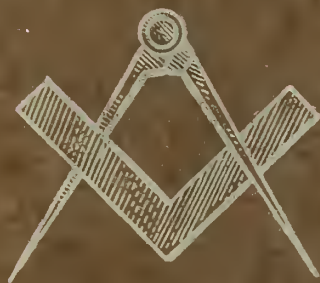


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*of*  
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons  
*of*  
NORTH CAROLINA



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# Grand Officers

## A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1787 TO 1915, INCLUSIVE, AND DATES WHEN ELECTED.

Samuel Johnston .....	1787	Alfred Martin .....	1857, 1858
Richard Caswell .....	1788	Lewis S. Williams ....	1859, 1860
Samuel Johnston	1789, 1790, 1791	W. G. Hill.....	1861
William R. Davie	1792, 1793,	E. F. Watson.....	1862, 1863
	1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798	John McCormick .....	1864
William Polk ...	1799, 1800, 1801	E. J. Reade.....	1865, 1866
John Louis Taylor ...	1802,	R. W. Best.....	1867
	1803, 1804	Robert B. Vance.....	1868, 1869
John Hall .....	1805, 1806, 1807	Charles C. Clark.....	1870, 1871
Benjamin Smith .	1808, 1809, 1810	John Nichols .....	1872, 1873
Robert Williams .	1811, 1812, 1813	George W. Blount....	1874, 1875
John Louis Taylor...	1814,	Horace H. Munson....	1876, 1877
	1815, 1816	William R. Cox.....	1878, 1879
Calvin Jones ....	1817, 1818, 1819	Henry F. Grainger ...	1880, 1881
John A. Cameron....	1820, 1821	Robert Bingham	1882, 1883, 1884
James Strudwick Smith....	1822	Fabius H. Busbee....	1885, 1886
Robert Strange .....	1823, 1824	C. H. Robinson.....	1887, 1888
H. G. Burton .....	1825, 1826	Samuel H. Smith .....	1889, 1890
L. D. Wilson ....	1827, 1828, 1829	Hezekiah A. Gudger..	1891, 1892
R. D. Speight, Jr. ....	1830, 1831	John W. Cotten .....	1893, 1894
S. J. Baker .....	1832	Francis M. Moyer.....	1895, 1896
S. F. Patterson .....	1833, 1834	Walter E. Moore.....	1897, 1898
L. H. Martseller .....	1835, 1836	Richard J. Noble.....	1899
D. W. Stone .....	1837, 1838, 1839	B. S. Royster.....	1900, 1901
S. J. Baker .....	1840	H. I. Clark.....	1902, 1903
D. L. Crenshaw .....	1841	W. S. Liddell.....	1904, 1905
J. H. Wheeler .....	1842, 1843	Francis D. Winston...	1906, 1907
P. W. Fanning ..	1844, 1845, 1846	Samuel M. Gattis....	1908, 1909
William F. Collins ...	1847,	Richard N. Hackett...	1910, 1911
	1848, 1849	W. B. McKoy .....	1912
A. T. Jerkins ....	1850, 1851, 1852	F. M. Winchester .....	1913
Clement H. Jordan ...	1853, 1854	Jno. T. Alderman.....	1914
P. A. Holt.....	1855, 1856	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.....	1915



# PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in its one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 18, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

## GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. F. P. HOBGOOD, JR. ....	<i>Grand Master</i>
R. W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR. ....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. W. C. L. PRIDGEN ....	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
R. W. GEO. S. NORFLEET ....	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
R. W. LEO. D. HEARTT ....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
R. W. W. W. WILLSON ....	<i>as Grand Secretary</i>

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

W. MELTON CLARK ....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
W. R. F. EDWARDS ....	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
W. HENRY A. GRADY ....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>
W. J. C. BRASWELL ....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
W. J. BAILEY OWEN ....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
W. JAS. H. WEBB ....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
W. HUBERT M. POTEAT ....	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
W. R. C. DUNN ....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
W. J. W. PATTON ....	<i>as Grand Steward</i>
W. ROBERT H. BRADLEY ....	<i>Grand Tiler</i>
W. MARSHALL DeLANCEY HAYWOOD ....	<i>Grand Historian</i>
W. R. T. GOWAN ....	<i>Auditor</i>

## GRAND CUSTODIANS

J. E. CAMERON, <i>Chairman</i> ....	Kinston, N. C.
LEON CASH ....	Winston-Salem, N. C.
S. N. BOYCE ....	Gastonia, N. C.

## ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. ROWELL .....	Waxhaw, N. C.
J. W. PATTON .....	Elon College, N. C.
W. C. WICKER .....	Elon College, N. C.
W. W. HOLLAND .....	Charles, N. C.
J. W. ALFORD .....	Morehead City, N. C.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

District No. 4.....	W. H. S. BURGWYN .....	Woodland, N. C.
District No. 5.....	JOHN H. CHEEK .....	Ayden, N. C.
District No. 11.....	J. D. PROCTOR .....	Lumberton, N. C.
District No. 12.....	J. LEGRAND EVERETT ....	Rockingham, N. C.
District No. 15.....	C. T. MCCLENEGHAN .....	Raleigh, N. C.
District No. 17.....	J. H. WILLIAMS .....	Spring Hope, N. C.
District No. 19.....	J. E. ALLEN .....	Warrenton, N. C.
District No. 20.....	A. A. HICKS .....	Oxford, N. C.
District No. 23.....	L. F. BARR.....	Lexington, N. C.
District No. 26.....	R. W. LEMMOND .....	Monroe, N. C.
District No. 27.....	KNOX W. HENRY .....	Charlotte, N. C.
District No. 29.....	W. L. GILBERT .....	Statesville, N. C.
District No. 30.....	LEON CASH .....	Winston-Salem, N. C.
District No. 31.....	J. P. FULK .....	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
District No. 33.....	E. M. BLACKBURN ...	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
District No. 34.....	R. F. EDWARDS .....	R. F. D. Crumpler, N. C.
District No. 37.....	J. F. ROBERTS .....	Shelby, N. C.
District No. 39.....	F. W. KENNY .....	Biltmore, N. C.
District No. 40.....	J. M. PETERSON .....	Spruce Pine, N. C.
District No. 41.....	C. A. CLARK.....	Route 4, Marshall, N. C.
District No. 44.....	J. B. CARPENTER .....	Rutherfordton, N. C.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

John Nichols, P.G.M.; Samuel H. Smith, P.G.M.; Hezekiah A. Gudger, P.G.M.; John W. Cotten, P.G.M.; R. J. Noble, P.G.M.; B. S. Royster, P.G.M.; H. I. Clark, P.G.M.; W. S. Liddell, P.G.M.; Francis D. Winston, P.G.M.; Samuel M. Gattis, P.G.M.; R. N. Hackett, P.G.M.; W. B. McKoy, P.G.M.; J. T. Alderman, P.G.M.; and G. Rosenthal, P.G.Sec.

# REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Alabama .....	S. M. Gattis
Alberta .....	Horace R. Dowell
Canada .....	W. W. Willson



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Idaho .....	Walter Clark
Illinois .....	Leo. D. Heartt
Indiana .....	W. B. McKoy
Kansas .....	M. C. S. Noble
Maine .....	A. S. Holden
Manitoba .....	Samuel H. Smith
Maryland .....	Marshall DeLancey Haywood
Minnesota .....	F. D. Winston
New Brunswick .....	R. L. Brown
New Hampshire .....	F. P. Hobgood, Sr.
New Zealand .....	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.
North Dakota .....	J. C. Braswell
Oregon .....	John W. Cotten
Ohio .....	R. H. Bradley
Queensland .....	Geo. S. Norfleet
South Dakota .....	A. B. Andrews, Jr.
Utah .....	J. T. Alderman
Vermont .....	C. T. McCleneghan
Virginia .....	John C. Drewry
West Virginia .....	B. S. Royster
Wisconsin .....	Richard J. Noble

Past Grand Master Winston offered the following resolutions:

“RESOLVED: That the Grand Lodge joyfully welcomes Right Worshipful Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, to his home and labors; and rejoices that he comes back to us greatly improved in health and strength. We have watched his desperate illness with great anxiety and solicitude, and we now humbly give thanks to our Great Grand Master for restoring our Right Worshipful Brother to health and to usefulness to his family, his State and to the Grand Lodge. We wish him many years of health, happiness and service.”

“RESOLVED: That the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are due, and we hereby express them to Most Worshipful, the Hon. Thomas J. Shyroek, Grand Master of the grand jurisdiction of Maryland and the brethren associated with him, for their considerate and tender attention graciously shown Right Worshipful John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, while lately a patient, suffering a dangerous illness in the city of Baltimore.”

“RESOLVED: That the Grand Secretary have a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary sign the same under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary shall forward the same, appropriately framed,

to Most Worshipful Thomas J. Shyrock, Grand Master of Maryland, at Baltimore, Md."

Past Grand Master F. D. Winston spoke to the resolutions as follows:

*"Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

"These resolutions are cognate and we can consider them together. I know I voice the sentiment uppermost in the heart of every North Carolina Mason when I say: 'Thank God for sparing John C. Drewry to Masonry.' No man ever devoted more of his life to Masonry than has he. Well versed in the literature of our ancient institution; accurate in his knowledge of its unwritten words, signs and symbols; punctual in attendance upon its stated communications; generous in prompt response to every call frequently made on his sympathetic heart and purse; gentle and considerate in his personal and official dealings with the brethren; faithful and efficient in every trust; loving Masons as they love him; for twenty-one years he has so moved in and out among his fellowmen; so ably conducted the important office of Grand Secretary of North Carolina, that he has won for himself a place in the esteem of his fellowmen and in the confidence and love of his brethren, second to none of the Masonic worthies who have gone before him.

"We rejoice that he is with us tonight, stronger in body, free from pain, clear in head and heart. We pray that he may grow stronger until fully restored to health, for we want him for many, many years, to do the great work for the Grand Lodge, now in such masterly and successful condition, both physical and fraternal, very largely as the result of his well directed and unselfish labors as our Grand Secretary.

"The second resolution, Most Worshipful Grand Master, gives me an opportunity to tell you what only a few of us know."

"During the long, painful and desperate illness of our Grand Secretary, he spent some weeks as a patient in one of the great hospitals of Baltimore. Our brethren of that ancient and highly honorable grand jurisdiction learned that he was ill in their midst. Led by that princely gentleman; that royal and knightly Mason, Grand Master Thomas J. Shyrock, they gave our weary and wasted brother the comfort and consolation of frequent visits and tender ministrations. No day passed that did not bring from them some cheering word;

some gentle gift. Odorous and beautiful flowers were sent to cheer his sick room. Delicacies of food and drink were sent to tempt his appetite. And daily they carried to his chamber of suffering words of sympathy and of love, more powerful at times than the surgeon's skill. We thank them with grateful hearts for so doing. I know they will cherish with fraternal regard the resolution which I ask that you adopt by a rising vote."

The resolutions were then on motion adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Master announced that there were present in the waiting room several distinguished brethren from sister jurisdictions, and that in order that they may be suitably introduced, the Grand Master appointed the following committee of Past Grand Masters, Francis D. Winston, Beverly S. Royster and John W. Cotten, and charged them with that duty. The committee accompanied by the visiting brethren, approached the altar and were introduced by Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston, who said:

*"Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

"We are honored tonight by the presence of brethren who have received high honors in our sister jurisdictions. They are worthy and well qualified, for they come to us sustained by the affection and confidence of their brethren. I have the distinguished honor of introducing the Hon. R. A. Cooper, Grand Master of South Carolina; Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, of Kentucky; Deputy Grand Master W. W. Wana-maker, of South Carolina; and O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary, of South Carolina."

These distinguished brethren were received with the grand honors due their several stations and were invited to seats in the East.

Bro. A. S. Holden, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report. On motion, the reading of it was dispensed with, and it was recommitted with instruction to record the names of the representatives as they presented themselves.

## CREDENTIALS

St. John's . . . . .	No. 1..	J. H. Mitchell, P. M., proxy for W. M., H. A. Huggins, S. W., A. S. Holden, proxy for J. W.
Royal White Hart .	No. 2..	R. C. Dunn, proxy for officers.
St. John's . . . . .	No. 3..	Jno. H. Parker, W. M., Harry T. Pat- terson, S. W., Allie Cook, J. W.
St. John's . . . . .	No. 4..	W. G. Grady, proxy for W. M., D. R. George, proxy for J. W., R. E. Cox, S. W.
Charity . . . . .	No. 5..	W. T. Heekstall, proxy for officers.
Phoenix . . . . .	No. 8..	J. H. Anderson, proxy for S. W., R. M. Jordan, W. M.
Johnston-Caswell .	No. 10..	R. O. Rodwell, W. M., proxy for S. W., J. E. Allen, proxy for J. W.
American George .	No. 17..	W. S. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Phalanx . . . . .	No. 31..	Geo. K. Hummel, W. M., W. S. Creigh- ton, S. W., W. S. Liddell, P.G.M., proxy for J. W.
Stokes . . . . .	No. 32..	S. E. Buchanan, J. W.
Hiram . . . . .	No. 40..	W. T. Ueltsehi, W. M., E. A. Eury, S. W., R. E. Straughn, J. W.
Hall . . . . .	No. 53..	W. D. Kight, J. W.
King Solomon . . .	No. 56..	H. H. Grant, W. M., Geo. P. Burgwyn, S. W.
Coneord . . . . .	No. 58..	J. P. Keech, proxy for S. W. and J. W., J. W. Cotton, W. M.
Perseverance . . .	No. 59..	Thos. W. Snell, proxy for officers.
Kilwinning . . . .	No. 64..	H. E. Allen, S. W., E. K. Dunlop, J. W.
Eagle . . . . .	No. 71..	Jas. H. Webb, proxy for officers, J. H. Spurgeon.
Widow's Son . . .	No. 75..	Dr. J. B. Griggs, proxy for officers.
Greensboro . . . .	No. 76..	W. E. Johnson, W. M.
Sharon . . . . .	No. 78..	H. E. Austin, W. M.
Zion . . . . .	No. 81..	F. Brock, W. M.
LaFayette . . . .	No. 83..	S. S. Ambrose, W. M., F. W. Hargett, proxy for J. W.
Fellowship . . . .	No. 84..	J. D. Parker, W. M.
Skewarkey . . . .	No. 90..	W. C. Manning, proxy for officers.
Western Star . . .	No. 91..	J. B. Carpenter, proxy for officers.
Joseph Warren . .	No. 92..	H. E. Thompson, proxy for officers.
Jerusalem . . . .	No. 95..	R. C. Rouse, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Neuse . . . . .	No. 97..	E. T. Beddingfield, W. M., B. C. Bul- lock, S. W.
Hiram . . . . .	No. 98..	J. D. Kerr, W. M.
Columbus . . . . .	No. 102..	T. H. Calvert, proxy for officers.
Orr . . . . .	No. 104..	W. W. Shaw, proxy for officers.
Perquimans . . . .	No. 106..	W. T. Brown, proxy for officers.
Belmont . . . . .	No. 108..	A. R. Hicks, Jr., S. W.
Wayne . . . . .	No. 112..	N. M. Gillikin, proxy for J. W., J. H. Hines, W. M., A. R. Morgan, proxy for S. W.
St. Alban's . . . .	No. 114..	W. A. Thompson, Geo. E. Rancke, J. T. Biggs, proxy for officers.

- Holly Springs ....No. 115..A. M. Johnson, W. M., C. H. Collins,  
proxy for S. W., F. C. Adams, proxy  
for J. W.
- Mount Lebanon ...No. 117..M. M. Saliba, W. M.
- Mount Hermon ....No. 118..C. F. Wood, W. M., Curtis Bynum,  
J. W., R. E. Currence, S. W.
- Franklinton .....No. 123..B. F. Bullock, S. C. Ford, J. C. Fogle-  
man, proxy for officers.
- Mill Creek .....No. 125..R. R. West, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
- Hanks .....No. 128..J. W. Craven, proxy for officers.
- Dan River .....No. 129..R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
- Radiance .....No. 132..B. W. Edwards, proxy for W. M. and  
S. W.
- Mocksville .....No. 134..Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
- Lincoln .....No. 137..D. P. Dellinger, proxy for W. M.
- King Solomon ....No. 138..W. I. Daniel, W. M., W. S. Gatling,  
S. W., T. R. Raney, J. W.
- Palmyra .....No. 147..J. W. Turnage, W. M., E. T. Lee, S. W.,  
R. L. Warren, J. W.
- Adoniram .....No. 149..J. T. Hart, W. M., J. S. Watkins and  
W. E. Yancey, proxy for Wardens.
- Chalmers .....No. 151..Alexander Oldham
- White Stone .....No. 155..J. J. Bridges, W. M., A. Purley, proxy  
for Wardens.
- Mount Pleasant ...No. 157..J. D. R. Allen, proxy for officers.
- Deep River .....No. 164..W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
- Archer .....No. 165..J. W. Barnes, proxy for officers.
- Winston .....No. 167..P. T. Wilson, proxy for officers.
- Colcrain . ....No. 171..J. O. Perry, S. W., proxy for officers.
- Buffalo .....No. 172..J. R. Reaves, proxy for officers.
- George Washington No. 174..W. M. Scott, proxy for officers, W. J.  
Wilson, S. W., D. J. Williams, J. W.
- Mecklenburg .....No. 176..J. B. Reading, proxy for officers.
- Sandy Creek .....No. 185..J. P. Davis, S. W.
- Central Cross .....No. 187..W. H. Delbridge and G. H. Harris,  
proxy for W. M. and S. W., G. G.  
Powell, J. W.
- Balfour .....No. 188..R. C. Kelly, W. M.
- Granite .....No. 191..Bennett Nooe, Jr., S. W.
- Mount Olivet .....No. 195..W. L. Stutts, W. M.
- Cary .....No. 198..Dr. J. M. Templeton, J. W., N. C. Hines,  
W. M., A. J. Templeton, S. W.
- Cleveland .....No. 202..C. S. Young, W. M., W. D. Babington  
and W. J. Roberts, proxy for S. W.  
and J. W.
- Roanoke .....No. 203..J. G. Blalock, proxy for officers.
- Long Creek .....No. 205..B. W. Barnett, proxy for officers.
- Mingo .....No. 206..D. M. Williford, proxy for officers.
- Eno .....No. 210..M. Sickel and Dr. N. Rosenstein, proxy  
for officers.
- William G. Hill....No. 218..A. H. T. Spencer, W. M., Jas. Powell,  
Jr., S. W., J. P. Pillsbury, J. W.
- Wilson .....No. 226..T. S. White, J. W.
- McCormick .....No. 228..R. E. Marks, W. M., H. M. Thomas,  
proxy for S. W.

- Henderson .....No. 229..J. Bailey Owen, W. M., A. J. Harris,  
proxy for S. W.
- William T. Bain ...No. 231..E. T. Banks, proxy for W. M.
- Anchor .....No. 234..J. M. Britt, proxy for officers.
- Wiccacon .....No. 240..J. O. Askew, Jr., proxy for officers.
- Rountree .....No. 243..J. E. Cameron, W. M.
- Monroe .....No. 244..R. W. Lemmond, W. M., W. C. Wolfe,  
proxy for S. W.
- Lee .....No. 253..Dr. E. W. Moose, J. W
- Kenly .....No. 257..G. W. Watson, W. M., C. E. Howell,  
S. W.
- Excelsior .....No. 261..B. W. Barnett, W. M., S. L. DeLaney,  
S. W., B. S. Look, proxy for J. W.
- Hibriten .....No. 262..J. W. C. McCall, representative.
- Gaston .....No. 263..J. P. Huffman, proxy for officers.
- Farmington .....No. 265..Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
- Dunn's Rock .....No. 267..C. M. Doyle, P. M., representative,  
O. L. Jones, J. W.
- Green Level .....No. 277..T. C. Council, W. M., J. C. Kelly, J. W.
- Rehoboth .....No. 279..J. C. Williams, W. M., S. B. Wilson,  
J. W.
- Wake Forest .....No. 282..Dr. H. M. Poteat, W. M.
- Eureka .....No. 283..J. H. Keller, W. M.
- Greenville .....No. 284..J. H. Harris, W. M., R. Williams, J. W.
- Cedar Rock .....No. 286..T. W. Stokes, proxy for W. M., T. H.  
Sledge, S. W., B. F. Gardner, proxy  
for J. W.
- Salem .....No. 289..H. M. Brandon, W. M., J. W. Frazier,  
proxy for Wardens.
- French Broad .....No. 292..W. C. Sprinkle, proxy for officers.
- Vance .....No. 293..F. W. Kenny, proxy for officers.
- Atlantic .....No. 294..Dr. E. H. Jones, W. M.
- Stonewall .....No. 296..E. B. Whichard, S. W., Spear Coch-  
ran, proxy for W. M.
- Toisnot .....No. 298..Chas. E. Land, W. M., Chas. E. Watson,  
S. W.
- Pleasant Hill .....No. 304..W. G. Kornegay, W. M.
- Laurinburg .....No. 305..W. R. Southerland, proxy for officers.
- Raeford .....No. 306..H. McK. McDiarmid, proxy for S. W.  
and J. W.
- Randolph.....No. 309..I. E. Saunders, proxy for W. M. and  
J. W.
- Hatcher .....No. 310..W. M. Nichols, proxy for W. M., G. C.  
Boyette, S. W., W. S. Boyette, proxy  
for J. W.
- King Solomon ....No. 313..Robt. Monroe, W. M.
- New Lebanon ....No. 314..J. W. Jones, W. M.
- Eureka .....No. 317..E. R. Spence, W. M.
- Wilmington .....No. 319..Jno. Thames, W. M., proxy for officers.
- White Hill .....No. 321..J. McCoffer, W. M., J. A. Cole, S. W.,  
H. A. Matthews, J. W.
- Winton .....No. 327..M. R. Herring, W. M.
- Mattamuskeet ....No. 328..W. S. Cox, proxy for Wardens.
- Black Creek .....No. 330..Barnes Daniels, P.M., W. M., G. J.  
Evans, proxy for S. W.



Bayboro	.....No. 331..	S. W. McClees, W. M., W. D. Alford, proxy for J. W.
Fair View	.....No. 339..	J. N. Patterson, W. M.
Harmony	.....No. 340..	Ed. Combs, proxy for W. M., T. A. Davis, S. W., R. L. Pate, J. W.
Hickory	.....No. 343..	A. C. Henderson, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Numa F. Reid	....No. 344..	Chas. Hoertel, W. M., D. S. Gurley, proxy for J. W., S. T. Wall, S. W.
Durham	.....No. 352..	W. J. Brogden, W. M.
Mount Vernon	....No. 359..	W. A. Perry, proxy for S. W., G. W. Brite, proxy for J. W.
Snow	.....No. 363..	J. W. Horton, W. M.
Craighead	.....No. 366..	W. G. Craven, proxy for officers.
Gastonia	.....No. 369..	P. W. Garland, S. W., proxy for officers.
Bethel	.....No. 372..	J. E. Johnson, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Life Boat	.....No. 376..	E. V. Lawrence, W. M., P. J. Utley, proxy for S. W.
Youngsville	.....No. 377..	W. T. Moss, S. W.
Seaboard	.....No. 378..	W. W. Willson, representative.
Coharie	.....No. 379..	A. E. Royal, W. M.
Granville	.....No. 380..	J. R. Davis, W. M.
Reidsville	.....No. 384..	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
Pigeon River	....No. 386..	C. F. Smathers, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Kedron	.....No. 387..	R. M. Oates, proxy for officers.
Mooresboro	.....No. 388..	L. W. Green, S. W., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Lebanon	.....No. 391..	J. T. Bynum, proxy for officers.
White Rock	.....No. 392..	C. A. Clark, proxy for officers.
Tally Ho	.....No. 393..	J. A. Brinkley, proxy for officers.
Cape Fear	.....No. 394..	D. E. Adams, S. W.
Orient	.....No. 395..	R. C. DeRosett, P.M., proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. C. Benson, S. W.
Oxford	.....No. 396..	M. F. Hill, W. M., T. S. Waller, S. W., B. W. Parham, J. W.
Bald Creek	.....No. 397..	D. M. Buck, W. M.
Centre	.....No. 398..	J. L. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Ocean	.....No. 405..	J. W. Alford, W. M.
Ivy	.....No. 406..	J. L. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Liberty Grove	....No. 407..	W. H. Church, W. M., C. P. Walters, S. W., J. C. Wallace, proxy for J. W.
University	.....No. 408..	M. C. S. Noble, proxy for officers.
Rockville	.....No. 411..	W. L. Dillard, W. M., W. D. Farmer, S. W., Wiley Lamm, J. W.
Henry F. Grainger	No. 412..	A. J. Harris, proxy for officers.
Louisburg	.....No. 413..	S. A. Newell, W. M.
Maxton	.....No. 417..	J. B. Sellers, W. M., R. McVain, J. W.
Potecasi	.....No. 418..	W. H. S. Burgwyn, W. M., J. E. Griffin, proxy for J. W.
Oconee	.....No. 427..	K. E. Bennett, S. W.
Rockyford	.....No. 430..	R. H. Bradley, proxy for W. M. and S. W.

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West Bend .....	No. 434..	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
Blue Ridge .....	No. 435..	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
Star .....	No. 437..	W. L. Freeman, proxy for officers.
Clingman .....	No. 440..	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Pleasant Mount ...	No. 441..	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Marietta .....	No. 444..	E. J. Steed, W. M.
Biltmore .....	No. 446..	F. W. Kenny, proxy for officers.
Polenta .....	No. 450..	E. S. Coates, W. M.
Ashler .....	No. 451..	L. M. Waters, proxy for officers.
Grifton .....	No. 452..	C. J. Tucker, proxy for W. M. and S. W., J. A. Jarrell, J. W.
Elkin .....	No. 454..	W. W. Holland, proxy for W. M.
Rusk .....	No. 456..	B. R. Chaney, W. M.
Grapevine .....	No. 457..	J. L. Nelson, proxy for officers.
Dillsboro .....	No. 459..	C. Z. Candler, W. M., S. W. Enloe, S. W., P. W. Kincaid, J. W.
South Fork .....	No. 462..	K. E. Simmons, S. W.
King Hiram .....	No. 466..	W. C. Riddell, proxy for officers.
Healing Springs ..	No. 467..	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Grassy Knob .....	No. 471..	Griss Myers, P.M., proxy for officers.
Sonoma .....	No. 472..	Dr. J. E. Wilson, W. M.
Lexington .....	No. 473..	L. F. Barr, W. M., L. J. Peacock, proxy for S. W., T. H. Lamb, proxy for J. W.
Grimesland .....	No. 475..	J. E. Galloway, W. M., J. Bryan Grimes, proxy for S. W.
Big Lick .....	No. 476..	G. A. Hancock, proxy for officers.
Spring Hope .....	No. 481..	J. H. Williams, proxy for officers.
Trap Hill .....	No. 483..	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Southern Pines ...	No. 448..	Edwin Gladmon, proxy for officers.
Statesville .....	No. 487..	N. D. Tomlin, proxy for W. M. and S. W., R. A. Campbell, J. W.
Rich Square .....	No. 488..	Dr. M. Bolton, proxy for officers.
Linville .....	No. 489..	E. C. Robbins and J. L. Banner, proxy for officers.
Hominy .....	No. 491..	C. F. Wood, proxy for officers.
Pilot .....	No. 493..	D. R. Fulk, W. M.
John A. Graves ...	No. 494..	R. T. Wilson, W. M., Z. T. Yarboro, S. W.
Rockingham .....	No. 495..	L. J. Bell, W. M.
Ayden .....	No. 498..	J. H. Cheek, W. M., T. R. Allen, proxy for S. W., W. E. Hooks, proxy for J. W.
Creedmoor .....	No. 499..	V. O. Peed, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Raleigh .....	No. 500..	J. W. Kellogg, W. M., L. D. Womble, Jr., S. W., W. D. Briggs, J. W.
Red Springs .....	No. 501..	M. E. Watson, proxy for officers.
Luke McGlaughan .	No. 504..	J. H. Copeland, S. W.
Cherryville .....	No. 505..	David P. Dellinger, W. M.
Barnardsville .....	No. 511..	F. W. Kenny, proxy for officers.
Lone Hickory .....	No. 512..	C. G. Bryant, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Aulander .....	No. 516..	W. R. Howard, W. M.
Farmville .....	No. 517..	Dr. Paul E. Jones, S. W.
Widow's Son .....	No. 519..	J. L. Cobb, W. M.



Fairfield .....	No. 520..	E. H. Jones, proxy for officers.
Wanchese .....	No. 521..	Chas. B. Daniels, proxy for officers.
Warsaw .....	No. 522..	H. L. Boyett, proxy for officers, Edward Tate, proxy for officers, A. O. Moore, W. M.
Winterville .....	No. 523..	R. T. Cox, W. M., A. B. Braxton, S. W.
Pendleton .....	No. 524..	H. P. Stephenson, W. M., Henry W. Maddry, proxy for J. W.
Rodgers .....	No. 525..	R. H. Ferrell, W. M.
Ashpole .....	No. 528..	B. E. Stanfield, proxy for officers.
Joppa .....	No. 530..	Chas. F. Alexander, W. M., L. B. Yandell, S. W., L. D. Hall, proxy for J. W.
Ellenboro .....	No. 531..	O. R. Coffield, proxy for officers.
Hamlet .....	No. 532..	H. P. Austin, W. M., H. D. Hatch, S. W.
Ottolay .....	No. 533..	B. F. Hall, proxy for officers.
Hollis .....	No. 535..	Chas. C. Hawkins, proxy for officers.
Boardman .....	No. 536..	A. S. Holden, proxy for officers.
Sharon .....	No. 537..	J. M. Hester, W. M.
Williams .....	No. 538..	J. B. Readling, proxy for officers.
Caswell .....	No. 539..	J. A. Roscoe, proxy for officers, A. C. Murray, S. W.
Parkton .....	No. 541..	Z. T. McMillan, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Corinthian .....	No. 542..	C. F. Southerland, proxy for officers.
Shelmerdine .....	No. 545..	L. A. Stocks, J. W., M. D. Seymore, S. W.
Carolina .....	No. 546..	John W. Curtis, W. M., Otis Brown, proxy for Wardens.
Elon .....	No. 549..	J. C. McAdams, proxy for S. W.
Roman Eagle .....	No. 550..	M. H. Folly, J. W.
Revolution .....	No. 552..	Edgar Weaver, proxy for officers.
Zephyr .....	No. 553..	F. T. Snow, W. M.
Vesper .....	No. 554..	J. M. Peterson, W. M.
Neill S. Stuart .....	No. 556..	Thos. H. Webb, proxy for officers.
Oak Grove .....	No. 557..	Griss Myers, proxy for officers.
Sulphur Springs .....	No. 560..	M. F. Absher, W. M.
Swannanoa .....	No. 561..	A. S. Guerard, proxy for officers.
Waxhaw .....	No. 562..	J. W. Rowell, proxy for officers.
Tabor .....	No. 563..	L. Baggett, proxy for officers.
Wendell .....	No. 565..	M. C. Todd, W. M.
Wentworth .....	No. 567..	Chas. O. McMichael, W. M., Bethel Withers, S. W., T. S. Malloy, J. W.
Doric .....	No. 568..	W. T. Hill, W. M., A. D. Brooks, S. W.
Mount Pleasant .....	No. 569..	Clarence Glover, S. W., E. W. Vick, proxy for J. W.
Roaring River .....	No. 570..	T. J. McNeill, proxy for officers, J. Q. Blackburn, proxy for officers.
Meadow Branch .....	No. 578..	J. J. Perry, J. W.
Summit .....	No. 580..	J. C. Wallace, proxy for officers.
Lilesville .....	No. 582..	R. L. Lindsay and Edwin Wall, proxy for officers.
Ionic .....	No. 583..	J. S. Robinson, proxy for officers.
Apex .....	No. 584..	W. B. Johnson, W. M., J. F. Mills, S. W.,
Roseboro .....	No. 585..	D. W. Horn, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.

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Bethel . . . . .	No. 589..	M. O. Blount, proxy for officers.
Maiden . . . . .	No. 592..	A. W. Setzer, W. M.
Waccamaw . . . . .	No. 596..	Jno. Lewis, W. M.
Queen City . . . . .	No. 602..	P. R. Tucker, S. W., G. T. Matthews, Jr., proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Riverside . . . . .	No. 606..	W. B. Walker, W. M.
Chadbourn . . . . .	No. 607..	D. W. Monroe, W. M., J. H. Land, S. W.,
Zebulon . . . . .	No. 609..	R. B. Nichols, W. M., W. B. Griffin, S. W.
Glendon . . . . .	No. 610..	A J. Jones, W. M., J. H. Benner, proxy for Wardens.
Home . . . . .	No. 613..	D. A. Powell, W. M.
Fuquay . . . . .	No. 614..	H. Isaacson, proxy for officers.
Sunrise . . . . .	No. 615..	G. S. Gatlett, proxy for W. M., S. G. Mangum, S. W.
Round Peak . . . . .	No. 616..	H. R. Dowell, proxy for officers.
Midland . . . . .	No. 618..	G. A. Long, proxy for officers.
Castalia . . . . .	No. 619..	J. S. Brown, W. M., G. M. Strickland, proxy for Wardens.
Little River . . . . .	No. 620..	Jessie B. Creech, S. W., B. H. Godwin, W. M.
Bonlee . . . . .	No. 621..	B. H. Waddell, W. M., T. White, proxy for Wardens.
Coats . . . . .	No. 622..	N. T. Patterson, W. M., G. S. Field, S. W., T. M. Johnson, J. W.
J. H. Mills . . . . .	No. 624..	E. N. Williams, W. M.
Connor Memorial..	No. 626..	S. A. Perkins, J. W., proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Perfection . . . . .	No. 628..	Jessie Watson, W. M.
Woodsdale . . . . .	No. 630..	T. J. Montague, S. W.



## Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

It is trite, but true, that ours is a great country. No part nor section of it has been able to monopolize that greatness. I have but recently been witness of some of her wonders—I have looked on the Golden Gate and known that before me lay the greatest harbor of the world; I have been charmed with California's riotous beauty of flower and tree; I have seen with awe the rugged grandeur of mountain and canyon, nature's sculptured monuments limning many a Western landscape; I have been bewildered by the vast expanse of plain and prairie stretching out in unbroken line beyond the farthest confines of vision's reach; I have crossed the Father of Waters and heard his sullen roar as he bore upon his broad bosom his burden toward the sea; I have been buffeted by a sixty-mile gale and heard it called a breeze; I have held my ears with my hands lest by chance the robber cold snatch them from me—but for the rarest combination found beneath the stars of beauty and peace and grace and pleasantness commend me to "Down Home, the old North State"; and I am prone tonight to speak in borrowed phrase and express the wonder if

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said  
This is my own, my native land."

It is good to be back in North Carolina—is it great to be with the brethren in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

On the first day of July, 1915, it seemed to me to be my duty to enter into an engagement which would render necessary a protracted absence from the state and the consequent relinquishment of the discharge of the duties incident to the exalted office to which I had been elevated by your favor. I was then and am now profoundly sensible of the high honor which, unmerited, had been accorded me by this Grand Body and of the obligation to unselfish effort and service which that honor entailed.

No light considerations could have induced me to undertake labors which would thus separate me from your presence and the responsible work entrusted to my care.

Upon leaving the state the duties of the office of Grand Master, under the pertinent Masonic law of this grand jurisdiction, devolved upon your Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr. That he would faithfully and ably discharge those duties was certain from the beginning and the results accomplished give eloquent expression of his zeal and fidelity.

Situated, as I have been, far distant from the state and the scene of the activities of the craft, while I have not lost touch with nor deep interest in those activities, I have not had that intimate contact with events and circumstances which would make an extended review of them by me of interest. I would be false to myself, however, did not I avow my deep concern, wherever in the flesh I be, in the labors and aspirations of my brethren in the Old North State. That I am privileged to meet and greet them face to face, assembled in annual communication, is the occasion of great happiness to me.

In the address of the Deputy Grand Master the work of the past six months will be fully reviewed and the conditions and needs of our institution recited. The dispensations granted, the special communications held and other matters of interest transpiring during the first six months of the year will doubtless be outlined in the report of the Grand Secretary; and duplication can serve no useful purpose. All will go to show the constant growth of Masonry in North Carolina and its increasing attractiveness to and hold upon the hearts of men. I glory in the achievements of the year—in the growing appreciation of the principles championed by the greatest of fraternities—in the extended reach of that Masonic light whose office it is to dispel darkness—in the increased and increasing number of those entitled to her secrets and eager to teach and exemplify her truths!!! But it is not our role to be so blind as not to realize that the race is not run, her mission among men not fulfilled. We may reckon, if we will, vast reaches into which her light has not shone, shores, distant and near, untouched by her waves of temperance, morality and truth. Most casual observation will reveal a multitude of points yet to be approached, uncharted seas yet to be mapped and made safe to the movements of men. Man rears aloft the structure of his pride and looks

with satisfaction upon his work, thinking it too fine and great not to resist, not to endure; but, with the advent of the cataclysm, he learns too late that "pride goeth before a fall." Present day events, at home and abroad, teach the lesson that charity which "suffereth long and is kind," that temperance which should characterize the conduct and speech of man and Mason, are yet to grow to full stature. That way lies our duty—in the final approach to that goal Masonry finds her true sphere of effort and usefulness in aid of other mighty and yet-to-be triumphant forces. Brotherhood and armed conflict, love and hate, are not, cannot be made, kindred forces—can never be reconciled.

I do not incorporate in this brief address a list of decisions rendered for the reason that all of the questions addressed to me were old questions many times previously answered, or, at best, questions new in form, but old in substance; and for the further reason that regulation number eighty-two provides that:

"A decision can be made only in case of an appeal from a decision of a lodge or its Master."

No such appeal came to me and consequently no "decision" was rendered.

While it is proper for the Grand Master to answer any Masonic inquiry addressed to him, his answer becomes "a decision" and therefore a precedent only when made in the case of an appeal from a lodge or its Master; and an appeal even in such case must be a formal one. Tested by this standard, it is undoubtedly true that most of our recorded decisions are not precedents; but the Grand Lodge has spoken in no uncertain language in the regulation mentioned and its word there as elsewhere is final.

During my discharge of the office of Grand Master I received numerous applications for special dispensations which I felt compelled to deny. There were requests for permission to receive petitions at other than stated communications; to act upon petitions at special communications; to ignore the requirement that petitions must lie over for one lunar month; and others of like nature, evidencing the fact that many of the brethren still think the Grand Master clothed with unlimited power and possessed of prerogatives as far reaching as that under which the claim that he may even make Masons at sight is asserted.

I uniformly denied all requests for dispensations when authority was sought to do things prohibited by the constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or to pursue courses other than those prescribed by the written law. I conceived it to be my duty to so rule both upon the principle that Masonic laws are intended to be observed and upon the express wording of regulation one hundred and thirty-five:

"The Grand Master is the creature of the Grand Lodge, deriving all his authority from that body, and is vested with no prerogative which might annul her laws and edicts or contravene her avowed policy."

Therefore, however meritorious may have been the particular case in hand and however persuasive the argument in favor of affirmative action, I have determined that Masonic law, like other human institutions, seeks general results and recognizes that, while hard cases are the quicksands of the law, the individual need must bend to the general good. I have therefore always held that it is not within the power of the Grand Master to authorize any course of action at variance with the provisions of the constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

I would not fail to advert to and acknowledge official courtesies extended to me in the state of my temporary residence. Upon my arrival there I received a most cordial letter from Most Worshipful Grand Master Jewett who graciously tendered "the keys to Masonry in the state of Wyoming." I found the craft there in most flourishing condition, in word and work members of our common brotherhood. On the occasion of the celebration by Aeacia Lodge, No. 11, Cheyenne, of its annual Past Masters' Night I was, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, guest of honor and as such was accorded a most gracious official reception. The occasion was delightful, signalized by the presence of two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming and pervaded by the true Masonic spirit of kindness and good cheer. To the Master of this lodge, Worshipful Brother R. H. Repath, I am indebted for many kindnesses and courtesies.

And why need I say more? Labor and pleasure are before you; work deserving most careful attention—pleasures in anticipation of which you measure the flight of time from year to year. May I not cherish the wish and utter the prayer that in good accomplished and in great things projected and planned this, the annual communication of nineteen hundred



and sixteen, may be the greatest and most notable in the annals of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina?

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## Deputy and Acting Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master then introduced Deputy Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., who had acted as Grand Master for the past six months, who delivered the following address, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

### *Brethren of The Grand Lodge:*

With sincere pleasure and genuine gratification are you welcomed to the 129th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, where we are gathered together to make a survey of Masonry, and review its work of the past year, discuss plans for future advancement, and ways and means for its prosperity. The Old Guard of Freemasonry, the men who have grown gray in its service who are here again today, it is a pleasure to see and greet them, yet we regret to miss the faces of those who can be with us no longer. You, my brethren, have wrought well in Freemasonry and we are reaping the benefit of your labors, though you have the satisfaction of knowing you have faithfully performed your duty to the craft. To the younger generation of workers who return for their second, third or fourth Grand Lodge, a most cordial welcome is extended as upon your shoulders will soon fall, or now is, the responsibility of the management, control and direction of this Grand Lodge, which means the guidance of Freemasonry in our state.

To these brethren who are here for the first time a welcome is extended which means that they are brothers equal with all of us, and that on the floor of a Masonic Lodge we all meet upon a common level. You are here to gain Masonic knowledge and hear the discussions in the Grand Lodge, and you will learn much that will interest, please and edify you.

To the visitors from a distance, our sister grand jurisdictions of South Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, New York, and the District of Columbia, we bid you welcome, welcome you not only because of the high position that you have occupied in your own Grand Lodges, but for your own worth as

Masons, and the work each of you have been and are doing for the craft.

In Continental Europe the sound of the 42-centimeter gun is still heard, and death and destruction is the message that the press dispatches bring of the terrible war that is on between the great nations of the world. Let us be thankful that we have been spared that calamity, and that peace reigns throughout our country, and that prosperity is generally extant throughout its breadth.

A war may develop a great leader, but such development is at a cost of widow's tears, orphan children, desolate homes and blasted ambitions for the thousands. We, in our country, wish no heroes made at such a terrible cost, and again let us be thankful that our Nation is at peace and not engaged in this terrible struggle.

The affairs of this Grand Lodge show a substantial improvement over what they were a year ago, due largely to the tireless energy of our efficient Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry. With regret does every Mason here this evening note his absence from the Grand Secretary's desk, for in October he found it necessary to undertake an operation at a hospital in the city of Baltimore, which we are delighted to say was a complete success and he is now improving steadily and hopes in the course of four or six weeks to be back at his desk and at his business. I suggest that this Grand Lodge appoint a committee to call upon Brother Drewry at his home, express its love and carry to him their heartfelt sympathy in his convalescence, and now to welcome him back to his office, which he hopes to do in four to six weeks' time. During the absence of Brother Drewry for the past three months the work of the Grand Secretary's office has been efficiently handled by Bro. W. W. Willson, the capable Assistant Grand Secretary acting for Brother Drewry.

#### NECROLOGY

Official notice has been received of the following deaths of past and present Grand Officers of other Grand Lodges:

##### *Alabama—*

Angus M. Scott, Grand Lecturer, died February 15, 1915.

##### *Arkansas—*

Columbus C. Ayers, Grand Master 1897, died August 2, 1915.

Almos J. Witt, Grand Master 1909, died March 17, 1915.

##### *British Columbia—*

Israld Wood Powell, first Grand Master 1871, died February 25, 1915.



*Delaware—*

George W. Marshall, Grand Master 1886, died April 18, 1915.  
Henry Young, Grand Master 1914, died November 15, 1915.  
Alfred D. Warner, Grand Treasurer 1878, died December 6, 1915.

*Florida—*

Henry W. Long, Grand Master 1889, died January 2, 1915.

*Iowa—*

Charles T. Granyer, Grand Master 1884, died October 26, 1915.  
George W. Ball, Grand Master 1895, died July 18, 1915.

*Kansas—*

David B. Fuller, Grand Master 1892, died May 17, 1915.  
Easmus T. Carr, Grand Secretary 1861 to 1871, died May 12, 1915.

*Kentucky—*

Warren La Rue Thomas, Grand Master 1880, died November 23, 1914.

*Louisiana—*

Alfred W. Cheesman, Grand Master 1915, died September 30, 1915.

*Manitoba—*

John Leslie, Grand Master 1899, died February 13, 1915.

*Michigan—*

William Wentz, Grand Treasurer 1894 to 1915, died February 25, 1915.

*Minnesota—*

Edgar Nash, Past Grand Senior Warden, died June 6, 1915.

*Mississippi—*

Frank Bruhitt, Grand Master 1879, died November 18, 1914.  
Allen M. Hicks, Grand Secretary 1895 to 1915, died September 22, 1915.

*Nebraska—*

Martin Durham, Grand Master 1874, died February 18, 1915.  
John J. Mercer, Grand Master 1889, died February 25, 1915.  
Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master 1896, died August 24, 1915.  
John B. Dinsmore, Grand Master 1897, died October 6, 1915.  
Albert W. Crites, Grand Master 1900, died August 23, 1915.

*Nevada—*

Joseph A. Miller, Grand Master 1900, died December 8, 1914.

*New York—*

Charles W. Mead, Grand Master 1900, died September 28, 1915.  
Arthur McArthur, Past District Deputy 1883, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of United States, died December 27, 1914.

*North Dakota—*

Halfdan Benedeke, Grand Master 1909, died September 23, 1915.  
Charles A. Harris, Grand Treasurer 1896, died October 22, 1915.

*Oklahoma—*

James S. Hunt, Grand Secretary 1892 to 1908, died March 9, 1915.  
Alfred G. Gray, Grand Master 1912, died August 21, 1915.  
William L. Byrd, Past Senior Grand Warden, died April 21, 1915.

*Oregon—*

John McCracken, Grand Master 1863 and 1864, died February 15, 1915.

*Philippine Islands—*

Bruton Whitcomb, Deputy Grand Master 1914, died July 8, 1915.

*Tennessee—*

Henry H. Ingersoll, Grand Master 1888, died March 12, 1915.

*Texas—*

Augustus W. Houston, Grand Master 1913, died February 21, 1915.

*Wyoming—*

William L. Knighendall, Grand Secretary, died March 8, 1915.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared.

Lewis S. Williams, thirty-first Grand Master of North Carolina, 1859 and 1860, died June 24, 1915, at his home in Charlotte, aged 91 years.

Dudley Peed, for many years Grand Lecturer, died January, 1916. For seventy years he was an affiliated Mason, and all his life a useful citizen.

Dr. John A. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, died December 24, 1915. One of the last things he did was to complete proof reading his report for this year. His reviews were always of a high, diversified and elevated character, and much of the high regard outside of our state for North Carolina Masonry has been due to his fair and impartial writings. His place will be difficult to fill.

On June 1915, Past Grand Master Lewis S. Williams died at his home in Charlotte at the age of ninety-one. He was elected Grand Master of North Carolina at the sessions of 1859 and 1860 and in 1861 when the Grand Lodge met he was absent as he was with his regiment encamped on the battle-fields of Virginia, having volunteered in May, 1861, as a Captain of the Hornet's Nest Rifles of Charlotte, and with his company took part in the battle of Big Bethel, Va., June 10,

1861, when the first blood was spilt in the Civil War. He afterwards rose to be Colonel of his regiment, and as such was mustered out at the close of the Civil War. He lived an honored and useful life and rounded out a score more years than the allotted three score and ten.

His last attendance at a Masonic meeting was in March, 1914, when the corner stone of the Masonic Temple at Charlotte was laid by the Grand Lodge.

It may not be out of place in referring to the death of Past Grand Master Williams, and his presence at the baptism of fire given the First North Carolina Troops in the battle of Big Bethel to place on printed page and record the fact that of the six men who were detailed to set fire to a farm house from which the Union sharp shooters were firing on the Confederate troops, in which Henry Lawson Wyatt lost his life, that three of those six young men afterwards became Masons. They are Bros. John H. Thorpe and R. H. Hicks, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 230, of Rocky Mount, and Bro. R. H. Bradley, Past Master of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, of Raleigh, now our beloved Grand Tiler.

#### LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION DURING YEAR 1915

Woodsdale Lodge, Woodsdale, Person County, A. C. Gentry, W. M. Dispensation issued February 22, 1915.

Pee Dee Lodge, Norwood, Stanley County, J. H. Forbis, W. M. Dispensation issued, March 11, 1915.

Perfection Lodge, Kenly, Johnston County, Jesse Watson, W. M. Dispensation issued, June 3, 1915.

Belmont Lodge, Gaston County, Chas. H. Sloan, W. M. Dispensation issued, July 13, 1915.

Cannon Memorial Lodge, Kannapolis, Cabarrus County, Jno. H. Rutledge, W. M. Dispensation issued, August 23, 1915.

Walnut Cove Lodge, Walnut Cove, Stokes County. Dispensation issued, December 13, 1915.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I have commissioned Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges as follows:

BRITISH COLUMBIA—James Stark, Vancouver, B. C., December 14, 1915.

CONNECTICUT—Eugene A. Hall, Menden, Connecticut, November 5.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Arthur C. Shaw, Washington, D. C., September 10.

MINNESOTA—Alex Fiddes, Jackson, Minnesota, September 17.

MONTANA—Stephen P. Wright, Butte, Montana, April 30.

NEW JERSEY—Phillip F. Botzong, Brooklyn, N. Y., November 9.

NEW YORK—Seth P. Lyman, September 10.

No new representatives have been accredited from other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, for the reason that it is the opinion of many that the entire list of Grand Representatives as now constituted should be materially revised, not only because there are two vacancies by reason of death, but also one is now a non-affiliate, two others have not attended the Grand Lodge for ten years, while four have attended the Grand Lodge only once in five years' time. We should, by a due attention to these positions, make them worthy of what they are, the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its sense that these positions should be commissioned annually and should not be filled by the same brethren for a longer period than three years, and that in the selection of its representatives near other Grand Lodges that they be commissioned annually and the same length of limit of service be observed.

#### DECISIONS

1. A Mason suspended for non-payment of dues has to petition for restoration in the same manner as a dimitted Mason.

2. A person otherwise eligible, who is deaf in his right ear, but has good hearing in his left ear is eligible to the degrees of Freemasonry.

3. A petition for the degrees in Masonry, or a petition for affiliation can only be received at a stated communication and has to lie over one lunar month.

4. The Grand Master cannot by dispensation abrogate the constitution of the Grand Lodge requiring that a petition shall lie over one lunar month, hence he cannot grant dispensation to allow a petition to be balloted upon in less than one month by the lodge.

5. Twelve months' Masonic residence in the State of North Carolina is necessary to give jurisdiction to a lodge in this state to receive a petition for the degrees. This twelve months' residence may be at more than one place, and where a party has a *bona fide* residence in the state fourteen months, of which six months was at A, and eight months in the town of B, the lodge at the town of B could, by getting a waiver from the town of A, receive a petition for the degrees from the party.

6. Brother A. B. pays his dues to date and petitions the lodge for a dimit. The dimit is ordered issued by the lodge and is actually filled up and issued by the Secretary. When the Secretary tenders the dimit the brother declines to accept it, saying that he has changed his mind and will not sever his connection with the lodge. Held that Brother A. B. is a dimitted Mason, and can only re-connect himself with the lodge by petition for affiliation, as he is a non-affiliate. The dimit is binding from the time it is ordered and not from the time it is actually issued. Of course a party can ask for a conditional dimit for the purpose of transferring his membership to another lodge which would not sever his connection with the order. This ruling is based on No. 533 of the Masonic Digest.

7. The definite suspension referred to in Section 151 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge refers to suspension for cause and not to suspension for non-payment of dues under Section 153 (erroneously printed 165).

8. Every brother is entitled to a Masonic residence. If a brother lives 12 months in the State of North Carolina though it be in part at two or more different places, having no intention to return to his former home, he would clearly lose his Masonic residence in such other state. Having acquired a Masonic residence in North Carolina he would have the right to petition a lodge upon having lived in its jurisdiction for 12 months. Where he has lived less than 12 months in that place, though he has resided 12 months in the State, the lodge could after getting the consent of the lodge at his previous residence in this state, where he resided such time if added to his present residence would make 12 months could receive his petition.

9. A brother, whose dues have been paid to at least three months in advance, may file his petition with a lodge to which he wished to change his membership, accompanied by a written application for a dimit, and upon his being elected may apply for a dimit from the former lodge and after the receipt from the lodge petitioned he shall be a member of the latter lodge. This provision permits continuous membership but does not permit dual membership.

10. A petition for initiation or for membership is not received by a lodge within the meaning of Section 117, providing that a petition cannot be withdrawn after being received by a lodge, until it is read in open meeting, and without objection taken charge of by the lodge. "A petition can only be received at a stated meeting," and while it is in the custody of the Secretary awaiting its due course at a regular com-



munication "it is not received by the lodge." The Secretary is an indispensable officer of every lodge, but he is not the entire lodge, hence a petition in the pocket of a Secretary does not require the unanimous consent of the lodge to be withdrawn.

11. Maim or deformity after initiation shall not prevent a brother from advancing. Where a brother received the Fellow Craft degree several years ago and since met with an accident and has lost the three fingers of the right hand, below the knuckles, having the thumb and index finger intact, he is eligible to be raised as a Master Mason.

12. Each lodge is the sole judge of the worthiness of its petitions. Hence where a petitioner was guilty of the reprehensible conduct of reading an exposé it was entirely with the lodge whether they should receive or reject him and it was not in the prerogative of the Grand Master to grant permission one way or the other.

13. A dispensation was granted allowing the Senior Warden to resign, whereupon a dispensation was granted allowing them to fill that station and any other vacancies that may be created in filling such office.

14. The internal financial affairs of each lodge are for itself to govern, subject to the requirement that the fee for the degrees shall not be less than \$15.00. Hence a lodge can reduce its fee from \$25.00 to \$15.00 by an amendment to its by-laws without first asking permission of the Grand Master to do so.

15. Lodges in North Carolina in making requests of lodges in other grand jurisdictions should forward such correspondence through the Grand Master. The reason for this is a protection to each lodge to know that they will receive no communication from other than a regular lodge.

16. It is unnecessary for a lodge to obtain dispensation to attend church service in usual regalia, including aprons, jewels, etc. Regulation 347.

To attend divine service it is unnecessary to open a lodge, as the brethren merely informally assemble in the hall, properly clothe themselves, and march to the hall where such services are held. A note of attendance should be on such minutes though the lodge is not open.

17. Dispensation was granted for a lodge to receive the petition of the son of a Past Grand Master, who was in the service of the United States Navy and was home on a vacation. The dispensation was to receive and act upon the petition without lying over the statutory period. In granting this

dispensation I now think there was an error and I ask the Grand Lodge to answer this question for me.

18. In the case of the trial of a Mason charged with the violation of his obligation an affidavit signed by the prosecutor cannot be offered as evidence. If such a statement is needed to be taken it can be taken by a committee of one or more members appointed by the Master, to take such a statement in the same way depositions are taken in the civil courts, the defendant having reasonable notice of the time and place of taking so that he may have opportunity to cross-examine the witness.

19. A party, for the past four or five years, has resided in North Carolina from August 1st, to January 31st, in Richmond, Va., from February 1st, to April 30th, and in South Carolina from May 1st, to July 30th, and wishes to petition for the degrees. What lodge has jurisdiction? This can only be settled, in the absence of more specific facts, by holding that each white male person coming of age acquires a Masonic residence in a similar manner to the way in which he acquires a political residence. If this party was a resident in the jurisdiction of the North Carolina lodge when he became of age or before he began his perigrination, then the North Carolina lodge has jurisdiction. Otherwise, if he became of age in another state or had Masonic residence there he cannot petition the lodge in North Carolina until he acquires a *bona fide* Masonic residence here by a permanent removal to this state.

20. It is optional with a lodge whether to charge a fee for affiliation or not. The wording of the Masonic Code that the fee shall invariably accompany the petition refers to petitions from candidates for degrees, or where there is a fee charged for affiliation, but it does not require a lodge to charge a fee for affiliation.

21. A petitioner for the degrees was elected, and when he presented himself for the Entered Apprentice degree, objection had been lodged against him and the candidate was stopped permanently. Under this state of circumstances it was recommended to the lodge that they would return the party his fee. This is not authorized by any written law but it is the common law of honesty not to take a man's money for the degrees and then give him nothing or only a part of the degrees, as Masons always believe in acting upon the square in such matters.

22. It is not obligatory on a lodge to try every breach of Masonic discipline that comes up, as a Master should

exercise a sound discretion and through private talks set aright an offending brother, and aid in his reclamation if it be possible. However, a flagrant breach of discipline should be dealt with as it requires. The lodge, subject to review by the Grand Lodge, is the sole judge of the discretion to apply to each case.

23. Two or more brethren may be included in one charge, and charges may be filed at a regular communication, or they may be filed at a special communication called especially for that purpose. The charges might, and probably should, be referred to a committee of investigation who should see if they could bring the brethren together, and avoid a trial, or whether the lodge should proceed with the trial.

23. *a.* After the lodge has voted to consider the charges a copy of them should be delivered to the accused by the Secretary as provided in the Masonic Code and he be allowed until a day certain to file his answer. A day should then be set for the trial after all other efforts have failed and the parties notified. The expense of witnesses attending the trial on behalf of the lodge should be borne by the lodge.

24. The Grand Master should not declare concurrent jurisdiction as provided in section 96 of the Constitution in favor of A Lodge over the territory of B Lodge, until after A Lodge endeavored to amicably obtain the consent of B Lodge to its invasion. B Lodge should act liberally in such matters as the exclusive territorial jurisdiction is given as a protection, and not as a revenue producer.

25. A Master finding that a brother is using a cipher work should demand the same from him to be delivered up and be destroyed as required in regulation 28. If a brother refuses he should be dealt with as therein directed.

26. The ancient work of Freemasonry referred to in the various editions of the Masonic Code is the Stevenson work which is purely traditional and not committed to writing.

27. There is no provision of law providing that the petition for a lodge U. D. shall be first submitted to a District Deputy. However, as he is in charge of Masonry in that district, the Grand Master has the right to refuse to consider such a petition until it is first submitted to the District Deputy.

28. Under section 119 of the Constitution a petitioner for the degrees is elected to the three degrees of Masonry, provided, however, if any brother shall request it, the lodge



may take another ballot on the application previous to conferring either degree. Under this provision a ballot can be called for when the candidate presents himself for the Entered Apprentice degree. Under these circumstances, if the candidate is stopped before he has taken any of the degrees it would be unfair for the lodge to hold his money and they could very properly return the same and his application and declare the application null and void.

29. A dimitted Mason can apply for membership in a lodge anywhere in or out of the state, irrespective of his residence.

30. In a Masonic trial the guilt of a party is ascertained and the lodge determines the penalty as definite suspension. How is the length of this suspension to be determined by the lodge? I ruled that the most reasonable course to pursue would be to allow a secret ballot to be cast by each brother designating on the ballot the length of time the suspension is to last, after which the Master would after then put the time of the suspension before the lodge commencing with the longest period.

31. A candidate filed his petition for the degrees with a lodge, which was regularly received and after the committee had agreed upon, properly reported and filed same with the Secretary, but before the communication was held at which his application was to be voted upon, he had the misfortune to lose his left foot in a railroad accident. Under the circumstances I held that the candidate was ineligible to the degrees and the lodge did proper in holding up voting on the petition until the matter could be determined.

32. A young man otherwise eligible has been attending a Medical College in Richmond, Va., for nine months past, and upon his return to the home of his parents, where he resides, desires to petition for the degrees. His stay in Richmond was solely for the purpose of attending school, and not for making it his residence. Held that the lodge at his home had jurisdiction. In Richmond he was only a sojourner until he had acquired a Masonic residence, which he had not done.

33. Upon the filing of charges against a Master of a lodge, he is not automatically suspended from office, but the Grand Master, if he finds there are reasonable grounds for the charge, may suspend him from office.

34. Section 135 authorizes an appeal from a ruling of the Grand Master made in vacation to the Grand Lodge.

35. Under the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge

a Master of a lodge is not tried by the Grand Lodge but by a commission of not less than three past or present Masters, which shall be appointed by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

36. Where the lodge by a vote of 18 to 2 acquitted a brother accused of charges by another brother, the prosecutor has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

37. Where a brother pleads guilty to charges before a lodge, and requests that the matter be settled then, it being at a regular communication, without objection, the lodge by vote may proceed to act and the sentence of two years' suspension imposed at that time is binding, especially as the party was present, requested action and did not appeal. This meeting occurred in July and when he claimed that the matter was illegal it was re-opened in October in the absence of the Master, and a sentence of reprimand only imposed; held it did not restore the brother to the lodge as the former action was binding on the lodge and the accused.

38. A charter which had been arrested by order of the Grand Lodge, upon being restored by the Grand Master, only holds good until the next succeeding session of the Grand Lodge, who can then make permanent his action or decline to restore it as the Grand Lodge sees fit to do.

39. The unfinished material, those who have received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, of a dormant lodge under dispensation, when the dispensation is surrendered before a charter is granted, becomes the property of the chartered lodge or lodges having jurisdiction over such unfinished material.

40. A petitioner for the degrees was elected to the same in a lodge in this state, but never presented himself for the degrees and afterwards removed to a neighboring state. He now makes application and the lodge which previously had elected him asks if they can entertain the petition. I ruled that they cannot, as more than one year had elapsed since his removal to the neighboring jurisdiction, and hence the Grand Lodge had lost its jurisdiction and he is now under the neighboring Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

41. Where charges are preferred by a brother against a present Master, for an offense committed before the brother was made Master, the procedure would be as outlined in sections 166 and 169 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, on page 66 of the 1915 edition.

42. Charges were preferred by Brother B against Brother A in a regular communication, which were afterwards

dismissed on the ground of a deficiency in the record. At the next communication charges were again preferred by him against Brother A for the same offense and at that communication Brother A prefers counter charges against Brother B. Upon being asked if the last charges were regularly before the lodge I held that they were, for the reason that the preferring of charges against a brother does not change his status in Masonry until after the charges are acted upon, otherwise an innocent brother could be unjustly deprived of his rights by groundless charges maliciously preferred.

43. The lodge specially notified and convened for that purpose at which trials take place as designated in section 160 need not necessarily be a special communication, but may be a regular communication of the lodge and the members notified that the charges will be investigated at such regular communication specially designated for that purpose.

44. Regulation 245 reads: "a Mason is bound to obey the moral law, and is under peculiar obligations to observe and preserve the sanctity of the marital relation." Any violation of the moral law is a violation of the Masonic law.

45. In case of violation of regulation 243, the proof need not necessarily be direct evidence, but a proving of the offense could be done as similar acts are proved in divorce courts. It is not necessary in divorce cases for an absolute divorce on scriptural grounds for the offense to be proved by eye witnesses but a jury can find the same where the facts are inconsistent with innocence. The same applies to the proving of such cases.

46. An Entered Apprentice who had received that degree in a sister grand jurisdiction and removes to this state is still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that other state. A lodge in this state cannot receive his petition for the degrees of Masonry, nothing else appearing, but should get the other lodge to request it and confer the degrees for it.

47. To restore a suspended brother to his rights as a member of a lodge requires an unanimous ballot. To restore a brother to the rights and benefits of Masonry, but not as a member of that lodge, when he stands only as a dimitted Mason, requires only a two-thirds ballot.

48. A brother on the 25th of the month takes an absolute dimit from A Lodge with the intention of depositing it in B Lodge. On the 29th he delivers his petition with the dimit attached to the Secretary of B Lodge, which does not meet until the 6th of the following month, and on the 2nd, he is killed in a railroad accident. Held that he is a non-affiliate. It is in

the province of the lodge to act towards a brother as they see fit, but there is no legal binding duty that they should receive this petition. The dimit could not be returned for A Lodge nor could B Lodge act upon the same, as the member was dead. The conditional dimit, to be granted if a brother affiliates with another lodge, was to remedy just such cases as this. It is an unfortunate case, but the law is so written. Of course there is nothing to preclude either one of the lodges recognizing his moral intention to continue affiliated or even doing for his family on the ground that the non-affiliation was not through his fault, as he may have been, possibly was, ignorant of the provision authorizing a conditional dimit providing for continuous membership.

#### OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM

Recently it was my good fortune to visit this institution, and see its workings, which was an inspiration to me, as well as a realization of the great work there which this Grand Lodge has done. Everything moves like clock work, and each child is well cared for. The children are grouped into cottages, four for girls and four for boys, there being about 40 children to each cottage, while in the recently erected Baby Cottage there are 46 children. The happy faces of these children bespeak commendation of the management of this institution far more than any words of mine. The report of the Board of Trustees will show in detail the workings of that institution and its needs. I bespeak for the Grand Lodge to give a patient hearing for their request and answer as its ability will permit. From a personal inspection of the institution I know that money is badly needed for the repairing of the buildings. Boys who work on the farms and wear hobnailed rough shoes will soon wear out a floor which has been laid for over 15 years, and this will give an idea of the repairs needed.

#### MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

Through force of circumstances I regret that I have been prevented from visiting this institution as I had intended to do and as it was my duty as Acting Grand Master. However, it is doing a great work taking care of 32 aged Masons and widows. The report of the Board of Directors which will be submitted to you will show in detail how this institution is being carried on and the great work it is doing. Had I been able to have visited the institution I would report matters to you more in detail.

## TUBERCULOSIS FUND

A detailed report will be made to you from the committee having this matter in charge, which will show that during the past year two brethren were helped by this fund. Brother A from the lodge at M, who remained at the Sanatorium less than three months, was aided to the extent of \$22.00, his lodge paying for him \$52.00, while Brother B from W Lodge, who remained nearly six months, will also be helped out of this fund. The settlement of his account is being held up pending the local lodge either paying one-half and the Grand Lodge the other one-half, or of the local lodge paying one-third, he bearing one-third and the Grand Lodge one-third. In the establishment of this fund it was not intended that the Grand Lodge should bear all the expense, but that through coöperation of say a brother paid one-third of his expenses, the lodge could pay another one-third, and the Grand Lodge the remaining one-third, which would make the fund do far more good than for the Grand Lodge to bear the entire expense.

I recommend the continuation of this fund.

## MASONIC TEMPLE

The report of the Masonic Temple Committee makes a gratifying showing in that one year ago, January 1, 1915, the total indebtedness was \$60,050.00, while during the year they paid off \$11,000.00, so that their total indebtedness on January 1, 1916, was \$49,050.00.

Five years ago this debt was \$104,000.00 and the annual interest over \$5,000.00, while today the debt is \$49,050.00 and the annual interest slightly under \$2,150.00.

Through the good management of this committee they have not only reduced the debt but also have materially reduced the rate of interest the remainder of the debt bears and now the rate of interest paid by the Grand Lodge on this debt is 4.35 per cent. To those of us who are glad to borrow money at 6 per cent., and sometimes willing to pay more when we can borrow much needed money, this rate of interest shows the splendid business judgment of that committee.

The report of the Masonic Temple Committee which will be presented to you is referred to for details on this matter.

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The past six months has shown very strongly the worth of the District Deputy system and the greater amount of



growth of Masonry in North Carolina is due to the efficient District Deputies. Under the plan of tabulating the statistics which the Grand Secretary will use this year it will show at a glance which of the District Deputies have been active, for wherever the Grand Lodge has an active District Deputy, there you will find a growth in Freemasonry which is the result of his interest and work. Some Deputies, I regret to say, have done absolutely nothing and successor Deputies should be appointed to them. Others have done efficient work, advanced the interest of the Grand Lodge, and are deserving of recognition by this Grand Lodge. In accordance with the plan heretofore adopted the recommendations for District Deputies will be distributed through the Grand Lodge Wednesday evening, at which time it is hoped each brother present will make his recommendation as to who is the best brother for District Deputy, which recommendations largely govern the Grand Master in making his selections.

Again, in the name of the Grand Lodge, I sincerely thank those District Deputies who have so faithfully performed their work, and to whose efforts is due the great growth we have had.

#### BAYLISS LODGE SUIT

A year ago when the committee reported the final outcome of this case the Grand Lodge thought that it was ended, but through your action in making a present of a watch to me as one of the counsel, and also paying of witness fees, and \$10 additional to Brother Alexander at Winston-Salem, in successfully resisting a motion to re-tax the cost, there was expended last year \$276.06 on account of this lodge suit, which with the \$618.27 expended heretofore, makes the total cost of this litigation \$891.23. We regret the cause which arose for the Grand Lodge to incur this practically \$900.00 of expense, yet our integrity as a Grand Lodge, as a sovereign Grand Masonic jurisdiction, was attacked, and there was no other alternative left for us to do but to assert our rights or else lay down. Having acted rightly in the beginning our cause was just, and there was nothing to do but to fight, though this litigation was drawn out over four years. I believe we have now reached the end of this litigation and expense, and that the matter is settled forever.

