning session. Brother Daniel has been for many years the Grand Correspondent and worthily has he filled the office and his elevation to the Grandmastership is a deserved honor and one which will reflect credit upon the Craft everywhere. A noble honor worthily bestowed. A very gracious address of acceptance was given by Brother Daniel which shows the spirit of the man and Mason, and is exactly what we should expect from this distinguished, able and altogether lovable Craftsman. This Maine Correspondent hastens to extend congratulations and best wishes to him. How like him to sound the note of challenge in his closing word from the Bible " ' Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.' Brethren the new year is before us. Please God, we go forward." It is that kind of leadership which Georgia has had many times in the past and Brother Daniel's

election is in keeping with the honored traditions of the past and the beckoning opportunities of the future. And then the Grand Lodge did this beautiful, manly thing, they sent "a telegram of congratulation to the mother that her worthy son had been elevated to this honored position." Here it is: "Your boy, our brother, has been unanimously elected Grand Master of all Georgia Masons. Seventy thousand men join in heartiest congratulations to you, and because of our love for him, ask too, to call you Mother Daniel." A beautiful tribute both to a noble motherhood and a deserving sonship.

It is fitting, now, that we turn to the Correspondent's report for the year from the hand of this same young gentleman Grand Master, Raymund Daniel of Georgia. It is his twelfth consecutive report and shows the same master hand both at literary composition and Masonic insight and erudition. Always one of the conspicuous reviews of the year it is especially charming and able this year. Sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed and it is with a heavy heart that we do not find Maine included in this list. Absolution is, of course, extended to Brother Daniel, but it must not occur again lest some kind of fraternal penance be imposed, and it may be that this year in all the fine things that this Correspondent of Maine has been able to say in praise and appreciation of him, may be a kind of penance under the old scripture word of "heaping coals of fire on his head," but let Maine's correspondent assure him that if it occurs next year, there will be a whole coal-hod full of hot embers descending on his worthy and scholastic head. We say this last because a full-page photograph of Brother Daniel appears as a frontispiece to the volume of annual proceedings and it would be altogether a shame and outrage to mar so classic a countenance with any "hot embers" even of good-will and fraternal regard. There now — if that can be resisted Brother Daniel, you are not the man that we believe you to be and that your countenance indicates.

A most interesting and readable "Foreword" on the subject "The New Name," deals with the familiar imagery of the Book of Revelation, especially as we of the capitular degrees know it, and an interesting application is made on this basis to the familiar story of the "lost word" in the symbolic degrees. It is a challenging appeal "To him that overcometh," and by that overcoming earn the right to the "white stone wherein the new name is written, etc."

This review appears in a separate volume from the annual proceedings, something after the manner of your Maine reviewers volume of last year, and is a valuable contribution to the Masonic literature of the last twelve-month.

IDAHO, 1927.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 10,118; net gain, 110. There are eighty lodges on the roll. There were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-nine Grand Lodges, including M. W. Victor Peterson for Maine.

After a few brief preliminaries of greeting and response, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Henry P. Glindeman, delivered his annual address,

in which he feelingly spoke of the great loss to Idaho in the passing of P. G. M. Isaac C. Hattabaugh. The Committee on Necrology also paid eloquent tribute to his memory and Masonic labors.

During the year the Grand Master constituted one and instituted under dispensation, two new lodges. Among his "decisions" we note an emphatic "No" to the question, can a man who has lost his left arm at the elbow be given the degrees? Idaho though a small lodge numerically, gave \$200.00 for the Florida Flood sufferers and \$300.00 for the relief of the brethren in the Mississippi Disaster. The old difficulty of lack of uniformity in ritualistic work came up for consideration and a Board of Custodians of the work was appointed. Idaho has a splendid Orphan and Relief Fund amounting to \$140,945.12, yielding an interest of \$13,824.97, while the expenditures for relief, etc., was \$19,387.33. Which indicates a thrifty administration of affairs. Idaho has paid ninety per cent. of its one dollar per member quota for the Washington Memorial.

The Correspondence Committee had evidently been told to make its report of not over one hundred pages, which the chairman and writer of the review explains is the reason for the brevity of the report this year. We learn also that Idaho has adopted "Trial by Commission," which has worked well for many years.

We learn that fraternal amenities have become an annual thing between Idaho and Montana, the Grand Master of each jurisdiction always visiting the other communication of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was presented for a five cents per member tax to be placed in the Charities Fund, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee but later withdrawn by unanimous consent, the matter having been attended to by "the Grand Master's Emergency Fund."

At this point in the communication the M. W. Grand Master of Montana Brother Dr. William Marshall, was cordially greeted and made fitting fraternal response during the sessions.

The Grand Orator for this Sixtieth Communication was Dr. John T. Wood, who spoke on the subject "The Growth of a Mason," showing how the inevitable tendency of our Institution is to develop men in character and good citizenship. More meditation in the "Middle Chamber" is advocated by the orator.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the words of the Grand Master permitting Masonic Clubs under the usual restrictions.

A proposed amendment was lost respecting withholding of the receipt for dues, as a penalty for failure to pass the examination required of Master Masons. Evidently Masonic education halts to the extent of not reviewing the lessons for the "final exam." in Idaho. The Grand Historian had his salary raised from \$200.00 per year to \$50.00 per month by action of the brethren adopting the recommendation by the Finance Committee.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was written by the new appointees to the office, R. W. Brother Percy Jones, who reviews fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions in their annual proceedings. Unfortunately Maine was not one of those so favored, for which we express our fraternal

regret. Brother Jones report is made imparatively brief by the action of the Finance Committee which evidently was bent on some kind of a financial retrenchment in this regard and Brother Jones has certainly condensed his matter within the required limits. This review covers only fifty-five pages of the annual proceedings, and is necessarily sketchy in its method and manner. Withal, however, the Reviewer has the faculty of getting the vital things out of each volume and presenting them forcibly to the brethren. Surely Maine must have its place next year!

ILLINOIS, 1927.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 290,618; net gain, 4,878. Number of chartered lodges, 1,006. There were present ten Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Hal Carter McLoud, for Maine.

A simple and touching memorial service was held preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge in memory of two distinguished brethren, Past Grand Master Bro. George M. Moulton, and Bro. Emmett Howard, Senior Grand Warden. The Grand Master in his address and the Committee on Obituaries in its report made eloquent reference to the labors and personalities of these eminent Craftsmen of Illinois.

In opening his annual address the M. W. Grand Master, Brother David D. King, gave a striking contrast of the Grand Lodge in 1840 and the present convocation. In those far-off years there were present twenty-three members, eleven Grand Officers, seven lodge representatives and five visitors. There were only about one hundred members in the entire jurisdiction. Now, in this present communication, there are representatives of more than one thousand lodges with a membership of nearly 300,000. In these significant contrasts the Grand Master sees reason for humility and a steadfast faith in Divine Leadership. After an extended utterance on "Radicalism" the Grand Master closes with this trite, but true, aphorism: "Our government will either endure upon the rock of respect for laws, our courts, and our principles of government, or it will perish in the quicksands of lawlessness and anarchy." Truly it is a timely word and recalls that pregnant phrase of Lincoln, 'a house divided against itself cannot stand.'"

Illinois gave the magnificent sum of \$51,776.95 for relief in the Mississippi Flood disaster. At the suggestion of the Grand Treasurer the bond which for generations had been placed at the nominal sum of \$25,000 was increased to \$300,000.00. The Grand Lodge has more than \$800,000.00 in its keeping. From the Grand Master and the Masonic Home Committee we learn that the affairs of this institution are on a solid foundation and administered in "the usual efficient and praiseworthy manner." Under the caption "Masonic Charity" the Grand Master makes very clear the rights and obligations of the fraternity, while he reveals the multiform misapprehensions which are too often held by mason's families respecting our charities. If the ordinary relative of the brethren had their way in such

matters the Fraternity would soon degenerate into the cheapest kind of cheap insurance.

The Grand Master recommended that the compensation for the Committee on correspondence be raised from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, which on recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted. It was raised in 1905 from \$300.00 to \$500.00. And it is our opinion that M. W. Brother Elmer E. Beach who writes the report is worth it, if time and labor and ability are of any value in Illinois.

Something of the constructive labors of this Grand Lodge are indicated by the constituting of thirteen, and the instituting of two new lodges, the laying of eight corner-stones and the dedication of eleven Masonic temples and halls.

Honor and Greeting to Bro. Owen Scott who for fifty consecutive years has been in attendance at the communications of the Grand Lodge.

Among the eminent fraters from other jurisdictions we note the presence of the M. W. Grand Master Bro. John Pickard of Missouri, and Bro. William Tinsley, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England. Both of these distinguished brothers made speeches of greeting and response during the sessions. An Oration by Brother Preston Bradley, D. D., Grand Orator, is printed in full and is exactly the vital inspiring message which we have always experienced from this seer and prophet of our age. We believe that we could pick a sentence anywhere in this oration and any one of these would express a central Masonic idea and ideal. We tried it as a matter of experiment, and every word rang true to the best and noblest thought and principle of our Order.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach and is the fourth annual report submitted by him. In his "Foreword" he touches upon matters pivotal to the Craft. An illuminating paragraph is given to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association of New Mexico in which he takes precisely the position which has actuated our own Grand Lodge of Maine. The Order of the Eastern Star is sympathetically treated by the reviewer and, truly, it is a question in some Grand Lodges just how the Masonic Home could be made to function unless it was supported in part by the O. E. S. Two paragraphs dealing with the Orient of France and Belgium, with which latter Maine severed relations a few years ago, make interesting reading.

Maine like Cato's statue is conspicuous by its absence in this review of Brother Beach, but we hereby exculpate and sacerdotally absolve him for the omission, knowing by sad experience how these omissions sometimes inadvertently occur. But for all our oleaginous absolution we must exact a penance from him that it does not occur in any other year of our Lord and his Grace then this of 1927. Brother Beach's reviews are too valuable and his personality and rare charm of expression too fraternally delightful to extend the exculpation longer than this year. And in conclusion, if he can resist the insinuating charm of the above words, then in ecclesiastical phrase he is in no wise to blame, but this correspondent must exclaim — *Mea Culpa.*

INDIANA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 127,915. Net increase, 1,700. Lodges, 559. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of forty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, for Maine. Brother Gay is always present and Maine is fortunate in having such a punctual and constant representative. Several Grand Representatives responded to greetings from the Grand East.

M. W. Brother William C. Geake, Grand Master, in opening his address, congratulates the brethren on the "steady and substantial" gain which has been made during the year and rather questions the value of the "flush years" following the world war when there was such unprecedented gains throughout the world. Much material for our Masonic building was accepted which is proving a source of weakness, rather than strength in our Masonic work of construction.

In speaking of "Our Own Fraternal Dead" he speaks of the more than fifteen hundred that have "passed from the ranks into their eternal sleep." As in the very next sentence he hopes to meet them "doing good things for others, smiling, laughing, working, etc.," we wonder as to the significance of the phrase "eternal sleep." In the mind of this reviewer the phrase has no place in our Masonic atmosphere and even less in our teaching.

The mounting needs and cost of Masonic Homes is seen in a circular letter urging the brethren to donations for this purpose. When we read these things which are the rule in all Grand Jurisdictions maintaining Masonic Homes, Maine is quite confirmed in its simple, liberal unobtrusive way of dispensing Masonic charity.

Grand Master Geake calls attention to the Grand Master's Conference at Washington, D. C., which was productive of real good and it is good to know that such conferences are to be held annually in February of each year. Toward the Washington Memorial, Indiana has contributed 32.8% of its one dollar per capita quota. Something of the constructive work of this Grand Lodge is seen in the fact that two new lodges were instituted under dispensation, ten corner-stones laid, eight temples dedicated, and two new lodges constituted, during the year. Among his rulings was one prohibiting the use of a hall to the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and as he quotes the regulation governing such matters, there could be no other decision. Grand Lodge donated \$1,000.00 to the Florida Flood, and \$1,500.00 to the sufferers of the Mississippi Flood disaster during the year.

On Indiana's roster of the Dead of Other Jurisdictions, we see the names, as if shined in sacred light, of M. W. Brother Waldo Pettengill (P. G. M.) and "Win" Howell, Grand Tyler since 1912.

Forty-two pages of these proceedings are given to the report of the Masonic Home Directors, and the report indicates an institution well administered and soundly financed. It has the whole hearted support of this jurisdiction and is a source of pride to the brethren.

Indiana recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but deferred the requests of the Grand Lodges of France and Egypt. Indiana also recognizes the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) was carefully considered by Committee and left exactly where Maine believes it should be, "with individuals or their respective lodges and not a matter of Grand Lodge support."

We regret to learn that M. W. Brother, Grand Master William C. Geake, was compelled to leave on account of illness during the communication.

M. W. Brother Frank E. Gavin was nobly honored because of his fifty years' attendance on Grand Lodge. Brother Gavin is the present Grand Treasurer and a Past Grand Master of Indiana.

The Annual Review of Grand Lodges is written by Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay for the fourteenth consecutive year, and deals with sixty Grand Jurisdictions. Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is given more than six pages of this excellent review but this is accounted for by the reprinting en extenso of your Correspondent's "Foreword" on "Masonry as a Unifying Principle of Protestantism" which covers nearly four pages of his review. This reviewer, hereby, expresses his appreciation for this courtesy and compliment. The remainder of the review is given to vital extracts from Grand Master Moulton's address and to Grand Secretary Davis, recommendation respecting the Masonic Relief Association.

A valuable membership table of the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and in Canada, is prefixed to his report by which we learn that the total number of lodges in the United States is 16,280, with a total membership of 3,198,315. During the year there was a total gain of 70,936 members throughout our country. Kentucky was the only Grand Lodge which showed a net loss during the year and the reasons therefor have been given by this correspondent under Kentucky. Canada has a total number of lodges reaching 1,301, with a membership of 190,119, registering a total gain of 4,414 during the year. It is an interesting and instructive comparative table which is rather thought-compelling in its implications and contrasts, and we are indebted to the compiler for its careful tabulation.

IOWA, 1927.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 86,541. Net gain 4,178. It is interesting to learn from the statistical tables that there are 495 brethren who have been Masons for fifty or more years. There are 653 lodges on the roll. There were present eleven Past Grand Masters and eight Past Grand Treasurers.

Simple preliminary ceremonies were conducted before the formal opening of the annual communication. Flag day (June 14th), occurring during the session a little service of patriotism was held with a brief but eloquent address by the Grand Chaplain R. W. Bro. Fred G. Clodd. The name of M. W. Bro. James D. Gamble, Past Grand Master, was duly honored and memorialized during these opening ceremonies.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harry M. Belt, in opening his annual report made reference to the tremendous burden of labor which is placed upon the shoulders of the Grand Master, averring that it is growing to the extent that very soon it will be necessary for him to devote all his time to the office. Twelve corner-stones were laid during the year, ten of which were placed by the Grand Master, while he also dedicated seven Masonic Temples. The Grand Master was appointed as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Iowa, during his term of office. The old issue of remaining or withdrawing, for the M. S. A., was duly considered by Grand Master Belt, with the balance inclining toward the latter alternative. Six requests for readjustment in the affairs of the Association was submitted but "received no assurance of consideration." These may be briefly summarized as follows: Reduction in overhead expenses, book publishing business to be sold, the Association to be primarily what its name implies for Service, that the Association should be more prompt and serviceable in the matter of helpful suggestions to constituent lodges, there should be itemized statements, cheerfully furnished of receipts and expenditures (there has been no such report for four consecutive years), the adoption of amendment to have each Grand Jurisdiction represented on the Executive Commission.

Grand Master Belt is rather disinclined toward the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association (New Mexico), believing that Iowa can better care for its own at home.

Among his recommendations is one that "it shall be unlawful for the members of the lodges in this jurisdiction to become associated, or in any way identified, with organizations hereafter to be established, which require Masonic affiliation as a condition necessary to membership therein, unless and until authority from this Grand Lodge, for the creation of such organization, shall first have been obtained." This follows the action and the very language of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania. After diligent search through Iowa's proceedings we cannot find that any action was taken on this recommendation.

R. W. Brother C. C. Hunt, Grand Librarian gives an interesting and detailed account of the Iowa Masonic Library, which institution occupies a large place in the entire Masonic world.

A full page picture of the Masonic Sanitarium, with a report of the committee is given, showing an institution efficiently managed and soundly financed. Diagrams of the interior plans are given covering three pages of the report. There were some vicissitudes in the earlier days, largely owing to failure of the contractors of the building, but we are happy to learn that all things are now "adjusted." Recognition was extended to the Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, and recognition of Egypt was continued as Iowa has carried Egypt on the list since its organization in 1876.

During this communication a memorial tablet at the Iowa State School for the Deaf, was unveiled by Grand Master Belt in memory of Past Grand Master Brother Henry William Rothert, who for many years was the

efficient administrator of this noble State philanthropy. A rather unusual oration at this unveiling was delivered by Past Grand Master Brother Louis Block, embellished by innumerable gems of eloquence and many selections from various singers.

It is with interest that we note an address by Dr. Preston Bradley, and share in the regret expressed that the full text of it could not be obtained for publication in these annual proceedings.

In reference to the above mentioned matter of the Grand Master's recommendation respecting identification with organizations requiring Masonic affiliation as a condition necessary for membership, we notice a rather tactful close in the report on the Grand Master's address which causes a kind of fraternal smile at the adroit way that the matter was disposed of by the committee, which reported, "we refrain from commenting on any of the other recommendations of the Grand Master." Perhaps this is why we find no further reference to that, and another of the Grand Master's recommendations. If this be the real inwardness of the situation it was beautifully done and avoided what was bound to be a matter of debate and perhaps of contention by the brethren.

Iowa withdrew and "terminated" its membership in the Masonic Service Association in the closing hours of this Communication.

Several well known brethren were elected to honorary membership, with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, at this session; among the names we note that of Sir Alfred Robbins, P. G. W. of the United Grand Lodge of England, William J. Songhurst (P. G. D.), Arthur Lionel Vibert, (P. D. G. W.), and Edward Conder, all of whom have made notable contributions to the Masonic literature of the world.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is, as usual, by Past Grand Master Bro. Louis Block. An instructive and worthwhile "Foreword" on "The Noblest Charity of All" is given on the general theme that the best charity is that which helps a man to help himself and is in advocacy of the Masonic Employment Bureau. It is a convincing statement of facts, and figures; of aims and principles, and concludes with a rather sudden and ringing challenge as follows: "Boys, don't you think it is high time Iowa was getting into the line?"

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication is most cordially and comprehensively reviewed by Brother Block. Grand Master Moulton is quoted respecting several matters; Brother Block's comment on the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) is vital, and really accords with Maine's attitude, that "we scrupulously provide for our own tuberculars, and thus prevent them from becoming a burden upon our brethren in the South." Our Grand Master is commended (and in this Brother Block follows practically every reviewer who has referred to the matter), for his much needed words on the subject of "floor work."

The major part of your Maine Correspondent's foreword of last year on "Masonry, as a Unifying Principle of Protestantism" is quoted by

Iowa, and he expresses his regret that it cannot be given in full because "it is so timely, so very good, so powerful in its appeal to both heart and head."

Our extended comments on Iowa's way of doing things, especially the surprising attitude of Iowa respecting the M. S. A. is given in full.

An "Afterword" of Brother Block's is well worth reading. Its subject is "The Menace of Modern Atheism," especially respecting the youth of our times. Brother Block shows his good judgment and human sympathy by saying, "We have not lost faith in our youth, we cannot feel that the thing is as serious as some would have us think. Youth likes to be impudent, at times even insolent. It likes to make faces as its elders to see if they will resent it." Which exactly expresses the situation. Surely youth is a disease that time will cure, and this atheistic splurge of modern youth is in keeping with the part, and in a few years these same young people will be staid, conservative members of society, probably voting the republican ticket, supporting some Y. M. C. A., going to the Rotary and attending church. The waves of infidelity and atheism that have been surmounted in past generations make us rather optimistic about it, and rather kindly disposed to tolerate such resurgent gaucheries.

Of Iowa's reviewer we can only say in poor Latin enough: *Amicus Louis Block, magis antea veritas.*

KANSAS, 1927.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication.

Membership, 82,165; net gain, 1991. Number of lodges, 477. There were present thirteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-six Grand Lodges, including ours for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John W. Neilson, in opening his address made touching reference to the passing of Past Grand Master Bro. Hugh P. Farrelly, and Maine sends its fraternal sympathy in the falling of a tower of Masonic strength in the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

During the year two lodges were constituted and two more set to work under dispensation. Nine corner-stones were laid and one temple dedicated during the year.

An interesting monument, unveiling in memory of two pioneers, spirits of Freemasonry in Kansas was held. The men so honored were R. W. Brothers John W. Smith and Daniel Vanderslice, the former Kansas' First Deputy Grand Master and the latter their first Junior Grand Warden. Full page photographs of this monument, and the old one "destroyed by the elements" are given in the annual proceedings. The dignified granite shaft is a thing of beauty as pictured in these pages. The entire program is given with the addresses made on this occasion.

The Proceedings are also embellished by numerous pictures of the Masonic Grand Lodge Building at Topeka, recently dedicated and shows an impressive piece of architecture and the interior views indicate well arranged apartments and commodious quarters for the various officers of the Grand Lodge.

Kansas believes in District Meetings and the Grand Master's report indicates that with seventy-five of these, there was an attendance of 7,600, with an average attendance at each District Meeting of 113.

The Grand Master recommended that \$52,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home. Grand Master Neilson's report is a brief, incisive business-like document which it has been a pleasure to read.

To your Maine correspondent the most impressive and informing part of these annual proceedings of Kansas are the twenty-three pages given to the unveiling of the monument cited above. It was a well arranged program, with appropriate music, fitting orations and a historical account of these two pioneer souls in the early days of the Craft. Splendid photographs of both men are given and reveal the kind of heroic worth which carved out the destiny of Kansas in those early days. The name John Smith of course, has received the good natured jests of generations of would be humorists, but when you see the clear cut features as in this volume of this particular John Smith, you know at once that this was a strong, virile personality which did credit to the name in Kansas, as did another (Capt.) John Smith in the early days of the Virginia colony. If like Mark Twain's familiar story of calling for his old friend John Smith in a spiritualist's seance and having the meeting wrecked by the number of that name which appeared in the cabinet, we should call for John W. Smith of Kansas we should expect but one; this strong, clear-cut, rugged face which appears in this Kansas volume.

The Grand Orator, Bro. C. M. Harger, during these sessions, delivered an informing address on the thought of James Russell Lowell, "That moral supremacy is the only kind that leaves monuments and not ruins, behind it."

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, R. W. Bro. A. K. Wilson, gave cogent and convincing reasons for denying the request of the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, and his recommendation for such denial was adopted. The reasons were invasion of jurisdiction, and political activities on the part of Vera Cruz in the religious situation in Mexico.

Grand Master Neilson, who is also President of the Masonic Home Board gave a detailed account of the administration and financing of this institution which has been established for thirty years. The usual account of mounting expenses for its maintenance is indicated in a careful reading of this report by the President of the Board.