#### JOHN H. MILLS MASONIC LOAN FUND

I recommend that the Grand Lodge make an annual appropriation of \$200.00 to the Board of Directors of the Oxford

Orphan Asylum to be loaned to deserving orphan boys to aid in completing their education. Such money not to be given to the orphan boys but only loaned to them to be re-paid when able, and that such sum when repaid be again loaned out, and in that way accumulate a loan fund for the aid of deserving orphan boys, which fund is to be known as The John H. Mills Loan Fund.

This will be a memorial to John H. Mills, the first Superintendent and Manager of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the pioneer in the work of training orphan boys and girls. He was the honor graduate of his class at Wake Forest College, beginning life as a teacher, but God willed otherwise and his life work became the training of orphan boys and girls.

This fund through its loans, will be an inspiration to every boy.

#### DOLLY MADISON MASONIC LOAN FUND

I further recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate annually to the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum the sum of \$200.00, the same to be known as the Dolly Madison Masonic Loan Fund and to be loaned to deserving young orphan girls to aid in their education. Such advances not to be a gift but to be a loan and when re-paid to be in turn loaned to other orphan girls.

Dolly Madison, who was born in Caswell County in 1772, is the only North Carolina woman who ever became the wife of a President of the United States. Researches do not show that her husband, James Madison, was a Mason, yet there is a record in the lodge of Three Sisters in Paris, of the visits at different times of Brothers Benjamin Franklin, James Madison and John Paul Jones, which record I regret has not been verified. Mrs. Dolly Madison, whether her husband was a Mason or not, certainly took an interest in the Masonic fraternity, and preserved for many years in her jewel case the notice of Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, of a meeting in 1786, which was directed to Brother George Washington, and given by him to Mrs. Madison, which notice is now treasured in the library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

By creating this fund we not only honor a brilliant and talented North Carolina woman, well deserving of such honor, but we do a duty to humanity in providing a fund from now on, and in years to come, long after we of the present generation have passed away, will help many a struggling young woman to fit herself to become a bread winner in that sphere of life in which God's providence has called her.

In recommending the creation of these two funds one can but recall the hope expressed in the language of the Sweet Singer of Israel: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace;" . . . "Happy is that people, that is in such a case, yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." (Psalms 104; 12 and 14.)

#### WIDOW OF GRAND LODGE OFFICER

A sad case has been called to my attention, of which this Grand Lodge should take notice. The widow of a Past Grand Elective Officer, who faithfully served this lodge for 23 years, until his death 25 years ago, is in need. The lady, who is 77 years of age, fell 12 years ago and broke her hip, and with great difficulty walks with a crutch. Her brother who was paralyzed in 1878 or 1879, who is a few years her junior, is confined to a wheel chair and has not walked for 15 years. The other member of the family is a maiden sister, who is past 70. Our deceased brother left a small estate, which injudicious investment and the pinch of necessity have wasted. A relative gave the lady the use of a house for her life-time, she paying the taxes and repairs.

During his life-time our deceased brother was a generous contributor to all Masonic charities and was a man of prominence in the state. He was for 15 years president of a National Bank, Senior Warden of the church of which he was a member, and for 25 years Superintendent of its Sunday School. The good that he did in his life-time, much less the zealous and enthusiastic work for Masonry, should prompt this Grand Lodge to supplement the efforts of the local lodge.

I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate annually the sum of \$100.00 towards the relief of a widow of a deceased Elective Grand Officer, who faithfully served this Grand Lodge for over 20 years, the continuance of this appropriation to be contingent upon the lodge of which he was a member appropriating or raising for her benefit, a sum of at least equal to the amount of this appropriation, and that this sum be annually paid to the Master of the lodge to which our deceased brother belonged to be disbursed for her benefit.

This is one of the cases that cannot be taken care of in the Masonic Home, as the family have the house during the life-time of this good lady, and a younger brother whom the war threw out of employment for over a year, has the sup-



port of the three, which can only be done by their living together.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Five years ago the idea was advanced of making a national memorial to George Washington, the Man and the Mason, something that coming generations would appreciate, and would be worthy of the men who now constitute the Masonic fraternity. It was determined to erect such a memorial near the capital city of our government named in his honor, which was to take the shape of a permanent Masonic building at Alexandria, where Brother George Washington not only presided as Master of the lodge, but felt honored to attend its meetings regularly and fraternize with his brethren. Washington Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, of which he was Master at Alexandria, Virginia, has many priceless relics which they have donated to this association conditioned upon the erection of a Memorial building. Various Grand Lodges, subordinate lodges and Masons have subscribed to this fund, and practically every Grand Lodge has subscribed except our own. I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge subscribe towards the Washington Masonic Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, the sum of \$500.00, the same to be paid in annual installments of \$100 each. We cannot afford to do otherwise than to join with our sister Grand Lodges in this great undertaking.

#### MASONIC WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Let us be thankful that we are not in the midst of the terrible war that is now going on in Continental Europe. With a view of relieving the distress incident to a war the several American brethren, whose action has been officially endorsed by practically every Grand Lodge of the United States, headed by that big-hearted, whole-souled Past Grand Master, William B. Melish, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formed the Masonic War Relief Fund, which is soliciting contributions from Grand Lodges and individuals, which are distributed for the benefit of our unfortunate European brethren, as it will do the greatest good. Up to September 15th they had raised \$65,000.00 from all sources, \$17,000.00 of which had been disbursed to European Grand Lodges. The greatest need for money will come after the close of the war when they try to again restore normal conditions. As the details of the financing of this fund were handled before I assumed office I regret to say that no appeal, so far as I know, has been issued to the

lodges in our state. I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge endorse the Masonic War Relief Fund and appropriate towards it the sum of \$250.00, which I wish the state of our treasury would justify a larger sum, and furthermore that the Grand Lodge commend this appeal to North Carolina lodges and brethren and ask them to contribute to this relief as they may be able. It is a most worthy cause and the fund is officered by competent Masons who are conducting the matter at a minimum expense and every cent is properly applied.

MARTIN HOWARD

Through the research of our Grand Historian, Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, there has been located a portrait of Bro. Martin Howard, who was Chief Justice of the Colony of North Carolina from 1767 to 1776, when he returned to England, as he sided with the mother country and not with the American patriots who afterwards achieved independence. Of interest to Masonry is the fact that Martin Howard, then Chief Justice of the Colony of North Carolina, was the first Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, whose charter was issued January 10, 1772, by Most Worshipful Joseph Montfort, Provincial Grand Master in and for America, who resided at Halifax. An effort is now being made to obtain engravings of this portrait, which I feel reasonably sure will be successful. All honor to our faithful Grand Historian, Brother Haywood, and his indefatigable research, which has enabled the Grand Lodge to locate this portrait of a distinguished North Carolina Colonial official and Mason.

PHALANX LODGE, NO. 31

Recently Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, at Charlotte, arranged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of what some of its members thought was the issuing of its charter. Upon examining the matter they found that on December 11, 1840, 75 years ago, their charter was restored to them by the Grand Lodge. The original charter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to the brethren of Phalanx Lodge was issued December 27, 1797. Prior to that time they had been working under a charter from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina as is shown by the records of our Grand Lodge, and entered on the manuscript, "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge," reading as follows:

"On motion, etc., resolved that a charter be issued by the Grand Secretary to those members residing in and about

the town of Charlotte, in the County of Mecklenburg, who were heretofore organized by a charter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. That by this charter they be hereinafter enrolled as a lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by the name of Phalanx, No. 31, in the said town of Charlotte, in the County of Mecklenburg as aforesaid."

At that same session of the Grand Lodge Dr. Nathaniel Alexander, a Past Master of Phalanx Lodge, was elected a permanent member of the Grand Lodge. In December, 1805, Past Master Nathaniel Alexander was elected Governor of North Carolina, and served two years. Dr. Alexander was a brother-in-law of Col. William Polk, who was Grand Master of North Carolina 1799, 1800 and 1801.

At the request of the brethren of Phalanx Lodge I endeavored to obtain some information as to the history of that lodge prior to 1797, but owing to the archives of the South Carolina Grand Lodge having been destroyed during the Civil War, I was unable to locate anything additional as to its origin, and from whence their original Masonic authority came. However, it is my opinion, which opinion I regret to say lacks facts to substantiate it, that the Masonic ancestry of Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, will ultimately be traced to Lodge, No. 20, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was issued by that Grand Lodge to a North Carolina regiment of the Continental line encamped at Valley Forge in 1777. My reasons for this belief are that Grand Master William Polk was a Major in a regiment encamped at Valley Forge, and was wounded at the battle of Germantown, while his brother-in-law, Governor Nathaniel Alexander, graduated at Princeton College in 1776, and was a surgeon of the North Carolina regiment at the Valley Forge encampment. Several other distinguished North Carolina Masons were in the Continental troops encamped there, among them Major William R. Davie, of the Waxhaw settlement in Mecklenburg (now Union), County, who afterwards became Grand Master and Governor of North Carolina, though he then had his residence and Masonic membership in the lodge at Halifax.

It is to be regretted that we have not our historical material in better shape, and that the Grand Lodge could not undertake the compilation of some of its history, showing the membership of the older lodges, and let Masons of the present generation know who were their predecessors in our order, those who builded so well, and the result of whose efforts we are now reaping the benefit.

## A WORD PERSONAL

I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation of the many messages of love and sympathy which came to me from the brethren at the time of the death of my mother on November 30th. This was the more appreciated, as only on April 17, 1915, my father had passed away. The hand of Death, when once it invades a family, seems to always come again frequently. I appreciate the messages my brethren sent me and I now publicly thank each of them for their love and sympathy. The death of one's parents always brings to us a realization that we are now of the older generation, and that the onward march of time shortens the number of years of usefulness and activity within which we can do our Creator's work.

I will also further take occasion here to say a word personal as to my father, who was an affiliated Mason for nearly 52 years. He never held office in a lodge, yet always took great interest in Masonry and for many years was regular in his attendance on the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and in 1885 and 1886 served on a committee of this Grand Lodge to consider the erection of a separate boys' department of the Oxford Orphan Asylum as the quarters at Oxford were then badly crowded. He stated to me that he was led to join the Masons because in 1862, when he was Lieutenant of cavalry in company with either Capt. W. J. Whitaker or Major William H. Cheek, (then a member of Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122, afterwards Col. William H. Cheek, a member of Henderson Lodge, No. 229), about 2 o'clock in the day, after the Confederate Army had been in a fight with the Union Army since about 4 a. m., when tired, hungry and exhausted, they came upon a fellow Confederate officer eating his dinner, a small loaf of bread by the road side. Naturally hungry men remarked about the man's meal, which was barely enough to sustain life, much less the strenuous fight he was now in, but that Confederate soldier was a Mason and instantly upon recognizing Captain Whitaker or Major Cheek (which ever it was) as a Mason he insisted that he divide the scanty meal with him. My father said he then determined that he would join the Masons at the first opportunity, as any organization that could induce a hungry, tired man fighting since 4 a. m. without any breakfast, to divide his scanty meal with an utter stranger, and provide bread for a tired, hungry fellow man must be a great institution. In 1863, when on a furlough, he joined Clinton Lodge, No. 124, at Louisburg, and later

became a charter member of Henderson Lodge, No. 229, in 1865, and, in 1875, he moved his membership to Hiram Lodge, No. 40, at Raleigh, to which place he had removed. It is a far cry from the almost penniless Confederate soldier in 1865 to a man leaving more than a competency at his death in 1915, and it is likewise a far cry in the transportation business from the Confederate Captain with two white men and two negro laborers manning three ferry boats, working sixteen hours a day, transferring the freight across the Roanoke River at Gaston, the railroad bridge having been burned and not being re-built until later, to being first Vice-President of a line of railroad of 7,000 miles, extending into eleven states and employing 60,000 men, yet highly creditable as is this, it is a great and grand tribute to Masonry that in consequence of the obligations assumed at her altar in 1863, that its principles made such an impression on his mind, that he continued a member until his death though circumstances with him had greatly changed.

#### CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

It is now over fifty years since the Confederate War ended at Appomattox Court House. The State of North Carolina furnished for that war 130,000 men of whom probably 20,000 were or became Masons. During that war the Grand Lodge of North Carolina chartered six or more army lodges, into which many good men were initiated while in the distance could be heard the roar and boom of the cannon dealing death and destruction to their fellow man.

Would it be practicable for the Grand Lodge to undertake to compile a list of these brave men, incomplete though it may be, so many of whom laid down their lives in defense of their country. Twenty-five years ago it would have been an easy matter to have compiled such a list while ten years hence death will have removed practically the last survivors of this war. I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge consider authorizing the appointment of a commission to undertake the matter of endeavoring to get each lodge to have compiled a list of its members who were Confederate soldiers, showing the name of the regiment, and the company of which they were members, and that this list be printed at such time as the commission think they have gathered material worthy to commit to print.

Recently there were shown me a gavel and Bible used by Military Lodge, No. 1, which is a striking testimonial of the hardships of that time. The Bible was a small pocket Testa-



ment, while the gavel was a hand whittled mallet not much larger than a corn cob pipe. When we think of the loyalty of Masons to this order, whether it be in the high tide of prosperity or the ebb tide of adversity, when panie and ruin is in the country, whether it be the youth just arrived at manhood, or the old gray-headed man bent with the weight of years, whether in a model community with every convenience and advantage of health, or in a community visited with pestilence and dire calamity; whether in the prosperous and piping times of peace when everyone is happy and all the country is prosperous, or in the dark days of war and desolation when every mail brings the news of death of loved ones and "Rachel is crying for her children and will not be comforted because they are not," it brings serious thoughts home to each one of us, and does it not mean that those of us who enjoy the efforts and labors of others who have preceded us should put on permanent record a memorial of that fact, even though it merely be the collecting and transcribing of a Mason's name, his regiment and his company.

#### SPANISH WAR VETERANS

While we commemorate and perpetuate the names of the Masons who were Confederate soldiers, it would also be well to perpetuate the names of those who eighteen years ago volunteered their services in the cause of their country, when the United States declared war on Spain, and the expedition was started to liberate Cuba. Those brave men are today moving among us, and we should now, while there is time, compile these names. The youthful soldiers who were then 21 are now mature men of 39.

I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge consider whether it authorize the naming of a similar commission to compile a list of Masons who were in the Spanish-American War.

#### CARD INDEX

This work has been going on steadily for the past year, and is now two-thirds complete, and I recommend that this appropriation be continued.

Like many another, brother, this card index did not at first appeal to me, and I considered it a waste until I learned the facts, and saw the practical working of the plan.

Recently a totally paralyzed lady, widow of a Mason, 80 years of age, living in St. Augustine, Fla., who had been receiving assistance from the local lodge there, needed

additional assistance, and the Florida lodge wrote to the North Carolina lodge, of which she claimed her husband was a member, asking them to assist in her support. Our North Carolina lodge had no record of his membership, their old records had been lost, and none of the members recalled any such individual, and expressed the opinion that the party might not be worthy and might be imposing on the Florida brethren. The correspondence came to this office from the Grand Master of Florida, with request for information, and to know whether he must say "Yes" or "No" to the question asked him by the Florida brethren who had generously contributed to her much needed support for several years past. In less time than it took to call the name and lodge of the brother desired, the efficient card index clerk produced the card with his name, showing the name of the lodge, and that he was its Junior Deacon in 1878 and 1879. Immediately upon this information being called to the attention of our North Carolina brethren they acted as any true Mason would do.

In this instance the card index prevented an injustice being done a worthy and needy paralyzed widow of a Mason.

Again, a year ago, the widow of a North Carolina Mason, who was then residing in Kansas, wrote the Grand Secretary's office and through the card index secured the information needed by her in establishing her identity—through the identification of her husband and his lodge which she had forgotten, which located people who knew him, and established her right to some property to which she was justly entitled and of which she would otherwise have been deprived, which was of great help in her then financial condition.

These instances show the value of this work, and the need for its completion.

#### GRAND CHAPLAIN

From 1825 to 1845 the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provided there should be one or more Grand Chaplains to be appointed by the Grand Master, the number being left to his discretion. In 1831 we find among the Grand Chaplains such men as Dr. Joseph Caldwell, then President of the State University, Rev. Patrick W. Dowd, the eloquent Baptist divine, Rev. Thomas J. Lemay, distinguished in the Methodist ministry, Rev. William M. Green, then Professor of *belles lettres* at the State University, and afterwards Bishop of the diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of



Mississippi. I recommend that the Grand Lodge return to the former practice and that section 5, page 25, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after the word "Grand Chaplain" the words "and Associate Grand Chaplains, not exceeding seven."

Why the change was made about 1845 from several Grand Chaplains to one, I do not know. However, what was then suited to a Grand Lodge which had jurisdiction over probably 2,000 Masons is not suited to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of today with its 25,000 Masons. Since that time the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has taken many decided steps in progress, such as its Orphan Asylum work in 1873, the forbidding of membership in the order to any one engaged in the whiskey business in 1883, which was a quarter of a century ahead of the present state laws on that subject, and today when our institution is attractive to the man in the Christian ministry who is working with whole soul heartedness in the good of his fellow man and the salvation of his soul, we should have provisions to honor those devoted clergymen who connect themselves with our institution and take part in our work.

#### BURIAL SERVICE

There are quite a number of Masons who express a preference for a revision of the Masonic burial service, and I recommend to your consideration this matter and the appointment of a committee for that purpose.

Another matter with which there is some dissatisfaction is the small attendance of the brethren at Masonic funerals in the towns and cities. Some have suggested the idea of only a delegation of the lodge attending the funeral, where there is held a church service, which they state they prefer to a funeral conducted by a lodge.

#### ILLITERACY

Regulation 270, on page 127, reads, "Inability to write no bar. There is no law making a petitioner ineligible because of his inability to write."

I recommend that this regulation be stricken out and the following be substituted: "Inability to write name. The petition must be signed by the hand of the petitioner, who must be able to read and write."

This recommendation is made because our state has now advanced so that there is no excuse for the coming generation not learning to read and write. No man can vote unless he

can read and write. We claim to be better than the average citizens, and our members are selected, and no man is a selected man who does not endorse the public school system and the cause for which it is working. In our membership today are some few men who have to make their mark to papers, yet they are very few in number and in the recent campaign against illiteracy several learned to read and write. Let us encourage these men and let us make higher our standards of admission so that we will in truth be men who stand for something in our communities.

#### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

At the last session of the Grand Lodge Grand Master Alderman reported a ruling as follows: "2. In conferring the third degree there can be but one constructive interpretation placed upon the meaning and intention of Masonic law. The first and third sections may be conferred upon as many as five candidates at the same time; but the second section, in its entirety, must be conferred upon each candidate separately and alone."

This language, on page 24, was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence in their report on page 144, so that it is now the law of the Grand Lodge. I recommend that these two lines reading, "but the second section, in its entirety, must be conferred upon each candidate separately and alone," be cut out and insert, "but one candidate can be raised at a time."

The decision of Past Grand Master Alderman will work a great hardship in the larger cities, and has already done so, and is also hard on any lodge that has many candidates upon whom it is conferring the degrees.

#### FINANCIAL

The finances of this Grand Lodge are not in good condition. The Finance Committee of 1915, of which your speaker was chairman, appropriated a budget of \$29,145.00, while the receipts have only been approximately \$27,000.00. The Grand Treasurer's report will show an apparent balance of \$1,200.00, yet there is approximately \$3,000.00 of the budget unpaid, as \$. . . . . of contingencies were paid, which were not in the budget.

The appropriation to the Orphan Asylum and Masonic Home were not paid until January 3rd and 6th, respectively, and then \$1,000.00 was withheld from the Orphan Asylum

maintenance appropriation, \$500.00 from the Baby Cottage maintenance and \$500.00 from the Masonic Home appropriation, \$500.00 from the Baby Building Fund, and the \$500.00 due the Baby Building Fund in December, 1914, is still unpaid. The Grand Treasurer withheld these (that is only that part that the \$1,200.00 balance would pay) as he desired to provide for financing the expenses of this session of the Grand Lodge, and any other bills that he thought would be pressing and have to be paid on presentation.

This statement presents one of two facts, either the Grand Lodge ought not to appropriate more money than experience has shown it raised the preceding year, or else all of the money raised that year should be applied on its appropriations, as far as they will go, and the succeeding Grand Lodge should finance itself for the expenses of the January meeting.

#### MILEAGE

It is the wish of a great many of the members of this Grand Lodge that mileage should be paid to the representatives from each lodge who attend the session of the Grand Lodge. Such seems to be desirable, under reasonable restrictions, when the Grand Lodge is able to spare that money. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons pays mileage to its members attending its annual convocations, that amount being conditioned upon the fact that no representative can draw any mileage exceeding one-fourth of the total amount of annual dues paid by his lodge.

We have figured out the cost of paying mileage to each of the 44 District Deputies, who aggregate 6,736 miles travelled one way, and multiplying that at 5 cents for the round trip we find this will cost \$336.80.

The approximation of the cost of paying mileage to one representative in each lodge can be had by multiplying out the mileage of each District Deputy by the number of lodges in his district, and we find that would aggregate 6,736 miles, which would mean an expenditure of \$3,089.15 upon the total number of Masons as shown in the 1915 Proceedings. This would mean an annual tax of 25 cents, and that I cannot consistently recommend the Grand Lodge to impose upon themselves.

The detailed information is as follows:

ESTIMATED MILEAGE OF LODGES FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES, OCTOBER,  
1914

District	No. Lodges	Mileage	Total Mileage
1	7	160	920
2	10	130	1,300
3	8	174	1,392
4	11	140	1,540
5	10	98	980
6	10	77	770
7	9	149	1,341
8	6	129	774
9	12	90	1,080
10	11	137	1,507
11	10	130	1,300
12	12	103	1,236
13	10	42	420
14	14	64	896
15	15	...	...
16	9	28	252
17	13	89	1,157
18	12	86	1,032
19	11	64	704
20	8	59	472
21	10	62	620
22	9	105	945
23	9	114	1,026
24	11	105	1,155
25	9	161	1,449
26	10	122	1,220
27	8	156	1,248
28	9	184	1,656
29	10	156	1,560
30	4	109	436
31	11	136	1,496
32	8	175	1,400
33	15	184	2,760
34	7	209	1,463
35	7	281	1,967
36	9	186	1,674
37	12	227	2,724
38	4	304	1,216
39	9	269	2,421
40	7	265	1,855
41	9	293	2,637
42	8	336	2,688
43	12	394	4,728
44	9	254	2,286

Total mileage of lodges: 61,783 miles, at 5c., per mile would be \$3,089.15.

## INSURANCE ON OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM

The present plan of handling the insurance on the Oxford Orphan Asylum is not an ideal one, as changes take place

through alterations of the buildings, as well as wear and tear on some of them, and it is impossible for the Grand Treasurer to keep up with such matters without annually visiting Oxford for this purpose. I therefore recommend that in future the appropriation for insurance be expended by the Grand Treasurer upon the written statement of the Board of Directors, and that the Board of Directors be charged with the duty of seeing to the amount of insurance carried, the distribution of the same on the several buildings and contents, the placing of the same, and the policies hereafter to be kept by the Board of Directors, at Oxford, instead of by the Grand Treasurer in Raleigh.

#### PROMPTNESS OF LODGES

From the Grand Secretary's report you will learn the surprising fact that only 186 lodges, out of 436, paid their dues on or before December 1st, as required by law. Quite a number sent in returns by December 1st, but owing to errors and needed corrections, they had to be returned, or additional dues, usually a small sum collected, which sometimes the Secretary delayed in answering or remitting to the Grand Secretary. With all of the appropriations of the Grand Lodge payable December 1st, it is highly desirable that the dues of lodges be paid on or before that date, and the delay is a handicap to the Grand Lodge.

This year, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee's report of last year, the Grand Secretary sets out in his report the date of payment of dues by each lodge, so that every Mason can see at once whether or not his lodge made proper returns and paid dues promptly. Also he brings forward the list of lodges unpaid or making no or incorrect returns, which will also direct attention where it belongs.

In compiling the abstract of returns of lodges, giving detailed information, they are this year set out by the 44 districts instead of one table which is a great improvement over the fourteen page table of statistics, which was in such shape that few ever looked at, and no one could use except to get the figures for a single lodge at the time.

The new table shows the abstract of returns set out by districts so that each lodge may be compared with its neighboring lodges, or one district with any other district, and at a glance any District Deputy, Master or Mason may see whether Masonry is advancing, or at a standstill. The 44 district returns are afterwards consolidated to show the total

returns for the entire state. Every Mason will commend the change and its usefulness to the craft.

#### MINOR DETAILS OF ADMINISTRATION

An examination of the Grand Treasurer's report will show that out of the 98 bills paid that 56 were for \$25.00 or less. These were 16 for Grand Lodge Officers' expenses, 9 for District Deputies' mileage, 4 for Grand Secretary's printing, postage, etc., 6 for Custodians and Grand Lecturers, 2 for visiting weak lodges and 16 for incidentals.

I recommend that the Finance Committee take such steps as they may think best for the Grand Lodge in the way of preparing a mileage table for past and present Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies, Custodians and Lecturers, so that they may be paid by one warrant, and their receipt on the mileage table, which printed in the Proceedings would be a voucher for all. For such as are allowed expenses in addition to mileage they could provide by including a *per diem*.

Further I recommend to the committee to include in the budget a sum for contingent expenses, as these will arise in any business, and the affairs of this Grand Lodge have reached a point where it is necessary to apply business methods to its financial affairs.

ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS, JR.,  
*Deputy and Acting Grand Master.*





## Grand Treasurer's Report

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Leo. D. Heartt, presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I herewith present the following report as Grand Treasurer, for the year 1915:

Balance on hand last report .....\$ 1,714 44

### RECEIPTS

Cash received from Jno. C. Drewry, for Grand Lodge dues . . . . .	26,062 70
For charters and dispensations . . . . .	301 00
For sale of Codes, Proceedings, etc. . . . .	336 35
	<hr/> \$26,700 05
From Mrs. Rebecca Baird, bequest . . . . .	100 00
	<hr/> \$26,800 05
Interest on note Masonic Construction Co., B. F. Moore legacy . . . . .	60 00

### DISBURSEMENTS

No. 1025	Amount paid J. A. Bolich, D.D.G.M. . . . .	\$ 26 00
No. 1026	Amount paid L. E. Clark, D.D.G.M. . . . .	18 25
No. 1027	Amount paid J. M. Peterson, D.D.G.M. . . . .	10 05
No. 1028	Amount paid J. W. Patterson, A.G.L. . . . .	15 70
No. 1029	Amount paid Jno. W. Cotten, P.G.M. . . . .	4 45
No. 1030	Amount paid J. E. Cameron, Custodian . . . .	19 25
No. 1031	Amount paid S. N. Boyce, Custodian . . . . .	14 25
No. 1032	Amount paid W. C. Wicker, A.G.L. . . . .	9 25
No. 1033	Amount paid J. W. Rowell, A.G.L. . . . .	18 15
No. 1034	Amount paid A. S. Holden, Cred. Com. . . . .	10 00
No. 1035	Amount paid Leon Cash, Custodian . . . . .	25 85
No. 1036	Amount paid R. J. Noble, P.G.M. . . . .	6 00
No. 1037	Amount paid C. W. Pridgen, D.D.G.M. . . . .	3 70
No. 1038	Amount paid W. W. Holland, A.G.L. . . . .	21 90
No. 1039	Amount paid H. A. Grady, J.D. . . . .	11 90
No. 1040	Amount paid S. H. Smith, P.G.M. . . . .	8 75
No. 1041	Amount paid F. M. Winchester, P.G.M. . . . .	9 00
No. 1042	Amount paid J. H. Anderson, G.P. . . . .	12 20



No. 1043	Amount paid W. B. McKoy, P.G.M. ....	\$ 17 50
No. 1044	Amount paid F. W. Kenny, D.D.G.M. ....	13 45
No. 1045	Amount paid S. M. Gattis, P.G.M. ....	10 50
No. 1046	Amount paid C. A. Clark, D.D.G.M. ....	16 10
No. 1047	Amount paid Geo. S. Norfleet, S.G.D. ....	14 90
No. 1048	Amount paid R. F. Edwards, G.L. ....	24 77
No. 1049	Amount paid H. M. Poteat, G.S. ....	8 50
No. 1050	Amount paid H. A. Gudger, P.G.M. ....	18 50
No. 1051	Amount paid J. T. Alderman, P.G.M. ....	14 88
No. 1052	Amount paid D. S. Gurley, D.D.G.M. ....	4 20
No. 1053	Amount paid W. W. Willson, Cred. Com. ....	10 00
No. 1054	Amount paid H. R. Dowell, Cred. Com. ....	10 00
No. 1055	Amount paid B. S. Royster, P.G.M. ....	2 90
No. 1056	Amount paid G. M. Spence, Supt. G. L. Bldg..	30 15
No. 1057	Amount paid Knox W. Henry, D.D.G.M. ....	7 80
No. 1058	Amount paid J. F. Roberts, D.D.G.M. ....	11 30
No. 1059	Amount paid J. C. Braswell, Commissioner...	1 75
No. 1060	Amount paid J. B. Owen, Commissioner.....	5 00
No. 1061	Amount paid J. D. Proctor, Commissioner....	5 50
No. 1062	Amount paid J. B. Carpenter, D.D.G.M. ....	12.75
No. 1063	Amount paid C. L. Pridgen, J.G.W. ....	16 10
No. 1064	Amount paid R. A. Hicks, G.S. ....	4 80
No. 1065	Amount paid J. LeGrand Everett, D.D.G.M. ...	5 15
No. 1066	Amount paid Worshipful Master for Campbell Lodge, No. 374 .....	10 00
No. 1067	Amount paid Tar Heel Company .....	138 60
No. 1068	Amount paid Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co. ....	420 00
No. 1069	Amount paid R. H. Bradley .....	7 85
No. 1070	Amount paid Jas. E. Thiem .....	9 50
No. 1071	Amount paid H. Mahler's Sons .....	25 00
No. 1072	Amount paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Company . ....	32 50
No. 1073	Amount paid Jolly & Wynne Jewelry Co. ....	235 00
No. 1074	Amount paid J. W. Rowell, A.G.L., account Little River Lodge, No. 620 .....	30 00
No. 1075	Amount paid W. W. Holland, A.G.L. ....	12 00
No. 1076	Amount paid F. P. Hobgood, Jr., G.M. ....	65 85
No. 1077	Amount paid Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co. ....	22 00
No. 1078	Amount paid Exp. sending out G. L. Pro- ceedings . ....	77 36
No. 1079	Amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S. ....	50 00
No. 1080	Amount paid Grand Treasurer .....	100 00
No. 1081	Amount paid Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co. ....	22 00
No. 1082	Amount paid E. M. Uzzell & Co. ....	40 80
No. 1083	Amount paid Ada B. Snow, Court Reporter, etc.	23 75

No. 1084	Amount paid Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co. ....	\$ 44 00
No. 1085	Amount paid Postage on Proceedings sent out	2 59
No. 1086	Amount paid Jno. W. Cotten, P.G.M., Alexandria meeting .....	15 00
No. 1087	Amount paid W. R. Carroll .....	33 80
No. 1088	Amount paid W. S. Liddell, P.G.M. ....	27 96
No. 1089	Amount paid R. H. Bradley, G.T. ....	36 81
No. 1090	Amount paid The Tar Heel Co. ....	15 00
No. 1091	Amount paid Ellington Lumber Co. ....	23 69
No. 1092	Amount paid Carolina Hardware Co. ....	4 50
No. 1093	Amount paid Maude Reid .....	2 30
No. 1094	Amount paid C. L. Pridgen, S.G.W. ....	25 40
No. 1095	Amount paid F. P. Hobgood, G.M. ....	60 45
No. 1096	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum .....	129 90
No. 1097	Amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S. ....	25 00
No. 1098	Amount paid W. W. Willson, A.G.S. ....	75 00
No. 1099	Amount paid Grand Secretary's office, postage account . ....	442 00
No. 1100	Amount paid Mrs. A. A. Carlyle, Clerk .....	600 00
No. 1101	Amount paid Mrs. M. Carl Judd, Index Clerk..	600 00
No. 1102	Amount paid John C. Drewry, G.S. ....	1,200 00
No. 1103	Amount paid Grand Treasurer .....	100 00
No. 1104	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, interest from Moore legacy .....	60 00
No. 1105	Amount paid Masonic Temple Construction Co.	7,500 00
No. 1106	Amount paid Masonic Temple Construction Co., rent . ....	300 00
No. 1107	Amount paid J. Thiem .....	214 00
No. 1108	Amount paid A. M. Maupin & Co. ....	17 60
No. 1109	Amount paid Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co. ....	162 50
No. 1110	Amount paid Alexander & Körner .....	10 00
No. 1111	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum .....	1,356 10
No. 1112	Amount paid Edwards & Broughton Printing Company . ....	187 50
No. 1113	Amount paid Masonic Relief Association .....	114 40
No. 1114	Amount paid R. H. Bradley, G.L. ....	50 00
No. 1115	Amount paid R. H. Bradley, G.T. ....	50 00
No. 1116	Amount paid R. T. Gowan, G.A. ....	100 00
No. 1117	Amount paid Masonic & Eastern Star Home..	2,500 00
No. 1118	Amount paid Southern Manufacturing Co. ...	18 00
No. 1119	Amount paid Grand Secretary, sundry exp....	28 59
No. 1120	Amount paid The Ward-Stilson Co. ....	22 00
No. 1121	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, Baird bequest . ....	100 00

No. 1122	Amount paid Jno. A. Collins, Chairman, Correspondence Committee, (paid Mrs. Collins) . \$	150 00
No. 1123	Amount paid C. T. McClenaghan, D.D.G.M. . .	19 50
No. 1124	Amount paid Tar Heel Company, pm. on bonds	25 00
No. 1125	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, appropriation . . . . .	5,000 00
No. 1126	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, appropriation Asylum Building . . . . .	2,000 00
No. 1127	Amount paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, account appropriation Baby Building maintenance	2,000 00
Total Disbursements . . . . .		\$27,281 95
Balance . . . . .		1,292 54
Total . . . . .		\$28,574 49

Respectfully submitted,  
 LEO. D. HEARTT,  
*Grand Treasurer.*



## Grand Secretary's Report

The following report of Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, was presented, read and referred to the Finance Committee :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

In making this my twenty-first annual report as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, I trust I may be pardoned a personal allusion with a word of explanation. Last summer my health became temporarily impaired, and after consulting a number of physicians I found that it would be necessary for me to undergo an operation, which was determined upon during the month of October. The operation was of such a nature I knew that possibly for a period of four months from the time I entered the hospital I would be unable to attend to any business. Therefore, I requested Bro. W. W. Willson, our Assistant Grand Secretary, upon whose judgment and efficiency I could with confidence rely, to take charge of the office of Grand Secretary until I had undergone the operation and recovered my strength. Brother Willson assumed the duties of the office for me on the first of November, and since that time has been acting as Grand Secretary. The operation was performed upon me on the 18th day of November, and I am glad to say that it was successful in every way, the cause of my illness removed, and I am now regaining my strength and expect to be able to take charge of my affairs within the next sixty days.

My heart is filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and my restoration to health, and with deep appreciation for the many letters received from lodges and individual members throughout the state for their kind words of love and sympathy. Brethren, every fiber of my heart and being gives grateful response to these beautiful tributes of love, sympathy and confidence which you have sent me during my past illness.

I am glad to say that nearly all the lodges in this state have at this date made their reports for the year 1915, and that the figures presented to you in this report are as full and complete as they have ever been in any previous year. I am indebted to Brother Willson for the statistical part of this report.



JOHN C. DREWRY, Grand Secretary



## NEW LODGES

New lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Lodge as follows:

February 22, 1915, Woodsdale Lodge, at Woodsdale, in Person County.

March 11, 1915, Pee Dee Lodge, at Norwood, in Stanly County.

June 3, 1915, Perfection Lodge, at Kenly, in Johnston County.

July 13, 1915, Belmont Lodge, at Belmont, in Gaston County.

August 23, 1915, Cannon Memorial Lodge, at Kannapolis, in Cabarrus County.

December 13, 1915, Walnut Cove Lodge, at Walnut Cove, in Stokes County.

## CHARTERS RESTORED

The charter of Mount Mourne Lodge, No. 347, at Mooresville, in Iredell County, was restored on July 14, 1915.

## DELINQUENT LODGES

Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 74, at Milton, N. C., and Warren Lodge, No. 101, at Kenansville, have not made report or paid the per capita tax for the years 1913 and 1914.

The following lodges have not made returns for the year ending October 31, 1914:

Stoneville, No. 197, at Stoneville.

Lenoir, No. 233, at LaGrange.

Waynesville, No. 259, at Waynesville.

Pineville, No. 455, at Pineville.

Dillsboro, No. 459, at Dillsboro.

Minneapolis, No. 601, at Minneapolis.

No lodge has surrendered its charter during the year.

## RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS

Number of lodges in the jurisdiction .....	436
Number of lodges under dispensation .....	6
Number of lodges that have made returns to date ....	414
Number of Master Masons at last report .....	23,969
Number initiated . . . . .	1,447
Number passed . . . . .	1,350
Number raised . . . . .	1,524
Number admitted . . . . .	460
Number reinstated . . . . .	130
Number in lodges under dispensation, (estimated)....	100
Total . . . . .	26,183



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Number expelled . . . . .	17	
Number suspended . . . . .	299	
Number withdrawn . . . . .	496	
Number died . . . . .	341	1,153

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Number of Master Masons, October 31, 1915 . . . . .	25,030
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You will observe from the above statement that only 795 Master Masons withdrew during the past Masonic year, whereas in my report last year there were 928 suspended and withdrawn. While this number is still too large, yet a great improvement is shown in the past two years, and I believe that the number will grow fewer year by year.

#### REVENUE

Receipts to January 1, 1916, from all sources . . . . .	\$26,800 05
From lodge dues . . . . .	\$26,062 70
Charter and dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees . . . . .	301 00
Sale of Codes, Proceedings, etc. . . . .	336 35
From bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Baird . . . . .	100 00
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Total . . . . .	\$26,800 05
Paid Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt . . . . .	\$26,800 05

In accordance with my usual custom, I bring forward the receipts and membership this year and compare them with the receipts and membership twenty-one years ago, which shows the growth of Masonry in this state during that time.

In the year 1895 the receipts from all sources of the Grand Lodge were \$4,779.50. The total receipts for the present year, as shown above, are \$26,800.05, which is an increase in receipts of over 550 per cent.

In the year 1895 the number of Masons in this state in good standing was 9,842. We now have a membership of 25,030, which shows the magnificent growth in our membership. The results shown by these statements both in receipts and membership, showing our splendid growth numerically and financially, should be exceedingly gratifying to every member of our order in the state.

#### CARD INDEX SYSTEM

In my report last year I went fully into the details and workings of this system. It is, therefore, unnecessary for me to dwell at length upon it at this time. It is now about two-thirds completed, and has already proven its value, and

the fact that the Grand Lodge made no mistake in establishing it. In a number of instances the records of Masons, which were of importance to them, have been promptly produced and given. When completed it will be of invaluable assistance in keeping the membership of the lodges accurate and true, and may serve to prevent impositions upon the craft, as a Masonic record of anyone who has ever been a Mason in this state will then be upon file in this office. Some of the members of the Grand Lodge probably have not appreciated the value of this work. The work of preparing these cards has been very tedious and laborious and it has required considerable expense. While it will be necessary to keep these cards up from year to year to have them accurate, which will require considerable additional labor, yet after they have been completed it will become a part of the regular routine work in the Grand Secretary's office, and can be then taken care of without additional expense. I believe the value of this work has been fully demonstrated and should have been undertaken years ago.

## CODES

As ordered by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, the Grand Secretary had printed and bound 1,500 copies of the 1915 Code. Of this number 660 have been sold to lodges and individual Masons, but this number is not evenly distributed among the lodges, as many of the lodges have not yet provided themselves with the Codes. It is hoped during this year that those lodges who have not supplied themselves will at least comply with the recommendation of the Grand Lodge and purchase two copies.

In compliance with the recommendation contained in the report to the Finance Committee at our last annual communication, I am reporting the dates of payment of dues by the several lodges. From this list it will be noted that 187 lodges paid their dues on or before December 1, 1915, as follows:

Oct.	22	Southern Pines, No. 484 .....	\$ 65 00
	29	St. John's, No. 1 .....	245 00
Nov.	1	Belmont, No. 108 .....	53 00
		Gaston, No. 263 .....	66 00
		Ivy, No. 406 .....	49 00
	2	Mt. Lebanon, No. 117 .....	96 00
		Mooreboro, No. 388 .....	71 00
	3	Mt. Pleasant, No. 569 .....	42 00
		Joseph Warren, No. 92 .....	66 00
	4	Ocean, No. 405 .....	52 00
		Glendon, No. 610 .....	29 00

Nov.	5	Western Star, No. 91 .....	\$ 77 00
		Skyuka, No. 605 .....	22 00
	8	Catawba Valley, No. 217 .....	44 00
		McCormick, No. 228 .....	43 00
		Lee, No. 253 .....	87 00
		Eureka, No. 283 .....	77 00
		Rockingham, No. 495 .....	70 00
	9	Rountree, No. 243 .....	36 00
		Elkin, No. 454 .....	81 00
	12	Excelsior, No. 261 .....	273 00
		King Solomon, No. 138 .....	36 00
		Creedmoor, No. 499 .....	79 00
	13	Matthews, No. 461 .....	68 00
		Cherryville, No. 505 .....	86 00
		Laurinburg, No. 305 .....	82 00
	15	Williams, No. 538 .....	62 00
		Spencer, No. 543 .....	130 00
		Cliffside, No. 572 .....	31 00
		Cranberry, No. 598 .....	60 00
		Rockwell, No. 600 .....	18 00
		Unanimity, No. 7 .....	52 00
	16	Campbell, No. 374 .....	36 00
		Red Springs, No. 501 .....	88 00
		David Bell, No. 587 .....	18 00
	17	East LaPort, No. 358 .....	72 00
		Cleveland, No. 202 .....	148 00
		Oaks, No. 255 .....	40 00
		Watauga, No. 273 .....	76 00
		Greenville, No. 284 .....	86 00
		Biltmore, No. 446 .....	44 00
	18	Morning Star, No. 85 .....	78 00
		Wayne, No. 112 .....	100 00
		Carthage, No. 181 .....	54 00
		Wake Forest, No. 282 .....	75 00
		Toisnot, No. 298 .....	37 00
		Andrews, No. 529 .....	60 00
	19	Hamlet, No. 532 .....	66 00
	20	Sharon, No. 78 .....	48 00
		Flat Creek, No. 285 .....	39 00
		Lexington, No. 473 .....	124 00
		Grimesland, No. 475 .....	79 00
		Chadbourn, No. 607 .....	27 00
		Sunrise, No. 615 .....	27 00
	22	St. John's, No. 3 .....	105 00
		Jerusalem, No. 145 .....	82 00

Nov. 22	Central Cross, No. 187 .....	\$ 71 00
	Dunn's Rock, No. 267 .....	114 00
	Atlantic, No. 294 .....	43 00
	New Lebanon, No. 314 .....	47 00
	Fallston, No. 356 .....	36 00
	Sea Side, No. 429 .....	54 00
	Hominy, No. 491 .....	34 00
	Carolina, No. 510 .....	49 00
	Wanchese, No. 521 .....	66 00
	Ellenboro, No. 531 .....	39 00
	Boardman, No. 536 .....	33 00
	State Road, No. 540 .....	29 00
	Queen City, No. 602 .....	80 00
	Elon, No. 549 .....	27 00
	Spring Hope, No. 481 .....	59 00
23	Phalanx, No. 31 .....	410 00
	Eagle, No. 71 .....	67 00
	Berea, No. 204 .....	34 00
	Bingham, No. 272 .....	83 00
	Vance, No. 293 .....	59 00
	St. Timothy, No. 575 .....	40 00
	Wallace, No. 595 .....	37 00
	Vaughan, No. 604 .....	22 00
	Stokes, No. 32 .....	128 00
	Mt. Pleasant, No. 157 .....	34 00
	Mecklenburg, No. 176 .....	27 00
	Galatia, No. 306 .....	74 00
	Vesper, No. 554 .....	87 00
	Mt. Hermon, No. 118 .....	439 00
	Wm. G. Hill, No. 218 .....	266 00
24	Unaka, No. 268 .....	44 00
	Blue Ridge, No. 435 .....	76 00
	St. Paul's, No. 474 .....	70 00
	Ottolay, No. 533 .....	39 00
	Davie, No. 39 .....	46 00
	Kilwinning, No. 64 .....	109 00
	Yadkin, No. 162 .....	32 00
	Hunting Creek, No. 299 .....	26 00
	Booneville, No. 421 .....	27 00
	Sanford, No. 469 .....	88 00
	Unaka, No. 506 .....	83 00
	Grand View, No. 608 .....	28 00
26	Henderson, No. 229 .....	120 00
	Pleasant Hill, No. 304 .....	67 00
	Snow, No. 363 .....	128 00

Nov. 26	Healing Springs, No. 467 .....	\$ 55 00
	Ashpole, No. 528 .....	85 00
	Glenville, No. 551 .....	65 00
	Bynum, No. 574 .....	24 00
	Lebanon, No. 391 .....	51 00
	Widow's Son, No. 75 .....	32 00
	Chalmers, No. 151 .....	18 00
	Evergreen, No. 303 .....	23 00
	Wilmington, No. 319 .....	84 00
	Eastern Star, No. 425 .....	86 00
	Bee Log, No. 548 .....	97 00
	Sulphur Springs, No. 560 .....	68 00
	Wendell, No. 565 .....	37 00
	Evening Star, No. 588 .....	31 00
27	Mattamuskeet, No. 328 .....	30 00
	Baltimore, No. 424 .....	34 00
	Raleigh, No. 500 .....	112 00
	Maiden, No. 592 .....	37 00
	King Solomon, No. 56 .....	81 00
	Ionic, No. 337 .....	25 00
	Carolina, No. 141 .....	24 00
	Stokesdale, No. 428 .....	50 00
29	St. John's, No. 4 .....	187 00
	Hiram, No. 98 .....	87 00
	Mt. Vernon, No. 143 .....	33 00
	Knap of Reeds, No. 158 .....	48 00
	Roanoke, No. 203 .....	54 00
	Rowland, No. 335 .....	64 00
	Moravian, No. 353 .....	37 00
	Mt. Vernon, No. 359 .....	40 00
	Shawnee, No. 382 .....	26 00
	West Bend, No. 434 .....	11 00
	Brasstown, No. 485 .....	38 00
	Buggaboo, No. 490 .....	31 00
	Roberdel, No. 507 .....	22 00
	Camp Call, No. 534 .....	30 00
	Mt. Pleasant, No. 573 .....	46 00
	Casar, No. 579 .....	21 00
	Stony Point, No. 593 .....	37 00
	St. Patrick's, No. 617 .....	13 00
	Castalia, No. 619 .....	34 00
	Deep River, No. 164 .....	35 00
	Fairfield, No. 520 .....	26 00
	Rodgers, No. 525 .....	56 00
30	Perseverance, No. 59 .....	60 00

Nov. 30	Scotch-Ireland, No. 154 .....	\$ 38 00
	Mt. Olive, No. 208 .....	52 00
	Monroe, No. 244 .....	140 00
	Green Level, No. 277 .....	46 00
	Winton, No. 327 .....	44 00
	Numa F. Reid, No. 344 .....	134 00
	Orient, No. 395 .....	128 00
	Rockville, No. 411 .....	24 00
	Star, No. 437 .....	23 00
	Pilot, No. 493 .....	86 00
	Joppa, No. 530 .....	148 00
	Pee Dee, U. D. (on initiates) .....	4 00
	Revolution, No. 552 .....	65 00
	Shelmerdine, No. 545 .....	39 00
	Roaring Gap, No. 599 .....	12 50
	Gastonia, No. 369 .....	246 00
	Lowell, No. 590 .....	32 00
	Clingman, No. 440 .....	50 00
	Statesville, No. 487 .....	103 00
	Helton, No. 594 .....	70 00
Dec. 1	Johnston-Caswell, No. 10 .....	59 00
	Holly Springs, No. 115 .....	29 00
	Palmyra, No. 147 .....	96 00
	George Washington, No. 174 .....	89 00
	County Line, No. 224 .....	22 00
	Wm. T. Bain, No. 231 .....	29 00
	Kenly, No. 257 .....	60 00
	Seaboard, No. 378 .....	42 00
	Bula, No. 409 .....	86 00
	Pleasant Mount, No. 441 .....	30 00
	Boiling Springs, No. 464 .....	45 00
	Lawndale, No. 486 .....	45 00
	Pendleton, No. 524 .....	56 00
	Waxhaw, No. 562 .....	52 00
	Richland, No. 564 .....	29 00
	Meadow Branch, No. 578 .....	35 00
	Gulledge Memorial, No. 597 .....	44 00
	Riverside, No. 606 .....	47 00
	Little River, No. 620 .....	23 00
	French Broad, No. 292 .....	100 00
	Woodsdale, U. D. (on initiates) .....	6 00
	Harnett, No. 258 .....	25 00
	Roaring River, No. 570 .....	39 00
2	Charity, No. 5 .....	98 00
	St. Albans, No. 114 .....	122 00



Dec.	2	Colerain, No. 171 .....	\$ 40 00
		Randleman, No. 209 .....	27 00
		Patterson, No. 307 .....	41 00
		Hatcher, No. 310 .....	43 00
		Rich Square, No. 488 .....	46 00
		Lone Hickory, No. 512 .....	49 00
		Parkton, No. 541 .....	51 00
		Home, No. 613 .....	32 00
		White Rock, No. 392 .....	85 00
		Harmony, No. 340 .....	68 00
		Jefferson, No. 219 .....	50 00
		Stanly, No. 348 .....	96 00
		Liberty Grove, No. 407 .....	76 00
		Cookville, No. 502 .....	57 00
		Franklin, No. 109 .....	99 00
	3	Gulf, No. 465 .....	26 00
		Grassy Knob, No. 471 .....	69 00
		Bonlee, No. 621 .....	26 00
		J. H. Mills, No. 624 .....	28 00
		Fellowship, No. 84 .....	90 00
		Fair Bluff, No. 190 .....	37 00
		Cape Fear, No. 394 .....	36 00
		Grapevine, No. 457 .....	53 00
		Saluda, No. 482 .....	29 00
		Sonoma, No. 472 .....	61 00
		Randolph, No. 309 .....	91 00
		Clyde, No. 453 .....	83 00
		Radiance, No. 132 .....	39 00
	4	State Line, No. 375 .....	51 00
		Zion, No. 81 .....	45 00
		Concord, No. 58 .....	86 00
		Leaksville, No. 136 .....	72 00
		Black Creek, No. 330 .....	21 00
		Fairview, No. 339 .....	58 00
		Bethel, No. 372 .....	44 00
		Oxford, No. 396 .....	109 00
		Adoniram, No. 149 .....	28 00
		Big Lick, No. 476 .....	96 00
	6	Cary, No. 198 .....	23 00
		Henry F. Grainger, No. 412 .....	42 00
		Durham, No. 352 .....	286 00
		Reidsville, No. 384 .....	61 00
		Ayden, No. 498 .....	70 00
		Elise, No. 555 .....	27 00
	7	New Hope, No. 415 .....	35 00

Dec.	7	Mount Holly, No. 544 .....	\$ 50 00
		Hickory, No. 343 .....	144 00
		Forest City, No. 381 .....	49 00
		Jonesville, No. 227 .....	60 00
	8	White Stone, No. 155 .....	22 00
		Long Creek, No. 205 .....	43 00
		Tobasco, No. 271 .....	43 00
		Rehoboth, No. 279 .....	26 00
		Eureka, No. 317 .....	164 00
		Joppa, No. 401 .....	51 00
		Potecasi, No. 418 .....	88 00
		King's Creek, No. 432 .....	75 00
		Marble Spring, No. 439 .....	51 00
		Royal Hart, No. 497 .....	51 00
		Zebulon, No. 609 .....	32 00
		Coats, No. 622 .....	16 00
	9	Mill Creek, No. 125 .....	47 00
		Catawba, No. 248 .....	86 00
		South Fork, No. 462 .....	36 00
		King Hiram, No. 466 .....	38 00
		Oconee, No. 427 .....	112 00
		Neil S. Stewart, No. 556 .....	38 00
		Apex, No. 584 .....	33 00
		Henrietta, No. 460 .....	58 00
	10	Fulton, No. 99 .....	169 00
		Ararat, No. 558 .....	54 00
		Sharon, No. 537 .....	26 00
		Lily Valley, No. 252 .....	26 00
		Notla, No. 312 .....	46 00
		Farmer, No. 404 .....	51 00
		Ashler, No. 451 .....	63 00
		Caswell, No. 539 .....	58 00
		Round Peak, No. 616 .....	28 00
		J. H. Mills, No. 624 .....	1 00
		Liberty, No. 45 .....	56 00
	11	Elk, No. 373 .....	37 00
		American George, No. 17 .....	25 00
		Lafayette, No. 83 .....	72 00
		Farmington, No. 265 .....	42 00
		Marietta, No. 444 .....	76 00
		Scotland Neck, No. 470 .....	54 00
	13	Blackmer, No. 127 .....	36 00
		Lincoln, No. 137 .....	103 00
		Durbin, No. 266 .....	21 00

		Roman Eagle, No. 550 .....	28 00
Dec.	13	Swannanoa, No. 561 .....\$	46 00
	14	Orr, No. 104 .....	111 00
		Bayboro, No. 331 .....	43 00
		University, No. 408 .....	87 00
		Laurel Branch, No. 603 .....	30 00
		Franklinton, No. 123 .....	79 00
	15	Lillington, No. 302 .....	32 00
		Youngsville, No. 377 .....	79 00
		Granville, No. 380 .....	44 00
		Polenta, No. 450 .....	33 00
		John A. Graves, No. 494 .....	47 00
		Lucama, No. 527 .....	42 00
		Four Oaks, No. 478 .....	31 00
		Anchor, No. 234 .....	18 00
	16	Columbus, No. 102 .....	37 00
		Life Boat, No. 376 .....	30 00
		Montgomery, No. 426 .....	60 00
		Coharie, No. 379 .....	27 00
		Louisburg, No. 413 .....	89 00
	17	Neuse, No. 97 .....	36 00
		Royal White Hart, No. 2 .....	48 00
		Roper, No. 443 .....	44 00
		Widow's Son, No. 519 .....	78 00
		Grassy Branch, No. 559 .....	19 00
		Fuquay, No. 614 .....	28 00
		Bethel, No. 589 .....	50 00
		Bethel, No. 589 .....	1 00
		Sylva, No. 513 .....	42 00
	18	Hall, No. 53 .....	61 00
		Center, No. 398 .....	38 00
		Zephyr, No. 553 .....	45 00
		Atkinson, No. 612 .....	23 00
	20	Winston, No. 167 .....	290 00
		Shiloh, No. 250 .....	13 00
		Rainbow, No. 479 .....	18 00
		Jerusalem, No. 95 .....	47 00
		Blackmer, No. 170 .....	64 00
		Pollocksville, No. 175 .....	30 00
		Lebanon, No. 207 .....	91 00
		Selma, No. 320 .....	89 00
		Belhaven, No. 509 .....	48 00
		Aulander, No. 516 .....	46 00
		Salem, No. 289 .....	150 00
	22	Hiram, No. 40 .....	119 00

	Gatesville, No. 126 .....	61 00
Dec. 22	Dan River, No. 129 .....\$	59 00
	Lilesville, No. 582 .....	32 00
23	Doric, No. 568 .....	101 00
	Mocksville, No. 134 .....	93 00
	Mount Olivet, No. 195 .....	22 00
	Wilson, No. 226 .....	45 00
	Hibriten, No. 262 .....	157 00
	Beaver Dam, No. 276 .....	55 00
	Stonewall, No. 296 .....	82 00
	Dobson, No. 402 .....	27 00
	Bellview, No. 416 .....	24 00
	Traphill, No. 483 .....	55 00
	Wentworth, No. 567 .....	16 00
24	Mars Hill, No. 370 .....	72 00
	Hollis, No. 535 .....	44 00
28	Rolesville, No. 156 .....	31 00
	Phoenix, No. 8 .....	129 00
	Sandy Creek, No. 185 .....	77 00
	Balfour, No. 188 .....	58 00
	Kedron, No. 387 .....	99 00
	Siler City, No. 403 .....	54 00
	Blowing Rock, No. 458 .....	36 00
	Dillsboro, No. 459 .....	21 00
	Currituck, No. 463 .....	57 00
	Andrew Jackson, No. 576 .....	57 00
	Summit, No. 580 .....	30 00
	Ionic, No. 583 .....	24 00

(For dates of payment by lodges paying since date last given on above list, see abstract of returns by subordinate lodges by districts.)

The following lodges have made returns for the year 1915, but are being held for remittances or corrections:

Pine Forest, No. 186, at Broadway, Route 1.

Thomasville, No. 214, at Thomasville.

Scottville, No. 385, at Furches.

Conoho, No. 399, at Hamilton.

Harmon, No. 420, at Courtney.

Relief, No. 431, at Benson.

Rusk, No. 456, at Rusk.

Mill Creek, No. 480, at Mill Creek.

Mooreville, No. 496, at Mooreville.

Buie's Creek, No. 503, at Buie's Creek.

Barnardsville, No. 511, at Barnardsville.

Whetstone, No. 515, at Bessemer City.

Carolina, No. 546, at Liberty.

Ronda, No. 566, at Ronda.

Snow Creek, No. 571, at Statesville, Route, 5.

Roaring Gap, No. 599, at Thurmond.

In conclusion, I desire to express my grateful appreciation to the brethren throughout the jurisdiction for their courtesy, kindnesses, expressions of fraternal love and helpful assistance ever accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOHN C. DREWRY,  
*Grand Secretary.*



## Grand Orator's Address

The Grand Orator, Bro. H. A. Gudger, was introduced by the Grand Master and delivered the annual address.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

Masonry had its birth at the building of King Solomon's temple, and from then until now has exerted a potent influence in the social conditions of the world. Then it was entirely practical, but now and through the ages of the past it has been speculative, and, yet in the sense of doing good, it is practical.

Among those who have bowed at its altar and taken upon themselves the solemn vow are numbered the brightest and best men the world has ever known. They have recognized the fact that its whole mission is to make men better and happier.

To be a true Mason better fits its votaries to be faithful and affectionate fathers, husbands, sons and citizens.

To enlarge and broaden our ideas of true manhood, to cultivate the intellectual and social side of our nature, and to heighten the aim and aspirations of all, and cause noble sentiments to bloom within our bosom, is the object and the end of Masonry.

But above everything else, to establish, cultivate and strengthen our moral manhood and thereby better fit us to discharge our duties in this life and to prepare us for the life to come, is its mission.

It demands of those who would cross its threshold a firm unswerving belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and requires that he should place implicit trust in Him.

His word, written by men inspired, so sacred to human hearts, is an indispensable and precious jewel in every lodge room, and is given to each individual man as the gift of a wise, merciful and indulgent Father as the rule and guide of faith and conduct. How precious are the truths it inculcates.

In the dark moments of our lives we may turn to it and learn lessons of cheer and consolation.

The way may be rough, the path thorny, clouds of disappointment, trouble and trial may hang around us, and, yet we turn over the leaves of the "book of books," and



as we read and assimilate those great thoughts, there appears a light to make the way clear and guard us against the storms.

The clouds are dispelled, and the bright sunshine rushes in and takes possession of us, and with hearts all aglow with joy we exclaim, "Glory be to God in the highest, Peace on earth, and good will towards men."

We are deeply impressed with the fact that strict adherence to the principles of our order will make us better and happier here, and will gain for us an eternal inheritance in the Celestial City Above where the days will have no end and where sorrow, sadness, sickness and death cannot come.

From the earliest moments in the history of our order it has gone forth into the world performing offices of love, doing acts of charity, cheering, comforting and aiding those who are bowed down with grief, or who are in trouble, or in distress.

In the highways and hedges, in the public and back alleys, among the rich and the poor, in every country and clime, and among all conditions of men, it has sought to relieve the sick, administer to the distressed, bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted, dry tears, care for orphans; in a word, soothe sorrow, distress and suffering wherever it exists.

The fundamental idea of our order is to visit the sick, relieve distress and feed and clothe the orphan, and to cultivate those high and noble qualities of heart and head which make men better and, therefore, happier. It is sought to convince all that the human race is but one family of brothers, and that we are indeed, in one sense, at least, our brother's keeper.

Masonry seeks especially to break down the bars which wealth and influence so often erect, and to establish the fundamental fact that merit and merit alone is that by which all should be judged.

Within the walls of a lodge room meet alike the rich and poor, the high and low, measured and measured alone by one rule, merit.

The question is, Is he honest? Does he go in and out before the community as a moral, upright man? If so, he is a worthy member and a worthy subject. For a brother we must have a word of cheer in the dark hour of trouble and distress, and lend aid in the day of affliction.

Kind words are to be commended, yet there often comes a time when they alone are mockery. Kind words feed not the hungry, clothe not the naked, and do not maintain and

educate the orphan. To fulfill these are the prime and indispensable duties of Masons.

“Happy is the man whose actions bear  
The unerring test of that rigid square,  
Who through life unswerving trod,  
Steadfast and true to man and God,  
Seeking by actions of charity and love,  
To gain admission to the Lodge Above,  
Knowing that the stone in the rubbish cast,  
Should crown the Master’s work at last.”

In addition, the object is to broaden the intellect, purify the moral man, and give to its votaries higher and nobler aims and aspirations.

It is an institution essentially moral, deeply and *profoundly* religious, but in no sense and to no extent is it either sectarian or political. Like an angel of mercy it spreads its wings over fallen humanity everywhere and bids it revive and become rehabilitated and live and grow with renewed manhood.

The beautiful flowers blossom and bloom in Springtime and send their fragrance out upon the balmy air to bless and gladden mankind, but they fade and their fragrance passes before the chilly winds of Autumn. Not so with our order. Its messages of love and hope go out and enter numberless homes. The winds blow, the storm comes, the rain falls, the darkness surrounds; yet its radiance is not dimmed, and its pure light does not go out.

For more than 5,000 years the world has watched us, and the verdict has been rendered and it is a matter of history that Masonry is genuine, characterized by charity and love.

It should be impressed upon every person that charity consists not alone in giving alms or the erection of homes for indigent people, or the support of widows and orphans. It is *broad*er, *deeper* and *grander* than this. It means charity for the faults of others, for human weaknesses, for the erring brother who has not the fortitude to withstand temptations and who needs words of encouragement and help in the fight of the battle of life.

If we will be free Masons in thought, word and act, as well as in name, we must look deeper than even the ritual of our order, beautiful as it is. We must study the true meaning of the symbols with the intention ever in our minds that our lives may be controlled and guided by them, and if so, then

we will be bound together in one *universal* brotherhood, which will naturally make us seek and seek only the greatest good for ourselves and our fellow men.

“Foot to foot that we should go,  
When sickness brings a brother woe,  
To cheer him on his bed of pain,  
And nurse him back to health again.

“Knee to knee when e’er we pray,  
At early morn or close of day,  
A brother’s name should claim a share,  
In every thought and every prayer.

“Breast to breast there still to keep,  
A brother’s secret hidden deep,  
To all the world but us unknown,  
And hold them sacred as our own.

“Hand to back with firmest grasp,  
Encircling arms and friendly clasp,  
We should be found at duty’s call,  
To stay a brother’s tottering fall.

“Cheek to cheek when e’er we find,  
To err a brother is inclined,  
We’ll counsel give in gentlest tone,  
And breathe it to his ear alone.

“Then foot to foot and knee to knee,  
True brothers we should ever be,  
With hand to back, and breast to breast,  
Each striving still to do his best,  
We’ll whisper words of hope and cheer,  
With cheek to cheek and mouth to ear.”

No one claims that all Masons reach, or even that few, reach the height contemplated and taught by the fraternity. Perfection on earth has never yet been attained and unfortunately, we are all mortal, yet it is to be understood and it is certainly taught that we should attain as nearly as possible the sublime state that Masonry enjoins for every one who belongs to the order.

Again it is our bounden duty to do all in our power to perpetuate that high, exalted standard of our beloved order.

It has come down to us from the generations of the past, hoary with age and gloriously rich in deeds of love and charity

performed in every community throughout Christendom.

As Entered Apprentices we should keep the 24-inch gauge ever before us, that our time may be divided so as to produce the best results attainable, ever remembering the three duties we owe to God, our neighbor and ourselves.

As Fellow Crafts we must prove our actions by the square of virtue. As Master Masons, with the trowel of good example spreading cement of brotherly love and affection that no dissension may arise amongst us, but the bonds that unite us may grow and strengthen as the years pass.

As we ascend the three steps of human life keeping the lesson taught by the bee-hives ever in our mind that we may never forget that Masons should be industrious.

And finally, my brethren, we should so live and so act that as we pass through this brief Vale of Tears that when the final summons comes when we may be called hence, that we may be able to pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death and enter upon the other shore and hear the welcome greeting:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavily laden and I will give you rest."

Before closing I beg indulgence for a few remarks in relation to the practical side of Masonry. In doing this I wish to emphasize my unbending loyalty to speculative Masonry. Its rituals and symbols form the substratum of the most wonderful of all fraternal organizations, but these are simply the means to an end.

To study with diligence and assimilate them is a part of Masonic life and it is the bounden duty, and should be the pleasure, of every Mason to do so. It must not, however, be forgotten that it is the spirit and not the form that counts. Harmony—Brotherly Love—Charity. These are the essentials.

I would tonight that I could speak to all Masons of this grand jurisdiction and if they were grouped before me I would propound the all-important question and would ask them to give me a serious and truthful answer. This question would be: "Are you a true Mason?" If such were propounded I would hear from one group of this assembly the answer: "I have taken the vows, I have bowed at the altar, I have been raised to the sublime degree and I am a Mason, but I must confess that I am indifferent, I hardly ever attend the lodge, I am doing nothing for the poor and in truth I

take no interest in anything that is thought of by the fraternity.”

I read the other day where a mighty force in a terrible battle was just ready to gain a victory which would have freed their country and their countrymen, but just at the point where victory seemed to crown their arms they turned their faces from the enemy. At the opportune moment an officer rode up and ordered them to right-about-face and charge and it is recorded that one of the greatest victories of the human race was gained by virtue of that order.

To the Masons of the class I have named I would tonight give the same order and ask them to face about in their Masonic life.

I would hear another class of this great body answer, “Yes I am a Mason, but sometimes take the name of the Lord in vain, I get drunk and in truth do many things against the laws of the country and against the rules of the order.”

This class furnishes an object for the practical work of Masons. How many of us are ready and willing to go to them in brotherly love and work unceasingly to persuade them to give up the things which are contrary to the tenets of our order?

In addition to this personal question I would be glad to turn to the lodges as such, perhaps not as they are now constituted, but as they were constituted a quarter of a century ago.

The lodge most common and which happily constitutes the great body of Masons is one in which the officers are reasonably well-up on the ritual work and in which there is marked evidence of brotherly love and charity. In such a lodge there is no bickering, no dissension and no cliques, but, on the contrary, all work together in harmony for the good of the order and humanity.

I have witnessed in such a lodge the reading of a report on the sick and distressed when the silence was solemn and awful and the eyes of grown men were in tears. Such a scene demonstrates the fact that these good men felt their first duty was to aid the widow, clothe and educate the orphan, heal wounds, dry the tears of the distressed and sorrowful.

I have witnessed in other lodges all form and ceremony and have seen work done approximately perfect and when called on to speak, was expected in my remarks to compliment them on the work I had seen (and it was, indeed, fine) and thus add another chapter to the idea of the complete mutual



admiration society that this lodge seemed to be. Instead, I pointed out to them their lost opportunity and undertook to convince them that those who had never dried tears, administered to the sick, and taken care of orphans had missed the opportunity to prepare themselves not only for this life, but for the life to come.

The third character of lodges to which I refer is one that gives the Grand Officers the most trouble. It is the lodge in which there is neither spirit nor form. It may be constituted of men who have (and this is frequently the case) a great idea of their own power and hence they are almost always in some wrangle and quarrel among themselves. They do not stop to consider that in thus acting they bring shame upon themselves and injury to the order.

That Masonry can stand such attacks from within and still prosper is at least a good cause for suspecting that it has a tincture of Divinity in its make-up.

Pardon a personal reference. While I was Grand Master I received a telegram from a lodge in the state that a brother had died with *delirium tremens* and wanted to be buried with Masonic Honors, but the lodge did not want to do this and asked to be exempted from this duty. They were promptly telegraphed to carry out the brother's wishes. The Master telegraphed back that the brother had been drunk for twelve months, that it would hurt Masonry in that neighborhood and that the officers would refuse to act. The reply was sent saying: "You bore with the brother while he was alive. You cannot try him after his death. He died in good standing. Unless he is buried with Masonic Honors and the officers attend I will arrest the charter." The ceremony was performed and I do not know whether it hurt Masonry in that neighborhood or not, but I do know that if the brothers who belonged to that lodge had discharged their duty in time they at least would have been exempt from any responsibility.

In another lodge of similar character I found a lodge almost disrupted discussing the question as to the number of "jewels" in Masonry. I listened to it until I felt at last that the opportune time had come to speak. I assured the brothers that not one of them was correct, that "jewels" differed in different jurisdictions.

These remarks only added fuel to the fire and when asked the question of how many "jewels" there were in Masonry I answered that there were two hundred and seventy-five in North Carolina. At this almost every Mason in the lodge was on his feet. When silence was restored I told them that the



jewels of the Masons of North Carolina were the two hundred and seventy-five orphan children in the Oxford Orphanage and that I would not give the snap of my finger for the Masonic order and all their teachings if they did not do great work like this, and these "jewels" constituted the pride and glory of Masonry.

In conclusion I congratulate the Masons of this grand jurisdiction on the new light that has dawned and the wonderful impetus that has been given the craft.

Never in our history has there been such demonstration of progress.

Our "jewels" are the fatherless children being clothed, fed, and educated at Oxford and we point with pride to the maintenance of our aged brethren in our home at Greensboro.

These appeal to the loyalty of Masons and furnish an incentive for higher and nobler efforts.

On motion of Past Grand Master Hackett, a rising vote of thanks was unanimously extended to the Grand Orator, Bro. H. A. Gudger, and he was requested to furnish a copy of the same, and it was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum was presented, read and referred to the Finance and Orphan Asylum Committees.

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## Report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum presents its annual report.

This Institution has passed the forty-third mile stone of its existence and we are grateful to Him who reigneth over all that health and prosperity have been vouchsafed unto us during the past year.

The children of the Institution have been free from serious and contagious diseases and there have been but few cases of minor sickness. One death has occurred, Patrick Hall, who died of peritonitis.

The number of children on the rolls at the close of the fiscal year was 372, which includes the 35 inmates of the Baby Cottage, which is now fully occupied.

The Superintendent found it necessary to engage the services of Dr. S. D. McPherson, of Durham, N. C., to operate on a number of children for adenoids, and he reports a remarkable change for the better as a result of these operations; the children manifesting decided improvements in character and disposition, as well as in health.

The legacy of \$1,000.00 received from the estate of our late brother, H. B. Carter, of Ramseur, N. C., has been used to liquidate the debt on the Baby Cottage, as it was his wish that this money be placed in some permanent improvement.

The school work has been enlarged by the addition of a tenth grade, which will be of great benefit to those children who wish to enter college after leaving us. The Domestic Science Department is very valuable to the girls and many of them are becoming proficient in the preparation of foods.

We desire to call your especial attention to the importance of revising the insurance on the property of the Institution. We have never been able to ascertain the amount carried on the various buildings and property owned by the Institution, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge determine how the insurance shall be placed and that all policies be made concurrent and issued under what is known as "a schedule" covering all the buildings and properties owned by the Institution. We do not believe that the insurance now carried is adequate and we recommend such increase, as in the judgment of your Directors, may be necessary to properly protect your property against loss. The insurance policies should be kept in the vault of the Institution so that your Directors, who are responsible to you, may know that your property is at all times adequately insured.

A second silo has been built and this will greatly increase the dairy products.

The gross amount realized from the concerts of the Singing Class amounted to \$12,502.33; the expenses were \$2,119.63; and the net sum from this source was \$10,382.70.

From the report of the Treasurer, you will learn that the Printing Office and Shoe Shop have had a prosperous year, but the Woodworking Shop has had rather a hard time on account of the general depression in business, yet we hope with the return of prosperous times its business will increase and show nice profits.

The subscription list of the Orphans' Friend numbers 11,500, which is the largest on record. Mrs. Farmer, our representative, is entitled to the credit for this showing. She

is a zealous and faithful worker, and we commend her and the paper to the Brethren.

The maintenance and school expenses were \$111.00 per capita, which we believe to be reasonable, when the increased cost of food stuffs, clothing, salaries of teachers and other expenses are taken into consideration.

During the past year we have spent for permanent improvements \$5,836.82, and of this amount, \$3,239.11 was spent on the Baby Cottage. No other improvements could be made because of the lack of funds, although there are some which are absolutely necessary and should not be deferred any longer. We ask for a special appropriation of \$4,600.00 for these improvements, as follows:

Repairs and machinery for laundry .....	\$1,000 00
Painting all buildings, inside and out .....	1,200 00
New range and repairs to kitchen floor .....	600 00
New corn crib .....	300 00
Enlarging printing office .....	1,500 00
Total . . . . .	\$4,600 00

The business of the printing office has increased so much that an enlargement of the building is absolutely necessary and cannot be deferred.

The cost of maintenance of the Baby Cottage amount to about \$5,000.00 per year, and we most earnestly request you to appropriate that sum in addition to the regular annual appropriation of \$5,000.00.

We cannot say too much in praise of the officers, teachers and employees of the Institution, all of whom have worked faithfully and harmoniously, with but one purpose, the best interests of the children entrusted to their charge.

As a testimonial of the efficiency of the management the following letter from Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Superintendent of The North Carolina Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis, is submitted.

“SANATORIUM, N. C., April 5, 1915.

“*Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.:*

“MY DEAR MR. BROWN:—I feel impelled to write and offer my congratulations on the splendid work you are doing. I knew this before, of course, but I know it so much better now. For the last ten years I have visited many orphan homes, and every orphan home that I have been in reach of, and have therefore visited orphans homes in many states, and I am free to say that along several different lines you are far in advance of any institution of the kind I have ever visited.

"Your manual training department I would place first in this class, and the fact that your machine shop, shoe shop, printing office, etc., are operated at a handsome profit is also worthy of consideration. I congratulate you on the splendid work, and congratulate the State, and especially do I congratulate the children who are so fortunate as to fall under your care. I hope to see more of you in the future.

"With all good wishes, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"L. B. McBRAYER, *Superintendent.*"

For detailed information as to the several departments we refer you to the reports of the Treasurer, Miss Bemis and others.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed)

A. B. ANDREWS,

*Acting Grand Master and  
Chairman ex-officio.*

T. A. GREEN,

B. S. ROYSTER,

JOHN W. COTTEN,

G. ROSENTHAL,

DR. DRED PEACOCK,

E. F. LOVILL,

R. L. FLOWER,

J. BAILEY OWEN,

*Directors.*

On motion of Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, the report of the Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum and all other officers was referred to the same committees without reading.

## Report of Superintendent

*To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

GENTLEMEN :—The year just closed was in many respects one of the most pleasant it has been my privilege to enjoy here, as well as one of the most useful in the history of the Institution.

It is very inspiring and gratifying to be privileged to see the growth and development of the work we are engaged in and to realize that the good being accomplished has promise of being merely a foretaste of the greater amount of good that will be accomplished in the future, if plans just completed are carried out to their natural conclusions. It has been said by Bro. Jno. Nichols that the Oxford Orphanage was not planned, but that it is a growth. This seems to be

a true statement. And when it ceases to grow then will mark the period in its history of the beginning of the end of its great usefulness.

The cottage for the care of children under the age of six years has been completed and was opened in April. This departure in our care of the dependent children of the State marks the beginning of a new era in this work. It is an advanced step in the orphanage work in this state, and we are justified in expecting great results from the work done with children when they come to us in the tender period before they are six years old.

During the summer we received the \$1,000.00 legacy left us by Mr. H. B. Carter, of Ramseur, and the sum was used in completing the Baby Cottage. In grateful acknowledgment of the same we have a tablet placed in this building stating the fact. This money came to us at a time when it was greatly needed and was indeed a great help to us.

This legacy, we trust, may be a reminder to our friends, who are blessed with this world's goods, that they cannot leave their property to any cause where it will accomplish more good than it will if left to this Institution.

I am very glad to be able to report that the Institution closed its last fiscal year without debt. We had to be very careful and economical with our funds and did not undertake any improvements or repairs which were not absolutely necessary. And, although we were so careful, we found near the close of the year that our current receipts for our general maintenance fund would not be sufficient to pay our running expenses; we were, therefore, compelled to transfer \$1,000.00 from our Printing Office Fund to this General Fund to enable us to pay the bills made for maintaining the children. This was due to the fact that we had opened the Baby Cottage and it took more money to pay running expenses because we had 27 more children to care for during the latter months of the year than we had last year.

This brings us face to face with a condition and not a theory. In my last report I suggested it would be necessary to have from \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00 more money to care for the children per year when this Baby Cottage was full. This year's experience justifies this statement. I am aware that you urged the Grand Lodge to increase our appropriation last year by this amount, but they seemed to think it best to appropriate only \$2,500.00. I wish most earnestly to suggest that we cannot support this department on this amount of money. We have made every effort this year by public appeal and



letters to all the Lodges to encourage donations to this department, and \$472.24 is all we have to show as a result of our effort. I therefore most respectfully suggest that you again ask the Grand Lodge to increase our appropriation so as to give us the \$4,500.00 for the Baby Department.

As has been intimated we were compelled to omit making some very necessary repairs for lack of funds during the past year. These ought to be made without fail, during this year. It will take \$4,600.00 to make these absolutely necessary repairs and we do not have the funds with which to make them. They are as follows: Repairing and remodeling the laundry building and new machinery, \$1,000.00; painting the buildings inside, \$1,200.00; new stoves for cook room and relaying floor, \$600.00; building a new corn crib, \$300.00; enlarging the Printing Office, \$1,500.00. There are other repairs and improvements which are needed but those mentioned are the most urgent.

The most expensive repair done during this year was the rebuilding of the north and northeast walls of the hospital building which had become unsafe.

The health of the children generally has been very good again this year, but we have to record the death of little Patrick Hall, who died of peritonitis on the 15th day of June, 1915. He was not of strong constitution and could not seem to rally from the attack. He had all the medical attention necessary, as well as the loving hand of his mother to tenderly assist Mrs. Austin during his illness, and there was nothing left undone to bring him back to health. In this loss, at which we greatly sorrow, we bow in humble resignation to our Heavenly Father's will, knowing that He knows best.

For a full report of the health of the children I respectfully refer you to the report of Dr. T. L. Booth and to that of our dentist, Dr. T. T. Frazier, as to the condition of the children's teeth.

It is not my purpose in this report to comment specifically on the work of the departments. This year, as I have said, has been most pleasant and all the workers deserve sincere thanks for the spirit, as well as the efficient manner, in which their duties have been performed. I am sincerely grateful to each and every one for the hearty coöperation they have given me, and would like to commend them individually, but it would require too much of your time and space in this report to do so.

I wish to refer you to the report of the Treasurer, Mr. F. P. Bland, for information about the financial condition of



the Institution and that of the Lady Supervisor, Miss N. N. Bemis, for information in regard to the cottage and school work.

The Farm, Printing Office, Woodworking Shop and Shoe Shop reports all show these departments to be in satisfactory condition. The business of the Printing Office has grown to such an extent that the present quarters are too small for the volume of business now being done there and the growing condition of the business demands more room.

At the beginning of the year Mr. R. I. Daniel resigned his position as General Farmer and Mr. D. P. Peake, who had charge of the dairy, was made General Farmer, and Mr. M. D. Wetmore was appointed in charge of the dairy. Both of these gentlemen have rendered most acceptable service in their new positions.

Before closing this report I wish to express my deep appreciation of the support you have given me and the confidence you have shown in my administration of the affairs of this great Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BROWN,  
*Superintendent.*

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## Report of Lady Supervisor

*To Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent:*

DEAR SIR:—It is a well-known fact that orphan children enlist the sympathy of all thinking persons. The younger the child the more interest is manifested.

From the day the first little one, Virginia Dare Hight, was received, the new Baby Cottage has been the centre of attraction. Thirty-five little girls and boys are now members of the home. The nine girls selected to assist in the care of these babies have accepted their positions in a sweet, kindly spirit, and with a genuine interest which is pleasant to note.

The opening of this cottage adds an entirely new feature to the work of the Institution, and careful attention is being given to details. New problems are worked out as they arise.

The general air of good fellowship among the children and the look of contentment and happiness on their faces are proof of the good work which the cottage teachers are doing.

The school is broadening and improving in many ways. The number of pupils in our advanced grades has always been small; only six names were on the roll during a larger

part of this year. In September we opened with twenty pupils in the tenth grade and twenty-eight in the ninth, notwithstanding the fact that thirteen girls and four boys left the Orphanage in the spring, having reached the age limit.

It is gratifying to notice the increase in the number of boys enrolled in the higher grades. No outside work has been required of them for the last few years, thus enabling all to give the regular number of hours to school work.

One girl entered the Greensboro Normal and one the East Carolina Training School in September. Four girls entered Rex Hospital in March and three the Hygeia in Richmond to take training for nurses.

The library and reading rooms have afforded inspiration and help to the school, and have been a constant source of enjoyment to both students and workers.

We have recently opened another room adjoining the library in order to accommodate the increasing number of children who daily take advantage of the opportunity afforded to read the numerous magazines and periodicals which are furnished by a club of the workers. Formed eight years ago, and a success from the first, this reading club is considered quite indispensable.

Much time is given to the course in Drawing and Industrial Art in the primary grades as these classes are in school six hours daily. Less is accomplished in the other grades as the time is limited. Some very creditable work from all classes has been on exhibition.

A radiopticon for showing post cards on a screen has been purchased with proceeds from sale of articles in the Manual Arts department. This, with the lantern bought two years ago, is another valuable educational help to the Institution.

Forty pupils are taking the course in Telegraphy and are doing creditable work. One has entered the Kinston Industrial and Musical Academy, another is assistant in a Western Union office and two more are ready for positions.

The classes in Domestic Science have had a thorough and instructive course. The students are being taught to cook.

Fruits, vegetables and products of the farm have been studied, their food values determined and correct methods of preparing each have been taught.

It is impossible for students to acquire all necessary information about Domestic Science in a year's time. The aim has been to give as practical and substantial a knowledge of foods as possible. Cereals, breads, cakes, pastries, jellies,

preserves, meats and beverages have been studied in a general way, and much practice in the cooking of each has been given.

Lessons in marketing, general housekeeping, and sanitation, have been included. Fifty-five girls are receiving this instruction.

Respectfully submitted,  
NETTIE NICHOLS BEMIS.

### Report of Physician

*Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

DEAR SIR:—For the year ending October 31, 1915, I have the honor to submit the following report:

There was one death in the Institution during the year. Patrick Hall, aged ten years, died of peritonitis. He was a hemophiliac, and had never been well since his admission to the Institution. After a violent sickness of a few days he died June 15th.

This is the third death we have had to record since 1907: One of pernicious malaria, in ten days after admission, one of tubercular pleuritis, who died under operation in Richmond, and the one just mentioned.

There was only one case of pneumonia—a little girl aged seven years. She was taken sick in the night, and was not removed from her cottage on account of bad weather at the time.

There were no epidemic diseases during the year, though it became necessary to isolate the Institution for a considerable period during a widespread prevalence of whooping cough in the town.

These occasional periods of quarantine, especially when they are so long, are irksome to both children and employés, because they are prevented from attending church, and are cut off from practically all communication with the town, but the efficiency of this method of keeping contagious diseases from among us has been established beyond question, and is well worth whatever inconvenience it may entail.

During August there occurred twenty cases of malarial fever. This is very unusual, not only in the Institution but in the town.

The first case developed, during my absence, in Willma Osborn, a girl sixteen years old, who was just recovering from an attack of acute appendicitis. So rare is the occurrence of any malarial manifestation here that the initial chill and subsequent fever were misinterpreted as indicating suppura-

tive appendicitis, demanding an immediate operation, which was done. The operation, however, showed that the appendix was not responsible for the symptoms—the true nature of the trouble was recognized and there was an uneventful recovery.

Following this there were nineteen other cases of malarial fever before the source of the infection was discovered and corrected, since which there has been no recurrence of malarial disease in the Institution.

It is worthy of mention that the source of this infection was not on the Asylum premises, and that the disease was more or less prevalent over the northeast section of Oxford.

There were thirty-four operations for the removal of enlarged and infected tonsils and adenoids during the year. Dr. S. D. McPherson, of Durham, did this work very skillfully and with admirable results without exception.

The effect of this procedure, in many instances, on the physical, mental and temperamental condition of the child, has been very remarkable and gratifying. Many of these children were anemic and listless, refractory in the study, dull and inattentive in the class-room and more or less inactive on the playground.

After the operation they have rapidly become better nourished, mentally more alert and active, while the whole disposition of some of them is notably changed for the better.

This condition of the throat seems to be largely on the increase. About 75 per cent. of the children admitted to the Institution show tonsillar disease to a greater or less degree.

We have selected of these cases for operation, so far, only those in more pressing need of relief.

In February Dr. Stuart McGuire operated on Lillian White for appendicitis. With his usual kindness to us, he did the work without remuneration.

There was quite a number of minor injuries, such as cuts and bruises and broken bones, but with the exception of one amputated finger, none of them has resulted in any deformity or permanent disability. Incidental ailments have required the usual amount of attention, but few of them have been of a serious nature.

During the Spring and Summer, and indeed at all times, there has been the usual freedom from dysentery or any diarrhoeal diseases.

Those diseases known as “preventable” have hardly been known in the Institution.



In the light of the foregoing review I need hardly comment on the sanitary condition of the Institution. It is not perfect, but such healthful conditions could not obtain were it not excellent.

I desire to reiterate the expression of my sincere appreciation of the continued cheerful and whole-hearted coöperation of the management, and indeed every one in the Institution with whom my work has brought me in contact, in everything I have done or attempted to do for the relief of those who were sick or the safety of them all.

#### THE BABY COTTAGE

The inauguration of this department has brought about new conditions and new responsibilities, in the full appreciation of which I am sure I am not alone.

It is truly with a feeling of no small anxiety that I have assumed responsibility for the medical care of these babies. But for the confident hope of guidance from the Great Physician who, for so many years, has directed us in our efforts in behalf of these children, the consciousness of my own limitations would cause me to hesitate.

This department is too young to permit of the intelligent formation of any definite estimate of the health conditions to be expected.

We can hardly hope to obtain among babies the same degree of healthfulness that we do among older children. There has been very little sickness of any consequence so far, with the single exception of one case of entero-colities in the Summer.

The rapid physical improvement of many of the little ones, after their admission to the cottage, is very noticeable. They come, in some instances, with all the evidences of improper nourishment and a general want of intelligent care. In some instances they are thin and pale and listless, sometimes with skin diseases. In a wonderfully short time they begin to show improvement. Soon their little faces assume a different expression and they become rosy and plump and smooth—normal babies in every respect.

Wholesome food, a bountiful supply of fresh air and comfortable clothes, together with regularity in everything, largely solves the problem for most of them.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to Dr. N. C. Daniel for his kind and efficient services during my absence in the Summer, and for assistance and

counsel which he has cheerfully rendered whenever I have requested it.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. BOOTH,  
*Physician.*

## Report of Dentist

*Mr. R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

DEAR SIR:—I beg to submit the following report of services rendered the Orphanage from November 1, 1914, to October 31, 1915:

Number of plastic fillings inserted (other than synthetic) .....	715
Number of synthetic fillings inserted .....	12
Number of cast acolite fillings inserted .....	12

Total number of fillings inserted ..... 739

Number of temporary teeth extracted .....	215
Number of permanent teeth extracted (last) .....	1

Total number of teeth extracted ..... 216

Number of teeth treated .....	4
Number of artificial teeth inserted on plate .....	2
Number of teeth bleached .....	1
Number of cases of orthodontia treated by simple extraction .....	4

Number of cases of orthodontia treated by mechanical appliance .....	7
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(Of these, two cases are finished; five cases are yet under treatment.)

Number of children for whom teeth were cleaned ... 300

I am glad to report that the children's teeth are now in excellent condition.

Very respectfully,

T. T. FRAZIER,  
*Dentist to the Orphanage.*



## Report of Treasurer

*To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

GENTLEMEN:—My report as Treasurer for the year ending October 31, 1915, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The system of keeping the General Support Fund separate and apart from the Printing Office, Woodworking Shop and other funds has been maintained. The statements are arranged in the same order as last report. Following this report will be found the certificate of Grand Auditor, Bro. R. T. Gowan.

Only one legacy was received during the year, that of Bro. H. B. Carter, of Ramseur, N. C.

F. P. BLAND,

*Treasurer.*



## Statement 1

### Receipts—General Fund

November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915.

Appropriation State of North Carolina .....	\$20,000 00	
Appropriation Grand Lodge of Masons, 1914 ..	5,000 00	
<b>Total appropriations .....</b>		<b>\$25,000 00</b>
Contributions Masonic Lodges .....	\$ 6,286 59	
Contributions Royal Arch Masons .....	95 00	
Contributions Order Eastern Star .....	96 85	
Contributions Carolina Consistory, No. 1 .....	200 00	
Contributions Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. ....	500 00	
Contributions St. John's Commandery, No. 10, K. T. ....	40 00	
Contributions to Baby Cottage .....	472 24	
Contributions general .....	861 68	
Contributions "The Fred G. Schaum Fund," Masonic Brethren and Citizens of Winston-Salem .....	435 00	
Income from property Satterwhite children ...	108 22	
Income from property Heath children .....	60 00	
Income from property Bennett children .....	16 28	
<b>Total contributions .....</b>		<b>9,171 86</b>
Singing Class concerts and Masonic picnics visited by Class (net receipts \$10,382 70)		12,502 33
Sale refreshments St. John's Day .....	\$ 676 95	
Sale meals and provisions .....	125 56	
Sale old clothing and scraps .....	45 58	
Sale farm products .....	2,243 99	
Shoe Shop receipts (custom work) .....	1,067 00	
Sale fuel to Wood Shop and Printing Office ..	475 00	
Sale school books .....	19 23	
Sale sundries .....	100 93	
<b>Total from several departments (not includ- ing Printing Office and Wood Shop) ....</b>		<b>4,754 24</b>
Transferred from Printing Office to General Fund, (for support) .....		1,000 00
		<b>\$52,428 43</b>
Balance on deposit November 1, 1914 .....		1,285 24
		<b>\$53,713 67</b>

### Disbursements—General Fund

November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915

For maintenance and school accounts .....	\$46,411 51
Singing Class expenses .....	2,119 63
Paid for minor improvements .....	1,121 33
Paid for repairs .....	2,772 46
Paid for insurance .....	172 50
Transferred to Permanent Improvements Fund	1,000 00

Total disbursements .....\$53,597 43

Balance on deposit November 1, 1915 ..... 116 24

\$53,713 67

As heretofore shown the total disbursements  
maintenance and school accounts are ....\$46,411 51

Deduct cash sales from departments as here-  
tofore shown ..... 4,754 24

Leaving net maintenance and school accounts.\$41,657 27

The maintenance and school accounts are analyzed as follows:

#### CLOTHING ACCOUNT

Clothing and sewing room supplies.\$ 1,838 60

Salaries of matrons ..... 840 00

\$ 2,678 60

Less sale of old clothing and scraps. 45 58

\$ 2,633 02

#### PROVISION ACCOUNT

Provisions and kitchen supplies ...\$ 8,657 22

Salaries matron and baker ..... 1,174 00

\$ 9,831 22

Less sale meals and provisions .... 802 51

9,028 71

#### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

General furniture and fixtures ....\$ 258 43

Lighting . .... 451 99

Postage . .... 246 00 \*

Telephone rent and tolls ..... 50 28

Sundry supplies, telegrams, etc. ... 3,350 69

Salaries as follows: \$ 4,357 39

Superintendent . ....\$ 2,000 00

Secretary to Board of Directors ... 300 00

Half salary Lady Supervisor ..... 560 00

Bookkeeper and Treasurer ..... 1,400 00

Baby Cottage Matron ..... 350 00

Baker for extra work ..... 120 00

Singing Class Mgr. for field work.. 100 00

Drayman . .... 364 29

5,194 29

\$ 9,551 68

Less sundry sales ..... 100 93

\$ 9,450 75

Carried forward .....

\$21,112 48

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Brought forward .....		\$21,112 48
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## DENTAL ACCOUNT

Supplies .....	\$ 92 86	
Salary of dentist .....	600 00	
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## LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

Supplies .....	\$ 259 80	
Salary of matron .....	392 50	
	<hr/>	652 30

## FARM AND DAIRY ACCOUNT

Fertilizer, feed, seed, etc .....	\$ 5,721 87	
Salaries of farmers, dairyman and wages for extra help .....	2,789 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,511 20
Less sale of farm products .....	2,243 99	
	<hr/>	6,267 21

## HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Supplies .....	\$ 461 41	
Salary of matron .....	360 00	
Salary of physician .....	500 00	
	<hr/>	1,321 41

## SHOE SHOP ACCOUNT

Supplies, leather, etc. ....	\$ 1,443 91	
Salary of manager .....	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,343 91
Less cash received for custom work .....	1,067 00	
	<hr/>	1,276 91

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Books, material, etc. ....	\$ 359 26	
Salaries of teachers and half salary of Lady Supervisor .....	7,417 11	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,776 37
Less sale of school books .....	19 23	
	<hr/>	7,757 14

## FUEL ACCOUNT

Fuel, sawing and cutting wood ....	\$ 3,051 96	
Less sale of fuel .....	475 00	
	<hr/>	2,576 96
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		\$41,657 27

## Statement 2

### Special Cash Fund

November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915

#### PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Subscriptions .....	\$ 6,898 39	
Job work .....	6,713 28	
Advertisements .....	678 34	
Refunded by A. C. Mellichampe .....	65 00	
		\$14,355 01

Cash on deposit November 1, 1914..	486 06	
		\$14,841 07

Disbursements .....	\$12,474 60	
Transferred to General Fund .....	1,000 00	
		13,474 60

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915		\$ 1,366 47
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#### WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT

Cash received for work done .....	\$15,292 21	
Cash on deposit November 1, 1914 .....	232 40	
		\$15,524 61

Disbursements .....	\$13,803 87	
Repaid to Permanent Improvements Fund .....	200 00	
		14,003 87

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915		\$ 1,520 74
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#### INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS AND LEGACIES

Dividends remitted by Fidelity Bank Trustee .....	\$ 1,218 00	
"Mrs. Sarah J. Gilbert Fund," Fidelity Bank Trustee .....	30 00	
Dividend Oxford Cotton Mill stock ..	185 00	
Income Mrs. Malvina T. White legacy ..	243 75	
Annual legacy Mrs. Rebecca Baird..	100 00	
H. B. Carter legacy .....	1,000 00	
Refund of interest .....	15 84	

Total receipts from investments and legacies .....	\$ 2,792 59	
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Paid by Grand Lodge on Baby Cottage appropriation for 1914, (balance due \$500.00) .....	\$ 1,500 00	
Transferred from General Fund for Permanent Improvements .....	1,000 00	

Carried forward .....	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 2,792 59	\$ 2,887 21
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Brought forward .....	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 2,792 59	\$ 2,887 21
Amount refunded by Wood Shop..	200 00		
		<u>2,700 00</u>	
Total receipts for Permanent Im-			
provements .....		\$ 5,492 59	
Balance on deposit November 1, 1914		518 89	
		<u>\$ 6,011 48</u>	

## DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS

Paid for labor and material new			
Baby Cottage since last report..	\$ 3,439 11		
Repairs and improvements on hos-			
pital building .....	357 51		
Note paid in full, including interest	2,040 20		
		<u>\$ 5,836 82</u>	
Balance on deposit November 1, 1915			174 66
Total special cash on deposit No-			
vember 1, 1915 .....			<u>\$ 3,061 87</u>

## STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF NEW BABY COTTAGE

Expended to October 31, 1914, as per last report..	\$ 5,876 32
Expended November 1, 1914, to November 1,	
1915 (less \$260.00 refunded to Permanent	
Improvements Fund by Wood Shop) .....	3,239 11
Balance due Wood Shop .....	<u>1,026 94</u>
Total cost of building .....	\$10,142 37

## SUMMARY SPECIAL CASH FUND

Total receipts November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915:			
Printing Office .....	\$14,355 01		
Woodworking Shop .....	15,292 21		
Investment and legacy .....	2,792 59		
From Grand Lodge on Baby Cottage			
account .....	1,500 00		
Amount transferred .....	<u>1,200 00</u>		
		\$35,139 81	
Total balance November 1, 1914:			
Printing Office .....	\$ 486 06		
Woodworking Shop .....	232 40		
Permanent Improvements .....	<u>518 89</u>		
		1,237 35	
		<u>\$36,377 16</u>	



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Total disbursements November 1, 1914, to November 1, 1915:

Printing Office .....	\$13,474 60	
Woodworking Shop .....	14,003 87	
For Permanent Improvements .....	5,836 82	
	<hr/>	\$33,315 29

Total balance November 1, 1915:

Printing Office .....	\$ 1,366 47	
Woodworking Shop .....	1,520 74	
Permanent Improvements account .....	174 66	
	<hr/>	3,061 87
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		\$36,377 16



## Statement 3

### Printing Office

Cr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 .....	\$ 1,366 47	
Subscriptions to "Orphans' Friend" .....	6,898 39	
Job work .....	6,713 28	
Advertisements .....	678 34	
Refunded by A. C. Mellichampe .....	65 00	
Accounts receivable (Job \$2,451.05, Ad. 273.76) .....	2,724 81	
Inventory material on hand November 1, 1915. ....	11,995 03	
Transferred to General Fund for support ....	1,000 00	
		\$31,441 32

Dr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 486 06	
Accounts receivable last report .....	2,525 25	
Inventory material on hand last report .....	9,971 93	
Expended for paper, machinery, material, etc. ....	6,425 55	
Paid for fuel .....	175 00	
Salary of Manager .....	1,500 00	
Other salaries .....	3,475 34	
Paid for extra labor .....	312 65	
Paid for postage .....	586 06	
Transferred to General Fund .....	1,000 00	
		26,457 84
Profit . . . . .		\$ 4,983 48

### Woodworking Shop

Cr.

Cash on deposit November 1, 1915 .....	\$ 1,520 74	
Receipts from sales and work .....	15,292 21	
Accounts receivable .....	3,627 05	
Inventory material on hand .....	5,648 27	
Inventory of machinery .....	2,650 00	
Transferred to supplement the Permanent Im-		
provements Fund .....	200 00	
		\$28,938 27

Dr.

Cash on deosit November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 232 40	
Material on hand last report .....	6,461 64	
Machinery on hand last report .....	2,750 00	
Paid for lumber, glass and other supplies ....	7,144 09	
Paid for fuel .....	300 00	
Salary of Manager .....	1,000 00	
Paid for other labor .....	5,359 78	
Accounts receivable last report .....	5,079 74	
Transferred to Permanent Improvements Fund .....	200 00	
		28,527 65
Profit . . . . .		\$ 410 62

## Statement 4--Donations in Kind

(ESTIMATED)

Clothing account .....	\$ 825 30
Provision account .....	168 61
General expense account .....	137 90
Baby Cottage account .....	64 75
Farm account .....	37 20
Improvements account .....	35 00
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	\$ 1,268 76

## Statement 5

In ascertaining the per capita cost of maintaining a child in the Oxford Orphanage, all inventories on hand at the close of the fiscal year, as well as cash expended, are taken into account. As nearly as can be determined the approximate per capita cost for the year ending October 31, 1915, is about \$9.30 per month. The average number of children was 357.

## Appendix

Statements showing results of Farming operations and Shoe Shop for the year ending October 31, 1915.

FARM  
Cr.

Inventory October 31, 1915:

Feed stuffs, grain, fertilizer, etc .....	\$ 3,777 55
Live stock .....	4,641 00
Truck and garden products .....	1,267 16
Tools, wagons and farm implements .....	1,421 74
Dairy fixtures .....	184 95
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	\$11,292 40

Farm products, etc., furnished Institution:

14,658 gallons milk .....	\$ 3,398 61
4,828 pounds butter .....	1,449 55
139½ gallons cream .....	223 20
Fruits and vegetables .....	2,531 28
Pork, veal, etc. ....	545 95
Board for dray mule and carriage horses .....	360 00
Hauling and work for institution .....	458 22
Corn (for meal) .....	57 50
Hay sold in exchange for hauling .....	22 80
Ice furnished institution .....	42 11
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	9,089 22
Cash sales of farm products, as before shown..	2,243 99
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	\$22,625 61

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Carried forward .....	\$22,625 16
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## Dr.

Total inventory October 31, 1914 .....	\$11,760 54
Expended for seed, fertilizer, farm imple- ments, etc. ....	5,721 87
Salaries of farmers, dairyman and wages for extra help .....	2,789 33
	<hr/> 20,271 74
Gain .....	\$ 2,353 87

## SHOE SHOP

## Cr.

Inventory material on hand October 31, 1915...	\$ 1,439 15
Receipts from custom work .....	1,067 00
Repair work and shoes furnished Institution...	2,473 60
	<hr/> \$ 4,979 75

## Dr.

Inventory material on hand last report.....	\$ 1,332 60
Paid for leather and other supplies .....	1,443 91
Salary of manager .....	900 00
	<hr/> 3,676 51
Gain .....	\$ 1,303 24

## MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN

Statement showing movement of children to and from the institution.

	Girls	Boys	Total
Children on roll November 1, 1914 .....	171	174	345
Admitted during the year .....	36	45	81
Re-admitted .....	1	3	4
	<hr/> 208	<hr/> 222	<hr/> 430
Went to own people .....	14	11	25
Went to approved foster homes .....	3	6	9
Went to school .....	5	1	6
Went to positions .....	10	7	17
Died .....	...	1	1
	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 58
On roll November 1, 1915 .....	176	196	372

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# Grand Auditor's Report

Bro. R. T. Gowan, Grand Auditor, submitted the following report:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1916.

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, and find that since last report to the Grand Lodge in January, 1915, he has collected as evidence of receipt stubs, the following amounts, all of which have been regularly paid to the Grand Treasurer as per receipts signed by the Grand Treasurer.

From lodge dues .....	\$26,062 70
From charters and dispensations .....	301 00
From Rebecca Baird bequest .....	100 00
From sale of Codes and Proceedings .....	336 35
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	\$26,800 05

Respectfully submitted,  
R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor of Grand Lodge.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 14, 1916.

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of Leo. D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, for the past fiscal year, 1915, and find them to be correct in every particular.

The following amounts have been received and disbursed since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge in January, 1915.

## RECEIPTS

Total receipts from the Grand Secretary .....	\$26,800 05
Interest on note Masonic Temple Construction Co. ....	60 00
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Total receipts .....	\$26,860 05
Balance on hand last report .....	1,714 44
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Grand total on hand .....	\$28,574 49

## DISBURSEMENTS

Total as per vouchers on file .....	\$27,281 95
Leaving balance on hand .....	1,292 54
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	\$28,574 49

Respectfully submitted,  
R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor of Grand Lodge.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 5, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I beg to submit my report of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. I have made a careful examination of books and vouchers for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1915.

I have found the books in excellent shape and all disbursements supported by proper vouchers.

#### GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 1,285 24
Receipts from all sources .....	52,428 43
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	\$53,713 67

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers .....	\$53,597 43
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915 .....	116 24
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	\$53,713 67

#### PRINTING OFFICE ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 486 06
Receipts from all sources .....	14,355 01
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	\$14,841 07

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers .....	\$13,474 60
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915 .....	1,366 47
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	\$14,841 07

#### WOODWORKING SHOP ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 232 40
Receipts from all sources .....	15,292 21
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	\$15,524 61

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers .....	\$14,003 87
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915 .....	1,520 74
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	\$15,524 61

#### INVESTMENTS AND LEGACY ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank November 1, 1914 .....	\$ 518 89
Receipts from all sources .....	5,492 59
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	\$ 6,011 48

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursed as per vouchers .....	\$ 5,836 82
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915 .....	174 66
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	\$ 6,011 48



## RECAPITULATION—RECEIPTS

General Fund .....	\$52,428 43
Printing Office .....	14,355 01
Woodworking Shop .....	15,292 21
Investments and legacies .....	5,492 59
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	\$87,568 24
Balance in Bank November 1, 1914 .....	2,522 59

## DISBURSEMENTS

	<hr/>	\$90,090 83
General Fund .....	\$53,597 43	
Printing Office .....	13,474 60	
Woodworking Shop .....	14,003 87	
Investments and legacies .....	5,836 82	
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	\$86,912 72	
Balance in Bank November 1, 1915 .....	3,178 11	
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	\$90,090 83	

Respectfully submitted,  
R. T. GOWAN, *Auditor of Grand Lodge.*

Bro. J. J. Phoenix, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, submitted the following report, which was read and referred to Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home:

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.:*

BRETHREN:—As Secretary and Treasurer of your home for the care of our old and indigent brethren, I herewith make our annual report, covering the period from January 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915.

We also attach as part of this report the additional reports of the following officials of our institution.

Report of Superintendent, Chairman of Executive Committee, Matron, Nurse, Chairman of Advisory Committee, Assistant Secretary.

Our Home is located near the City of Greensboro, N. C., and is known as the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina. The institution was officially opened January 12, 1914, and at this date shelters the following:

- Sister Jane Weller, entered by Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2.
- Sister F. M. Stone, entered by Rolesville Lodge, No. 156.
- Sister Josephine O'Sullivan, entered by Greensboro, No. 76.
- Sister Thomas H. Patten, entered by Numa F. Reid, No. 344.
- Sister Marietta Harriss, entered by Hiram, No. 40.
- Sister W. A. Rodgers, entered by Hiram, No. 40.

Sister J. H. Parish, entered by Eagle, No. 71.  
Sister William P. Edwards, entered by Wake Forest, No. 282.  
Sister M. H. Bradley, entered by Royal White Hart, No. 2.  
Sister Mary Simms, entered by Joseph H. Warren, No. 92.  
Sister J. F. Cutshall, entered by White Rock, No. 392.  
Sister Rebecca Tyler, entered by Royal White Hart, No. 2.  
Sister Elishia Mathias, entered by Clingman, No. 440.  
Bro. F. M. Stone, entered by Rolesville, No. 156.  
Bro. J. P. Austin, entered by Mooresville, No. 496.  
Bro. John W. Thomas, entered by Thomasville, No. 214.  
Bro. H. H. Johnson, entered by Phalanx, No. 31.  
Bro. Thomas H. Patten, entered by Numa F. Reid, No. 344.  
Bro. W. A. Rodgers, entered by William G. Hill, No. 218.  
Bro. John H. Cook, entered by Stokesdale, No. 428.  
Bro. J. T. Amos, entered by Roaring River, No. 570.  
Bro. M. B. Smith, entered by St. John's, No. 3.  
Bro. Elisha Mathias, entered by Clingman, No. 440.  
Bro. Walter Green, entered by Wm. G. Hill, No. 218.  
Bro. William P. Edwards, entered by Wake Forest, No. 282.  
Bro. W. B. Waddell, entered by Palmyra, No. 147.  
Bro. J. F. Cutshall, entered by White Rock, No. 392.  
Bro. John Wesley Pearce, entered by Granville, No. 300.  
Bro. Charles W. Whitehurst, entered by St. John's No. 4.  
Bro. W. T. Riddick, entered by Gatesville, No. 126.  
Bro. James Lipscomb, entered by Mt. Lebanon, No. 117.  
Total: 18 brothers, 14 sisters.

The following have returned to their homes:

Bro. A. T. Forest, entered by Eno, No. 210.  
Bro. James Alston, entered by Charity, No. 5.  
Bro. J. B. Sherrill, entered by Unaka, No. 268.  
Bro. L. W. Hodges, entered by Belmont, No. 108.  
Bro. John R Harris, entered by Hiram, No. 40.

The following applications have been rejected:

Mrs. Julia Rowland, filed by Pilot Mountain, No. 493.  
Mrs. Susan Clarke, filed by Mt. Lebanon, No. 117.  
Mrs. Hannah White, filed by St. John's, No. 4.

The following application has been acted upon favorably,  
and the party will enter within the coming month:

James T. Moore, Wm. G. Hill, No. 218.

#### RECAPITULATION OF APPLICATIONS

Total number of applications acted upon, 41: accepted,  
38; rejected, 3; left, 5; not arrived, 1.

## OFFICIAL FAMILY

The official family of our institution numbers eight, as follows:

Superintendent, Bro. L. M. Clymer, salary, \$75.00 month.

Matron, Sister L. M. Clymer, salary \$25.00 month.

Assistant Secretary, H. C. Butler, salary, \$15.00 month.

Nurse, Mrs. Patterson, salary, \$20.00 month.

Farm laborer, Mr. Cutshall, salary, \$12.00.

Cook, salary, \$12.00.

Washerwoman and helper, \$15.00.

The other members of our organization serve without compensation as follows:

Secretary and Treasurer, J. J. Phoenix.

Executive Committee—C. M. Vanstory, Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Woodbury, Mrs. E. B. Siler, Dr. S. H. Lyle.

Board of Directors—Grand Master F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Chairman; Bro. Judge R. H. Sykes, Bro. C. M. Vanstory, Mrs. E. B. Siler, Bro. F. W. Kenny, Bro. J. E. Latham, Bro. Ceasar Cone, Bro. Capt. William Anderson, Bro. A. S. Holden, Bro. F. M. Winchester, Miss Maude Hoyle, Bro. John J. Phoenix, Bro. M. C. S. Noble, Bro. John E. Cameron, Mrs. W. H. Woodbury, Mrs. S. M. Boettcher, Bro. S. H. Lyle, Bro. Leon Cash.

## EXPIRATION OF DIRECTORS' TERMS OF OFFICE

The term for which the following Directors were elected expires at this date and their successors are to be elected at this session:

Bro. F. W. Kenny, Bro. John J. Phoenix, Bro. R. H. Sykes.

## INSURANCE

The following insurance is now carried:

On buildings .....	\$15,000 00
On furniture .....	2,000 00
Officers' bond .....	1,000 00

## ESTIMATED VALUE OF ASSETS

The value of our assets has been estimated as follows:

30 acres of land .....	\$12,000 00
Buildings . .....	30,000 00
Septic tank and pumping outfit .....	1,500 00
Improvements .....	1,500 00
Total . .....	\$45,000 00

## MORTGAGE DEBT

The original mortgage debt on the institution was \$10,000.00. This has been reduced to \$7,000.00. Pledges have been made to settle the balance of this debt and the same will be settled as fast as the funds become available. This mortgage is held by the Masonic Life Assurance Company, of Washington, D. C.

## ELEVATOR

The Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star of North Carolina has assumed the responsibility of raising the funds required to install a complete elevator plant, at the estimated cost of \$2,500.00. Pledges to the amount of \$1,845.75 have been received up to date and as soon as the necessary money has been pledged the work of installation will commence. This noble band of sisters and brothers composing the Order Eastern Star, are worthy of more than a passing word of commendation. They are ever working for the Home and in many ways show that they are deeply interested in this work. Up to this writing the Order Eastern Star have never made application for one of their members, but at the same time they have worked nobly in making the Home the success it is. I cannot speak too highly of the efforts of this organization that is so closely related to Masonry. I wish them that success they so richly deserve.

## FIRE ESCAPES

I recommend that the building be equipped with fire escapes. The entire third floor is occupied with men and in case of fire I fear the loss would be appalling, as the brothers are very feeble and the stairway steep.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN 1915

During the year, 1915, we have carried on a systematic scheme of improvements to the grounds and buildings, as follows:

Grounds value .....	\$ 607 90
Bath-room for men on third floor, value .....	190 00
Coal storage house .....	60 00
Grainery . .....	70 00
Wire fence inclosing 9 acres .....	115 00
Garage, donated by Pomona Terra Cotta Co. ....	100 00
Orchard of 100 trees, donated by Bro. J. Van Lindley and son, Paul Lindley .....	75 00
Greenhouse . .....	75 00

## LIVE STOCK

We have the following live stock.

3 cows, value .....	\$ 250 00
3 calves, value .....	35 00
6 hogs, value .....	150 00
2 mules, value .....	500 00
60 chickens, value .....	25 00

The demand from the old folks for milk makes it necessary that we secure at least three more cows.

## HEALTH OF GUESTS

The average health of our old guests has been good. Sister Parish fell and injured her hip and is still on crutches.

Brother Smith suffered a similar accident and is now confined to his bed.

Brother Thomas is somewhat feeble.

Sister Bradley was confined to her bed for six weeks, but is now up and in fair health.

Brother Cutshall lost a leg before coming to our Home, and has had some trouble since arrival, but is now much better.

Sister Harriss was confined to her bed for two weeks, and is now in St. Leo's Hospital and apparently improving.

Brother Mathias is also in hospital.

We have had no death since the institution opened.

Brother Lipscomb is receiving special treatment from Dr. Carlson.

The doctors and surgeons of Greensboro have responded to our calls and without charge have administered to the patients cheerfully and with great success. The thanks of the Masons and Eastern Stars of North Carolina is justly due the following able doctors of Greensboro:

Dr. George Norman, Dr. W. P. Beall, Dr. Boyles, Dr. J. W. Taylor, Dr. Williams, Dr. J. W. Long, Dr. J. H. Cole, Dr. Carlson, Dr. Reaves, Dr. Jarboe.

## GRANITE ENTRANCE

The Masons and Eastern Stars of Mt. Airy have taken under consideration the building of a granite entrance and approach to the grounds at the intersection of the county road and the car line. This work is estimated to cost \$500.00 and when completed will add greatly to the value and beauty of our property. We hope at the next meeting of this Grand Body to be able to report the completion of this work.

## ADDITION TO BUILDING

Our Home is now full and no more applications can be considered until more rooms are provided. The Executive Committee, Chairman Brother Vanstory, called the attention of the Shriners to this matter at the last meeting at Charlotte and Oasis Temple immediately appropriated the sum of \$1,500 to start a building fund. We now ask the subordinate Blue Lodges to take part in this movement and at this meeting to make pledges. Circulars have been mailed to each lodge and we hope the representatives are now ready to assume this obligation that we owe our unfortunate brothers. The cost of this addition which will contain 32 rooms is estimated at \$20,000.00.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge should be given to Oasis Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. for coming to our aid at this time.

## ADDITIONAL ACREAGE

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the Superintendent was authorized to purchase from Messrs. J. Van Lindley and Paul Van Lindley additional acreage to straighten our lines. Four and seven-tenths acres have been purchased at a cost of \$1,500.00. The terms are demand note dated January 1, 1916, bearing interest at 6 per cent. This gives us a total acreage of 30 acres.

## REJECTED APPLICATIONS

We have been compelled to reject several applications for the reason that applicants appeared to the Executive Committee as too young to become beneficiaries, and others we found had relatives who were able to care for them. We urge upon all lodges when considering applicants to use great care in above matters. No persons should be recommended unless they are personally not able to care for themselves or have no relations able to do so.

Since December 1, 1915, we have been compelled to hold up applications for the reason that every room is now occupied. We have 30 bed rooms and have 41 people in these rooms.

## PER CAPITA COST

We have used every means of economy and our books show the following per capita cost:

For maintenance, \$9.38 per guest per month.

Improvements, insurance, office expenses, etc., \$4.30 per guest per month.



## THANKING THE HIGHER BODIES

The fraternal thanks of the Blue Lodges of North Carolina and the Eastern Star chapters is freely and cheerfully given to the higher Masonic bodies for their loyalty and generous support of this Home. Every Masonic body in both the York and Scottish Rite have been liberal benefactors and it would not be possible for the institution to be a success if these higher and wealthy Masonic bodies did not rally to our support. We thank them for what they have done and hope for a continuance of their noble labors in behalf of the unfortunate brethren and sisters.

## GOODS DONATED

We urge upon all parties who send merchandise to the Home to mark their name on each package. We desire to acknowledge the receipt of each article donated, and do so promptly when goods are marked. A number of handsome articles have been received during 1915 with no name and the donors have not been thanked.

## PLEDGES UNPAID

We have on our books a large number of pledges made during the past three years and still unpaid. We do not receive any response to our requests for payment or explanation as to why payment is not made, and I have therefore charged off these doubtful pledges. The amount is \$1,933.00.

## GOOD PLEDGES

After the above doubtful pledges have been charged off we have in good pledges due during 1916, 1917 and 1918, the following:

For account mortgage .....	\$ 7,700 77
Elevator .....	1,845 75
New building .....	1,500 00
General .....	6,572 00
Total .....	\$17,618 52

## BUDGET FOR 1916

We will require for this year the following:

For maintenance .....	\$ 5,000.00
Mortgage .....	3,000.00
Improvements .....	1,000.00
New building .....	20,000.00
Furniture .....	3,000.00
Total .....	\$32,000 00

## 1916 APPROPRIATION FROM GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M.

We respectfully ask this Grand Lodge to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for this year, this money to be used for maintenance.

## OUR HOME

Our Home is now two years old and its success is beyond the expectations of the Masons and Eastern Stars of North Carolina. The support is so widespread throughout the State that we hope every member of both organizations will read this detailed report carefully and see the facts. We desire that our Home be the subject of constant discussion in every lodge and chapter from time to time. The work has only begun, and the demands of the future will require the active support of the craft if we are to fulfill our obligations to the unfortunate members of our orders.

THE MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR  
HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA.

JOHN J. PHENIX, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

## TRIAL BALANCE MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

December 31, 1915.

## DR.

Pledges, mortgage .....	\$ 7,700 77
Pledges, elevator .....	1,845 75
Pledges, new building .....	1,500 00
Pledges, general .....	6,572 00
Notes receivable .....	1,000 00
Securities .....	10 00
Farm F and F .....	96 21
Home .....	821 66
Cash .....	1 64
Total .....	\$19,548 03

## CR.

American Exchange Bank .....	\$ 750 00
New building fund .....	1,500 00
Masonic M. L. Ins. Co. mortgage .....	7,000 00
Notes payable .....	89 29
Mrs. S. B. Parish, interest .....	4 89
Pledges .....	1,625 00
Pledges .....	8,132 09
Proximity Mercantile Co. ....	446 76
Total .....	\$19,548 03

## REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 31, 1915.

*Hon. F. P. Hobgood, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.:*

I beg leave to submit my annual report as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro, N. C.

Your Executive Committee has held a number of meetings during the year at the Home. At two of these meetings the Advisory Board of Ladies of the Home met with the committee, and on June 7, 1915, a Director's meeting was held and on account of business your Grand Master could not be present and designated me to represent him on the Board as Grand Master.

I have visited the Home fifty-four times during the year, an average of over one time a week. I have always found the Superintendent, L. M. Clymer, and our Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. H. C. Butler, hard at work in the interest of the Home, and the members of the Home doing everything that they could for the comfort and happiness of all in the Home. Bro. J. J. Phoenix, Secretary and Treasurer, will submit to you a full detailed report of all money received and paid out during the year.

I regard this Home as the greatest institution and doing the grandest work by far that is being done by the Masons or any other fraternal organization in North Carolina.

I strongly recommend and urge building an addition to the Home of not less than thirty rooms at once. The purchase of the additional land by the Executive Committee will be fully reported by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

C. M. VANSTORY,

*Chairman Executive Committee.*

Standing committees were announced as follows:

*Jurisprudence.*—Walter Clark, H. A. Gudger, S. M. Gattis, B. S. Royster, H. A. Grady, R. C. Dunn, A. A. Hicks, F. W. Kenny, J. Bailey Owen, M. C. S. Noble.

*Committee on By-Laws.*—W. C. Benson, J. A. Brinkley, C. F. Wood, F. H. Lamb, A. C. Henderson.

*Appeals.*—John Thames, Barnes Daniels, R. C. deRossett, J. H. Check, Dr. J. E. Wilson, Chas. F. Alexander, J. M. Peterson, L. F. Barr, J. C. Gwaltney, J. W. C. Craven, F. P. Hobgood, Sr., J. E. Allen.

*Foreign Correspondence.*—J. Bryan Grimes, L. J. Peacock, W. N. Howard, Chas. B. Daniels, H. P. Austin, H. E. Allen.

*Finance.*—John H. Anderson, A. J. Harris, W. H. S. Burgwyn, T. H. Webb, D. C. Barnes, C. F. Southerland.

*Credentials.*—A. S. Holden, H. R. Dowell, D. F. Betts.

*Orphan Asylum.*—Geo. S. Norfleet, R. J. Noble, J. W. Cotten, Dr. E. H. Jones, W. B. Walker, Dr. J. M. Templeton, Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, J. C. McAdams.

*Masonic Temple.*—F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Samuel M. Gattis, Francis D. Winston, Walter S. Liddell, Samuel H. Smith, John W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, Julian S. Carr, A. J. Harris, J. D. Elliott, John S. Cunningham, A. B. Andrews, Jr., John C. Drewry.

*Special Committee on Charity.*—D. F. Betts, J. J. Perry, C. F. Smathers.

*Fraternal Dead.*—Leon Cash, B. E. Stanfield, T. H. Webb, W. T. Heckstall, John Lewis.

*Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 1.*—J. W. Kellogg, J. L. Cobb, R. T. Cox, M. F. Absher, Edgar Weaver, J. B. Sellers, W. L. Freeman, E. V. Lawrence.

*Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 2.*—J. H. Parker, A. W. Setzer, W. E. Johnson, J. J. Bridgers, W. L. Stubbs, C. M. Doyle, J. W. Jones, W. S. Cox.

*Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 3.*—H. E. Austin, E. R. Spencer, J. W. Norton, D. M. Buck, D. R. Fulk, R. McNair, Ernest Mills, F. T. Snow.

*Unfinished Business.*—J. L. Nelson, K. E. Bennett, C. G. Bryant, R. E. Currence.

*Charters and Dispensations, No. 1.*—R. F. Edwards, W. H. Holland, J. W. Alford.

*Charters and Dispensations, No. 2.*—J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, J. W. Rowell.

*Masonic and Eastern Star Home.*—J. J. Phoenix, J. E. Cameron, F. D. Winston, M. C. S. Noble, R. N. Hackett, F. W. Kenny, W. E. Johnson.

The Grand Master then introduced the following brethren to the Grand Lodge: Most Worshipful Grand Master R. A. Cooper, of South Carolina; Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, of Kentucky; Deputy Grand Master Wm. W. Wanamaker, and Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart, of South Carolina. All these brethren responded in speeches in suitable,

instructive and interesting words to the enjoyment of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. S. Holden offered the following resolutions which were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

*Resolved*, That Regulation 332, paragraph 2, be changed to read as follows: "A brother can vouch for another, only as provided in Section 1. Su Pra."

A. S. HOLDEN.

*Resolved*, That Regulations No. 337 and 338 be stricken out.

A. S. HOLDEN.

*Resolved*, That Section No. 133, Constitution, be amended by changing \$15.00 to \$20.00 in fourth line thereof.

A. S. HOLDEN.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.



## Second Day--Morning Session

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 1916.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master F. P. Hobgood, Jr., presiding.

The proceedings of the last evening session were read and approved.

Bro. A. J. Harris, from the Committee on Masonic Temple, submitted the following report, which was read, that part of the report referring to appropriations was referred to the Finance Committee, and with that exception, the report was, on motion, adopted:

### REPORT OF MASONIC TEMPLE COMMITTEE

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The Temple Committee herewith submits its annual report for the past year.

During the year, in common with other business enterprises, your Temple Committee has made substantial progress, but owing to the times we have not made the success that it was desired, and that would have been, had general business matters been normal.

As it is our affairs are in good shape, the condition is generally satisfactory, and we so report to the Grand Lodge.

On December 15, 1915, there fell due \$20,000.00 of our first mortgage indebtedness on which we paid \$10,000.00 and renewed the remaining \$10,000.00 for one year or until December 1, 1916, at the existing rate of interest, which is five per cent. Last year we were carrying \$3,000.00 at six per cent. interest, on which we were able to pay \$1,000.00 in cash, and in April funded the other \$2,000.00 at four per cent. The total indebtedness against the Temple a year ago when we made our report was as follows:

First mortgage bond indebtedness, due 1915 .....	\$20,000 00
Second mortgage bond indebtedness .....	30,050 00
Notes in bank secured by personal endorsements .....	9,000 00
Loan of the Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer .....	1,000 00

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Total indebtedness January 1, 1915 .....\$60 050 00



As stated above we were able to pay off \$10,000 on our first mortgage bond indebtedness, and also to take up \$1,000 of construction company's notes, which leaves our indebtedness as follows:

First mortgage bond indebtedness, due 1916 .....	\$10,000 00
Second mortgage bond indebtedness .....	30,050 00
Construction company's notes .....	8,000 00
Loan of Moore Fund from Grand Treasurer .....	1,000 00

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Total indebtedness January 1, 1916 .....\$49,050 00

The amount collected on donations from pledge cards during the past year was only \$113.00, and we again call attention to the fact that there are a number of pledges unpaid which if they were paid, our indebtedness would be materially reduced.

During the past year we have had the books and accounts audited by an expert accountant, as heretofore.

A statement of our receipts and disbursements is as follows:

#### RECEIPTS

Cash in bank .....	\$ 1,242 33
Received in rents from Temple during the year. ....	11,714 25
Received from loan Wm. G. Hill Lodge .....	2,000 00
Collected from donations on pledge cards.....	113 00
Received from Grand Lodge subscriptions .....	7,500 00

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Total receipts .....\$22,569 58

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on Temple indebtedness .....	\$13,000 00
Paid out for interest during the year .....	2,425 40
Paid out for operating the Masonic Temple building, including heat, light, elevator, janitor's services, taxes and other items..	5,649 07
Paid out for repairs to building .....	521 53
Paid out for insurance .....	377 00
Paid out for expenses, miscellaneous items....	8 00

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Total disbursements .....\$21,981 00

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Balance in bank .....\$ 588 58

The following statement will show the receipts and disbursements by months in regard to operating Masonic Temple:

## MASONIC TEMPLE OPERATING ACCOUNT

## DR.

To rent received January, 1915 .....	\$ 1,118 00
To rent received February, 1915 .....	742 00
To rent received March, 1915 .....	1,109 50
To rent received April, 1915 .....	1,130 50
To rent received May, 1915 .....	750 50
To rent received June, 1915 .....	918 25
To rent received July, 1915 .....	1,021 00
To rent received August, 1915 .....	840 50
To rent received September, 1915 .....	977 50
To rent received October, 1915 .....	890 50
To rent received November, 1915 .....	1,603 50
To rent received December, 1915 .....	612 50

Total .....	\$11,714 25
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## CR.

To operating expenses January, 1915 .....	\$ 379 56
To operating expenses February, 1915 .....	436 36
To operating expenses March, 1915 .....	619 21
To operating expenses April, 1915 .....	638 95
To operating expenses May, 1915 .....	422 86
To operating expenses June, 1915 .....	304 82
To operating expenses July, 1915 .....	392 17
To operating expenses August, 1915 .....	329 96
To operating expenses September, 1915 .....	315 73
To operating expenses October, 1915 .....	1,043 29
To operating expenses November, 1915 .....	375 74
To operating expenses December, 1915 .....	390 42

Total .....	\$ 5,649 07
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The total balance sheet for the construction and operation of the Temple from its inception is as follows:

## BALANCE SHEET

## DR.

J. C. Drewry, Treasurer .....	\$ 588 58
Masonic Temple operating account .....	36,476 36
Real estate account .....	174,275 59
Insurance account .....	3,550 88
Interest account .....	29,053 91
Expense account .....	582 58
Repairs to building account .....	521 53

Total .....	\$245,049 43
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## CR.

Cash collected on subscriptions Grand Lodge.	\$ 74,000 00
Cash collected on Raleigh subscriptions .....	16,248 63
Cash collected on subscriptions outside .....	17,083 93
Cash collected donations .....	23,789 45
Cash collected rents .....	89,583 75
Cash collected bills payable .....	19,000 00
Cash collected Masonic Fair .....	3,623 08
Cash collected sale of poems .....	350 60
Cash collected miscellaneous .....	145 41
Cash collected Masonic Dramatic Association	396 05
Unclassified accounts .....	828 53
Total . . . . .	\$245,049 43

We take pleasure in calling to the Grand Lodge's attention that five years ago the indebtedness against this property was \$104,000.00, and the annual interest amounted to over \$5,000.00; while today the indebtedness is down to \$49,050.00, and our annual interest will be under \$2,150.00, the rate per cent. of interest upon the amount due being practically 4.35 per cent., which is an exceedingly low rate of interest. The payment on the principal of the debt this year has reduced our interest for 1916 practically \$500.00.

Fraternally submitted,

F. P. HOBGOOD, JR.,  
 JOHN W. COTTEN,  
 JOHN C. DREWRY,  
 W. S. LIDDELL,  
 S. M. GATTIS,  
 B. S. ROYSTER,  
 R. J. NOBLE,  
 SAML. H. SMITH,  
 ANDREW J. HARRIS,  
 A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,  
 FRANCIS D. WINSTON.

Bro. J. W. Patton, Chairman of Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was read:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submit the following: We have served the following lodges under dispensation, viz: Woodsdale, at Woodsdale, Person County, N. C.; Belmont, at Belmont, Gaston County, N. C.; and recommend that charters be granted.

J. W. PATTON,  
J. W. ROWELL,  
W. C. WICKER.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, from Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations submit the following:

Pee Dee Lodge, at Norwood, Stanly County, ask that they be granted a charter and that they be given the No. 150 as was the original number at this place.

A perusal of the Grand Lodge Proceedings shows that Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, was chartered in 1852 and is on the roll of lodges until 1868 when it ceased to work.

We recommend that their request be granted.

Your committee would like to have some ruling along this line of giving lodges, at localities where a lodge once existed, the name and number of the old lodge.

We have no precedent by which we may work.

The following lodges surrendered charters in 1881:

Eagle, No. 71; Columbus, No. 102; Leaksville, No. 136; Jordan, No. 184; Henderson, No. 229; Center Hill, No. 260; Hibriten, No. 262; St. Patricks, No. 274; Forestville, No. 282; Enfield, No. 351.

Wiccacon, No. 240, surrendered charter in 1882.

Some of these lodges have been restored from time to time by this Grand Lodge.

Section 194 of Constitution states that charters may be restored by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge but does not prescribe the conditions.

Galatia, No. 306, at Raeford ask that they be allowed to change their name from Galatia, No. 306, to Raeford, No. 306.

We recommend that their request be granted, they purchasing seal, etc.

J. W. PATTON,  
J. W. ROWELL,  
W. C. WICKER,

On motion the two reports were considered as one and adopted.

Bro. R. F. Edwards, Chairman of Committee, No. 1, on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, No. 1, have carefully examined the records and Proceedings of the following lodges under dispensation:

Perfection Lodge, at Kenly in Johnston county; Walnut Cove Lodge, at Walnut Cove in Stokes county; Cannon Memorial, at Kannapolis in Cabarrus county.

We recommend that a charter be granted to each of these lodges.

Most respectfully submitted,  
R. F. EDWARDS,  
J. W. ALFORD,  
W. W. HOLLAND.

Bro. Robt. H. Bradley presented his report as Grand Librarian, which was read and adopted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I beg leave to submit my report for the year 1915. I have received the usual exchanges of other Grand Lodge Proceedings. Some few are short, which I hope to secure in the near future. The second volume of the History of the Grand Lodge of Iowa has been received.

In order to preserve the Proceedings of Grand Lodges that did not send us bound copies, I have arranged the unbound Proceedings in volumes of two or more years to lighten the expense of binding, and the same will be bound at the time of the binding of the Proceedings of this season.

Fraternally submitted,  
R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Librarian.*

Bro. J. W. Rowell submitted a report of his work during the past year. On motion the same was ordered placed on file.

Bro. Dwight F. Betts, Chairman of the Special Committee on Charity, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Special Committee on Charity received during the past year seventeen appeals for aid from the craft. Of these twelve were approved, leaving only five appeals which were not considered objects of charity.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BETTS, *Chairman.*

Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, for the Special Committee on George Washington Memorial Association, submitted the following report, which was read:

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

Having been appointed a Special Committee to take into consideration the question as to whether, and to what extent, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina should aid in erecting the Masonic National Memorial Temple in honor of the memory of the world-renowned patriot and zealous Mason, George Washington, we respectfully report:

1. That this undertaking is one of immeasurable importance to Masonry throughout the world, more especially Masonry in America, and deserves the approbation and financial encouragement of the craft, wheresoever dispersed.

2. That the said undertaking is in no sense local in its character, but has for its object the erection of a Temple at Alexandria (within sight of the capitol of the nation) which building is to be the joint property of the Masons of America—the Grand Lodge of North Carolina thereby becoming part owner of a collection of the Masonic relics of General Washington, valuable above all price, as well as of a handsome edifice of great utility and beauty.

3. That we reiterate the Grand Master's recommendation that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, payable in instalments of one hundred dollars per annum, for the aid of said undertaking—this committee entertaining the hope that, at the end of the period of five years' time, the finances of this Grand Lodge will justify an increased appropriation until this laudable undertaking by our fraternity is brought to a successful consummation.



4. That as not only Grand Lodges, but also subordinate lodges and individual Masons, should aid (and are aiding) in this work, we most earnestly commend to the favorable consideration of the lodges and Masons of North Carolina any appeal which may come before them relative to this work.

5. That we also urge those of our brethren, who have not already done so, to become purchasers of that splendid biographical work, "Washington the Man and the Mason," written by Bro. Charles H. Callahan, and sold for the benefit of the aforementioned Masonic Memorial Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BAILEY OWEN,  
M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD,  
J. LEGRAND EVERETT.

Past Grand Master John H. Cowles, of Kentucky, at the request of Grand Master Hobgood, addressed the Grand Lodge relative to the foregoing report in an address replete with information as to the objects of Masonry, and in particular to the George Washington Memorial Association. On motion of Deputy Grand Master Andrews, the report of the committee was adopted, with the exception of that part which referred to appropriations, and that was referred to the Finance Committee.

Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, for the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report, which was read and on motion adopted.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master breathe a spirit of patriotism and fraternity which should inspire the craft with larger visions and more earnest endeavor. "We have not yet attained," but gratifying progress has been made during the past year and we heartily commend the zeal of our distinguished officers. Neither the obligations of public office, nor the constant exactions of private business have interfered with the loyal devotion and efficient service of our officers—an example worthy of emulation.

We are pleased to note that our grand jurisdiction has received from other grand jurisdictions cordial consideration on every occasion of fraternal intercourse.

We recommend that so much of the addresses as relates to necrology be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead; so much as relates to Oxford Orphan Asylum to Orphan Asylum Committee; to Masonic and Eastern Star Home to the committee on that institution; and to decisions to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The portions of the Deputy Grand Master's address relating to "John H. Mills Loan Fund" and "Dolly Madison Loan Fund," and "George Washington Memorial Association" be referred to the Finance Committee.

We recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to revise the "Burial Service" and report to the next annual communication. So much of the Deputy Grand Master's address as relates to "Conferring Degrees," should be considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,  
JNO. W. COTTON,  
S. M. GATTIS,  
B. S. ROYSTER.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of Bro. John A. Collins for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was read and ordered printed in the Appendix of the Proceedings.

Bro. M. C. S. Noble, offered the following resolution, which was read and on motion adopted:

Whereas, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary John C. Drewry has completed twenty-one years of faithful service in his important office.

Resolved, that we mark this event by placing his picture in the bound minutes of this communication.

Bro. J. L. Nelson, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, a Committee on Unfinished Business, beg to report as follows:

We have examined the Proceedings of the last grand communication of this Grand Lodge and note the following matter as unfinished business, which from the record we think should be considered at this session of the Grand Lodge:

On pages 144-45 of the 1915 Proceedings, we find the following:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Be it hereby enacted that section 70 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be and is hereby repealed in its entirety, and in lieu thereof the following be and is hereby adopted:

The present Grand Officers and present District Deputies of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction and one representative from each subordinate lodge who shall be elected by the said subordinate lodge to represent the chief officers of said chartered lodges of this jurisdiction shall receive at each annual communication which he may attend a sum equal to the actual cost of his transportation to the annual communication and return therefrom by the most direct and economical route of travel.

Offered by J. C. Wallace, Liberty Grove, No. 407.

And your committee recommend that this matter be referred to the proper committee for action.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. NELSON,  
K. E. BENNETT,  
C. T. BRYANT,  
R. E. CURRENCE.

The Grand Secretary presented the petition of Dr. P. R. Hatch, of Youngsville, member of Youngsville Lodge, No. 377, for restoration to the rights of Masonry, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Secretary presented the petition of Ashpole Lodge, No. 528, asking that their name be changed to Fairmont Lodge, No. 528, which was referred to Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations.

Bro. W. C. Dunn read the following letter from Past Grand Master Winchester, called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the illness of Brother Winchester, and moved that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated and donated to Brother Winchester which motion prevailed:

“CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 18, 1916.

“*Mr. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary,*  
*Raleigh, N. C.:*

“MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER:—Please extend my fraternal greeting to the brethren of the Grand Lodge, express

my sincere regrets that I cannot be with you at this communication, for the first time in twenty years, but my heart is with you, and my earnest prayers are that you will be able to accomplish your usual amount of good. While the hand of affliction is upon me, I find my greatest comfort in my Masonry, and the love and friendship shown me by my brethren. Finally, brethren, if in the providence of God I be not permitted to meet with you again, my earnest prayer is that He may have you in His holy keeping.

“Yours fraternally,

“F. M. WINCHESTER.”