At another session, another "Oration" on Masonic Symbols was delivered by W. Bro. Robert P. McCulloch.

It is replete with true masonic wisdom and touches the vital teachings of our Order, while the well chosen quotations from the poets add much to its message.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the Grand Master's decisions, and generally gave the doings of Grand Lodge their O. K.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson and is introduced by a short "foreword" dealing with various questions before the Masonic world. He gives his reasons for the net losses indicated by three jurisdictions. Lack of attendance is first; the desire for the younger members for amusement is given second place. This correspondent believes that while all this is true, perhaps obviously true, that in the case of at least one of the three Grand Jurisdictions cited by him, the high cost of Masonic Homes, was the potent and deciding factor. It probably figured in some measure in one of the others but not to the same extent as in this more conspicuous jurisdiction where the net loss was more than four thousand after a heavy assessment per capita for Home maintenance.

We note with appreciation what Bro. Wilson says respecting the "right of any Grand Lodge to assess their members for carrying on the work of these various organizations, created at the suggestion of a few individuals without any authority from the Grand Lodge." And while all of this was said about those organizations requiring masonic membership as a basis for admission, it is not without application in the other regard.

In the closing of this "Foreword" Brother Wilson takes justifiable exception to the phrase "interjurisdictional-problems" and believes that "the comity between Grand Lodges absolutely precludes anything of the kind." An opinion in which this correspondent fully agrees.

Maine for 1926 receives two full pages of this review, largely quotation of four passages from Grand Master Moulton's annual address.

With a true Masonic courtesy he says of our failure to review Kansas two years ago that he "cannot understand why." The explanation is simple, "we did not receive it for review." The proceedings are sent to Portland and then remailed to Bangor. Of course the slip is somewhere, but this Maine correspondent takes no blame for not reviewing what he does not receive. We note, however, that Kansas was reviewed by us last year and now we are trying to make fraternal amends by this somewhat lengthened review this year. Anyway we are sorry.

KENTUCKY, 1926.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 67,186. Total number of lodges, 596. We note with regret the following statement, perhaps the only instance of such recording in the statistics of any Grand Lodge, "Apparent loss as shown by returns, 4,886." We have searched studiously through these annual proceedings and the inference is — Too much Masonic Home. Last year the loss was 531 and our comment was "it was due to the mounting expenses of this institution." Last year we reported the number of lodges as 614. This year we find that there have been twenty charters of lodges surrendered or arrested. All of which confirms Maine in its somewhat careful and conservative principle and policy of charity administration.

We find the M. W. Grand Master, Brother G. Allison Holland saying in his annual address, "that these losses both in members and charters, cannot be attributed to the assessment." Which assessment was \$20.00 per, and we are constrained to repeat our commentary of last year, "We

of Maine rather sympathize with the minority in trying to stem the tide of engulfing expense, this inundation of taxes and multiplicity of mulctuary legislation." Grand Master Holland avers that "the whole trend of deepest thought and activity has been toward the completion of the Masonic widow's and orphan's Home." Which is as it should be, although the burden must often seem like that of Atlas. Another echo of the same tenor is the word of the Grand Master, that no lodge can decently support itself on dues of three dollars per year. He recommends that Grand Lodge adopt a law "making it obligatory upon subordinate lodges to fix the amount of dues not less than \$5.00 per annum. "Everything seems to point in one direction in Kentucky for we again find the Grand Master saying respecting the New Mexico Tuberculosis Sanatoria that Kentucky will be glad to help, and assist in every way, 'except in a financial way.'" In his "address he advocates "a salary to be paid to the Grand Master," as a matter of ordinary fairness because he "should be compensated for the laborious duties he is called upon to perform." Under the caption "The Assessment," we find that he received a great many letters about it, "a limited number made some complaint and I responded in as pleasant, but firm a manner as possible." Again we find the situation succinctly stated by Grand Master Holland, "Many Masons have been suspended for non-payment of dues and "assessments during the year because they do not want to pay the assessment ordered by the Grand Lodge. No Mason who is suspended for n. p. d. and assessments would be reinstated in his lodge until his dues and full assessment of \$20.00 has been paid." So there you have it in a nutshell.

A tender tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master Bro. Earl W. Weathers was included in the report and the Committee on Necrology gave eloquent eulogy of his service to the Craft.

The Grand Master's "decisions," forty-five in number, were for the most part in keeping with our own custom and usage. Many questions were answered concerning the \$20.00 assessment.

Kentucky at this communication fraternally recognized the following Grand Lodges and Orients: Egypt, Greece, Roumania, Turkey, Vienna, Czecho Slovakia, Italy and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Action was taken to the effect that when the number of members of any lodge shall be reduced to less than fifteen, the charter of that lodge shall be arrested.

Kentucky in spite of its losses has yet made some substantial gains during the year for we note that three dispensations were issued for new lodges, and one charter granted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by M. W. Brother William W. Clarke. Brother Clarke accords Maine something more than two pages of courteous criticism, one page of which is devoted to citations from Grand Master Moulton's annual address, and the remainder from our "Foreword" of 1926 on "Masonry, a Unifying Principle of Protestantism." He regrets our not reviewing Kentucky. It was not our fault as we did not receive the copy of the proceedings until too late for inclusion in our review. We have tried, however, to make amends this year.

LOUISIANA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 35,151; net gain, 246. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-six Grand Lodges. We regret to note that Maine was not included in the list.

On the day preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Temple was dedicated with impressive ceremonies by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother J. Paul Haller. Numerous speeches and orations were made in honor of the event. We especially note that the "critics" of Masonry are again busy in Louisiana to the extent that the Orator for this occasion made a few eloquent references to such, while in Maine we invariably ignore them with the wholesome silence of contempt.

The First Annual Communication was opened the next day within the spacious apartments of this New Temple. We hereby congratulate Louisiana on its enterprise and the resultant new Masonic Temple. It is good to learn from the Grand Master that a sixty-two per cent. rental of the apartments of this new building has already been secured, and that forty tenants are now occupying their commodious quarters. To build this eighteen story Temple a bond issue of \$1,500,000.00 was made, but we hear the old story that the cost far exceeded this amount of bond floatation.

Grand Master Haller makes the usual reference to the falling off in numerical membership, largely owing to n. p. d. and thinks it is a case of "adjusting ourselves to new conditions."

The Grand Master submitted an Investigation Committee's Questionnaire which follows essentially that used by our Maine Jurisdiction.

Louisiana is strong in its support of the M. S. A., and also loyal in the matter of the George Washington Memorial.

Something of the constructive work of the Craft in this jurisdiction is seen in the dedication of four Masonic temples, and the laying of three corner-stones during the year. One lodge was constituted. The majority of his "Ruling and Decisions" were respecting physical disqualifications which followed a rather conservative course. A word of admonition respecting "electioneering" in lodge elections was spoken by the Grand Master and the suggestion made that the Committee of Law and Jurisprudence draw up a resolution clearly defining the term—electioneering, and "naming such acts as should be prohibited in election of officers." He also sounds a warning word respecting "foreign influences" in our public schools, asserting that as American Masons the safety of our Government depends upon an enlightened people.

An extended report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home covering twenty-four pages of the proceedings gives a full account of careful administration and efficient financing of this institution.

During the sessions a delightful little ceremony of welcoming the Past Grand Masters was performed under the Grand Master's direction and we notice with pleasure that M. W. Bro. George W. Bolton is the oldest in

point of Masonic service having served the Grand Lodge for thirty-three years since his installation as Grand Master of Louisiana. Bro. Bolton made a brief response to this official greeting and glories in the fact that after these noble years of service Divine Providence permitted his attendance at the corner-stone ceremonial of the new temple last year.

When the Grand Representatives were officially greeted in an impressive ceremony, we noted with regret that our Grand Representative for Maine was not present.

A notable "oration" on the lambskin apron was delivered by the W. Grand Chaplain Bro. Robert H. Harper, which dealt with those vital and ethical lessons enforced by that distinguished and distinguishing badge of our Craft. It was an informing moment and held the attention of the brethren. It is printed in full and made enjoyable and inspiring reading for this correspondent.

We like Louisiana's way of handling its grievance cases by reporting that, "the full specifications of which we deem it unnecessary to embalm in print." This is as it should be, for the precise specifications too often play into the hands of our severest critics in a way which is always detrimental to the Order and far reaching in its damaging implications when distorted by our enemies.

Two charters were granted to lodges under dispensation.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Brother John A. Davilla, in submitting his report affixes a brief introductory word dealing with the falling off in net gains over the war-time accessions. He believes that many of the losses for n. p. d. could easily be prevented by systematic work on the part of the lodge secretaries, and the major part of other losses, by those that have withdrawn because no personal benefits seemed to be forthcoming, he believes is a distinct gain. In which opinion we heartily concur. It is also our opinion, based upon years of observation, that many brethren withdraw because of "too much Masonic home extravagance" as witness Kentucky's losses during the last two years, the most conspicuous instance of such losses, and the only Grand Lodge to report net losses in many years. Brother Davilla suggests that "it would appear to be time to look for a remedy" for such losses over the entire country, and we believe that after giving due consideration to the war-hysteria accessions and the subsequent losses therefrom, the next most potent and prolific cause will be found in per capita assessments ranging all the way from \$20.00 to one dollar for the increasing expenses of such institutions. Whether we like it or not, whether indeed, it be good masonry or otherwise, the facts are what they are; and marked losses in Grand Jurisdictions which have placed heavy home assessments on their membership seem to indicate that this is a real cause which ought to be considered in what Bro. Davilla calls the diagnosis. This correspondent does not believe it to be the prime cause (that probably belongs to n. p. d.), but among the secondary ones it will probably be found to hold a large, though not too conspicuous, place.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is briefly considered by Brother Davilla, citations being made from Grand Master Moulton's address and Grand Secretary Davis' report. Evidently the intention was to make citation from Maine's correspondent but through some chance error the matter was left in the air after this fashion, "he prefaces his report by stating." And that is all, although we are given credit for being "an able writer," and regret is expressed that Louisiana was not included in the review. We regret it too, but not having received these always splendid proceedings, we were simply forced to bow to the hard necessity and have fraternally tried to make amends this year. Especially do we enjoy the personality of Brother Davilla as unveiled in his Correspondence Report which reveals a choice spirit and one which we would enjoy to know in a more substantial and satisfactory way than by the printed word.

MANITOBA, 1927.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 11,747; net increase, 96. Total number of lodges, 103. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-nine jurisdictions, including M. W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Walker Reid had the honorable distinction this year of writing the shortest annual address of any that has come to our reviewing table. It covers exactly seven pages and is a model of concentrated brevity and clear literary style, which it has been a pleasure to read. A sample of his concise way of putting vital things may be seen in a sentence like the following: "The world has seen too much of war in recent years and earnestly desires the peace and unity which Freemasonry teaches."

Manitoba mourns the loss of two pillars of masonic strength in the death of Past Grand Masters Brothers Andrew Chisholm and John Wemyss, Maine sends its fraternal sympathy and condolence, in such a heavy loss in one year. The Grand Master makes the suggestion that brethren who have served the Craft for fifty years be given a special greeting and honorable recognition each year at the Annual Communication. This is being done in a great many Grand Lodges and always adds to the atmosphere and dignity of these important annual sessions.

Although numerically a comparatively small jurisdiction, Manitoba did important constructive work during the year constituting two, and instituting three, new lodges. Grand Master Reid laid one corner-stone at a special communication a full account of which precedes the annual communication account in this year's volume of proceedings. Like all loyal Grand Masters of the Canadian Provinces, Bro. Reid makes fitting reference to the sixtieth year of Confederation and expresses the loyalty of Manitoba for the Empire, believing that our Institution has done much in building the foundation of these great Canadian Commonwealths which we of the United States respect and honor.

The twelve Masonic District are carefully reported by the D. D. G. Ms. and read very much like our own in Maine in the past years. The English and Scotch names appended to these reports give us an insight into the kind and calibre of Masonic manhood in Manitoba. And we find this confirmed by the fact that again this year, nearly \$11,000.00 was distributed in Masonic benevolence. As will be seen by the above, this is about one dollar for each brother in its membership, a condition which occurs each year in Manitoba, and would cause some of the Maine brethren to gasp and die of heart failure were it even proposed.

The Board of General Purposes impressed on the brethren that it is highly improper to "sign a petition to any governing body of the state on any subject which is not exclusively masonic or to take part in political discussions or public issues, as a lodge."

The Committee on Foreign Relations acted conservatively by deferring the request for recognition of Egypt, Vera Cruz and Valle de Mexico, until more light could be obtained on their standing, derivation and practices than was forthcoming in a mere letter of fraternal request, for such recognition. Wisely done, and quite in contrast to the sophomoric eagerness of some Grand Lodges to recognize anything that applies.

Two informing addresses were given during the annual communication on the beauties and utilities of Freemasonry by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Andrew T. Norquay and Brother John MacKay, principal of Manitoba College.

The Review of Foreign Jurisdiction was written by M. W. Brother James S. MacEwing (P. G. M.) and covers one hundred and forty pages of the volume. Brother MacEwing has a clear flowing literary style, which it is a delight to read, while his vital way of touching the essential things of each Grand Lodge shows a master of insight.

Maine receives careful and comprehensive attention. Our Grand Master's annual address is commended, an extended citation is given therefrom and our Maine doings seemed to commend themselves to the reviewer. Your Correspondent is credited with "a virile interesting review," while quotation is made from his "Foreword" on "Masonry, a Unifying Principle of Protestantism."

MARYLAND, 1926.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 32,632; net gain, 577. There are 217 lodges on the roll, with one under dispensation. There were present twenty-eight Grand Representatives; ours for Maine is not recorded as present, for which absence we express our fraternal regret.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Warren S. Seipp, in his brief, business-like report covering but three pages calls attention to the loss of Maryland in the passing of such well known Craftsmen as P. S. G. W. Bro. George F. M. Hauck, Brother Hugh W. Caldwell, and M. W. Brother Judge George B. Orlady, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

During his year of service he sent one thousand dollars to the Grand Master of Florida, M. W. Bro. Cary B. Fish, for relief in the flood disaster. This sum was obtained by a two cent per capita throughout the jurisdiction.

An interesting account is given by Grand Master Seipp of the raising of \$147,000.00 for the Masonic Home Fund, we then read, "the Fraternity at large does not want a home, at least their immediate needs do not require it. In view of the lethargy connected with this venture, I feel that we should make haste slowly." Then in gentle rebuke of the brethren who are "lethargic" in the matter the Grand Master indulges in one of those charming non-sequiter fallacies which have done duty through the ages, he says, "we apparently would far rather build marble halls and monuments of stone, than to carry out the first precepts of masonry, and build our Temple in the hearts of men." That is cleverly expressed and the answer of course is, what's to prevent building our Temple in the hearts of men? Surely Masonic benevolence and charity, all that we mean by the familiar words, "Friendship, Morality and Brother Love and Relief," doesn't depend on a Masonic Home *building*, that is to argue not for his contention at all, but for his opponents. In short the entire situation convinces this correspondent that Maine has, all things considered and viewed from every angle, the most simple and efficient method of benevolence, or "building of Temples in the hearts of men." To paraphrase Wordsworth's familiar word:

"The best temple of any man's life
Is in his little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love."

Apparently that is what the "lethargic" brethren want, rather than an imposing Masonic Home Building, and we of Maine cordially agree with this if so be we have rightly understood the situation.

We note that the Baltimore Temple has been after seventeen years "renovated inside and out," and we mention it because about ten years ago this correspondent was privileged to thoroughly inspect its splendid apartments under the fraternal guidance of one of the brethren. It is a gem of architecture and interior arrangement and we greatly appreciated and enjoyed the occasion.

The Report of the Committee on Relief indicates a real fulfillment of the above words of the poet and somehow we could not help asking after reading its simple facts and figures, is not this the true kind of Masonic building-labor which we are inculted to achieve? Again, we notice that \$500.00 was donated by Maryland to the United Patriotic Home for Orphans and Homeless Children in substantiation of Maryland's heart of Masonic kindness. \$200.00 was given for the storm sufferers at La Plata.

At the Semi-annual Communication held in May, preceding this communication, fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium were severed on the same grounds which actuated Maine in a similar course some years ago.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, R. W. Brother Henry Branch (P. S. G. W.) in a brief "foreword" sees in every Grand Lodge, "a revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT." 140 pages is devoted to Brother Branch's review of Grand Lodges. Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication. He expresses his sorrow "that Maryland was not considered in our review, but we have tried to make amend last year and again this year. Grand Master Dudley H. Farrell's visit with us is favorably mentioned by Brother Branch.

MICHIGAN, 1927.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 149,128; net gain, 2,873. Number of lodges on the roll, 497. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of fifty-four jurisdictions. 476 lodges were represented.

After a series of delightful preliminaries in welcoming and reponse from visiting Grand Officers, the presentation of flowers and similar ornamentation, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charles A. Donaldson, delivered his annual address. The George Washington Memorial is cordially commended and the brethren are urged to continue their moral "and financial support of this most deserving project." An advocate of Masonic Education, he exhorts the brethren to begin in their individual lodges by the employment of Grand Lecturers to instruct the Craft in the work and its meaning, the symbolism and history of the Order and the application of all these things to the conduct of life. Two edicts were issued during the year, one warning the brethren against any appearance of political advertising in lodge papers and bulletins; the other against an organization known as the "True Kindred" which has appropriated to its use the Compass and Square and the letter "G."

In the dispensation of Masonic benevolence the Grand Master makes this judicious suggestion and recommendation, which ought to be of interest to the Charity Committee of our Grand Lodge of Maine respecting expenditures in excess amounts by other Grand Lodges in the care of our Maine brethren. He recommends that the Grand Secretary advise the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges now recognized, that none of the constituent lodges will be obligated for an expenditure for immediate Masonic relief "in an amount of more than \$100.00, unless they are further authorized by the interested lodge." This sounds to us of Maine like precautionary common sense and it is time that some such action be taken by all Grand Bodies along similar lines especially for the protection of those smaller Grand Lodges that are seriously handicapped when large amounts for Masonic care and relief are sent to them, sometimes after years of such service.

Among the constructive labors during the year was the constituting of four new lodges, the dedication of eleven temples and the laying of seven corner-stones. Seven dispensations were issued for the organizing of eight new lodges.

The report of the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home is replete with interesting facts and figures indicating an institution soundly financed and efficiently administered. It is evidently very near to the heart of the Michigan brethren.

A few words of earnest fraternal greeting were spoken by the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John A. Rowland, of Toronto.

An extended report, financial and otherwise, respecting the Washington Memorial, covers several pages of the Michigan Proceedings, and indicate the unflagging interest of the brethren in the project.

An amendment was proposed increasing the Masonic Home Board of Control from five to seven members but under the guidance of the Jurisprudence Committee it was disapproved.

A delightful speech of greeting was given by the M. W. Grand Master of Wisconsin, Brother D. H. Mooney, which seemed to start a full program of similar speeches from other distinguished visitors.

A three-hour discussion of the prospective site of the new Masonic Home was finally disposed of, by the Grand Lodge voting against the report of the committee which had been appointed for selection of such a site. This committee had brought in a voluminous report of the entire matter. After this disposal the matter came up again respecting the rather summary discharge of the committee; one brother moving for reconsideration of that particular action. This was carried, and the amende honorable was made to this committee by rescinding the vote discharging them and extending a rising vote of thanks and sincere appreciation of their services. Gilbert and Sullivan might have made something worth while of the incident along the line of the familiar jingle, "Off again, on again, gone again, Michigan."

A lot of good natured banter occurs through this volume of annual proceedings and Brother R. W. William H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain, comes in for his share, the humor seemed to center about Brother Gallagher, but he seemed to hold his own with little effort in the give and take of these occasions. That he is much loved and respected by the brethren is seen in the fact that Brother Gallagher was presented with a purse of three hundred dollars in order that he might go to Boston with Mrs. Gallagher when he received the honorary degree 33rd, at the meeting of the Supreme Council. To this the Grand Chaplain made a touching response, and this correspondent hereby congratulates him and expresses the hope that it may be our privilege to meet him at some future session of the Supreme Council.

A ten cent per capita was levied on the brethren for the purpose of Masonic Education. This amounts to approximately \$15,000.00 in this numerically large jurisdiction. \$500.00 was also appropriated for the Craftsmen Club at the University of Michigan.

An exceedingly interesting report of a historical nature respecting Stony Creek Lodge is printed in full and this correspondent takes pleasure

in departing from his usual practice by giving a somewhat extended quotation: "Of all the lodges established in the early history of Michigan none is deserving of a higher place in history than Stany Creek Lodge. Organized just prior to the anti-masonic crusade, which nearly swept Masonry from the State, this was the only lodge that refused to lower its colors, and during all those years of persecution it *never* closed its doors, but kept bravely at work, promulgating the principles of Masonry."

R. W. Brother William H. Gallagher submits his fourth annual report which covers 435 pages of these proceedings, almost half of the large volume. Genial, courteous and informing, Brother Gallagher deals with the vital things, although occasionally with the unimportant minutiae of the various proceedings. Maine receives ten full noble pages of his annual review and again he rejoices that the B. & M. R. R. has granted reduced rates to the brethren for the first time. His comment is "The world moves." Several interesting citations are given from Grand Master Moulton's address, from Grand Secretary Davis' report and our Grand Lecturer. Reference is made to R. W. Brother Archie Lee Talbot's little speech respecting his long continuation on the Committee on Dispensations and Charters and his regretted retirement therefrom. Kindly reference is made to your correspondent's review and nearly a page as it relates to Michigan and Gallagher. Sometime this correspondent is going to meet this "dominic" named Gallagher, for he doesn't believe half the hard things that the brethren of Michigan have said in good natured banter and cruel jest about his facial beauty and Appollo Belvidere contour. We expect to meet a real man, and there is a quiet, ironic humor in the juxtaposition of two such splendid uncommonplace names as Gallagher and Smith. "Let'er go" has been applied to both, with what sinister significance we do not know.

MINNESOTA, 1927.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 60,742; net gain, 941. There are 305 lodges on the roll. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-two Grand Lodges. We fraternally regret to see the absence of ours for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Albert F. Pray, in the course of his annual report called attention to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) expressing his appreciation of its aims and needs but believes that Minnesota must not engage in this philanthropy because their own Masonic Home is uncompleted and much remains to do in paying for the building and financing its operation. We have noticed that such institutions usually make a tremendous strain and drain on all such resources, often preventing Grand Lodges from engaging in those other Masonic labors which cry aloud for assistance.

During the year seven new lodges were constituted, and three others granted dispensation for instituting. In his decisions and opinions he

takes a strong stand against the joint-occupancy of halls with other fraternal organizations, and consistently denied several petitions for renting such apartments to non-masonic organizations. Eight corner-stones were laid, and three dedications held during the year. The old question of ritual for public ceremonies was referred to a Committee of Past Grand Masters for action in the near future.