Bro. J. J. Phœnix, from the Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home, submitted the following report, which was adopted, except that part of it which referred to appropriations, and that was referred to the Finance Committee:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 19, 1916.

We, the Committee of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home to whom has been referred the report of the Home, report as follows:

We find the financial condition of our Home as follows:

#### RECAPITULATION RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1915 .....	\$ 784 93
From A. F. & A. M. bodies .....	2,408 72
Scottish Rite bodies .....	325 00
Shrine, Oasis Temple .....	500 00

#### YORK RITE BODIES

Royal and Select Masters .....	\$ 50 00
Knights Templar .....	285 90
Royal Arch .....	468 73
Annointed High Priests .....	33 34
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	837 97
Order Eastern Star bodies .....	1,438 89
Guests .....	288 70
Transient boarders .....	148 63
Rebates, etc. ....	165 94
Bank loan .....	1,000 00
Other sources .....	730 33
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	\$ 8,629 11

## CASH DISBURSEMENTS

January 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915

For account following:

Directors' meetings .....	\$ 59 50
Insurance .....	373 50
Secretary's office expenses .....	112 65
Maintenance .....	4,508 92
Farm .....	111 16
Barn account, stock feed .....	436 34
Interest .....	328 89
Traveling account, Secretary .....	27 65
Improvements .....	607 90
Mortgage .....	1,000 00
Furniture Home .....	710 96
Refund Grand Chapter Eastern Star .....	100 00
Note American Exchange Bank .....	250 00
Balance, December 31, 1915 .....	1 64
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	\$ 8,629 11

We find the cost of maintenance to be \$9.38 per guest per month. For general expenses \$4.30 per month.

## BUDGET FOR 1916

We will require for this year the following:

For maintenance .....	\$ 5,000 00
Mortgage .....	3,000 00
Improvements .....	1,000 00
New building .....	20,000 00
Furniture .....	3,000 00
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Total .....	\$32,000 00

## 1916 APPROPRIATIONS FROM GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M.

We respectfully ask this Grand Lodge to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for this year, this money to be used for maintenance.

The Directors of the Home ask an additional appropriation for maintenance of \$2,000.00, making the Grand Lodge appropriation \$5,000.00 for maintenance. The cost of maintenance there daily increases as it does everywhere and we endorse the request of the Directors if the Grand Lodge can see its way to make this increase.

We also commend to the subordinate lodges to make pledges to the new building fund as we find that the present

building is now full and 15 old and indigent brethren are now asking for admission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CAMERON,  
FRANCIS D. WINSTON,  
LEON CASH,  
W. E. JOHNSON,  
F. W. KENNY,  
M. C. S. NOBLE,  
JOHN J. PHENIX,

*Committee.*

Bro. R. N. Hackett offered the following resolution, which on motion was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the matter of charges against Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 560, and the officers thereof, its action in regard to an assault committed in open lodge on Bro. M. Shotley and the trial and failure to try those participating in said assault and attendant disorder be referred to a committee composed of Past Grand Masters Walter Liddell and S. H. Smith and Bro. Leon Cash with instructions to visit said lodge, ascertain the facts, take such action as authorized under the laws and Constitution of our Grand Lodge, at a time to be fixed by the Grand Master, and report to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge..

R. N. HACKETT,  
*Past Grand Master.*

Bro. R. C. deRosset presented the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge employ four lecturers, who shall devote all their time to the work in the state at such salary as may be agreed upon.

That, if the revenue of the Grand Lodge is not sufficient to pay these lecturers, a special per capita tax not to exceed twenty-five cents, be levied for this special purpose.

R. C. DEROSSET.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, Assistant Grand Lecturer, offered a resolution laying off the state into districts for work by the Grand Lecturers, which was read and referred to the Board of General Purposes.



Bro. Leon Cash, Chairman of the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following most excellent report, which was read and adopted by a rising vote:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead respectfully submit the following report:

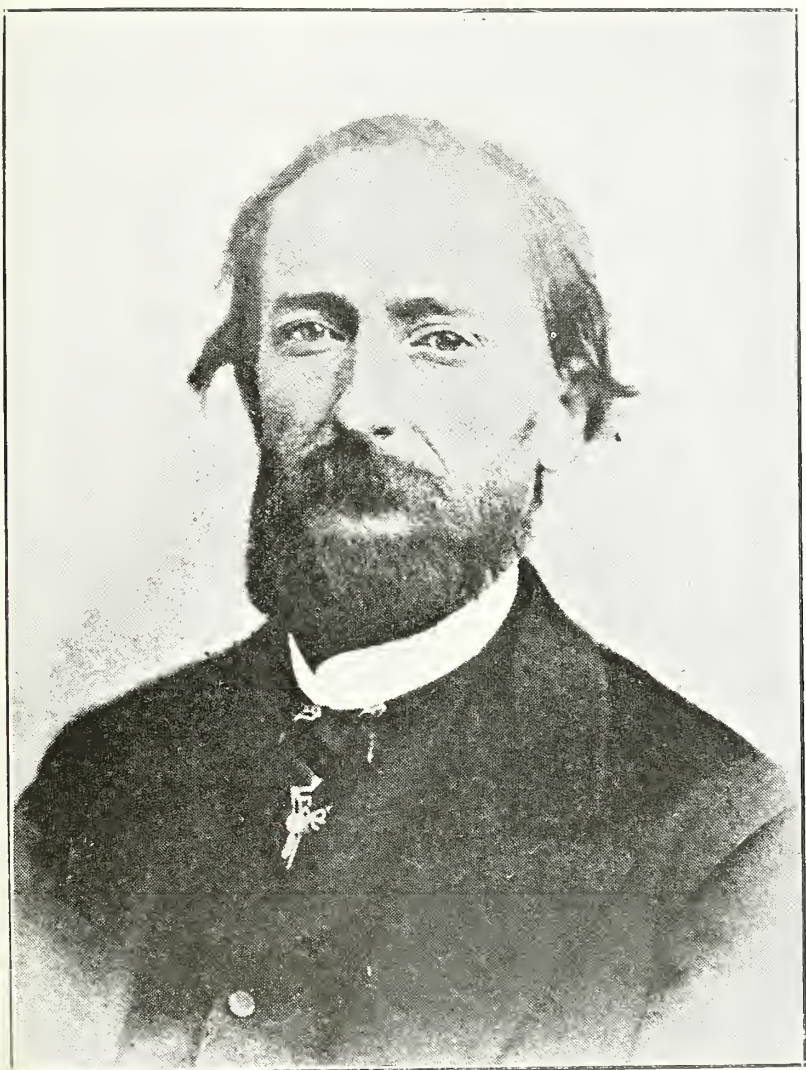
Since we last met in annual communication many have been called to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Some have passed on triumphant; others earth-stained and world-weary.

On St. John's Day, June 24, 1915, Past Grand Master Lewis S. Williams, of Charlotte, after an unusually long life of usefulness and devotion to duty, was called from labor to refreshment. While known to very few of us who are here today, he was a Mason who ably served his people and his country through many years of active service and in old age remained a pattern and a patron of every manly virtue. The oldest living Past Grand Master, 1859-1860, he was the representative of a day and generation that finds few survivors in the land of the living. During his long life he probably saw more change and development come upon the world than had been previously accomplished since the dawn of creation.

In the death of Bro. Harry W. Gowen, of Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, Masonry has lost one of her most enthusiastic devotees. Instant in season and out of season, he performed a labor of love in rescuing from oblivion the name and fame of Joseph Montfort, the first, last and only Grand Master of and for America. Single handed and almost alone, he spent years in accomplishing this laudable ambition and succeeded so well that he has an imperishable monument to reward his persistent effort and daily devotion to Masonic duty. After life's fitful fever may he rest well.

While this paper was in preparation we have heard of the death of Bro. John A. Collins, who for twenty years has reflected credit upon himself and this Grand Lodge by the able and accurate manner in which he has edited the annual report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. This signal labor of love should be properly recognized and emphasized.

We wish also to chronicle the death of Bro. Dudley Peed, who has been an honored member of the craft for more than sixty years, and who has been a regular attendant on the sessions of the Grand Lodge for more than a half century.



COL. LEWIS SLAUGHTER WILLIAMS  
Grand Master, 1859-1860



His was a familiar face we all shall miss. His simple faith and almost consecrated attachment to the principles of Masonry may well be emulated by his brethren who survive him. All honor to a faithful and conscientious craftsman.

Your committee respectfully recommend that formal resolutions be drafted by special committees to perpetuate the memory of these distinguished Masons, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

As we journey through this life there is nothing that contributes more to our pleasure and happiness than the coming together of men who be brethren and have a common aim and definite purpose. The assembling of the craft every year is looked forward to with the keenest sense of delight. Here acquaintances are made and friendships formed which last a lifetime. Here assemble from all parts of our state men from every station in life, all actuated by pure and lofty motives. Business cares for the time being are laid aside and fraternal hearts beat together in unison and become more closely knit together in the friendly ties that bind our members into one great brotherhood. The personnel necessarily changes somewhat every year. Familiar faces pass away—voices that we loved to hear are hushed—and welcome words of good fellowship and wise counsel are missed. During the past year some whom we delighted to honor have crossed the dark river into the great beyond. But, notwithstanding their absence, their good deeds live after them and their virtues are remembered and cherished by those who take their places. We raise our hearts to God in thanksgiving for the noble lives led by our departed brethren, and for their efforts in upbuilding our order and in disseminating our principles. While we drop the sympathetic tear and let fall the sprig of acacia on their silent resting places, let us profit by their examples and pledge ourselves anew to the upbuilding of our great fraternity to the glory of God and the betterment of our fellow men.

And may their God and our God raise up good and true men in all the coming generations to take their places, and ours when we shall have done our part, that the teachings and precepts of Freemasonry may continue until time shall be no more.

(Signed.)

LEON CASH,  
B. E. STANFIELD,  
T. H. WEBB,  
W. T. HECKSTALL,  
JNO. LEWIS,

*Committee.*

The Grand Master announced that Grand Secretary John C. Drewry was in the ante-room and appointed Past Grand Master Samuel H. Smith, Past Grand Master R. N. Hackett and Dr. J. B. Griggs a committee to escort him into the lodge, which was done. The Grand Master recognized Grand Secretary Drewry, who in a feeling manner expressed his appreciation for the kind and loving words of sympathy which had uniformly been extended to him, and particularly during his recent illness, from the membership in this state generally.

Bro. J. H. Anderson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the report of the Finance Committee. On motion it was recommitted to the Committee until after the report of the Committee on Orphan Asylum had been made.

Bro. Geo. S. Norfleet, of the Orphan Asylum Committee, submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted, except that part referring to appropriations, and that was referred to the Finance Committee:

The Committee on Oxford Orphan Asylum met at 10, a. m.

On motion the recommendation of the Board of Directors regarding the insurance on the property was unanimously adopted.

We ask that the appropriation of \$7,500.00 of last year be continued and an additional appropriation of \$2,500.00 be made for the further support of the Baby cottage.

We recommend that the amount of \$4,600.00 asked for repairs be allowed and that the same be distributed over the years 1916, 1917, and 1918 as follows: \$1,600.00 for the first year and \$1,500.00 for each of the two succeeding years. This is in place of \$2,000.00 appropriated for the past two years for the building of the Baby Cottage. While we are clearly entitled to the unpaid appropriations of \$500.00 made in 1914 and an equal amount in 1915, we are willing to waive our claims to the above, provided, the appropriation asked for can be granted.

We respectfully ask that the Grand Lodge order the Grand Treasurer to pay the appropriations made to the Oxford Orphan Asylum out of the funds of the Grand Lodge in the same proportion as he pays all other obligations of the



Grand Lodge. We have waived the above \$1,000.00 because the Baby Cottage was not opened until late in the spring, but it is now filled with 45 children and as a matter of course the expense of carrying it on has increased and is continuous and we cannot waive another dollar that is coming to us in the future.

We recommend that the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum be invited to come to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge and on Wednesday afternoon, or such other time, as may be best, give a complimentary concert. This will consume very little time and cost the Grand Lodge nothing. No collection will be taken, but great good will be accomplished by bringing the Masons present into a closer fellowship with their own children.

We cannot be too gracious in our praise of Brother Brown for the efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the institution since he was elected Superintendent.

We also extend the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Singing Class and its manager and teacher and to all officially connected with the Orphanage for the splendid help they have at all times willingly given.

GEO. S. NORFLEET,  
R. J. NOBLE,  
J. S. SPURGEON,  
W. B. WALKER,  
J. C. McADAMS,  
JOHN W. COTTEN,  
E. H. JONES.

Bro. J. W. Kellogg, Chairman of Committee, No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented the following report, which was read and on motion adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee, No. 1, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the returns from Districts Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive submitted to us for inspection and find the following errors:

The following lodges have failed to give the names of the Oxford Orphan Asylum Committee:

Hall, No. 53; Orr, No. 104; Sharon, No. 78; Farmville, No. 517; Radiance, No. 132; Falling Creek, No. 325; Vanceboro, No. 433; Maysville, No. 547; Mill Creek, No. 125; Fair Bluff, No. 190; Atkinson, No. 612; Rockingham, No. 495; McCormick, No. 228;



White Hill, No. 321; Bynum, No. 574; Atlantic, No. 238; Mattamuskeet, No. 328; Grimesland, No. 475; Bethel, No. 589; Lenoir, No. 233; Bayboro, No. 331; Pollocksville, No. 175; Hiram, No. 98; South River, No. 611; Orient, No. 395; Laurinburg, No. 305; Elise, No. 555; Life Boat, No. 376; Siler City, No. 403; Buies Creek, No. 503; Harnett, No. 258; Lebanon, No. 391; White Stone, No. 155; Anchor, No. 234; Lillington, No. 302; Cape Fear, No. 394; Cary, No. 198; Sunrise, No. 615.

The following lodges gave no date of charter:

Currituck, No. 463; Davie, No. 39; Mattamuskeet, No. 328; Rich Square, No. 488; Grifton, No. 452; Farmville, No. 517; Lafayette, No. 83; Maysville, No. 547; Atkinson, No. 612; Elise, No. 555; Life Boat, No. 376; Harnett, No. 258; King Hiram, No. 466; Rolsville, No. 156; Charity, No. 5; Gatesville, No. 126; Seaboard, No. 378; Greenville, No. 284; Grimesland, No. 475; Mt. Olive, No. 208; Pollocksville, No. 175; Wilmington, No. 319; St. Paul's, No. 474; Roman Eagle, No. 550; Siler City, No. 403; Royal Hart, No. 497; Neuse, No. 97; Cary, No. 198.

The following lodges' reports bore no seal of the lodge:

Charity, No. 5; Grimesland, No. 475; Radiance, No. 132; Roman Eagle, No. 550; Siler City, No. 403; Royal Hart, No. 497; Winterville, No. 523; Rainbow, No. 479; Life Boat, No. 376; Coats, No. 622.

The following lodges made no report:

Perquimans, No. 106; Warren, No. 101; Pamlico, No. 300; Temperance, No. 389.

Pine Forest, No. 186, shows a balance due the Grand Secretary of \$6.00.

Buies Creek, No. 503, a balance due of \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KELLOGG,  
J. B. SELLERS,  
EDGAR WEAVER,  
M. F. ABSHER,  
ROY T. COX.

January 19, 1916.

Grand Master R. A. Cooper, of South Carolina, was called upon by our Grand Master, and delivered an able and earnest fraternal address.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tonight at 7:45.

## Second Day--Evening Session

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:45 p. m., Most Worshipful Grand Master F. P. Hobgood, Jr., presiding.

The proceedings of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The Grand Secretary read a communication signed by the Worshipful Master of Sparta Lodge, No. 423, requesting that they be allowed to confer the degrees of Masonry upon one who had lost a leg. On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to reply to the communication and inform the Worshipful Master of Sparta Lodge that this could not be done, and the request was, therefore, denied.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz: A. S. Holden, John Thames, W. C. Wicker, J. LeGrand Everett. The election resulted as follows:

A. B. ANDREWS, JR. ....	<i>Grand Master</i>
CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN ....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
GEO. S. NORFLEET ....	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
HENRY A. GRADY ....	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
LEO. D. HEARTT ....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
JOHN C. DREWRY ....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

Bro. B. S. Royster was elected to succeed himself as a Director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for a period of five years.

Bros. F. W. Kenny, John J. Phoenix and R. H. Sykes were elected as Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for a term of five years, each, to succeed themselves.

The Grand Master announced that Past Grand Master John W. Voorman, of New York, and Deputy and Acting Grand Master J. Alston Cabell, of Virginia, were waiting in the ante-room. That they might be suitably introduced, he appointed Past Grand Masters Smith, Hackett and Cotten a committee to escort them into the Grand Lodge, which was done and they were received with grand honors due their several stations and invited to a seat in the East.

Bro. John Thames, Chairman of the Committee on Ap-

peals, presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report as follows :

1. Ashler Lodge, No. 451, tried and indefinitely suspended Bro. W. M. Church on charges of un-Masonic conduct. After carefully considering all the evidence submitted the committee recommend that the verdict of the lodge be sustained.

2. Eastern Star Lodge, No. 425, tried Bro. J. W. Wallace on the charge of drunkenness at a regular communication which resulted in a definite suspension for two years. The lodge realizing their irregular action called a special communication for October 23rd, at which time Brother Wallace submitted to the charge and was reprimanded. We recommend that the action of the lodge on October 23rd be sustained.

3. Youngsville Lodge, No. 377, having failed to give Bro. P. R. Hatch a new trial, ordered by the Grand Lodge in 1914, and after hearing the evidence which showed that Bro. Hatch had made repeated efforts to get a hearing, and from the evidence it appearing that there was no reason why he should be denied his Masonic rights, we recommend that the Grand Lodge restore Bro. P. R. Hatch to his standing with the craft in accordance with section 177 of the Code.

4. Joppa Lodge, No. 401, tried and expelled Bros. J. F. Harmon, W. M. Blackwelder and D. Y. Grant for un-Masonic conduct. After carefully considering all the testimony furnished we find the evidence given in these cases insufficient to justify the verdict rendered, therefore recommend that the action of the lodge be set aside.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THAMES, *Chairman*,  
BARNES DANIELS,  
R. C. DEROSSET,  
J. H. CHEEK,  
DR. J. E. WILSON,  
C. F. ALEXANDER,  
J. M. PETERSON,  
L. F. BARR,  
J. S. GWALTNEY,  
J. W. C. CRAVEN,  
F. P. HOBGOOD, SR.,  
J. E. ALLEN.

Committee, No. 2, on Charters and Dispensations, reporting upon the request of Ashpole Lodge, No. 528, that its name be changed to Fairmont Lodge, No. 528, recommended that the request be granted. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Bro. J. H. Parker, from Committee No. 2, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

The following lodges reported no Orphan Asylum Committee :

Kenly, No. 257; Relief, No. 431; Polenta, No. 450; Four Oaks, No. 478; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Corinthian, No. 230; Toisnot, No. 298; Franklinton, No. 123; Granville, No. 380; Eno, No. 210; Rockwell, No. 600; Caswell, No. 539; Dan River, No. 129; Tobasco, No. 271; Mt. Olivet, No. 195; Meadow Branch, No. 578; Waxhaw, No. 562; Bethel, No. 372; Carolina, No. 141; Long Creek, No. 205; Joppa, No. 530; Hunting Creek, No. 299;

The following lodges made no report :

Stoneville, No. 197; Golden Fleece, No. 74.

The following named lodges affixed no seal :

Oaks, No. 255; Bula, No. 409; Deep River, No. 164; Mt. Olivet, No. 195.

The following named lodges failed to report date of charter :

Stonewall, No. 296; Macclesfield, No. 581; Castalia, No. 619; Sandy Creek, No. 185; University, No. 408; Mt. Olivet, No. 195; Randleman, No. 209; Big Lick, No. 476; Gullledge Memorial, No. 598; Long Creek, No. 205; South Fork, No. 462; Hunting Creek, No. 299; Louisburg, No. 417; Oxford, No. 396; Caswell, No. 539; Wentworth, No. 567; Bula, No. 409; Farmer, No. 404; Marietta, No. 444; Lilesville, No. 582; Pineville, No. 455; Mt. Holly, No. 544.

The numerous incorrect reports found by this committee shows that the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges are not fully conversant with the by-laws of the Grand Lodge. They evidently have not given deep thought to the previous proceedings and equipped themselves for this responsible duty. They are not impressed with the importance of these vital statistics.

There is some misunderstanding; the chairman of this committee was the only one who presented himself for work, but I did my best.

Fraternally submitted,  
J. H. PARKER, *Chairman*.

Bro. H. E. Austin, Chairman of Committee No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee, No. 3, on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, comprising Districts Nos. 30 to 44 inclusive, respectfully present the following report:

We have carefully examined the returns from lodges included in these districts submitted to us for inspection and find the following errors:

1. The returns from the following lodges had no seals:

Lattimore, No. 508; Swannanoa, No. 561; Clyde, No. 453; Lone Oak, No. 449; Unaka, No. 506.

2. Yadkin, No. 162, has a defective seal.

3. The following lodges did not make returns until after December 31, 1915:

Copeland, No. 390; Ararat, No. 558; Round Peak, No. 616; Mocksville, No. 134; Winston, No. 167; Farrington, No. 165; Salem, No. 289; Lone Hickory, No. 512; Oak Grove, No. 557; Liberty, No. 45; New Hope, No. 415; Trap Hill, No. 483; Sparta, No. 423; King's Creek, No. 432; Laurel Branch, No. 503; Linville, No. 489; Hibriten, No. 262; Grassy Branch, No. 559; State Line, No. 375; Lattimore, No. 508; Sharon, No. 537; Kedron, No. 587; Center, No. 398; Swannanoa, No. 561; Bald Creek, No. 397; Pigeon River, No. 386; Clyde, No. 453; Oconee, No. 427; Dillsboro, No. 459; Harmon, No. 420; Scottsville, No. 385; Rusk, No. 456; Rockyford, No. 430; Barnardsville, No. 511; Clay, No. 301; Bellview, No. 416; Montgomery, No. 426; Lone Oak, No. 449; Mystic Tie, No. 237; Forest City, No. 381; Joppa, No. 401; Hollis, No. 535.

4. The following lodges failed to report an Orphan Asylum Committee:

Round Peak, No. 616, Rockyford, No. 251; Elkin, No. 454; Mocksville, No. 134; Salem, No. 289; Lone Hickory, No. 512; Moravian, No. 353; Bugaboo, No. 490; Ronda, No. 566; Mount Pleasant, No. 573; Jefferson, No. 219; Elk, No. 373; Blowing Rock, No. 458; Catawba Valley, No. 217; Shawnee, No. 382; Fairview, No. 339; Cleveland, No. 202; Casar, No. 579; Bald Creek, No. 397; Vance, No. 293; Blackmer, No. 170; Vesper, No. 554; French Broad, No. 292; Ivy, No. 406; Junaluska, No. 145; Unaka, No. 268; East LaPort, No. 358; Bellview, No. 416; Marble Springs,

No. 439; Andrews, No. 529; Grand View, No. 608; Mystic Tie, No. 237; Henrietta, No. 460; Caroleen, No. 510; Hollis, No. 535.

5. The following lodges have made no report:

Mt. Pisgah, No. 623; Dellaplane, No. 355; Minneapolis, No. 601; Burnsville, No. 192; Bakersville, No. 357; Waynesville, No. 259.

6. The following lodges owe a balance on dues as follows:

Ronda, No. 566, \$9.00; Harmon, No. 420, \$2.00; Roaring Gap, No. 599, \$18.50; Rusk, No. 456, \$17.00; Barnardsville, No. 511, \$9.00.

7. The following lodges failed to give date of charter:

Barnardsville, No. 511; Scottsville, No. 385; Ellenboro, No. 531; East LaPort, No. 358; Dillsboro, No. 459; Clyde, No. 453; Sylva, No. 513; Grapevine, No. 457; Sonoma, No. 472; Kedron, No. 387; Lattimore, No. 508; Catawba, No. 248; Watauga, No. 273; Jefferson, No. 219; Elk, No. 373; Casar, No. 579; King's Creek, No. 432; Moravian, No. 553; Riverside, No. 606; Pleasant Mount, No. 441; Trap Hill, No. 483; Baltimore, No. 424; Elkin, No. 454; Oak Grove, No. 557; Round Peak, No. 616.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, January 19, 1916.

H. E. AUSTIN, *Chairman*,  
D. M. BUCK,  
D. R. FULK,  
R. McNAIR,  
F. T. SNOW,  
J. W. HORTON.

Bro. J. H. Anderson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was read:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

We find from the records in the Grand Secretary's office the receipts of the Grand Lodge have been as follows:

Mrs. Rebecca Baird's bequest .....	\$ 100 00
Sale of codes, certificates, etc. ....	336 35
Charters, dispensations, etc. ....	301 00
Per capita tax, and initiations .....	26,062 70
Total . . . . .	\$26,800 05



The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on hand January 1, 1915 .....	\$ 1,714 44
Receipts from Grand Secretary .....	26,800 05
Interest on Moore Legacy .....	60 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$28,574 49</u>
Less disbursements .....	27,281 95
Balance on hand January, 1916 .....	<u>\$ 1,292 54</u>

We find unpaid accounts as follows:

Masonic and Eastern Star Home .....	\$ 500 00
Oxford Orphan Asylum, 1914 .....	500 00
Baby branch maintenance, 1915 .....	500 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$ 1,500 00</u>

#### MASONIC TEMPLE

There are still outstanding four notes of the Grand Lodge of \$7,500.00 each due in December 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, one of which we have provided for in the budget.

The report of the Masonic Temple Committee shows they have reduced the indebtedness of the Temple \$11,000.00 in the past year, and the affairs of the Temple to be in a very satisfactory condition. We congratulate this committee on its successful management.

#### OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM

We recommend the report of this splendid institution to the careful attention of Masons throughout the state, and have provided to the fullest extent of our ability for its needs in the budget.

#### MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

We congratulate the management of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home upon its splendid showing and so far as possible have acceded to their request for money in the budget.

#### CARD INDEX

As the Card Index is nearly completed we recommend the appropriation of \$600.00 for this year, but trust there will be no need for this expense after this year.

#### MILEAGE

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge makes it impossible to pay mileage to one representative to the Grand Lodge from each subordinate lodge, and as this is the third successive year this matter has been before the Grand Lodge, we trust it is finally disposed of, and recommend the resolution offered last year be not passed.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the wishes of our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master we recommend North Carolina join her sister states in this memorial and make an appropriation of \$500.00 to be paid in annual instalments of \$100.00 each.

## MILEAGE AND PER DIEM FOR GRAND OFFICERS

We see no advantage in this way over the paying of expenses, and recommend that there be no change made in the present system.

## ROSTER OF LODGES

Owing to the condition of the Treasury we recommend the printing of the rosters of the various lodges be omitted this year.

Last year your committee estimated the income of the Grand Lodge for the year, 1915, at \$26,850.00, which proved to be \$50.00 in excess of the actual income, which was \$26,800.00, and the budget provided for an expenditure of \$29,145.00, which was \$363.05 in excess of the expenditures which would have been \$28,781.95 had all the appropriations been paid.

The present per capita tax is as large as it should be, and unless we can devise some other way of increasing the revenue it is impossible to increase the appropriations.

Your committee has made a careful study of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and seriously considered each appeal which has been referred to them. We recognize the merit in each, but business judgment and prudence forbids the granting of many requests we would otherwise be glad to recommend.

We have taken into consideration the unpaid appropriations of 1914 and 1915, and have included these amounts in the appropriations made this year. We recommend the running expenses of the Grand Lodge be first paid and the balance of the money on hand appropriated in the proportion set aside for the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

## INSURANCE

As insurance on the buildings at Oxford is part of the management of the institution we recommend the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum place the insurance on the buildings and other property paying the costs out of the appropriation from the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Treasurer directed to turn over to the Directors the policies now in force.

## ESTIMATED REVENUE

25,030 Masons at \$1.00 per capita .....	\$25,030 00
5 per cent. increase, at \$1.00 per capita .....	1,250 00
Initiations . . . . .	1,500 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	150 00
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Total . . . . .	\$27,930 00

We recommend the resolution providing for the employment of four Lecturers be not passed.

## BUDGET

## A. ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

## January Expenses:

1. Credentials Committee .....	\$ 30 00	
2. Grand Lodge Officers expenses .....	325 00	
3. Souvenirs . . . . .	200 00	
4. Jewel . . . . .	25 00	
5. D. D. G. M. Mileage .....	300 00	
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6. June communication .....	\$ 100 00	100 00
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		\$ 980 00

## B. ANNUAL SALARIES

1. Grand Master's clerk .....	\$ 500 00
2. Grand Secretary .....	1,200 00
3. Assistant Grand Secretary .....	150 00
4. Grand Treasurer .....	200 00
5. Grand Tiler .....	50 00
6. Grand Librarian .....	50 00
7. Foreign Correspondence Committee .....	150 00
8. Clerk of Grand Secretary .....	600 00
9. Auditor . . . . .	100 00
	————— \$ 3,000 00

## C. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

1.	Oxford Orphan Asylum .....	\$ 5,000 00
2.	Masonic Temple Note .....	7,500 00
3.	Masonic and Eastern Star Home .....	3,000 00
4.	Baby Branch at Oxford .....	2,500 00
5.	J. H. Mills Masonic Loan Fund .....	200 00
6.	Dolly Madison Masonic Loan Fund .....	200 00
		<hr/> \$18,400 00

## D. ANNUAL EXPENSES

1. Masonic Relief Association .....	\$	100 00	
2. Grand Master's expenses .....		100 00	
3. Rent Grand Secretary's office .....		300 00	
4. Printing Proceedings, 1916 .....		1,000 00	
5. Grand Secretary's office expenses:			
Postage .....	\$	750 00	
Stationery .....		50 00	
Printing .....		200 00	1,000 00
6. Custodians .....		350 00	
7. Bonds, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer .....		50 00	
			\$ 3,400 00

## E. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. Card index clerk .....	\$	600 00	
2. Tuberculosis fund .....		300 00	
3. Masonic War Relief fund .....		250 00	
4. George Washington Masonic Memorial Association .....		100 00	
5. Special appropriation for widow .....		100 00	
6. Miscellaneous .....		500 00	
7. Special appropriation P. G. M. ....		200 00	
			\$ 2,050 00

## RECAPITULATION

A. Annual communications .....	\$	980 00	
B. Annual salaries .....		3,000 00	
C. Annual appropriations .....		18,400 00	
D. Annual expenses .....		3,400 00	
E. Special appropriations .....		2,050 00	
			\$27,830 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ANDERSON,  
A. J. HARRIS,  
W. H. S. BURGWIN,  
T. H. WEBB,  
C. F. SOUTHERLAND.

Past Grand Master Hackett offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

That report of Finance Committee be amended by striking out appropriation for J. H. Mills and Dolly Madison Funds.

R. N. HACKETT.

The report of the Finance Committee, as amended, was adopted.

Bro. S. M. Gattis, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

The undersigned Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submit the following report:

We have considered the one ruling made by Grand Master Hobgood "that a Master Mason, who has lost his right arm after he has been a Mason, is eligible to be elected to the office of Master of the lodge" and approve the same.

Of the rulings made by Acting Grand Master Andrews we approve the following: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48.

Ruling No. 4 holding that under the Constitution the Grand Master cannot grant dispensation to allow a petition to be balloted upon in less than one lunar month is approved as being in accordance with the written Masonic law in this grand jurisdiction, and we hold that the action of the Acting Grand Master in granting the dispensation as stated in ruling No. 17, is not in accordance with the written Masonic law of this grand jurisdiction. It was an exercise of the prerogative of the Grand Master recognized by the landmarks, which ought to be exercised with the greatest care and only in exceptional cases, and we do not disapprove of his action in this particular instance.

Ruling Nos. 5 and 8 not approved. Section No. 112 of the Constitution (Masonic code, 1915) says: "No petition for degrees shall be balloted on by any lodge unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a *bona fide* resident of its jurisdiction for at least twelve months, or obtain a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction over him." In the case stated in the decision "A" Lodge never acquired jurisdiction and therefore could not waive it. Ruling No. 28 is approved down to and including the word "same" in next to the last line of said ruling and we recommend that in the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge the same be printed down to and including the word "same" and that the following words be left out, "and his application and declares the application null and void," as we do not approve of the ruling with those words left in it.

As to ruling No. 30, this committee is of opinion that it refers to a matter of procedure which each lodge should determine for itself. There seems to be no special regulation governing this question and we think each lodge should work out

its own way of deciding this matter. We do not disapprove the Acting Grand Master's suggestion as to the manner of procedure.

The committee recommend that the resolutions offered by A. S. Holden, to amend regulation 332 and to strike out regulations 337 and 338, do not pass.

The committee has carefully considered the recommendation in the Acting Grand Master's address relating to conferring of degrees on more than one candidate in the third degree and we recommend that regulation 85, on page 95, of Masonic code of North Carolina, 1915, be amended so as to read as follows: "Reg. 85. Part of Degree Conferred on more than one. Any part of the third degree may be conferred on more than one candidate at the same time, but only one candidate may be raised at a time."

We have considered the recommendations in the Acting Grand Master's address in regard to the question of paying mileage together with the resolution offered by Bro. J. C. Wallace at the last annual communication on the same subject (see Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1915, page 144), and recommend that the said resolution do not pass. In its present financial condition we do not think it wise to undertake this additional burden.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER CLARK,  
H. A. GUDGER,  
S. M. GATTIS,  
B. S. ROYSTER,  
H. A. GRADY,  
J. BAILEY OWEN,  
R. C. DUNN,  
A. A. HICKS,  
M. C. S. NOBLES,  
F. W. KENNY.

Deputy Grand Master Andrews was then recognized and delivered a strong and forcible address upon the needs of Masonry in North Carolina.

Bro. W. H. S. Burgwyn offered a resolution providing a means to secure additional appropriations for the Oxford Orphan Asylum and Masonic and Eastern Star Home, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Master recognized Deputy and Acting Grand Master J. Alston Cabell, of Virginia, who addressed the Grand



Lodge, congratulating it and the State of North Carolina upon its past history, Masonic and civil. His eloquent words were listened to with gratification.

Col. John W. Voorman, Past Grand Master, of New York, was introduced by the Grand Master, and delivered in eloquent and patriotic language a delightfully interesting and entertaining address.

Bro. R. M. Oates, of Kedron Lodge, No. 387, obligated his lodge to give \$100.00 to carry out the idea of the J. H. Mills Fund. Deputy Grand Master Andrews obligated himself to pay the other hundred dollars.

Bro. J. H. Anderson, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported the resolution offered by Brother Burgwyn to provide a means to secure additional appropriations for the Oxford Orphan Asylum and Masonic and Eastern Star Home, without prejudice. Brother Burgwyn then withdrew the resolution.

Past Grand Master Cowles, of Kentucky, was then recognized, and in a few well chosen words expressed his appreciation of the reception accorded him by the Grand Lodge, and bade us good-bye with the promise to come again.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow, at 9:45 o'clock, a. m.



## Third Day--Morning Session

THURSDAY MORNING, January 20, 1916.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:45 a. m., Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr., presiding.

The proceedings of the evening session of the previous day were read and approved.

Bro. Leon Cash, from the Board of Custodians, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Only one meeting of the Board of Custodians and Grand Lecturers has been held during the year. This was during this session. The summer meeting was omitted owing to lack of funds. Present: J. E. Cameron, Chairman, S. N. Boyce, Leon Cash. Lecturers: R. F. Edwards, J. W. Rowell, J. W. Patton, W. C. Wicker, W. W. Holland and J. W. Alford. Bro. J. L. Nelson, of French Broad Lodge, No. 292, Marshall, N. C., presented a certificate of proficiency from Grand Lecturer R. F. Edwards. Brother Nelson stood an approved and thoroughly satisfactory examination on the work, and he is referred to the Grand Master for appointment without prejudice.

We are gratified at the feeling of the lodges toward the uniform work, and we confidently look forward to the best year in the history of North Carolina Masonry.

We commend the teachers of the work and the work itself to the craft, with the full expectation that it will benefit and bless wherever it is taught, and that renewed zeal and interest will follow in the footsteps of each and every Lecturer who visits a lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CAMERON, *Chairman*,  
S. N. BOYCE,  
LEON CASH.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of District Deputies, which on motion were ordered printed. (See Appendix, page 121.)

Bro. Geo. S. Norfleet, Junior Grand Warden, presented the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a number not exceeding seven of associate Grand Chaplains, who shall not however be voting members of the Grand Lodge by reason of this appointment.

Bro. John J. Phœnix offered the following resolution, which on motion was adopted by a rising vote:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extends a rising vote of thanks to Hiram Lodge, No. 40, and Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, for the excellent manner in which they gave the third degree for the benefit and pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved further*, That our Assistant Grand Lecturer, Bro. J. W. Patton, who instructed these lodges in his official capacity be commended for the very efficient and correct manner in which the work was performed.

*Resolved further*, That the thanks of this Grand Body be expressed to the local lodges of Raleigh for courtesies extended.

*Resolved further*, That, a copy of these resolutions, over the seal of the Grand Lodge be sent to Hiram Lodge, No. 40, William G. Hill, No. 218, and Raleigh, No. 500.

JOHN J. PHŒNIX,  
*Revolution, No. 552, A. F. & A. M.*

The following resolution offered by Past Grand Master Hackett was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has learned with profound sorrow of the illness of Past Grand Master F. M. Winchester and Grand Tiler Robert H. Bradley.

*Be it resolved*, That this Grand Body tender to our stricken brothers its affectionate regard and tenderest sympathy in their affliction, express the hope for their speedy restoration to health and pray the continual realization and presence of Divine love, help and protection throughout the remainder of their days on earth, and the accompanying sustaining influence and comfort of His rod and staff through the Valley of the Shadow.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, Assistant Grand Lecturer, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge send a message of sympathy to Worshipful Bro. John D. Christian, Rocky Mount.

The Grand Master recognized Past Grand Master John W. Voorman, of New York, who responded in tender and fraternal words, winning the love and esteem of the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Installation made its report and stated that it had secured the services of Past Grand Master Hackett to install the officers. The Grand Master announced the installing officers as follows: Past Grand Master R. N. Hackett, assisted by Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, as Grand Marshal. The officers were then duly installed by the brethren named.

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

A. B. ANDREWS, JR. ....	<i>Grand Master</i>
CLAUD L. PRIDGEN ....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
GEO. S. NORFLEET ....	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
HENRY A. GRADY ....	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
LEO. D. HEARTT ....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
JOHN C. DREWRY ....	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS

RT. REV. THOS. C. DARST, D.D. ....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
R. F. EDWARDS ....	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
J. C. BRASWELL ....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>
J. BAILEY OWEN ....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
JAS. H. WEBB ....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
H. M. POTEAT ....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
J. LEGRAND EVERETT ....	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
B. F. HALL ....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
O. W. SPENCER ....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
R. H. BRADLEY ....	<i>Grand Tiler</i>
MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD ....	<i>Grand Historian</i>
T. R. ROBERTSON ....	<i>Auditor</i>

Bro. S. M. Gattis was then recognized, and in fitting and eloquent words presented to our retiring Grand Master a jewel in the name of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina as a token of the love and esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

Past Grand Master Hobgood in feeling and appreciative words accepted the jewel and extended his heart-felt thanks for the same.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of Past Grand Master S. M. Gattis as a member of the Board of General purposes for a term of five years.

Bro. Leon Cash was appointed a member of the Board of Custodians to succeed himself.

Standing Committees for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

#### JURISPRUDENCE

Walter Clark, No. 40, Raleigh.  
 John Nichols, P.G.M., No. 40, Raleigh.  
 H. A. Gudger, P.G.M., No. 118, Asheville.  
 S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., No. 71, Hillsboro.  
 B. S. Royster, P.G.M., No. 396, Oxford.  
 W. B. McKoy, P.G.M., No. 319, Wilmington.  
 J. T. Alderman, P.G.M., No. 229, Henderson.  
 F. P. Hobgood, Jr., P.G.M., No. 542, Greensboro.  
 H. A. Grady, P.M., No. 98, Clinton.  
 R. C. Dunn, P.M., No. 449, Enfield.  
 F. W. Kenny, P.M., No. 446, Biltmore.  
 W. H. S. Burgwyn, P.M., No. 418, Woodland.  
 W. J. Brogden, P.M., No. 352, Durham.

#### BY-LAWS

F. R. Anders, No. 369, Gastonia.  
 W. S. Creighton, No. 31, Charlotte.  
 H. E. Austin, P.M., No. 78, Greenville.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Marshall DeLancey Haywood, No. 218, Raleigh.

#### APPEALS

John Thames, P.M., No. 319, Wilmington.  
 Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, P.M., No. 71, Hillsboro.  
 R. T. Wilson, P.M., No. 494, Yanceyville.  
 J. B. Sellers, P.M., No. 417, Maxton.  
 Chas. Hoertel, P.M., No. 352, High Point.  
 Harry T. Patterson, S.W., No. 3, New Bern.  
 John B. Griggs, P.M., No. 317, Elizabeth City.

#### FINANCE

A. J. Harris, P.M., No. 229, Henderson.  
 John H. Anderson, P.M., No. 8, Fayetteville.

Thos. H. Webb, P.M., No. 556, Duke.  
D. C. Barnes, P.M., No. 17, Murfreesboro.  
R. M. Oates, P.M., No. 387, Hendersonville.

## CREDENTIALS

W. W. Willson, P.M., No. 40, Raleigh.  
A. S. Holden, No. 1, Wilmington.  
Horace R. Dowell, No. 218, Raleigh.

## ORPHAN ASYLUM

George S. Norfleet, P.M., No. 167, Winston-Salem.  
Dr. R. J. Noble, P.G.M., No. 84, Selma.  
John W. Cotten, P.G.M., No. 58, Tarboro.  
C. M. Vanstory, P.M., No. 76, Greensboro.  
S. E. McNeely, P.M., No. 496, Mooresville.  
J. LeGrand Everett, P.M., No. 495, Rockingham.  
R. C. deRossett, P.M., No. 395, Wilmington.  
D. M. Buck, P. M., No. 397, Bald Creek.  
John Sprunt Hill, P.M., No. 210, Durham.  
J. P. Pillsbury, J.W., No. 218, Raleigh.

## MASONIC TEMPLE

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, No. 218, Raleigh.  
S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., No. 71, Hillsboro.  
F. D. Winston, P.G.M., No. 5, Windsor.  
W. S. Liddell, P.G.M., No. 31, Charlotte.  
S. H. Smith, P.G.M., No. 167, Winston-Salem.  
John W. Cotten, P.G.M., No. 58, Tarboro.  
R. J. Noble, P.G.M., No. 84, Selma.  
B. S. Royster, P.G.M., No. 396, Oxford.  
John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, P.M., No. 218, Raleigh.  
J. S. Carr, P.M., No. 352, Durham.  
A. J. Harris, P.M., No. 229, Henderson.  
J. D. Elliott, P.M., No. 343, Hickory.  
John S. Cunningham, No. 74, Cunningham.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARITY

D. F. Betts, P.M., No. 500, Raleigh.  
J. C. Galloway, P.M., No. 475, Grimesland.  
C. A. Eury, S.W., No. 40, Raleigh.  
D. Fulk, P.M., No. 543, Spencer.  
B. W. Barnett, P.M., No. 261, Charlotte.



Bro. R. H. Bradley was appointed Grand Librarian.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

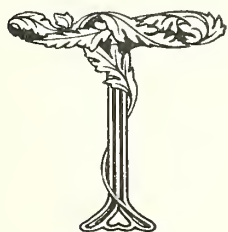
Prayer by Rev. J. H. Keller, Acting Grand Chaplain.



A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,  
*Grand Master*

W. W. WILLSON,  
*Acting Grand Secretary*

# STATISTICS



LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WITH NAMES OF MASTERS AND SECRETARIES, AND THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES. THE MASONIC DISTRICT IN WHICH LODGES ARE SITUATED BEING INDICATED BY NUMBERS IN PARENTHESIS.

No., Name and District	Location	County	Master and Address	Secretary and Address
1 St. John's (10) .....	Wilmington .....	New Hanover	C. B. Newcomb, Wilmington .....	A. S. Holden, Wilmington.
2 Royal White Hart (4) ..	Halifax .....	Halifax	R. L. Applegate, Halifax .....	W. F. Coppedge, Halifax.
3 St. John's (7) .....	New Bern .....	Craven	Jno. H. Parker, New Bern .....	C. Whit Gaskins, New Bern.
4 St. John's (6) .....	Kinston .....	Lenoir	Jno. E. Williams, Kinston .....	L. R. George, Kinston.
5 Charity (2) .....	Windsor .....	Bertie	G. C. White, Windsor .....	J. E. R. Perry, Windsor.
7 Unanimity (1) .....	Edenton .....	Chowan	J. K. Rea, Edenton .....	E. R. Conger, Edenton.
8 Phoenix (14) .....	Fayetteville ..	Cumberland	R. M. Jordan, Fayetteville .....	T. T. McGilvary, Fayetteville.
10 Johnston-Caswell (19) ..	Warrenton .....	Warren	R. O. Rodwell, Warrenton .....	J. G. Ellis, Warrenton.
17 American George (2) ..	Murfreesboro ..	Hertford	Stanly Winborne, Murfreesboro ..	O. S. Parker, Murfreesboro.
31 Phalanx (27) .....	Charlotte .....	Mecklenburg	G. K. Hummel, Charlotte .....	Knox W. Henry, Charlotte.
32 Stokes (25) .....	Concord .....	Cabarrus	T. J. Hendrix, Concord .....	H. G. Gibson, Concord.
39 Davie (2) .....	Roxobel .....	Bertie	S. J. Gillikin, Roxobel .....	R. W. Jilcott, Roxobel.
40 Hiram (15) .....	Raleigh .....	Wake	W. T. Ueltschi, Raleigh .....	Wm. C. Lyon, Raleigh.
45 Liberty (33) .....	Wilkesboro .....	Wilkes	H. A. Cranor, Wilkesboro .....	A. G. Hendren, Straw.
53 Hall (1) .....	Indiantown .....	Currituck	M. L. Burgess, Old Trap .....	H. M. Cox, Indiantown.
56 King Solomon (4) .....	Jackson .....	Northampton	H. H. Grant, Jackson .....	Geo. A. Moore, Jackson.
58 Concord (18) .....	Tarboro .....	Edgecombe	S. R. Alley, Tarboro .....	J. H. Jacobs, Tarboro.
59 Perseverance (3) .....	Plymouth .....	Washington	W. R. Hampton, Plymouth .....	J. K. Campbell, Plymouth.
64 Kilwinning (26) .....	Wadesboro .....	Anson	W. K. Boggan, Wadesboro .....	J. Frank Stainback, Wadesboro.
71 Eagle (21) .....	Hillsboro .....	Orange	H. H. Iler, Hillsboro .....	H. L. Parish, Hillsboro.
74 Golden Fleece (22) .....	Milton .....	Caswell	M. Smith, Shavboro .....	S. B. Seymour, Camden.
75 Widow's Son (1) .....	Camden .....	Camden	W. E. Johnson, Greensboro .....	J. C. Pierce, Greensboro.
76 Greensboro (23) .....	Greensboro .....	Guilford	H. E. Austin, Greenville .....	Wiley Brown, Greenville.
78 Sharon (5) .....	Trenton .....	Pitt	F. Brock, Trenton .....	T. A. Windley, Trenton.
81 Zion (8) .....	Jacksonville ..	Jones	S. S. Ambrose, Jacksonville .....	F. W. Marine, Jacksonville.
83 LaFayette (8) .....	Smithfield .....	Onslow	J. D. Parker, Smithfield .....	C. R. Turner, Smithfield.
84 Fellowship (16) .....		Johnston		

85 Morning Star (17)	Nashville	Nash	J. J. Cockrell, Nashville	R. M. Collins, Nashville.
90 Skewarkee (18)	Williamston	Martin	H. W. Stubbs, Williamston	A. D. Mizell, Williamston.
91 Western Star (44)	Rutherfordton	Rutherford	J. D. Hall, Rutherfordton	J. B. Carpenter, Rutherfordton.
92 Joseph Warren (17)	Stantonsburg	Wilson	G. S. Williams, Stantonsburg	H. E. Thompson, Stantonsburg.
95 Jerusalem (6)	Hookerton	Greene	N. F. Palmer, Hookerton	E. E. Sugg, Hookerton.
97 Neuse (15)	Millbrook	Wake	E. T. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1.	E. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1.
98 Hiram (9)	Clinton	Sampson	J. D. Kerr, Jr., Clinton	Geo. L. Peterson, Clinton.
99 Fulton (25)	Salisbury	Rowan	W. W. Taylor, Salisbury	H. P. Brandis, Salisbury.
101 Warren (9)	Kenansville	Duplin	C. C. Hamlet, Pittsboro	Geo. H. Brooks, Pittsboro
102 Columbus (13)	Pittsboro	Chatham	W. B. Singleton, Washington	O. M. Winfield, Washington.
104 Orr (3)	Washington	Beaufort	M. B. Walker, Hertford	W. F. C. Edwards, Hertford.
106 Perquimans (1)	Hertford	Perquimans	F. W. Smith, Ialson	Thos. Perrett, Faison.
108 Belmont (9)	Faison	Duplin	C. R. Wheatley, Beaufort	Eugene Harris, Beaufort.
109 Franklin (7)	Beaufort	Cartaret	Jas. H. Hines, Goldsboro	A. R. Morgan, Goldsboro.
112 Wayne (6)	Goldsboro	Wayne	E. A. Spencer, Roxboro	B. R. Long, Roxboro.
113 Person (21)	Roxboro	Person	E. J. Britt, Lumberton	R. T. Allen, Lumberton.
114 St. Albans (11)	Lumberton	Robeson	A. M. Johnson, Holly Springs	H. W. Norris, Holly Springs.
115 Holly Springs (15)	Holly Springs	Wake	M. M. Saliba, Wilson	T. S. Pace, Wilson.
117 Mount Lebanon (17)	Wilson	Wilson	C. F. Wood, Asheville	W. F. Randolph, Asheville.
118 Mt. Hermon (39)	Asheville	Buncombe	E. G. Cheatham, Franklinton	D. F. Cheatham, Franklinton.
123 Franklinton (19)	Franklinton	Franklin	G. C. Warren, Newton Grove	L. B. Cotten, Mount Olive, Rt. 7.
125 Mill Creek (9)	Newton Grove	Sampson	G. D. Gating, Roduco	R. C. Cowper, Gates, Rt. 1.
126 Gatesville (2)	Gatesville	Gates	F. B. Taft, Mount Gilead	M. T. Harris, Mount Gilead.
127 Blackmer (24)	Mt. Gilead	Montgomery	L. F. Fentress, Franklinville	J. T. Baile, Franklinville.
128 Hanks (24)	Franklinville	Randolph	T. R. Pratt, Madison	G. W. Martin, Madison.
129 Dan River (22)	Madison	Rockingham	S. H. Hicks, Snow Hill	J. E. Debnam, Snow Hill.
132 Radiance (6)	Snow Hill	Greene	S. E. Binkley, Mocksville	V. E. Swaim, Mocksville.
134 Mocksville (30)	Mocksville	Davie	Joe Conrad, Spray	Jno. F. Kemp, Leaksville.
136 Leaksville (22)	Leaksville	Rockingham	J. S. Armstrong, Lincolnton	W. L. Mustian, Lincolnton.
137 Lincoln (28)	Lincolnton	Lincoln	W. I. Daniel, Burgaw	A. H. Paddison, Burgaw.
138 King Solomon (10)	Burgaw	Pender	T. B. Dunlop, Ansonville	W. H. Boyce, Ansonville.
141 Carolina (26)	Ansonville	Anson	R. M. Gorrell, Ore Hill	C. B. Gorrell, Ore Hill.
143 Mt. Vernon (13)	Ore Hill	Chatham	C. C. Cunningham, Franklin	J. F. Dillard, Franklin.
145 Junaluska (42)	Franklin	Macon		

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146 Cherokee (43)	Murphy	Cherokee	M. W. Bell, Murphy	Wiley S. Green, Murphy.
147 Palmyra (14)	Dunn	Harnett	J. W. Turnage, Dunn	R. L. Denning, Dunn.
149 Adoniram (20)	Cornwall	Granville	J. T. Hart, Oxford, Rt. 7	J. S. Watkins, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2.
150 Pee Dee (25)	Norwood	Stanley	J. H. Forbis, Norwood	J. V. Barringer, Norwood.
151 Chalmers (13)	Carbonton	Lee	Geo. M. Gilliam, Sanford, Rt. 3	W. E. Paschal, Sanford, Rt. 3.
154 Scotch-Ireland (25)	Cleveland	Rowan	W. F. Thompson, Cleveland	E. J. Roseman, Salisbury.
155 White Stone (15)	Wakefield	Wake	J. J. Bridges, Wakefield	H. P. Gill, Wakefield.
156 Rolesville (15)	Rolesville	Wake	L. B. Young, Wake Forest	W. D. O'Neal, Neuse.
157 Mt. Pleasant (15)	Rogers Store	Wake	L. L. Brogden, Wake Forest, Rt. 4	S. B. Ray, Neuse Rt. 3.
158 Knap of Reeds (20)	Bahama	Durham	W. L. Umstead, Stem	Banam Tilley, Bahama.
162 Yadkin (32)	Yadkinville	Yadkin	T. R. Harding, Yadkinville	J. W. Pass, Yadkinville.
164 Deep River (24)	Coleridge	Randolph	H. F. Brown, Coleridge	R. L. Caveness, Coleridge.
165 Archer (16)	Clayton	Johnston	V. R. Turley, Clayton, Rt. 2	A. L. Bailey, Clayton, Rt. 2.
167 Winston (30)	Winston-Salem	Forsyth	C. L. Carroll, Winston-Salem	Leon Cash, Winston-Salem.
170 Blackmer (39)	Weaverville	Buncombe	W. B. Weaver, Weaverville	J. H. Wright, Weaverville.
171 Coleraine (2)	Coleraine	Bertie	C. Brinkley, Coleraine	A. J. M. Perry, Coleraine.
172 Buffalo (13)	Jonesboro	Lee	T. H. Gibbons, Jonesboro	T. M. Foushee, Jonesboro.
174 George Washington (13)	Bells Bap. Church	Chatham	Dr. C. G. Upchurch, Apex, Rt. 3.	R. B. Clark, Apex, Rt. 4.
175 Pollocksville (8)	Pollocksville	Jones	S. J. Harrison, Pollocksville	H. A. Chadwick, Pollocksville.
176 Mecklenburg (27)	Davidson	Mecklenburg	Dr. C. M. Richards, Davidson	H. G. Torrence, Davidson.
178 Siloam (9)	Harrell's Store	Sampson	N. F. Highsmith, Kerr	Geo. S. Beatty, Ivanhoe.
181 Carthage (12)	Carthage	Moore	C. P. Tyson, Carthage	C. F. Leavitt, Carthage.
185 Sandy Creek (19)	Laurel	Franklin	B. B. Egerton, Louisville	S. T. Gupton, Wood.
186 Pine Forest (14)	Broadway, Rt. 2	Harnett	J. H. Withers, Broadway, Rt. 1	Hugh McLean, Broadway, Rt. 2.
187 Central Cross (17)	Hunts	Nash	R. L. Harris, Spring Hope	A. H. Edwards, Spring Hope.
188 Balfour (24)	Asheboro	Randolph	R. C. Kelly, Asheboro	G. W. Hayworth, Asheboro.
190 Fair Bluff (10)	Fair Bluff	Columbus	S. C. Scott, Fair Bluff	J. P. Waddell, Fair Bluff.
191 Granite (16)	Clayton	Johnston	D. L. Barbour, Clayton	J. M. Hinton, Clayton.
192 Burnsville (40)	Burnsville	Yancey	A. J. Bennette, Burnsville	T. M. Baker, Burnsville.
195 Mt. Olivet (24)	Erect	Randolph	W. L. Stutts, Seagrove	T. H. Tysor, Erect.

197 Stoneville (22) .....	Stoneville .....	Rockingham .....	N. C. Hines, Cary .....	T. F. Wilkinson, Cary.
198 Cary (15) .....	Cary .....	Wake .....	C. S. Young, Shelby .....	T. J. Babington, Shelby.
202 Cleveland (37) .....	Shelby .....	Cleveland .....	J. S. Turner, Weldon .....	T. F. Anderson, Weldon.
203 Roanoke (4) .....	Weldon .....	Halifax .....	C. G. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 6 .....	E. C. Allen, Oxford, Rt. 6.
204 Brea (20) .....	Oxford, Rt. 6 .....	Granville .....	R. F. Vance, Huntersville, Rt. 20 .....	W. M. Vance, Huntersville, R.F.D.
205 Long Creek (27) .....	Long Creek .....	Mecklenburg .....	S. D. Hawley, Dunn, Rt. 1 .....	D. M. Williford, Dunn, Rt. 1.
206 Mingo (9) .....	Mingo Muster Gr. .....	Sampson .....	I. B. Tucker, Whiteville .....	H. C. Moffitt, Whiteville.
207 Lebanon (10) .....	Whiteville .....	Columbus .....	M. O. Summerlin, Mt. Olive .....	A. D. Byrd, Mt. Olive.
208 Mount Olive (6) .....	Mount Olive .....	Wayne .....	A. N. Bulla, Randleman .....	W. F. Matthews, Randleman.
209 Randleman (24) .....	Randleman .....	Randolph .....	H. L. Smith, Durham .....	Z. A. Rochelle, Durham.
210 Eno (21) .....	Durham .....	Durham .....	F. S. Lambeth, Thomasville .....	T. G. Perry, Thomasville.
214 Thomasville (23) .....	Thomasville .....	Davidson .....	J. W. Martin, Morganton .....	L. J. Webber, Morganton.
217 Catawba Valley (36) .....	Morganton .....	Burke .....	A. H. T. Spencer, Raleigh .....	J. C. Birdsong, Raleigh.
218 Wm. G. Hill (15) .....	Raleigh .....	Wake .....	W. A. Williams, Othello .....	R. F. Gentry, Jefferson.
219 Jefferson (34) .....	Jefferson .....	Ashe .....	J. B. Parks, Statesville, Rt. 7 .....	D. A. Guffy, Cleveland, Rt. 2.
224 County Line (29) .....	Cool Spring .....	Iredell .....	L. C. Steel, Turnersburg .....	E. E. Harmon, Olin.
226 Wilson (29) .....	Olin .....	Iredell .....	J. W. Messick, Jonesville .....	J. H. Wolfe, Jonesville.
227 Jonesville (32) .....	Jonesville .....	Yadkin .....	R. E. Marks, Broadway .....	H. M. Thomas, Broadway.
228 McCormick (13) .....	Broadway .....	Lee .....	J. B. Owen, Henderson .....	Al B. Wester, Henderson.
229 Henderson (19) .....	Henderson .....	Vance .....	John Benton, Rocky Mount .....	W. H. Hardison, Rocky Mount.
230 Corinthian (17) .....	Rocky Mount .....	Nash .....	R. V. Hawks, Holly Springs, Rt. 1 .....	E. T. Banks, Raleigh, Rt. 3.
231 Wm. T. Bain (15) .....	Holland's Church .....	Wake .....	J. W. P. Smithwick, LaGrange .....	D. W. Wood, LaGrange.
233 Lenoir (6) .....	LaGrange .....	Lenoir .....	W. H. Kelley, Clayton, Rt. 3 .....	W. M. Powell, Clayton, Rt. 3.
234 Anchor (15) .....	Auburn .....	Wake .....	B. L. McKelvy, Marion .....	H. H. Tate, Marion.
237 Mystic Tie (44) .....	Marion .....	McDowell .....	W. W. Jarvis, Moyock .....	Dr. F. W. Ritter, Moyock.
238 Atlantic (1) .....	Moyock .....	Currituck .....	J. D. Lowe, Harrellsville .....	J. O. Aske, Jr., Harrellsville.
240 Wicacoa (2) .....	Harrellsville .....	Hertford .....	J. E. Cameron, Kinston .....	C. L. Rountree, Sr., Grifton.
243 Rountree (6) .....	near Grifton .....	Lenoir .....	R. W. Lemmond, Monroe .....	G. M. Beasley, Monroe.
244 Monroe (26) .....	Monroe .....	Union .....	W. B. Gaither, Newton .....	J. B. Leonard, Newton.
248 Catawba (36) .....	Newton .....	Catawba .....	Geo. H. Ruark, Southport .....	J. Berg, Southport.
249 Pythagoras (10) .....	Southport .....	Brunswick .....	J. T. Spicer, Stovall .....	L. G. Puckett, Stovall.
250 Shiloh (20) .....	Stovall .....	Granville .....	Chas. B. Davis, Rockford .....	C. A. Houck, Rockford.
251 Rockford (31) .....	Rockford .....	Surry .....	Dr. E. F. Corbell, Sunbury .....	W. B. Riddick, Sunbury.
252 Lily Valley (2) .....	Sunbury .....	Gates .....		



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253 Lee (29) .....	Taylorsville . . .	Alexander . . .	A. M. Matheson, Taylorsville . . .	J. P. Babington, Taylorsville.
255 Oaks (21) .....	Saxapahaw . . .	Alamance . . .	J. O. Corbett, Saxapahaw . . .	W. R. Freshwater, Saxapahaw.
257 Kenly (16) .....	Kenly . . .	Johnston . . .	G. W. Watson, Lucama, Rt. 1 . . .	G. F. Howell, Kenly, Rt. 4.
258 Harnett (14) .....	Chalybeate Spgs. .	Harnett . . .	A. L. Baughcom, Fuquay Springs .	D. M. Spence, Chalybeate Springs.
259 Waynesville (41) .....	Waynesville . . .	Haywood . . .	W. L. Hardin, Waynesville . . .	R. B. Wilson, Waynesville.
261 Excelsior (27) .....	Charlotte . . .	Mecklenburg .	B. W. Barnett, Charlotte . . .	B. S. Look, Charlotte.
262 Hibernia (36) .....	Lenoir . . .	Caldwell . . .	J. A. Marshall, Lenoir . . .	S. S. Jennings, Lenoir.
263 Gaston (28) .....	Dallas . . .	Gaston . . .	F. H. Robinson, Dallas . . .	J. P. Hoffman, Dallas.
265 Farmington (30) .....	Farmington . . .	Davie . . .	F. H. Bahnson, Farmington . . .	R. C. Brown, Farmington.
266 Durbin (14) .....	Stedman . . .	Cumberland .	C. A. Maxwell, Stedman . . .	F. E. Dixon, Stedman.
267 Dunn's Rock (38) .....	Brevard . . .	Transylvania .	A. N. Jenkins, Brevard . . .	D. G. Ward, Brevard.
268 Unaka (42) .....	Webster . . .	Jackson . . .	W. A. Stillwell, Webster . . .	J. L. Broyles, Webster.
271 Tobacco (23) .....	Gibsonville . . .	Guilford . . .	M. J. Randolph, Gibsonville . . .	L. T. Barber, Gibsonville.
272 Bingham (21) .....	Mebane . . .	Alamance . . .	A. B. Fitch, Mebane . . .	J. S. Albright, Mebane.
273 Watauga (35) .....	Boone . . .	Watauga . . .	W. D. Farthing, Boone . . .	L. L. Critcher, Boone.
276 Beaver Dam (26) .....	Marshville . . .	Union . . .	E. E. Marsh, Marshville . . .	R. L. Griffin, Marshville.
277 Green Level (15) .....	Apex, Rt. 1 . . .	Wake . . .	T. C. Council, Apex, Rt. 1 . . .	M. C. Council, Apex, Rt. 1.
279 Rehoboth (9) .....	Rose Hill . . .	Duplin . . .	J. C. Williams, Rose Hill . . .	L. L. Hawes, Rose Hill.
282 Wake Forest (15) .....	Wake Forest . . .	Wake . . .	H. M. Potat, Wake Forest . . .	F. W. Dickson, Wake Forest.
283 Eureka (25) .....	China Grove . . .	Rowan . . .	Rev. J. H. Keller, China Grove . .	J. E. Correll, China Grove.
284 Greenville (5) .....	Greenville . . .	Pitt . . .	J. H. Harris, Greenville, Rt. 3 . . .	L. H. Pender, Greenville.
285 Flat Creek (13) .....	Fall Creek Church .	Chatham . . .	R. W. Kidd, Bennett . . .	W. W. Kidd, Highfalls.
286 Cedar Rock (19) .....	Cedar Rock . . .	Franklin . . .	J. T. Inseece, Castalia, Rt. 1 . . .	W. I. Stallings, Louisburg, Rt. 4.
289 Salem (30) .....	Winston-Salem . .	Forsyth . . .	H. M. Brandon, Winston-Salem . .	Frank L. Reid, Winston-Salem.
292 French Broad (41) .....	Marshall . . .	Madison . . .	L. M. Bryan, Marshall, Rt. 2 . . .	J. W. Nelson, Marshall.
293 Vance (39) .....	Stocksville . . .	Buncombe . .	Dock Chambers, Stocksville . . .	E. F. Buckner, Stocksville.
294 Atlantic (3) .....	Swan Quarter . .	Hyde . . .	Dr. E. H. Joines, Swan Quarter . .	L. H. Swindell, Swan Quarter.
296 Stonewall (18) .....	Robersonville . .	Martin . . .	J. C. Taylor, Robersonville . . .	Thad Rogerson, Stokes.
298 Toisnot (17) .....	Elm City . . .	Wilson . . .	C. E. Land, Elm City . . .	J. W. Winstead, Elm City.
299 Hunting Creek (29) .....	Eagle Mills . . .	Iredell . . .	E. A. Windsor, Jennings . . .	G. B. Henric, Jennings.

300 Pamlico (3)	Aurora	Beaufort	J. P. Pickering, Aurora	W. H. Guilford, Aurora.
301 Clay (43)	Hayesville	Clay	J. A. Chambers, Hayesville	W. T. Bumgarner, Hayesville.
302 Lillington (14)	Lillington	Harnett	J. D. Johnson, Lillington	C. D. Hawley, Lillington.
303 Evergreen (14)	Johnsonville	Harnett	W. C. Marks, Cameron, Rt. 3	H. A. Morrison, Cameron.
304 Pleasant Hill (6)	Pink Hill	Lenoir	W. G. Komegay, Alvin	L. P. Tyndall, Pink Hill.
305 Laurinburg (11)	Laurinburg	Scotland	J. T. Myers, Laurinburg	J. B. Maxwell, Laurinburg.
306 Raeford (13)	Raeford	Hoke	W. C. Crowell, Raeford	H. McK. McDiarmid, Raeford.
307 Patterson (25)	Mt. Pleasant	Cabarrus	J. B. McAllister, Mount Pleasant	G. F. McAllister, Mount Pleasant.
309 Randolph (24)	Troy	Montgomery	J. T. Norris, Troy	O. J. Blalock, Troy.
310 Hatcher (17)	Sims, Rt. 1	Wilson	D. L. Flowers, Sims, Rt. 1	S. T. Boykin, Sims, Rt. 1.
312 Notla (42)	Culberson	Cherokee	J. T. L. Hartness, Culberson	O. C. Shields, Culberson.
313 King Solomon (11)	Lumber Bridge	Robeson	Robt. Monroe, Lumber Bridge	D. M. Hall, Lumber Bridge.
314 New Lebanon (1)	South Mills	Canden	J. W. Jones, South Mills	W. I. Halstead, South Mills.
317 Eureka (1)	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	E. R. Spence, Elizabeth City	J. H. Snowden, Elizabeth City.
319 Wilmington (10)	Wilmington	New Hanover	C. F. Strunk, Wilmington	J. M. Taylor, Wilmington.
320 Selma (16)	Selma	Johnston	J. D. Edens, Selma	G. H. Wilkinson, Selma.
321 White Hill (13)	White Hill	Lee	J. C. McCoffer, Sanford	W. B. Parham, Sanford.
322 Granite (31)	Mount Airy	Surry	J. H. Carter, Mount Airy	John Sobotto, Mount Airy.
325 Falling Creek (6)	Granham's Store	Wayne	E. A. Stevens, Goldsboro	M. E. Cox, Princeton.
329 Winton (2)	Winton	Hertford	M. R. Herring, Winton	A. T. Newsome, Winton.
328 Mattamuskeet (3)	Middletown	Hyde	E. M. Jennette, Lake Landing	J. D. Watson, Englehard.
330 Black Creek (17)	Black Creek	Wilson	Barnes Daniel, Black Creek	G. J. Evans, Black Creek.
331 Bayboro (7)	Bayboro	Pamlico	S. W. McClees, Oriental	C. M. Babbitt, Bayboro.
335 Rowland (11)	Rowland	Robeson	C. D. Smith, Rowland	S. S. Smith, Rowland.
337 Lonie (19)	Kittrell	Vance	T. H. Crudup, Kittrell	E. O. Young, Kittrell.
339 Fair View (37)	Kings Mountain.	Cleveland	J. M. Patterson, Kings Mountain.	W. P. Fulton, Kings Mountain.
340 Harmony (6)	Pikeville	Wayne	E. T. Crawford, Pikeville	N. B. Berger, Pikeville.
341 Rock Spring (28)	Denver	Lincoln	J. W. Little, Denver	Jesse McConnell, Denver.
343 Hickory (36)	Hickory	Catawba	L. C. Furman, Hickory	E. N. Carr, Hickory.
344 Numa F. Reid (23)	High Point	Guilford	Chas. Hoertel, High Point	H. F. Hunsucker, High Point.
347 Mount Mourne (29)	Mooreville	Iredell	M. W. White, Mooreville	R. M. Abernethy, Mooreville.
348 Stanley (25)	Albemarle	Stanly	J. M. Harris, Albemarle	J. M. Boyett, Albemarle.
352 Durham (21)	Durham	Durham	W. J. Brogden, Durham	J. S. Burch, Durham.
353 Moravian (33)	Moravian Falls..	Wilkes	R. Don Laws, Moravian Falls	J. J. Hendren, Gilreath.

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355 Dellaplane (33) . . . . .	Call . . . . .	Wilkes . . . . .	Eli Johnson, Roaring River . . . . .	B. Binton, Call.
356 Fallston (37) . . . . .	Fallston . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	J. J. Blanton, Fallston . . . . .	C. W. Hoyle, Fallston.
357 Bakersville (40) . . . . .	Bakersville . . . . .	Mitchell . . . . .	W. A. Robinson, Bakersville . . . . .	Geo. M. Young, Bakersville.
358 East LaPorte (42) . . . . .	East LaPorte . . . . .	Jackson . . . . .	Aaron Hooper, Cowarts . . . . .	Milas Parker, Cowarts.
359 Mount Vernon (7) . . . . .	Oriental . . . . .	Pamlico . . . . .	R. L. Woodard, Pamlico . . . . .	G. W. Brite, Merritt.
363 Snow (35) . . . . .	Sugar Grove . . . . .	Watauga . . . . .	J. W. Horton, Vilas . . . . .	Jno. B. Horton, Vilas.
366 Craighead (27) . . . . .	Huntersville . . . . .	Mecklenburg . . . . .	T. M. VanPelt, Huntersville . . . . .	Jno. L. Miller, Huntersville.
369 Gastonia (28) . . . . .	Gastonia . . . . .	Gaston . . . . .	Chas. Ford, Gastonia . . . . .	F. R. Anders, Gastonia.
370 Mars Hill (41) . . . . .	Mars Hill . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	J. A. Ball, Mars Hill . . . . .	J. M. Hall, Mars Hill.
372 Bethel (26) . . . . .	Morven . . . . .	Anson . . . . .	Ira S. Johnson, Morven . . . . .	W. W. Morrison, Morven.
373 Elk (35) . . . . .	Todd . . . . .	Watauga . . . . .	W. T. A. Jones, Toliver . . . . .	W. R. Graham, Todd.
374 Campbell (29) . . . . .	Troutman . . . . .	Iredell . . . . .	T. V. Holtshouser, Troutman . . . . .	G. M. Young, Troutman.
375 State Line (37) . . . . .	Grover . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	J. G. White, Grover . . . . .	S. R. Anthony, Grover.
376 Life Boat (13) . . . . .	Merry Oaks . . . . .	Chatham . . . . .	E. V. Lawrence, Merry Oaks . . . . .	R. J. Yates, Merry Oaks.
377 Youngsville (19) . . . . .	Youngsville . . . . .	Franklin . . . . .	L. E. Winston, Youngsville . . . . .	S. E. Winston, Youngsville.
378 Seaboard (4) . . . . .	Seaboard . . . . .	Northampton . . . . .	H. R. Harris, Seaboard . . . . .	H. C. Maddrey, Seaboard.
379 Coharie (9) . . . . .	Salemberg . . . . .	Sampson . . . . .	A. E. Royal, Salemberg . . . . .	Frank D. Parker, Salemberg.
380 Granville (20) . . . . .	near Youngsville . . . . .	Granville . . . . .	J. R. Davis, Wake Forest, Rt. 5 . . . . .	J. E. Davis, Youngsville, Rt. 3.
381 Forest City (44) . . . . .	Forest City . . . . .	Rutherford . . . . .	A. L. McDaniel, Forest City . . . . .	Festus Bridges, Forest City.
382 Shawnee (36) . . . . .	Long Island . . . . .	Catawba . . . . .	Osborne Brown, Long Island . . . . .	Cullen Moss, Sherrill's Ford.
384 Reidsville (22) . . . . .	Reidsville . . . . .	Rockingham . . . . .	E. L. Somers, Reidsville . . . . .	A. J. Ellington, Reidsville.
385 Scottsville (34) . . . . .	Furches . . . . .	Alleghany . . . . .	W. R. Jones, Furches . . . . .	J. T. Landreth, Furches.
386 Pigeon River (41) . . . . .	Canton . . . . .	Haywood . . . . .	T. A. Hargrove, Canton . . . . .	A. W. Freeman, Canton.
387 Kedron (38) . . . . .	Hendersonville . . . . .	Henderson . . . . .	J. W. Grimes, Hendersonville . . . . .	R. M. Oates, Hendersonville.
388 Mooresboro (37) . . . . .	Mooresboro . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	Y. L. McCordwell, Mooresboro . . . . .	C. S. Greene, Mooresboro.
389 Temperance (5) . . . . .	Vanceboro . . . . .	Pitt . . . . .	L. C. Burney, Ayden . . . . .	L. A. Edwards, Vanceboro, Rt. 1.
390 Copeland (31) . . . . .	Copeland . . . . .	Surry . . . . .	Joe Dobson, Rockford, Rt. 1 . . . . .	J. H. Poindexter, Crutchfield, Rt. 1.
391 Lebanon (14) . . . . .	Hope Mills . . . . .	Cumberland . . . . .	J. T. Bynum, Hope Mills . . . . .	W. F. Newton, Hope Mills.
392 White Rock (41) . . . . .	Chapelhill . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	R. D. Roberts, Big Laurel . . . . .	A. J. Shelton, Allandstand.
393 Tally Ho (20) . . . . .	Stem . . . . .	Granville . . . . .	W. R. Farabow, Stem . . . . .	R. S. Green, Stem, Rt. 3.

394 Cape Fear (14)	Linden	Cumberland	Angus Ray, Linden	Theo. Byrd, Linden.
395 Orient (10)	Wilmington	New Hanover	E. L. Davis, Wilmington	C. C. Brown, Wilmington.
396 Oxford (20)	Oxford	Granville	M. F. Hill, Oxford	I. N. Howard, Oxford.
397 Bald Creek (40)	Swiss	Yancey	Don Buck, Bald Mountain	S. L. English, Burnsville.
398 Center (39)	Alexander, Rt. 2.	Buncombe	R. C. Eller, Marshall	L. L. Roberts, Weaverville.
399 Conoho (18)	Hamilton	Martin	V. R. Taylor, Williamston	B. L. Long, Hamilton.
401 Joppa (44)	Old Fort	McDowell	W. P. Terrell, Old Fort	S. F. Mauney, Old Fort.
402 Dobson (31)	Dobson	Surry	J. W. Cox, (Acting) Dobson, Rt. 1	J. T. Edmonds, Mt. Airy, Rt. 4.
403 Siler City (13)	Siler City	Chatham	M. M. Fox, Siler City	J. T. Johnson, Siler City.
404 Farmer (23)	Denton	Davidson	A. M. Galimore, Denton	C. W. Morris, Denton.
405 Ocean (7)	Morehead City	Carteret	J. W. Alford, Morehead City	G. W. Dill, Morehead City.
406 Ivy (41)	Paint Fork	Madison	W. B. Anderson, Paint Fork	J. H. Brown, Waverly.
407 Liberty Grove (33)	North Wilkesboro	Wilkes	W. H. Church, North Wilkesboro	G. McT. Miller, North Wilkesboro.
408 University (21)	Chapel Hill	Orange	W. F. Stroud, Chapel Hill	R. H. Ware, Chapel Hill.
409 Bula (21)	Burlington	Alamance	G. W. Hatch, Burlington	Chas. V. Sharpe, Burlington.
411 Rockville (17)	Stanhope	Nash	H. L. Dillard, Spring Hope	G. W. Dickinson, Spring Hope.
412 Henry F. Grainger (19)	Dabney	Vance	O. H. Parham, Henderson, Rt. 5.	J. L. Palmer, Louisville.
413 Louisville (19)	Louisburg	Franklin	S. A. Newell, Louisville	Jas. T. Nichols, Purlhear.
415 New Hope (33)	Miller's Creek	Wilkes	L. B. Pierce, Miller's Creek	A. M. Hatchett, Murphy, Rt. 2.
416 Bellview (43)	Cobbs	Cherokee	J. L. King, Murphy, Rt. 2.	W. H. Hasty, Maxton.
417 Maxton (11)	Maxton	Robeson	J. B. Sellers, Maxton	E. Bruce Lassiter, Potecasi.
418 Potecasi (4)	Potecasi	Northampton	W. H. S. Burgwyn, Woodland	Hector McIntyre, Godwin.
419 Greenwood (14)	Godwin	Cumberland	R. Jackson, Dunn	D. I. Reavis, Courtney.
420 Harmon (32)	Courtney	Yadkin	C. B. Reavis, Courtney	M. V. Fleming, Boonville.
421 Boonville (32)	Boonville	Yadkin	M. L. Woodhouse, Boonville	W. F. Rector, Sparta.
423 Sparta (34)	Sparta	Alleghany	J. J. Thompson, Sparta	W. W. Macy, Yadkinville, Rt. 2.
424 Baltimore (32)	Baltimore	Yadkin	S. L. Russell, Yadkinville, Rt. 2.	D. C. Bailey, Green Mountain.
425 Eastern Star (40)	Green Mountain	Yancey	W. H. Blackwell, Marion	A. H. Davidson, Ranger.
426 Montgomery (43)	Ranger	Cherokee	S. S. Akin, Ranger	W. A. Gibson, Bryson City.
427 Oconee (42)	Bryson City	Swain	J. L. Gibson, Bryson City	A. B. Bray, Stokesdale.
428 Stokesdale (23)	Stokesdale	Guilford	W. A. Branson, Kernersville	T. H. Pritchard, Jr. Swansboro.
429 Sea Side (8)	Swansboro	Onslow	Calvin Buckmaster, Swansboro	B. H. Douglas, Kapps Mill.
430 Rockyford (31)	Kapps Mill	Surry	Wm. H. Wolfe, Thurmond	I. C. Hall, Benson.
431 Relief (16)	Benson	Johnston	Dr. W. T. Martin, Benson	

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432 Kings Creek (34) . . . . .	Piney Creek . . . . .	Alleghany . . . . .	T. C. Black, Mo. of Wilson, Va. . . . .	F. R. Warden, Piney Creek.
433 Vanceboro (7) . . . . .	Vanceboro . . . . .	Craven . . . . .	J. Simpson, Vanceboro . . . . .	Wm. E. White, Vanceboro.
434 West Bend (32) . . . . .	Lewisville, Rt. 1. . . . .	Yadkin . . . . .	J. A. Turner, Lewisville . . . . .	J. R. Hauser, Lewisville.
435 Blue Ridge (42) . . . . .	Highlands . . . . .	Macon . . . . .	J. E. Potts, Highlands . . . . .	J. J. Fritz, Highlands.
437 Star (24) . . . . .	Star . . . . .	Montgomery . . . . .	E. L. Dameron, Star . . . . .	W. H. James, Star.
439 Marble Spring (43) . . . . .	Marble . . . . .	Cherokee . . . . .	J. M. Lovingood, Marble . . . . .	W. A. Puett, Marble.
440 Olingman (33) . . . . .	Ronda, Rt. 2 . . . . .	Wilkes . . . . .	F. M. Swain, Ronda . . . . .	J. G. Adams, Ronda.
441 Pleasant Mount (33) . . . . .	Abshers . . . . .	Wilkes . . . . .	F. F. Adams, Abshers . . . . .	J. T. Alexander, Newlife.
443 Roper (3) . . . . .	Roper . . . . .	Washington . . . . .	E. R. Lewis, Roper . . . . .	W. N. Duval, Roper.
444 Marietta (24) . . . . .	Ramseur . . . . .	Randolph . . . . .	E. J. Steed, Ramseur . . . . .	J. W. Parks, Ramseur.
446 Biltmore (39) . . . . .	Biltmore . . . . .	Buncombe . . . . .	F. J. Nevercel, Asheville . . . . .	V. F. Stephens, Biltmore.
447 Enfield (4) . . . . .	Enfield . . . . .	Halifax . . . . .	S. C. Whitaker, Enfield . . . . .	S. W. Dickens, Enfield.
449 Lone Oak (43) . . . . .	Robbinsville . . . . .	Graham . . . . .	T. A. Morphew, Robbinsville . . . . .	P. L. Rice, Cheoah.
450 Poleuta (16) . . . . .	Polenta . . . . .	Johnston . . . . .	E. S. Coats, Willow Springs, Rt. 1 . . . . .	F. T. Booker, Clayton, Rt. 1.
451 Ashler (35) . . . . .	Stony Fork . . . . .	Watauga . . . . .	A. M. Greene, Stony Fork . . . . .	Sherman Welborn, Stony Fork.
452 Grifton (5) . . . . .	Grifton . . . . .	Pitt . . . . .	C. T. Gaskins, Grifton . . . . .	J. C. Gaskins, Grifton.
453 Clyde (41) . . . . .	Clyde . . . . .	Haywood . . . . .	J. M. Haynes, Clyde . . . . .	R. L. Penland, Clyde.
454 Elkin (31) . . . . .	Elkin . . . . .	Surry . . . . .	W. S. Reich, Elkin . . . . .	M. R. Bailey, Elkin.
455 Pineville (27) . . . . .	Pineville . . . . .	Mecklenburg . . . . .	M. G. Hair, Pineville . . . . .	W. M. Morrow, Pineville.
456 Rusk (31) . . . . .	Rusk . . . . .	Surry . . . . .	B. R. Chaney, Crutchfield . . . . .	J. J. Wallace, Rusk.
457 Grapevine (41) . . . . .	Grapevine . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	H. D. Smith, Marshall, Rt. 3. . . . .	R. J. Sams, Marshall, Rt. 2.
458 Blowing Rock (35) . . . . .	Blowing Rock . . . . .	Watauga . . . . .	G. M. Sudderth, Blowing Rock . . . . .	R. L. Holsbouser, Blowing Rock.
459 Dillsboro (42) . . . . .	Dillsboro . . . . .	Jackson . . . . .	C. Z. Candler, Sylva . . . . .	R. F. Jarrett, Dillsboro.
460 Henrietta (44) . . . . .	Henrietta . . . . .	Rutherford . . . . .	J. N. Callahan, Henrietta . . . . .	J. C. Latimore, Henrietta.
461 Matthews (27) . . . . .	Matthews . . . . .	Mecklenburg . . . . .	R. N. Hood, Matthews . . . . .	H. A. Naylor, Matthews.
462 South Fork (28) . . . . .	McAdensville . . . . .	Gaston . . . . .	Dr. J. A. Anderson, McAdensville . . . . .	G. W. Rumfelt, McAdensville.
463 Currituck (1) . . . . .	Coinjock . . . . .	Currituck . . . . .	T. J. Taylor, Currituck . . . . .	E. W. Ansell, Barco.
464 Boiling Springs (37) . . . . .	Boiling Springs . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	C. M. McMurry, Mooresboro, Rt. 2 . . . . .	W. C. Hamrick, Mooresboro, Rt. 2.
465 Gulf (13) . . . . .	Gulf . . . . .	Chatham . . . . .	M. D. Giles, Goldston . . . . .	D. E. Murchison, Gulf.
466 King Hiram (14) . . . . .	King Hiram . . . . .	Cumberland . . . . .	S. C. Kriner, Hope Mills, Rt. 2. . . . .	A. A. Stephens, Hope Mills, Rt. 2.



467 Healing Springs (34) ..	Crumpler ..	Ashe ..	M. W. Blevins, Crumpler, Rt. 1 ..	C. L. Blevins, Crumpler.
469 Sanford (13) ..	Sanford ..	Lee ..	T. S. Cross, Sanford ..	E. R. Buchan, Sanford.
470 Scotland Neck (4) ..	Scotland Neck ..	Halifax ..	Dr. H. I. Clark, Scotland Neck ..	L. L. Cherry, Scotland Neck.
471 Grassy Knob (29) ..	Osbornville ..	Iredell ..	S. T. Goforth, Jennings ..	N. M. Felts, Jennings.
472 Sonoma (41) ..	Canton, Rt. 2 ..	Haywood ..	Dr. J. E. Wilson, Canton, Rt. 2 ..	J. F. Long, Canton, Rt. 2.
473 Lexington (23) ..	Lexington ..	Davidson ..	L. F. Barr, Lexington ..	Chas. D. Hunt, Lexington.
474 St. Paul's (11) ..	St. Paul's ..	Robeson ..	G. M. D. Howard, St. Paul's ..	J. C. Lentz, St. Paul's.
475 Grimesland (5) ..	Grimesland ..	Pitt ..	J. C. Galloway, Grimesland ..	A. O. Clark, Grimesland.
476 Big Lick (25) ..	Big Lick ..	Stanly ..	C. P. Hartsell, Oakboro ..	H. P. Efrd, Oakboro.
477 Eagle Springs (12) ..	Eagle Springs ..	Moore ..	M. A. Monroe, Eagle Springs, Rt. 1 ..	D. C. McKinnon, Biscoe, Rt. 1.
478 Four Oaks (16) ..	Four Oaks ..	Johnston ..	R. H. Massingill, Four Oaks ..	J. W. Keen, Four Oaks.
479 Rainbow (7) ..	Arapahoe ..	Pamlico ..	W. H. Broughton, Jeneiro ..	G. W. Brinson, Arapahoe.
480 Mill Creek (16) ..	Mill Creek ..	Johnston ..	W. R. Weaver, Bentonsville, Rt. 1 ..	H. C. Williams, Bentonsville, Rt. 2.
481 Spring Hope (17) ..	Spring Hope ..	Nash ..	J. J. Proctor, Spring Hope ..	J. T. Fulford, Spring Hope.
482 Saluda (38) ..	Saluda ..	Polk ..	R. M. Hall, Saluda ..	Dr. E. McQ. Salley, Saluda.
483 Traphill (33) ..	Traphill ..	Wilkes ..	T. S. Bryan, Traphill ..	M. Joines, Joynes.
484 Southern Pines (12) ..	Southern Pines ..	Moore ..	S. B. Richardson, Southern Pines ..	R. L. Chandler, Southern Pines.
485 Brasstown (43) ..	Brasstown, Rt. 1 ..	Cherokee ..	W. J. Martin, Murphy, Rt. 2 ..	J. B. Martin, Brasstown, Rt. 1.
486 Lawndale (37) ..	Lawndale ..	Cleveland ..	T. B. Richard, Lawndale ..	W. B. Denton, Lawndale.
487 Statesville (29) ..	Statesville ..	Iredell ..	P. P. Purnell, Statesville ..	E. M. Sentman, Statesville.
488 Rich Square (4) ..	Rich Square ..	Northampton ..	M. B. Williams, Rich Square ..	J. C. Bolton, Rich Square.
489 Linville (35) ..	Montezuma ..	Avery ..	J. A. Blackburn, Montezuma ..	Geo. C. Love, Pineola.
490 Bugaboo (33) ..	Dimmette ..	Wilkes ..	J. W. Dimmette, Elkin ..	J. I. Dimmette, Dimmette.
491 Hominy (39) ..	Candler ..	Buncombe ..	B. S. Waters, Candler ..	C. N. McFee, Candler.
492 Thos. M. Holt (21) ..	Graham ..	Alamance ..	McBride Holt, Graham ..	Jas. S. Cook, Graham.
493 Pilot (31) ..	Pilot Mountain ..	Surry ..	D. R. Fulk, Pilot Mountain ..	W. J. Swanson, Pilot Mountain.
494 John A. Graves (22) ..	Yanceyville ..	Caswell ..	R. T. Wilson, Yanceyville ..	E. F. Upchurch, Yanceyville.
495 Rockingham (12) ..	Rockingham ..	Richmond ..	L. J. Bell, Rockingham ..	R. L. Johnson, Rockingham.
496 Mooresville (29) ..	Mooresville ..	Iredell ..	E. P. Edmiston, Mooresville ..	J. F. Fairchild, Mooresville.
497 Royal Hart (4) ..	Littleton ..	Halifax ..	J. H. Partin, Littleton ..	J. B. Latham, Littleton.
498 Ayden (5) ..	Ayden ..	Pitt ..	J. H. Cheek, Ayden ..	S. A. Jenkins, Ayden.
499 Creedmoor (20) ..	Creedmoor ..	Graunville ..	J. F. Fuller, Creedmoor ..	J. E. Moran, Creedmoor.
500 Raleigh (15) ..	Raleigh ..	Wake ..	J. W. Kellogg, Raleigh ..	D. F. Betts, Raleigh.
501 Red Springs (11) ..	Red Springs ..	Robeson ..	J. S. Jones, Red Springs ..	L. M. Cook, Red Springs.



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502 Cookeville (36) . . . . .	near Henry . . . . .	Catawba . . . . .	C. L. Davis, Henry . . . . .	D. C. Upton, Henry.
503 Buies Creek (14) . . . . .	Buies Creek . . . . .	Hartnett . . . . .	J. R. Mitchell, Buies Creek . . . . .	F. A. Stewart, Buies Creek.
504 Luke McGlaughan (2) . . . . .	Ahoskie . . . . .	Hertford . . . . .	L. T. Summer, Ahoskie . . . . .	A. T. Willoughby, Ahoskie.
505 Cherryville (28) . . . . .	Cherryville . . . . .	Gaston . . . . .	D. P. Dellinger, Cherryville . . . . .	W. D. Gates, Cherryville.
506 Unaka (43) . . . . .	Unaka . . . . .	Cherokee . . . . .	W. R. Martin, Ogeeta . . . . .	J. P. Hampton, Unaka.
507 Roberdell (12) . . . . .	Roberdell . . . . .	Richmond . . . . .	W. T. Wicker, Roberdell . . . . .	W. R. McIntosh, Roberdell.
508 Lattimore (37) . . . . .	Lattimore . . . . .	Cleveland . . . . .	C. A. Hamrick, Shelby . . . . .	R. L. Hunt, Lattimore.
509 Belhaven (3) . . . . .	Belhaven . . . . .	Beaufort . . . . .	W. B. Tooley, Belhaven . . . . .	J. T. Milburn, Belhaven.
510 Caroleen (44) . . . . .	Caroleen . . . . .	Rutherford . . . . .	W. W. Poole, Caroleen . . . . .	G. W. Matheny, Caroleen.
511 Barnardsville (39) . . . . .	Barnardsville . . . . .	Buncombe . . . . .	H. B. Burlison, Dillingham . . . . .	T. T. King, Dillingham.
512 Lone Hickory (32) . . . . .	Yadkinville, rfd . . . . .	Yadkin . . . . .	J. S. Mayberry, Hamptonville . . . . .	J. W. Miller, Yadkinville.
513 Sylva (42) . . . . .	Sylva . . . . .	Jackson . . . . .	M. Buchanan, Sylva . . . . .	J. A. Calhoun, Sylva.
514 Scotland (11) . . . . .	Gibson . . . . .	Scotland . . . . .	E. N. Gibson, Gibson . . . . .	W. N. McKenzie, Gibson.
515 Whetstone (28) . . . . .	Bessemer City . . . . .	Gaston . . . . .	C. E. Whitney, Bessemer City . . . . .	R. L. Martin, Bessemer City.
516 Aulander (2) . . . . .	Aulander . . . . .	Bertie . . . . .	W. R. Howard, Aulander . . . . .	N. S. Askew, Aulander.
517 Farmville (5) . . . . .	Farmville . . . . .	Pitt . . . . .	J. T. Bundy, Farmville . . . . .	T. E. Joyner, Farmville.
518 Shoal Creek (43) . . . . .	Postell . . . . .	Cherokee . . . . .	E. Montgomery, Postell . . . . .	R. L. Keenum, Suit.
519 Widow's Son (4) . . . . .	Roanoke Rapids . . . . .	Halifax . . . . .	J. L. Cobb, Rosemary . . . . .	W. D. Bass, Roanoke Rapids.
520 Fairfield (3) . . . . .	Fairfield . . . . .	Hyde . . . . .	P. E. Swindell, Fairfield . . . . .	D. H. Carter, Fairchild.
521 Wanchese (1) . . . . .	Wanchese . . . . .	Dare . . . . .	W. S. Baum, Wanchese . . . . .	C. W. Pugh, Wanchese.
522 Warsaw (9) . . . . .	Warsaw . . . . .	Duplin . . . . .	J. E. Williams, Warsaw . . . . .	R. W. Blackmore, Warsaw.
523 Winterville (5) . . . . .	Winterville . . . . .	Pitt . . . . .	Roy T. Cox, Winterville . . . . .	J. F. Harrington, Winterville.
524 Pendleton (4) . . . . .	Pendleton . . . . .	Northampton . . . . .	H. P. Stephenson, Pendleton . . . . .	W. J. Lassiter, Conway.
525 Rodgers (17) . . . . .	Middlesex . . . . .	Nash . . . . .	R. H. Ferrell, Middlesex . . . . .	J. J. Kemp, Middlesex.
527 Lucama (17) . . . . .	Lucama . . . . .	Wilson . . . . .	W. J. Moore, Lucama . . . . .	W. P. Aycock, Lucama.
528 Fairmont (11) . . . . .	Fairmont . . . . .	Robeson . . . . .	J. E. Jacobs, Fairmont . . . . .	E. W. Floyd, Fairmont.
529 Andrews (43) . . . . .	Andrews . . . . .	Cherokee . . . . .	J. E. Cooper, Andrews . . . . .	A. J. Phillips, Andrews.
530 Joppa (27) . . . . .	Charlottesville . . . . .	Mecklenburg . . . . .	W. M. Sigmon, Charlotte . . . . .	C. F. Alexander, Charlotte.
531 Ellenboro (44) . . . . .	Ellenboro . . . . .	Rutherford . . . . .	S. A. Padgett, Ellenboro . . . . .	O. R. Coffield, Ellenboro.
532 Hamlet (12) . . . . .	Hamlet . . . . .	Richmond . . . . .	H. P. Austin, Hamlet . . . . .	R. B. Terry, Hamlet.

533	Ottolay (39)	Fairview	Buncombe	C. M. McCracken, Fairview	R. A. Morgan, Fairview.
534	Camp Call (37)	Shelby, Rt. 5	Cleveland	J. I. S. Mauney, Shelby, Rt. 5	W. E. White, Lattimore, Rt. 1.
535	Hollis (44)	Hollis	Rutherford	L. C. Price, Hollis	J. P. D. Withrow, Hollis.
536	Boardman (10)	Boardman	Columbus	W. R. McKellar, Boardman	J. D. Burton, Boardman.
537	Sharon (37)	Shelby	Cleveland	J. M. Hester, Shelby, Rt. 4	J. A. Smith, Shelby, Rt. 2.
538	Williams (27)	Cornelius	Mecklenburg	J. E. Washan, Cornelius	A. F. Torrence, Cornelius.
539	Caswell (22)	Corbett	Caswell	D. P. Walker, Union Ridge	W. H. Warren, Hightower.
540	State Road (31)	State Road	Surry	J. Q. Adams, State Road	J. H. T. Calloway, State Road.
541	Parkton (11)	Parkton	Robeson	D. S. Currie, Parkton	W. L. Stanton, Parkton.
542	Corinthian (23)	Greensboro	Guilford	B. H. Taylor, Greensboro	C. F. Southerland, Greensboro.
543	Spencer (25)	Spencer	Rowan	A. J. Gennayle, Spencer	J. E. Connell, Spencer.
544	Mount Holly (28)	Mount Holly	Gaston	T. M. McCoy, Mount Holly	E. O. Davis, Mount Holly.
545	Shelmerdine (3)	Shelmerdine	Pitt	E. A. Stanley, Winterville	Claude Hardee, Grimesland.
546	Carolina (24)	Liberty	Randolph	J. W. Curtis, Liberty	J. Rom Smith, Liberty.
547	Maysville (8)	Maysville	Jones	J. Manly Foscue, Maysville	E. H. Bell, Maysville.
548	Bee Log (40)	Bee Log	Yancey	M. L. Adkins, Ramsaytown	K. M. Hensley, Ramsaytown.
549	Elon (21)	Elon College	Alamace	J. W. Ingle, Elon College	J. C. McAdams, Elon College.
550	Roman Eagle (12)	Aberdeen	Moore	E. T. McKeithen, Aberdeen	J. McN. Johnson, Aberdeen.
551	Glenville (42)	Glenville	Jackson	W. J. Henderson, Erastus	T. L. Jamison, Glenville.
552	Revolution (23)	Greensboro	Guilford	J. T. Carruthers, Greensboro	S. Sternberger, Greensboro.
553	Zephyr (31)	Zephyr	Surry	F. T. Snow, Rusk, Rt. 1	J. W. Mounce, Rusk, R. F. D.
554	Vesper (40)	Spruce Pine	Mitchell	J. M. Petersen, Spruce Pine	A. D. McCullough, Spruce Pine.
555	Elise (12)	Hemp	Moore	N. J. Carter, Hemp	H. M. Shields, Hemp.
556	Nail S. Stewart (14)	Duke	Harnett	Gilbert Woodworth, Duke	Wm. Jolly, Duke.
557	Oak Grove (32)	Cycle	Yadkin	J. M. Crater, Cycle	S. Purdew, Cycle.
558	Ararat (31)	Ararat	Surry	T. W. Bryant, Ararat	R. C. Samuel, Ararat.
559	Grassy Branch (36)	Terrell	Catawba	A. E. Brown, Monbo	J. L. Gilleland, Act. Sec. Terrell.
560	Sulphur Springs (33)	Mulberry	Wilkes	M. F. Absher, Mulberry	D. C. Sebastian, Hays.
561	Swannanoa (39)	Swannanoa	Buncombe	Lynn E. Reighard, Swannanoa	D. W. Harrison, Swannanoa.
562	Waxhaw (26)	Waxhaw	Union	J. A. Williams, Waxhaw	J. D. Simpson, Waxhaw.
563	Tabor (10)	Tabor	Columbus	D. J. Hughes, Tabor	Walterberry Roberts, Tabor.
564	Richlands (8)	Richlands	Onslow	A. F. Barbee, Richlands	W. T. Cox, Catherine Lake.
565	Wendell (15)	Wendell	Wake	M. C. Todd, Wendell	C. A. Biggs, Wendell.
566	Ronda (33)	Ronda	Wilkes	W. A. Stroud, Ronda	J. A. Billings, Ronda.

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No., Name and District	Location	County	Master and Address	Secretary and Address
567 Wentworth (22) .....	Wentworth . . .	Rockingham .	C. O. McMichael, Wentworth . . .	I. R. Humphreys, Reidsville.
568 Dorie (7) .....	New Bern . . .	Craven . . .	W. T. Hill, New Bern . . .	Edward LeGallais, New Bern.
569 Mount Pleasant (17) . .	Mount Pleasant .	Nash . . .	V. A. J. Glover, Bailey . . .	K. W. Winstead, Bailey.
570 Roaring River (33) . . .	Roaring River . .	Wilkes . . .	A. Mathis, Roaring River, Rt. 2 .	R. L. Church, Roaring River.
571 Snow Creek (29) . . . .	Statesville, Rt. 5 .	Iredell . . .	J. L. White, Taylorsville, Star Rt.	T. M. Marshall, Statesville, Rt. 5.
572 Cliffside (44) . . . . .	Cliffside . . . .	Patherford . .	J. C. Monteith, Cliffside . . . .	C. L. Sloop, Cliffside.
573 Mount Pleasant (33) . .	Champion . . . .	Wilkes . . . .	R. L. Proffitt, Goshen . . . . .	B. F. Huffman, Purlcar.
574 Bynum (13) . . . . .	Bynum . . . . .	Chatham . . .	Dr. B. H. Hackney, Bynum . . . .	G. E. Moore, Bynum.
575 St. Timothy (26) . . . .	Marshville, Rt. 5 .	Union . . . .	J. L. Smith, Marshville, Rt. 5 . . .	H. B. Edwards, Marshville, Rt. 5.
576 Andrew Jackson (25) . .	Salisbury . . . .	Rowan . . . .	W. B. Strachan, Salisbury . . . . .	W. C. Coughenour, Jr., Salisbury.
577 Biscoe (24) . . . . .	Biscoe . . . . .	Montgomery .	D. C. Maness, Candor . . . . .	D. M. Hunsucker, Biscoe.
578 Meadow Branch (26) . .	Wingate . . . .	Union . . . .	C. J. Black, Wingate . . . . .	C. W. Baucum, Wingate.
579 Casar (37) . . . . .	Casar . . . . .	Cleveland . .	Peter White, Casar . . . . .	Dr. C. M. Peeler, Casar.
580 Summit (33) . . . . .	Summit . . . . .	Wilkes . . . .	H. L. Beshears, Summit . . . . .	W. M. Lee, Summit.
581 Macclesfield (18) . . . .	Macclesfield . . .	Edgecombe . .	M. D. Yelverton, Fountain . . . .	W. E. Cobb, Pinetop.
582 Lilesville (26) . . . . .	Lilesville . . . .	Anson . . . .	W. B. Flake, Lilesville . . . . .	J. A. Dabbs, Lilesville.
583 Ionic (7) . . . . .	Cove City . . . .	Craven . . . .	E. D. Avery, Cove City . . . . .	J. S. Robinson, Cove City.
584 Apex (15) . . . . .	Apex . . . . .	Wake . . . . .	W. B. Johnson, Apex . . . . .	S. T. Beunett, Apex.
585 Roseboro (9) . . . . .	Roseboro . . . .	Sampson . . .	J. M. Hall, Roseboro . . . . .	B. R. Butler, Roseboro.
587 David Bell (18) . . . . .	Whitakers . . . .	Edgecombe . .	B. A. Strickland, Whitakers . . . .	A. L. Taylor, Whitakers.
588 Evening Star (19) . . . .	Bunn . . . . .	Franklin . . .	Dr. B. C. Johnson, Bunn . . . . .	E. P. Carmeal, Bunn.
589 Bethel (5) . . . . .	Bethel . . . . .	Pitt . . . . .	J. L. Nobles, Bethel . . . . .	E. O. Burroughs, Bethel.
590 Lowell (28) . . . . .	Lowell . . . . .	Gaston . . . .	J. L. Robinson, Lowell . . . . .	Frank Robinson, Lowell.
592 Maiden (36) . . . . .	Maiden . . . . .	Catawba . . .	A. W. Setzer, Maiden . . . . .	G. Lee Harbinson, Maiden.
593 Stony Point (29) . . . . .	Stony Point . . . .	Alexander . .	R. S. Moore, Stony Point . . . . .	A. L. Watts, Stony Point.
594 Helton (34) . . . . .	Sturgills . . . . .	Ashe . . . . .	J. M. Ballou, Grassy Creek . . . .	M. F. Kirby, Sturgills.
595 Wallace (9) . . . . .	Wallace . . . . .	Duplin . . . .	W. J. Murray, Wallace . . . . .	J. S. Cavenaugh, Wallace.
596 Waecamaw (10) . . . . .	Bolton . . . . .	Columbus . .	John Lewis, Bolton . . . . .	R. J. Benton, Bolton.
597 Gulludge Memorial (26) .	Deep Creek . . . .	Anson . . . .	Dr. J. E. Hart, Wadesboro, Rt. 2 .	M. E. Lowry, Wadesboro, Rt. 2.
598 Cranberry (35) . . . . .	Cranberry . . . .	Avery . . . . .	A. B. Greer, Cranberry . . . . .	S. D. Nester, Cranberry.

599 Roaring Gap (33)	Thurmond	Wilkes	J. A. Norman, Jr., Thurmond	J. F. Collins, Thurmond.
600 Rockwell (22)	Ruffin	Rockingham	W. J. Pettigrew, Ruffin, Rt. 1	B. L. Blackwell, Pelham, Rt. 2.
601 Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Avery		
602 Queen City (18)	Rocky Mount	Nash	Jno. D. Christian, Rocky Mount	John P. Koch, Rocky Mount.
603 Laurelbranch (34)	Laurelbranch	Alleghany	F. W. Royal, Elk Spur	O. O. Smith, Laurelbranch.
604 Vaughan (19)	Vaughan	Warren	W. R. Vaughan, Vaughan	A. L. Pope, Vaughan.
605 Skyuka (38)	Tyron	Polk	H. N. Bowrie, Tyron	E. E. Missildine, Tyron.
606 River Side (36)	Catawba	Catawba	W. B. Walker, Catawba	F. E. Booth, Catawba.
607 Chadbourne (10)	Chadbourne	Columbus	D. W. Monroe, Chadbourne	J. R. Blake, Chadbourne.
608 Grandview (43)	Grandview	Cherokee	G. A. Hembree, Murphy	P. B. Fair, Grandview.
609 Zebulon (15)	Zebulon	Wake	R. B. Nichols, Zebulon	J. F. O'Neal, Act. Sec., Zebulon.
610 Glendon (12)	Glendon	Moore	A. J. Jones, Glendon	J. F. Gilliam, Glendon.
611 South River (9)	Autryville	Sampson	C. S. Faircloth, Autryville	J. L. Autry, Autryville.
612 Atkinson (10)	Atkinson	Pender	J. W. Flynn, Atkinson	W. H. Lewis, Atkinson.
613 Home (6)	Fremont	Wayne	D. A. Powell, Fremont	F. M. Watson, Fremont.
614 Fuquay (15)	Fuquay Springs	Wake	T. H. Stem, Fuquay Springs	J. D. Lee, Fuquay Springs.
615 Sunrise (15)	Sun Rise Sc. H.	Wake	W. T. Morton, Wake Forest, Rt. 1.	J. W. Andrews, Youngsville, Rt. 3.
616 Round Peak (31)	Round Peak	Surry	N. A. Lowe, Round Peak	T. D. Golding, Round Peak.
617 St. Patrick's (16)	Princeton	Johnston	W. H. Capps, Princeton	W. T. Edwards, Princeton.
618 Midland (25)	Midland	Cabarrus	B. S. Greene, Midland	Roland Brooks, Midland.
619 Castalia (17)	Castalia	Nash	J. S. Brown, Castalia	F. C. Wheeler, Castalia.
620 Little River (16)	Atkinson Mill	Johnston	R. H. Godwin, Selma	Ivey Narron, Selma.
621 Bonlee (13)	Bonlee	Chatham	B. H. Waddell, Bonlee	W. J. Tally, Bonlee.
622 Coats (14)	Coats	Harnett	N. T. Patterson, Coats	C. G. Stewart, Coats.
623 Mount Pisgah (33)	Dockery	Wilkes		Jno. T. Myers, Dockery.
624 John H. Mills	Epsom	Vance	E. N. Williams, Louisburg	R. L. Stokes, Henderson.
625 Woodsdale (21)	Woodsdale	Person	A. C. Gentry, Denniston, Va.	J. W. Montague, Woodsdale.
626 Cannon Memorial (25)	Kannapolis	Cabarrus	Jno. H. Rutledge, Kannapolis	W. B. Beaver, Kannapolis.
627 Belmont (28)	Belmont	Gaston	C. H. Sloan, Belmont	H. C. Treywick, Belmont.
628 Perfection (16)	Kenly	Johnston	Jesse Watson, Kenly	D. B. Sasser, Kenly.
629 Walnut Cove (30)	Walnut Cove	Stokes	W. P. Wheeler, Walnut Cove	T. J. Covington, Walnut Cove.

## STATEMENT OF LODGES

*given according to Counties with Districts indicated in parenthesis.*

Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	No.
ALAMANCE (21)		BRUNSWICK (10)	
Thomas M. Holt . . . . .	492	Pythagoras . . . . .	249
Bingham . . . . .	272		
Bula . . . . .	409	BUNCOMBE (39)	
Elon . . . . .	549	Biltmore . . . . .	446
Oaks . . . . .	255	Blackmer . . . . .	170
		Center . . . . .	398
ALEXANDER (29)		Mount Herman . . . . .	118
Lee . . . . .	253	Vance . . . . .	293
Stony Point . . . . .	593	Hominy . . . . .	491
		Barnardsville . . . . .	511
ALLEGHANY (34)		Ottolay . . . . .	533
Kings Creek . . . . .	432	Swannanoa . . . . .	561
Sparta . . . . .	423		
Laurel Branch . . . . .	603	BURKE (36)	
		Catawba Valley . . . . .	217
ANSON (26)			
Bethel . . . . .	372	CABARRUS (25)	
Carolina . . . . .	141	Patterson . . . . .	307
Kilwinning . . . . .	64	Stokes . . . . .	32
Lilesville . . . . .	582	Midland . . . . .	618
Gulledge Memorial . . . . .	597	Cannon Memorial . . . . .	626
ASHE (34)		CALDWELL (36)	
Jefferson . . . . .	219	Hibriten . . . . .	262
Healing Spring . . . . .	467		
Helton . . . . .	594	CAMDEN (1)	
Scottsville . . . . .	385	New Lebanon . . . . .	314
		Widow's Son . . . . .	75
AVERY (35)			
Linville . . . . .	489	CARTERET (7)	
Cranberry . . . . .	598	Franklin . . . . .	109
Minneapolis . . . . .	601	Ocean . . . . .	405
BEAUFORT (3)		CASWELL (22)	
Pamlico . . . . .	300	John A. Graves . . . . .	494
Orr . . . . .	104	Golden Fleece . . . . .	74
Belhaven . . . . .	509	Caswell . . . . .	539
BERTIE (2)		CATAWBA (36)	
Charity . . . . .	5	Catawba . . . . .	248
Davie . . . . .	39	Cookville . . . . .	502
Aulander . . . . .	516	Shawnee . . . . .	382
Coleraine . . . . .	171	Hickory . . . . .	343
		Grassy Branch . . . . .	559

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CATAWBA—Continued		COLUMBUS (10)	
Maiden . . . . .	592	Fair Bluff . . . . .	190
Riverside . . . . .	606	Lebanon . . . . .	207
CHATHAM (13)		Boardman . . . . .	536
Columbus . . . . .	102	Tabor . . . . .	563
Flat Creek . . . . .	285	Waccamaw . . . . .	596
George Washington . . . . .	174	Chadbourn . . . . .	607
Life Boat . . . . .	376	CUMBERLAND (14)	
Mount Vernon . . . . .	143	Cape Fear . . . . .	394
Siler City . . . . .	403	Durbin . . . . .	266
Gulf . . . . .	465	Greenwood . . . . .	419
Bynum . . . . .	574	Lebanon . . . . .	391
Bonlee . . . . .	621	Phoenix . . . . .	8
CHEROKEE (43)		King Hiram . . . . .	466
Bellview . . . . .	416	CURRITUCK (1)	
Cherokee . . . . .	146	Atlantic . . . . .	238
Marble Spring . . . . .	439	Hall . . . . .	53
Montgomery . . . . .	426	Currituck . . . . .	463
Notla . . . . .	312	CRAVEN (7)	
Unaka . . . . .	506	St. John's . . . . .	3
Shoal Creek . . . . .	518	Vanceboro . . . . .	433
Andrews . . . . .	529	Doric . . . . .	568
Brasstown . . . . .	485	Ionic . . . . .	583
Grandview . . . . .	608	DARE (1)	
CHOWAN (1)		Wanchese . . . . .	521
Unanimity . . . . .	7	DAVIDSON (23)	
CLAY (43)		Lexington . . . . .	473
Clay . . . . .	301	Thomasville . . . . .	214
CLEVELAND (37)		Farmer . . . . .	404
Cleveland . . . . .	202	DAVIE (30)	
Fallston . . . . .	356	Farmington . . . . .	265
Fairview . . . . .	339	Mocksville . . . . .	134
Lawndale . . . . .	486	DUPLIN (9)	
Mooresboro . . . . .	388	Rehoboth . . . . .	279
State Line . . . . .	375	Warren . . . . .	101
Boiling Springs . . . . .	464	Belmont . . . . .	108
Lattimore . . . . .	508	Warsaw . . . . .	522
Camp Call . . . . .	534	Wallace . . . . .	595
Sharon . . . . .	537		
Casar . . . . .	579		



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<b>DURHAM (21)</b>		<b>GREENE (6)</b>	
Eno . . . . .	210	Jerusalem . . . . .	95
Durham . . . . .	352	Radiance . . . . .	132
<b>EDGECOMBE (18)</b>		<b>GUILFORD (23)</b>	
Concord . . . . .	58	Numa F. Reid . . . . .	344
Macclesfield . . . . .	581	Greensboro . . . . .	76
David Bell . . . . .	587	Stokesdale . . . . .	428
Queen City . . . . .	602	Tobasco . . . . .	271
<b>FORSYTH (30)</b>		Corinthian . . . . .	542
Salem . . . . .	289	Revolution . . . . .	552
Winston . . . . .	167	<b>HALIFAX (4)</b>	
<b>FRANKLIN (19)</b>		Enfield . . . . .	447
Cedar Rock . . . . .	286	Roanoke . . . . .	203
Franklinton . . . . .	123	Royal White Hart . . . . .	2
Louisburg . . . . .	413	Royal Hart . . . . .	497
Sandy Creek . . . . .	185	Scotland Neck . . . . .	470
Youngsville . . . . .	377	Widow's Son . . . . .	519
Evening Star . . . . .	588	<b>HARNETT (14)</b>	
<b>GASTON (28)</b>		Buies Creek . . . . .	503
Gastonia . . . . .	369	Evergreen . . . . .	303
Cherryville . . . . .	505	Harnett . . . . .	258
Gaston . . . . .	263	Lillington . . . . .	302
South Fork . . . . .	462	Palmyra . . . . .	147
Whetstone . . . . .	515	Pine Forest . . . . .	186
Mount Holly . . . . .	544	Neill S. Stewart . . . . .	556
Lowell . . . . .	590	Coats . . . . .	622
Belmont . . . . .	627	<b>HAYWOOD (41)</b>	
<b>GATES (2)</b>		Clyde . . . . .	453
Gatesville . . . . .	126	Pigeon River . . . . .	386
Lily Valley . . . . .	252	Sonoma . . . . .	472
<b>GRAHAM (43)</b>		Waynesville . . . . .	259
Lone Oak . . . . .	449	<b>HENDERSON (38)</b>	
<b>GRANVILLE (20)</b>		Kedron . . . . .	387
Adoniram . . . . .	149	<b>HERTFORD (2)</b>	
Berea . . . . .	204	American George . . . . .	17
Creedmoor . . . . .	499	Luke McGlaughan . . . . .	504
Granville . . . . .	380	Winton . . . . .	327
Knap of Reeds . . . . .	158	Wiccacon . . . . .	240
Oxford . . . . .	396	<b>HOKE (13)</b>	
Tally Ho . . . . .	393	Rae ford . . . . .	306
Shiloh . . . . .	250		

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<b>HYDE (3)</b>		<b>LENOIR—Continued</b>	
Atlantic . . . . .	294	Rountree . . . . .	243
Fairfield . . . . .	520	St. John's . . . . .	4
Mattamuskeet . . . . .	328		
<b>IREDELL (29)</b>		<b>LINCOLN (28)</b>	
Mooreville . . . . .	496	Lincoln . . . . .	137
Grassy Knob . . . . .	471	Rock Springs . . . . .	341
Hunting Creek . . . . .	299		
Statesville . . . . .	487	<b>MACON (42)</b>	
Wilson . . . . .	226	Blue Ridge . . . . .	435
Snow Creek . . . . .	571	Junalaska . . . . .	145
Campbell . . . . .	374		
County Line . . . . .	224	<b>MADISON (41)</b>	
Mount Mourne . . . . .	347	French Broad . . . . .	292
		Grapevine . . . . .	457
<b>JACKSON (42)</b>		Ivy . . . . .	406
Dillsboro . . . . .	459	Mars Hill . . . . .	370
Unaka . . . . .	268	White Rock . . . . .	392
East La Porte . . . . .	358		
Sylva . . . . .	513	<b>MARTIN (18)</b>	
Glenville . . . . .	551	Conoho . . . . .	399
		Skewarkee . . . . .	90
<b>JOHNSTON (16)</b>		Stonewall . . . . .	296
Little River . . . . .	620		
Four Oaks . . . . .	478	<b>M'DOWELL (44)</b>	
Archer . . . . .	165	Joppa . . . . .	401
Kenly . . . . .	257	Mystic Tie . . . . .	237
Fellowship . . . . .	84		
Granite . . . . .	191	<b>MECKLENBURG (27)</b>	
Polenta . . . . .	450	Williams . . . . .	538
Relief . . . . .	431	Long Creek . . . . .	205
Selma . . . . .	320	Craighead . . . . .	366
Mill Creek . . . . .	480	Excelsior . . . . .	261
St. Patrick's . . . . .	617	Phalanx . . . . .	31
Perfection . . . . .	628	Pineville . . . . .	455
		Matthews . . . . .	461
<b>JONES (8)</b>		Joppa . . . . .	530
Pollocksville . . . . .	175	Mecklenburg . . . . .	176
Zion . . . . .	81		
Maysville . . . . .	547	<b>MITCHELL (40)</b>	
		Bakersville . . . . .	357
<b>LEE (13)</b>		Vesper . . . . .	554
Chalmers . . . . .	151		
Sanford . . . . .	469	<b>MONTGOMERY (24)</b>	
Buffalo . . . . .	172	Randolph . . . . .	309
McCormick . . . . .	228	Star . . . . .	437
White Hill . . . . .	321	Blackmer . . . . .	127
		Biscoe . . . . .	577
<b>LENOIR (6)</b>			
Lenoir . . . . .	233	<b>MOORE (12)</b>	
Pleasant Hill . . . . .	304	Southern Pines . . . . .	484
		Carthage . . . . .	181
		Eagle Springs . . . . .	477

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MOORE—Continued		PERSON (21)	
Roman Eagle .....	550	Person .....	113
Elise .....	555	Woodsdale .....	625
Glendon .....	610	PERQUIMANS (1)	
NASH (16)		Perquimans .....	106
Central Cross .....	187	PITT (5)	
Corinthian .....	230	Sharon .....	78
Morning Star .....	85	Grimesland .....	475
Rockville .....	411	Greenville .....	284
Spring Hope .....	481	Ayden .....	498
Rodgers .....	525	Grifton .....	452
Mount Pleasant .....	569	Temperance .....	389
Castalia .....	619	Farmville .....	517
NEW HANOVER (10)		Winterville .....	523
Orient. ....	395	Shelmerdine .....	545
St. John's .....	1	Bethel .....	589
Wilmington .....	319	POLK (38)	
NORTHAMPTON (4)		Saluda .....	482
King Solomon .....	56	Skyuka .....	605
Potecasi .....	418	RANDOLPH (24)	
Seaboard .....	378	Randleman .....	209
Rich Square .....	488	Balfour .....	188
Pendleton .....	524	Deep River .....	164
ONslow (8)		Hanks .....	128
LaFayette .....	83	Marietta .....	444
Seaside .....	429	Mount Olivet .....	195
Richlands .....	564	Carolina .....	546
ORANGE (21)		RICHMOND (12)	
Eagle .....	71	Rockingham .....	495
University .....	408	Roberdel .....	507
PAMLICO (7)		Hamlet .....	532
Bayboro .....	331	ROBESON (11)	
Mount Vernon .....	359	St. Paul's .....	474
Rainbow .....	479	King Solomon .....	313
PASQUOTANK (1)		Maxton .....	417
Eureka .....	317	St. Alban's .....	114
PENDER (10)		Rowland .....	335
Atkinson .....	612	Fairmont .....	528
King Solomon .....	138	Red Springs .....	501
		Parkton .....	541

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ROCKINGHAM (22)		SURRY—Continued	
Dan River .....	129	Ararat .....	558
Leaksville .....	136	Round Peak .....	616
Stoneville .....	197	Rusk .....	456
Reidsville .....	384	State Road .....	540
Wentworth .....	567	Zephyr .....	553
Rockwell .....	600		
ROWAN (25)		SWAIN (42)	
Scotch-Ireland .....	154	Oconee .....	427
Eureka .....	283		
Fulton .....	99	TRANSYLVANIA (38)	
Spencer .....	543	Dunn's Rock .....	267
Andrew Jackson .....	576		
RUTHERFORD (44)		UNION (26)	
Forest City .....	381	Beaver Dam .....	276
Henrietta .....	460	Monroe .....	244
Western Star .....	91	Waxhaw .....	562
Caroleen .....	510	St. Timothy .....	575
Hollis .....	535	Meadow Branch .....	578
Cliffside .....	572		
Ellenboro .....	531	VANCE (19)	
SAMPSON (9)		Henderson .....	229
Coharie .....	379	Henry F. Grainger .....	412
Hiram .....	98	Ionic .....	337
Mill Creek .....	125	J. H. Mills .....	624
Mingo .....	206		
Siloam .....	178	WAKE (15)	
Roseboro .....	585	Sunrise .....	615
South River .....	611	Green Level .....	277
		Hiram .....	40
SCOTLAND (11)		Holly Springs .....	115
Scotland .....	514	Mount Pleasant .....	157
Laurinburg .....	305	Neuse .....	97
		Rolesville .....	156
STANLY (25)		William G. Hill .....	218
Big Lick .....	476	William T. Bain .....	231
Stanly .....	348	White Stone .....	155
Pee Dee .....	150	Cary .....	198
		Raleigh .....	500
STOKES (30)		Wake Forest .....	282
Walnut Cove .....	629	Wendell .....	565
		Apex .....	584
SURRY (31)		Zebulon .....	609
Pilot .....	493	Fuquay .....	614
Copeland .....	390	Anchor .....	234
Dobson .....	402		
Elkin .....	454	WARREN (19)	
Granite .....	322	Johnston-Caswell .....	10
Rockford .....	251	Vaughan .....	604
Rockyford .....	430		
		WASHINGTON (3)	
		Roper .....	443
		Perseverance .....	59

Name of Lodge	No.	Name of Lodge	No.
WATAUGA (35)		WILKES—Continued	
Blowing Rock .....	458	Summit .....	580
Ashlar .....	451	Roaring Gap .....	599
Elk .....	373	Mt. Pisgah .....	623
Snow .....	363		
Watauga .....	273	WILSON (17)	
WAYNE (6)		Black Creek .....	330
Falling Creek .....	325	Hatcher .....	310
Mount Olive .....	208	Joseph Warren .....	92
Harmony .....	340	Mount Lebanon .....	117
Wayne .....	112	Toisnot .....	298
Home .....	613	Lucama .....	527
WILKES (33)		YADKIN (32)	
Bugaboo .....	490	Baltimore .....	424
Clingman .....	440	Harmon .....	420
Dellaplane .....	355	Boonville .....	421
Liberty .....	45	Jonesville .....	227
Liberty Grove .....	407	West Bend .....	434
Moravian .....	353	Yadkin .....	162
New Hope .....	415	Lone Hickory .....	512
Pleasant Mount .....	441	Oak Grove .....	557
Trap Hill .....	483	YANCEY (40)	
Sulphur Springs .....	560	Bald Creek .....	397
Ronda .....	566	Burnsville .....	192
Roaring River .....	570	Bee Log .....	548
Mount Pleasant .....	573	Eastern Star .....	425



## GRAND LODGES

*Month of Meetings, Addresses of Grand Secretaries*

Grand Lodge	Meets	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama . . . . .	December .	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Alberta . . . . .	.....	G. McDonald . . . .	Calgary, Can.
Arizona . . . . .	November .	Geo. J. Roskruege..	Tucson
Arkansas . . . . .	November .	Fay Hempstead . . .	Little Rock
British Columbia	June . . . .	W. A. DeWolf Smith	N. Westminster
California . . . . .	October . .	John Whicher . . . .	San Francisco
Canada . . . . .	July . . . .	Ralph Leering Gunn	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado . . . . .	September	Chas. H. Jacobson .	Denver
Connecticut . . . .	February .	Geo. A. Kies . . . . .	Hartford
Delaware . . . . .	October . .	Harry J. Guthrie . .	Wilmington
Dist. of Columbia	December .	A. W. Johnson . . . .	Washington
Florida . . . . .	January . .	Wilbor P. Webster .	Jacksonville
Georgia . . . . .	October . .	T. J. Carling . . . . .	Macon
Idaho . . . . .	September	Geo. E. Knepper . . .	Boise City
Illinois . . . . .	October . .	Isaac Cutter . . . . .	Camp Point
Indiana . . . . .	May . . . .	Calvin W. Prather .	Indianapolis
Iowa . . . . .	June . . . .	N. R. Parvin . . . . .	Cedar Rapids
Kansas . . . . .	February .	Albert K. Wilson . .	Topeka
Kentucky . . . . .	October . .	Dave Jackson . . . .	Louisville
Louisiana . . . . .	February .	John A. Davilla . . .	New Orleans
Maine . . . . .	May . . . .	Stephen Berry . . . .	Portland
Manitoba . . . . .	June . . . .	Jas. A. Ovas . . . . .	Winnipeg
Massachussetts . .	December .	Fred. W. Hamilton .	Boston
Maryland . . . . .	November .	George Cook . . . . .	Baltimore
Michigan . . . . .	January . .	Lou B. Windsor . . .	Reed City
Minnesota . . . . .	January . .	John Fishel . . . . .	St. Paul
Mississippi . . . .	February .	Frederick G. Speed .	Vicksburg
Missouri . . . . .	October . .	John R. Parson . . .	St. Louis
Montana . . . . .	September	C. Hedges, Jr. . . . .	Helena
Nebraska . . . . .	June . . . .	Francis E. White . . .	Omaha
Nevada . . . . .	June . . . .	E. D. Vanderlieth . .	Carson City
New Brunswick	April . . . .	J. T. Hart . . . . .	St. John
New Hampshire	May . . . .	Harry M. Cheney . .	Concord
New Jersey . . . .	April . . . .	Theo. B. Townley . .	Trenton
New Mexico . . . .	October . .	A. A. Keen . . . . .	Albuquerque
New York . . . . .	June . . . .	E. M. L. Ehlers . . .	New York
North Dakota . . .	June . . . .	W. L. Stockwell . . .	Fargo
Nova Scotia . . . .	June . . . .	Thomas Mowbray . . .	Halifax
Ohio . . . . .	October . .	J. H. Bromwell . . .	Cincinnati
Oklahoma . . . . .	February .	Wm. M. Anderson . .	Oklahoma
Oregon . . . . .	June . . . .	James F. Robinson .	Portland
Pennsylvania . . .	December .	J. A. Perry . . . . .	Philadelphia
Prince Edward I.	June . . . .	W. P. Doull . . . . .	Charlottetown
Quebec . . . . .	January . .	Will H. White . . . .	Montreal
Rhode Island . . .	May . . . .	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina . .	December .	O. Frank Hart . . . .	Columbia
South Dakota . . .	June . . . .	Geo. A. Pettigrew .	Sioux Falls



Grand Lodge	Meets	Grand Secretary	Address
Tennessee . . . . .	January . .	Stith M. Cain . . . . .	Nashville
Texas . . . . .	December .	W. B. Pearson . . . . .	Waco
Utah . . . . .	January . .	Freeman A. McCarty . . . . .	Salt Lake City
Vermont . . . . .	June . . . .	Henry H. Ross . . . . .	Burlington
Virginia . . . . .	December .	Chas. A. Nesbit . . . . .	Richmond
Washington . . . .	June . . . .	Horace W. Tyler . . . . .	Tacoma
West Virginia . . .	November .	John M. Collins . . . . .	Charleston
Wisconsin . . . . .	June . . . .	William W. Perry . . . . .	Milwaukee
Wyoming . . . . .	December .	Jos. M. Loudes . . . . .	Casper

## FOREIGN GRAND OFFICERS

Belgium . . . . .	Emil Pirsch . . . . .	Brussels.
Cuba, Grand Lodge of . .	Charles G. Charles . . . . .	Havana.
Costa Rica . . . . .	Sergio Carballo R. . . . .	San Jose.
England, Grand Lodge of .	E. Letchworth, F. S. A. . . . .	London, Freemasons' Hall, W. C.
Ireland, Grand Lodge of .	Rt. Hon. Lord Castletown . . . . .	Dublin.
New S. Wales, United Grand Lodge of . . . . .	Arthur H. Bray . . . . .	Sydney.
New Zealand . . . . .	Malcolm Niccol . . . . .	Dunedin.
Portugal . . . . .	Leopold Augustus Pinto Soares, No. 35, Rua do Gremio Lusitano . . . . .	Lisbon.
Philippine Islands . . . .	Amos G. Bellis . . . . .	Manila, Porto Rico
Scotland, Grand Lodge of .	David Reid . . . . .	Edinburgh.
South Australia, Grand Lodge of . . . . .	Charles R. J. Glover . . . . .	Adelaide, Flinders Street.
Victoria, United Grand Lodge of . . . . .	Charles James Barrow . . . . .	Melbourne, Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street.
West Australia . . . . .	John D. Stevenson . . . . .	Perth.
Queensland . . . . .	Charles H. Harley . . . . .	Brisbane.
Saskatchewan . . . . .	John M. Shaw . . . . .	Regina.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND  
LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

1. Grand Orient of France.
2. Two Grand Orients in Greece.
3. The Grand Orient of Egypt.
4. Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina.
5. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, two of the same name, and all other Grand Lodges in the Republic of Mexico, of which there are several.
6. The Grand Lodge of Salvador in Central America.
7. All the Grand Orients of South America.

## REPRESENTATIVES

*of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of  
North Carolina*

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence
Alabama . . . . .	S. M. Gattis . . . . .	Hillsboro
Alberta . . . . .	Horace R. Dowell . . . .	Raleigh
Arizona . . . . .	F. M. Winchester . . . .	Charlotte
Arkansas . . . . .	J. S. McEachern . . . . .	Wilmington
British Columbia . . . .	H. I. Clark . . . . .	Scotland Neck
Canada . . . . .	W. W. Willson . . . . .	Raleigh
Colorado . . . . .	William A. Blair . . . . .	Winston
Connecticut . . . . .	William L. London . . . .	Pittsboro
Delaware . . . . .	W. A. Withers . . . . .	Raleigh
District of Columbia . .	Charles H. Robinson . . .	Wilmington
Florida . . . . .	R. N. Hackett . . . . .	Wilkesboro
Georgia . . . . .	H. J. Lovick . . . . .	New Bern
Idaho . . . . .	Walter Clark . . . . .	Raleigh
Illinois . . . . .	Leo. D. Heartt . . . . .	Raleigh
Indiana . . . . .	W. B. McKoy . . . . .	Wilmington
Kansas . . . . .	M. C. S. Noble . . . . .	Chapel Hill
Louisiana . . . . .	W. J. Roberts . . . . .	Winston
Maine . . . . .	A. S. Holden . . . . .	Wilmington
Manitoba . . . . .	Samuel H. Smith . . . . .	Winston
Maryland . . . . .	Marshall DeL. Haywood .	Raleigh
Michigan . . . . .	Robert Bingham . . . . .	Asheville
Minnesota . . . . .	F. D. Winston . . . . .	Windsor
Mississippi . . . . .	Enoch F. Lamb . . . . .	Elizabeth City
Missouri . . . . .	W. E. Moore . . . . .	Webster
Montana . . . . .	R. S. Reinhardt . . . . .	Lincolnton
Nebraska . . . . .	Will X. Coley . . . . .	Raleigh
Nevada . . . . .	I. Frank Tilson . . . . .	Grapevine
New Brunswick . . . . .	R. L. Brown . . . . .	Oxford
New Hampshire . . . . .	F. P. Hobgood, Jr . . . .	Greensboro
New Jersey . . . . .		
New York . . . . .	J. D. Elliott . . . . .	Hickory
New Zealand . . . . .	F. P. Hobgood, Sr. . . .	Oxford
North Dakota . . . . .	J. C. Braswell . . . . .	Whitakers
Nova Scotia . . . . .	J. E. Saintsing . . . . .	Reidsville
Oklahoma . . . . .	U. L. Spence . . . . .	Carthage
Oregon . . . . .	John W. Cotten . . . . .	Tarboro
Ohio . . . . .	R. H. Bradley . . . . .	Raleigh
Prince Edward Island . .	Sol Gallert . . . . .	Rutherfordton
Queensland . . . . .	Geo. S. Norfleet . . . . .	Winston-Salem
Rhode Island . . . . .	A. J. Crampton . . . . .	Charlotte
South Carolina . . . . .		
South Dakota . . . . .	A. B. Andrews, Jr. . . . .	Raleigh
Sweden . . . . .	Eric Norden . . . . .	Wilmington
Tennessee . . . . .		
Texas . . . . .	M. D. Kinsland . . . . .	Waynesboro

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence
Utah . . . . .	J. T. Alderman . . . . .	Henderson
Victoria . . . . .		
Vermont . . . . .	C. T. McClenaghan . . .	Raleigh
Virginia . . . . .	John C. Drewry . . . . .	Raleigh
West Virginia . . . . .	B. S. Royster . . . . .	Oxford
Wisconsin . . . . .	Richard J. Noble . . . . .	Selma



## REPRESENTATIVES

*of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near other  
Grand Lodges*

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence
Alabama . . . . .	B. M. Hill . . . . .	Springfield
Arizona . . . . .	F. T. Patterson . . . . .	Glendale
Arkansas . . . . .	J. B. Baker . . . . .	Melbourne
British Columbia . . . . .	James Stark . . . . .	Vancouver.
Canada . . . . .	John Hoodless . . . . .	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado . . . . .	Joseph W. Milson . . . . .	Canon City
Connecticut . . . . .	Eugene A. Hall . . . . .	Meriden.
Delaware . . . . .	Wm. L. Crossan . . . . .	Wilmington
District of Columbia . . . . .	Arthur C. Shaw . . . . .	Washington
Florida . . . . .	Jesse J. Combs . . . . .	Apopka
Georgia . . . . .	W. A. Wolihan . . . . .	Macon
Idaho . . . . .	F. G. Mock . . . . .	Mountain Home
Illinois . . . . .	A. H. Scrogin . . . . .	Lexington
Indiana . . . . .	Mark Storen . . . . .	Scottsburg
Kansas . . . . .	Alex. A. Sharp . . . . .	Larned
Louisiana . . . . .	R. W. Allen . . . . .	Franklin
Maine . . . . .	C. F. Johnson . . . . .	Waterville
Manitoba . . . . .	Frederick L. Newman . . . . .	Portage laPrairie
Maryland . . . . .	Henry A. Rosser . . . . .	Baltimore
Michigan . . . . .	John W. Rowson . . . . .	Grand Rapids
Minnesota . . . . .	Alex Fiddes . . . . .	Jackson.
Mississippi . . . . .	Marion E. Morehead . . . . .	Lumberton
Missouri . . . . .	S. R. Wood . . . . .	La Plata
Montana . . . . .	Stephen P. Wright . . . . .	Butte.
Nebraska . . . . .	Walter M. Hopewell . . . . .	Tekama
Nevada . . . . .	Joseph F. Triplett . . . . .	
New Brunswick . . . . .	P. M. Archibald Bauer . . . . .	St. John
New Hampshire . . . . .	E. O. Field . . . . .	Nashua
New Jersey . . . . .	Philip F. Botzong . . . . .	Brooklyn.
New South Wales . . . . .	Evelyn A. H. Stevens . . . . .	Sydney
New York . . . . .	Seth P. Lyman . . . . .	Anarge Pelham
New Zealand . . . . .	C. J. W. Griffiths . . . . .	Auckland
North Dakota . . . . .	James McDonald . . . . .	Grafton
Nova Scotia . . . . .	William Driffield . . . . .	Digby
Ohio . . . . .	Robert I. Clegg . . . . .	Cleveland
Oklahoma . . . . .	Alfred D. Gray . . . . .	Cheyenne
Oregon . . . . .	W. T. Williamson . . . . .	Salem
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	H. E. Wright . . . . .	Summerside
Philippine Islands . . . . .	Robt. E. Clark . . . . .	Manila
Quebec . . . . .	A. N. Thompson . . . . .	Stanstead
Queensland . . . . .	Geo. Robertson . . . . .	Brisbane
Rhode Island . . . . .	John P. Sanborn . . . . .	Newport
South Carolina . . . . .	Van Smith . . . . .	Newberry
South Dakota . . . . .	Abram E. Van Camp . . . . .	Highmore
South Australia . . . . .	Donald Nicholson . . . . .	
Sweden . . . . .	William G. Gibson . . . . .	Stockholm
Tennessee . . . . .	Clarence D. Boyd . . . . .	Knoxville
Texas . . . . .	W. S. Fly . . . . .	San Antonio

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence
Utah . . . . .	Herbert Lee Herrington	Ogden
Vermont . . . . .	A. S. Harriman . . . . .	Middlebury
Virginia . . . . .	W. F. Bagby . . . . .	Stevensville
Victoria . . . . .	Andrew Thompson . . . .	Middle Crescent
Washington . . . . .	H. L. Kenan . . . . .	Spokane
West Virginia . . . . .	Neil Robinson . . . . .	Charleston
Wisconsin . . . . .	Jos. S. Lenon . . . . .	LaCrosse



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

From Subordinate Lodges for the Masonic  
Year Ending October 31, 1915,  
by Districts



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES  
FIRST DISTRICT—Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties  
W. S. PRIVOTT, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Unanimity . . . . .	7	Nov. 15, 1915..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	53	50	3	\$ 2.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$
Hall . . . . .	53	Dec. 18, 1915..	5	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	55	56	..	1	56.00	61.00	61.00	..
Widow's Son . . . . .	75	Nov. 26, 1915..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	31	32	..	1	32.00	32.00	32.00	..
Perquimans . . . . .	106	Jan. 18, 1916..	4	3	3	2	3	..	..	2	1	1	78	83	5	4.00	83.00	87.00	87.00	..
Atlantic . . . . .	238	Jan. 14, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	23	22	1	..	22.00	22.00	22.00	..
New Lebanon . . . . .	314	Nov. 22, 1915..	3	3	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	44	44	..	..	44.00	47.00	47.00	..
Eureka . . . . .	317	Dec. 8, 1915..	7	6	7	1	..	..	3	1	1	2	154	157	..	3	157.00	164.00	164.00	..
Currituck . . . . .	463	Dec. 28, 1915..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	49	55	6	2.00	55.00	57.00	57.00	..
Wanchese . . . . .	521	Nov. 22, 1915..	5	5	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	58	61	..	3	61.00	66.00	66.00	..
Total . . . . .	28	22	27	5	3	..	7	6	14	545	560	4	19	\$28.00	\$560.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$

SECOND DISTRICT—Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties.