Minnesota is embarking on that tempestuous sea of troubles known as a Masonic Home. The laying of the corner-stone was one of the outstanding Masonic events of the year. It is being financed by the issue of \$250,000.00 in bonds. We read the old story, "The failure of the membership at large to contribute made the loan necessary, and until it is freed from debt, its efficiency will be impaired to the extent of the cost of carrying the obligation." \$12.50 per capita is being suggested to help in this project, while one dollar per member is now being assessed for the same purpose of Masonic charity. Thus we see the high and accelerated cost of these Masonic buildings and such things convince Maine that our own way of handling our benevolences is the best and most satisfactory for us and for the recipients of our benefits. That telling phrase, "the failure of the membership at large to contribute" tells its own story and rather suggests that the membership at large was not enthusiastic regarding the building enterprise.

An old friend of this Maine Correspondent, Rev. Marion D. Shutter, D. D., delivered an inspiring oration on the basic things of the United States Constitution, which makes enjoyable reading as it is printed in full in Appendix A of the proceedings. Some question has been raised under the Grand Lodge Constitution as to the legality of the \$12.50 per capita assessment, but the Jurisprudence Committee reported that it was an entirely constitutional procedure. We are happy to see that Minnesota carried on Masonic work at the Rochester Hospital and last year expended \$2,685.10 for this purpose. The Correspondence Committee made a general report covering a lot of ground but making no specific recommendations. One passage of the report is outstanding in its vital truth, "Strong as may be outside forces seeking to overturn our form of government, a greater danger exists in the mental attitude of our people toward the laws. We are not a lawless people, but a people afflicted with too many laws."

A Special Committee on Masonic Home, covers about the same ground as did the Grand Master and again emphasizing the fact that those against the home outnumbered those who paid their assessment two to one. 19,000 paid but 40,000 didn't, which condition argues future trouble in the jurisdiction. Certainly it was not a spontaneous or unanimous movement in Minnesota, and when it came to a vote the \$12.50 per capita was voted down.

The extended report of the Jurisprudence Committee is a careful and conservative document, covering many matters which have been definitely decided with us of this Maine Jurisdiction, and indicates that the difficult

and often delicate questions referred to such a committee become in time the accepted and crystallized law of a Grand Lodge.

These Proceedings are embellished with several full-page cuts and photographs. One of which is especially interesting showing the procession and K. T. escort at the laying of the corner-stone of the New Masonic Home.

The Foreign Correspondent's report is the fifth from the hand of M. W. Brother E. A. Montgomery, and covers 224 pages of Minnesota's proceedings.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is generously and comprehensively considered by Brother Montgomery. Citations of our doings is made and a liberal quotation from the closing of Grand Master Moulton's annual address, while your Maine correspondent is commended for the "usual complete and courteous review" of Minnesota. Several sentences from the foreword on "Masonry, a unifying principle of Protestantism" are given. We are glad to see that Minnesota has severed relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, essentially on the same ground as actuated us a few years ago.

MISSISSIPPI, 1927.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 39,305; net gain, 902. There are 427 lodges on the roll. Three hundred twenty-one were represented at this communication. Fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of forty-six jurisdictions were in attendance. Maine was not represented for which we express our fraternal regret. This communication was opened with an elaborate program of music and speeches appropriate to the occasion.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. John R. Tully, in opening his annual address enforces the familiar Masonic lesson that no institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation, and points out the objectives of the Order, especially as they are related to Mississippi and sees a steady elevation of the standards. He speaks, also, a few incisive words respecting gambling, infidelity and lax morals generally and cautions the brethren against indifference to the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Past Grand Master, Bro. Wiley H. Clifton, who passed away during the year is duly honored and memorialized both by the Grand Master and the Committee of Necrology. We note with fraternal appreciation the inclusion of the names of P. G. M. Waldo Pettengill and Grand Tyler "Win" Howell on this list of the honored "dead of other jurisdictions."

In deference to the clergy he believes that Masonic halls or apartments should never be used for dancing, seeing in such use a possibility of destroying the peace and harmony which ought to prevail.

Among his constructive labors during the year we note that he has constituted two, and organized two, new lodges during the year, while four corner-stones have been laid and three temples dedicated. Under the

caption "Invalids" he cautions the brethren against laxity in the admission of such, avering that ours "is a working organization and not a hospital."

During the Florida Flood \$500.00 was donated by the Grand Master, which was approved by the Grand Lodge. He expresses himself in no uncertain terms against the joint use of lodge halls with other organizations.

It is good to see that at this communication fraternal relations were resumed with New Jersey, a question involving color having severed such in the past. Mississippi was the only Grand Lodge that had not resumed such relations. In the course of his address he recommended that the word non-mason, be used in preference to "profane" which led to misunderstandings and wrong impressions. This was duly adopted.

Grand Master Tully is an earnest advocate of the consolidation of small lodges and recommended that the method practiced in the consolidation of country schools in these days of motor transportation, be seriously considered by the brethren of Mississippi. Adopted.

The Law Committee considered many difficult questions in an extended report, several of these referred to physical qualifications which for the most part follows our own practice in Maine, especially in reference to artificial limbs under control of the wearer. Twenty-eight "Questions," were considered and answered in full, the large majority of which would have been considered and answered in the same way in Maine. Wherever divergence occurred it was referable to difference in Grand Lodge statutes.

Mississippi continues its support of the M. S. A., in an extended report of the committee which is rather enthusiastic about its achievements. The George Washington Memorial is again heartily endorsed and the brethren are urged to get busy with their per capita offerings to this end.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Henry C. Yawn, his eighth annual report. A brief introductory word precedes the formal report in which Brother Yawn pleads with the brethren to understand the purpose of the report that they may "have a clearer conception of what is going on in our great institution, but that upon it will burst the light of a better day." Reference is made to the O. E. S., and Bro. Yawn sees a gradual lifting of the ban by several Grand Lodges under the pressure of the Eastern Star's "earnest and efficient work for humanity."

An original poem entitled "Two Workers" closes his introduction. The poem points the moral that it is a nobler work which a mother does in training a soul than the genius of the sculptor in carving a marble statue. Fifty-nine Grand Lodges in their annual proceedings dealt with in a review of one hundred and seventy pages.

Maine is given careful and comprehensive consideration by Brother Yawn in our One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. Quotation is made from Grand Master Moulton's address respecting life's fugitive hours and the inevitableness of death. Our actions are briefly reviewed with little comment. Your correspondent is praised for "an interesting foreword," and a kindly comment on its essential message is given in a few

lines. Then follows what is always a source of grief to Maine's Correspondent, "Mississippi was not reviewed." In the familiar language of our order, not having received it, how can I so impart it. Always when annual proceedings are "lost in the shuffle" the correspondent gets the gentle reproof. Last year, however, and again this year, we have tried to make amends for this omission.

MISSOURI, 1927.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 113,790; total gain, 554. Number of chartered lodges, 662, all of which made returns. At this session 527 lodges were represented. There were twenty-four Grand Lodge officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, eleven Grand Representatives, ours for Maine does not appear on the list. Among the distinguished visitors were the M. W. Grand Master of Oklahoma, M. W. Brother Earle C. Flesher; the Grand Master of Nebraska, M. W. Brother A. R. Davis, and several Past Grand Masters of these Grand Jurisdictions.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother John Pickard, in his annual address reported the laying of ten corner-stones and the dedication of four Masonic temples and halls during the year. Sixteen pages of his report are given to "decisions," with rather elaborate explanations for them. The large majority are rather obvious and are clearly answered by the code-law which is often quoted. The very first one may be taken as a kind of sample of the whole respecting Life Membership, the Grand Master says that this is provided for by a lodge's own By-laws. He said, "It is solely a matter for each lodge to determine whether it will, or will not, adopt the requisite By-law." Another to the effect that it is not allowable for card games or pool to be played on Sunday in a Masonic club room. Again he avers that the use of the word "Masonic" or any sign or symbol of the Fraternity for commercial or any business enterprise is illegal and those practising it are to be deemed guilty of un-masonic conduct.

Of the Washington Memorial Association he believes that "it is the best qualified to speak and to act whenever American Freemasonry as a whole is called upon for service." An opinion in which this correspondent coincides.

The Grand Master calls attention to the loss of three Past Grand Masters during the year, M. W. Brothers Alexander M. Doekery; the well known and beloved brother who for years was Grand Correspondent Charles C. Woods, and P. G. M. and Grand Secretary Brother Frank R. Jesse. The virtues of these amiable, discreet and exemplary brethren are embalmed in memory and their names recorded in letters of living light by the Committee on Necrology.

Regarding the Masonic Home he says: "We should not permit ourselves to be disturbed by a rumor now and then that there is trouble at the Home," and rightly avers that you cannot bring together such "a large family of the aged and such a great family of children without trouble."

We have noticed this as one of the not infrequent accompaniments of Masonic Institutionalism. When those of unsound mind or cancer patients are rejected, bitter feelings are aroused, lodges are sometimes disrupted and only too often the matter gets into the public prints or on the tongue of ill-report and the Fraternity suffers.

In the Florida Disaster Missouri contributed \$2,525.00 for relief. Grand Master Pickard issued an edict concerning a circular letter sent to the lodges of Missouri by a Baptist minister asking for funds with which to build a temple. He rightly said that this was a violation of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. He rather sharply says, "our approval has not been asked for and will not be given."

In the tragic Mississippi Flood the Grand Lodge of Missouri aided by lodges and clubs, gave the splendid sum of \$30,075.78 for relief. The southeastern part of Missouri was especially ravaged by the waters and relief in that section was immediately forwarded by the Grand Master.

In closing his address the Grand Master refers to the appointment of M. W. Brother Arthur Mather, as the successor of the R. W. Grand Secretary Frank R. Jesse (deceased) and says "we were fortunate indeed to have at hand a man of his calibre." From our knowledge of Brother Mather as Grand Correspondent we feel confident that his abilities and personality will eminently qualify him for this position.

It is with especial appreciation that we notice the names, with appropriate reference to their Masonic labors of our Maine brethren so recently "called up higher," R. W. Brothers Albert M. Penley, William Freeman Lord and Winslow E. Howell. It was fraternally done and Maine cordially thanks Missouri for the courtesy.

Of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association, Missouri takes essentially the same position as Maine; the report says, "we do not favor the undertaking, from a financial standpoint, and we do not believe it is practical as a working basis. We feel thoroughly satisfied that it is not the best way to get results to the individual patient."

A report of a Special Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, covers identically the same ground as Maine in the matter of principles and rules governing such recognition, and submitted by your Maine committee a few years ago. It is a careful statement of such principles and wisely conservative in its attitude.

It is interesting to notice that Missouri still maintains its help toward the orphaned children of France entered into about the time of the World War and that the number has been gradually reduced from fifty to the present number of thirteen.

The annual oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Merrill E. Otis, and deals with the heritage of the past and the obligation and opportunity which confronts us in these days to "carry on." It was a wise and eloquent word and appreciated by the brethren who greeted it with "continued applause."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Rev. Arthur Mather, D. D., for many years Grand Chaplain, now Grand Secretary, and the writer of this report for a few years, during the last years of R. W. Brother Wood's illness.

Brother Mather makes fitting reference to his predecessor and quotes his little poem, "Musings at Eventide" in his "Foreword"

An interesting and informing table of Masonic Statistics, with "a ten year comparison" precedes the formal review. In this "comparison" it is interesting to see that Maine in 1917 had 205 lodges with a membership of 31,328, and in 1927 had 206 lodges with a membership of 43,485. Giving Maine a ten year gain of 12,157. A record in a comparatively small jurisdiction of which we may feel rather proud.

Maine in its One Hundred Seventh Communication is cordially considered by Brother Mather. M. W. Grand Master Dudley H. Ferrell of Massachusetts, is commended for his speech to the Maine brethren, while Grand Master Wilson on "Condition of the Fraternity," is quoted at considerable length and commended for a wise and conservative administration. Our Maine doings are generally commended, indeed, by Brother Mather throughout his report.

Your Correspondent is cited at length and Brother Mather says, "We have greatly enjoyed the report and the comments here and there interspersed. The Foreword on 'Masonry, as a Unifying Principle of Protestantism', is especially interesting and helpful and we wish that our space would permit its reproduction." This Maine Correspondent hereby extends his thanks for his kindly words, and greets him cordially as the new Grand Secretary of Missouri.

MONTANA, 1926.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 20,371; net gain, 396. There are 133 chartered lodges and one under dispensation. There were present nineteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of forty-five jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother Daniel J. Muri, for Maine.

After very delightful preliminary greetings and responses, and the welcoming of the M. W. Grand Masters of North Dakota and Idaho, the M. W. Grand Master Brother Edward W. Spottiswood opened his annual address by expressing his appreciation of the high honor of being chosen as the leader of Montana Masonry for the year. Reference is made to the Grand Masters' Conference in Chicago and interesting account is given of the action relative to the Grand Orient of France and its invasion of American Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania, Iowa, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Minnesota have already severed relations and others are planning to do so at their next annual communication.

The Grand Master urges Montana to make appropriation for the Masonic Relief Association at one-half cent per capita; an action which Maine has already taken. A visitation of each lodge by the Grand Master

at least once in three years is advocated by Brother Spottiswood in his annual address, a task fairly easy of achievement with 133 lodges.

A special report of the dedication of a Masonic Temple in Winnett is given both by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary and indicates an inspiring occasion.

Montana is an enthusiastic advocate of the Order of DeMolay and the Rainbow, the Grand Master seeing in these juvenile organizations a decided step in the right direction for the training of the youth of our day. He says a few sharp words in condemnation of "raffles" and other games of chance seeing in all such things a discredit to the Craft and a possible source of trouble in those lodges which sanction such things. One dispensation was issued during the year for the instituting of a new lodge.

During these sessions several informing speeches were made by the various officers of the other Masonic Bodies in Montana. One of especial interest to us is by M. W. Brother E. C. Day (Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Montana), relative to the Grand Orient of Belgium, with which Maine severed relations some years ago. His statement of facts and marshalling of arguments in Belgium's behalf is interesting but not convincing to this correspondent.

The Sixtieth Masonic Birthday of M. W. Bro. Moses Morris was honored in due form by the brethren under the direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Honors were given, and in response Bro. Morris made a brief but telling little masonic speech which must have held the attention and challenged the admiration of the brethren. After this brief ceremony another similar ceremony was held in honor of those who had been Masons for fifty years, and then for those who had been members of the Order for forty years.

It is good to read that in Montana "during the past year there has not been the slightest ruffle on the placid waters on which we sail," due credit being given by the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Luther T. Hauberg to the splendid seamanship of Grand Master Spottiswood.

A campaign for the Masonic Home Building Fund was conducted which yielded nearly two thousand dollars. Such things indicate the constantly increasing expenditures and necessities of such institutions when once established. Montana's Home seems soundly administered and efficiently financed, however, and we are happy to congratulate them on their good showing in this report. Inference from a report "On Admission to the Home Committee," would seem to show that regulations were needed to avoid confusion and inequalities respecting the admission of the inmates of the Home.

The old site of the first Masonic Temple in Montana has been purchased by the Grand Lodge and steps are being taken to have it properly marked by a monument. The site is located in Virginia City and the price paid was \$100.00.

A strong and manly face rose to memory of this Correspondent when we read that "a memorial plaque to Cornelius Hedges, Jr." was distributed during one session of this communication.

An interesting talk was given by Brother William Pippy, Chaplain of the 163rd Regiment, A. E. F., and Welfare Worker for the Grand Lodge. His labors are at Fort Harrison among the brethren and the work is supported by Montana Masons.

A resolution to make Helena the permanent meeting place of the Grand Lodge was voted down by the brethren. Arguments pro and con were given and finally disposed of by a rather large vote as indicated above.

The M. S. A. received a decided set back, for it was voted to withdraw and that the funds remaining for this purpose be returned to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

Of the George Washington Memorial there seems to be several delinquent lodges and they are given until the next annual communication to make good, when an assessment of the one dollar per capita will be levied upon such lodges.

The Committee on Necrology paid tender tribute to the memory and labors of Past Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Henry Martin Parchen, and to their beloved Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. George David Wolfe.

The formal report on Foreign Correspondence is given by Past Grand Master Brother H. S. Hepner. It is his eighteenth review and shows the experienced hand of a master and veteran. Sixty Grand Lodges are cordially and concisely reviewed and his report covers one hundred and fifty-two pages on Montana's annual proceedings.

Maine seems to find no place in this review for which omission from whatever cause, we are sincerely regretful, for Brother Hepner's reviews are always informing and lucidly written.

In closing his review he includes a brief "afterword," the outstanding feature of which is his tenderly expressed regret at missing every year some old familiar name from nearly every Grand Lodge. How touchingly he expresses the experience of us all of the round table by saying: "We miss the loving chats and kindly banter we had with so many of them in the course of nearly two decades."

Another matter referred to in this "afterword" is respecting education which we feel is beginning to be "an almost frenzied shibboleth of our fraternity." A closing word, like a benediction is this, "May He who guides our footsteps, bless and prosper our great Order." "Amen, so mote it be;" is the response of every true Craftsman to such a kindly benison.

NEBRASKA 1927.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 41,586; net gain, 649. Number of chartered lodges, 291. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four jurisdictions, ours for Maine does not appear in the list of those present, for which we express our fraternal regret.

After a few preliminary words of welcome and greeting, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Edwin D. Crites, delivered his annual address which mentioned with eloquent tenderness the passing of that much loved brother, Past Grand Master Brother Robert Emmet French ("Uncle Bob").

Brother French was beloved by all and his fame had gone far beyond his own jurisdiction and we of Maine send our fraternal sympathy in the loss of this large heart and kindly hand from their fellowship. We shall speak in closing this review of another loss to Nebraska in the passing of Grand Correspondent R. W. Brother Frank L. Haycock.

During the year three new lodges were set to work under dispensation. One new lodge was fully constituted, three corner-stones laid, and one Masonic Hall was dedicated. Among the Grand Master's visits were those as guest of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming and Missouri, and to the Grand Master's Conference at Chicago and the Washington Memorial in Virginia. Nebraska contributed \$500.00 each to the Florida and Mississippi flood disasters during the year. The total contribution for Florida reached the splendid sum of \$3,016.50. We learn also that in addition to this, Nebraska expended over \$100,000.00 in their annual benevolence, a record of which no Grand Lodge need be ashamed. The contrast with our own in Maine, where our numbers are rather more than Nebraska, looks small in comparison. Nebraska maintains Homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth, which from their reports and the Grand Master's statements would seem to be efficiently administered and liberally financed.

Grand Master Crites very cogently and convincingly states his reasons for declining to become a member of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association (New Mexico), which accords with our own attitude in Maine respecting this philanthropy.

His "decisions" are for the most part quite in accord with our own rather conservative practice, but in the matter of physical disabilities he holds to the strict letter of the law as a result of which we find many candidates applying for waiver from Nebraska lodges in order that they may apply to Iowa lodges for the degrees, a practice which the Grand Master believes should be discontinued. A delicate issue surely and one for which much can be said on both sides. He decided that it is illegal for a lodge to sponsor or provide funds for a Chapter of DeMolay, but that it was wholly proper for individual members of the Order both to sponsor and contribute. Perhaps this is a fair way of settling a question which may concern our own Grand Lodge before many years. Among the Grand Master's recommendations is the following, which is respectfully referred to Maine's Charity Committee: "Hereafter in all cases of inter-jurisdictional relief, emergency relief be administered in such amounts as within the discretion of the lodge may seem necessary; that the Grand Master, through the office of the Grand Secretary be forthwith informed of the circumstances of the case, the amount of emergent relief afforded, and that thereafter all inter-jurisdictional communications on the subject shall be with the Grand Master, through the office of the Grand Secretary."

Surely this is a business-like and common sense procedure thus eliminating duplication of charity, excessive expenditure of funds, but perhaps best of all protecting the smaller lodges from imposture and imposition and perhaps in a measure protecting some lodges from themselves. During the course of his address the Grand Master makes twenty-one recom-

mentations, each of which he makes clear by a brief statement of his reasons therefor. The majority of them are conservative and wise and the committee having them in charge demurred by little.

We congratulate Nebraska on the virile report of its Committee on Promotion of World Peace. This is something new in most Grand Lodges and does seem to occupy a real place, this particular report strikes this correspondent as abundantly worthwhile and adds something to our enjoyment and information respecting world affairs. It deals with five vital world topics such as the admission of Germany to the League of Nations, the Permanent Court of International Justice, the Geneva Conference, Premier Briand's overture to the United States, and Col. Lindbergh's Trans-Atlantic flight.

The Grand Orator delivered an inspiring address on "The Spirit of Adventure" in which he traced the early pioneer spirit which discovered our country and settled it through the generations, and pays due tribute to those of our fellowship who have lived their lives in the same spirit. He closes with a rather masterly portrayal of those pioneers of the spirit who leaving the land have conquered the intangible and invisible, in which he gives his praise to the achievement of the "Charley Lindberghs" of the soul.

Nebraska declined to take membership in the M. S. A. at this communication.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Brother Frank I. Haycock, who died during the year leaving his task unfinished. A touchingly tender note by Grand Secretary Lewis E. Smith, tells us of the fact, "his report was not quite finished, when, without warning he was taken from us and his report is published as he laid it down. It is his last written message to the brethren." This Maine correspondent who had come to know him a little through letters exchanged between us respecting his birthplace in Washington County, had come to love him and it was with a kind of moist eyed grief that we read these words of Grand Secretary Smith. "Brother Haycock, born in the rugged hills of Maine, early came west, and was one of the pioneers who helped to develop this commonwealth. He was the type of man we read about; a tall man, rugged and silent; a man who thought deeply, courageously and honestly and who was beloved by his brethren and his friends. His passing is a loss to this Grand Jurisdiction. He will be missed and he will be mourned."

The present was Brother Haycock's third annual review, he having succeeded M. W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt who also died in harness. In Brother Haycock's brief "Foreword" there occurs this passage which after the sad event makes its touching appeal: "It will make our way more pleasant and inspire us to better effort, if you of the unknown and unseen audience, as the "mike" men of the radio say, will freely tell us by letter or otherwise just how our stuff takes you." He now has become in a divine sense, of that unknown and unseen beyond of God, and perchance our thought and fraternal affection like the intangible waves of radio, may reach him "where beyond our voices there is peace."

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially and comprehensively reviewed by Brother Haycock and there is for us a kind of glow and sacred gleam of his immortal presence around the words of his review which we shall enshrine somewhere in our memory and affection. It is a source of quiet happiness to Maine's reviewer that Brother Haycock could close his review of Maine with these words which have a deeper significance than he could have meant when they were written by him: "Brother Smith extends a gracious and cordial welcome to the writer in words that make his work seem worth while, so we hope we may be pardoned for our consolation derived from these little visits." That was a kind of noble *Morituri Salutamus* not soon to be forgotten.

NEVADA, 1927.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 2,890; net gain, 169. Number of chartered lodges, 23. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-three jurisdictions, we fraternally regret the absence of our Grand Representative for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wendell H. Churchyard, opened his annual address with fitting reference to the heavy toll that death had taken during his term of office. Among the great and honored names are those of such well known Craftsmen as M. W. Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth (Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent), Past Grand Master George Gilson and Past Grand Master Frank Bell. Beautiful memorial pages are set apart, and eloquent tributes paid to their Masonic labors and fraternal memories, both by the Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology.