A. O. KIFF, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Charity . . . . .	5	Dec. 2, 1915..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	97	95	2	\$ 3.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 98.00
American George . . . . .	17	Dec. 11, 1915..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	24	..	2	1.00	24.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Davie . . . . .	39	Nov. 24, 1915..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	46	46	..	..	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00
Gatesville . . . . .	126	Dec. 22, 1915..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	63	60	3	1.00	60.00	61.00	61.00	61.00
Coleraine . . . . .	171	Dec. 2, 1915..	7	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	31	33	..	2	7.00	33.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Wicacoan . . . . .	240	Jan. 12, 1916..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	37	36	1	..	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00
Lily Valley . . . . .	252	Dec. 10, 1915..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	26	25	1	1.00	25.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Winton . . . . .	327	Nov. 30, 1915..	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	38	39	..	1	39.00	44.00	44.00	44.00



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

## FIFTH DISTRICT—Pitt County

JOHN H. CHEEK, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Membership Present	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Sharon . . . . .	78	Nov. 20, 1915..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	42	45	3	..	\$3	\$45 00	\$48 00	\$48 00	
Greenville . . . . .	284	Nov. 17, 1915..	2	2	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	1	88	84	4	..	2 00	84 00	86 00	86 00	
Temperance . . . . .	389		1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	36	2	..	1 00	36 00	37 00	30 00	\$ 7 00
Gripton . . . . .	452	Jan. 1, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	31	30	1	..	..	30 00	30 00	30 00	
Grimesland . . . . .	475	Nov. 20, 1915..	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	77	76	1	..	3 00	76 00	79 00	79 00	
Ayden . . . . .	498	Dec. 7, 1915..	1	3	2	4	..	..	1	..	1	4	66	70	4	..	1 00	69 00	70 00	70 00	
Farmville . . . . .	517	Jan. 12, 1916..	4	3	4	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	61	61	..	..	4 00	61 00	65 00	65 00	
Winterville . . . . .	523	Jan. 7, 1916..	5	5	5	..	1	1	3	..	2	..	69	69	..	..	5 00	69 00	74 00	74 00	
Shelmerdine . . . . .	545	Nov. 30, 1915..	4	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	35	5	..	4 00	35 00	39 00	39 00	
Bethel . . . . .	589	Dec. 17, 1915..	6	6	8	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	38	44	6	..	6 00	44 00	50 00	50 00	
Total . . . . .			29	26	27	9	2	2	7	11	8	536	550	6	120	6	\$29 00	\$549 00	\$378 00	\$571 00	\$ 7 00

## SIXTH DISTRICT—Green, Lenoir and Wayne Counties.

C. W. PRIDGEN, D. D. G. M., 1915.

St. John's . . . . .	4	Nov. 29, 1915..	8	10	10	6	..	..	2	4	..	..	169	179	10	..	\$8 00	\$179 00	\$187 00	\$187 00	
Jerusalem . . . . .	95	Dec. 20, 1915..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	46	45	1	..	2 00	45 00	47 00	47 00	
Wayne . . . . .	112	Nov. 18, 1915..	3	6	4	4	..	..	3	6	2	2	100	97	3	..	3 00	97 00	100 00	100 00	
Radiance . . . . .	132	Dec. 4, 1915..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	38	37	1	..	2 00	37 00	39 00	39 00	
Mount Olive . . . . .	208	Nov. 30, 1915..	3	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	2	..	47	49	2	..	3 00	49 00	52 00	52 00	
Lenoir . . . . .	233	Jan. 11, 1916..	..	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	55	37	18	..	..	37 00	37 00	37 00	
Rountree . . . . .	243	Nov. 9, 1915..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	36	36	..	..	..	36 00	36 00	36 00	

Pleasant Hill .....	304	Nov. 26, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	73	66	7	..	1	00	66	00	67	00	67	00
Falling Creek .....	325	Jan. 3, 1916..	2	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	32	30	2	..	2	00	30	00	32	00	32	00
Harmony .....	340	Dec. 2, 1915..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	71	67	4	..	1	00	67	00	68	00	68	00
Home .....	613	Dec. 2, 1915..	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	25	28	..	3	4	00	28	00	32	00	32	00
Total .....			26	25	25	15	..	1	26	17	11	3	692	671	36	15	\$26	00	\$671	00	\$697	00

## SEVENTH DISTRICT—Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties.

M. LESLIE DAVIS, D. D. G. M., 1915.

St. John's	3	Nov. 22, 1915.	12	13	15	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	82	93	..	11	\$12 00	\$ 93 00	\$105 00	\$105 00
Franklin	109	Dec. 2, 1915.	5	5	3	1	1	..	..	2	2	91	94	..	3	5 00	94 00	99 00	99 00	99 00
Bayboro	331	Dec. 14, 1915.	5	4	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	35	38	..	3	5 00	38 00	43 00	43 00	43 00
Mount Vernon	359	Nov. 29, 1915.	2	3	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	35	38	..	3	2 00	38 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
Ocean	405	Nov. 4, 1915.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	55	52	3	..	.....	52 00	52 00	52 00	52 00
Vanceboro	433	Jan. 17, 1916.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	54	52	2	..	1 00	52 00	53 00	53 00	53 00
Rainbow	479	Dec. 20, 1915.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	19	17	2	..	1 00	17 00	18 00	18 00	18 00
Doric	568	Dec. 23, 1915.	21	19	19	4	..	..	..	..	4	57	80	..	23	21 00	80 00	101 00	101 00	101 00
Ionic	583	Dec. 28, 1915.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	24	23	1	..	1 00	23 00	24 00	24 00	24 00
Total	..	..	48	44	43	7	1	1	2	7	6	6	452	487	8	43	\$48 00	\$487 00	\$535 00	\$535 00

## EIGHTH DISTRICT—Jones and Onslow Counties.

PETER C. FOY, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Zion . . . . .	81	Dec. 4, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	49	45	4	..	..	\$	45	00	\$	45	00	\$	45	00	
LaFayette . . . . .	83	Dec. 11, 1915..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	69	69	..	..	3	00	69	00	72	00	72	00	72	00	
Pollokville . . . . .	175	Dec. 20, 1915..	3	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	26	27	..	1	3	00	27	00	30	00	30	00	30	00		
Sea Side . . . . .	429	Nov. 22, 1915..	4	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	46	50	..	4	4	00	50	00	54	00	54	00	54	00		
Maysville . . . . .	547	Jan. 10, 1916..	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	32	35	..	3	2	00	35	00	37	00	37	00	37	00		
Richlands . . . . .	564	Dec. 1, 1915..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	27	..	..	2	00	27	00	29	00	29	00	29	00	
Total . . . . .			14	13	12	..	..	..	1	1	6	3	249	253	4	8	\$14	00	\$253	00	\$267	00	\$267	00	\$267	00

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

NINTH DISTRICT—Duplin and Sampson Counties.

GEORGE L. PETERSON, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Hiram . . . . .	98	Nov. 29, 1915.	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	82	87	..	5	\$	\$ 87 00	\$ 87 00	\$ 87 00	\$ 87 00
Warren . . . . .	101	Returns not received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belmont . . . . .	108	Nov. 1, 1915.	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	51	51	..	..	2 00	51 00	53 00	53 00	53 00
Mill Creek . . . . .	125	Dec. 9, 1915.	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	46	46	..	..	1 00	46 00	47 00	47 00	47 00
Siloam . . . . .	178	Jan. 25, 1916.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	24	23	1	..	2 00	23 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
Mingo . . . . .	206	Jan. 18, 1916.	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	46	45	1	..	4 00	45 00	49 00	49 00	49 00
Rehoboth . . . . .	279	Dec. 8, 1915.	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	23	24	..	1	2 00	24 00	26 00	26 00	26 00
Coharie . . . . .	379	Dec. 16, 1915.	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	22	24	..	2	3 00	24 00	27 00	27 00	27 00
Warsaw . . . . .	522	Jan. 5, 1916.	6	9	10	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	38	52	..	14	6 00	52 00	58 00	58 00	58 00
Roseboro . . . . .	585	Jan. 15, 1916.	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	29	..	2	1 00	29 00	30 00	30 00	30 00
Wallace . . . . .	595	Nov. 23, 1915.	5	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	32	..	4	5 00	32 00	37 00	37 00	37 00
South River . . . . .	611	Jan. 1, 1916.	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	18	15	3	..	1 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	16 00
Total . . . . .			27	26	27	9	1	1	1	7	8	5	405	428	5	28	\$27 00	\$428 00	\$455 00	\$455 00	\$455 00

## TENTH DISTRICT—Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties.

W. D. McMILLAN, D. D. G. M., 1915.

St. John's . . . . .	1	Oct. 29, 1915.	9	4	3	6	..	..	..	6	7	1	240	236	4	..	\$ 9 00	\$236 00	\$245 00	\$245 00	\$245 00
King Solomon . . . . .	138	Nov. 6, 1915.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	38	36	2	..	..	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00
Fair Bluff . . . . .	190	Dec. 2, 1915.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	39	37	2	..	..	37 00	37 00	37 00	37 00
Lebanon . . . . .	207	Dec. 20, 1915.	10	10	10	3	8	..	9	..	4	..	73	81	..	8	10 00	81 00	91 00	91 00	91 00
Pythagoras . . . . .	249	Dec. 29, 1915.	3	3	6	3	..	..	1	1	1	1	72	78	..	6	3 00	78 00	81 00	81 00	81 00

Wilmington . . . . .	319	Nov.	26,	1915..	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	81	82	..	1	2 00	82 00	84 00	84 00
Orient . . . . .	395	Nov.	30,	1915..	6	8	9	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	116	122	..	6	6 00	122 00	128 00
Boardman . . . . .	536	Nov.	22,	1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	32	..	..	1 00	32 00	33 00	33 00
Tabor . . . . .	563	Dec.	29,	1915..	4	5	4	8	..	..	1	3	..	..	40	48	..	8	4 00	48 00	52 00
Waccamaw . . . . .	596	Jan.	18,	1916..	3	7	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	40	40	..	3 00	40 00	43 00	43 00
Chadbourn . . . . .	607	Nov.	20,	1915..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	25	..	1	2 00	25 00	27 00
Atkinson . . . . .	612	Dec.	18,	1915..	4	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	19	..	5	4 00	19 00	23 00
Total . . . . .					44	45	43	24	8	..	14	17	17	5	809	836	8 35	\$44 00	\$836 00	\$880 00	\$880 00

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT—Robeson and Scotland Counties.

J. D. PROCTOR, D. D. G. M., 1915.

St. Albans . . . . .	114	Dec. 2, 1915..	8	7	6	2	..	..	..	3	1	2	110	114	..	4	\$ 8 00	\$114 00	\$122 00	\$122 00
Laurinburg . . . . .	305	Nov. 15, 1915..	2	10	8	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	74	80	..	6	2 00	80 00	82 00	82 00
King Solomon . . . . .	313	Jan. 18, 1916..	1	2	5	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	38	36	2	..	1 00	36 00	37 00	37 00
Rowland . . . . .	335	Nov. 29, 1915..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	64	63	1	..	1 00	63 00	64 00	64 00
Maxton . . . . .	417	Jan. 1, 1916..	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	2	2	1	69	70	..	1	2 00	70 00	72 00	72 00
St. Paul's . . . . .	474	Nov. 24, 1915..	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	68	68	..	..	2 00	68 00	70 00	70 00
Red Springs . . . . .	501	Nov. 16, 1915..	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	2	2	83	84	..	1	4 00	84 00	88 00	88 00	
Scotland . . . . .	514	Jan. 6, 1916..	3	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	34	39	..	5	3 00	39 00	42 00	42 00	
Fairmont . . . . .	528	Nov. 26, 1915..	3	2	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	79	82	..	3	3 00	82 00	85 00	85 00
Parkton . . . . .	541	Dec. 2, 1915..	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	50	49	1	..	2 00	49 00	51 00	51 00
Total . . . . .			28	33	37	8	1	1	3	17	9	5	669	685	4	20	\$28 00	\$685 00	\$713 00	\$713 00



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

TWELFTH DISTRICT—Moore and Richmond Counties.

J. LEGRAND EVERETT, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Carthage . . . . .	181	Nov. 18, 1915..	3	4	4	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	47	51	..	4	\$ 3 00	\$ 51 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 54 00	
Eagle Springs . . . . .	477	Jan. 6, 1916..	1	2	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	50	50	..	..	1 00	50 00	51 00	51 00	
Southern Pines . . . . .	484	Oct. 22, 1915..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	4	1	1	70	64	6	..	1 00	64 00	65 00	65 00	
Rockingham . . . . .	495	Nov. 8, 1915..	1	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	63	69	6	1 00	69 00	70 00	70 00		
Roberdel . . . . .	507	Nov. 29, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	22	1	..	..	22 00	22 00	22 00	
Hamlet . . . . .	532	Nov. 19, 1915..	4	2	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	56	62	6	4 00	62 00	66 00	66 00		
Roman Eagle . . . . .	550	Dec. 13, 1915..	7	5	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	11	21	10	7 00	21 00	28 00	28 00		
Elise . . . . .	555	Dec. 6, 1915..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	28	27	1	..	..	27 00	27 00	27 00	
Glendon . . . . .	610	Nov. 4, 1915..	3	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	2	21	26	5	3 00	26 00	29 00	29 00		
Total . . . . .			20	20	23	16	1	1	5	5	5	9	369	392	8	31	\$20 00	\$392 00	\$412 00	\$412 00	

## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—Chatham, Hoke and Lee Counties.

K. R. HOYLE, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Columbus . . . . .	102	Dec. 16, 1915..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	36	..	..	\$ 1 00	\$ 36 00	\$ 37 00	\$ 37 00
Mount Vernon . . . . .	143	Nov. 29, 1915..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	34	33	1	..	..	33 00	33 00	33 00
Chalmers . . . . .	151	Nov. 26, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	21	17	4	..	1 00	17 00	18 00	18 00
Buffalo . . . . .	172	Jan. 5, 1916..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	32	31	1	..	..	31 00	31 00	31 00
George Washington . . . . .	174	Dec. 1, 1915..	11	12	12	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	67	78	11	11 00	78 00	89 00	89 00	89 00
McCormick . . . . .	228	Nov. 8, 1915..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	40	3	3 00	40 00	43 00	43 00	43 00
Flat Creek . . . . .	285	Nov. 17, 1915..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	43	38	5	..	1 00	38 00	39 00	39 00
Raeford . . . . .	306	Nov. 23, 1915..	6	3	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	65	68	3	6 00	68 00	74 00	74 00	74 00

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**FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—Cumberland and Harnett Counties.**

H. S. AVERITT, D. D. G. M., 1915.

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

FIFTEEN DISTRICT—Wake County.  
C. TRENHOLM MCCLENNAGHAN, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid											Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due		
			Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected							Membership Previous Year	Present Membership
Hiram . . . . .	40	Dec. 21, 1915..	8	8	8	3	..	..	..	3	..	103	111	..	8	\$ 8 00	\$111 00	\$119 00	\$119 00	
Neuse . . . . .	97	Dec. 17, 1915..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	35	34	1	..	2 00	34 00	36 00	36 00	36 00
Holly Springs . . . . .	115	Dec. 1, 1915..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	26	28	2	1 00	28 00	29 00	29 00	29 00	29 00
White Stone . . . . .	155	Dec. 8, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	24	22	2	..	..	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00
Rolesville . . . . .	156	Dec. 28, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	..	..	..	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00
Mount Pleasant . . . . .	157	Nov. 23, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	36	34	2	..	..	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00
Cary . . . . .	198	Dec. 6, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	22	22	..	1 00	22 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00
Wm. G. Hill . . . . .	218	Nov. 23, 1915..	8	9	9	10	..	4	2	2	2	247	258	..	11	8 00	258 00	266 00	266 00	266 00
Wm. T. Bain . . . . .	231	Dec. 1, 1915..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	29	28	1	1 00	28 00	29 00	29 00	29 00	29 00
Anchor . . . . .	234	Dec. 15, 1915..	6	5	5	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	6 00	12 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00
Green Level . . . . .	277	Nov. 30, 1915..	3	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	40	43	3	3 00	43 00	46 00	46 00	46 00	46 00
Wake Forest . . . . .	282	Nov. 18, 1915..	4	6	6	2	..	..	3	1	..	67	71	4	4 00	71 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00
Raleigh . . . . .	500	Nov. 27, 1915..	6	5	5	3	..	..	2	1	..	100	106	6	6 00	106 00	112 00	112 00	112 00	112 00
Wendell . . . . .	565	Nov. 26, 1915..	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	33	35	2	2 00	35 00	37 00	37 00	37 00	37 00
Apex . . . . .	584	Dec. 9, 1915..	5	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	25	28	3	5 00	28 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00
Zebulon . . . . .	609	Dec. 8, 1915..	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	21	27	6	5 00	27 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00
Fuquay . . . . .	614	Dec. 8, 1915..	4	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	20	24	4	4 00	24 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00
Sunrise . . . . .	615	Nov. 20, 1915..	6	6	6	1	..	..	..	..	3	14	21	7	6 00	21 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	27 00
Total . . . . .		.....	62	60	62	25	6	..	5	15	12	4	873	935	6	68	\$62 00	\$935 00	\$997 00	\$997 00



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—Edgecombe and Martin Counties.

JOHN R. PENDER, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid															Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due	
			Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations					
Concord . . . . .	58	Dec. 4, 1915..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	86	85	1	..	\$ 1 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 86 00	\$ 86 00
Skewarkey . . . . .	90	Jan. 10, 1916..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	90	89	1	..	1 00	89 00	90 00	90 00	
Stonewall . . . . .	296	Dec. 23, 1915..	2	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	82	80	2	..	2 00	80 00	82 00	82 00	
Conoho . . . . .	399	Feb. 5, 1916..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	33	33	..	..	1 00	33 00	34 00	34 00	
Macclesfield . . . . .	581	Jan. 5, 1916..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	28	30	2	..	2 00	30 00	32 00	32 00	
David Bell . . . . .	587	Nov. 16, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	22	18	4	..	..	18 00	18 00	18 00	
Queen City . . . . .	602	Nov. 22, 1915..	7	10	9	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	66	73	7	..	7 00	73 00	80 00	80 00	
Total . . . . .	1415	.....	14	15	13	2	1	1	3	7	6	3	407	408	8	9	\$14 00	\$408 00	\$422 00	\$422 00	

NINETEENTH DISTRICT—Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties.

J. E. ALLEN, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Johnston-Caswell . . . . .	10	Dec. 1, 1915..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	62	59	3	..	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00
Franklinton . . . . .	123	Dec. 14, 1915..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	80	79	1	..	79 00	79 00	79 00	79 00
Sandy Creek . . . . .	185	Dec. 28, 1915..	7	7	7	2	..	2	..	4	..	..	65	70	5	\$ 7 00	70 00	77 00	77 00	
Henderson . . . . .	229	Nov. 26, 1915..	4	6	6	2	..	..	7	3	1	118	116	2	..	4 00	116 00	120 00	120 00	
Cedar Rock . . . . .	286	Jan. 18, 1916..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	4	1	2	49	48	1	1 00	48 00	49 00	49 00	
Ionic . . . . .	337	Nov. 27, 1915..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	25	1	..	25 00	25 00	25 00	
Youngsville . . . . .	377	Dec. 15, 1915..	5	8	9	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	67	74	7	5 00	74 00	79 00	79 00	
Henry F. Grainger . . . . .	412	Dec. 6, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	43	41	2	1 00	41 00	42 00	42 00	
Louisburg . . . . .	413	Dec. 16, 1915..	5	4	2	1	..	..	2	2	2	2	87	84	3	..	84 00	89 00	89 00	89 00
Evening Star . . . . .	588	Nov. 26, 1915..	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	30	5	1 00	30 00	31 00	31 00	

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**TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Alamance, Durham, Orange and Person Counties.**

JOHN H. VERNON, D. D. G. M., 1915.

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.  
 TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Caswell and Rockingham Counties  
 A. J. ELLINGTON, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Previous Year Membership	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Golden Fleece .....	74	Returns not received																			
Dan River .....	129	Dec. 22, 1915..	3	1	2	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	54	56	2	..	\$ 3 00	\$ 56 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	
Leaksville .....	136	Dec. 4, 1915..	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	72	71	1	..	1 00	71 00	72 00	72 00	
Stoneville .....	197	Returns not received.																			
Reidsville .....	384	Dec. 6, 1915..	4	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	54	57	3	..	4 00	57 00	61 00	61 00	
John A. Graves .....	494	Dec. 15, 1915..	3	2	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	44	1	..	3 00	44 00	47 00	47 00	
Caswell .....	539	Dec. 10, 1915..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	57	..	..	1 00	57 00	58 00	58 00	
Wentworth .....	567	Dec. 23, 1915..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	16	1	..	..	16 00	16 00	16 00	
Rockwell .....	600	Nov. 15, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	18	1	..	..	18 00	18 00	18 00	
Total .....			12	6	9	3	1	1	2	4	2	2	314	319	2	7	\$12 00	\$319 00	\$331 00	\$331 00	

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Davidson and Guilford Counties.

L. F. BARR, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Greensboro . . . . .	76	Jan. 15, 1916..	17	13	12	5	1	..	..	4	2	1	181	193	..	12	\$17 00	\$193 00	\$210 00	\$210 00
Thomasville . . . . .	214	Feb. 5, 1916..	1	4	5	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	111	110	1	..	1 00	110 00	111 00	111 00
Tobasco . . . . .	271	Dec. 8, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	45	42	3	..	1 00	42 00	43 00	43 00
Numa F. Reid . . . . .	344	Nov. 30, 1915..	9	10	10	4	..	..	..	5	4	1	120	125	..	5	9 00	125 00	134 00	134 00
Farmer . . . . .	404	Dec. 10, 1915..	2	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	49	..	4	2 00	49 00	51 00	51 00
Stokesdale . . . . .	428	Nov. 27, 1915..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	48	48	..	..	2 00	48 00	50 00	50 00
Lexington . . . . .	473	Nov. 20, 1915..	18	15	13	5	..	..	1	..	3	89	106	..	17	18 00	106 00	124 00	124 00	

Corinthian . . . . .	542	Jan. 3, 1916	10	10	10	3	..	2	3	..	1	136	144	..	8	10	00	144	00	154	00	154	00	
Revolution . . . . .	552	Nov. 30, 1915	2	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	57	63	..	6	2	00	63	00	65	00	65	00	
Total . . . . .			62	59	61	20	1	..	6	17	11	6	832	880	4	52	\$62	00	\$880	00	\$942	00	\$942	00

W. H. PARKER, D. D. G. M., 1915.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—Montgomery and Randolph Counties																											
W. H. PARKER, D. D. G. M., 1915.																											
		127	Dec.	13,	1915.	5	..	3	1	3	1	..	2	..	27	31	..	4	\$	5	00	\$	31	00	\$	36	00
Blackmer . . . . .		127	Dec.	13,	1915.	5	..	3	1	3	1	..	2	..	27	31	..	4	\$	5	00	\$	31	00	\$	36	00
Hanks . . . . .		128	Jan.	3,	1916.	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	43	44	..	1	1	00	44	00	45	00	45	00	
Deep River . . . . .		164	Nov.	29,	1915.	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	35	35	..	..	..	..	35	00	35	00	35	00	
Balfour . . . . .		188	Dec.	28,	1915.	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	55	57	..	2	1	00	57	00	58	00	58	00	
Mount Olivet . . . . .		195	Dec.	23,	1915.	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	21	22	..	1	..	..	22	00	22	00	22	00	
Randleman . . . . .		209	Dec.	2,	1915.	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	27	..	1	..	..	27	00	27	00	27	00	
Randolph . . . . .		309	Dec.	3,	1915.	11	9	11	1	1	..	2	..	..	69	80	..	11	11	00	80	00	91	00	91	00	
Star . . . . .		437	Nov.	30,	1915.	4	4	4	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	19	19	..	..	4	00	19	00	23	00	23	00
Marietta . . . . .		444	Dec.	11,	1915.	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	1	2	72	73	..	1	3	00	73	00	76	00	76	00	
Carolina . . . . .		546	Jan.	19,	1916.	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	38	39	..	1	1	00	39	00	40	00	40	00	
Biscoe . . . . .		577	Jan.	10,	1916.	3	2	3	2	3	2	..	1	..	30	34	..	4	3	00	34	00	37	00	37	00	
Total . . . . .						29	23	32	7	5	1	1	7	9	2	435	461	..	26	\$29	00	\$461	00	\$490	00	\$490	00

R. E. AUSTIN, D. D. G. M., 1915.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly Counties.																								
R. E. AUSTIN, D. D. G. M., 1915.																								
Stokes . . . . .	32	Nov. 23, 1915.	5	4	9	..	..	..	..	5	2	117	123	..	6	\$	5	00	\$123	00	\$128	00	\$128	00
Fulton . . . . .	99	Dec. 10, 1915.	5	4	1	2	8	..	6	3	3	4	165	164	1	..	5	00	164	00	169	00	169	00
Scotch-Ireland . . . . .	154	Nov. 30, 1915.	2	2	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	2	36	36	..	2	00	36	00	38	00	38	00	
Eureka . . . . .	283	Nov. 4, 1915.	8	7	4	..	1	..	..	6	..	2	70	69	1	..	8	00	69	00	77	00	77	00
Patterson . . . . .	307	Dec. 2, 1915.	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	41	39	2	..	2	00	39	00	41	00	41	00
Stanly . . . . .	348	Dec. 1, 1915.	6	6	4	2	3	..	5	6	1	2	93	90	3	..	6	00	90	00	96	00	96	00
Big Lick . . . . .	476	Dec. 4, 1915.	9	1	13	1	..	..	..	21	..	..	94	87	7	..	9	00	87	00	96	00	96	00
Spencer . . . . .	543	Nov. 15, 1915.	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	4	2	128	127	1	..	3	00	127	00	130	00	130	00
Andrew Jackson . . . . .	576	Dec. 28, 1915.	6	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	51	51	..	..	6	00	51	00	57	00	57	00
Midland . . . . .	618	Jan. 18, 1916.	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	18	..	2	3	00	18	00	21	00	21	00
Cannon Memorial . . . . .	UD		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Pee Dee . . . . .	UD	Nov. 30, 1915.	4	5	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	20	4	00	..	..	4	00	4	00
Total . . . . .			53	36	41	10	12	..	15	45	11	14	811	840	15	44	\$53	00	\$804	00	\$857	00	\$857	00

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

## TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Anson and Union Counties

R. W. LEMMOND, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Kilwinning . . . . .	64	Nov. 24, 1915..	6	6	8	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	92	103	11	..	6 00	\$103 00	\$109 00	\$109 00	
Carolina . . . . .	141	Nov. 27, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	25	24	1	..	..	24 00	24 00	24 00	
Monroe . . . . .	244	Nov. 30, 1915..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	140	138	2	..	2 00	138 00	140 00	140 00	
Beaver Dam . . . . .	276	Dec. 23, 1915..	2	2	2	2	..	..	4	1	..	..	54	53	1	..	2 00	53 00	55 00	55 00	
Bethel . . . . .	372	Dec. 4, 1915..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	44	43	1	..	1 00	43 00	44 00	44 00	
Waxhaw . . . . .	562	Dec. 1, 1915..	2	5	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	47	50	3	..	2 00	50 00	52 00	52 00	
St. Timothy . . . . .	575	Nov. 23, 1915..	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	88	35	3	..	5 00	35 00	40 00	40 00	
Meadow Branch . . . . .	578	Dec. 1, 1915..	4	..	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	26	31	5	..	4 00	31 00	35 00	35 00	
Lilesville . . . . .	582	Dec. 22, 1915..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	29	29	..	..	3 00	29 00	32 00	32 00	
Gulledge Memorial . . . . .	597	Dec. 1, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	42	43	1	..	1 00	43 00	44 00	44 00	
Total . . . . .			26	19	21	11	..	..	5	10	5	2	537	549	8	20	\$26 00	\$549 00	\$575 00	\$575 00	

## TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Mecklenburg County

KNOX W. HENRY, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Phalanx .....	31	Nov. 23, 1915..	19	22	22	6	..	..	..	6	5	..	374	391	..	17	\$19 00	\$	391 00	\$	410 00	\$	410 00
Mecklenburg .....	176	Nov. 23, 1915..	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	22	..	6	5 00	22 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	
Long Creek .....	205	Dec. 8, 1915..	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	38	..	5	5 00	38 00	43 00	43 00	43 00	43 00	
Excelsior .....	261	Nov. 12, 1915..	22	26	25	5	3	1	2	1	2	4	224	251	27	22	22 00	251 00	273 00	273 00	273 00	273 00	
Craighead .....	366		1	1	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	56	49	7	..	1 00	49 00	50 00	49 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	
Pineville .....	455	Dec. 29, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	16	..	..	..	..	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	
Matthews .....	461	Nov. 13, 1915..	2	3	5	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	65	66	..	1	2 00	66 00	68 00	68 00	68 00	68 00	

Joppa .....	530	Nov. 30, 1915..	19	18	19	4	..	..	4	7	2	2	119	129	..	10	19	00	129	00	148	00	148	00
Williams .....	538	Nov. 15, 1915..	5	4	6	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	59	57	2	..	5	00	57	00	62	00	62	00
Total .....			78	84	88	16	4	1	15	25	10	6	962	1,019	9	66	\$78	\$00	\$1,019	\$00	\$1,097	\$00	\$1,096	\$00

### TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

W. L. THOMPSON, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Lincoln . . . . .	137	Dec. 13, 1915..	6	2	1	6	..	..	2	4	1	..	97	97	..	..	\$	6	00	\$	97	00	\$103	00	\$103	00
Gaston . . . . .	263	Nov. 1, 1915..	4	3	4	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	62	62	..	..	..	4	00	..	62	00	66	00	66	00
Rock Springs . . . . .	341	Jan. 25, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	00	52	00	52	00
Gastonia . . . . .	369	Nov. 30, 1915..	9	10	11	4	..	..	3	9	2	5	236	237	..	1	9	00	..	..	237	00	246	00	246	00
South Fork . . . . .	462	Dec. 9, 1915..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	16	..	51	35	16	..	1	00	..	..	35	00	36	00	36	00
Cherryville . . . . .	505	Nov. 13, 1915..	5	6	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	76	81	..	5	5	00	..	..	81	00	86	00	86	00
Whetstone . . . . .	515	..	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	45	44	1	..	2	00	..	..	44	00	46	00	..	..
Mount Holly . . . . .	544	Dec. 7, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	51	50	1	..	..	..	..	..	50	00	50	00	50	00
Lowell . . . . .	590	Nov. 30, 1915..	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	30	30	..	..	2	00	..	..	30	00	32	00	32	00
Belmont . . . . .	UD	..	9	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	24	..	24	9	00	..	..	..	9	00	9	00	
Total . . . . .			38	33	33	12	2	..	10	36	7	9	700	712	18	30	\$38	\$00	\$688	\$00	\$726	\$00	\$680	\$00	\$46	\$00

### TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT—Alexander and Iredell Counties

W. L. GILBERT, D. D. G. M., 1915.

County Line . . . . .	224	Dec. 1, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$	22	00	\$	22	00
Wilson . . . . .	226	Dec. 23, 1915..	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	41	..	3	\$	4	00	\$	41	00	45	00	45	00
Lee . . . . .	253	Nov. 8, 1915..	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	82	84	..	2	3	00	..	..	84	00	87	00	87	00
Hunting Creek . . . . .	299	Nov. 24, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	25	..	1	1	00	..	..	25	00	26	00	26	00
Mount Mourne . . . . .	347	Jan. 18, 1916..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	15	..	..	..	..	15	00	15	00	15	00
Campbell . . . . .	374	Nov. 16, 1915..	3	3	3	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	33	33	..	..	3	00	..	..	33	00	36	00	36	00
Grassy Knob . . . . .	471	Dec. 3, 1915..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	69	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	00	69	00	69	00
Statesville . . . . .	487	Nov. 30, 1915..	9	9	8	5	..	..	..	4	2	..	87	94	..	7	9	00	..	..	94	00	103	00	103	00
Mooresville . . . . .	496	Feb. 18, 1916..	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	13	1	..	83	68	15	..	3	00	..	..	68	00	71	00	71	00
Snow Creek . . . . .	571	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	29	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	00	29	00	..	..
Stony Point . . . . .	593	Nov. 29, 1915..	2	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	35	..	4	2	00	..	..	35	00	37	00	37	00
Total .....			25	24	21	6	2	..	4	19	5	4	499	515	16	32	\$25	\$00	\$515	\$00	\$540	\$00	\$511	\$00	\$29	\$00







## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—Alleghany and Ashe Counties.

R. F. EDWARDS, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Refected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Jefferson . . . . .	219	Nov. 30, 1915..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	51	50	1	..	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	
Scottsville . . . . .	385	Jan. 25, 1916..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	54	54	..	..	54 00	56 00	56 00	
Sparta . . . . .	423	Jan. 17, 1916..	6	7	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	58	61	..	3	61 00	67 00	67 00	
Kings Creek . . . . .	432	Dec. 8, 1915...	4	3	3	6	..	..	2	..	..	64	71	7	4 00	71 00	75 00	75 00	
Healing Springs . . . . .	467	Nov. 26, 1915..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	56	55	1	..	55 00	55 00	55 00	
Helton . . . . .	594	Nov. 30, 1915..	8	7	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	62	11	8 00	62 00	70 00	70 00	
Laurel Branch . . . . .	603	Dec. 14, 1915..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	29	..	1 00	29 00	30 00	30 00	
Total . . . . .		.....	21	19	24	2	6	2	3	4	4	363	382	2	21	\$21 00	\$382 00	\$403 00	\$403 00

## THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Avery and Watauga Counties.

DR. L. E. CLARK, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Watauga . . . . .	273	Nov. 17, 1915..	10	8	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	62	66	..	4	\$10 00	\$ 66 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 76 00
Show . . . . .	363	Nov. 26, 1915..	5	6	7	..	..	9	1	1	..	127	123	4	..	5 00	123 00	128 00	128 00
Elk . . . . .	373	Dec. 10, 1915..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	37	36	1	..	1 00	36 00	37 00	37 00
Ashler . . . . .	451	Dec. 10, 1915..	..	2	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	64	63	1	..	..	63 00	63 00	63 00
Blowing Rock . . . . .	458	Dec. 28, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	35	..	1	1 00	35 00	36 00	36 00
Linnville . . . . .	489	Jan. 3, 1916...	2	2	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	70	70	..	2 00	70 00	72 00	72 00	
Cranberry . . . . .	598	Nov. 15, 1915..	6	6	6	..	..	..	2	..	3	50	54	..	4	6 00	54 00	60 00	60 00
Minneapolis . . . . .	601	Returns not received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total . . . . .		.....	25	23	27	1	..	1	9	7	8	444	447	6	9	\$25 00	\$447 00	\$472 00	\$472 00



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties

J. A. BOLICK, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Dunn's Rock	267	Nov. 22, 1915..	10	12	10	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	92	104	..	12	\$10 00	\$104 00	\$114 00	\$114 00	
Kedron	387	Dec. 28, 1915..	5	4	5	6	..	..	..	2	3	4	88	94	..	6	5 00	94 00	99 00	99 00	
Saluda	482	Dec. 3, 1915...	4	4	3	1	..	..	6	2	1	..	30	25	5	..	4 00	25 00	29 00	29 00	
Skyluka	605	Nov. 5, 1915...	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	19	..	1	3 00	19 00	22 00	22 00	
Total	.....		22	23	19	10	..	..	6	5	4	6	228	242	5	19	\$22 00	\$242 00	\$264 00	\$264 00	

## THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT—Buncombe County.

F. W. KENNY, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Mount Hermon	118	Nov. 23, 1915..	52	50	52	15	1	..	..	9	4	8	332	387	..	55	\$52 00	\$387 00	\$439 00	\$439 00
Blackmer	170	Dec. 20, 1915..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	63	63	..	..	1 00	63 00	64 00	64 00
Vance	298	Nov. 23, 1915..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	59	58	1	..	1 00	58 00	59 00	59 00
Center	398	Dec. 18, 1915..	3	3	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	34	35	..	1	3 00	35 00	38 00	38 00
Biltmore	446	Nov. 17, 1915..	3	4	3	1	..	..	8	2	..	..	47	41	6	..	3 00	41 00	44 00	44 00
Hominy	491	Nov. 22, 1915..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	31	..	2	3 00	31 00	34 00	34 00
Barnardsville	511		3	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	30	..	1	3 00	30 00	33 00	24 00
Ottolay	533	Nov. 24, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	38	38	..	..	1 00	38 00	39 00	39 00
Swannanoa	561	Dec. 13, 1915..	2	3	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	41	44	..	3	2 00	44 00	46 00	46 00
Total	.....		69	68	66	20	1	..	10	15	7	10	672	727	7	62	\$69 00	\$727 00	\$796 00	\$787 00
																			\$ 9 00	\$ 9 00



## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties.

J. L. GIBSON, D. D. G. M., 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Junaluska . . . . .	145	Nov. 22, 1915..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	82	..	..	3 00	\$ 82 00	\$ 82 00	\$ 82 00	\$ 82 00
Unaka . . . . .	268	Nov. 24, 1915..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	39	41	..	2	3 00	41 00	44 00	44 00	44 00
East La Port . . . . .	358	Nov. 17, 1915..	4	3	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	68	68	..	..	4 00	68 00	72 00	72 00	72 00
Oconee . . . . .	427	Dec. 9, 1915..	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	106	107	..	1	5 00	107 00	112 00	112 00	112 00
Blue Ridge . . . . .	435	Nov. 24, 1915..	10	8	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	58	66	..	8	10 00	66 00	76 00	76 00	76 00
Dillsboro . . . . .	459	Dec. 28, 1915..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	27	20	7	..	1 00	20 00	21 00	21 00	21 00
Sylva . . . . .	513	Dec. 17, 1915..	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	38	38	..	..	4 00	38 00	42 00	42 00	42 00
Glenville . . . . .	551	Nov. 26, 1915..	9	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	48	56	..	8	9 00	56 00	65 00	65 00	65 00
Total . . . . .	3628	.....	2	1	23	2	1	..	7	2	7	3	466	478	7	19	\$36 00	\$478 00	\$514 00	\$514 00	\$514 00

## FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

M. W. BELL, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Cherokee . . . . .	146	Jan. 7, 1916..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	65	64	1	..	2 00	\$ 64 00	\$ 66 00	\$ 66 00	\$ 66 00
Clay . . . . .	301	Dec. 29, 1915..	1	1	1	..	1	..	19	1	2	..	80	60	20	..	1 00	60 00	61 00	61 00	61 00
Notia . . . . .	312	Dec. 10, 1915..	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	48	46	2	..	..	46 00	46 00	46 00	46 00
Bellview . . . . .	416	Dec. 23, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	23	23	..	..	1 00	23 00	24 00	24 00	24 00
Montgomery . . . . .	426	Dec. 16, 1915..	3	4	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	51	57	6	3	3 00	57 00	60 00	60 00	60 00
Marble Spring . . . . .	439	Dec. 8, 1915..	2	1	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	47	49	2	2	2 00	49 00	51 00	51 00	51 00
Lone Oak . . . . .	449	Jan. 8, 1916..	3	3	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	100	102	..	2	3 00	102 00	105 00	105 00	105 00
Brasstown . . . . .	485	Nov. 29, 1915..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	38	1	..	..	38 00	38 00	38 00	38 00
Unaka . . . . .	506	Nov. 24, 1915..	4	..	6	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	71	79	8	4	4 00	79 00	83 00	83 00	83 00

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**FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—McDowell and Rutherford Counties.**

J. B. CARPENTER, D. D. G. M., 1915.

Western Star	91	Nov. 5, 1915	4	3	4	2	1	2	2	1	72	73	1	\$ 4.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00			
Mystic Tie	237	Dec. 29, 1915	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	81	83	2	2.00	83.00	85.00	85.00			
Forest City	381	Dec. 7, 1915	5	1	5	1	1	4	1	1	49	49	1	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00			
Joppa	401	Dec. 8, 1915	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	50	50	1	1.00	50.00	51.00	51.00			
Henrietta	460	Dec. 9, 1915	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	57	56	1	2.00	56.00	58.00	58.00			
Caroleen	510	Nov. 22, 1915	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	49	49	1	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00			
Ellenboro	531	Nov. 22, 1915	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	35	35	1	4.00	35.00	39.00	39.00			
Hollis	535	Dec. 24, 1915	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	43	1	1.00	43.00	44.00	44.00			
Cliffside	572	Nov. 15, 1915	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	34	30	4	1.00	30.00	31.00	31.00			
Total			15	11	14	14	1	1	15	8	7	2	469	468	5	4	\$15.00	\$468.00	\$483.00	\$483.00

The following lodges have not made returns for the Masonic year ending October 31, 1915, viz: Golden Fleece, No. 74; Warren, No. 101; Burnsville, No. 192; Stoneville, No. 197; Minneapolis, No. 601, and Mt. Pisgah, No. 623.



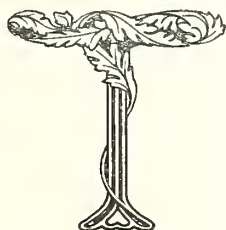
## RECAPITULATION OF ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Amount of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
1st District	28	22	27	5	3	..	7	6	6	14	545	560	15	..	\$ 28 00	\$ 560 00	\$ 588 00	\$ 588 00	
2nd District	21	17	14	1	...	..	3	6	9	8	453	450	...	3	21 00	450 00	471 00	471 00	
3rd District	14	15	16	11	3	..	3	2	6	6	347	366	19	..	14 00	366 00	380 00	362 00	\$ 18 00
4th District	44	37	34	9	1	..	1	10	8	7	626	651	25	..	44 00	651 00	695 00	693 00	2 00
5th District	29	26	27	9	...	2	2	7	11	8	586	550	14	..	29 00	549 00	578 00	571 00	7 00
6th District	26	25	25	15	...	1	26	17	11	3	692	671	21	..	26 00	671 00	697 00	697 00	
7th District	48	44	43	7	1	1	2	7	6	6	452	487	35	..	48 00	487 00	535 00	535 00	
8th District	14	13	12	...	...	..	1	1	6	3	249	253	4	..	14 00	253 00	267 00	267 00	
9th District	27	26	27	9	1	..	1	7	8	5	405	428	23	..	27 00	428 00	455 00	455 00	
10th District	44	45	43	24	8	..	14	17	17	5	809	836	27	..	44 00	836 00	880 00	880 00	
11th District	28	33	37	8	1	1	3	17	9	5	669	685	16	..	28 00	685 00	713 00	713 00	
12th District	20	20	23	16	...	1	5	5	5	9	369	392	23	..	20 00	392 00	412 00	412 00	
13th District	38	33	39	5	5	..	6	15	10	3	578	596	18	..	38 00	596 00	634 00	634 00	
14th District	26	26	35	20	6	1	2	11	12	4	541	576	35	..	26 00	576 00	602 00	600 30	1 70
15th District	62	60	62	25	6	..	5	15	12	4	873	935	62	..	62 00	935 00	997 00	997 00	
16th District	16	11	28	8	7	..	11	20	5	5	495	515	20	..	16 00	502 00	518 00	518 00	
17th District	33	31	33	9	1	1	10	21	18	12	746	744	2	..	33 00	744 00	777 00	777 00	
18th District	14	15	13	2	1	..	3	7	6	3	407	408	1	..	14 00	408 00	422 00	422 00	
19th District	27	34	37	16	2	..	11	17	10	7	657	674	17	..	27 00	674 00	701 00	701 00	
20th District	15	16	18	7	1	..	...	9	10	8	395	402	7	..	15 00	402 00	417 00	417 00	
21st District	50	50	46	17	2	..	17	11	18	5	828	859	31	..	50 00	841 00	891 00	884 00	7 00
22nd District	12	6	9	3	1	..	2	4	2	...	314	319	5	..	12 00	319 00	331 00	331 00	
23rd District	62	59	61	20	1	..	6	17	11	6	832	880	48	..	62 00	880 00	942 00	942 00	
24th District	29	23	32	7	5	1	1	7	9	2	435	461	26	..	29 00	461 00	490 00	490 00	

25th District .	53	36	41	10	12	..	15	45	11	14	811	840	..	29	53 00	804 00	857 00	857 00	
26th District .	26	19	21	11	...	..	5	10	5	2	537	549	..	12	26 00	549 00	575 00	575 00	
27th District .	78	84	88	16	4	1	15	25	10	6	962	1,019	..	57	78 00	1,019 00	1,096 00	1 00	
28th District .	38	33	33	12	2	..	10	36	7	9	700	712	..	12	38 00	688 00	726 00	680 00	
29th District .	25	24	21	6	2	..	4	19	5	...	499	515	..	16	25 00	515 00	540 00	511 00	
30th District .	29	27	33	10	...	1	11	6	8	1	529	564	..	35	29 00	546 00	575 00	575 00	
31st District .	52	49	47	15	3	2	9	8	10	7	533	619	..	36	52 00	619 00	671 00	671 00	
32nd District .	12	8	5	2	1	..	1	2	5	4	267	267	..	...	12 00	267 00	279 00	277 00	
33rd District .	34	34	36	6	1	1	6	10	7	...	597	616	..	19	34 00	616 00	650 00	643 50	
34th District .	21	19	24	2	6	2	3	4	4	...	363	382	..	19	21 00	382 00	403 00	403 00	
35th District .	25	23	27	1	...	1	9	7	8	4	444	447	..	3	25 00	447 00	472 00	472 00	
36th District .	42	35	34	12	...	...	...	8	4	4	542	576	..	34	42 00	575 00	617 00	617 00	
37th District .	19	18	21	9	1	..	2	13	7	8	544	553	..	9	19 00	553 00	572 00	572 00	
38th District .	22	23	19	10	...	..	6	5	4	6	228	242	..	14	22 00	242 00	264 00	264 00	
39th District .	69	68	66	20	1	..	10	15	7	10	672	727	..	55	69 00	727 00	796 00	787 00	
40th District .	28	26	10	...	...	..	2	3	5	1	517	544	..	27	34 00	544 00	572 00	566 00	
41st District .	18	13	21	4	24	..	12	9	7	4	689	710	..	21	18 00	710 00	728 00	728 00	
42nd District .	36	28	23	2	1	..	7	2	7	3	466	478	..	12	36 00	478 00	514 00	514 00	
43rd District .	23	21	29	6	4	..	22	10	9	6	648	650	..	2	23 00	650 00	673 00	673 00	
44th District .	15	11	14	14	1	..	15	8	7	2	469	468	1	...	15 00	468 00	483 00	483 00	
Totals for State	1,392	1,286	1,381	421	119	17	306	501	357	229	24,238	25,038	27	833	\$1,392 00	\$25,065 00	\$26,458 00	\$26,322 80	\$135 20



SPECIAL  
COMMUNICATIONS





## FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 10, A. L. 5915; A. D. 1915.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, was convened in special communication and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

## OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. F. D. Winston, as Grand Master.  
R. W. J. H. Anderson, as Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. G. E. Raucke, as Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. J. W. Turnage, as Junior Grand Warden.  
R. W. I. W. Clark, as Grand Treasurer.  
R. W. T. T. McGilvary, as Grand Secretary.  
R. W. R. R. Bell, as Grand Chaplain.  
W. D. E. Adams, as Grand Senior Deacon.  
W. J. S. Jones, as Grand Junior Deacon.  
W. J. C. Vann, as Grand Marshal.  
W. S. B. Parker, as Grand Sword Bearer.  
W. E. L. Remsburg, as Grand Pursuivant.  
W. B. B. Forbes, as Grand Steward.  
W. H. McD. Robinson, as Grand Steward.  
W. W. D. Terry, as Grand Tiler.

The following lodges were represented: Charity, No. 5; Phoenix, No. 8; Greensboro, No. 76; Fellowship, No. 84; St. Albans, No. 114; Palmyra, No. 147; Thomasville, No. 214; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Durbin, No. 266; Laurinburg, No. 305; Galatia, No. 306; Coharie, No. 379; Lebanon, No. 391; Cape Fear, No. 394; Oxford, No. 396; King Hiram, No. 466; Sanford, No. 469; St. Paul's, No. 474; Red Springs, No. 501; Buie's Creek, No. 503; South River, No. 611; Cheraw, No. 15, S. C.; Dalco, No. 16, S. C.; Eastern Star, No. 186, Penn.; Oberlin, No. 380, Ohio; Bay Ridge, No. 856, N. Y.

The Grand Master stated that this special communication was called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Confederate Women's Home. The Grand Lodge proceeded to the site of the building, about two miles west of the city, by automobiles, where, after a sumptuous dinner was served, the corner stone was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies, after which the oration was delivered by M. W. F. D. Winston, when the Grand Lodge returned to the city, and, there being no further business, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

T. T. MCGILVARY,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*



## KINSTON, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of North Carolina, convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall of Kinston, N. C., at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, May 19, A. D. 1915; A. L. 5915, and was opened in due form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

## OFFICERS PRESENT

Senior Grand Warden C. L. Pridgen, as Grand Master.

Past Master C. W. Pridgen, of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, as Deputy Grand Master.

R. B. Jones, of St. John's, No. 4, as Senior Grand Warden.

Jno. E. Williams, of St. John's, No. 4, as Junior Grand Warden.

D. Oettinger, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Treasurer.

L. R. George, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Secretary.

Dr. B. W. Spilman, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Chaplain.

R. E. Cox, of St. John's, No. 4, as Senior Grand Deacon.

Charlie Bagby, of St. John's, No. 4, as Junior Grand Deacon.

G. V. Cowper, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Marshal.

J. H. Webb, Grand Sword Bearer.

S. F. Linton, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Steward.

J. G. Campen, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Steward.

W. D. Terry, of Wm. G. Hill, No. 218, as Grand Tyler.

J. D. Grady, of St. John's, No. 4, as Grand Pursuivant.

## FIVE ORDERS OF ARCHITECTURE

P. S. B. Harper, B. R. Taylor, E. V. Webb, E. B. Marston, Matt Elmore, all of St. John's, No. 4.

Geo. Turner, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304, Principal Architect.

H. C. Bailey, of St. John's, No. 4, Three Great Lights.

## MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S, NO 4, PRESENT

Leslie Worthington, H. P. Fort, V. A. Abbott, W. R. Rountree, Dr. F. Fitts, T. B. Brown, J. H. Parham, G. B. Cox, Isaac Stroud, Joseph Darden, E. W. Bizzell, A. F. Daughety, J. L. Albertson, N. S. Richardson, W. H. Caton, H. Stadium.

## VISITING MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. H. A. Humble, of Laurinburg, No. 305; J. S. Hargett, of Zion, No. 81; H. W. Brothers, of Lenior, No. 233; Oscar Hardee, of Lenior, No. 233; J. R. Hardee, of Lenoir, No. 233; Clarence Grady, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; L. P.

Hardy, of Lenoir, No. 233; J. L. Aldridge, of Jerusalem, No. 95; Owen Smith, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; G. L. Smith, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; R. M. Bidgood, of Farmville, No. 41, of Va.; E. A. Rouse, of Lenoir, No. 233; S. W. Sumrell, of Rountree, No. 243; G. B. Hanrahan, of Peninsular, No. 278, of Va.; Dave Worthington, of Jerusalem, No. 95; W. M. Carraway, of Jerusalem, No. 95; J. T. Harrison, of Jerusalem, No. 95; L. C. Ferrell, of Rountree, No. 243; Peter Phillips, of Rountree, No. 243; W. F. Taylor, of Jerusalem, No. 95; W. P. Gilbert, of Rountree, No. 243; Jno. A. Gavin, Jr., of Warren, No. 101; H. R. Turner, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; C. A. Potter, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; I. D. Grady, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; J. G. Whitfield, of Lenoir, No. 233; W. J. Jordan, of Radiance, No. 132; R. A. Honeycutt, of Durham, No. 352; C. D. Elmore, of Lenoir, No. 233; T. A. Turner, of Pleasant Hill, No. 304; C. A. Eury, of Hiram, No. 40.

MEMORANDUM OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED IN THE STONE

Kinston Daily News (Issue May 19, 1915); Kinston Free Press (Issue May 18, 1915); Ordinances of the City of Kinston; Officers of the City of Kinston; Constitution and by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce; List of Employees in Post Office, City of Kinston.

The Worshipful Grand Master announced that this special communication was called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a public building, namely, United States Post Office. A procession was formed and proceeded to the courthouse for the purpose of attending exercises under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, at the conclusion of which the Grand Lodge reformed and proceeded in a body to the place where the Post Office building is being erected, where the corner stone was laid with the customary Masonic ceremonies. After which the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Masonic Hall, and, there being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

L. R. GEORGE,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

OXFORD, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall on the Asylum Grounds at Oxford, Thursday, June 24, A. D., 1915, at eleven-thirty o'clock a. m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., Grand Master.

R. W. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. J. Ed. Allen, as Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, as Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

W. J. W. Teague, as Grand Chaplain.

W. B. F. Bullock, as Grand Lecturer.

W. A. J. Harris, as Senior Grand Deacon.

W. Purvis Tilley, as Junior Grand Deacon.

W. J. Bailey Owen, Grand Marshal.

W. J. E. Duncan, as Grand Sword Bearer.

W. W. H. Wright, as Grand Pursuivant.

W. James Holder, as Grand Steward.

W. M. Blalock, as Grand Steward.

W. Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

John Nichols, P.G.M.; B. S. Royster, P.G.M.; R. J. Noble, P.G.M.; J. T. Alderman, P.G.M.

The following lodges were represented: St. John's, No. 4; Johnston-Caswell, No. 10; Hiram, No. 40; Sharon, No. 78; Skewarkee, No. 90; Neuse, No. 97; Columbus, No. 102; Franklinton, No. 123; Adoniram, No. 149; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Archer, No. 165; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Berea, No. 204; Eno, No. 210; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Henderson, No. 229; Wm. T. Bain, No. 231; Harnett, No. 258; Wake Forest, No. 282; Ionic, No. 337; Tally Ho. No. 393; Oxford, No. 396; University, No. 408; Rockwell, No. 411; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Louisville, No. 413; Creedmoor, No. 499; Winterville, No. 523; Corinthian, No. 542; Wendell, No. 565; Bynum, No. 574; Vaughan, No. 604; Zebulon, No. 609; Sunrise, No. 615; Little River, No. 620; J. H. Mills, No. 624.

#### VISITING LODGES

Chase City, No. 119, Va.; Dunton, No. 249, Va.; Andrew Jackson, No. 120, Va.; Virgilina, No. 248, Va.

The Grand Master announced the communication was held for the purpose of observing the usual ceremonies of St. John's Day.

The Grand Marshal then formed the Grand Lodge into procession, and they proceeded in a body to the stand erected on the asylum grounds, where the following exercises were observed:

Exercises in Grove began about noon.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Song—"Joyful Praise."

Address of welcome by Mr. B. W. Parham.

Response by Deputy Grand Master A. B. Andrews, Jr.

Song—"Old North State."

Grand Master F. P. Hobgood, Jr., introduced the Orator, Bro. Chas. E. Maddrey, who delivered the annual address.

Song—"America."

Dinner.

The Grand Marshal then reformed the procession and the Grand Lodge returned in a body to the Masonic Hall.

The Grand Master, Bro. F. P. Hobgood, announced that a special communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina had been called to meet at Charlotte, June 25th, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of paying the last sad rites to the memory of our deceased brother, Past Grand Master Louis S. Williams, a telegram having just been received announcing his death.

Bro. R. J. Noble introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Bro. Chas. E. Maddrey for his excellent and inspiring address, and that he be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy, and that same be printed in the next Grand Lodge Proceedings."

The minutes of the communication were then read and approved, and there being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JOHN C. DREWRY,

*Grand Secretary.*

F. P. HOBGOOD, JR.,

*Grand Master.*

#### LEXINGTON, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication in the hall of Lexington Lodge, No. 473, Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock, August 26, A. D. 1915, and was opened in form by Bro. L. F. Barr, Acting Grand Master, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

#### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. L. F. Barr, as Grand Master.

R. W. J. C. Grimes, as Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. J. A. Lindsay, as Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Ed. F. Smith, as Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. J. D. Redwine, as Grand Treasurer.  
R. W. W. Willson, as Grand Secretary.  
W. J. C. Leonard, as Grand Chaplain.  
W. W. V. Greer, as Grand Lecturer.  
W. W. R. Redwine, as Senior Grand Deacon.  
W. J. G. Walser, as Junior Grand Deacon.  
W. W. L. Crawford, as Grand Marshal.  
W. J. A. Leonard, as Grand Sword Bearer.  
W. W. Z. Greer, as Grand Pursuivant.  
W. G. F. Hankins, as Grand Architect.  
W. S. E. Miller, as Grand Steward.  
W. C. D. Hunt, as Grand Steward.  
W. Robt. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler.

The following lodges were represented: Hiram, No. 40; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Lexington, No. 473; Corinthian, No. 542.

The Acting Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge had been called in special communication to lay the corner stone of the Fries-Reeves Institute being erected in Newsom, N. C.

Under direction of the Grand Marshal a procession was formed, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the Southbound R. R. depot and embarked on a special train for Newsome, N. C. Upon arrival at Newsom the procession was reformed by the Grand Marshal, being joined by Randolph Lodge, No. 309; Farmer Lodge, No. 404, and Elon Lodge, No. 549. Headed by a band of music the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the site where the Fries-Reeves Institute building was in process of erection, where the corner stone of said building was duly laid by the Grand Lodge according to the Masonic ritual in due and ancient form, in the presence of a large gathering of people.

The following articles were placed in the box deposited in the crypt: One silver half dollar, one silver twenty-five-cent piece, one silver ten-cent piece, one five-cent piece, one copper penny, a record of the building from the beginning to date, one church discipline, one Holy Bible, one conference minutes, two photographs—one of the principal of the school and the other of Rev. G. W. Williams, founder of the school.

The following oration was delivered by Rev. J. C. Leonard:

“It is the avowed purpose of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons to fear and honor God, to be faithful to the laws of their country, to be serviceable to their brethren, and to be engaged in the erection of magnificent buildings. Locked up



in the faithful breast and concealed from the eyes of all men they have secrets which have never been found out and which may never be divulged, in harmony with both the laws of God and man. They were entrusted in peace and honor to the Masons of ancient times, and through sacred and solemn preservation they have come down to the Masons of the present time. They will be conveyed unimpaired to the latest posterity.

“Masons have always delighted to do honor to all sacred institutions. Tradition among all nations has gone back to the building of Solomon’s magnificent temple and all honor has been given to the craftsmen who built it. But the supreme honors have always been given, and always will be ascribed, to Him in whose name and for whose glory the temple was erected. Masons teach you that if men are to enter eventually into the enjoyment of eternal bliss, they must pass along the way that Jehovah has ordained; that they must be raised from death to life by the mighty grip of the Unseen Hand.

“Masons recognize that every man is an individual, so destined by Divine Providence. And yet no one lives alone in the world. In the face of all our boasted individual independence we are compelled to touch hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder. Every one at times in life approaches dark mazes, labyrinthine tunnels and winding stairways which have never yet been trod by his unaccustomed feet. Here he feels the need of the guiding hand of a friend who will prove himself to be a brother. What a boon to know that our hand rests in that of a friend whom we may safely follow, fearing no danger, who will take the greatest delight and pleasure in presenting our petitions at the throne of the Supreme Master. The story of the Good Samaritan is the story of the true Mason. There are heights of magnificence never yet reached by the fondest ambitions of men. There are broad stretches of beauty in the great realm of truth and duty which beckon a welcome to the weary traveler in the nodding roses and bending lilies. But the one who has no interest in the welfare of his fellowmen has never yet breathed the perfume which floats on the gentle breezes of those refreshing fields, and has entirely failed to get out of life its greatest sweetness and beauty. There are those about us who are the subjects of misfortune and who stand in sore need of help. To illustrate our duty in all such instances the Master gave the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a beautiful and practical application of the great principle when we extend to



unfortunate men and women the sympathetic hand of helplessness. That is religion. The only definition of religion given in the Sacred Writings is this: "To visit the widow and the orphan in their affliction and to keep one's self unspotted from the world." The true man is the one who is unmaimed in mind, sold and body, and is thereby prepared to provide for himself and family and to assist others who are destitute. It is the duty of every one to provide amply for the members of his own household first, for in the Sacred Writings it is said that one who does not do this is worse than an infidel. This spirit of kindness will involuntarily extend to others in distress. It is our privilege to be a bringer of blessings, no matter where we may go. The great Tolstoi was led to a deeper interest in philanthropic work by an incident which occurred during a famine. A famished man asked him for help one day. He answered kindly: 'Do not be angry, brother, but indeed I do not have aught with me.' The man's face brightened as he said: 'You have given me more than I asked, you have called me brother.'

"Masons take great interest in the erection of magnificent buildings. It cheers the heart of a Mason when he sees a splendid building under construction. We all rejoice to take part in the formal ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the building dedicated to the purposes of education. Our wish is that it may stand here through the years, an inspiration to the youth of this section to seek the blessings of a liberal education.

"To the Mason character building is the thing of supreme importance. The Holy Bible is the blessed illumination that guides to all truth, directing a man's pathway into the real temple of happiness. It gives us wisdom for all our doings, strength of mind for all our difficulties, the beauty of harmony in all our communications. It teaches us how to square our actions by rule and line; how to compass our desires in every station. And that these ends may be well attained the Sacred Writings teach us to place a guard against the entrance of improper thoughts, a watch at the door of our lips, a sentinel at the avenue of our actions. So are we able to exclude unworthy thoughts, words and deeds. The great virtues that Masons magnify stand out in bold relief in the Holy Bible. They are beautifully symbolized in the jewels of this ancient order—the Square, the Level, the Plumb. If a man's life is built in conformity with the requirements of these tools, when he comes to stand in the presence of the Supreme Architect, he will be neither confounded nor ashamed. It is stated that

when the United States government's dock at Brooklyn was finished, it was found to be two feet too short to take in the vessel that needed repairs. This involved a reconstruction of the work at great expense because somebody's measurements had been incorrect. The importance of a correct standard can hardly be exaggerated. God's standard and not man's is that which determines character.

“When the apostle Peter in one of his great sermons spoke of the stone that was rejected by the builders, he referred to a tradition familiar to every Jew and to all Masons. David asked permission to build a temple for the worship of God. This petition was denied him because his reign had been one of war and bloodshed. But he was told that his son and successor on the throne should have this privilege and honor. When Solomon came to the throne he at once began carrying out this commission. Every stone and every piece of timber was gotten out in the forest and at the quarry by perfect measurements. These were then transported to the site of the temple. This structure was erected in perfect order without the need of hammer or other iron tool that would make a noise. The tradition mentioned by Peter suggested that when the temple was being erected a beautifully carved stone arrived with others from the distant quarry. Every stone was fitted into its place in the edifice, but this particular stone seemed to have no place. It was so peculiar in shape and so different from all the others that the Masons did not know what to do with it. They admired it, but thought it only a splendid piece of folly. Because it would fit into no place, they left it among the rubbish where the dust accumulated and the moss grew upon it. When in due process of time the beautiful building was finished and King Solomon was making his last inspection, he looked up at the east tower as if expecting to see something that would greatly please him. In indignant surprise the King inquired: ‘Why is this neglect? Where is the stone I sent for the head of this corner?’ Then the frightened workmen bethought them of the rejected stone, and hurriedly sought it out. It was found, cleared of dirt and rubbish, and hoisted to the place of honor. All declared that it was the one stone needed to give perfect grace and beauty to the completed structure.

“‘The stone which was rejected of you builders has become the head of the corner.’ The temple of man can not be modeled and finished in grace and beauty without the Divine. A certain artist, it is said, toiled day after day in his studio. One evening he laid down his tools, took off his apron and cap,

and with extreme satisfaction contemplated the angel which he had brought out of the imprisonment of the marble, so perfect that if God had breathed upon it, it would have taken its place about the throne as one of heaven's messengers. That night the artist had hidden himself among the throngs of people who had come to look at his masterpiece. Compliment after compliment came to his burning ears, until at last he heard a voice which he recognized as that of Michael Angelo say: 'It lacks one thing.' Almost broken-hearted he went away to his room and refused to be comforted. Unable to bear the burden longer he sent to Angelo to know what it lacked. The great master said: 'Why, it lacks only life to be as perfect as the handiwork of God.'

So does grace in the heart make a marvelous transformation. It said that when the Argonauts sailed past the haunts of the sirens they went in perfect safety past the treacherous rocks because Orpheus was one of them, and the song of Orpheus was sweeter, more delightful, fuller of uplifting charms than the voice of the sirens. We need the washing and cleansing of God's grace, and we must have the strength of His power. If our character is built upon truth, if we are clothed upon with this emblem of innocence, when at last our weary feet shall have come to the end of this toilsome journey, and from our nerveless grasp shall have fallen forever the working tools of life, and when our trembling souls shall come to stand naked and alone before the great white throne, it shall be then our happy lot to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words: 'Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' "

At the conclusion of the oration the Grand Lodge proceeded to an adjacent grove and partook of a magnificent repast which had been prepared for them.

At two o'clock p. m. all assembled at the stand in the grove where a literary address was delivered before the Grand Lodge and the citizens of Newsom by Dr. Howard Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem Academy.

At 4:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was assembled by the Grand Marshal and boarded the special train for Lexington, where the procession was reformed and returned in a body to the lodge room. The minutes were then read and approved,

and, there being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in form.

L. F. BARR,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

W. W. WILLSON,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

### CHARLOTTE, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in special communication at Charlotte, N. C., on June 25, 1915, at 5:00 o'clock p. m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

The following lodges were represented: St. John's, No. 4; Phalanx, No. 31; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Excelsior, No. 261; Joppa, No. 530.

Visiting lodges: Cheraw, No. 15, Cheraw, S. C.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. C. L. Pridgen, (Senior Grand Warden), as Grand Master.

R. W. D. P. Byers, as Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Knox W. Henry, as Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. W. G. Rogers, as Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. A. G. Brenizer, as Grand Treasurer.

R. W. A. E. McCausland, as Grand Secretary.

W. C. M. Setzer, as Senior Grand Deacon.

W. J. M. Oldham, as Junior Grand Deacon.

W. W. M. Sigmon, as Senior Grand Steward.

W. Jno. A. Parker, as Junior Grand Steward.

W. Geo. A. Page, as Grand Chaplain.

W. Geo. K. Hummel, as Grand Marshal.

W. R. W. Smith, as Grand Sword Bearer.

W. R. J. Sifford, as Grand Pursuivant.

W. R. H. Bradley, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Master W. S. Liddell.

The Grand Master announced that the special communication had been called for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute to our beloved brother, Past Grand Master Lewis S. Williams.

### MASONIC HISTORY

Bro. Lewis S. Williams was born in Concord, N. C., December 25, 1825.

He was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, on March 27, 1848; passed to the degree of

Fellow Craft on April 19, 1848; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 24, 1848.

He was elected Master of Phalanx Lodge November 24, 1851, and served as Master two years.

He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in 1859, and served as Grand Master during 1859 and 1860.

He died in Charlotte, N. C., June 24, 1915, at 6:10 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina met in special communication June 25, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites.

The following brethren were requested to act as pall bearers: Wm. Anderson, J. W. Cuthbertson, T. M. Constable, C. F. Alexander, Jno. W. Smith, Jno. M. Scott.