The Grand Master visited the majority of the twenty-three lodges of his jurisdiction and gives an interesting and happy account of each visitation. He sent \$250.00 for relief in the Florida Flood, and \$100.00 for Mississippi flood sufferers, and was cordially commended for so doing by the Grand Lodge. He advocates that the "un-marked and unkept graves of Past Grand Masters, and other Masons" should be suitably marked and cared for and that a committee should be appointed to have the matter in their charge and report at the next regular session. Adopted.

Grand Master Churchyard recommends that Nevada withdraw from the Masonic Service Association. This was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

An interesting and informing Oration was given by the Grand Orator on the theme, "The Mind,—a Working Tool." R. W. Bro. Charles Haseman dealt with the deeper meanings of the inner-life of men pointing the truly Masonic lesson that it is the inward and not the outward qualifications which make a real member of the Fraternity. It was nobly done and touches those elusive and intangible phases of our teaching that are too often ignored and forgotten.

Nevada is a bit hesitant in the matter of the National Tuberculosis Association (New Mexico) although the Grand Master had recommended

membership in it. It is deferred to such time as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge would warrant definite action.

A compilation of the changes in the Code from 1912 has been arranged by the late Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderlieth and is printed in full in these annual proceedings. It follows the usual Masonic practice and usage and is very like our own laws of Maine. It covers nearly twenty pages of these proceedings and will be a valuable book of reference to the brethren and especially to future Grand Masters in their duties.

We miss the bold characteristic autograph of Brother Vanderlieth both as Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent. This writer has come to call him friend and to look forward to his annual reviews which were rather unique and masterly in their presentation of Masonic truth and fact. By one of those coincidences which we do not try to explain our first opening of the Nevada volume was to Brother Vanderlieth's picture surrounded by its funereal border of black, and it was like losing a companion with startling suddenness. His was always a choice soul, loving the best in poetry and literature, and adorning the necrological pages of the annual proceedings with the best from the poets of the ages. A man of real culture and fineness of spirit which this correspondent of Maine will greatly miss. Invariably on receipt of the volume from Nevada we would turn to his report first of all: certain of finding the same quality of inward-life every year. Requiescat in Pace!

At short notice Brother Vanderlieth's place was taken by R. W. Bro. Frank D. King, who reviews seventy Grand Lodges in his report. Brother King has a breezy way of putting his thought and sentiment, which it is a delight to read. Indeed if this report is a prophecy he may give us each year a rather unique and welcome variety to the staid, heavy formalism which too often characterizes our somewhat ponderous productions from year to year. Maine receives twenty-nine lines of quotation from the Grand Master and exactly four lines of original composition. But as Brother King forwarns us about it all in his foreword we have no criticism.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1927.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,440; net gain, 165. Number of lodges on the roll 80, all of which made annual returns. There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Representatives of thirty-six jurisdictions. Ours for Maine does not appear for which absence we express our fraternal regret.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Bela Kingman, opened his annual address by tender reference to those who had "been called up higher" during the year. Among these honored names we notice especially that of the W. Grand Chaplain, Brother Charles H. Farnsworth.

Among the Grand Master's dispensations we notice with especial interest one granted to Rising Star Lodge of Newmarket, to appear in regalia for

the purpose of decorating the grave of our First Grand Master, Major General John Sullivan. We are grateful for this incontrovertible evidence of what we have always maintained that General Sullivan was the First Grand Master of New Hampshire, when many have alledged that his was of the Catholic persuasion misled perhaps by the rich Irish name.

Another thing that pleases us is a dispensation for holding the meetings of a lodge in the vestry of the First Baptist Church, the lodge hall having been destroyed by fire. Forty years ago it could hardly have been, for after the Morgan mess, many good church people believed we were of the Devil and doing his works.

One corner-stone was laid and one lodge room dedicated during this year. The Grand Master thoroughly believes in Lodges of Instruction and reports of the several which were held as being of incalculable benefit to the Craft. Four Centennial Observances were held during the year at Derry, Somersworth, Grafton and Newmarket. The Grand Master sent \$500.00 each to Florida and Mississippi sufferers from the flood disasters. He avers respecting the M. S. A. that "every branch of their work is being carried on in a masterly and able manner." In the Washington Memorial project New Hampshire still leads all our Grand Lodges with 184 per cent. quota paid, while we are again informed that the monument is being constructed of New Hampshire granite, of both which facts the brethren may well be proud. It is hoped that completion will be made by 1932 and that the dedication may be held on the two hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth.

It is with interest that we read that Dr. Joseph Fort Newton was present and talked for an hour to the brethren on their semi-annual communication. A charming forceful speaker and true mason who has done much for the education and inspiration of the Craft and for a broader interpretation of the religion of Jesus not as a creed, but as a way of life.

The eight Masonic Districts are reported by the D. D. G. Ms. in the usual painstaking way and from these reports we learn that our Institution is living in peace and harmony and modest prosperity in New Hampshire.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is written for the twenty-first time by M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney. The following symphony in variagated color is the tribute of the Grand Master to Brother Cheney, who after saying "He is loved and appreciated outside this jurisdiction of ours, if not more than he is here at home," launches forth in this perfect riot of pigmentized poetry:

"His whiskers may be furiated above a tie of vivid hue,
But his cranium's filled with matter gray and his heart is truly blue.
Now with aerated whiskers, and a brilliant old gray head,
And that true blue heart a beating, it may be truly said,
This symphony of color needs a tie of lively red."

That's the outward semblance of Cheney, not the real inwardness of the man.

Maine is dealt with in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication and our doings are invariably commended. Brother Cheney really *writes* his report, there is scarcely anything of the space-filling matter called citation. After due commendation of your Maine correspondent, he says: "We are deeply troubled by the assertion of Brother Smith — 'we love him.'" Well, just what it says in every sense of the dictionary. Like the old "ad," "Cheney — That's all." You remember that "ad" surely!

NEW JERSEY, 1927.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 89,597; net gain, 3,367. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. William Ritchie, for Maine.

Grand Masters were present from Massachusetts, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Texas and were cordially greeted and during the sessions made felicitous speeches. M. W. Brother William B. Mackey, Grand Master of New Jersey, made fitting reference to the passing of many eminent Craftsmen during the year; among these were two M. W. Past Grand Masters, Brothers Alton H. Sherman and William L. Daniels. Our old friend M. W. Robert A. Shirrefs was also among those fittingly memorialized by the Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology. Something of a busy and constructive year is shown by the Grand Master's report that six new lodges were constituted, while five were issued dispensations for organization. Four corner-stones were laid. An extended list of local and out of jurisdictions visitations would also indicate that Grand Master Mackey made full use of his time. The Grand Master is pleased with the showing of New Jersey in the quotas for the Washington Memorial, and was signally honored by being made Chairman of the Memorial Committee to honor Washington's comrades-in-arms who are buried in an old forgotten cemetery in Alexandria, Va. He made a little speech on this occasion in which he said: "In honoring these men who were with Washington through the long watches of the winter nights at Valley Forge, some of whom crossed with him the icy reaches of the Delaware and others of whom in their younger days had fought by his side in the Colonial Wars, and all of whom sat in lodge with him when he presided as Worshipful Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, we feel that we do a deed which the spirit of the great Washington, as it looks down from on high, will applaud, for he thought not of himself first, but of his soldiers and his friends." That was so well and eloquently said that we simply could not refrain from breaking our rule not to employ extended quotations in this annual report.

\$500.00 was given by New Jersey to the Sojourner's Club at Fort Bayard in New Mexico, while over \$10,000.00 was donated for the Florida disaster. High praise and cordial endorsement is given by the Grand Master to the Order of DeMolay and the Order of the Eastern Star, which latter

organization has been a liberal contributor and untiring worker in the interest of the Masonic Home. He sums up the matter of applicants with "visible physical defects" as follows: "Wherever a doubt exists, it should be decided in favor of the Craft." In an interesting paragraph he rejoices at the resumption of cordial fraternal relations, and exchange of representatives, with the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, where relations have been unfortunately severed for several years. We learn from the Grand Master and the extended report of the Board of Managers, that the Masonic Home is in a "prosperous and satisfactory condition." So many are awaiting admission to the Home that enlargement of facilities are increasingly imperative. There are a few excoriating words for those lodges that conduct games of chance and gambling devices under cover of the Order of the Eastern Star. It seems that this was the way that the brethren were "getting by" in New Jersey and when found out, laid it all on the door steps of the Eastern Star. The Garden of Eden gain, "the woman tempted me and I did eat," as old Adam said in extenuation of his conduct in that earthly Paradise and St. Paul evidently was right when he said, it is "hard to root out the old Adam in us," even in New Jersey, he would have added, were he living today and had read this report of the clever Adamic evasion of the brethren.

New Jersey is emphatically in favor of the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association in New Mexico sending to that association the splendid sum of \$15,098.76. We noticed in the New Mexico proceedings that it was this action of New Jersey which heartened and encouraged them more perhaps than any single contribution during the year.

These New Jersey Proceedings are embellished by several full page cuts of new Masonic Temples in various towns and cities of this jurisdiction. In every instance they are gems of architectural beauty.

On the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, \$12,000.00 was appropriated for the ensuing year in behalf of the M. S. A. The same committee took drastic action in the matter of games of chance by recommending that charges of unmasonic conduct should be preferred against any brother who conducts such lottery in the name of Masonry. Adopted.

Sixty-six Grand Lodges were reviewed in their annual proceedings by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This is a joint-review, all members of the committee co-operating although the Chairman R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed wrote that major part of the review. Twelve jurisdictions were, however, reviewed by W. Bro. William S. Hunt, and one, that of Holland, by W. Bro. William VanEerde, all members of the committee. We are especially interested in that of Holland, here we notice that Holland has withdrawn from the so-called International Masonic Association, and again, that Holland temporarily withdrew from the Geneva Conference because of some decisions adopted. Holland is in fraternal relations we believe with several other American Jurisdictions such as New York, Illinois, North Carolina and Louisiana and a few in Canada, our Maine neighbor New Brunswick being we believe, one of these.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially and constructively considered by the reviewer. Our actions are briefly noted and invariably commended. Grand Master Moulton is praised for his conservative attitude in all things Masonic and his conclusion is briefly cited as an example of the proper attitude of our Institution toward every kind of propaganda and schools of various social reform. Your correspondent is commended and regret is expressed that lack of space prevented the "printing in full" of our "Foreword" on "Masonry, a Unifying Principle of Protestantism." The reviewer terms it "exceptionally fine." For which kindly commendation we are grateful.

NEW MEXICO, 1927.

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,578; net gain, 25. Fifty-six lodges are on the roll. There were present six Past Grand Masters. After the usual preliminaries of greeting and response on the part of the Honorable Mayor of Las Cruces and the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Herbert B. Holt, who said in opening his address that next year being the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge the event should be observed with fitting ceremonies and especially by the presence of the brethren of Missouri, which was the Mother Grand Lodge of New Mexico. Two honored Past Grand Masters died during the year, M. W. Brothers Marine R. Williams and Elias S. Stover. The Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology paid tender and eloquent tribute to the labors and memory of these departed fraters.

Three corner-stones were laid, one lodge constituted, and two Masonic halls dedicated during the year. Several dispensations were refused for conferring the degrees "out of time." Among his "decisions and rulings" are those allowing the degrees conferred upon applicants who have lost limbs supplied by artificial means by which they can do the required work of the several degrees, and another decision to the effect that a corner-stone ceremonial being "labor" in the Masonic sense it is not permissible to do it on Sunday. \$1,323.96 was donated for relief in the Florida disaster. Because of heavy drains on the Relief Funds of the Grand Lodge and the tendency of the lodges to throw the whole burden of charity upon the Grand Lodge Fund, the Grand Master suggests that the Ways and Means Committee formulate and recommend some plan of distribution by which the Fund may be protected and the relief made to bear in part upon the local lodge. Evidently he has in mind such a plan as Maine has used for more than a century which works with fairness and equity in this jurisdiction. The Grand Master is elated at the endorsement of the Sanatoria Association by the M. S. A., and also by the fact that during the year twenty-six Grand Masters accepted service on the Board of Governors. Several pages are devoted to this Sanatoria Enterprise of New Mexico which has met with varying degrees of endorsement by American Grand Lodges. Many however, seem inclined to give it their sympathy and little besides. It is a project very near to the heart of the New Mexico

brethren who for years have been bearing the burden of Tubercular patients from all jurisdictions. The corner-stone of this foundation was laid during the year by the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on "the Revolving Students' Loan Fund," as it is termed, shows \$7,377.00 loaned to forty-five college students during the year. The term "Revolving Students" called to mind the last University of Maine Football victory, when a kind of whirling dervish dance was given by the revolving and victorious students.

Twelve letters and telegrams from Past Grand Masters were read regretting their absence from this annual communication.

On motion of the Grand Chaplain, it was voted to observe the birthday (February 22nd) of George Washington the Man and the Mason, by standing "for the space of one minute," during each session of the Grand Lodge which is always in session on that particular day of each year. On report of the Jurisprudence Committee it was decided to mark the graves of all Past Grand Masters of New Mexico.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. W. Brother John Milne, and deals with forty-seven Grand Lodge proceedings, including ours of Maine. Much given to extended quotation, Brother Milne yet chooses the vital issues and problems of various Grand Lodges and occasionally illuminates these with a trenchant comment of his own. Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is considered largely by quotation from Grand Master Moulton's annual address. Your Maine correspondent is complimented for "an engaging and charming frankness."

NEW YORK, 1927.

The One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 329,295. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of ninety-four jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. William J. Moore, for Maine. The roster of Grand Lodges in fraternal relations with New York is an interesting conglomerate polychrome of racial and international complexions. The invocation, printed in full, which opened this communication, was delivered by R. W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., and covered every place and point of our worldwide fraternity in his usual masterful manner. Among the visitors who are greeted, and made eloquent response, during these annual sessions we note especially the names of the M. W. Grand Masters of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut, while it is significant to notice that a Past Grand Master of Victoria (Australia) was also in attendance.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Harold J. Richardson, dilates eloquently in his annual address of the livableness of the Masonic ideals and teachings saying "Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorially observed. It is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by goodfellowship, humanized in charity and dedicated to service." Which is about the basic truth of the matter. Among the many fraters of New York who have passed away during the year we note

especially the name of R. W. Brother Theodore A. Taylor, Past Grand Treasurer and such names as Governor Benjamin B. Odell, and Chief Justice Alton B. Parker. The name of our own Past Grand Master Waldo Pettengill appears on New York's roll of the distinguished dead.

Ten dispensations were issued during the year for new lodges. The Grand Master says of the Utica Masonic Home that "it is doubtful if a more complete equipment is anywhere in existence." He outlines under the caption "Foreign Activities" the obligation which New York is under as "the gateway through which a stream of Masons from abroad is constantly passing" and avers that "much of the clandestinism by which we are plagued originates abroad." He seems to justify their fraternal recognition of many foreign Grand Lodges on the ground that many of these "are faced with a life or death crisis." Because of such conditions in four or five countries he believes that the Foreign Correspondence Committee of New York should visit these lands and make investigation and study of conditions there in order that more intelligent action may be taken respecting fraternal recognition. Which is a splendid and practical suggestion for a large and wealthy jurisdiction like New York which in past years has done very much of this kind of service.

The Grand Master lucidly outlines New York's uncertainty with French Masonry and also the trying problems of clandestinism in this great jurisdiction. However he sees the most "serious difficulties and problem to be in their financial system." A plan is clearly outlined to care for these difficulties which seems to us to be sound and it is impossible to see any other way out of an increasingly embarrassing situation in finances. The Grand Master is an earnest advocate of plural membership.

A multiplicity of various reports are scattered through the volume, and while many of these deal entirely with matters of local interest, a few of them have wider application and interest. We note, for instance, that during the year 5,130 placements were made by the Employment service which is one of the outstanding features of Masonic service in this Great Jurisdiction. An interesting report on the "Cerneau Scottish Rite" degrees which have given New York exceedingly great troubles, and was referred to by the Grand Master, is disposed of by designating them as emphatically clandestine. A Henry Price Medal was graciously presented to the Grand Master by M. W. Brother Simpson, Grand Master of Massachusetts during these sessions. The M. W. Grand Master takes about the same position relative to the New Mexico Tuberculosis Sanatoria, as our own jurisdiction has maintained.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, presents a report which is compact with useful and interesting information. It would be a wonderful document for general distribution as it deals with such topics as Persecution of Freemasonry in Europe, especially dealing with Hungary, Germany and Italy. It covers twenty-four pages of closely printed matter and this correspondent refuses to mar it by citation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother S. Nelson Sawyer who finds much more of readable and interesting topics for notice

and discussion this year as he says in explanation of his extended review. He makes, in his introduction a very practical suggestion, that Worshipful Masters appoint competent brothers in each lodge to make the various matters clear to the brethren in "ten to twenty minute talks," at each communication. Believing that by such a method real masonic light on contemporary Masonic subjects may be diffused. He notes also what has been an outstanding feature of practically every Grand Jurisdiction, the large loss by dimission and n. p. d. suspensions. He traces these losses to two causes, laxity and carelessness in the admission of poor Masonic material, and secondly to "inadequate attention in keeping their membership interested and active."

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially and constructively considered by Brother Sawyer. The high points of the sessions are cordially commended and Grand Master Moulton is cited as a conservative master-builder of the Masonic structure in Maine. An extended paragraph is given to the presentation of the historic gavel presented by W. Bro. Harold E. Weeks during this communication. Your correspondent's report is termed, "one of the very best and most enjoyable of those which have come to our table." Which is high and appreciated praise. This correspondent accepts his slight stricture on the limitation implied in the word Protestantism in his "Foreword," and thanks him for a brief quotation and comment on the closing words of the essay.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 41,643; net gain, 381. There are 442 lodges on the roll. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-one Grand Lodges. We regret to note the absence of ours from Maine.

We of Maine extend our fraternal sympathy to North Carolina in the loss during his term of office of the M. W. Grand Master, Brother John E. Cameron, who died March 28, 1926. And from the various tender eulogies made during these sessions by the Acting Grand Master, the Committee on Necrology and many of the brethren we have some faint idea of what this brother was to the Craft in North Carolina and how irreparable their loss in his sudden passing during the year.

The Acting Grand Master, M. W. Brother J. H. Anderson, after paying simple tribute to the untimely death of Grand Master Cameron, delivered a short business like report of his doings during the year as his successor.

He made eighteen "Decisions" during the year, the majority of which met the approval of the committee and accords with our own procedure in Maine. North Carolina follows our own usage in Maine in allowing a man "with a cork leg to receive the degrees," as with the artificial limb he was able to conform to all the requirements of the fraternity. He also believes that a candidate should be allowed to "affirm" if such an applicant has religious scruples against taking an oath.

The Acting Grand Master gives high praise to the Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic Home, and many pages of these annual proceedings are given to careful, painstaking report of these two great Masonic philanthropies supported by the brethren. North Carolina has a kind of revolving Educational Loan Fund which has achieved much for the training and education of youth and judging from the report of the supervising committee of this fund, which amounts to \$45,000.00, it has renewed itself repeatedly while accomplishing substantial results for hundreds of young men and women. This report is inspiring reading and shows of what kind and calibre our brethren are in this Southern commonwealth. \$2,046.95 was contributed during the year for the Florida disaster. Several lodges were consolidated during the year and the Acting Grand Master feels that this is the natural evolution of things because of the general use of automobiles and good roads which as he expresses it, "has made the existence of weak country lodges unnecessary and ill-advised." He believes that many more should follow the same course to the strengthening of the Fraternity in North Carolina. Happy is the Grand Correspondent who can get the praise of the Grand Master as R. W. Brother J. Edward Allen does in this report as follows: "The work of Brother J. Edward Allen has gained recognition throughout the nation and we are indeed fortunate in having the services of so talented and able a correspondent." A sentiment and conviction that this Maine scribe is happy to emphasize.

But in closing his address the Grand Master is not so optimistic as we might infer from all that has gone before for he gives the brethren this tonic doctrine, "Brethren, let's quite fooling ourselves and look facts in the face. We are in the same state of stagnation we have been for years," and much more to the same effect, with here and there a bright spot to relieve the gloom. He then makes a stirring plea to "wake up" and gives the Grand Lodge a wholesome dose of good counsel. Our own thought is that such a discouraged note is struck by a man whose temperament is of that energetic, idealistic kind, which wants to see big results at once, and takes this way of stirring up his slow moving brethren.

Quite a different note is sounded in the Grand Oration delivered by the orator, Bro. R. H. Wright, who talks on the theme, "The Keystone," and is all encouragement and hope about our own times and the part that our Order is to play in greater achievements.

Wonderful are the numerous tributes spoken over many pages of this volume in praise and appreciation of Grand Master Cameron, and his full-page photograph which adorns the volume bespeaks a man of noble worth, gentle, plain, just and resolute.

Among the distinguished guests at this communication was M. W. Brother Cary B. Fish, Grand Master of Florida, and Brother Benjamin W. Beach, M. W. Grand Master of Virginia. Both of these eminent visitors made thrilling speeches during the sessions.

Not to speak flippantly of so grave a matter we discover on page 168 of the proceedings that the committee having in charge the marking of the grave of "Past Grand Master Smith," reported that "they could not

find his grave." This Maine scribe is afraid his name was John, which might account for the committee's uncertainty. The matter was finally settled by the committee being told to "find the spot that they may mark it, if not, mark as near to it as they can." What was finally done was this, the committee was instructed (mark this splendid generosity as penance perhaps for their uncertainty as to location) to build a "Monument" to his memory. It is difficult to lose a "Smith" anywhere, even in the churchyard, and when we recall the grave to "the unknown soldier" it struck us with a kind of grewsome, ironic humor that North Carolina did a beautifully fitting thing in going the United States "one better" and erecting a monument to the unknown grave of "Smith." This seeming levity may be pardoned when the name is read at the conclusion of this report.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by R. W. Brother J. Edward Allen in a separate volume of simple and dignified format. It is always a pleasure to read his reviews, given little to the mere flowers of rhetoric, he illuminates every topic which he touches with the clear light of penetrating insight. His opening essay is termed "Preliminary Memoranda" and deals in a lucid way with the aims and purposes of such an office as Grand Correspondent. He believes it to be a gentleman's correspondence, urbane, kindly, and constructive even when there is divergences of opinion or criticism of some action. His next essay touches in a vital way on "Some of the Problems which Masonry Must Solve Today." Among these as outlined by Brother Allen he mentions and discusses Education, the Limit of Dues, and urges us all to get "Back to Fundamentals." Another essay deals with what he sardonically terms "Crepe on the Grand Lodge Library Door." The subject itself gives us a hint as to his treatment of the thesis, and it is good reading for every one of us who passes by this opportunity for acquiring Masonic information and a kind of Masonic education.