A procession was then formed, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and proceeded in a body to the First Presbyterian Church, where the remains of our brother were taken in charge. After the ceremonies at the church were completed, the procession was reformed and the body taken to Elmwood Cemetery and there interred with the usual impressive Masonic ceremonies. The procession then reformed and returned to the Masonic Temple. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A. E. McCAUSLAND,  
*As Grand Secretary.*

C. L. PRIDGEN,  
*As Grand Master.*

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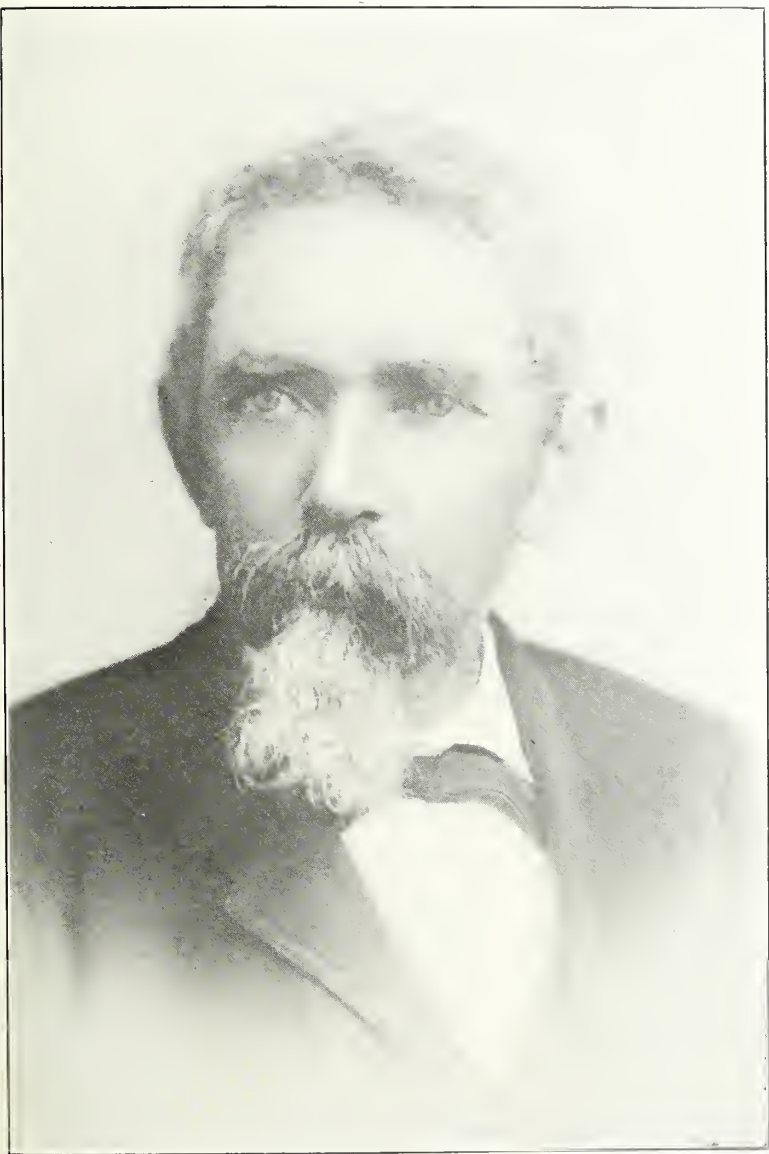
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DR. JOHN A. COLLINS  
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1896-1915



# APPENDIX





## Report on Foreign Correspondence

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Correspondence presents herewith its twentieth annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in the English speaking world.

The transactions of fifty-six Grand Lodges have been carefully reviewed, and such matters as would be of interest or profit to the North Carolina fraternity have been noted.

The prosperity of the craft is in evidence everywhere, both in regard to increase in numbers and enlargement of funds, which enables Grand Lodges to dispense large amounts in the maintenance of their organized charities and for the relief of public or private cases of pressing need. This disposition of the brotherhood is more in evidence now in the help to the sufferers of the European war.

It must be gratifying to every reading Mason to know that in the addresses of Grand Masters touching this calamity, there is entire absence of bitterness against any of the belligerents. This is especially marked in the American Grand Lodges in which only sentiments of profound sorrow and sympathy are expressed for the victims of this stupendous tragedy. Even in the British Colonial Grand Lodges there is no evidence of anger or passion, but instead a firm determination to give loyal and earnest support, as Masons should, to king and country at any sacrifice that may be required of blood or treasure.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. COLLINS,

*For the Committee.*



## LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

Alabama . . . . .	1914	New York . . . . .	1915
Alberta . . . . .	1915	North Dakota . . . . .	1915
Arizona . . . . .	1915	Nova Scotia . . . . .	1914
Arkansas . . . . .	1914	Nova Scotia . . . . .	1915
British Columbia . . . . .	1915	Ohio . . . . .	1914
California . . . . .	1914	Oklahoma . . . . .	1915
Connecticut . . . . .	1915	Oregon . . . . .	1915
Delaware . . . . .	1914	Pennsylvania . . . . .	1914
District of Columbia . . . . .	1914	Prince Edward Island . . . . .	1914
England . . . . .	1914	Prince Edward Island . . . . .	1915
Georgia . . . . .	1914	Quebec . . . . .	1915
Idaho . . . . .	1914	Queensland . . . . .	1914
Indiana . . . . .	1915	Queensland . . . . .	1915
Iowa . . . . .	1915	Rhode Island . . . . .	1915
Kansas . . . . .	1915	Saskatchewan . . . . .	1915
Kentucky . . . . .	1914	Scotland . . . . .	1914-15
Maine . . . . .	1915	South Australia . . . . .	1915
Manitoba . . . . .	1915	South Carolina . . . . .	1914
Maryland . . . . .	1914	South Dakota . . . . .	1915
Michigan . . . . .	1915	Tennessee . . . . .	1915
Minnesota . . . . .	1915	Texas . . . . .	1914
Mississippi . . . . .	1915	Utah . . . . .	1915
New Brunswick . . . . .	1914	Vermont . . . . .	1915
Nebraska . . . . .	1915	Virginia . . . . .	1915
Nevada . . . . .	1915	Washington . . . . .	1915
New Jersey . . . . .	1915	Western Australia . . . . .	1915
New Hampshire . . . . .	1915	West Virginia . . . . .	1914
New Mexico . . . . .	1914	Wisconsin . . . . .	1915
New South Wales . . . . .	1914	Wyoming . . . . .	1914

MISSING: Canada, Colorado, Cuba, Costa Rico, Florida, Ireland, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Illinois.

## ALABAMA, 1914

94TH ANNUAL.

MONTGOMERY.

DECEMBER 2.

We have been attracted by the handsome, manly face of Grand Master Henry Clanton Miller but more by the name Henry Clanton, who, 56 years ago, was our schoolmate and friend at the University of Virginia.

The Grand Master's address is a very comprehensive story of his official activities during the year. From his exordium, we make this extract on the necessity of education:

This matter of education should be extended beyond the membership of the Craft. No nation can be firmly established which neglects the moral standard of its people and the education and training of its children. Observation and experience with the affairs of life teach us that a very large percentage of crime is committed by the ignorant, and that a large percentage of disease is the result of a lack of education, refinement and civilization. No nation can rise higher in civilization than the education of its people, and the responsibility of providing an opportunity for the more general and higher education for our people rests very largely upon us as members of this ancient and honorable Fraternity. I am not ready to say that we, as a Fraternity, should take part in politics, except, perhaps, where a worthy member is assailed because of his loyalty and devotion to the tenets and principles which we profess, but I do not believe that we, as individuals, take enough interest in the enactment of such laws as will provide better opportunities for a more general and higher education of the youth of our country. They constitute our most valuable asset, and should receive our most careful attention. There is a sufficient number of Masons in Alabama to carry into effect any legislation which they would endorse, and I do not believe that we could render our state or our nation any greater service than an active effort to make provisions for a more general and higher education of our children.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of eight new lodges, and for the continuation in work of six others. Three other lodges forfeited their charters.

The Grand Master reports the deaths of several distinguished members of the local craft.

Last year the office of Grand Lecturer was discontinued, and the Grand Master thinks that the service of the Grand Lecturer is very much needed, and we concur in the opinion, but the Grand Lodge thought differently.

The Order of the Eastern Star is made the recipient of very high praise from the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge owing to its devoted generosity in contributing funds amounting to nearly \$8,000 for the erection of a hospital for the Masonic Home.

After giving the greater part of the year to his work of visitation and instruction, the Grand Master expresses his regret because he failed to give the whole of the year :

Upon assuming the duties of this station, I gave up my personal affairs and made my plans to devote the entire year to the service of the Craft; and with this determination made my first visit on the evening of the day I left our last annual communication, December 8, 1913, and from that time until the first of September of this year was engaged in lecturing, teaching, conferring degrees and attending to the other duties appertaining to this office, and it was indeed a very bitter disappointment to me that I could not continue in this labor of love during the entire year.

After a lengthy special report by the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge decided wisely to postpone action in the application of the National Grand Lodge of France, for recognition.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home, it is seen that enlargements and betterments have been promised on account of the increasing number of applicants. A year ago the population was 50, now it is 82; 5 men, 29 women, 36 girls and 12 boys. These children attend school and have all the advantages offered to other children.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama, there are 550 lodges having a total membership of 27,548, showing a net gain of 1,151. Of the membership ministers of the Gospel who pay no dues number 1,179 and it seems to us, that they are as able to meet part of the expenses of their lodges as the average member.

The report on correspondence, covering 173 pages, is contributed by Bro. Nathaniel L. Murhinney, and is in topical form, but having no index to topics or to states, it is difficult to pursue any particular line of investigation. This form of report would be interesting to the Masonic jurist, but less so to the average reader.

HENRY CLANTON MILLER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## ALBERTA, 1915

10TH ANNUAL.

RED DEER.

MAY 26.

The address of the Grand Master, Judge J. A. Jackson, whose likeness forms the frontispiece, is a compact, readable statement of his official acts for the year. Just after the opening of the Grand Lodge the patriotic and loyal citizens of Alberta sent this encouraging cablegram to the King:

Grand Lodge united in singing the National Anthem after which the following resolution was carried unanimously amidst hearty cheers:—

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Hogbin, D. D. (1), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) "That the terms of the following resolution be cabled through the proper channel to His Majesty The King.

"The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Alberta now in session humbly desires at this time to assure His Majesty the King, of its loyal fealty to His August Person and to the Empire.

We realize that with Our Allies we are engaged in a just attempt to preserve for all time, not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us and for mankind at large, those foundations of liberty, freedom, equality and justice which have been among our most prized blessings.

"Tens of thousands of Canadian men, many of them members of our Ancient fraternity, are offering their lives on the altar of National sacrifice, knowing that no sacrifice is too great for the preservation of National Honour.

"We beg to assure His Majesty that the Freemasons of Alberta are ready and willing to loyally bear their share of the Empire's burden.

God Save the King."

The Grand Master refers to the request of the Grand Master of Saskatchewan that legislation be enacted for the purpose of having reciprocal jurisdiction on the border line. In opposing this proposition the Grand Master expresses disapproval, which we think is wise and will prevent controversies in the future. He says:

I might also mention that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has requested that lodges near the boundary between the two provinces be allowed to encroach on the territory of the lodges in the adjoining province when applicants from such

last mentioned province are not within convenient distance of the lodge having jurisdiction. I refused to consent to this arrangement but referred the matter of making exceptions in special cases to the Board of General Purposes. Their report will no doubt be laid before the Grand Lodge in proper time.

He makes this reference to the war now prevailing in Europe :

I hesitate to make mention of the great war that is now raging on the Continent of Europe, knowing full well my inability to say anything worth while. When we look back the space of one short year and think of the happenings during that time, we realize to some extent that there has been a tremendous upheaval. What it means we do not know. The ways of the Most High are inscrutable, but no doubt He will, in His own appointed time, reveal to us His reasons for all things. I feel certain, however, that the World, full of tears, is on its knees to the Supreme Architect of the Universe and that the vaulting ambitions of man are subdued by the events of the last few months. We, all of us, have the utmost faith in the righteousness of the cause for which our Empire is fighting and in the ultimate victory that will, by the Grace of God, be ours. It is too early to attempt to say what will be the effects of the war, yet I think I can truthfully say that our Empire has been cemented together as never before. Individualism, pride, strife, petty ambitions and the money-god will not regain the places formerly held by them in the minds of people. Unity, humanity, charity, benevolence and brotherhood will take their places.

Among his recommendations is the following, which strikes us as being eminently prudent :

I would also recommend the earnest attention of the lodges to the advisability of conserving their resources to the utmost. The near future will make the question of Masonic relief even more important than it is now.

In the grand jurisdiction of Alberta there are 87 lodges having a membership of 6,672, showing a net gain of 633.

The report on correspondence, and an excellent report it is, is presented by Bro. S. Y. Taylor, elected Grand Master at this session, and commends itself as an accurate statement of the condition of the fraternity wherever he has visited. North Carolina for 1914 has been carefully noted and this scribe has received the compliment of transcribing some of

his views. We feel in debt to Brother Taylor for his kind personal reference.

S. Y. TAYLOR, *M. W. Grand Master.*

DR. GEORGE MACDONALD, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### ARIZONA, 1915

33RD ANNUAL.

PRESCOTT.

FEBURARY 9.

The volume is adorned with the likeness of the sitting Grand Master, Charles Miller Smith. We quote from the exordium of his annual address, on the preparation which is needed to meet the demands for relief which will be made on the United States from now until after the close of the war. He says in part:

Therefore the vows which we, as Masons, have taken, should forcibly remind us of the duty that we owe to those who appeal to us for aid, and who are less fortunate than ourselves. My brethren, the cry of the distressed and needy from over the seas has come to our ears and claims our attention, and that a quick response is being made is revealed to us by the action of many of the leading Officials of our Order at a conference held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 29th day of November last, the result of which was that for the first time in the history of Freemasonry, all the Grand and Subordinate Bodies in the United States are united in a charity that promises to be the largest ever undertaken. The organization of this body of earnest workers will be known as the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States, and the funds that they will collect and disburse will go to the needy whithersoever dispersed in the war-stricken zones, to those who are affiliated with our Order first, and then to those not so fortunate.

Due notice is taken of the Masonic dead in his own and other jurisdictions.

Under the head of Grievance, we are mortified to report the case of a North Carolina Mason, member of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, at Beaufort, who, after getting in trouble in Arizona, appealed to White Mountain lodge and received the aid that he so much needed, which cost the Arizona lodge



\$225.00, and neither the beneficiary nor his lodge have taken any notice of requests for repayment.

There are 21 lodges and 3 lodges under dispensation, having a total membership of 2,564, showing a net gain of 239.

On recommendation of Bro. David Benshimol, action upon the request of the National and Independent Grand Lodge of France for recognition, was postponed until next year.

There is no general report on correspondence.

GEORGE A. BRIDGE, *M. W. Grand Master*.

GEORGE A. ROSKRUGE, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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### ARKANSAS, 1914

73RD ANNUAL.

LITTLE ROCK.

NOVEMBER 17.

The likeness of Grand Master elect, C. E. Rosenbaum, occupies the fly leaf. In his exordium the retiring Grand Master, David I. Mills, expresses many beautiful thoughts on the duties of Masons from which we extraet this expression of practical Masonie duty:

We should be frank and open with our Brethren, and if a Brother has committed a wrong, privately admonish him in a true Masonic spirit with a desire to correct his faults; do not secretly put in circulation some damaging report which may prove an injury to him and debase the dignity of our profession. "We shall pass this way but once," and if I can show some kindness to one in need, or comfort some fellow being, let me do it now, that he may have the opportunity of enjoying the roses that may be scattered in the pathway of his life, and I experience the happiness and satisfaction which proceeds from deeds of kindness unselfishly performed. If we do this we may indeed worthily wear the white lambskin apron and stand before the world as an upright Mason.

Appropriate reference is made of the Masonie dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

The liquor question is given full consideration in the address of the Grand Master and the attitude of hostilities by

the Grand Lodge is shown in the following edict, which was adopted by recommendation of the Committee on Law and Usage:

Resolved: That any Mason within this jurisdiction who, in violation of existing Edicts of this Grand Lodge, becomes interested directly in the sale of intoxicating liquor, or indirectly by renting his property or permitting it to be occupied for use in the liquor traffic, or by circulating or signing a petition asking that license for the sale of liquor be issued, or by signing a bond for liquor license, or by otherwise becoming interested, directly or indirectly in the liquor traffic, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and on trial and conviction, shall be expelled or indefinitely suspended.

That all Edicts or parts of Edicts in conflict herewith are repealed.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of eight new lodges and one petition for this purpose was refused, because there was little promise of future activity. Among the special dispensations was one to confer the degrees upon a candidate who had no fixed place of abode and who had never qualified himself to vote.

The Grand Master found it necessary to exercise discipline upon two lodges for flagrant defiance of the Grand Master's orders. The guilty parties escaped with very light punishment.

In reference to the custom of lodges applying for aid to each other in behalf of deserving and indigent brethren, the Grand Master expresses disapproval. This practice obtains in North Carolina, and we agree with Brother Mills in the opinion that it should be discontinued. The Grand Master says:

The custom, which has obtained in this jurisdiction of issuing appeals for aid, in my opinion, is much to be regretted and I am opposed to the system. The results obtained are not altogether satisfactory, for the responses come from practically the same Lodges on each appeal and many Lodges never contribute anything; then, the amounts received are frequently very small, compared with the necessary expenses in sending out appeals. I believe some action should be taken by Grand Lodge, to create a permanent "Charity fund," by appropriating a definite proportion of

our general fund each year, for this purpose to be dispensed by a committee on charity after a thorough investigation. I found a system, however, which had been in existence for several years and for which I was not responsible, and after fully investigating each appeal, I was convinced that assistance should be given these worthy cases.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved in the main. Among them this, which we think, should be encouraged rather than disapproved:

No. 9. Is it proper for the officers of a Lodge to assemble in the Lodge Hall on the Sabbath day and without opening the Lodge, rehearse the work and the lectures of the Degrees?

Answer—No. See Sections 781, 782 and 785, Edicts.

He reports the Masonic Orphans' Home and School to be in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, but very much in need of enlargement, of which the Grand Master says in part:

Let us support this Home as it deserves, with our moral energies as well as our financial aid, that we may erect in the lives of these children a monument more lasting than stone or iron.

The number of children is each year increasing and the necessity for additional structure for their accommodation is obvious. We shall be compelled to increase our revenues to care, in a proper manner for them and for this purpose, I would recommend that our per capita tax be increased to seventy-five cents.

He pays this compliment to the good women composing the Order of the Eastern Star:

I am pleased to invite your attention to the "Order of Eastern Star." This organization numbers among its members some of the brightest and best women of Arkansas. Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters of Master Masons, banded together, with an unselfish desire to assist in the great work of charity and to encourage right living. They lend their efforts to the uplift of humanity with the expectation of no greater reward than an approving conscience. The financial and moral support which the "Order" renders to the "Home and School" as well as the assistance we derive from the bright women who represent the organization on the Board of Trustees, justifies me in the statement that they are worthy collaborators of Freemasonry in carrying forward this great work and in the accomplishment of the objects and aims of our fraternity.

The Order deserves our appreciation and support, and I commend them for the good they are doing.

By the adoption of the report of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge reiterated its purpose of not being a member of the George Washington Memorial Association, nor of adopting the Oregon plan of helping the European war sufferers. But it did give its approval, and a contribution of \$100 to help the National Masonic Sanatorium for tuberculosis at San Antonio, Texas.

In Arkansas there are 525 constituent lodges, having a total membership 20,962. Of this number, 2,062 are honorary members and pay no dues.

There is no general review on correspondence, and it was decided by the Grand Lodge that this work should be omitted in the future.

CHARLES E. ROSENBAUM, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FAY HEMPSTEAD, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1915

44TH ANNUAL.

VICTORIA.

JUNE 17.

The volume is adorned with likenesses of the sitting Grand Master, James Stark, Esq., Judge F. McB. Young, Grand Master in 1901, and Harry H. Watum, Esq., Grand Master in 1900.

The address of Grand Master Stark, in its opening, makes this reference to the European war:

The year just passed has been perhaps the most eventful in the history of the world; it has been crowded with events of the most momentous and startling character, and with far-reaching effects and consequences. Almost the entire human family has been touched to a greater or less extent. Only the comparatively fortunate few have been exempt from calamitous experiences either of a physical or financial nature.

Thousands of our Brethren, who a year ago inhabited happy homes, are now scattered abroad over the face of the globe, and many have met with violent death in this terrible and bloody world war. War, Hatred and Revenge are rampant, where Amity, Peace

and Brotherly Love should prevail. The once happy home is now desolate, and the widow and the orphan sit in sorrow and tears, mourning for the loss of the dear one, "sighing for the touch of a vanished hand, for the voice that's forever stilled."

Altho' his statements of official visits are brief the story covers seven pages of the volume and yet he expresses keen disappointment because he could not cover more ground. He closes the report in these words:

I have purposely refrained from commenting on the condition of the constituent Lodges, or the quality of their work, as these matters will be fully reported on by the D.D.G.M.'s of the several districts. Suffice it to say that the work and business of the Lodges were uniformly well conducted and the Brethren as a rule are imbued with commendable zeal and energy in the prosecution of their various duties. In a word, I found much to praise and little to blame. Taking the Jurisdiction as a whole, I am pleased to state that by personal observation and reports received, it is in a most prosperous and contented condition, and almost entirely free from any contentious or disturbing elements.

He reported no rulings, which is certainly a compliment to the intelligence of the lodge officers.

Because we feel that he deserves it, we quote the tribute of the Grand Master to the Grand Secretary:

I wish to testify to the ability and wisdom of our Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith. He is a veritable living encyclopaedia. His position is no sinecure. He is constantly at his post. Coming into contact with him, as I have done nearly every day this year when in the city, I have had ample opportunity of witnessing the zeal and application which he displays in his work. His office during certain hours is a busy place. He is constantly consulted and interviewed on all kinds of Masonic matters, and he always evinces a readiness to meet all comers. I am personally indebted to him for his many courtesies and valuable assistance. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated in having the service of such an efficient officer. He is certainly the right man in the right place.

We note in the proceedings of the afternoon session of the first day, a Past Grand Master having been frightened by fear of an incursion by the women of the Eastern Star, procured the passage of a resolution, demanding that references

by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to these female invaders be expunged from the records. And strange to say, it was done.

British Columbia has 74 chartered lodges and five lodges under dispensation. The total membership is 7,678, showing a net gain for the year of 552.

The report on correspondence is, as a matter of course, the work of Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, and is up to the excellence which always marks his endeavor in this line. North Carolina's Proceedings for 1914 have been fraternally reviewed, and we are pleased to know that in nearly all Masonic essentials we are in full accord. From his introduction we quote his observations on conditions prevailing in European war:

The year just closed has been one of the most momentous in the history of the world. The frightful war which began in August, 1914, and which still continues, has caused the loss to Masonry of many of its brightest minds, and has also afforded the Craft the opportunity of exhibiting its benevolence. Not only in Great Britain and its Colonies, but in neutral nations as well, the Craft has come nobly forward in contributing to the relief of those who are fighting in the cause of humanity and justice.

WILLIAM C. DITMARS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

DR. W. A. DEWOLF-SMITH, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### CALIFORNIA, 1914

65TH ANNUAL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

OCTOBER 13.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, John D. Murphey, forms the frontispiece. Further on in the volume is a photograph of the children of the San Gabriel Home in camp on a small island near the coast. There is also a picture of the buildings of the Masonic Home at Decoto.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a comprehensive report of his stewardship during the year.

The Grand Master reports having appointed a committee of three to formulate a plan of relief for the suffering Masons



and their families in the war zones of Europe. The committee, however, reported that the plan was premature; and that if a plan was adopted by the Grand Lodge it would be impossible of performance at this time. The view of the committee was adopted.

The Grand Master reports that this has been a banner year for Freemasonry in California; that the increase in membership and lodges was greater than in any former year; but he warns against the plan of "drumming."

He notes with pleasure that less than one in every 2,500 Masons in California has been prosecuted for Masonic or civil offenses, which he considers evidence of a high moral advance by the general craft.

Grand Master Murphey expresses his opposition to a too rigid interpretation of the perfect youth requirement, and says:

It seems to me that this is placing too much stress upon the physical rather than the mental equipment of candidates. In making my visitations throughout the state my attention has been repeatedly called to men who are extremely desirous of becoming Masons, men who are eminently qualified mentally and morally, and yet who suffer from some physical imperfection, generally slight, that disqualifies them under our laws. In every instance these men were enthusiastically endorsed by the Masons in the localities in which they live. Some are men whose ancestors for many generations have been zealous Masons, and who by reason of this association felt keenly the misfortune that precluded them from following in their footsteps. I feel that this great fraternity would be taking a long step in the right direction if the requirement as to physical qualification were eliminated from our laws, and the whole matter left to the wise discretion of the local lodges, or at least that the law be amended so as to require only substantial physical conformity, leaving a very large discretion in the subordinate lodge to determine what shall constitute "substantial" conformity. In other words, where the local lodge shall favorably pass upon the physical sufficiency of a candidate, that finding should be practically finally determinative of the issue.

He expresses disapproval of the tendency, witnessed in some Grand Lodges, to curtail the independent activity of the subordinate lodges, and expresses forcibly his belief that

this independence should be enlarged, rather than restrained.

Throughout the year the Grand Master has been officially visiting very many of the constituent lodges, and reports marked improvement every way.

As we have noted from year to year, California holds a place in the front ranks of Grand Lodges in the extent and liberality of its practical charities, and this spirit of generosity is frequently abused and an instance reported shows that a Scotch Mason, resident in San Francisco six years, without affiliation, *démanded* support for himself and family. The matter was reported to the Grand Lodge of Scotland with this notification from the Grand Secretary, David Reid, that the circumstances "are engaging the attention of our Grand Committee."

The Masonic employment bureau of Oakland, Los Angeles and San Francisco are doing a splendid work and should be encouraged in their efforts.

The Grand Master made a ruling, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, that as heretofore required, it will not be necessary to open the lodge before attending a Masonic funeral; but let the brethren assemble at a convenient place, put on their regalia and go through their formal ritual and then disperse. The Secretary, however, is required to note the funeral in the lodge records at the next meeting.

The Grand Master recommended that the Independent National Grand Lodge, of France, be formally recognized. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, reported adversely and action was deferred, pending further information.

The Masonic Home for old people, at Decoto, has now 121 residents well cared for whether in sickness or in health.

The Orphans' Home, at San Gabriel, has 61 children, 34 boys and 27 girls, and is doing a wonderful work in taking care that each boy and girl is prepared for some line of profitable business when taking final leave of the institution.

The report on correspondence, 164 pages, is a review of the Proceedings of 61 Grand Lodges; in which North Carolina,

for 1914, finds a place and is contributed by Past Grand Master Edward H. Hart.

Brother Hart does not take kindly to a conference of Grand Masters, because he fears these meetings will ultimately lead to the formation of a supreme Grand Lodge.

Much of the introduction to Brother Hart's report is given over to the consideration of the "McGrew Case." Briefly, McGrew was expelled by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which twice refused to consider his petition for reinstatement. McGrew went to California, and through fraud and misrepresentation became identified with the craft of the state; and the full story seems to indicate that prominent Masons in California conspired to this end. At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, this matter will probably be ventilated.

BENJAMIN F. BLEDSOE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN WHICHER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### CONNECTICUT, 1915

127TH ANNUAL.

NEW HAVEN.

FEBRUARY 3.

A fine steel engraving of Grand Master Edgar A. Parkman, adorns the volume, and the memory of two deceased brothers is perpetuated by the reproduction of their portraits in the memorial pages—Wilbur S. Comstock, Grand Master in 1913 and Edmund Tweedy, who was Grand Junior Warden in 1869.

The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy document, which covers 68 pages. As to the condition of the craft in Connecticut the Grand Master makes this satisfactory statement:

The Masonic fraternity in our own state of Connecticut, in common with most of its sister Grand Jurisdictions, has enjoyed a year of quiet but steady growth, distinguished by peace and harmony at home, by the most cordial and friendly relations with other jurisdictions, by greater social and philanthropic effort, by increasing usefulness to its members and, I trust, to the community at large.

Under the head of necrology he makes note of the distinguished dead in his own jurisdiction and in every American Grand Lodge which has suffered by death of useful brethren, from Alabama to Wyoming.

He had no occasion to report any decisions, which of itself is a compliment to the intelligence and zeal of the lodge officers. He says:

There have been no questions submitted to the Grand Master for decision which could not be answered by referring the brothers to the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the M. W. Grand Lodge or to Lockwood's Masonic Jurisprudence.

He reports many official visits and the performance of numerous functions pertaining to his office, and the whole story makes pleasant reading. He has these kind words to say of the order of the Eastern Star:

The mention of the Masonic Home inevitably calls to mind the great help being given to this cherished institution of ours by the self-sacrificing labors of the members of the O. E. S.

It has been the good fortune of the Grand Master to become identified with this organization during the past year and he wishes thus publicly to express his deep appreciation of the courtesies extended to him as head of the craft in Connecticut, and his belief in the order, not alone for its beautiful symbolism and inspiring ritual but for its ever-widening circle of influence for all that is good and true, and its successful attempt to realize in practice the best and happiest use of our social obligations.

In his conclusion he says in part:

I am glad that I have had this opportunity for service. It will always be a precious memory. For I could have no greater source of pride and satisfaction in life than the knowledge that I have merited, in some measure at least, and have received the confidence and affection of my brethren as Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

There are 110 lodges on the roll, and the brethren are not over anxious to have any new ones, because they are all prosperous. The total membership is 25,378 with a net increase of 598.

The report on correspondence, compressed into 99 pages, is contributed by Past Grand Master George A. Kies, and is a very interesting and attractive account of his journeyings among the Grand Lodges. North Carolina for 1914 received a very kindly review, but he does not agree with one of the rulings of Grand Master Winchester. We quote from his conclusion :

Many students and thinkers opine that a present-day Masonic evil lies in a tendency of Grand Lodges to over-legislate. One instance is shown in the anti-liquor legislation. The different decisions and interpretations based on such laws show that certain classes are ineligible in some states and eligible in others. While we hold no brief for the saloon keeper, and freely concede that ninety-nine out of every hundred of them are undesirable, we see no more need of special legislation regarding them than in the cases of opium-sellers, prize fighters, thieves, etc. If lodges themselves cannot be trusted to dispose of every application upon its own merits or demerits, what hope is there for our fraternity? In this connection it may be stated that in one Grand Lodge a resolution was introduced forbidding lodges from receiving a petition from any manager, editor, or proprietor of a newspaper which advertises the sale of liquor. Naturally, this was found too extreme and was rejected.

CLARENCE R. AUSTIN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE A. KIES, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### DELAWARE, 1914

109TH ANNUAL

WILMINGTON.

OCTOBER 7.

The address of the Grand Master, Frank B. Massey, whose likeness forms the frontispiece, is delightfully brief, but is nevertheless comprehensive as to the conditions of this small but compact jurisdiction.

He refers to the satisfactory condition of the Masonic Home, in which there are now sheltered nine inmates at an annual per capita cost of \$364.78, which seems to us to be unusually high. The managers of the institution report that the building and the farm are both in excellent condition.



The Grand Secretary, Bro. Virginius V. Harrison, makes this satisfactory report:

Returns have been received from all the lodges, from which we learn there have been 178 initiated, 159 passed, 160 raised, 9 admitted, 18 dimitted, 63 died, 17 suspended, 1 expelled, 112 rejected; total number of Master Masons at present, 3,436. A net gain of 78; five more than last year.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The same committee deemed it wise to defer consideration of the request for recognition by the York Grand Lodge, of Mexico, pending definite information.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware, there are 22 constituent lodges, having a total membership of 3,436, showing a net gain of 78.

The report on correspondence is presented by Past Grand Master, Harry Jones Guthrie and is, as usual, marked with sparkling and pungent humor. Unfortunately the Proceedings of North Carolina failed to connect with Brother Guthrie and the loss is ours.

WILLIAM E. VALLIANT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1914

104TH ANNUAL.

WASHINGTON.

DECEMBER 16.

Portraits of the retiring Grand Master, T. John Newton, and Samuel C. Palmer, who was the Grand Master in 1898 adorn the volume.

The address of Grand Master Newton gives a comprehensive account of a very successful administration. This is his account of the condition of the fraternity:

Peace, harmony and good-fellowship prevail throughout the jurisdiction. There has been no discord or dissension among us, but our hearts and tongues have joined in promoting each other's



welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. May this happy condition continue.

The Masonic dead receive appropriate reference.

The decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master were approved by the Grand Lodge.

A controversy arose between the Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Brother Newton as to what constituted a Masonic residence. The Grand Master of the District of Columbia claimed that where a man lived the requisite number of years and not where he voted constituted Masonic residence. We think Brother Newton is right but the controversy has not been closed.

The Grand Master believed that smoking in lodge rooms at any time was improper and issued an edict to that effect. The Committee on Grand Master's address approved the edict, which by action of the Grand Lodge was modified as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia forbids smoking in its constituent lodges during the conferring of degrees, and that the matter of permitting smoking at other periods during the communications of the said lodges be left to the discretion of the Masters thereof.

The Grand Master expresses cordial approval of the good work accomplished by the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and makes this suggestion which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

I wish to suggest just one other thing, and that is that once each year, say the Saturday nearest St. John's day in the month of June, be set apart by the fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star as "Masonic and Eastern Star Home Day," to be celebrated in such manner as may seem best from year to year by suitable entertainments and a general getting together, any proceeds growing out of which to be used for the maintenance and support of the Home. Such a day once started and established will gain momentum with the years, and in my opinion will come to be recognized, and will be one of the brightest and most beneficial days in our Masonic calendar. I recommend that this suggestion receive the commendation and sanction of this Grand Lodge.

He approves strongly the formation of Masonic clubs and predicts great good from the organization. We cannot

entirely concur in the value of these exclusive club organizations, the requirements of which, financial and otherwise, may be sufficient to exclude a large number of those seeking membership.

The Grand Master recommended an appropriation of \$500 to the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

In a special report Past Grand Master, George W. Baird, Committee on Correspondence, recommended that action upon the petition of the new Grand Lodge of France for recognition be postponed, and the recommendation was adopted.

In the District of Columbia there are 30 constituent lodges, having a total membership of 10,355, showing a gain of 750.

The general report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Admiral George W. Baird, and is of the valuable kind which always comes from his pen. The transactions of North Carolina for 1914 receive the fraternal consideration of Brother Baird, who compliments Brother DeLancey Haywood for his poem, "The Masons of '76." Brother Baird is in no wise frightened by the propaganda for prohibition, and fearlessly expresses his views. We quote from his conclusion :

If another object lesson is needed to prove the horrors of substitution of morphine, cocaine, etc., for alcoholic stimulants, we have it in the recent exposures in the Tombs and other "correctional institutions" in New York City. The drugs were smuggled in with the food supplies from dealers nearby. The discovery and the sudden cessation of the supply, resulted in piteous ravings of the prisoners, said to be agonizing to hear.

While legislation, in the interest of Temperance, has practically put the little German beer gardens out of business it has been followed by the substitution of this deadly drug business; it has created a market for the sale of active and insidious drugs, in small packages, and has decimated the sale of the diluted malt stimulants which were sold openly.

ALEXANDER GRANT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

**ENGLAND, 1914-15**

We have before us the records of the Annual Grand Festival of April 29, 1914, and of the two quarterlies of September and December, 1914, and that of March, 1915.

We feel that we can devote our space to no better purpose than that of reproducing the address of the Pro. Grand Master, Lord Amphill, showing that the Grand Lodge of England is not an autocratic body:

M. W. Pro. Grand Master: Brethren, growing experience and that increasing sense of duty which arises from perception of the lapse of time and fleeting opportunities move me to say a few words on this occasion, although I am not required by custom to do so. I trust that I shall not thus be trespassing on your kindness or claiming more indulgence than is usually accorded to considerable seniority and long official service. You are all familiar with that time-honoured and inspiring exhortation which is invariably addressed to the Brethren of a Private Lodge after the Installation of the Worshipful Master and the appointment of his Officers. That exhortation might equally well be pronounced here and on this occasion, for it is the same principles, the great principles and tenets of our Order and the principles of the rules and governance of the Craft, that we attempt to affirm in a more extended circle.

I have noticed with uneasiness and concern a growing tendency to imagine a sort of class or caste distinction between Grand Officers and those who are, wrongly as I believe, called "Light Blue" Masons. No such distinction exists any more than there is a line between the officers and the ordinary Members of a Private Lodge. We are all "light blue" Masons, and every "light blue" Mason can become a Grand Officer if he has the requisite merit and ability as well as the desire for such distinction and responsibility. But "some must of necessity rule and teach, while others must of course learn, submit and obey. Humility in each is an essential qualification." Could anything be better than that deeply significant, though simple, phrase? But let me go on with the words which you know so well, very slightly modified to suit this occasion:—"The Brethren whom the Grand Master has selected to assist him in the ruling and governing of Grand Lodge are too well acquainted with the principles of Masonry and the Laws of our Institution to warrant any mistrust that they will be found wanting in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, or that they will exceed the powers with which they are entrusted; and

you, Brethren, I am sure, are of too generous a disposition to envy their preferment; I therefore trust that we shall have but one aim in view, to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness; and as this Association has been formed and perfected with so much unanimity and concord, long may it continue; may Brotherly love and affection ever distinguish us as men, and as Masons."

The Grand Officers are bound to give the same loyal and undivided support to the Grand Master and those who act for him as the Officers of a Private Lodge are bound to give to the W. M. The Grand Master and those who act for him, have the same right to expect assistance and hearty coöperation from Past Grand Officers as the W. M. of a Lodge has to expect the assistance of the Past Masters of his Lodge.

Disagreement there must be from time to time. It cannot be avoided in any human association. But disaffection there ought never to be among Freemasons. It can be avoided by mutual confidence and mutual candour and sincerity.

Complaints when they arise should be addressed to those who are in authority for the time being and not to the rank and file, unless indeed redress has unhappily been refused. That, surely, is an elementary principle of all rule and governance. I shall expect, so long as the Grand Master entrusts me with my present authority, that all Brethren and particularly all Grand Officers should take me into their confidence and ask for mine in return. That they should let me know of their objections and the reason for those objections to any course proposed by the responsible authorities and of any amendment to official proposals which they desire to put forward.

Grand Lodge is not a Parliament or an association of politicians, but an assembly of the great brotherhood of Freemasons. There can, therefore, be no question of opposing parties and rival policies. We must seek by mutual candour and mutual confidence to agree together so that there never can be any question of the rule of a majority, and our votes in Grand Lodge must, as far as it is humanly possible, be the result not of agitation and debate, but of previous amicable agreement. Thus and thus alone can we be truly united and work together with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasons.

LORD AMPHILL, *R. W. Pro. Grand Master.*

SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

## GEORGIA, 1914

128TH ANNUAL.

MACON.

OCTOBER 27.

The address of Grand Master Robert L. Colding, at the close of his second term, is a fine Masonic paper, and gives a very full account of his official acts. His official visits were numerous, though falling short of what he intended.

He reports the Masonic Home to be in excellent condition, owing to the efficient help of the members of the Eastern Star, to whom he pays this deserved compliment:

I must recapitulate all that I have previously said in behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, which I consider a valuable auxiliary to this Grand body, in the proper conduct of the Home. The ladies seem imbued with a spirit of fraternalism and desire to assist us in the great work we have undertaken of moulding the characters of the dear children who are left us as wards, and in cheering and providing for the aged.

I feel that the Masons of Georgia are under lasting obligations to these good women and it is my pleasure to give this Order my hearty endorsement.

The Grand Master reports forty-five decisions, all of which passed the scrutiny of the Jurisprudence Committee, and met its approval except for some slight verbal modification in one.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of eight new lodges.

His tribute to the Masonic dead is very eloquent and tender. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address paid this tribute to the service of the retiring Grand Master:

It is good that men like Robert L. Colding can live, and God grant that his life may be long and his splendid influence never be less.

There are 654 lodges, having a total membership of 40,458, showing a net gain of seven in the number of lodges, and 2,033 in the membership.

The report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Chas. L. Bass and is an excellent review of the lodges whose Proceedings have come under his hand. The transactions



for 1913 of North Carolina receive fraternal review and very liberal space.

N. H. BALLARD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. A. WOLIHIN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### IDAHO, 1914

47TH ANNUAL.

COEUR D'ALENE

SEPTEMBER 8.

The likeness of the incoming Grand Master, Andrew Christenson, adorns the fly leaf.

In the diplomatic gallery, we recognize Past Grand Master Fred. G. Mock, himself a grandson of the "Old North State," doing the honors for North Carolina. Brother Mock's name is perpetuated in that of the thriftiest town—Mocksville—in Davie County, where yet many of his name are prominent and useful.

The address of the Grand Master, Curtis F. Pike, gives a detailed and satisfactory account of the conditions of the craft in Idaho.

He paid eloquent tribute to the services of Past Grand Master James A. Pinney, who had, as the record shows, attained high distinction in all branches of Masonry.

Dispensations were granted for the erection of two lodges.

Calling attention to contradictions in the local law governing "objection," he says:

I call your attention to the following apparent contradiction in our law concerning objections to the initiation of a candidate. At the session of 1905 the following ruling was adopted on the motion of the Grand Secretary: "It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that when a brother objects to the initiation of a candidate the objection must be made in open lodge and the Secretary record the fact that an objection has been made, and by whom."

At the session of 1911 the following ruling of the Grand Master was approved: "Objection may be made secretly. Your minutes should show the fact of objection, but not the name of the brother objecting, nor the cause given if any was given."



The Jurisprudence Committee, to which the matter was referred, reported in favor of the ruling of 1911 and the abrogation of that of 1905.

The Grand Master found it necessary to furnish a Master of one of the lodges with a copy of the official cipher to replace one that had been "accidentally destroyed by fire."

The Grand Master describes very interestingly, the origin, growth and purpose of the Orphan Fund, which now amounts to \$70,000. We quote a paragraph of this report:

From this modest beginning forty-five years ago it has grown to the fine proportions of the present, and many thousands of dollars have been dispensed to relieve the distress of the needy, and has caused many a ray of sunshine to fall across the pathway of unfortunate members, their widows and orphans. Credit for this most commendable enterprise is due several men of the early days, most of whom have gone to their reward; but more especially to two Past Grand Masters, Bro. Lafayette Cartee and Bro. Jonas W. Brown. Brother Cartee was the father of the movement, and Brother Brown has been a trustee for twenty-eight successive years. Brother Cartee says in closing his report as Grand Master in 1883: "Today, my brethren, I am prouder of my course in introducing what is known as the 'Orphan Fund Resolutions,' and sustaining them with all the energy that I was able to command, than all my other Masonic life; and I believe as I pass out at the west gate, which I am fast approaching, the fraternity will say, 'our brother worked untiringly and faithfully for this fund,' and may the Grand Lodge ever maintain and keep it intact and sacred to its intended purpose."

The Grand Master reports, at length, on the value and necessity of official visitations, and we quote in part:

Early in my term I made a tour of the state, visiting our constituent lodges, reaching practically all parts of the state and a large majority of the lodges. I had hoped to visit every lodge in the state, but private matters arose to prevent my devoting more time to it. In all I have visited or met informally with about forty-five out of the total number of sixty-four lodges. These were the most pleasant experiences of my term of office, and I hope they were of some benefit to the membership as well.

There are 64 lodges, having a total membership of 4,413.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Brother George E. Knepper, and to say that this report is up to his

usual standard is sufficient commendation of his labors in this department of Masonic work. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 receive the fraternal consideration of Brother Knepper.

ANDREW CHRISTENSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### INDIANA, 1915

94TH ANNUAL.

INDIANAPOLIS.

MAY 25.

The smiling face of the incoming Grand Master, Charles P. Benedict looks out from the fly leaf.

Preliminary to the formal opening of the Grand Lodge the brethren listened to an eloquent address on "The Spirit of Masonry" by Bro. Allan B. Philputt, D. D., and it was so pleasing that it was printed in the volume.

The address of the Grand Master, Martin A. Morrison, is an unpretentious business statement of an administration which has been in every way a success.

He reports the relations with other jurisdictions to be entirely amicable; the constitution of two chartered lodges; and the issuing of dispensations to two others. Many corner-stones were laid.

The opinions and decisions of the Grand Master, which were very few, met the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Among the accomplishments of the Grand Lodge is the accumulation of sufficient funds, \$157,000, for the erection of the Masons' widows' and orphans' home. Of this success the Grand Master says:

As you are doubtless aware, a site has been chosen for the Indian Masons', Widows' and Orphans' Home at Franklin, Indiana.

The site is most beautiful and the location is central and easy of access. It has many advantages.

Contracts are to be let within a few days for six buildings. The committee will make a full report of all details.

The new Home is the greatest enterprise into which the Grand Lodge has ever entered.

We did not act upon impulse. The greatest caution and foresight were employed. Careful investigations were made and the Grand Lodge has taken advantage of the previous experience of other Grand Lodges engaged in like undertakings.

The attitude of the Masons of the State toward the new Home, with its inevitable expenses, has been fine. Their loyalty and liberality have been spontaneous and unflinching. When we shall next meet in this Grand Lodge the new Indiana Home will be an accomplished fact and a going concern.

I could wish no richer blessing upon the Grand Lodge and its prospective wards, or upon the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction, than that the most splendid spirit thus far displayed shall abide throughout the years.

The Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Inspector unite in saying that this year has been the most successful in the life of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Inspector says in part:

The general Masonic conditions of the Craft throughout the State were perhaps never better than at the present time. Wherever I have gone, a true spirit of Masonic fraternity prevails, and while there is marked improvement in all ceremonial work, there is evidence of greater care, efficiency and promptness in conducting and managing Lodge business and financial affairs. It is especially gratifying to note that Lodge dues are being more promptly paid and that a much less number of delinquent members are now being carried upon Lodge rolls. You will probably observe from statistics carefully compiled by the Grand Secretary, that our loss in membership on account of suspensions for non-payment of dues is somewhat less than that of last year. The statistics I believe will further show that probably two-thirds of the Lodges throughout the State have not lost a single member from this cause.

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that there are 557 lodges, having a total membership of 70,014, showing the enormous gain of 3,822.

Upon recommendation of the committee on correspondence the requests for recognition by York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt were postponed. A new claimant is the Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of Mance, consideration of which was also deferred. As a curiosity we reproduce this report:

There has been referred to your Committee on Foreign Correspondence a communication from one Doctor Antonio Luca informing us of the formation of a new Grand Lodge in Mexico called the Mexican Symbolic Rites Lodge Evolution No. 1.

He states in his letter that "one of the chief factors in our program, is the redemption of the Mexican people, who have during 400 years suffered all the moral and physical torments under the dominion of the military and religious tyrants."

We would recommend that the communication be referred to your Committee on Foreign Correspondence for filing.

The report on correspondence, the second from his pen, is contributed by Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1914 being of the number.

CHARLES P. BENEDICT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CALVIN W. PRATHER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### IOWA, 1915

72ND ANNUAL.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

JUNE 8.

In keeping with the artistic taste which has characterized his preparation of the annual proceedings, Bro. Newton R. Parvin, the Grand Secretary has presented to the craft of Iowa a volume which in all its details of paper, pointing and ornamentation, is unsurpassed. He has placed his readers, particularly correspondents under obligation for the copious index and the convenient arrangement.

Fine portraits, executed in the best style of the engravers art, of the retiring Grand Master, Charles W. Walton, and of the Grand Master elect and his associate Grand Officers give added interest and attractiveness to the volume. Supplementing the portraits, is to be found short biographies of these distinguished servants of the craft of Iowa.

The address of Grand Master Walton is a very comprehensive story of a year's official labors and gives evidence of continued peace and prosperity between the lodges and the individual members of the fraternity. The Grand Master expresses his conviction that the craft in his jurisdiction have

a fuller appreciation of the service of Masonry than heretofore.

After suitable reference to the fraternal dead, he notes his attendance on the Peace Conference at Ontario, Canada, and the pleasure and good fellowship which prevailed among those in attendance.

He notes issuing dispensations for the formation of two new lodges and the constitution of another.

As to efficient officers, we endorse very heartily the following:

One does not need to be very discerning to realize the importance of efficiency in lodge officers, even the minor officer should know his part and perform it with zeal. No candidate is greatly impressed by slipshod methods, halting speech, or hesitant words, and few members care to sit through the ceremonies where the degree work drags. There is no doubt that lodge attendance is affected largely by the competency of its officers. Some members always attend the communications, others rarely do. But there is a large element between these extremes that will attend according as the officers show an interest in their presence and according as the work moves rapidly and smoothly. Therefore, the question of small attendance is often attributable to weak officers. I am impressed with the methods employed in some of our larger lodges in requiring its officers to render an annual accounting.

His correspondence was heavy but by citing inquirers to the law, he escaped the necessity of making decisions.

He is thoroughly and entirely opposed to the nuisance of cyphers, and has expressed himself very forcibly in that regard.

Under the head of visitations, he makes the following statement and prediction which we believe will be verified.

My greatest regret is that I was deprived of so many of these happy experiences; perhaps it is just as well, however, from a physical standpoint, as the lavish feasts, prolonged hours and fragrant Havanas would doubtless soon have consigned me to one of those institutions which specialize on dyspeptics. These regrets are becoming almost stereotyped, but let me say, in all sincerity, that the day is rapidly approaching when the one who fulfills the duties of this high honor will realize that the great responsibilities and demands of this exalted office will engage his entire time and attention as each year the duties become more enlarged.



The following patriotic resolution in regard to the European war was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa re-dedicate itself to the cause of peace among nations and brotherly love among men; that it commend the President of the United States for his patience, patriotic, and untiring labors in behalf of neutrality and beseech him to do everything humanly possible to keep our republic from being drawn into the tragedy of world-war, but if this is impossible, we pledge ourselves as men and Masons to stand behind him whatever may befall.

We are glad to see that the Grand Lodge of Iowa has extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

There are 523 constituent lodges in the grand jurisdiction of Iowa, having a total membership of nearly 52,000 and showing the large net increase of 2,225.

The report on correspondence, full of information and interest throughout, covers profitably 314 pages of this large volume, and is, as usual, contributed by past Grand Master Louis Block.

In his foreword he offers a very strong and plausible argument for the creation of a General or Supreme Grand Lodge in the cogency of which we do not, by any means, concur nor do we believe that many others will accept his view. Brother Block has given the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 flattering and extensive notice in which he reproduces the ballad on "The Masons of '76," by Bro. De Lancey Haywood. In his afterword, Brother Block refers very intelligently, and as a sincere Mason, to the horrors now prevailing in Europe, and we find ourselves in thorough accord with the sentiments of this paragraph :

What is our duty as American Masons in this present crisis? Surely in loyalty to our underlying principle as an institution; in loyalty to the real welfare of the people, it must be to hold up the hands of our President in the hour of his strenuous struggle for peace. Not since the days of Abraham Lincoln has a lonely leader in the White House pled so patiently with his people for the truth, and the right, and the love to prevail, and we were unworthy and traitorous ingrates did we fail to respond to his appeal.

For he pleads the cause not of America alone, but of that of



humanity as well, and if we, turning a deaf ear to his call, shall join the blood-mad hordes of Europe, then we, too, shall both deserve and meet the fate that shall surely be theirs. "For they that take the sword shall perish with the sword!"

FRANK S. MOSES, *M. W. Grand Master.*

NEWTON R. PARVIN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### KANSAS, 1915

59TH ANNUAL.

WICHITA.

FEBRUARY 17.

The likeness of the Grand Master, Charles H. Chandler, occupies the fly leaf of the volume.

In his address the Grand Master gives a clear and full accounting of his official doings, and the state of the craft for the year just closing, from his exordium, we quote:

The administration just closing started on its voyage one short year ago under the most favorable auspices. The sea had already been charted; the Revision Committee of 1913 had lately reset the landmarks, and more than forty thousand loyal, true-hearted Masons bade us God-speed. We have come to the end of our journey, and the Craft has assembled in Annual Communication to assist us to disembark, and to listen to the reading of the "Log" of the voyage.

The reference here made to a voyage, and the use of nautical terms, is not without consideration. Late in June I made a trip entirely across the State from east to west, and the picture that presented itself to view—the ever-changing panorama of alfalfa, corn and wheat—could be likened to nothing more appropriately than to a vast ocean whose surface was disturbed by the gentle breezes, and whose shores were hidden by the distant horizon.

Beautiful and inspiring as was this picture, it was not more so than the picture presented to the Grand Master through his visitations and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, of the material prosperity of the Craft, the happiness and contentment of our membership, and the intense interest taken in Masonry by the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

When last we met the numerical strength of the Craft in this jurisdiction was 40,668. Our membership on December 31, 1914, was 42,412, making a net gain for the year of 1,744. Peace, prosperity and happiness reign supreme within our borders, and the most pleasant and cordial fraternal relations exist between this and

all other jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal correspondence.

He reports the constitution of four lodges, and the formation of five others under dispensation. The laying of cornerstones and the dedication of Masonic halls occupied part of his time.

He congratulates the Grand Lodge on the completeness of the work done by the Revision Committee, which had resulted in the opportunity for lodge officers to consult the law instead of appealing to the Grand Master for instruction and advice. He made but one decision, which to our mind, might have been just the reverse. As he stated:

Application was made to a lodge by the local chapter Order of the Eastern Star to hold an entertainment in the nature of a bazaar, in the lodge room, to which an admission was to be charged, and the general public invited.

Decision.—It is not lawful to hold entertainments in a masonic hall, owned or controlled by the lodge and used exclusively for masonic purposes, to which an admission fee is charged, or the entertainment is held for profit.

From appearances, the Kansas fraternity will soon be housed in a more stately and more amply convenient building.

The Grand Master complained that during the past five years, he has seen a growing tendency to interduce into the simple ceremonials of the lodge, dramatic appliances never contemplated in the original plan, and was constrained to issue an edict forbidding these displays.

The Grand Master makes reference to the very gratifying conditions obtaining at the Masonic Home, as disclosed by the Superintendent, the matron and home physician.

There are 411 chartered lodges, having a present membership of 42,412, showing the large gain of 1,744 in the membership.

The report on correspondence is, as usual presented by Past Grand Master, Matthew M. Miller, and in interest and value is up to his best efforts. Upon his recommendation, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was duly recognized. In the same report, he notes that a harmless visionary, one

Buckley, carries under his skull cap the magnificent idea that he is to erect an imperial jurisdiction supported by generous tribute from every lodge and Grand Lodge in the world, to be known as the Masonic Federation of North Africa; and of which he is to be Director General, and rule with more glory than Solomon ever dreamed of.

In reviewing North Carolina for 1914, Brother Miller finds that 11 lodges in North Carolina, failed to make returns to the Grand Secretary. In the absence of any machinery by which these recalcitrants can be brought to law, Brother Miller offers the following prescription, which we believe would make a lasting cure:

The Grand Lodge, that on failure of any lodge to make returns and pay dues, serves a notice on the Master and Secretary of such lodge to show cause on the first day of the Next Grand Lodge Communication why the charter of such lodge should not be revoked, will transfer all the worry at once where it properly belongs, on two incompetent or slothful officials whose prompt relegation to private life will be of inestimable value to the lodge.

We find in this fine report lots and lots of things we would like to quote, but our limitations forbid, and in evidence of our good will for the Kansas craft we commend the reading of this valuable contribution.

WILLIAM L. BURDICK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ALBERT K. WILSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### KENTUCKY, 1914

114TH ANNUAL.

LOUISVILLE.

OCTOBER 20.

This handsome volume is adorned with the likeness of the youthful retiring Grand Master, Orie S. Ware, and that of the Grand Master elect, George B. Winslow. Besides, there are photographs of deceased Grand Masters, John Walden Landrum, and Henry Bostwick.

The address of Grand Master Ware, innocent of all rhetorical frills, is a plain unpretentious story of the condition

of the craft in Kentucky. It is devoted entirely to the consideration of domestic affairs.

The Masonic dead receive appropriate notice.

He reports the erection of eight new lodges under dispensation; and special dispensations granted and refused. Off and on throughout the year he has devoted much of his time to visitations and work.

He reported one decision, which was approved and gave expression of his "opinions," and these, it seems to us, are well founded.

Unfortunately, as will occur in every Grand Jurisdiction, he found it necessary to impose discipline more or less severe.

As to the membership, the Grand Master says briefly:

During the year the charters of two lodges have been arrested, and on this date we have 582 chartered lodges and nine working under dispensation, a total of 591. Our membership numbers 42,139, making a gain of 1,680 since our last returns, which is a very substantial net gain.

The two organized charities of the Grand Lodge, the Old Masons Home and the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home receive ample consideration and approval from the Grand Master.

Of the latter institution, the Grand Master says in part:

The institution is beloved by all Masons, and we are eager to write and speak of the good it has accomplished, and that it will accomplish in the future. In all its appointments it is the model of any charitable institution in Kentucky, offering unexcelled advantages in moral, religious and educational development to our boys and girls, under the fostering care of our noble brother, T. Jeff Adams, and his estimable wife.

In Kentucky there are 591 lodges having a total membership of 42,139, showing a net increase of 1,680.

The report on correspondence, 120 pages, is contributed by the gifted reporter, Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, whose fitness for the work is universally acknowledged by the members of the guild. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 have been fraternally reviewed by Brother Clarke,

who thus places the craft of the Old North State under obligations.

Considering the trend to centralization, and the erection of a general Grand Lodge, of which, by the way, we yet see no danger, Brother Clarke in his "Conclusion" says:

A pertinent question here presents itself: Are annual Grand Masters' Conferences a part of the propaganda? Is it a new congregatio de propaganda fide? Those who attend disclaim any such purpose. With declamatory resolutions they denounce it. We believe, indeed, we are fully convinced, they are sincere; but may it not be that the germ of the movement, for it has already assumed sufficient importance to be so called, may be found in these annual conferences of Grand Masters, convened with the avowed purpose of considering the general condition of the order, reconciling conflicting legislation, and adjusting differences among the several jurisdictions of the United States and Canada? It has been but a few years since a distinguished Mason in Indiana openly advocated a Central Masonic authority, a plan that, happily, was promptly arrested by the conservative Masons of that jurisdiction; and recently—note the growth of the idea—the Grand Lodge of Oregon plainly asked other jurisdictions to unite with it in the organization of a Central Grand Lodge. Such movements have had their genesis, if not in, at least since, the annual Conferences of Grand Masters were inaugurated. It may be only an exemplification of the maxim, *post hoc ergo propter hoc*; again, it may be an exemplification of the law of cause and effect.

GEORGE B. WINSLOW, *M. W. Grand Master.*

DAVE JACKSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### MAINE, 1915

96TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

MAY 4.

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas H. Bodge, gives a full accounting of his official acts during the year, and he sums up the things for which we should be thankful in this wise:

We are certainly to congratulate ourselves upon the peace and harmony which obtain between the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. The few ripples are hardly to be perceived in the vast calm that is so general. In nearly every case where



any difference has arisen it has been found, after careful inquiry, to be caused by some member and not to be the fault of the Craft in general.

Our growth has been steady and healthy and probably as great as is desirable,—the net gain for the year being 590. We cannot be too often reminded it is quality and not quantity we would look for in estimating our gains. One good earnest worker, with love for Craft and knowledge of our mysteries, will go farther toward strengthening our Fraternity than many whose apparent aim in obtaining the degrees is to use them as means to some ulterior end, and whose chief assistance is in the dues they pay.

We are to be congratulated upon the strong, intelligent, devoted men who make up the membership of the lodges of Maine, practicing out of the lodge the duty they have been taught in it. Wherever men are known as masons they are looked upon as worthy of confidence, and when they forget their obligations and violate their vows the Craft must suffer for the lapse from virtue, and should be faithful to deal with them.

He reports the constitution of two lodges, and a number of decisions having to do with the interpretation of the local law. He reports also having refused dispensation for the formation of a new lodge. Although there were 28 petitioners and approvals by contiguous lodges he feared that the new lodge would interfere with the prosperity of the neighboring lodges.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Stephen Berry, we find ample confirmation for the satisfaction exhibited by the Grand Master. Brother Berry gives this account of himself:

This is the 60th annual communication at which time I have occupied this desk. Not one of those present in 1856 is left for me to congratulate, but the ever changing representation keeps the Grand Lodge always young and vigorous despite its near approach to a century of existence, and I congratulate you all on that youth and vigor.

In the grand jurisdiction of Maine there are 205 lodges having a total membership of 30,884, showing a net gain of 590. The average membership of the lodges is 150.65 which will account somewhat for their prosperity.



The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Albro E. Chase, who in his usual happy manner, has reviewed the Proceedings that have come to his hands. The transactions of North Carolina for 1914 receive due consideration, and a quotation from the Grand Masters address indicates the approval of Brother Chase.

THOMAS H. BODGE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

STEPHEN BERRY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### MANITOBA, 1915

40TH ANNUAL.

WINNIPEG.

JUNE 9.

The address of the Grand Master, Lynds S. Vaughn, contains a brief but compact statement of his official doings. Like the other patriotic Masons of Manitoba, he is stirred by the events of the terrible war in Europe, and makes these references to it:

Once more, we cannot forget the urgency with which for eight long years, Lord Roberts appealed to his countrymen to get ready, but apparently all these warnings fell upon deaf ears. Is it then surprising that Germany should so seriously misjudge the genius of the British Nation? How runs the record?

England, the possessor of one-fifth of the habitable globe, was effete and her sole desire was to be left in peace to digest, from the German point of view, her illgotten gains; Ireland in a state of civil war; Canada and the overseas dominions ready to cut the painter and set up for themselves on the first sign of trouble; South Africa to break away and India seething with sedition, but the sound of the first gun consolidated this British Empire in one bound with the suddenness of a chemical reaction. And the silken thread of sentiment became in a twinkling a rope of steel.

While the fate of civilization is hanging in the balance, and the daily and nightly conflicts are raging with unparalleled fury, in the heavens above, in the earth beneath, and in the waters under the earth, our thoughts go back to the man, who for a short space of time stayed the mighty torrent pouring across his country, who sacrificed all but his soul, and saved the world from a deliberate and determined attempt to dominate the nations and cause a return to feudalism and tyranny—Albert, King of the Belgians, has taken his place among the immortals.

He has visited every Masonic district in the province, and finds everywhere satisfactory conditions.

In connection with the European war, we find that a great number of young men have enlisted, and are now in camps of instruction or at the front. Among the latter is Past Grand Master, Brother James Scroggie, president of the Board of General Purposes.

It is gratifying to note that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to do.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the Grand Lodge adopted it.

There are 76 constituent lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a membership of 7,242, a gain of 313.

There is no general report on correspondence.

WILLIAM FENWICK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JAMES A. ORAS, *M. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### MARYLAND, 1914

128TH ANNUAL.

BALTIMORE.

NOVEMBER 17.

At the semi-annual meeting on May 12th, as well as that of the annual communication, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Charles C. Homer, Jr. There was no formal address by the presiding officer, but the business throughout the year was attended to as may be seen by the full reports of officers and committees.

The Board of Grand Inspectors having made 179 visits to the various lodges, an average of four visits to each lodge, reports the fraternity of Maryland to be in excellent condition.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 116 subordinate lodges, having a total membership of 16,650, showing a net gain for the year of 648.

The report on correspondence, 90 pages, is a review of the transactions of 64 Grand Lodges, and is contributed by

Bro. Henry Branch, P. S. G. W., and the able successor of the late distinguished Brother Schultz. He has given kindly consideration to the proceedings of North Carolina for 1914, and has paid Brother De Lancey Haywood the compliment of quoting his poem.

From his introduction, we quote this fine tribute to the splendid man and Mason who had been his predecessor:

He realizes that he stands in the shadow of a great Spirit, who made this correspondence historic, and he knows that he suffers by contrast, still he hopes that increasing familiarity with the work and a more intimate comradeship with his co-laborers will somewhat remove this sensitiveness, which almost amounts to timidity; and while he is not going to "take off his coat," as one plumed knight suggests, he hopes to learn and so give expression to maturer views on some questions at issue, in the vigorous growth of Freemasonry all over the world.

THOMAS J. SHYROCK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE COOK, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### MICHIGAN, 1915

71ST ANNUAL.

BAY CITY.

MAY 25.

The likeness of the Grand Master elect, George L. Lusk, occupies the fly leaf, following which, are the likenesses of his eleven associate grand officers.

The annual address of the retiring Grand Master, William M. Perrett, is a comprehensive report of his official acts during the year just coming to a close.

It is gratifying to find that the Grand Master has reported no decisions, which fact he accepts as a compliment to the intelligence and zeal of the officers of the subordinate lodges.

His reference to the Masonic Home makes it clear that he is warranted in making this commendation:

Our Masonic Home at Alma is tenderly and intelligently nurtured by capable hands.

Our aged brethren and their wives and widows are sheltered in a peaceful haven as the evening shadows gather near.

The Masonic Home has always been a source of pride to each of us, and this has grown with each succeeding year. None has ever been a member of the Board having charge of the Home who has not felt the genuineness of the work and the far reaching extent of their labors.

I would congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the manner in which the finances of the Home have been managed during the year. The reports of the Chairman of the Board of Control and the Superintendent of the Home will give you, in detail, the matters of interest concerning the Home, but even with this, you can form no accurate conception of the possibilities for good which lie before us without personal visit, and I sincerely trust that every Mason present will take advantage of the opportunity of making a personal investigation and inspection of our Home and see for himself what has, and what can be done.

He recommends a change in the burial ceremonies so as to be adopted to the final disposition of the body by cremation, and seeing the necessity of such change, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which it was referred recommended that the matter be considered by a special committee to be reported at the next communication.

The order of the Eastern Star is properly referred to in these high terms:

The order of the Eastern Star is doing noble work in our state and is entitled to our highest commendation. The zeal, devotion, self-denial and earnest efforts in the uplift of humanity displayed by these noble women who, in a large measure, constitute the membership of our valuable auxiliary, are greatly deserving of our praise and hearty co-operation.

Brethren, I commend this order to you. It has wrought "worthily and well" and should receive recognition and encouragement at our hands.

Under the head of "State of the Order," the Grand Master makes this reference to lodges having unwieldy, top heavy memberships, and the matter was referred to a special committee for consideration and report at the next annual communication. This is what he says in part:

I desire to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the general tone of prosperity that has pervaded our jurisdiction during the year. So far as I can learn, most of our lodges have been working regu-

larly and harmoniously, and I believe earnestly endeavoring to uphold the high standard of Masonic excellence. Some have conferred many degrees, others but few. I desire to remind our subordinate lodges, however, that it is not in mere numbers that Masonic excellence is found, but more particularly in the quality of the material that we accept as a part of our symbolic structure.

We have some lodges that have grown to unwieldy proportions, and while it is true that "in union there is strength," yet the condition and requirements of our Masonic work are such that we can have but a limited number of active workers in each lodge; hence it follows that in lodges having a large membership, we have too many brethren who are Masonically inactive, and it is too often the case that only a small proportion of them attend our meetings with any degree of regularity.

The young craftsman, who might, if properly trained, develop into a useful member of the fraternity, is frequently crowded back by force of numbers, and finds little opportunity to perfect himself in our ceremonial work, or for the attainment of those laudable distinctions and honors which should be open to every deserving young Mason. I am therefore constrained to believe that there should be a limit to membership of our larger lodges, and that when they have reached a certain numerical status, new lodges should be formed, that the work may be more equitably distributed, and greater opportunities offered to the intelligent young brother who desires to advance.

The number of lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan is 431, with a total membership of 78,857, showing the immense net gain of 3,893.

Bro. Lou B. Winsor, the Grand Secretary, presents a full report on correspondence, covering 300 pages of the volume, in which the transactions of North Carolina for 1915 receive due consideration.

GEORGE L. LUSK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

LOU B. WINSOR, P. G. M., *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### MINNESOTA, 1915

62ND ANNUAL.

ST. PAUL.

JANUARY 20.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, R. E. Denfeld, occupies the fly leaf of the volume.

Brother Denfeld has given faithful service and supervision to the craft of Minnesota for the past year, and these are the conditions which he reports to subsist at the present:

We have been blessed with a fair measure of health, peace, and prosperity; good feeling and harmony have been evident in the labors of the Craft; progress has been made in the character of the work, the quality of membership, and the increase in enrollment.

The Grand Master paid appropriate tribute to the Masonic dead.

He reports dedications of halls, the constitution of lodges and the laying of corner-stones. One lodge, too weak to bear its financial burdens, voluntarily surrendered its charter and is now numbered among the dead.

He reports 8 decisions, which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, as in accordance with the local law.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of five new lodges.

Like many other executives, he reports having made many pleasant official visits.

The Minnesota brethren are approaching the time when they will establish a Masonic Home; and with the active labors of Past Grand Master Ives, and other zealous advocates of the institutional method of dispensing relief, it is reasonable to expect that they will meet with success in this laudable enterprise.