His review is divided into three sections, the first dealing with the jurisdictions using "other languages than English," the majority of which are Central and South American Grand Lodges; Section two deals with the British Empire; and section three with the jurisdictions of the United States. Comparison as Mrs. Malaprop said, are "odorous," but this Maine reviewer has no hesitancy in saying that this North Carolina review of Brother Allen is a kind of "masterpiece" of this genre, as the painters say. To quote it, or even in this short space to try to write about it, is to mar its almost artistic beauty of arrangement and literary excellence. As Keats said, however, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever, its loveliness increases." So with this review. He adopts a somewhat new method of dealing with each Grand Jurisdiction, a kind of combination of the "topical" review and the running commentary, the more common kind used in this correspondence. Some outstanding feature, either in legislation or some Grand Master's quotation, is taken and dwelt upon from many angles and the result is a real contribution to the Masonic literature of our time. Maine is given nearly four pages, and this Maine scribe is happy that he could select his entire "Foreword" on "Masonry, a Unifying Principle of

Protestantism" and print it in full. He makes a few kindly comments of introduction which we have greatly appreciated. In his closing pages of his review under the caption "In Conclusion," he stirs our "dander" a little by saying, "We sometimes feel quite sure that the task of a Reviewer belongs to some elderly and retired P. G. M." But as this Maine scribe is neither elderly nor retired we forgive him the gentle quip. He too must have some knowledge of modern psychology for he says this wise word about such writing as these reviews require, "Worry being absent, drudgery is not such." No, when we are in the mood, we rise on eagles' pinions to the higher levels of Masonic insight, and then the writing almost takes care of itself.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1927.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Membership, 15,407; net gain, 153. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Edwin A. Ripley for Maine.

After a few impressive preliminary greetings and responses, the M. W. Grand Master, Brother F. C. Falkenstein, called attention in a few touching words to the loss of M. W. Bro. Alexander Barclay Taylor who has died during the year. Something of the inter-fraternal feeling between North Dakota and its Canadian neighbors may be seen by the following words of the Grand Master: May the century of friendship of these peoples living side by side for 3,000 miles in peace and love without forts or guns, constitute the needed example to the rest of the world." If Chicago's Mayor should read that, to us entirely wholesome and harmless sentiment, North Dakota's volume of proceedings for 1927 would come under his ban of anathema.

Something of the constructive labors of the Craft in this jurisdiction are seen in the constituting of two, and the organizing of one new lodge. During the year one corner-stone, and one temple, was dedicated. Among Grand Master Falkenstein's decisions, we note one to the effect that a foreign citizen cannot be made a Mason, "according to our present by-laws." The question arose over one of Canadian birth, the Grand Master avows his conviction that this is wrong, respecting Canadians and suggests than an exception be made in this respect saying that by Grand Master's dispensation, "lodges be permitted to adopt Canadian citizens into membership without the qualification of full citizenship in this country."

Among his many visitations we notice several to Canadian Jurisdictions and one to South Dakota. The Grand Master recommends that all contributions to the Tubercular Sanatoria Association be made through the M. S. A., "thus showing our attitude toward the union of the two institutions." But he believes also that it is their first duty "to keep them in North Dakota, near their lodges, their friends and loved ones" and care for all such at home. \$500.00 was given to the Association last year.

An interesting part of his address is given under the caption, "A Challenge to Our Common Sense." In this paragraph he scores those forces of our

time that are trying to restrict, through State laws, the teaching of scientific subjects in our public school and the Mayor of Chicago " who is trying to drive the King of England out of the schools of Chicago and making this city the laughing stock of the world."

Under " Education Fund " we note with appreciation that fifty-six loans have been made to students totalling \$7,450.00, with repayments to the amount of \$4,816.92. Thirty-seven of these were final settlements. Thus does North Dakota do a practical and worthwhile Masonic service to its youth, and we congratulate the vision of the brethren in this regard.

For the Washington Memorial this Grand Jurisdiction has a 116 per cent. credit on its one dollar per capita. Total payments to date amount to the splendid sum of \$18,056.00.

Maine is always interested in the awarding of the Thompson Memorial Prize in Oratory; this year it was won by Mr. O. E. Belsheim of the University of North Dakota. This annual prize is given in memory of Bro. Frank Jared Thompson whose name is held in honor by the members of the Craft, and by this means linked to every future generation of North Dakota youth.

Under the title, " Non-English Speaking Lodges," the Grand Correspondent, R. W. Brother George Hovey Phelps, recommended that these requests for fraternal recognition be deferred until the report of the Committee of the Masonic Service Association is received. The requests are largely from Central and South American Grand Lodges, and being written in Spanish are largely uncertain to Brother Phelps in their meaning and tenor.

In the course of his report he makes reference to those topics of vital interest to the Craft and has this to say about Masonic Homes and Masonic Charity. We are giving it in full because it is a sound exposition of Maine's conviction in the matter and will make good reading for the Maine brethren, " Another theme, employing most of the loud noise making instruments (trombones and drums mostly?) is what may be called Masonic Charity. The trumpets blare most loudly over the Masonic Homes which are being built or enlarged. One Grand Lodge has assessed every member in its jurisdiction \$20.00 to provide funds for a Million Dollar Home, and by the way, this is the only Grand Lodge which shows a loss in membership during the year and that many subordinate lodges are surrendering their charters. Somebody has prepared a table which I hope is wrong. It shows that there are thirty-eight Masonic Homes in thirty-one States, or that seven States have two homes. They have cost \$20,000,000.00. It cost, the year the report was made, \$3,000,000.00 to maintain them. They care for about 6,000 persons. Or, they are paying \$5,000.00 per capita to feed, clothe and shelter the inmates of these homes. Question: Is that Masonic Charity or Masonic profligacy? On this subject of caring for dependents I have found two widely separated lines of thought and action. One seems to follow the example of the good Samaritan. Find the man who needs help and giving it to him directly, quietly, among familiar surroundings

and in the company of old friends and associates. The other is institutional in character. The dependent is carefully investigated by a Board, and if his needs are established, he is removed from his former location and placed with others to be cared for according to certain established rules, in a place open to visitors who are seeking a certain emotional thrill. Five years reading reports of Masonic Home Boards has not converted me to the latter method. I am more firmly than ever convinced that we are following the right course in looking after these cases, knowing that the dependents will receive the most fraternal and painstaking care and that it won't cost us any \$5,000.00 per capita to foot the bill."

Your Maine correspondent, and the large majority of the Maine brethren will cordially endorse every word of that paragraph of Brother Phelps. And this correspondent has paid him the rather high compliment of making the longest quotation in his six years' service at the Round Table. So vital and common sense a word needs to be spoken, and needs to be read especially by those Grand Jurisdictions that have not as yet launched themselves on this troublous and tempestous sea of Masonic institutionalism which is embarrassing and well-nigh engulfing several Grand Lodges. Brother Phelps significant phrase, "Five years reading reports of Masonic Home Boards has not converted me to the institutional method," is an assertion that this correspondent can heartily endorse, and well may we recall the line of Shakespeare, "Better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of," only we *do know* and that rather too tragically well the problems and issues confronting the majority of Grand Lodges in their maintenance of Masonic Homes of various kinds. Kentucky in the last few years may well serve as a warning in this regard.

Another outstanding subject dealt with by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Richard and is filled with strong common sense and from this too we would like to quote for precisely the same reason as above, but space which has already claimed so much from North Dakota, sternly forbids.

Brother Phelps in dealing with our One Hundred and Seventh Communication makes commendatory reference to Grand Master Moulton's annual address, gives an extended citation from his words on the wholesome conservation of our Institution and altogether seems to like our Maine way of doing things.

Your Correspondent is given this compliment, "It is hard to say which of the Fraternal Correspondence Reports is best, but we confess as great a liking for those submitted by this brother as any that come to us." Being a clergyman, of course, we don't quite like that word "confess," as if it were a sin, needing absolution and we hasten in this confessional of the Round Table to say, that to Brother Phelps it shall be imputed to him for righteousness, and in the "treasury of merit" he has accumulated something substantial.

Brother Phelps closes his genial review by saying, "A Doctor who gave us the once over recently said we had a case of "preacher's throat" and ordered us to stop smoking." This correspondent doesn't see the particular

bearing of this closing sentence but on a venture he hastens to say that in his opinion that particular doctor's advice is, or ought to be, negligible; anyhow *that* "penance" never would have been inflicted by the preacher and we greatly doubt its sacerdotal efficacy when prescribed by a physician on so good a brother as George Hovey Phelps of North Dakota. In the language of the Great Light — Selah!

NOVA SCOTIA, 1927.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 9,820; net gain, 76. There were present two Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-three Grand Lodges, including R. W. Bro. W. W. Dillon, for Maine. According to the annual custom the sermon this year was delivered by R. W. Bro. Rev. Brice D. Knott, Grand Chaplain, who dealt with the deeper meanings of Masonry and life in a clear analysis and closed with an eloquent exhortation to build those more enduring temples of the inner-life, which endure when granite has crumbled into dust.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Arthur J. Davis, in his address spoke of a generous gift of \$2,000.00 toward the endowment fund of the Home at Windsor but is also constrained to say, that "he is unable to thank the lodges generally for having paid their full quotas to the Home." An extension is contemplated to this institution and efforts are being made in this direction. Two Past Deputy Grand Masters have died during the year, Brothers W. H. Smith and James Halliday. For this loss we of Maine extend our fraternal sympathy. The Grand Master visited many District Meetings during the year; full accounts of which indicate the Craft to be in a flourishing condition. Among his rather numerous decisions we are glad to notice that he said "Yes" to a question respecting an applicant "who has lost his right foot above the ankle and has an artificial foot and is able to perform all that would be required of him according to the ancient rites." This follows our Maine practice recently adopted by official regulation. A long list of "Visitations," indicates a busy year for Grand Master Davis.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home report "great disappointment that they have been unable to start building operations," indicate that the brethren are rather lukewarm respecting this project, a condition which too often follows after the first great enthusiasm of building the new building. When once begun it is a steady lift of an increasingly heavy burden from year to year. Three pages of these proceedings are used by the Grand Historian in an explanation of the difference between "garter blue" and "deep royal blue," which doubtless has meaning for the brethren of Nova Scotia but seems rather purposeless to us.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the ten Masonic Districts deal in short reports, quite in contrast with ours in Maine, of their various duties and the standing of the lodges in their supervision.

The Jurisprudence Board reviewing the Grand Master's "decisions" and official acts gave him commendation, demurring but little over his "decisions." One, however, respecting a man whose leg "was off at the hip" which the Grand Master had allowed, was dealt with (and we believe rightly) with decided disapproval. Surely it is hard to see how such an applicant could possibly comply with the acts and requirements of ancient usage and custom in-ritualistic labor.

A motion was carried that when a Grand Representative has been absent three successive years, his successor shall be appointed. Right, we believe.

The Grand Lecturer is happy to report that during his term of office that he has seen a decided improvement in the excellence and standardization of the work throughout the jurisdiction. Our Maine experience would corroborate this.

The report on Correspondence is the thirteenth from the hand of R. W. Brother James C. Jones, who is also Grand Secretary. In a brief foreword he says, "we have refrained pretty well from either comment or criticism, our object being mainly to bring out the sayings and doings of the various jurisdictions." This accords with the general practice, unless something is done or said which seems decidedly at variance with the usually accepted practice and custom of the fraternity. Sixty-three Grand Lodge proceedings are dealt with by Brother Jones in a clear and constructive way. Maine, much to our regret, has no place in his review this year, and we hasten to add, it must not occur again, for these reviews are too good for Maine to lose, and being so near territorilly it is like missing a friend.

OHIO, 1927.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 202,125; net gain, 3,860. In addition to the official family, there were present twenty-two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of fifty-five jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother O. P. Sperra, who is also Grand Correspondent for Maine.

After the usual preliminaries of official greeting and cordial response the M. W. Grand Master, Brother C. L. Minor, opened his annual address by fitting reference to the passing to the higher life of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Ike M. Robinson and Thomas Backus Guitteau. The Committee on Necrology, also, paid eloquent eulogy to these eminent Craftsmen of Ohio.

Among the constructive Masonic labors during the year we notice the constitution of three new lodges, the dedication of forty-six temples and lodge rooms and the laying of twenty-two corner-stones. Among the illuminating revelations of the District Lecturer's reports we see that there is extended delinquency in the matter of arrears for lodge dues, and we read, "in many instances the members were in arrears for twelve years." It is evidence of the value of such reports when such things are unveiled.

A long list of official visitations indicate a busy year for Grand Master Minor and his comment on each visitation shows an enjoyable and profitable occasion in each instance.

Several pages of the Grand Master's address are given to the somewhat extended accounts of difficulties between lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction which make interesting reading and reveal the fact that such difficulties and misunderstandings are common everywhere, and while in Maine such matters are handled by a report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, in other Grand Lodges other methods, with essentially the same results, are used.

Ohio holds to its well defined policy of remaining out of the M. S. A., although the Grand Master was present at the annual meeting of the Association as a kind of "official observer" of the meetings and procedure, at Chicago.

Grand Master Minor recommended that some plan of Masonic education be adopted in Ohio in order that lodges may instruct in the principles of the Order and not merely add names to their membership lists.

A voluminous correspondence relative to the N. M. Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association is included in the address of the Grand Master which tells the old story, with rather sharp criticism of the methods practiced by the New Mexico Association and very decided opposition to the project on the part of Ohio, which coincides with the majority of Grand Jurisdictions throughout the United States. It was, in the opinion of Maine's correspondent, an ill-advised enterprise conducted by rather doubtful methods and is meeting with the usual nemesis of such things in many Grand Lodges. Grand Master Minor closes this subject with clear words as to Ohio's attitude toward the treatment of Tuberculosis, which accords with modern hygienic and sanitary authorities everywhere, probably even in New Mexico.

Brother O. P. Sperra, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee asked for longer time in the matter of requests for fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodges of Belgium (Maine has severed relations within a few years with Belgium's Grand Orient) Valle de Mexico, Egypt, France, The United Grand Lodge of Mexico and Chile. Ohio recognizes the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and Brother Sperra rightly feels "that no change or additions should be made with Mexico." An opinion with which Maine emphatically agrees.

An interesting account of the laying of the corner-stone of the Children's Building of the Ohio Masonic Home, is given, with the speeches made by eminent brethren of Ohio. The account reveals the usual enthusiasm followed by the inevitable assessments for the extension of such institutionalized Masonry. We have noticed the usual course of procedure is something like this: First, a Masonic Home (great verbal furor and general congratulations) in a few years increased assessments for its maintenance; second, a hospital or infirmary annex, great enthusiasm again and general felicitations on the expansion, followed by increased taxation; third, a Children's Home or Orphanage and the same process over again

and by this time an accelerated and often staggering burden of all kinds of increased per capita assessments. Whether such institutionalized Masonry was ever contemplated by the original plan of Masonry may be seriously questioned and it may well be that in the future years it may be the rock upon which Masonry may founder in the engulfing seas of taxation and accelerated financial burdens. How true that old word of Hegel. "The idea creates the organization, the organization smotheres the idea." It seems as if our Institution was showing evidences of this process.

Among the honored guests of this communication was the M. W. Grand Master of Tennessee, Brother H. Lee Fox who was cordially greeted and made an interesting speech during these sessions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Jurisprudence Committee had a few words to say respecting organizations requiring Masonic affiliations of which the following words may be taken as illustrative: "Some of these organizations, have so conducted themselves as to bring upon themselves the censure of the community and reflect discredit upon Masonry in general." And then comes to usual opinion "that something should be done" and the Committee avers its belief that recommendations should be made effecting drastic rules to govern the matter to be submitted at the next Annual Communication.

Under the report on Ways and Means we get the usual story of per capita tax for the Ohio Masonic Home, followed by "special fund from candidates," followed by additional appropriations when we learn that for the Children's Building "there will be a deficit of \$93,000 in the amount necessary to complete the building and furnish the same." This sum is to be taken from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Twenty-four noble pages of tribute are given in a sketch of the life and labors of Samuel Stacker Williams, late Past Grand Master, who has been a tower of Masonic strength in Ohio and has left his name and memory in several substantial philanthropies in this Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Frother O. P. Sperra submits his eighth annual review and deals with seventy-two Grand Lodge Proceedings. We have so frequently mentioned Frother Sperra's work in this regard that a becoming reticence must obtain with us this year.

Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered in its One Hundred Eighth Communication. Grand Master Wilson is quoted and commended at considerable length, while our doings generally have his approbation as he says, "I am still taking off my hat to the Masonry of the State of Maine." Surely, why not, Brother Sperra, we almost think of you as one of ourselves and a cordial greeting is awaiting you whenever you are coming to Maine as in the past happy times.

Your correspondent for Maine is commended for "an able and informative" report on Correspondence and he says several good things about last year's "Foreword" on "Magna Est Veritas," a little essay on Masonic martyrdoms in the generations gone. This correspondent always opens the Ohio volume of proceedings first of all to Brother Sperra's report, sure of hours of enjoyment and constructive masonic information.

OKLAHOMA, 1927.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication. But it must be understood that this is also the Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory and the Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory. The number nineteen gives such a wrong impression of the Masonic years in this jurisdiction, that we have felt it only fair to make this explanation.

Membership, 71,002; net gain, 1,329. There are twenty-two lodges in this jurisdiction which have a membership of over 500. There were present eighteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. Ross F. Terrell, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon, brings the old story in so many Grand Lodges of Masonic Home problems and difficulties, in the opening of his annual address. He tells us that it is the one great issue with which he has had to contend, that "the overhead expense will be increased, and there must be some method provided to increase Grand Lodge revenues to take care of the rapid growth of our Masonic family." He suggests a way out of these increasing financial difficulties of the Home by raising the fee for initiation ten dollars per initiate the same to be given to the Home Fund. About \$20,000.00 per year would be raised by this method, and if we must support such luxuries with their accelerated expenses, perhaps this is the way of least resistance.

Noble memorial pages are given by the Grand Master and the Committee on Necrology in honor of several Past Grand Masters who have died during the year, among these honored names are those of Past Grand Masters William L. Eagleton, Alexis Eddleman and Dr. Charles L. Reeder. A tremendous toll for one year and Maine sends its fraternal sympathy and condolence. Full-page photograph cuts are given of these eminent Oklahoma Craftsmen.

Something of the constructive labors of this Grand Lodge is seen by the report of the Grand Master that five new lodges were constituted, and one instituted under dispensation, while he laid twenty-three cornerstones, one of which was for the Masonic Home for the Aged a recent enterprise of Oklahoma. The Grand Master takes conservative ground in the matter of endorsement of the National Masonic T. B. Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) by saying: "I have declined to obligate the Grand Lodge either legally, morally or financially." Which seems to completely cover the case.

Among his "decisions" is one to the effect that if a man has lost the index and second fingers of his right hand but can given the grip and signs properly, he is eligible. A judgment in which we heartily agree.

A rather drastic recommendation of the Grand Master is that a law should be made, making conviction of felony, when such conviction is complete, to act automatically as a masonic sentence of expulsion. There is much to be said, of course, for this position and perhaps in the last

analysis of things the whole matter hinges on the nature of the case and the type and calibre of the man and brother.

During this communication P. G. M. Brother Joseph S. Murrow, "Father Murrow," as he is affectionately called, was greeted and made brief response. He is ninety-two years of age, Grand Master of Indian Territory in 1877, and in 1909 was Grand Secretary. Our greeting from Maine to the venerable brother is that noble word of the Great Light, "The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness," or in the words of Brother Bobbie Burns, "Blessings on thy frosty-pow."

For the Washington Memorial the collections to date reach the magnificent total of \$32,488.39. The committee finds the usual condition that the large and wealthy lodges "that meet in temples instead of halls treat the repeated requests of this Grand Lodge to join their country sisters with contempt." 'Twas ever thus! A resolution, with "teeth in it" was passed to get at these recalcitrants at once.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Samuel H. Lattimore, delivered the oration covering ten pages. It deals with the vital Masonic issues and problems as related to our duty as good citizens of the Republic and makes inspiring reading and must have held the attention of the Oklahoma brethren.

Nearly thirty pages of these annual proceedings are given to a report of the affair of the Masonic Home Board of Control and other committees and officers of the Home, and indicates an institution carefully administered and soundly financed but like most such Homes needing increased revenues for its maintenance. From a resolution presented we infer that there has been some uncertainty as to who were really eligible for admittance to the Home, and this resolution makes it clear and definite. It was referred to the Committee on Law and Usage.

The twenty-first Annual Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Brother Thomas Chauncy Humphry, is given in the last pages of this volume of proceedings, and maintains its high standard of Masonic erudition and literary excellence. Sixty-two Grand Lodges are cordially and comprehensively considered by Brother Humphrey in this report. Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is dealt with in his always courteous and kindly way. Our "doings" are invariably commended, Grand Master Moulton is quoted anent lodge suspensions and your Maine Correspondent is honored by two extended excerpts from his report on Oklahoma.

Brother Humphrey has a keen and penetrating insight into the essential things of each Grand Lodge and illuminates them with a word of kindly wisdom.

OREGON, 1927.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 29,783; net gain, 814. Chartered lodges, 166. There are three lodges under dispensation.

All the Grand Lodge officers were present, together with nineteen Past Grand Masters, the representatives of 158 lodges and the Grand Representatives of forty-six jurisdictions, including R. W. Bro. L. W. Matthews, for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Edgar H. Sensenich, in opening his annual address called attention to the passing of three Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brothers Charles E. Wolverton, Brenham Van Dusen and James F. Robinson. Fitting eulogies of these distinguished craftsmen of Oregon were pronounced during this communication.

During the year two temple-dedications were conducted and six cornerstone ceremonials were held. One of the outstanding events of the year was the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge. The usual program of speeches and banquet was conducted, and the entire ceremony is given conspicuous place in these proceedings. We may well believe with the Grand Master, that "it was a gathering notable in the annals of Oregon Masonry."

Under the caption "Home Extension" we learn that the Masonic Home is filled to capacity, with many applicants awaiting admission and Grand Master Sensenich avows his belief that it would be better now "to adopt a policy which encourages the aged man or woman who seeks the help and guardianship of the Fraternity, to remain in the environment to which he or she has been accustomed rather than accept lodgings in a new place under strict and strange regulations and away from old ties such as home, friends and acquaintances." It is evidently the Grand Master's contention that such a wise policy will obviate the necessity for Home extension with its increased expenses, but also the humane thing to do as it will keep applicants contented in their old surroundings. Of course the logic of this position is obvious and the question arises in our mind, that if it is better so, why indulge in such extensive and increasingly expensive and expansive Masonic institutionalism at all? This is our Maine way of doing and it has worked well and there is no desire for the institutional method of Masonic Charity. Probably there is much to be said on the other side of Masonic Charity by proxy and officialism, but certainly much of it is a long distance from the original design of the Order, nor is there a hint of it in the early constitutions or any obligation of the symbolic degrees. It was a first-hand, first-aid proposition wherever there was need for it. It wasn't done by committee even, but by John helping James when adversity of any kind overtook him.

Under the topic "When is a Man a Mason?" is ably discussed by the Grand Master and it is good to see that Oregon takes exactly our position by adopting M. W. Bro. Sensenich's view that a man does not become a Mason until after he has received the degree of that name, passed his examination on that lecture and signed the By-laws of the lodge.

An interesting, informative "Oration" was given by the Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Wallace McCamant, on the subject of "Historical Background of Masonry." It is worth printing for general distribution as it

contains in small compass the essential facts and events of history as related to our Institution. In twenty minutes of reading this, one can get more than in many hours of reading from some of our well-known Masonic histories.

We learn from the R. W. Grand Secretary's report that Oregon has paid seventy-six per cent. of its quota to the Washington Memorial.

The Grand Lodge also authorized the transfer of \$6,000.00 from the General Fund to the account of the Educational Fund.

Brother David J. Ferguson delivered an eloquent address on "The Spirit of Masonry," which was liberally applauded by the brethren as it deserved and the address itself is a good illustration of the subject.

The Finance Committee recommended that the venerable Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother J. R. N. Bell, be granted an Honorarium of \$75.00 per month. It was a honor deservedly bestowed upon one who has given many years of unselfish service to the Craft in Oregon.

Many pages of the proceedings are given over to the debate on the question raised by the Grand Master, "When is a Man a Master Mason?" which was finally decided as outlined above and quite in accordance with the Grand Master's suggestions.

These annual proceedings are embellished with several full page photographs of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, events connected with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary and a clear portrait of M. W. Brother Edgar H. Sensenich.

It is good to see the Grand Master appreciating the labors and ability of the Foreign Correspondent, the oldest Past Grand Master in Oregon, M. W. Brother David P. Mason. Brother Mason served as Grand Master in 1884 and has been present at every Annual Communication since that time, a noble and enviable record of which any man may be proud.

In his formal review of Grand Lodges, Maine receives generous and constructive treatment in its One Hundred Seventh Annual Communication. Brother David E. Moulton, our Grand Master, receives cordial commendation for his conservative attitude on Masonic issues, is quoted at considerable length on the subject of "Floor Work." Indeed that particular passage from Brother Moulton's report has caught the eye of many reviewers and has been invariably quoted and commended by Foreign Correspondents.

Your Maine Correspondent's "Foreword" on "Masonry, as a Unifying Principle" is very generously treated being given in citation more than a page of Brother Mason's review. This correspondent has greatly enjoyed the entire review and indeed it is one of the outstanding contributions to the year's Masonic literature.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1926.

Annual Grand Communication, preceded by four Quarterly Communications.

Membership, 207,343. Increase during the year, 3,295. There are 561 lodges.

One of the first items noted in the Annual Proceedings is that \$8,220 has been granted to 532 applicants from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The R. W. Grand Master, Brother William M. Hamilton, in his annual address calls attention to a practice which is of too frequent occurrence "that of having a petitioner in waiting, while action is being had on his petition."

Of "Masonic Homes" in Pennsylvania the Grand Master reports in glowing terms and we read of several building enterprises which have been brought to a successful conclusion, notably the Lancaster County Memorial which is now "fully occupied by guests." The John S. Sell Memorial Chapel is also progressing in a satisfactory manner and by now is probably completed and dedicated. It was given by the widow of Past Grand Master John S. Sell. We read that "the number of guests now in Homes is the largest in its history" we read the old story that the increasing expenditures must be considered as it is "a matter of growing importance."

Of "Appendant Organizations" the Grand Master sounds a note of warning that if these continue to increase, and defy Masonic principles, drastic measures will have to be adopted to curb their activities. A story which we have often heard from every Grand Jurisdiction but about which nothing seems to transpire. Another note of warning is sounded respecting the evil of electioneering. This too has often been sounded with but little done.

Much space and eloquent eulogies are given to the death of that peerless Craftsman, P. G. M. George B. Orlady whose labors are well known and whose name is highly honored in every Grand Jurisdiction. Maine expresses its fraternal sympathy at Pennsylvania's loss.

Grand Master Hamilton speaking of the M. S. A. says it has so far "departed from its original purpose that we have not been able to join in its activities, and our only function seems to have been the payment into its treasury of the annual assessments." A special committee having the matter of the M. S. A. in charge returned an extended report in the same tenor, which the Grand Master includes in his address at the annual communication. Altogether Pennsylvania seems to have had a sufficiency of the Association's activities as at present conducted, but like many other Grand Lodges "will welcome the time, when, recognizing the situation the Association will return to a simple, easily-workable program, in which every Grand Lodge in the Union may have an active part, to the lasting benefit of the Craft." Which clearly and conclusively expresses the attitude of Maine and many other jurisdictions which have withdrawn within the last few years.

Among the Grand Master's decisions we note one against, "the use of song sheets at Masonic banquets with advertisements thereon." Another that a Junior Warden who had built a home and removed to a near-by State, living there with his family, but renting a room and voting in Pennsylvania for the purpose of advancement to the Senior Warden's office, was ineligible as a candidate for office. This being to the Grand Master's mind a clear evasion of his bona-fide residence. In this we

heartily concur. He also decided that the use of lodge notices by Insurance Companies, and book agencies was a clear infraction of the law and was the subject of Masonic charges.

Two lodges were constituted and six corner-stone ceremonials were held during the year.

Practically the whole of the Quarterly Communication on December 1st, was given to voluminous reports of the various Charity and Trust Funds held by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It covers nearly one hundred and fifty pages and indicates conservative administration of these bequests nearly all of which are named in honor of some donor, or near relatives or friends.

There is no extended report on Foreign Correspondence and perhaps the explanation is found in the resignation of R. W. Bro. Thomas F. Penman who for many years conducted the annual review with grace and ability. This Maine Correspondent will greatly miss his contributions to our Round Table.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1927.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 6,842; net gain, 5. There are 102 lodges on the roll. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the representatives of sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother George R. Harvey, Grand Correspondent, for Maine.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francisco Afan Delgado, in opening his annual address speaks optimistically of the conditions in the Islands, of the overcoming of the old prejudices and that the "best elements of thought and leadership" in every community are turning to the Fraternity. During the year three new lodges have been organized under dispensation, while four have been duly constituted. During the year the Grand Master issued one Edict respecting an organization called "Legionarios," which had been copying the Masonic insignia, saying that all of the terms of the Grand Lodge had been complied with by this organization and that, therefore those brethren that had been concerned were restored to Masonic standing.

Out of respect to the memory of our late lamented Past Grand Master, Waldo Pettengill, who was Grand Representative to the Islands, the Grand Master deferred the appointment of another brother to fill the vacancy.

We note with appreciation that this Grand Lodge, which from our conservative Maine point of view is carrying some rather "risky" Grand Orients on their list, has severed fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France for the same cause which has actuated practically every American Grand Lodge, that of invasion of several Grand Jurisdictions.

Nearly a dozen pages of the Grand Master's report covers the old matter of "Shrine Ceremonials," which we infer, from the correspondence which passed between the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Islands and the Imperial Potentate, has been satisfactorily adjusted. It was an exceedingly delicate and irritating situation and seemingly as soon as

the Imperial Council of the Shrine really understood the difficult situation which was precipitated because of their misunderstanding and rather stubborn refusal to see the actual situation, the Imperial Council made the amends honorable by refraining from granting dispensations for such Ceremonials in the Philippine Islands. The crux of the matter seemed to be that Filipino Masons however worthy and well qualified were refused admission to the Shrine, thus perpetuating and aggravating a discord which had been well nigh healed, until these Shrine Ceremonials opened a rather sensitive old wound which was fairly well healed until Pacific Coast Shrines insisted on holding such ceremonials against the wishes of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

A resolution that the Manila Lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Cavite Lodge over the applicants of the U. S. Navy, was not adopted after the report of the Jurisprudence Committee had reported adversely on the resolution.

Much discussion was precipitated by the report of the Committee on "The Cabletow" a paper published in Manila, which was finally disposed of by referring it to the committee for further consideration and study.

The Grand Orator, Brother Eugene Arthur Perkins, gave a brief resume of his Oration which must have held the attention of the brethren as it is replete with Masonic information and eloquent appeals to the highest patriotism. Several pages under the title, "The British Expedition to Manila and Freemasonry 1762-1764," is included in these proceedings and make interesting reading of early affairs in the Philippine Islands.

The new Grand Master, M. W. Brother Joseph Henry Schmidt, in his inaugural address made fitting reference to the duties and opportunities confronting the brethren and spoke feelingly of the opposition to the Fraternity of those "whose minds are saturated with the idea that the teachings of the Fraternity are irreligious and unmoral" and urged the brethren to so live that such prejudices will be dispelled.

The Correspondent's Report is written by Maine's Grand Representative, M. W. Brother George R. Harvey, and covers adequately sixty Grand Lodges, including ours of Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. An introduction deals with several vital Masonic subjects and issues, in a fair, candid and tolerant spirit. He quotes the Grand Master of Texas approvingly when he says, "When Masonry as an organization engages in partisan politics it is on a toboggan slide to a condition of chaos, just as we find in Mexico." And again the Grand Master of Wisconsin who says, "We refuse to recognize foreign Grand Lodges that permit the discussion of political questions in their lodges; why trespass in this behalf ourselves?"

The first item in our Maine review is a tender reference to their Grand Representative, our late lamented M. W. Brother Waldo Pettengill. Grand Master Moulton is cordially commended and quoted and our "doings" generally seem to please Brother Harvey.

M. W. Brother Dudley H. Ferrell's visit with us, and his address, are noticed in a paragraph.

Your Maine Correspondent is given credit for an interesting and instructive Foreword and regret is expressed that the Philippine Islands "escape our notice." The only explanation is that we did not so receive it, therefore we could not impart it to the brethren, but we have tried to make amends this year by this review.

QUEBEC, 1927.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Membership, 14,689; net gain, 537. We learn with regret that Quebec faced "the largest death rate we have ever experienced, being at the rate of eleven per thousand." The Grand Secretary also speaks of an increased suspension list and avers that in his opinion "more of the personal touch, and less of the postage stamp" might remedy this condition. There are eight-four lodges now on the roll, two of which are Under Dispensation. At this communication there were present ten Past Grand Masters and the representatives of forty-five Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother P. W. A. Burket, for Maine. The M. W. Grand Master of Ontario, Brother John A. Rowland was greeted from the Grand East and made fitting response to this greeting.

In opening his annual address M. W. Brother W. J. Ewing, Grand Master of Quebec, made fitting reference to the death of M. W. Brother George Odium Stanton. Memorial pages and an eloquent eulogy by the Necrological Committee have large place in these Quebec Proceedings, in honor of his memory and untiring Masonic labors. Under the caption "Masonic Temple" we learn with fraternal pleasure that "the land has been purchased and plans prepared, suitable for the cite selected, and it is hoped that building operations may commence in the near future."

A long list of visitations to other jurisdictions including those to Ontario and Nova Scotia leads us to hope that Maine being a neighboring jurisdiction may sometime have the pleasure and honor of a visit from the Grand Master of Quebec. He attended three church services with the brethren during the year, at two of which the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Brother W. S. Lennon, D. D., gave the sermon. If Brother Lennon's sermons are of the same quality and calibre as that printed in full in these Proceedings on the subject, "Our Masonic Conception of Life, its Virtues and its Perils," he is an eloquent and vitally thoughtful preacher, of which Quebec may well be proud.

The Grand Master was privileged to institute one new lodge (at Valois) during the year. The great event of the year was the visit to Quebec of the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, M. W. Brother, the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine. Elgin Lodge was the happy host on this occasion. Speeches of greeting and response were made, and the distinguished visitor made an eloquent address during the session. A group of "unaffiliated colored Masons" requested a dispensation to form "a colored lodge" (whatever that may really be) in this jurisdiction and were rightly refused on the ground that it would be "recognizing distinctions of

race and color." Such the Grand Master avers would be "contrary to all British Institutions."

The various D. D. G. Ms. of Quebec gave clear and vital reports of their various labors in their respective districts, which read much like our own in Maine and indicate painstaking care in the administration of their office.

The Committee on Charity and Benevolence expended during the year \$1,400.00, account of which are given (under initials) in its brief report.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. Prother E. T. D. Chambers and deals with sixty Grand Lodge Proceedings. He speaks nobly of the addresses by Grand Masters, Grand Orators and leading Craftsmen in these sixty jurisdictions as a kind of liberal education in Masonry and beautifully quotes old Izaak Walton's words, "that the pen which writes them must have been formed from a feather that fell from an angel's wing." We have often had the same thought, especially when reading each year these correspondent's reports. Especially may we say of Brother Chamber's report year after year, the angels must be moulting somewhere around Quebec which fact can only account for the excellence of his reviews and especially the writing thereof.

Maine gets a touch of the angel's wing in Brother Chamber's review of our One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication. While the review is, what some one once termed the State Papers of President Coolidge, of "adequate brevity" we do wish there was a little more, although this Maine Correspondent has no complaint as half the review is given to his work. As neighbors across a rather shadowy boundary line perhaps an angel's quill or two may drop near us some day when there will be a marked improvement in these Maine reviews. In the meantime, Brother Chambers, let the angel's feather in Quebec run a little longer in a neighborly kind of way.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1927.

The Yearly Communication, preceded by the Half-Yearly Session.

Membership, 13,093; net increase, 635. There were 1,004 initiations during the year.

These annual proceedings of South Australia are embellished by numerous cuts of the New Freemason's Hall, Adelaide, showing a building of impressive architectural beauty and dignity, a delight to the eye and joy to the heart in its spacious interior views of the various apartments. The Lodge Hall showing southern and eastern sides is a room of simple dignity, as is also the Hall of Fame which is to be the depository of Historical Records. On either side of this hall at its entrance are two stately records of Honour giving the name and service of those who served in the World War.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address which was read by the Deputy Grand Master, because of his illness at home, called attention to the fact that while the net increase as given above was satisfactory, yet withal there was a removal during the same time of 750 names which is a cause of grave concern. He believes this loss attributable to two causes which are

suggested in the following questions: "Are we making Masons of the right material, and are we making the best use of the material when we have acquired it?" He then advocates more social intercourse and believes that the banquet table may be made a source of interest along these lines and produce friendships which will give increased incentive to attendance,

During the year one new lodge has been organized, several new lodge rooms dedicated and then follows these words respecting the New Temple: "The progress in the new buildings has been somewhat slow chiefly owing to the inability of some of the sub-contractors to deliver material as required." A full account is given of the dedication of several of the apartments of this New Temple, a simply ceremony of dignity and meaning. These apartments are named the Way, Simpson and Glover Rooms, after well known brethren of the Grand Lodge. Full page pictures of these three eminent Craftsmen of South Australia are given in the proceedings.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Thomas Slaney Poole, M. A., LL.B. was unable to be present at these ceremonies of dedication and it is our sad duty to say that shortly afterward his decease was announced to the brethren and touching memorial words are included in these annual proceedings in honour of his life and Masonic labors. Maine sends its deepest fraternal sympathy in the loss of so noble a man and efficient a Craftsman. The last pages is a touching "Addendum" of these services of memorial. The eulogy fittingly closes with the closing lines of Tennyson's Ode to the Duke of Wellington, and the entire eulogy is a masterpiece of its kind. A Lodge of Sorrow was held on Thursday, June 2, 1927, a full account of which is given. A picture of the late M. W. Brother, one of His Majesty's Judges of the Supreme Court of South Australia, occupies a place in the account of this service in the Lodge of Sorrow.

The Review of Correspondence is an able account of the doings of the various Grand Lodges and covers nearly one hundred pages of these annual proceedings. It is by far the most adequate Correspondence Review which we receive from any of the Australian Grand Jurisdictions.

Maine is given ample space and comprehensive treatment at the hands of the reviewer. Our Grand Master is commended for his careful and conservative attitude in Masonic affairs and his words on "Floor Work" are especially commended by the writer of the review. He also sees "some food for thought" in Grand Master Moulton's message respecting lodges engaging in outside matters or connecting themselves with so-called schools of reform. A few words of his conclusion are quoted. A few citations are made from your Maine reviewer's references to South Australia. Altogether these annual proceedings are a credit to this Grand Lodge so far away from us in miles of space and yet as we read them we are again convinced of that essential truth of our Institution that we are very near to each other in those spiritual attitudes and evaluations which are the basic realities of Freemasonry whether in Maine or South Australia.

The brethren of this Grand Lodge are of those steady masonic minds, that lose not faith in that essential Masonic principle of equality under liberty.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Ninetieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 29,753. There are three hundred and forty-nine lodges on the roll, three of which are under dispensation.

There were present seven Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-eight jurisdictions, ours for Maine does not appear, for which we express our fraternal regret. After a brief program of devotional exercises, the M. W. Grand Master of Georgia, Brother A. G. Miller, was greeted from the East by the Grand Master and made fitting response in well chosen words which touched the vital realities of our Institution.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Charlton Durant, in opening his annual address spoke of ours as a spiritual institution which succeeds only as it develops inward growth of manhood and character. He warns the Craft against meddling with politics or trying to influence legislation in the name of our Order. South Carolina contributed \$1,683.91 toward the Florida disaster and praised the M. S. A. for its activities during the Flood and said, "I think we should continue our support."

Something of the constructive labors of Masonry in this jurisdiction is seen by the Grand Master's account of the laying of seven corner-stones, the dedication of one temple, the constituting of two, and the organizing of three new lodges, during the year.

An interesting situation arose with an applicant who was rejected in Pennsylvania seven years ago, and as Pennsylvania claims perpetual jurisdiction over its rejected material, the question was asked can the South Carolina lodge act on his petition? The answer was that the lodge should respect Pennsylvania Masonic Law, although at a later time the Grand Master of Pennsylvania informed him, that by request the Pennsylvania Lodge holding jurisdiction could by vote waive their objection. It has always appealed to us as rather unjust and arbitrary to hold such perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates as it might irrevocably shut the door on an applicant, who, after leaving their (Pennsylvania) jurisdiction, had lived down any former unworthiness and had become an upright and exemplary citizen. Surely the Craft puts itself in the position of retarding and discouraging the very thing that it was founded to develop and establish. A paradoxical situation, and in its nature quite un-masonic.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the twenty-five Masonic Districts submitted brief reports which indicate careful and painstaking labor loyally performed.

Much attention is given in South Carolina to Educational Work and well-defined plans and programmes are recommended for the various lodges.

One outline is given which is suggestive of the kind of thing that ought to be done everywhere, but it is safe to assume that in South Carolina as everywhere else, it is not an easy matter to compass. This Grand Jurisdiction has a splendid relief fund of \$139,969.45 and dispenses its charity and relief in the same human and direct way that has characterized Maine with no splurge about it. The entire report reads very much like our own.

An eminent visitor in the person of the M. W. Grand Master of North Carolina, Brother John H. Anderson, was cordially welcomed and made brief but eloquent response.

We note an interesting situation which arose in one lodge (Columbia) which lodge asked the Grand Master if they could exempt Ministers from dues who lived in Columbia and charge those living outside, and the Grand Master allowed that by a change of their by-laws it could be so provided. The Jurisprudence Committee, rightly to our mind, disapproved of this decision. As a matter of cold fact, the writer of this correspondence for Maine (and a clergyman too) has little patience with such exemptions on clerical grounds. Let each man pay his scot and lot, and then if his services are needed let him be properly and fairly remunerated for such. Surely this ought to apply whether the lodge engages a carpenter, or plumber, a lawyer or a clergyman. It is his belief that nine out of ten ministers are manly enough to take that position.

We said so much last year in appreciation of the writer of the Report on Correspondence that, while we reiterate every word of that, we must put the "soft pedal" on our words this year. Past Grand Master, Brother J. L. Michie, reviews sixty-five Grand Lodge Proceedings in his usual efficient manner. Maine is given three pages of worthwhile reading and review. The vital matters are comprehensively considered and comment made thereon. Your Maine correspondent is very generously given two pages of the review of Maine. Kindly comment and quotation is made from his "Foreword" of last year and a little good-natured "give and take" banter passes between us, which lightens all such reviews.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1927.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,683; net gain, 51. Number of lodges, 176; two of which are under dispensation. There were present twelve Past Grand Masters and the representatives of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, ours of Maine was absent, for which we express our fraternal regret.

We note the presence of three D. Vs., M. W. Brothers John Pickard of Missouri, and Frank C. Falkenstein of North Dakota, and also Brother Walter L. Stockwell, P. G. M., and Grand Secretary of North Dakota.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Leonard M. Simons, in his annual address speaks interestingly of the growth of Masonry for over fifty years and that with all the pioneer and later movements in the State, "Masonry has been identified and its membership in the forefront."

The Grand Master paid tribute to the passing of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Edgar D. Brookman (1905) and Theodore Dwight Kanouse (1890). The Committee on Necrology also paid fitting tribute to the labors of these two eminent Craftsmen and the Grand Lodge set aside several pages of their proceedings in honor of them. Two clear cut photographs are given of these men of sterling worth and integrity.

Four new lodges were constituted during the year. The Grand Master advocated the retaining of the M. W. in office for two years, instead of one, in order that he might visit every lodge in his jurisdiction and as a

matter of efficiency because "one is really just beginning to grasp the work of the office when his time of service is over." He recommends this extension of two years. Not adopted. Maine has for many generations used the two-year term on exactly the same grounds suggested by Brother Simons.

The Grand Master attended the annual Grand Master's Conference held at Chicago (1926) and made a lucid report on its doings. At the same time meetings of the M. S. A., The Sanatoria Association, and the Washington Memorial Association, were held and the Grand Master reports on all of these in his annual address.

Among the items of interest in Grand Secretary Pettigrew's report is the granting of a dispensation for one new lodge, and the receipt of a bequest of \$2,000.00 for the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. His report also shows \$759.50 contributed for the Florida disaster, and \$2,875.30 for the sufferers in the Mississippi Flood.

An interesting and truly eloquent Oration was given by the Grand Orator, Brother Charles S. Hall, on the subject "Faith in the Future." We have read it through carefully and are prepared to say that it is a message of vision, with unflinching faith in the coming of a larger brotherhood of humankind. Its thought is basic in the principles of our Institution.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that fraternal relations with a lodge in Belgium, be not established on the ground that this lodge does not require belief in deity. Maine severed relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium several years ago on this and other substantial grounds. South Dakota took the same action in respect to the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

\$150.00 was donated to the Sanatoria Association in New Mexico.

The Correspondence Review is written by R. W. Brother Arthur H. Tufts and covers sixty-nine jurisdictions. Maine is cordially and constructively considered in more than two pages of this review. He touches the vital points of our One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication, but makes little comment or citation. The only quotation is one of the five lines from our report of last year. Our Foreword of last year is called a "delightful prelude" and then he discovered by internal evidence, (as the Higher critics term it), that the writer was a clergyman "to whom we would like to listen, which view was confirmed when we saw the prefix and suffix to his name. Should we add much to the fine things said of his work we fear he might need a larger hat. We read and enjoyed every page of his review." As to the listening he does not need to come to Maine but just to tune in on Station W A B I, Bangor, Me. (389.4 meters W. L., 770 kilocycles) any Sunday morning at 10.30; and about that "larger hat" we recall something about South Dakota, Calvin Coolidge and the famous "ten gallon hat" during the President's sojourn there last summer and if the fine things said by Brother Tufts really take such hydrocephalous tumerosity that "ten gallon boy" is what we're going to need.

We have carefully considered that phrase in the above sentence and the dictionary approves. Anyway, Brother Tufts, this Maine correspondent heartily thanks you for your appreciative words.

TENNESSEE, 1928.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Communication.

Membership, 50,674; net gain, 652. There were present all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, one hundred and forty-one Past Masters, forty representatives of other Grand Lodges and the representatives of four hundred and forty-eight lodges.

It is interesting to notice that \$90,000.00 of the entire amount appropriated (\$101,600.00) was for the Widows' and Orphans' Home. Something of the constructive labors of the year are indicated by the organizing of one lodge under dispensation, and the restoration of three charters, while one hundred and sixty-three certificates of proficiency were issued. Two charters were surrendered and two others arrested during the year.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother H. Lee Fox, in opening his annual address referred in fitting terms to the decease during the year of one Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Milton H. Price, who died in Oakland, California. A touching memorial was prepared by P. G. M. W. Taylor and read during this communication. We read also that nearly \$5,000.00 was contributed to the Mississippi Flood victims. This Grand Lodge of Illinois made a generous contribution to Tennessee for this purpose. The amount was \$2,500.00 and about half was used in the western counties of Tennessee, while the remainder will be used in due time for the same purpose.

The Grand Master severely censured one lodge for sending out a circular letter to the lodges, while the Jurisprudence Committee put the matter rather tersely by saying, "It was clearly within the right of the Grand Master to have arrested the charter of this lodge for violating the law."

The Grand Master ruled that a member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues because he refuses to pay an assessment levied by the Grand Lodge, when the By-laws of the constituent lodge, approved by Grand Lodge, expressly forbid it. Which seems like a self-evident proposition. There are ten pages of the address dealing with such matters under the heading "Rulings" most of which, as we have perused them, would seem almost as obvious as the above mentioned instance. As the code language is given in many instances it is difficult to understand how such questions could be referred to the Grand Master if the Code had been even casually read.

Evidently some gossip has started in Tennessee respecting the Widows' and Orphans' Home as witness this report: "Your Joint Committee recommended a thorough investigation that the truth or falsity of the serious charges may be shown and that such investigation shall include real conditions of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and said committee shall enter upon the discharge of its duties without any preconceived opinions as to the truth and falsity of the allegations." Such things are often circulated respecting such institutions and perhaps is one of the incidental penalties which Masonic institutionalism is bound to pay.

Membership is continued in the Masonic Relief Association.

Past Master Brother C. H. Smart submitted his third annual report as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee dealing with sixty-four Grand Lodge Proceedings. In a brief "Foreword" covering various themes, Brother Smart does not "view with alarm" the quite general dropping off in membership on account of suspensions but believes it an indication of a return to "normalcy." It is interesting to note that "forty-five Grand Lodges in the United States, all of them save Kentucky, show a gain of 66,219, while Kentucky shows a loss of 4,866; a net gain of 61,353. Kentucky's loss is on account of an assessment per member of \$20.00 for the million dollar Home." Our comment is, another penalty for too much Masonic institutionalism!

Brother Smart quotes with approval Brother O. D. Street's dictum respecting the K. K. K. that "a Mason cannot be a Mason and a Ku Klux." A rather extreme statement perhaps in view of the fact that some of them are. Other matters dealt with by Brother Smart in his "Foreword" touching upon Dispensations and Waivers and M. S. A. and the Washington Memorial.

Maine in its One Hundred Eighth Annual receives generous treatment both in space and subject matter. Grand Master Wilson is quoted and cordially commended, and two-thirds of the review is given to your Maine Correspondent review of last year. Tennessee recognizes the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and Brother Smart enters into a little argument in its defense to which argument we heartily agree at least to the extent of saying that Maine, if under a compulsion of choosing anyone of the numerous contenders for Grand Lodge Jurisdiction in Mexico, would choose the same Grand Body which Tennessee has selected. But as Brother Smart has generously conceded that "Maine can do as she wishes," we'll let it go at that.

What we have enjoyed at Brother Smart's hands is the light airy way in which he takes issue on several topics and especially respecting educational matters around Boston, that 'seat of culture, Modern Athens and hub of the universe' to which he should have added that seat, centre and soul of Mayor Curley's minions and flashing satellites of the unterrified etc." And then Brother Smart says this beautiful thing: "Nashville is called the 'Athens of the South, etc.," we have heard the same in Atlanta and several other southern cities, all true perhaps, but the Scripture says, "many are called but few chosen." And again, if under compulsion we had to choose any, of course it would be Nashville.

We have enjoyed the little contention for Southern Athenic glory; and crown that beautiful city of Nashville with Grecian bays, and Brother Smart as a kind of *Advocatus Parnassus* with Olympian honors.

It is with fraternal regret that we note the appointment of Brother Smart's successor in the person of M. W. Bro. John T. Peeler of Huntingdon as the writer of reviews for next year. It will be a source of regret not to have our little good-natured argument about matters Masonic or otherwise in the future years.

TEXAS, 1927.

The Ninety-second Annual Communication.

Membership, 144,748; net gain, 940. There are 990 working lodges. Besides the Grand Lodge family, there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-six Grand Lodges, including R. W. Brother S. M. Bradly (P. G. M.) for Maine.

After delightful preliminary features the Grand Lodge was addressed by M. W. Brother A. M. Childers, Grand Master, who spoke in eloquent terms of the loss of Past Grand Master Bro. George W. Tyler. Due tribute was paid by the Necrological Committee to the life, labors and Masonic achievements of M. W. Brother Tyler.

Under the caption "Storms and Floods," we learn of cyclones which visited several parts of the State of Texas and of the donations of Grand Lodge for these calamities, and also for the Mississippi Flood which was so near geographically that it appealed in large figures to the brethren of Texas. Of the use of the word "Masonic" for commercial enterprises the Grand Master says some deserved words of admonition and recommended a very clear prohibition in this respect which was adopted by the brethren, the only exception is in the use of the words as applied to Hospitals under Grand Lodge sponsoring.

Something of the constructive labors of this Grand Lodge is seen in the constituting of eight new lodges, the laying of forty-two corner-stones and the organizing of seven new lodges under dispensation.

The Grand Master under the caption, Masonry in Mexico, gives a most illuminating account of the evasions of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico respecting invasion of jurisdiction, which is but confirmation of the chaotic condition of affairs Masonic in that Republic. By contrast the York Grand Lodge of Mexico shines in noble splendor. Texas severed relations with Valle de Mexico, and to us on warrantable, substantial grounds and extended fraternal recognition, "without reservation" as the Grand Master expressed it, to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. This latter was in fact a restoration of former fraternal relations; severed under misconception and misunderstanding, a few years ago. Maine's attitude is frequently quoted by the Grand Master as for instance when he says: "Texas stands practically alone in her recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and that such recognition is withheld by the Grand Lodges of New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Virginia, and others whose jealousy for the strict conformity to the usages, customs and ancient landmarks of Masonry have put them in the forefront of English speaking Grand Lodges of the world, should be persuasive that we are engaging in too much of an experiment to continue recognition in the face of the many irregularities already pointed out." It is, by such commendation that Maine's perhaps ultra-conservative attitude in extending recognition is abundantly justified. Again Maine's standards of recognition are quoted by a full page of the Grand Master's report by which citation he justifies his recommendation for fraternal recognition of the English

speaking, York Grand Lodge of Mexico. These were the standards submitted by your Maine Committee last year and adopted by our Grand Lodge and it is good to see such principles and standards recognized as sound and binding on other Grand Lodges besides our own. This Maine correspondent is bound in fairness to say that the only item respecting the York Grand Lodge of Mexico which deters your committee from such recognition, is the question of derivation, the issue of paternity.

Several other alleged Grand Lodges of Mexico, viz: Tamaulipas, Cosmos, and Occidental Mexicana asked for Texas' recognition but were cautiously "deferred."

Among the Grand Master's recommendations we note with interest that of one dollar per capita for a tuberculosis Relief Fund, and for other 'malignant and incurable disease.'

The R. W. Grand Orator, Brother Alva Byran, delivered the oration dealing with the early history of our Institution, especially in America and drawing lessons and duties for our own time. It deserves especial comment and justifies numerous quotations.

Other instructive addresses were made by the M. W. Grand Masters of Louisiana and Mississippi. M. W. Grand Master Brother Edwin Gale of Louisiana in his address made reference to Maine in the Mississippi Flood disaster as follows, and we assure him that he is absolutely right, "It is this magnificent feeling (of brotherhood of sympathy), this feeling of contact, this break-down of bars, this cementing of the ties of brotherhood, this feeling that the boys of Maine are shoulder to shoulder with us, and elbow to elbow with us — that is the greatest of inspiration that I have in this day of changing times and conditions."

An interesting and voluminous report of the Directors of the Masonic Home and School, with report of its Superintendent and Treasurer, indicates sound administration, careful management of details and expenditure of funds.

The report of the Correspondence Committee deals with fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions and is by the hand of the Chairman of that Committee M. W. Brother W. M. Fly (P. G. M.). Brother Fly tells us that it is "his second annual review" and while we knew that as a matter of fact, the whole report is so much like that of a veteran and seasoned hand that what the Biblical scholars term "internal evidence" would lead us to say he had been at the work for many years doing this kind of superlatively good work.

An interesting "Foreword" gives his reasons for the review, his method of handling the material and his purpose in bringing these resumes of fifty-nine annual proceedings to the attention of the brethren of Texas. It is a sound word on such topics as Masonic Education, the Washington Memorial, the Tubercular Sanatoria (N. M.). Of this latter he said, and it is applicable to all Masonic philanthropy, such "things must of necessity depend upon the masonically enlightened mind and quickened heart." Too often we forget that basic truth and rely too much upon the machinery

of institutionalism and charity by proxy, much of which might readily enough come under the condemnation of that couplet of O'Reilly:

"Our organized charities, scrimped and iced,
In the name of a cautious, statistical Christ."

Maine in its One Hundred Eighth Annual Communication is comprehensively and generously considered by Brother Fly. Grand Master Wilson is commended for a conservative administration, citation is made from his excellent analysis of the "Condition of the Fraternity" in our Maine Jurisdiction. He is commended for his prompt donation at the time of the Mississippi Flood and for his few decisions during the year. He pays Maine a high, and we believe deserved compliment by saying: "Truth is, we have come to expect nothing short of a fixed determination on the part of the Grand Lodge of Maine to adhere to Masonic principle and masonically approved custom." Your correspondent is quoted in toto, respecting principles of recognition, indeed Brother Fly is more than generous in giving your Maine reviewer more than one-half of his nearly five pages of review of Maine. Fine words of fraternal appreciation for his last two "Forewords," liberal citation from each, are accorded by Brother Fly for which courtesy we thank him.

Our various comment on the procedure in legislation in Texas is commented upon and altogether Maine seems to have delighted the Texan brethren in general and their foreign correspondent in particular. Our "anticipation of able reviews in the onward years from him," has been amply justified in the present volume.

UTAH, 1927.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication.

Membership, 4,937; net gain, 119. Number of lodges, 25; with an average membership of 197. There were present fifteen Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of twenty-five jurisdictions, ours for Maine was not present, for which absence we express our fraternal regret.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Fred Morgan Nye, called attention to the passing of a distinguished frater in the person of Past Grand Master Brother Alvin Charles Emerson. During the year he visited every one of the twenty-five lodges composing this Grand Jurisdiction. Six of these are in Salt Lake City. Among his decisions is one that the loss of a thumb on the right hand does not render a man ineligible to the degrees. He called attention to the building of the New Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City which is now under construction. Impressive full page pictures are given in these Proceedings of the ceremony of corner-stone laying and other exercises, while a picture of the Temple when completed shows a building of architectural proportions and impressive dignity of design which is a delight to the eye. The new building means an expenditure of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. We learn with pleasure that it is fully financed and without any bonded debt. Another temple was dedicated during the year in the town of Price.

The Sanatoria Association (New Mexico) was favorably considered, and a five cents per capita was assessed for this purpose this year. \$150.00 was donated for the Florida disaster during the year. Under the caption, "Kaibab Caravan Association" we learn that again this year the brethren visited the Kaibab Forest in Arizona and "conferred the Master Masons degree." This was done under dispensations from the Grand Master of Utah and Arizona.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother Dana T. Smith, submitted his report dealing largely with the activities and aims of the M. S. A.

The Grand Secretary, Brother Sam Goodwin, in his annual report calls attention to a surprise which awaited him on Christmas morning, when he was called over the telephone "on a matter of business of some importance," arriving there he was held in his office for a short time while matters were being arranged outside and finally conducted to the steps of the temple "by a goodly number of interested friends, on the pretext that we were all to pay a visit to the Crippled Children's ward at the hospital — and then — the surprise. There on the sidewalk, at the foot of the steps, was a fully equipped five passenger sedan, everything complete." Such is the story of the surprise and a good indication of the high regard and affection held by the brethren toward their Grand Secretary.

Just what became of a resolution (page 65) submitted allowing members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, or Mormons, to become Masons, we do not know, the last we can find of its disposal is this, "Motion to refer the same to the Jurisprudence Committee was lost." We wonder if that finally disposes of a resolution in Utah. We suspect that its fate was a foregone conclusion and so perhaps not considered.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence as usual is by P. G. M. Brother Sam. H. Goodwin. It is of the same high excellence both in thought and expression as has always characterized his work through the later years.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially and constructively considered. The conservative attitude of Grand Master Moulton is commended and several citations from our annual doings are quoted and tacitly commended. A good one-half of the review is given very generously and graciously to your Maine Correspondent. And this after having no review of Utah for that year! But like the Christian gentleman which he must be he does this "heaping coals of fire" act. The fact is we did not receive it, so we could not so impart it to the brethren. Brother Goodwin is especially kindly to this Correspondent in his references to his "Foreword" on Masonry, a Unifying Principle. What a pleasure it is to get Utah's proceedings and turn to these pages of Brother Goodwin who "touches nothing which he does not adorn." No wonder they gave him that sedan! and our Christmas wish (for it is Christmas, 1927, when we are writing this) is, May you live long, prosper and ride in state in that Hallelujah Chariot!

VERMONT, 1927.

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Membership, 19,263; net gain, 322. Number of chartered lodges, 103. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives of thirty-five jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother George I. Whitney for Maine. An interesting fact is that P. G. M. Brother Eugene Stafford of the Philippine Islands was a visitor and guest on this occasion. Others eminent in the Craft were M. W. Bro. Theodore Foster, Grand Master of Connecticut with his Grand Secretary Bro. George I. Kies, and both Grand Wardens from New Jersey. All of these made speeches during the sessions of this communication.

One of the briefest and best annual reports from a Grand Master this year was that of M. W. Brother Frederick H. Babbitt. There was little of the embellishments of rhetoric or oratory, but a sinewy business-like document such as we like to read. An interesting paragraph is the account of his visit to Alexandria for the Washington Memorial Association. The contrast with the ordinary run of such reports is refreshing. Good old Yankee thrift is shown in his words about the repairs of the Temple, we like it: "These repairs seemed necessary and advisable to the committee for the proper conservation of the property." And again we learn, "a profit on the whole building of \$2,475.81 is shown for the year by rentals." When we read that we glowed with the Yankee thought, this is Cal Coolidge's state and it runs in the blood. Under "Charity" the Grand Master believes that the income from the Permanent Charity Fund should be made usable at once for insistent and worthy cases. This is our Maine way of doing with no thought of that expensive and alluring luxury, a Masonic Home. We infer from some references in these Vermont Proceedings that some of the brethren are beginning to talk about a Home and using this Permanent Fund for it, and if so, it might be well to obey the admonition of the Great Light, and "sit down and count the cost" not only for the structure itself, but for running it after it is built. It has been conservatively figured over the country that institutionalism in Masonry costs \$5,000.00 per inmate in American Masonic Homes, per annum. This being true, Yankee thrift in Vermont and Maine will think and ponder a long time before engaging in such elaborate and expensive luxuries.

During the year the Grand Master sent \$200.00 to both the Florida and Mississippi Flood victims. A closing paragraph on what constitutes a qualified and proficient Mason is worth pages of the usual oratory on this subject. From the Grand Treasurer's report we learn that the Charity Funds in Vermont amount to \$126,047.58. It is good to see that Vermont is against dual membership. It voted, also, not to join the M. S. A., under recommendation of its Jurisprudence Committee.

Several pages of these annual proceedings deal with the reports of the thirteen D. D. G. Ms. and read much like our own in Maine, and indicate faithful and painstaking Masonic labors loyally performed.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. Brother Archie S. Harriman and adequately deals with sixty-three Grand Lodges. In his

brief Foreword he says this worthwhile and vital thing: "We are gradually being swamped with the multiplicity of the demands with Emergency Funds, Educational Loan Funds, Hospital Funds, etc., the time seems almost here when no poor man can become a Mason. No longer will it be true that "Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor." It is a warning word spoken in season.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially considered by Brother Harriman. Our acts are uniformly praised, quotation of Grand Master Moulton's words respecting degrees by courtesy is given large place and especially his attitude on Masonry refraining in engaging in all kinds of social and economic reforms. Your correspondent is credited with "a clear, comprehensive and beautifully written report." After extended citation from last year's "Foreword" on "Masonry, a Unifying Influence," Brother Harriman makes facetious reference to Rebekah, and than said as if to show his knowledge of Biblical women, "Rahab is another." Another what? Fie, brother, Rahabs biblical or modern must be forgotten.

VICTORIA, 1926.

Four Quarterly Communications.

Membership, 42,090; net gain, 3,698. Our Grand Representative for Maine, R. W. Brother C. T. Martin, was present at these various communications.

It is interesting to notice in the R. W. Grand Secretary's report that twelve new temples have been erected, making 117 in the entire State. Their estimated value in English pounds is 500,000.

The retiring Grand Master, M. W. Brother, His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, make a little speech on his relinquishing his office which he has held for four years. He is returning to England. In this validictory he urges the brethren to consider the value of founding Masonic Schools for Girls and Boys, patterned after those in New South Wales which have been producing excellent results in training and education. His speech is filled with crisp sentences like the following: "Freemasonry has stood the test of time, it has withstood criticism and has come through the fiery furnace of adverse opinion unscathed." Occasionally he quotes some worthwhile aphorism like this from Aurelius: "Every man is worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself."

The new Grand Master, R. W. Brother William Player Brice, was installed by the Earl of Stradbroke, and after his installation said a few words in good taste and full of vital meaning for the brethren of the Craft, respecting the aims and ideals of our Institution in Victoria. In closing he makes an urgent plea for care in selecting building material for our Fraternity, and warns against haste in acquiring new material, but believes it should be well seasoned before being considered fit for the structure.

A delightful series of greetings from sister Grand Lodges of Australia was an impressive feature of one of these quarterly sessions. As last year

warning was sounded against the publishing of Masonic information in the daily press and it begins to look as if the Board of General Purpose might have to take drastic action with the offending lodges and recalcitrant brethren.

At the last quarterly meeting the Grand Master had the pleasure of welcoming Lord Somers, Governor of the State of Victoria, to that communication. Fraternal words were spoken and greetings and felicitations extended. "Ladies and children" are rigidly excluded from Victoria lodge rooms, the Grand Master's admonition is as follows: "These lodge rooms are consecrated to Masonic purposes and should be regarded as 'Holy Ground' and be open at any time to brethren of the Craft only."

At this last Quarterly Communication, His Excellency, Lord Somers, was chosen as M. W. Grand Master. He then in a brief speech appointed Bro. William Player Brice, as his Pro Grand Master. Like a true soldier The Pro. Grand Master replied to his appointment: "I have served as an active Grand Officer under Lord Brassey, Lord Carmichael, and the Earl of Stradbroke, and it will afford me great pleasure to serve under His Excellency, Lord Somers."

It is interesting to notice in Victoria's list of lodge names that there are scores like our own in Maine and give this correspondent a kind of home-like feeling in thinking of these so dear and familiar names so far away across the myriad miles of space, almost the antipodes.

The Correspondent's Report is written by each Grand Representative of their respective jurisdictions. This makes for variety of course, but also for unevenness in literary expression. Maine's review is written by our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. C. T. Martin, and is very brief, covering about two inches of space. Yet for all its brevity it is a kindly fraternal word that is spoken.

VIRGINIA, 1927.

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication.

Membership, 47,659. There are 354 lodges carried on the roll. There were present nine Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of twenty-two Grand Lodges, including ours for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, B. W. Beach, speaks of the loss to Virginia in the passing of M. W. Brother R. T. W. Duke, during the year, a Past Grand Master who was held in great affection by the brethren. Three corner-stone ceremonials were held during the year one of which was for the George W. Wright Tubercular Pavilion at Charlottesville, a full page picture of which building is included in these proceedings. This is a Masonic undertaking and is now completed and we can agree with the Grand Master when he says to the brethren, "if we had done nothing else but this we should feel proud of this achievement for the alleviation of suffering and distress."

We note in the Grand Master's decisions that Virginia holds to a strict interpretation of the law and landmarks respecting physical disabilities.

Virginia places a \$2.00 per capita on its members for the expenses of its Home, which the Grand Master calls "a small pittance." Truly it looks large and generous to us of Maine with our fifty cents per capita. Still under our system we find it ample, perhaps if we were in the Home-business and indulging in that expensive and expansive luxury of Masonic institutionalism we too would be talking, under the pressure of economic necessity, of \$2.00 per year as a niggardly pittance. So far, however, Maine's sanity and conservative way of seeing and doing things has withheld us from the institutional fallacy. Virginia's Grand Master recommended an increase this year in the per capita for Charitable purposes, the old story of mounting expenses with the years. Another recommendation is that of consolidating lodges because of good roads and quick travel of these modern days. We learn that "too many dead lodges are not functioning at all." We notice that this is often, not a consequence we do not say, but a concomitant, of heavy Masonic Home taxes in very many jurisdictions. Kentucky is a living example of this, with a loss in membership of over four thousand and a Million Dollar Masonic Home, at the same time. \$20.00 per member may possibly have some bearing on this notable loss in membership.

The Grand Master calls attention to so-called Insurance Companies for Masons only, and warns the brethren that such companies have no official connection, with, or endorsement of, the Grand Lodge. We are glad to read these words: "The Grand Lodge of Virginia does not endorse business ventures of any character, nor does it lend its name or influence to any commercial business of any kind. I fear some of the representatives of these companies in their enthusiasm promote their own interests at the expense of Masonry, and I feel that action should be taken to prevent or check as far as possible, these tendencies to modernize or commercialize Masonry."

We note with fraternal regret (and best wishes for immediate recovery) a resolution of affection and solicitude for the grave illness of M. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston (P. G. M.) and Grand Correspondent of Virginia. An able Craftsman and noble man whose labors have been large and permanent in the annals of this old Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A report of the Masonic Relief Foundation of Virginia makes interesting reading of the varying institutional activities several of which have been noticed in the above review.

The D. D. G. Ms. of the sixty Masonic Districts of Virginia are given—these are brief but cover many pages of the Annual Proceedings and indicate painstaking labors unpretentiously but faithfully performed.

A complete roster of the officers and membership of each Virginian Lodge covering 475 pages of the proceedings appeal to us as a fertile field for the above mentioned "Masonic Insurance Companies," and any kind of a business enterprise which cares in their "enthusiasm" as the Grand Master very charitably terms it, to circularize that field. It appeals to us of Maine as a standing persuasive invitation to the enthusiastic

brethren of business enterprise to work the field for a rich, varied and abundant harvest.

Here are 47,659 names and addresses of leading men of each community.

M. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston (P. G. M.), writes the correspondent's report dealing with thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions. Maine seems to have no place for which we express our fraternal regret. We may say with a touch of irony that good brother Eggleston opens his review with no "Foreword" for which we express our regret. But as he deals in sinewy English and illuminates a score of Masonic topics in his various reviews our regret is mitigated by the valuable contribution which he always makes when discussing Masonic themes. We regret to see the following words closing his somewhat curtailed review and which no doubt accounts for the omission of Maine. "Owing to the illness of Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston this report is not complete." This Maine correspondent hastens to extend his and the Grand Lodge of Maine's heartiest wishes for recovery and as this is being written on December 20, 1927, to greet him with the season's heartiest good-will and the New Year's blessing.

WASHINGTON, 1927.

The Seventieth Annual Communication.

Membership, 47,818; net gain, 1,409. There are 265 lodges on the roll. There were present twenty Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Thomas E. Skaggs, for Maine.

After brief preliminaries of welcome and response the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Walter F. Meier, opened his annual message by interesting reference to the Alaska Lodges under the Washington Jurisdiction. He visited these ten lodges during his term and gave an enthralling account of his reception, and the incidents occurring during his trip. Grand Master Meier's address is the longest in our six year experience of reading Grand Master's annual reports covering sixty-eight closely printed pages of these annual proceedings. Many matters which with us would have been excluded find place and the reading (if so be that it was read in toto) must have been a somewhat trying ordeal for the brethren. Yet it is filled with interesting events and incidents, embellished with numerous cuts of the M. W., shaking hands with other Grand Masters of other jurisdictions. One especially intriguing photograph is that of the M. W. coming out of a snowbound country by airplane. He is shown in the act of "alighting from the plane with his pilot." Another picture is that of the seven Meier Brothers in full lodge regalia after giving the M. M. Degree to one of the candidates. Another picture shows a group of Grand Masters, including the ubiquitous M. W. of Washington after their reception at the White House. Another shows the M. W. in a tomb, Washington's Tomb, at Mt. Vernon, placing a wreath of what is called in the text "Washington Greens," on the sarcophagus of President Washington. Another picture of the M. W. at another tomb, that of the mother of Washington at Fredericksburg,

Va. Altogether we get a fair idea of the face and figure of the M. W. Grand Master of Washington in various postures and with dignified gestures of eloquence and command. A little overdone from our staid conservative Maine way of doing things as we do not recall Maine's proceedings ever carrying full page photographs of its M. W.

Six corner-stones were laid during the year. His "decisions" are in the majority of cases in accordance with the established usage and custom of the Fraternity. From our Maine point of view many of these questions would never have been asked, so clear and well established are the ancient landmarks in our old jurisdiction.

An interesting and rather trying situation arose with New Mexico in connection with the activities of the Sanatoria Association of that State. The Grand Master avers that "fraternal relationships were threatened and for a time I fully expected that it would be my duty to sever fraternal relationship with that Grand Lodge." He is glad, however, to report that the situation did not reach that crisis and that finally the matter was amicably settled by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico disavowing the excessive and rather invasive activities of the Association. Several pages of his address are given to this situation and the progress by correspondence in adjustment of the difficulties.

An extended account of the Washington Memorial, the Grand Master's Conference and events connected therewith covers several pages and includes two of the above mentioned photographic embellishments. It is interesting to see that constructive Masonic labors have been going on during the year to the extent of six lodges constituted and three organized under dispensation.

Washington is providing a new Masonic Home at Zenith it having outgrown its old quarters. A full page photograph of this appears with the full text of the M. W. Grand Master's dedicatory speech on this occasion. It is a dignified and impressive structure. We read, however, the old story of new sources of income for its support. Here are his words, "there will be a very substantial increase in the cost of operation of the New Home, and I believe we should increase the donation required of each petitioner. The donation, or tax, is now ten dollars, and the indications are that this will be doubled with proportionate increase from other sources of revenue.

Among his specific recommendations we notice the ever recurring cipher or key, which he recommends be made the object of Masonic charges if any brother is found guilty of violating this provision.

The Grand Master in a page of matter takes strong position against a Masonic Employment Bureau. His argument is cogent but hardly convincing, for there is much to be said on the other side of so debatable an issue.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that the New Home will cost when "completed and paid for" about \$800,000.00. A tremendous burden for a Grand Lodge of 47,818 members. Maine with 6,000 less members has no thought of dispensing Masonic Charity after the institu-

tional method. Indeed it is the conviction of this Maine correspondent that institutionalism in Masonry may become so top-heavy as to bring down the whole Masonic structure in ruin if carried to excess.

A most interesting and readable report of the Grand Historian, W. Bro. Charles M. Sherman, deals with the early events which finally established the Grand Lodge. It is a fascinating narrative of the pioneer spirits of Washington, and pictures of those strong pioneers are given which it is ennobling to see. A score of pages is given to this early history and closes with this benediction of approval which we reciprocate: "All hail the noble work of these illustrious brethren." Amen — So mote it be.

The Grand Orator's address was delivered by Bro. Stephen F. Chadwick and traces the source of much Modern Masonry to the old charges and shows the practical and livable principles which are imperative in all Masonic ages and in every clime where an altar of our Masonic faith is raised. A tender and touching tribute in memory of the life and labor of Past Grand Master Brother John Arthur is given which appeals to us as of rather unusual fervor and eloquence. This was delivered by M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Taylor.

We especially like the attitude of the Foreign Relations Committee in refusing the request of one of the altogether too numerous alleged Grand lodges of Mexico, it is essentially the same as our own. The committee report closes by saying, "we feel that the Grand Lodge of Washington can wait until these difficulties be ironed out, and Mexican Masonry made to conform more nearly to modern Masonic ideals before we offer them special recognition." The only fault we find with it is this — why *modern* Masonic ideals? Hasn't this been the attitude of the Masonry of all time and doesn't the duty seem clearer as we recede from our modern era?

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Home we learn that the cost of maintenance totalled \$25,190.12.

The Jurisprudence Committee was supported by the Grand Lodge in its attitude toward such things as "Begging and Business Letters" under cover of the word "Masonic" and also opposed the use of the word or the emblem in the numerous other ways in which it so commonly abused and misused. Indeed we like the conservative Masonic way which this Committee on Jurisprudence has in dealing with the issues and questions of our institution. That committee would feel perfectly at home with us of Maine.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is written by M. W. Brother Edwin H. Van Patten and is an excellent example of what a report of this kind should be. He prefixes an interesting "Foreword" on the appendant orders basing themselves on Masonic membership and utters some wise and telling words on this subject. This for instance is a good figure with which to describe them: "In a sense they remind us of the tropic vines which cling to the mighty trees of the forest for support, until there comes a time when they choke the tree to death and rise above its ruins in parasitic strength and usurped grandeur." That is graphic and too tragically true!

Maine is cordially and constructively reviewed in nearly three pages of Brother Van Patten's report. He opens in this delightful way which wins us at once: "Again we have the pleasure of reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that far Northwestern State, from which have come some of the sturdiest characters in the Masonic life of America." Friendly and fine! Grand Master Moulton is commended for wise conservatism and the reviewer uses little of quotation. He *writes* his report. Your correspondent is credited with "a well-sustained and able report," and briefly quoted.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1927.

Annual Communication, preceded by three Quarterly Communications. Membership, 7,667; net gain, 397. There are 126 lodges on the roster.

At the First Quarterly Communication an interesting opinion is quoted by the Board of General Purpose to the effect that under the Worker's Compensation Act a lodge comes within the statute. The Tyler and Organist being remunerated are necessarily employees. It appears that lodges are thus bound by what in the States we would term the Employer's Liability Act. During the Second Quarterly the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Most Rev. C. O. Riley, D. D., LL. D., O. B. E., V. D., Archbishop of Perth, spoke in the highest terms of the Masonic growth of New South Wales, where he had been on a delightful fraternal visitation. He said, "I gathered that the Craft, particularly in New South Wales, had made wonderful strides during the past eight years, although the progress in Western Australia is just about the same proportionately to population." Even so, we might venture the opinion that perhaps Western Australia's growth was quite as wholesomely conservative, for there is such a condition as growing so fast that "growing pains" like those of boyhood, may be produced in the Masonic body.

Something of this wholesome attitude is seen in the report of the Board of General Purposes that those who had proposed the name of a candidate for the degrees, who had later been suspended for non-payment of dues within a few months of his being raised, were severely censured. We read, "The Board was of the opinion that through the negligence of those directly concerned the best interests of the lodge and of the Craft generally had not been safeguarded, and therefore the proposer and seconder, as well as the three members of the Committee of Inquiry, were deserving of censure. There was evidence of gross carelessness in inquiry into the candidate's circumstances." This Correspondent of Maine is of the opinion that if this drastic but justifiable thing was done in many American Jurisdictions, there would be a tremendously large class of the brethren open to censure.

In the Third Quarterly, the Grand Master calls attention to the remarkable fact that during the twenty-seven years of the existence of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia he has been in office and for the last twenty-one years as M. W. Grand Master. A record of which any man may well be proud. He says, however, like a good brother of the Craft, that this must be his last year as it is time that a younger man had the place.

The Grand Master refers to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that, "the work of reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges be undertaken by ONE reviewer in place of seven." We believe it to be the better way as by this method in the hands of a competent brother there is uniformity of literary method and a common basis of Masonic thought and erudition.

A rather generous attitude of Western Australia is indicated by the following words relative to New South Wales: "The Grand Lodge of Western Australia will not oppose any claim on the part of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to regard the Federal Territory of Canberra as being within its jurisdiction." This attitude goes back to an agreement with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, made several years ago at the time of the entente.

At the election the brethren paid no attention to the Grand Master's wishes relative to retiring on account of age, and triumphantly and rather adroitly elected him unanimously before he knew what was going on. In a graceful speech after the event he bowed rather charmingly to the inevitable.

During the year two new lodges were "consecrated and dedicated" as the phrase is there, our common term is constituted. One hall was dedicated.

A beautifully worded greeting and address to "Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of York" visiting in Australia was presented. A phrase may be taken from this greeting: "It is an added pleasure to know that Your Royal Highness takes a great personal interest in Freemasonry, and occupies with so much acceptance a high and responsible position in our Society, which we believe makes for the peace of the world."

At this Annual Communication we learn with pleasure, and greet with fraternal welcome the appointment of Wor. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon, P. S. G. W., to the office of Grand Reviewer, or Foreign Correspondent as we would term him in the States of America. The appointment continues, at fifty pounds sterling, at the pleasure of the Board of General Purposes. A hearty fraternal welcome, R. W. Brother Archdeacon, to our Round Table of Reviewers, is the Christmas wish (this review is written on Christmas Day of 1927) of this Correspondent of Maine.

A report of the Grand Inspector of the Workings notes progress in benevolence, a strengthening of finances and an increase "in inter-lodge visits." The attendance at lodge meetings is only fair and "capable of much improvement. We are rejoiced to learn, "that there is a splendid spirit of fraternity in all the lodges." And this last is basic and best for it connotes all the other things. At this Annual Session the various District Deputies report equally favorable affairs in the various jurisdictions.

The first report of the new appointee of Foreign Correspondence is an enjoyable and comprehensive review. There is a distinct and noticeable gain in this way of having a single reviewer. He opens with a three-page "Foreword" which is happy in its choice of themes and of high excellence as a literary essay on several topics common to the Masonic

world. He notes and analyzes the "marked decrease in the net gains in membership" throughout the various Grand Lodges, and rightly avers that this is no sign of weakness but as he expresses it, "a hopeful sign for the future of the Craft everywhere."

He then dilates on the efforts being made for Masonic research and education and carefully computes the gains being made in this respect.

The closing extended paragraph is a noble comparison of the two great Masonic Memorials being erected in the New and Old Worlds. The Washington Memorial in America, and that of King Edward the Seventh, Peace Memorial. His words are a noble tribute, with no petty discrimination in praise of either, to the spirit of Freemasonry which could produce and erect such memorials in honor of its great Masonic Masters in England and the United States.

Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication is cordially considered by R. W. Brother Archdeacon. Extended citations from Brother Grand Master Moulton's annual address are made especially on the conservative attitude which our Institution should ever maintain toward so-called social and economic reforms. An interesting excerpt is made respecting the gavel-presentation, which was so saturated with sentiment appealing to any loyal British subject that he could not refrain from comment. Your Maine reviewer is given one of the three pages allotted to his Maine review. Our "Foreword" is termed excellent, liberal extracts are printed and we are given credit for a review "full of shrewd, kindly and at times strongly humorous comment." Maine is commended for its conservative ways, which pleases us immensely, indeed if we should receive praise for anything else we would be rather troubled and disturbed. Welcome, R. W. Brother, may you live long to write such worthwhile and kindly reviews!

WEST VIRGINIA, 1927.

The Sixty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 34,048; gain during year, 571. Whole number of chartered lodges, 166. There is one lodge under dispensation. The entire number of 167 made returns. There were present beside the official family, sixteen Past Grand Masters, and forty-three Grand Representatives, ours for Maine, did not appear on the list.

M. W. Brother William Taylor Workman, Grand Master, died during his term of office and noble reference is made to his labors by the Acting Grand Master, M. W. Brother F. W. Van Horn. A photograph of Grand Master Workman is given with a beautiful "In Memoriam" tribute of two pages setting forth his character and career and closing with these eloquent words of the last book of our Bible: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them"

Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother William K. Cowden, presented the annual address of the late Grand Master. The opening and conclusion of the address were written by M. W. Brother Workman on the day before his death, and was found written in pencil by Brother Cowden. His words,

therefore, have a special significance and hallowed meaning. It will be a kind of sacred privilege to quote a few of these words which seem touched with the light of prophecy, "What of the future, dim and unknown, in the years that lie ahead of us? One thing is certain: no matter what chances and changes the coming years may bring, the Temple of Freemasonry will stand for the reality of the Love of God: for the dignity and worth of man: and for old time-tried tenets which were true ages ago, and will be true in ages yet to come."

Another noble Craftsman, M. W. Brother George E. Thornburg (P. G. M.) was also called into the near-beyond during the year.

Among the constructive labors of the year we notice the laying of thirteen corner-stones, and the organizing of one new lodge. \$1,500.00 was donated to the Mississippi Flood relief. Among his "decisions" we see that an applicant whose leg is off below the knee and who wears a cork leg is ineligible, and another who has lost his second, third and fourth fingers (the thumb and index finger alone remaining) cannot conform to the requirements of the ritual and is ineligible.

Grand Master Workman urges the brethren to fulfill their obligation to the Washington Memorial by paying their one dollar per capita "without further delay."

We are glad to see the name of R. W. Brother Martin L. Porter of Danforth (Maine) as West Virginia's representative with us. We assure West Virginia that their confidence is not misplaced as Brother Martin Porter is one of the strong men of our Grand Lodge and always present at our annual communications. West Virginia will be adequately represented near the Grand Lodge of Maine.

West Virginia's attitude toward the Tuberculosis Sanatoria (New Mexico) is like that of the large majority of American Jurisdictions which feel that the best way is to handle their own cases in their own way at home.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is written by M. W. Brother L. N. Tavenner, Chairman of the Committee and covers sixty-four Grand Lodges. In a brief introduction Brother Tavenner says several worthwhile things, one of particular interest respecting the giving of grand honors to the various heads of Concordant bodies while the Grand Lodge is in session. It has always appealed to us as poor taste and rather a farcical performance at best. It is never done in Maine.

He also sounds the usual note of warning against mingling in politics or trying to influence legislation.

Maine is cordially and comprehensively considered in its One Hundred Eighth Communication. Grand Master Wilson is quoted at considerable length and commended for his conservative attitude in Masonic problems and issues. The rules governing the distribution of our Charity Fund are cited. Your Maine Correspondent is credited with "a fine report" and several references are made to his position on mooted questions. We have read with pleasure and profit Brother Tavenner's report and consider it one of the high-water marks in this year's Round Table Correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1927.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 58,826; net gain, 1,839. There are 302 chartered lodges. There were present seventeen Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, including R. W. Brother George B. Wheeler for Maine.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother D. H. Mooney, in opening his address pays fitting tribute to the passing of W. and Rev. Charles A. Adams, for many years the beloved Grand Chaplain, and also to M. W. Brother Bernard F. Keeler, Past Grand Master. The Committee on Necrology also memorializes their labors, and two full page photographs give us some insight into the kind and quality of Masonic manhood which Wisconsin has lost during the year.

The heart of the Fraternity responded to the Florida and Mississippi Flood Disasters to the extend of \$4,834.70 in the former case, and \$3,000.00 in the latter.

The Grand Master's twelve "decisions" are clearly expressed. We note especially his answer to the query respecting a divorced wife of the brother having masonic aid, he says that such a divorced wife would have no valid claim, and that any action taken by the lodge must be on purely sympathetic grounds.

During the year four new lodges were organized under dispensation, while corner-stones were laid for three new temples, and nine were dedicated.

The Masonic Service Bureau, we learn from the Grand Master and later from the Manager, is doing efficient work in behalf of the brethren.

Happy the Foreign Correspondent who can earn this following tribute from the Grand Master: "M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks has prepared as usual, an interesting and instructive review of the doings of other Grand Jurisdictions. I earnestly urge every member to read carefully this very interesting report." Maine's Correspondent congratulates Brother Jenks on this official recognition of his abilities and long and honorable service.

Lodges recalcitrant in the matter of sending representatives to Grand Lodge are brought up with a round turn by the Grand Master and the matter given consideration on the floor of the Conference.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Home makes a splendid report of this institution which is efficiently financed and administered. The excess of income over expenditure is \$8,761.92 in this administration, and marks an exception in the usual conduct of such philanthropies. Scores of pages are given to the affairs of the Home which make interesting reading and indicate the love of the brethren for it.

An interesting report of a Special Committee on Centralized Budget for Maonic Activities was given, and it certainly shows the need of such centralized administration for six various relief boards, working at cross-purposes and often duplicating endeavor, but the Jurisprudence Committee couldn't see it, believing that such action would only add to the already complicated machinery and "considerable expense without any

corresponding advantage." We are also told "that it would centralize to a great extent the power of the Grand Lodge in one body."

Grand Honors were extended to Brother Paul Schwartz, eighty-six years of age and for thirty-seven years Secretary of his lodge. A well merited honor!

The Thirtieth Annual Report on Foreign Correspondent is given by M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks (P. G. M.). Maine in its One Hundred and Seventh Communication is cordially and constructively reviewed. Grand Master Moulton is commended for a "splendid address" and nearly a page of quotation is made respecting such things as the M. S. A., the Washington Memorial and the preservation of Ancient Landmarks, and our recent membership in the Relief Association. The remainder of the review is very graciously given to your Maine reviewer, citation is made from his "Foreword" and a little series of delightful Jenksian comments interspersed which we have greatly enjoyed. In closing he says with kindly humor, "how old do you think we are anyway. We must confess to seventy-two years, but can still enjoy a good meal, do a hard day's work, or (glory, laud and honor for this) can enjoy a day with the rod when the fish are biting." We too, are devotees of the angle and piscatorial followers of old Ik Walton, so here's to you, Brother Jenks for looking on life with a young man's eye.

WYOMING, 1927.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication.

Membership, 7,925. Increase, 202. There are forty-five chartered lodges and one under dispensation. At this communication we learn that there were present fourteen Past Grand Masters and every lodge but one, was represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, Brother Oscar Ole Natwick, in opening his annual address avers his belief that "Freemasonry has been the most stabilizing influence in America" during the time of unrest and economic confusion following the world war. During the Florida flood disaster the Grand Master sent \$154.46 for relief, which met the approval of the Grand Lodge. One new lodge was instituted and two corner-stones laid during the year. The Mississippi Flood appealed to the brethren of Wyoming to the extent of \$1,385.00, a splendid contribution from a jurisdiction of less than fifty constituent lodges.

Six "decisions" were rendered by Grand Master Natwick, all soundly Masonic and quite in accordance with our own practice in Maine, and we are glad to see that the committee "approved" with slight demur only in one instance.

A good Relief Fund called "The Home Fund, amounts to \$53,343.77. During the year \$3,825.00 was used for charity while only \$3,752.00 was received from the per capita tax. It would thus appear that Wyoming is faced with something of a problem in this regard the "demands on these funds increasing more rapidly than our Masonic population." A little more per capita tax will perhaps be the only adequate solution.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the withdrawal from the M. S. A., and the Grand Master's recommendation for uniformity in the matter of ritualistic work. The question of Life Memberships is concerning Wyoming and a special committee has been instructed to investigate and consider the subject and make recommendation at the next communication.

Brother J. M. Lowndes (P. G. M.) reporting for the Fraternal Correspondence Committee submits an interesting report touching upon such topics as lodges of Colored Masons especially as related to New Jersey from which Grand Lodge Mississippi withdrew fraternal recognition some years ago, but recently healed the breach by re-extending recognition. Brother Lowndes' words are interesting and timely on this subject. He devotes considerable space to the Past Grand Masters of various Grand Jurisdictions and we note that Maine is credited with nine living P. G. Ms. Requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of France, Egypt, Panama and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico were deferred. An interesting situation arose relative to the use of a near Masonic emblem on citrus fruits in commerce and was submitted to the patent office but was turned down by the Examiner on the ground of its close resemblance to the well known Masonic emblem. The inference is that it was designed to be used as a kind of trade-trick because of its very close similarity to our well known and widely recognized emblem. Brother Lowndes said: "Seeing such emblem upon goods in trade, one would be led to conclude that the Masonic Order has something to do with the ownership of the goods, the decision of the Examiner was affirmed and the registration denied."

In his more extended report Brother Lowndes reviews sixty-one Grand Lodge Proceedings in his always able and constructive way. He is not only a clear and forceful writer, but has the happy faculty of choosing worthwhile things from the various addresses of Grand Masters, Grand Orators and others, especially choice is his selection of obituary verse from the various Necrological Committees. Maine unfortunately has no place in this year's review although heretofore he has been exceedingly gracious in spirit and generous with space with Maine's Annual Proceedings. Probably he did not receive them in time for the compilation and review. We notice with encouragement that such may be our privilege, that he has reviewed consecutive annual proceedings for two years with several Grand Lodges, so perhaps Maine will get its double header next year. In a very brief "Conclusion" he said that the consensus of opinion of the large majority of Grand Lodges is that public Grand Honors is the "three times three."

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

Ashley A. Smith
Chairman.

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Connecticut.....	1927	Nova Scotia.....	1927
Delaware.....	1927	Ohio.....	1927
District of Columbia.....	1927	Oklahoma.....	1927
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Idaho.....	1927	Philippine Islands.....	1927
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Indiana.....	1927	South Australia.....	1927
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Kentucky.....	1926	Tennessee.....	1928
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