The Grand Master says in reference to the needs:

There are many cases throughout the state I believe, waiting for such an institution, who are now merely existing without satisfactory care, although the lodges are doing the best they can. The old and feeble are not getting the attention they should receive in the ordinary family, while the children of the needy Masons, that is, the Masonic orphans, are practically neglected. Had my health permitted I should have waged a campaign of education along this line and not rested satisfied until the entire state, Masonically considered, had been given an opportunity to make its contribution. Matters of this kind, when generally presented, are left more or less to the discretion of the membership, without bringing it home to them individually. The good work that the Masonic Association is doing through its president and secretary and its committees no



doubt will bear fruit so that possibly another year will make the Home a reality.

In the jurisdiction of Minnesota there are 257 chartered lodges, having a total membership of 30,411, showing a net gain of 1,602.

The report on Correspondence condensed, yet full and accurate, is as usual, the work of the veteran correspondent, Bro. Irving Todd, who has given the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 an interesting summary of conditions in the Old North State.

HARRY M. BURNHAM, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN FISHEL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### MISSISSIPPI, 1915

97TH ANNUAL.

VICKSBURG.

FEBRUARY 16.

The likeness of the incoming Grand Master, Jesse M. Brooks, forms the frontispiece and that of the Grand Secretary, Frederic G. Speed, is found farther on in the volume.

Before the formal opening of the Grand Lodge there was a brief and eloquent address of welcome on behalf of the local craft by Bro. Joseph Hirsh. Immediately afterwards there was an address by Mrs. Ellye Beaseley, Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she paid high tribute to the good works of Freemasonry.

The annual address of the Grand Master, R. A. Carson, is a comprehensive recital of his labors during the year. He feels that he is warranted in making this inspiring report:

Extensive journeyings have enabled me to visit every portion of the State, to meet the brethren in their own lodge-rooms, and I have been greatly impressed and stimulated in the prosecution of the work to which I have devoted my time by the spirit of genuine fraternity, which prevails in the craft, and by the encouragement given me by the thousands, whom it has been my privilege to take by the hand. Our numerical growth has been a healthy one, a higher conception of our symbolisms and teachings shows that the elevating

influences that have been continuously and freely disseminated for the benefit of the craft have had a refining effort upon the minds and lives of those who are admitted among us to such an extent that one can safely say our membership is not only increasing, but improving socially, morally and intellectually. Our fraternity is yearly occupying a more elevated plane and our great endeavor should not only be to guard against retrogression, but by persistent, steadfast endeavor enable and dignify all that pertains to our forms, ceremonies and ritual, and, by purifying our mental, moral and physical surroundings steadily advance towards perfection. The field is great and each individual can, in his own quiet, but none the less effective way, add his mite to the good work. Be Masons in the true sense—not simply members.

He reports having constituted seven lodges.

In connection with his granting special dispensations owing to errors in the ballot box, he makes the suggestion that black cubes and white balls be used, and this we think is the general usage.

Seeing the benefits arising from visits between lodges, he has issued an order that this practice be cultivated, and we believe with the Grand Master, that it will result in great good.

On the subject of cipher rituals he issued the following edicts, which we hope will be obeyed:

Therefore, I, Robert A. Carson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free & Accepted Masons; declare the same to be illegal and order that the making, distributing or possessing of such cipher cease, and that all copies now in hands of our membership be sent to me immediately.

Further, the use or possession of such cipher or any cipher by members of this jurisdiction to be followed by suspension.

The Grand Master reports some irregularities and unmasonic conduct and imposed proper discipline.

In appreciation of the efficient work of the women of the Etstern Star the Grand Master makes this acknowledgement:

As a proper recognition of the valuable assistance on the part of this splendid organization towards our Home at Meridian, and to more closely identify them with the work at this Institution, and also that we may have the benefit of a woman's mind in solving the many perplexing problems that so often arise and confront us,—I

recommend that the Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, be requested to appoint two of their members, who are so situated that they can conveniently discharge this duty to act in conjunction with our Board of Managers of the Masonic Home in an advisory capacity.

He, like other Grand Masters, finds the subject of non-affiliates very troublesome, and advises that unusual efforts be made to bring them back.

The Masonic Home cares for 120 children, all of whom are taught to do some useful work, and are reported to be in good health. The per capita cost of maintenance is comparatively low, about \$134 a year.

There are 373 subordinate lodges, having a total membership of 20,073, showing a net gain of 657.

Brother Harry Howard, Past Grand Master, was recalled to the tripod and this is his response to the order:

Brethren, I submit the following report hoping it may be read by some of you, otherwise I have wasted the Grand Lodge funds and two months of my time.

The Grand Master wrote me saying I must return to my old station and nothing loath to coming back I answered in the words of the poet:

"Thou art the King  
And here I stand to follow thy bequest,  
Obedient ever.  
And may the purple self-existent God,  
Whose vital energy pervades all space  
From future transmigrations save my soul."

So once more I go over the old familiar road, and hear the voices of beloved Brethren scattered far and near, reviewing such proceedings as my young friend, the Grand Secretary, has shipped down to me.

Quite a number are missing, but we start as usual with our near neighbor and end with dear old Past Grand Sire Kuykendall.

The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 are briefly summarized by Brother Howard.

JESSE M. BROOKS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FREDERIC G. SPEED, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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NEW BRUNSWICK, 1914

47TH ANNUAL.

FREDERICTON.

AUGUST 25.

The fly leaf contains the likeness of the incoming Grand Master, Hedley V. B. Bridges, L. L. D.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Frederick J. G. Knowlton, is a condensed but interesting report of his official doings during the past year.

He reports that the Grand Lodge, by legislative action, has been made a body corporate, and under this act, the constituent lodges may hold property in the hands of the lodge corporation.

The Grand Master makes this reference to the Fund of Benevolence:

The report of the Grand Treasurer will show an increase in the assets of this fund, the income of which is available for the relief of necessitous brethren, their widows and orphans. During the past year, several grants have been made, and these have in all cases carried to the recipient the proof that Masonry applies in a practical manner the principles which it professes to teach.

The foregoing statements of the Grand Master is confirmed by the report of the Grand Treasurer, who says that the fund is growing rapidly, and is now \$1,528.35 more than a year ago.

There are 39 lodges having a total membership of 3,539, showing an increase of 192.

HEDLEY V. B. BRIDGES, L. L. D., *M. W. Grand Master.*

J. TWINING HARTT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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NEBRASKA, 1915

58TH ANNUAL.

OMAHA.

JUNE 8.

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas M. Davis, is a lengthy document showing that he gave strenuous and continuous service to the fraternity during the year.

The Nebraska Masonic Home receives high commendation and the proposed erection of an orphanage at Fremont has received the approval of the Grand Master and the membership generally.

Dispensations were granted for the erection of five new lodges, and they together with two, which were continued last year, are now asking for charters.

The Grand Master made as many visits as possible and expresses his appreciation of the cordiality with which he was received.

He has expressed his positive disapproval of the use of keys and ciphers, and has advised every lodge accused of taking this short cut to verbal perfection in the ritual to go back to the old ways.

He pays this compliment to the women of the Eastern Star:

I accepted a very cordial invitation to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of this splendid Order. To meet with them, to see their zeal, earnestness, and enthusiasm was indeed inspiring. Their business was dispatched with promptness and harmony that might be well emulated. They had already joined with us in the support and maintenance of our orphans. They are enthusiastic in the founding of the Children's Home, and it is a burning question with them. To that end they increased their annual dues from five to twenty-five cents per member. Too much praise and credit cannot be given the noble women of this Order for the good they are accomplishing. Their hearts are touched and afire with the desire to care for the orphans of their deceased sisters, and to give them as nearly as possible a mother's love.

The Grand Master made several recommendations, which to us, seem eminently wise, but of which several were left over for approval next year. These extracts will show somewhat of the labors performed by Brother Davis during the year, and at what personal sacrifice:

There were 1,887 initiations this year, and an actual gain in membership of 1,183. I convened eighteen occasional Grand Lodges, constituted five new lodges, laid eleven corner-stones, dedicated two Masonic Temples, granted dispensations for five lodges, U. D., made fifteen official visitations, and travelled about 14,000 miles, many of them by automobile. I have sent out from my office about 3,000 letters, these besides 1,600 letters and circulars sent for me through the Grand Secretary's office. Much in addition to this as shown by my address was done, but I did not consider it of sufficient importance to report.

I have not given forty-eight hours of the whole year to my own affairs, devoting my entire time for service to this Grand Jurisdiction. I could not have done this but for my associate in business for the past twenty-five years, Brother Charles E. V. Smith. He assumed all the cares and labor of our active personal affairs in order to permit me to give all my time to this work. I feel that if I have accomplished anything for you this year, he is entitled to a share of the credit.

All told there are 267 lodges having a total membership of 22,305, a net gain of 1,193.

On recommendation of Bro. Francis E. White, of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was duly recognized.

The general report on correspondence is contributed by the experienced writer, Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps. The report is interesting and instructive throughout, as is to be expected from the pen of a veteran. The transactions of North Carolina for 1915 have been fraternally noted, and Grand Master John T. Alderman received the compliment of a quotation from his annual address.

SAMUEL S. WHITING, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FRANCIS E. WHITE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### NEVADA, 1915

51ST ANNUAL.

RENO.

JUNE 8.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Theo. J. Steinmetz, occupies the fly leaf.

The address of Brother Steinmetz is a very full report of his official doings for the year just coming to a close.

He pays tribute to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

He reports many pleasant and profitable official visits to the subordinate lodges.

Owing to the diversity of work in the different lodges and for the purpose of approaching uniformity he makes this recommendation:

I therefore recommend the appointment, by the Grand Master,



of three District Deputies, who shall be well qualified in the standard work. Their duty shall be the dissemination of the work, and they shall be under the command and control of the Committee on Ritual and Standard Work. Their traveling expense shall be borne by the Grand Lodge, and their expense while on duty shall be borne by the respective Lodges requiring their services.

As to non-affiliates he says :

To one and all, the older members, whose wise counsel and in one has pledged allegiance, and the Fraternity needs the support of all. It is not necessary that Masons should be contributors to our lodges, but they should be contributing to the Craft somewhere, and be recognized as co-laborers for the good of their fellowman. Non-affiliates, Brethren, who do not comply with the requirements of our Constitution and Regulations cannot be deemed worthy of any of the rights or benefits of the Fraternity. Our Grand Lodge has so decreed.

He is fortunate in having no decisions to report.

The number of lodges, working under charter, is 23, having a total membership of 1,975, a net gain of 36.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 receive ample consideration. We fear that we cannot accept the invitation of Brother Vanderlieth "to stop and tarry with the Nevada brethren for a while, on our trip to or from the Panama Pacific Exposition." We can't go so far away from the fireside.

Brother Vanderlieth and we are not in accord as to the culmination of dues against suspended brethren. It does not seem to us to be fair to force a suspended brother to contribute to lodge funds, when he is not allowed even to visit that lodge. But there is force in what Brother Vanderlieth says on this subject :

Sorry our brother does not like our charging dues up against a brother suspended for non-payment. We only suspend brothers who are amply able to pay. Now why should such tight wads stay out of the work for fellowmen that they obligated themselves to help, when the lodge needs their help, and come back in boom times, when Masonry is worth while, or just in time to receive public

funeral honors, for you know simply the act of payment of dues restores in Nevada?

BENJ. W. COLEMAN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

E. D. VANDERLIETH, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### NEW JERSEY, 1915

128TH ANNUAL.

TRENTON.

APRIL 21.

The likeness of the Grand Master, Charles P. Russ, occupies the fly leaf.

The address of the Grand Master has the unusual merit of brevity combined with a comprehensive report of present conditions.

He reported but one ruling and it seems to us to be eminently just and proper, namely that a suspended brother should not be required to pay dues during the time of suspension. This view of the Grand Master was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Naturally it should be in New Jersey as in other jurisdictions which have Masonic Homes, that large appropriations are demanded for the erection of additional buildings and their equipment. In this regard he says:

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge an appropriation of forty thousand dollars was made for an addition to the main building. After careful consideration, however, the Masonic Home Committee ascertained that the estimated cost of a suitable addition would be greater than the amount appropriated, and although greatly handicapped by limited quarters, managed to carry on the work throughout the year without it. The time, however, has arrived when it is of absolute necessity that a substantial addition should be made to our Home, and I would recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the Committee to proceed and erect the same at the lowest possible price consistent with good workmanship. Definite steps should also be taken toward the establishment of an infirmary, whereby we may be enabled to provide a home for our Brethren who are physically incapacitated, but are not considered hospital patients and are now excluded by our rules and absence of proper accommodations from our Home. The report of the Home Committee will be submitted later on for your consideration.

Handsome new Masonic temples are figured in this volume, and the contrast between the plain old Masonic temple at Trenton and the new and beautiful structure at Camden is very marked, and of these temples the Grand Master says:

We have in this Grand Jurisdiction at the present time some six or seven buildings used entirely for Masonic purposes and known as Masonic Temples, with the number constantly increasing. In order that the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction may be informed as to the progress made in this direction, I would recommend that the Grand Lodge publish, in its proceedings, a half-tone reproduction of the various Temples now erected and used for Masonic purposes only, and that in the future, as Temples of this kind are erected by the Craft, that half-tone reproductions of the same be inserted in our proceedings.

A very pleasing report is that of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, which says that it has had nothing to do through the year.

Very handsome was the action of the Grand Lodge in appropriating \$2,000 annually for the support of its superannuated Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Benjamin F. Wakefield.

There are 194 lodges, having a total membership of 40,169, showing a net gain of 1,895.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, and except for the reduction in space is up to his standard. He gives the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 fraternal consideration.

EDWARD M. SEARING, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THEODORE B. TOWNLEY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1915

126TH ANNUAL.

CONCORD.

MAY 19.

The pictorial adornments consist of the likenesses of John Pender, who was Grand Master in 1892, 1893, and of two deceased brethren, Charles N. Towle, D. D. Grand Master, 1875-76 and Charles M. Cummings, D. D. Grand Master, 1891.

There are memorials to the two latter brethren, showing that they were upright Masons and highly esteemed in their respective communities.

More than ordinary care is given to the instruction of the rank and file of the fraternity in New Hampshire. The semi-annual communications is devoted entirely to the exemplification of the three degrees, the work of each degree being conducted by the officers of one of the lodges. Besides this, there were held schools of instruction in three of the Masonic districts, and each held in compliance with the request of a majority of the lodges in those districts. This educational effort shows the craft to be enthusiastic and desirous of instruction. Speaking of those lodges of instruction, the Grand Master, Stephen S. Jewett, adds this commendation:

The same as last year, only three of the seven Masonic districts held meetings, but they were splendid gatherings, and gave the brethren good opportunity to see the work in the three degrees, and so to improve themselves in the work. I believe Lodges of Instruction to be productive of much good to the fraternity. It not only helps in bringing about greater proficiency in the ritualistic work, but strengthens the bonds of friendship and gives the brethren an opportunity to extend their acquaintance. I sincerely hope that the interest in Lodges of Instruction will constantly increase.

Brother Jewett offers this high praise to the lodges of his jurisdiction, and we feel sure it is well deserved:

I have been strongly impressed during the past year with the fidelity of the various lodges in this jurisdiction, along all lines tending to support the grand principles that are set forth in the ritual and work. I firmly believe that the Masonic fraternity is the greatest bulwark for the general good of this country that is in existence today, and New Hampshire Masons are fully alive to their duties and obligations and will always be found standing shoulder to shoulder and show by their conduct and action that the fraternity to which they belong is not for mere empty show.

He made no decisions, except passing upon the disqualification of a candidate for the degrees, who, obviously, could not be accepted.

Speaking of the Masonic Home, the Grand Master says in part:

Our greatest need relating to the Home is sufficient funds to construct a hospital annex, where inmates of the Home may be better cared for than it is possible to do with the accommodations now provided. I sincerely hope that every member of the fraternity will in every way possible assist us in the noble work of maintaining our Masonic Home, so that those of our fraternity whose situation is such as to need the relief that we can give them by an institution of this kind may feel that its doors are always open to them, and that everything that is possible will be done for their relief and comfort. I urge that all our efforts may be increased along all lines of endeavor to make this Masonic Home in every sense of the word what its name implies.

An appeal for the war sufferers in Europe was answered by the prompt contribution of \$1,215.74.

There are 80 lodges on the roll with a membership of 10,910, showing an increase of 128.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Harry M. Cheney, who is ever bright and alert. The transactions of North Carolina for 1914 are fully and fraternally noticed, and the space of two pages devoted to that purpose.

We quote this from his introduction, as expressing our sentiments:

The last proceeding for the year has been read and here reviewed. As a mere job it has not been a trifling one. Yet there is so much in it that attracts, that pleases, that charms, that elevates, that there is little of a task about it. Just a job is an irksome thing—killing time for pay day. But this work of supplying copy for the following printed pages carries with it so much that is appealing that the job part of it is eliminated and the whole thing made a joy. When the two are mixed—job and joy—in other words when one is on good terms with what he is doing, then is one's lot in life a happy one. I do not dare dream as to how successful it may be, but to my good brethren, for whom this work is done, I do aver that the labor assigned to me has brought more delights than can here be expressed.

STEPHEN S. JEWETT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

HARRY M. CHENEY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## NEW MEXICO, 1914

37TH ANNUAL.

ALBUQUERQUE.

OCTOBER 19.

The volume is adorned with the photograph of Edward A. Cahoon, who was Grand Master from 1902 to 1903.

The address of the Grand Master, Nathan Jaffa, is a complete and itemized statement of his official work for the year. In his exordium he deplores the horrors of the stupendous conflict raging in Europe, and prays for the return of peace.

He rendered 14 decisions, which met with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

Like many other Grand Masters, he regrets that he was not able to make as many visits to the constituent lodges as he had planned at the beginning of his administration.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that the lodges have been doing reasonably good work, and that the membership in the 43 working lodges is now 3,361, showing a net gain of 153.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is, as usual, presented by our professional and Masonic brother, Dr. James H. Wroth, who brings to his work the high qualifications of Masonic scholarship and independence of thought. He has given to the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 very kindly consideration. On the question of recognition of Grand Lodges, he does not agree with Brother Kuykendall of Wyoming and says:

He does not agree with the writer regarding our views as to recognition and in his report on Wyoming copies in full Brother Kuykendall's opinion, which I believe we quoted last year. It isn't a question as to a go-as-you-please style, but that a man can be a gentleman without having been introduced. There is entirely too much legislation nowadays and too little affection.

RALEIGH F. HARE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, *M. W. Grand Secretary.*



## NEW SOUTH WALES, 1914

26TH ANNUAL.

SYDNEY.

JUNE 24.

The volume contains the proceedings of the four quarterly communications and of three special meetings.

At the special communication, on the 18th of August, 1913, the Grand Master elect, Dr. Charles U. Carruthers, was installed with the usual imposing ceremonies. His inaugural address was an excellent presentation of the evolution of Masonry up to the present day. We quote in part the attack directed at Masonry from the Cathedral in Sydney and the Grand Master's comments thereon:

And so we stand at the present day—we try to work in peace and harmony with all mankind, including our enemies. Like a lighthouse firmly set on a rock in an ocean waste—the storms of tyranny, persecution, malice and fanaticism, the instruments of torture, the rack and the fire have proved innocuous and futile.

Only a few weeks ago we were subjected to a venomous attack from the pulpit of St Mary's Cathedral, and I am afraid it points to what one might expect if we were still under the temporal power of the Papal Hierarchy.

This venerable and esteemed Archiepiscopal sacerdotalist, this mythagogue from the land of Saints and no snakes, seems to have no higher ideal than to go round on Sundays hurling javelins, so to speak, at all who are not inclined to agree with him or submit to his dogmas. One time it is the Railway Commissioners for not granting some concessions to his priests, another it is the Press that are suppressing or not publishing cables about Catholic news; then the lower social position of his followers, as if social position was a commodity sold across the counter; then another time Freemasonry, and generally always "State Education." Fortunately his javelins are harmless; they are forged out of putty; and he represents a small though aggressive minority.

The fraternity of New South Wales have been always, and are now zealous in providing charity funds, so that no case of distress shall go unrelieved. The benevolent fund amounts to £26,891, the Freemasons Orphans' Society £33,913 and the Freemasons Benevolent Institution £19,196, truly a noble provision against the day of adversity.

The total membership is 20,477, showing an increase of 1,749.

The report on correspondence is contributed by the different members of the committee, and the review of the North Carolina transactions receive consideration from "C. M." which we take it means V. W. Brother Claud Manning. Brother Manning is of the opinion that many of the Grand Lodges of the United States, that of North Carolina amongst the number, are hostile to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but he is in error, we think, in that conclusion. In justice to Brother Manning, we quote entirely what he has to say on the matter:

The proceedings of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which covers 118 pages, and which was produced by Brother John A. Collins for the committee, is exceedingly interesting reading, but one cannot help noticing, right throughout the proceedings, that wherever the opportunity affords itself to the "Knights of the Round Table," they unswervingly plunge the dagger into the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and its successor the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Seeing that North Carolina, who boasts of having children and grandchildren, which are now Sister Grand Lodges, surely they can be a little more chivalrous towards this Grand Lodge because one would have thought that it has enough troubles in the continuous state of turmoil in which the country is plunged without Grand Lodges "rubbing it in" on every possible occasion.

Grand Lodges, with just the same power of forming conclusions as North Carolina, have granted recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and we hope that, when the next proceedings come for review, we will see that North Carolina has fallen into line.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ARTHUR H. BRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### NEW YORK, 1915

134TH ANNUAL.

NEW YORK.

MAY 4.

Opening the volume we find an illuminated "A Plea for Peace to Free and Accepted Masons." This is a beautiful presentation of the fears and hopes and results of the terrible

European war now prevailing, and is creditable alike to the kind heart and the good sense of the Grand Master, George Freifeld. It should be read and studied by every Mason who has the opportunity to do so.

Fine steel portraits of Grand Master Freifeld and Robert D. Holmes, who was Grand Master in 1865 and 1866 adds to the attractiveness of the volume.

In this Grand Jurisdiction, the largest in America, there are 837 lodges and a membership of 192,463, made up of different races and nationalities, described by the Grand Master as follows:

Men gathered in this hall are from communities so remote from commercial activities that the snort of the iron horse never disturbs the quiet of the day nor breaks the silence of the night. To others the clangors of a work-a-day world are never stilled. Some come from verdant hill and fertile valley, others there are to whom the long, house-bound, level streets are daily sights. Nor are these differences in habitations and pursuits the only distinctions notable in the conditions of those who compose this, the largest Masonic Jurisdiction in the Western Hemisphere, if not in the world. The universality of Masonry is abundantly shown here.

We have received into the body of our Fraternity, not only the occasional individual who from the fact of birth in another country may be termed "a foreigner," but there are represented in this Grand Lodge whole lodges composed of Italians, Frenchman, Germans, Scandinavians, Spaniards, and others having a large number of Armenians and Turks, Russians and Poles. These Brethren vie with the native American in their eager enthusiasm, steadfast loyalty and brotherly emulation in the work of the Fraternity under the leadership of successive Grand Masters.

The long list of Masonic dead, at home and abroad, receive appropriate notice.

The Grand Master reports having attended many ceremonial exercises and having issued many dispensations, among these authority to erect 15 new lodges.

A compelling labor has follow upon the Grand Masters during the last few years, to pay off the mortgage indebtedness on its valuable property in New York City, so that the

revenues thereof should be applied to fostering the charities of the craft, rather than to payment of interest. Much success has attended those efforts and it is probable that within a few years the entire debt will be wiped out through the voluntary contributions of the lodges for that purpose.

Naturally after the lapse of years, every Grand Lodge which maintains a Home or Homes will be forced to make provision for enlargement and for the care of the helpless, the number of which will increase with the years, and the Grand Master makes this strong appeal for the Home:

Closely allied with the redemption in part of the debt on the New York real estate is the work of charity and relief, education and maintenance, carried on at Utica. If a larger number of our brethren were better acquainted with the great burden which the craft bears to properly support our great charitable enterprise and familiar with the daily good and fine practical results which are being attained, there would be a greater liberality shown in the effort to wipe out the debt on the buildings here. Let us never forget that we clothe, feed and house nearly five hundred (500) adults and children; that many of our aged ones remain in our care for many years; that we train and educate our children, who also remain with us for long periods—sometimes longer than the old can stay. That the needs of the Home will increase as the years pass; that the big Administration building is twenty-three (23) years old and in need of extensive repairs now; that the cost of living affects us heavily; that the lodges are wholly relieved of the cost of their dependents who are in the Home, except as to the trifle of a per capita tax and the present voluntary pro rata contribution amounting to \$1.40 a year for five years per man.

From his "Conclusion" we make this extract:

The year thus ended has been filled with absorbing duties and a measure of anxiety. It has also been characterized by kindly courtesies, profoundly stirring scenes, social privileges, both widespread and most hospitable, and a loyalty and great-hearted confidence from every Brother of high title and no title that, though indescribable, is not unappreciated. It has been my high privilege to meet thousands of the brethren in their own lodges. The invitations so to do have been far beyond the limit of the time and opportunity allowed to me. It is my firm conviction, strengthened by the experience of the past year, that a Grand Master is deprived

of a vital and refreshing inspiration when he fails to mingle with the great body of the fraternity whenever there is opportunity.

The craft ought to come into personal contact with the men who are its leaders and the rulers should meet the brethren frequently. Then there will come that mutual understanding, sympathy and fellowship which develops a kindly confidence and the coöperation so essential to the successful solution of all our problems. To the faithful District Deputies whose reports I have read and whose work is entitled to unstinted praise I present my profound acknowledgment of gratitude. To all others of the staff, not forgetting the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Marshal and the Judge Advocate, who have rendered helpful service, I give sincere thanks myself and for our fraternity.

And now brethren, having reviewed the events and work of the year, let us take courage and proceed. Our fraternity has advanced in numbers, in moral and spiritual strength, and its house is being put in order.

Much has been done in the year and in the years of the past. Greater work awaits our industry, fidelity and love. Let us apply these qualities with freedom, fervency and zeal, and when the night cometh we shall rest from our labors.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is contributed by M. W. Bro. William Sherer and R. W. Brethren Emil Frenkel and Emanuel Loewenstein, and contains more general information as to the craft universal than can be found anywhere else. In its introduction this committee recommends that the request for recognition by the Grand Lodges of Egypt, the Independent National Grand Lodge of France and the so called Grand Lodge of Universal Masonry in Mexico be deferred for future consideration.

In its general review the committee gives the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 brief but fraternal consideration.

GEORGE FREIFELD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NORTH DAKOTA, 1915

26TH ANNUAL.

GRAND FORKS.

JUNE 15.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, Frank H.



Sprague, occupies the fly leaf, and immediately following is a biographical sketch by his friend, Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary. We quote the final paragraph of this eulogy to an upright man and Mason :

Such is the story of the personal business, political and Masonic life of Frank H. Sprague. To those of us who know him, it is easy to understand why preferment in many fields of endeavor have come to him unsolicited. A man of fine presence, of splendid business acumen, conservative in judgment, untiring in his efforts for any cause in which he enlists, fair in his dealings with men and loyal to his friends.

The address of Brother Sprague is an excellent presentation of his official doings, and of the condition of the craft in North Dakota. His reference to the bloody conflicts, now raging in Europe is so eloquent and true, that we quote this paragraph :

Forecasts of statesmen have proven complete failures; all laudable efforts for Universal Peace have been nullified; agreements, solemnly ratified by contracting governments, have been repudiated by warring nations; brute force, yielding to the influence of trade rivalries and racial enmities, has supplanted the higher ideals of government, and under this intoxication even the rights of neutral powers have been flagrantly violated. The teachings of the Prince of Peace seem obliterated as thousands, yes millions, of His followers are struggling to exterminate other millions of the same faith, using in part instruments of warfare shamefully barbaric, and all calling upon Jehovah to aid their cause. Is it any wonder that strong men pause, shudder and quail before such a spectacle?

Three lodges were constituted, and dispensations were issued for the formation of four others.

The Grand Master refers to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium and judging from reports of the committee and superintendent, the enterprise promises to be of great importance in the coming years. The total number of patients admitted to the Sanatorium is 35.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Walter L. Stockwell, is so informing as to the condition of the craft in its various departments, that it should be studied by every North Dakota Mason.



From the report of the trustees of the Relief Fund, we quote this in evidence of the good taste of the members of the board:

Your Trustees feel that it were better that we would not be called upon to specify all the details of the relief afforded by us, for several reasons. It is embarrassing to the Brother receiving relief and offensive and humiliating to his pride of manhood; and generally he is not the one who makes the first advances to obtain the necessary relief, therefore he should be shielded from publicity, otherwise our charities take on the thought that we are advertising our beneficences. Second, it is disconcerting to the lodge which must needs ask to have this charity extended, as reflecting on their poor, exhausted treasury. Third, it is decidedly perplexing to the Trustees to have to report their actions, knowing the widespread publicity that their report receives, to do it in a way that will not offend the sensibilities of the Brother or the lodge at issue. So this year we shall not make the declaration of the recipients of relief.

The Frank J. Thompson memorial prize in oratory was awarded to Mr. Robert Bruce Pollock, a member of the senior class of Jamestown College, and his address, "America's Opportunity" is printed in the volume, and indicates that the boy has talents and promise of future distinction.

The dedication of the Masonic Temple at Grand Forks was made a memorable occasion for the craft, and was marked with an instructive and eloquent address by Bro. Walter L. Stockwell.

There are 106 lodges, having a total membership of 9,593.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, James W. Foley and takes note of important items in the Grand Lodge, whose Proceedings had been reviewed.

We regret that the North Carolina transactions were lost in transit.

HARRY LORD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## NOVA SCOTIA, 1914

49TH ANNUAL.

HALIFAX

JUNE 10.

The fly leaf contains the likeness of Bro. Charles E. Puttner, Ph. D., who was Deputy Grand Master in 1907. Preceding the memorial pages is found the photograph of Dr. Thomas Trenaman, P. G. M., a distinguished and useful member of the Nova Scotia fraternity, who has been called to rest after a long and honorable career.

The address of Grand Master William Medford Christie, is an excellent account of a successful administration. He makes this acknowledgement of his appreciation of the services of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge:

During my two terms of office, I have had much close and friendly intercourse with our worthy and beloved Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray. His health, I regret to say, has been far from good the past year—he having been confined to his house for some time last winter. I am pleased, however, to report that he is now much better, and is continuing to improve in health, and that he is able to attend to his duties as Grand Secretary, which duties he is performing in our midst at the present time. I thank him for the assistance he has on all occasions freely given to me, and for his wise counsel and friendly advice. May he be long spared to act as our Grand Scribe, and by his genial countenance and pleasant address cheer us on our way.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Mowbray, we find that there are 74 lodges including two under dispensation, and that the total membership is 6,758, showing a gain of 230.

The report of the trustees of the Nova Scotia Freemason's Home, coupled with that of the superintendent, indicates that the institution is accomplishing the purpose for which it was created. There are 15 inmates, who receive the loving care of the fraternity.

The report on correspondence contains the review of 59 Grand Jurisdictions and is contributed by Bro. Thomas Mowbray. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1914 receive fraternal notice and the unusual space of

nearly four pages, for which we wish to make suitable acknowledgement. From Brother Mowbray's introduction we make this extract:

Again, all along the line, as it appears to us, the grand and sublime principles of Freemasonry are bearing good fruit, and our ancient and honourable Institution is holding its own as a power for good in the land. And possibly in no part of the great scheme of our "Glorious Freemasonry" is our good and progressive work more in evidence than in its abundant charities the wide world over. In our own little Province, besides making a costly but much needed addition to our beautiful Home at Windsor for the comfort of its inmates, both Grand Lodge and the different subordinate lodges have done, and are doing, their duty faithfully and cheerfully in this respect.

WILLIAM MEDFORD CHRISTIE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NOVA SCOTIA, 1915

50TH ANNUAL.

HALIFAX.

JUNE 9.

The likeness of Bro. Donald Fisher Fraser, the incoming Grand Master, occupies the fly leaf.

The annual address of Grand Master William M. Christie is a very full and fine account of his stewardship. It was proposed and expected a year ago, that the semi-centennial of the Grand Lodge would be celebrated at this communication in a manner indicating the triumphant progress of the fraternity but the terrible conditions now prevailing sadden the hearts of the brotherhood, and a very simple ceremonial was used.

Of the sentiments and effects produced by the war on the Nova Scotia Masons, the Grand Master says in part:

Among those who have gone to the Front, are many of our Masonic brethren and the sons of brethren of this Grand Masonic Jurisdiction. The end of that conflict does not appear to be near, and no man can prophesy within measureable distance at what time the war will end, nor what the outcome will be. It is our duty as Masons to loyally support the Government in carry-

ing on this war against those who would trample under foot and destroy all the principles of our beloved Order. I believe that in the end, justice and right although now seriously threatened, will triumph, and that while we cling to the ancient landmarks, principles and charges of Freemasonry, and nobly do our duty in whatever station it has pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe to place us, we need have no fear of what the future has in store for our Grand Lodge nor for the brethren herein represented. Let us pray for peace, but at the same time let us do our share of the work necessary to be done in order to obtain and secure that peace which we hope and trust will come out of this conflict, and will forever hereafter prevail throughout the world.

We cannot all enlist in the great army that is now fighting and shedding its blood for King and country, but we can serve our King and country as good and loyal citizens of this great and glorious Empire and fulfill the mission of Masonry by exerting ourselves to make provision for the care of the wounded soldiers, to help support the families of those who fall, and to bring as much comfort as possible to all those in distress and want. That I believe is the mission of the Freemasons of this Grand Jurisdiction. So far, we, as a Masonic body, have contributed nothing towards the relief of the distress occasioned by the war. Appeals were made at the beginning of the war for contributions from this Grand Lodge to various funds which were being raised for the relief and care of wounded soldiers and others suffering from the effects of the war. I did not deem it my right nor my duty, to take any part of the funds of the Grand Lodge and appropriate them to that purpose, at that time. I am not one of those who believed when the struggle commenced, that it would be over in six months or a year. I firmly believed that it would be a long and bloody war and that the resources of this Grand Lodge should be harbored, and when the funds which were so generously contributed by the people of Canada were in danger of being exhausted, the Masons of Nova Scotia would be in a position to come forward and use the funds of Grand Lodge as well as such funds as should be contributed by subordinate lodges and brethren of Nova Scotia, for the relief of the families depending on such brethren, and the dependent on them, and all those who may suffer from the effects of this cruel war. At one time I had it in mind to issue a circular to subordinate lodges and Masons generally asking them to send in contributions to the Grand Secretary to form a fund to be used for the relief of those who should suffer by this war, but on further consideration I decided to leave the matter to be dealt with by the Grand Lodge. I now recommend that the Grand Lodge direct the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee of six to act with

him in devising a scheme for raising as large a fund as possible to be used for the care of such of the brethren of this jurisdiction as have volunteered for active service and have been wounded, and for the relief of the families depending on such brethren, and the families of those who may be killed, and for the relief of all those who may suffer from the effects of the war, and to do all that may be necessary to raise and distribute such fund. I also recommend that the sum of \$2,000 be taken from the general funds of the Grand Lodge and placed in the hands of that Committee as a nucleus of such fund.

The year is reported to have been a comparatively quiet one in Masonry and that there has been an increase of only seven in the total membership.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Bro. Thomas Mowbray, and is up to the standard of his labors in this department. North Carolina for 1915 receives due consideration and the oration by Bro. R. C. Dunn is complimented by extended quotation and high commendation.

DONALD F. FRASER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### OHIO, 1914

105TH ANNUAL.

COLUMBUS.

OCTOBER 21.

The volume is adorned with the likeness of the incoming Grand Master, George L. Marshall, and many other pictorial attractions.

The address of the Grand Master, Charles A. Pretzman, is a comprehensive history of a very successful administration. He makes this gratifying statement as to the condition of the craft:

A year ago the Grand Master reported the banner year in Masonry, the gain being 4,173. I am proud to report 1914 as the banner year of Masonry in Ohio, the net gain in the year ending August 31, 1914, being 5,409. The grand total of Masons in good standing on the last day of August was 96,075.

I do not know of any reason for criticising the Lodges in con-

nection with membership, but I feel it my duty to warn all of our Brethren to look carefully into the merits of every applicant in Masonry. It is not difficult to prevent an unworthy man from entering the lodge, but it is very difficult to deal with him when he once becomes a member.

While I have given the statistics which show this to be the banner year in Masonry, I am justified in saying that it has been equally successful in other particulars. There has been harmony and progress in all the work.

He reports issuing dispensations for the formation of five new lodges.

As to the Masonic Home, the Grand Master briefly reports:

On the 4th day of June, 1914, on the occasion of my visit to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 619, I called at the Masonic Home and received a very cordial welcome from Bro. Philip H. Dorn and his estimable wife. The new building for girls was nearly completed. I found everything to commend and nothing to criticize, and I wish that every Mason of Ohio could visit this beautiful place, which is a monument of the care our order takes for the aged Mason and for his widow and orphan.

The number of lodges in this large jurisdiction is 541 with a total membership of 96,075, showing a net gain of 5,409.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Nelson Williams, making his fourth report on the condition of the fraternity in the jurisdictions whose proceedings he has examined; and should be read by every Mason in Ohio who desires to have an intelligent view of the craft universal. The transactions of North Carolina for 1914 have received kindly consideration from Brother Williams.

He has given a bird's eye view of the "Tar Heel" jurisdiction.

GEORGE L. MARSHALL, *M. W. Grand Master.*

J. H. BROMWELL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



## OKLAHOMA, 1915

7TH ANNUAL.

GUTHRIE.

FEBRUARY 16.

The volume is adorned with the photograph of the Grand Master elect, Almer Ellis Monroney, and portraits of two deceased brothers, James S. Hunt, Emeritus Grand Secretary, and William L. Byrd, Past Senior Grand Warden, I. T.

The annual address of the retiring Grand Master, William P. Freeman, is a lengthy document, but contains every thing of importance occurring during his administration.

He reports the constitution of ten chartered lodges, and the erection by dispensation of eight new lodges.

The Grand Master reports the necessity of administering discipline so many times that it occupies eight pages of the volume, and to us it seems a waste of time, printer's ink and paper.

The affairs of the Masonic Home are reported to be in splendid condition. There are at present under the sheltering care of the home 134 residents, who are maintained at an average per capita cost of \$18.90 per month, which is less than the rate in a good many other Grand Lodges. The "New Jersey incident" he reports as follows:

While I am thanking the members of the Board of Control, I do not overlook the faithful service of Sister M. Alice Miller, the Eastern Star member. She has been one of its most conscientious and hard working members, and always ready to share the burdens which the work has entailed with the other members of the Board. Many perplexing problems have been left to her and she has always been equal to the occasion. In the work of the year she has made a whole hand.

The Grand Master reports 45 decisions, which are reviewed by the Committee on Law and Usage, and fortunately this committee is composed of 16 members.

At the conclusion of his address, the Grand Master makes this reference to the war now raging in Europe:

Now, brethren, before I close permit me to say that as Masonry stands for peace, let us, as becomes its votaries, uphold our patriotic and God-fearing President, who, by his teachings of mo-

rality and equal justice to all, is endeavoring to bring peace to a bleeding continent; and let us, by precept and example, do all in our power to maintain it always within the borders of our own dear country and in our own vicinity. Masonry is opposed to slavery in every form. The millions of men and beardless boys that are fighting and dying in the trenches of Belgium, France, Germany, Russia and Austria, are but slaves to militarism. The verile manhood of Europe is being depleted by the million. God only knows what the outcome will be. Let us hope and pray that from this awful baptism of blood and tears and suffering a new world will be born in which there will be no war, and no more widows and orphans made to satisfy the passions, prejudices and jealousies of avarice, greed and unholy ambition. When perfect peace and perfect freedom come to mankind, then will all tears be wiped away.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Thomas C. Humphry, and gives a summary of the Proceedings of 54 Grand Lodges among which the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 receive a place and fraternal consideration. In his conclusion he shows the contrasts presenting themselves within a generation:

Thirty-five or forty years ago when saloons were all over the states, it was no uncommon thing to see a saloon keeper one of the leading officers of the lodge, now a saloon keeper is not eligible to membership and cannot be made a Mason.

ALMER ELLIS MONRONEY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILLIAM N. ANDERSON, *M. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### OREGON, 1915

65TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

JUNE 16.

The address of the Grand Master, W. C. Bristol, is a comparatively brief paper, but full of pith and marrow and a degree of courage that made the Grand Lodge sit up and take notice. Its consideration gave the different committees to which it was referred ample material to work on. Look at these hand grenades presented by the Grand Master:

Business, either Masonic or secular, does not mix with fraternity. Astonishing wastefulness and extravagance are notably exhibited in the doings of this year among lodges that have cost

approximately \$68,923.00, and nothing is left to show for it. Your Grand Lodge expenditures invariably exceed its income. Its finances have been, and those of your Masonic Building Association usually are, in such a state that there has not been money enough from the revenues to conduct business without borrowing money. This means that a larger assessment will have to be made upon constituent lodges, if present expenditures are maintained, or the demand upon funds within revenue producing limits. This policy of retrenchment has engendered opposition on the ground that business strictness precludes Masonic charity in doing things.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon should not engage in running public buildings for hire and should be more in touch with the lodges throughout the state by holding its sessions at other points and places within the state than Portland, Oregon. You will do well to consult and act upon the powers conferred by Article V of the Constitution in this respect. A closer bond of unity should be maintained between the Grand Lodge and its constituent members; and more needful and proper Masonic business can be conducted with Grand Lodge sessions held elsewhere, than in the City of Portland, whose interests detract attention.

Legislation again affecting your Educational Fund and funds of this Grand Lodge will be suggested. Indeed, a proposed amendment of Section 57 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge is now pending before you. The continuous recurrence of these things is humiliating to our intelligence. The Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge was fixed on the 14th day of June, 1911, and stands fixed. I am indebted to the energetic labors of Brother W. O. Haines in placing before me the record facts. (Extracts read from report). This report is on file with the Grand Secretary. Amendments dealing with things in expectation will never reach the actual facts. There is wide room to reduce our law making; it is much better to confine our affairs within the least amount of rule and enactment. Better to know a few things well and certainly, than to have a body of unknown and misunderstood complex rules. Decisions are unnecessary.

On the subject of Masonic education he says in part:

There are many who worship and bow down to precise and formal declarations of ceremony and ritual, and who immediately allow their misguided feeling so influenced by these methods, to oppose suggestions of this kind as innovations and changes prohibited by Masonic law. No conclusion is farther from the fact. Masonic history and even Masonic tradition alike confirm constant and continuous effort to fit the institution to the time, and any diligent student can prove satisfactorily to many of those formalists

who claim with a fetish like belief no change in so-called landmarks, that there have been many added and taken away by different jurisdictions within the time that authentic proved Masonic history can be traced.

But it is not with our landmarks or our established correct practices that any innovation is suggested; it is with the explanation of them, their purpose and their effect, why they were instituted and for what purpose, what the ritual and ceremonies mean through which the candidate has passed. All these things should be brought to an intelligent educational explanation, that the institution itself may have a lively interest in the preservation of its designs to accomplish the universal brotherhood of men.

He recommends in no uncertain lines the complete destruction of all pointed keys and the maintenance of only one in the hands of the Grand Secretary for reference.

The condition of the jurisdiction, he describes in these pungent sentences:

This jurisdiction is affected with a mental disease of forbidding aspect and virulent symptoms which consist on the one part of those who want a Key for all of the members of the institution, and on the other part those who want a Key for the active officers of the lodge. Last session you directed publication of a Key for the Wardens, but there was not money to meet this appropriation. A Key or Cipher is a destructive, nefarious, vicious thing, destroying one of the five points of fellowship and the only place for it is in the archives of the Grand Secretary as a standard of reference.

Neglect of the young Mason and the entire absence of Masonic educational facilities induces waning interest among members and small attendance in lodges and prevents the growth of healthy Masonic minds.

Masonry in Oregon is now the slave of form and ceremony, the creature of too much law and regulation, and the cringing instrument of self-interest. Ignorance begets imprudence, indifferences and neglect impair its vigor and the misuse and abuse of the ballot destroy its fraternity.

The revival must come from the Masters and Wardens, better interest, closer contact with this Grand body; we are all too far apart.

In the afternoon session of the second day, Past Grand Master George H. Burnette, presented Brother Simmons to the Grand Lodge in these words:

It fell to the honor of my Worthy Brother Simmons to be Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 3. He has performed much Masonic work, but the particular piece of work in which he takes most pride is the fact that he raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in one evening, three brothers, who were triplets, and in honor of the occasion, in testimony of his zeal as a Mason, he has given me the pleasant privilege of presenting to you his picture and the picture of the candidates. With this inscription:

"William, Walter and Wallace Petty, triplets, aged 37 years, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, December 15, 1899, A. L. 5899, by James A. Simmons, W. M."

I present this picture to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, as a token of Brother Simmons' zeal as a Mason. No doubt the majority of you are well acquainted with him. I vouch for him as a man and a Mason.

The number of lodges in Oregon is 145, having a membership of 14,214, a gain of 954.

Brother Bristol, before the close of the Grand Lodge, was tendered a vote of appreciation for his untiring labors in behalf of the constituent lodges, and he deserved it all and more.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master David P. Mason who has given North Carolina ample consideration and the unusual space of nearly three pages.

We sincerely sympathize with Brother Mason in the bereavement which he has sustained and to which he refers in his conclusion :

I submit the foregoing report as your Correspondent for the year now closing, which I assure you has been prepared under great difficulty.

My dear wife, with whom I have traveled life's toilsome journey for nearly forty-eight years, passed away on May 9, 1915, after an illness of almost eleven months.

She was indeed possessed of a strong Christian character and has been the inspiration which prompted me to press forward in the paths of right living.

Although possessed of a retiring disposition, she never failed to enter heartily into anything which she considered just and honorable, and which she thought would conduce to the happiness of those she loved.



Through this trying ordeal, my Masonic brethren, both at home and abroad, have been most kind and have truly exemplified that they are the ones to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrow.

FRANK J. MILLER, *M. W. Grand Master*.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, *R. W. Grand Secreary*.

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### PENNSYLVANIA, 1914

The annual grand communication was held in Philadelphia, December 28, 1814, and was presided over by R. W. Grand Master, J. Henry Williams, whose engraved portrait adorns the volume.

To those who have been observing the progress and usefulness of this Grand Lodge, as we have been for many years, it will be no surprise that the inspection of this volume gives confirmation to its prosperity and influence.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a condensed statement of his official doings for the year. We quote from the edicts of the Grand Master the following, which if known to the candidates would have saved them some embarrassment:

Charles Augustus Sheidy, made a Mason in New York, stands rejected in Reading Lodge, No. 549.

Joseph B. Morris, made a Mason in Oregon, stands rejected in John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 534.

Keller LeRoy Karns, made a Mason in Ohio, stands rejected in Parker City Lodge, No. 521.

John B. Stone, Made a Mason in Illinois, stands rejected in Centennial Lodge, No. 544.

William Samuel Weaver, made a Mason in California, stands rejected in Bethlehem Lodge, No. 283.

Daniel Henry Oskin, made a Mason in Illinois, stands rejected in Braddock's Field Lodge, No. 510.

Frank E. Bunday, a resident of Pennsylvania, made a Mason in Ohio, without inquiry first being made of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the further reason that he is, under our Regulations, physically disqualified.

We think this decision is eminently proper and should



serve as a rebuke to lodge officers who are fond of ostentation and display:

Refused permisison to use as the frontispiece of lodge notice the representation of a "slate."

The lodges in this jurisdiction number 492, and have a total membership of 115,505, showing a net increase of 4,885 within the year.

The report on correspondence is prepared by the chairman of the committee, Bro. James M. Lamberton, and is as usual interesting. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 receive fraternal consideration.

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, *R. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN A. PERRY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, 1914

39TH ANNUAL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

MAY 13.

Occupying the fly leaf is the likeness of the incoming Grand Master, George S. Inman.

The address of the Grand Master, Rev. F. F. Fullerton, is a brief but interesting statement of the condition of the craft in this jurisdiction.

In the opening of his address he congratulates the fraternity on account of the prevalence of universal peace, but unfortunately it was shown a few months afterwards that he was premature. He said:

It is a matter for universal gratitude that our great and unparalled Empire has not been called upon to take up arms either in offense or defence, that while maintaining her lofty supremacy on the sea, and her magnificent influence in the councils of the nations, there has been no need to "let slip the dogs of war."

In noting the deaths of distinguished Masons in his jurisdiction, he pays this tribute to Bro. Hector McDonald:

Past Grand Master, Judge H. C. McDonald was unexpectedly called away from earth while his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated, reminding us that while we go on from design to design we may be suddenly alarmed at the approach of the mes-

senger of Death at a moment when we least expect him, and which we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence. Occupying as he did a prominent position on the bench and filling the highest office in our gift, he revealed his true manhood in the dignity, ease and humility which characterized him on all occasions in connection with the fulfilment of his official duties. We mourn deeply what seems to us a premature ending of a life which was so full of promise, and was so serviceable to our institution. We must however remember that a career is measured by its content and quality rather than by its duration.

Like every other British Colonial Grand Lodge, the brethren of this small jurisdiction are ever on the alert for building up the fund of benevolence, and of this duty the Grand Master says:

I would remind the brethren that this Benevolent Fund is not meant to take the place of any local fund which may exist, or of an annual charity grant which may be given, but on the contrary to supplement them as necessitous demands arise, I regret to state that I have been unable to complete the task which I regard as a labor of love, but with your permission, I shall gladly coöperate with the incoming Grand Master in bringing to a successful termination the efforts of the year in respect to this fund. In my judgment special pleadings for subscriptions should cease for some time. You will be called upon to discuss at this meeting the proposal to augment the Benevolent Fund by an increase of the Annual Per Capita Tax. I trust that the result of your deliberations will be the placing of this fund on a satisfactory and safe basis.

In the 17 lodges, the Grand Secretary says:

Our aggregate membership is now 800 minus 1, or 799. The material for increase has been selected with care as a number of the lodges reported rejections; and the work well done. This report is based on personal observation during visitations. A pleasing aspect of the general situation is that the largest increase is from lodges which for a number of years have been very quiet.

GEORGE S. INMAN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. P. DOULL, *M. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, 1914

40TH ANNUAL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

JUNE 23.

The likeness of the Grand Master elect, James D. Stewart, adorns the volume.

The address of Grand Master, George S. Inman, is an excellent Masonic state paper. After welcoming the delegates to the Grand Lodge, he congratulates his brethren for the exemption from the consequences of the war and says:

It should be a matter of thankfulness on our part that while the whole world is disturbed by "the devastation of war" our little jurisdiction has felt less of the financial disturbance than perhaps any other part of the globe.

From a Masonic standpoint the year has been a successful one, several of the Lodges having shown great enthusiasm in their work; others are marking time.

Adverting to the horrors of war, he makes this review of the great conflicts which have ravaged the world:

It is not my intention or purpose in this address to discuss the various causes that led up to this great conflict, nor to recapitulate the history of the past ten months that finds a world in arms, and nations forming battle fronts that will change the map of Europe.

Christendom is now in the throes of a great struggle, pagan ideals versus christian ideals—and barbaric methods against those of modern civilization.

And here, perhaps, it might not be amiss to note, that this is not the first time the fate of civilization has been trembling in the balance.

Five hundred years before the Christian era Greece was the abode of culture, the home of art, the seat of philosophy, the centre of civilization and the cradle of democracy. Against the little state of Attica, no larger than one-third of Prince Edward Island, came the Persian hordes under Cyrus. On the field of Marathon the Greeks were victorious and Civilization was saved.

A thousand years later Civilization was again threatened by the invasion of the Huns, who swarmed from Asia over Central Europe.

Again in the Eighth Century there was another turning point in the world's history, when at the great battle of Jours the question was decided whether Europe should be Mohammedan or Christian.

The world reached another crisis one hundred years ago, when the Corsican gunner stood upon the shores of France, gazing with ambitious eye, across the English Channel to the land held by "the nation of shopkeepers." He had trampled Europe under his feet; he had waded through blood to gratify a boundless ambition; and

he wished to have England at his feet. The question then was, as it is now, military despotism against democracy; but on the field of Waterloo the principles of liberty were vindicated and the arms of Napoleon were shattered.

In the present supreme moment of the world's existence let us hope and trust that history may repeat itself, and that Civilization, and Right, and Truth may come off triumphant in the terrific clash of arms that is deluging Europe with blood.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are only 15 lodges, with less than 1,000 members, but the lodges are prosperous, members are zealous and have a due regard to their obligations, particularly that enjoining benevolence.

From the report on correspondence, we copy with pleasure what Bro. W. P. Doull says of French Masonry:

Masonry in France is making another bid for recognition. A new body has been formed calling itself the Grand Lodge National of France, or in their own idiom GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE INDEPENDANTE & REGULIERE Pour la France & les Colonies Francaises. It would appear to be starting out in a very accommodating mood as the "official ritual is to be the Scottish Rite, but permission is given for the lodges to which warrants are granted to work in any Ritual Sanctioned by Grand Lodges recognized as being regular by the Grand Loge Nationale;" but they do not say what Grand Lodges they propose recognizing.

A little more light would appear desirable. It does not say how many lodges compose this Grand Body, or where those lodges got their parentage. If the Grande Loge Nationale is composed of lodges which in turn are composed of individuals who have received degrees in unrecognized institutions the fact of their now placing a bible on the Altar or rather the Worshipful Master's pedestal would not make them legitimate.

JAMES D. STEWART, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. P. DOULL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### QUEBEC, 1915

45TH ANNUAL.

MONTREAL.

FEBRUARY 10.

This volume has two handsome photographs: one of the incoming Grand Master, Edward A. Evans, the other of a deceased Past Grand Master, John B. Tresidder.

The address of the sitting Grand Master, Brother John E. Wright, is a well written account of his official acts for the year.

Like every other loyal subject of the British Crown, Brother Wright gives expression to his patriotic devotion to king and crown :

The echoes of the Empress of Ireland disaster had scarcely ceased ringing in our ears when they were followed by the clash of battle and the outbreak of the greatest war in the history of the world.

Loyal as ever to its allies, loyal as always to its treaty obligations, loyal as becomes Britons to their plighted word, our Empire hesitated not a single hour to risk its very existence on behalf of Right and Justice.

Hence Britain is at war!

And, as has been well said elsewhere, when Britain is at war, Canada also is at war.

Hence, too, we are taking our part in the struggle as citizens of the Empire and as members of the loyal Fraternity which impresses upon all its Initiates the duty of never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of their native land, or of that in which they have made their home. We are proud of the youths and men, whether belonging to our Lodges or not, who have come forward to uphold their country's honor and the flag of Empire in this terrible war, and we are equally proud of the wives and mothers who bade them go rather than say them nay, and with their prayers we join our own, to the God of battles, that He may have their dear ones in His Holy Keeping, and grant victory to our Empire's arms.

The most notable and painful duty of the Grand Master was in dealing with the contumacy and disobedience of one of the lodges; which in despite of the law of the jurisdiction, and the orders of the Grand Master, persisted in using a ceremonial of its own, and insolently refused to surrender its charter or to appear in the Grand Lodge. Seemingly the recalcitrant brethren are coming to their senses and suing for clemency.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which this grave matter was referred, we quote :

Your committee believes that Grand Lodge will desire to be as lenient as possible in the circumstances, but that Grand Lodge will also feel that its dignity and authority, so gravely questioned must be maintained; since otherwise a too great leniency might be attributed, not only in this Jurisdiction but throughout the Masonic world, to an incapacity in this Grand Lodge to recognize the duties imposed upon it by its claim to be a sovereign Masonic power.

Your Committee therefore recommends that it be and is hereby ordered as follows:-

1st. That in any event the Charter of Yamaska Lodge No. 21 remain arrested and the suspension pronounced by the M. W. the Grand Master remain in effect until his commands regarding books and charter be complied with.

2nd. That those commands having been obeyed, if the recalcitrant members of the lodge express in writing their contrition, and their undertaking thereafter to royally respect and be governed by the laws and regulations and ceremonies of this Grand Lodge, and if the incoming Grand Master is otherwise satisfied and believes that it will be in the interest of the Craft at large so to do, he is hereby authorized to cancel the said suspension as regards all or any of the members affected thereby, and from such date or dates as he may deem advisable, and to deal with the Charter in such manner and at such time as he may decide to be fit and proper.

There are 65 chartered lodges and one under dispensation, having a total membership of 8,152, a net increase of 333.

The report on correspondence is the good work of Past Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers, the mention of whose name would be a guarantee of its excellence. In Brother Chamber's introduction, he makes reference to "Freemasonry in the war," and we quote:

Thousands of our Brethren in Canada, as in other parts of the Empire, have volunteered to fight for the cause of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth against German treachery, Oppression and Dishonour. Hundreds have already laid down their lives for the cause. Many more will undoubtedly do so before the war is over. Like the Master Builder of old, they hold not their lives dear while there is such a battle to be waged. The struggle may be long, but the issue has never been, nor ever can be, in doubt, for in the end the cause of Right must prevail, and He Who is for us is stronger than he who is against us, for "the God of Jacob is with us, the Lord of Israel is our Refuge."



To all of which we devotedly pray, so mote it be. Brother Chambers has reviewed the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1914, in a pleasant and fraternal spirit.

EDWARD A. EVANS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILL H. WHYTE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### QUEENSLAND, 1914

10TH ANNUAL.

BRISBANE.

JUNE 1.

From the inaugural address of Grand Master A.M. Hertzberg, in the occasion of his elevation to the throne for the fifth time in succession, we quote these extracts, as showing somewhat the difficulties which have beset the Grand Lodge, and which have been nearly overcome. He says in part:

We are now in fraternal relation with forty-seven Grand Lodges of the world, and there are not many more from whom we seek recognition. Naturally we shall hail with much satisfaction and pleasure full Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and hope to see that consummated ere long. But we shall not make further overtures in that direction or seek this—our undoubted territorial right—cap in hand. We have justified ourselves by our actions and by the example of "Masonry Universal" which we have set up here. We are content to be judged by our achievements in the truest interests of Freemasonry, and by the endeavour to give to our fellows, outside the craft, some outward and visible sign of our utility as a leaven in the community. We were the first to make that effort, and our "Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution" will speak for us for all time. In its infancy, it has already justified itself—and its future must be still more promising—especially when all the Masons of Queensland once recognize their "territorial rights" and determine upon ending existing divisions, so as to work unitedly for the practical realization of the noble aims and high ideals, which agitate and direct the heart of all true Masons.

Our numbers have steadily increased. The extreme caution exercised in the metropolitan area in the admission of candidates has proved most beneficial, and we can claim that our members pass through the closest scrutiny before Lodges are permitted to ballot for them. Our funds have increased correspondingly with our numbers, and the liberality of the brethren is fully exemplified by

the Financial Statements which will be placed before you. Our Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Fund, considering their respective ages and the good they are doing, will be found most satisfactory, and a splendid guide as to what is possible with unity.

We beg to congratulate the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for the successes which have crowned their labors.

A. M. HERTZBERG, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHARLES H. HARLEY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### QUEENSLAND, 1915

11TH ANNUAL.

BRISBANE.

JUNE 7.

Not having been in possession of the Proceedings of Queensland for 1914, its transactions were not reviewed in our last report, but we strive to make amends by including it in this report.

During the entire period of its existence the Grand Lodge of Queensland has been laboring under a handicap difficult to overcome. The Grand Lodges of Scotland and England have been ungenerous, and so far have refused any recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. She has, however, received recognition from nearly all English speaking Grand Lodges, and it is no far cry to predict that in a few years she will be universally welcomed as a desirable factor in the brotherhood universal. Her lodges are increasing in number and the membership growing satisfactorily, so that now she has 65 constituent lodges and a large gain in contributing members.

After having been elected Grand Master for the seventh consecutive time, the Grand Master received the hearty thanks of the fraternity for his patient and untiring industry in behalf of Masonry in general and the Grand Lodge of Queensland in particular.

At the meeting of December 14, 1914, the Grand Master

congratulated the craft on its progress in all good works, and adverting to the war in Europe, said in part:

Well, Brethren, these are sad and strenuous times we are passing through. The most appalling catastrophe of the centuries has befallen the world, and the Mother Country is engaged in the strife. The call of duty has come to our Brethren, and we feel proud that they have responded so nobly to that call, for among the Expeditionary Forces from Queensland, both as officers and men, Freemasonry is well represented, our own Grand Lodge having contributed two Commanding Officers and a large number of other officers and men; and the most fervent wish of our hearts at this juncture, and our constant prayer is, and will be, for the success of the Motherland in her efforts to enforce the rights of weaker peoples, and to maintain that high standard of justice, toleration, and human rights, of which she has been the truest and most consistent upholder among all the nations of the world. May the Great Architect grant this.

A. M. HERTZBERG, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHARLES H. HARLEY, *R. W. Grand Master.*

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### RHODE ISLAND, 1915

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, J. Fred Parker, occupies the fly leaf.

The address of Brother Parker is an unpretentious business paper, which shows that the craft has prospered during his administration. Nothing is left out but there is no padding. We quote this from the close of the Grand Masters address:

I have been asked a great many questions by the Masters and Brethren, which I have construed for them to the best of my ability, and I hope in accordance with the Constitution and General Regulations.

Returns from all the Lodges show a large increase in our membership and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that the lodges throughout the entire jurisdiction are in a prosperous and harmonious condition.

Thirty-seven lodges have a total membership of 9,194, a

net gain of 361. The average lodge membership is large and to a considerable extent accounts for the prosperity.

RUEBEN S. BEMIS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### SASKATCHEWAN, 1915

9TH ANNUAL.

REGINA.

JUNE 16.

The likeness of the Grand Master elect, W. M. Thomson, occupies the fly leaf of the volume.

In his address the retiring Grand Master, L. T. McDonald, gives this very satisfactory report of the condition of the craft:

From a Masonic standpoint the year has been a very successful one, both financially and numerically.

I consider it quite proper that the members of Grand Lodge should be advised through the Grand Master's address as to the growth and financial condition of Grand Lodge.

In 1906 a number of our Brethren, a great many of whom are with us today, were seized with the idea that the time had arrived for the institution of a Grand Lodge in the Province of Saskatchewan, and immediately undertook the task of bringing this about. It was no sinecure. Very many apparent obstacles presented themselves, but these were one by one dispelled, until, on the eighth day of August, 1906, in the City of Regina, this Grand Institution was launched.

At that time there were within the Province twenty-four lodges and approximately nine hundred members. The growth of Grand Lodge, in keeping with the development and growth of the Province itself, was steady, until today we have 116 lodges and 6,705 members.

He makes this wise recommendation as to the acceptance of new material:

In my visits during the year, there is one matter that came to my notice that to my mind is of a very serious nature, and I would strongly recommend that during the coming year the newly elected District Deputies impress it upon the members of every lodge in their individual district. It is this: "No matter how a lodge may be pressed for funds, this is no reason why material other than the very best, should be accepted."

He reports the constitution of six lodges. Three lodges had their dispensations continued and dispensations issued for the creation of three new lodges. In his conclusion he says:

On the whole, while the year has been a strenuous one, the brethren have all been true and loyal to the craft and I feel free to state that Masonry today, in this Grand Jurisdiction, stands higher than at any time since the institution of this Grand Lodge. I am morally certain that the terrible war which today threatens the Empire, has had the effect of causing our brethren more seriously to consider what Masonry stands for than they have ever done before.

There are 116 lodges, having a total membership of 6,705, showing a net increase of 753.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge.

The general report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, A. S. Gorrell, and is a discriminating review of the Proceedings of 56 Grand Lodges, in which the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 received very kindly notice.

M. W. THOMSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

REV. W. B. TATE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### SCOTLAND, 1914-1915

At the quarterly communication of November 5, 1914, apologies were offered for a long list of members of the Grand Lodge who were absent on account of military duties, commencing with the name of the Marquis Tullibardine, Past Grand Master, and ending with the name of Quarter-Master Sergeant, W. S. Maxwell, Senior Warden of lodge number 1,116.

At the annual communication of November 30, 1914, the Grand Master, Col. Robert King Stewart, reported the funds of the Grand Lodge to be in excellent condition, and the issue of charters to lodges in different parts of the world, six of them in Queensland. It seems to us that the Grand Lodge is

ungenerous in encouraging the formation of so many new lodges in the territory of Queensland.

We take this extract from the Grand Masters address:

"I also take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of Grand Lodge for their great kindness in re-electing me Grand Master Mason of Scotland for the ensuing year, and for the ungrudging support I have received during the past year.

"While we no doubt in some ways regret the abandonment of our usual St. Andrew's Day Festival, I strongly approve of the decision come to by Grand Lodge in this respect. There are so many of our brethren serving with the colours, and so many of our brethren have unfortunately given their lives in the service of their King and Country at this momentous crisis in our history, that it would not to my mind have been in keeping with the conditions presently prevailing to have celebrated the annual festival.

It was reported by the Grand Committee that the Grand Lodge of Kansas proposed, if necessary, to contribute funds to those made destitute by the war, and in reply the Grand Secretary was directed to make suitable acknowledgements of the generous offer and to say that the necessity had not yet arisen for its acceptance.

At the meeting of the Grand Committee, held on the 21st of January, 1915, a request from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for recognition was presented and this report made:

The committee had before them an application from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for recognition as a Sovereign Grand Body. From information before the committee, it appeared that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands had been recognized by 29 Grand Lodges in the United States of America, including the Grand Lodge of California, which chartered the Lodges forming the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The committee, after full consideration, unanimously resolved to recommend that recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as a Sovereign Grand Body, reserving the rights of this Grand Lodge as regards the Scottish Lodges presently in existence in the Philippines, and the rights of those Lodges. Report approved.

A very unusual occurrence, the like of which we do not recall having seen before, is the very generous contribution



of \$1,000 by the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which is here told:

Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

There was read the following letter received from the Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

Masonic Temple,

Boston, 24th November 1914.

Worshipful David Reid,

Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother:-

The Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston, Massachusetts, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 30th November, 1756, as a filial remembrance, send the enclosed draft of Two hundred pounds, with request that it be used for relief of Masons who have been made destitute by the war.

Fratrally yours,

(Sig.) HENRY GREGORY JORDAN,

Treas. Committee on Donations.

The letter was received with the greatest satisfaction, not only as an evidence of the charitable feelings which actuated the members of the Lodge of St. Andrew, but as reawakening the filial tie which formerly united the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Lodge of St. Andrew of Boston. Grand Committee instructed that the letter, which had been suitably acknowledged by the Grand Master, should be incorporated in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge. Grand Committee further directed that the remittance sent by the Lodge of St. Andrew should be earmarked for the special purpose of relief of distress among brethren caused by the war.

ROBERT KING STEWART, *M. W. Grand Master.*

DAVID REID, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1915

ADELAIDE.

APRIL 21.

At the semi-annual communication of October 21, 1914, the Grand Master received the hearty congratulations of the Grand Lodge, on account of his recovery from a serious operation, that of the amputation of his right arm, and his restoration to health, for which he returned thanks eloquently and feelingly.

He made this reference to the war now prevailing in Europe :

The Grand Master continuing: We are participating, because all the Dominions of the Crown are participating, in the greatest war in human history; and I venture to assert there is no war which has been undertaken by our mother country which is more justifiable, not only more justifiable, but one which could not have been avoided if we had any sense of honour as to our obligations—(applause)—and if we had any desire to maintain the privileges to which we were born, and which were won by the blood and bravery of our forefathers. (Applause.) We do not introduce politics into our Masonic gatherings, but we can introduce loyalty and the duty of patriotism, bravery, and self-sacrifice—(applause)—and I am proud that the Craft in South Australia is adding its quota to the gallant men who are going to the front, risking their lives and making sacrifice of the society of their friends and fond interests in undertaking part in this great war in which the whole Empire is engaged. I am proud the Craft is well represented—over 100 of whom we know.

At the annual communication the Grand Master, Sir Samuel J. Way, elected for the 26th consecutive year, made this gratifying statement as to the condition of the craft :

The M. W. the Grand Master: I want to say a few words about the wonderful progress of the craft. Our membership is 5,702. For years we had hoped to reach 4,000; now we have gone beyond, and nearly reached 6,000. We are members of a brotherhood nearly three times as numerous as when this Grand Lodge was established. We have been able to dispense more relief than in any previous year of our history—(hear, hear)—nearly £1,200. We have a record number of lodges (77) in active work, and our funds exceed £33,000; but I am more proud that we have dispensed about £1,200 in charity than our growth of funds and lodges and temples.

The report on correspondence is contributed by different members of the committee, and is an excellent review of the proceedings of those Grand Lodges which had come to hand. The transactions of North Carolina for 1914 is fraternally considered by Bro. W. H. Selway, who has summarized the proceedings and given the unusual space of four pages. We are glad to find that Brother Selway finds nothing to criticize.

A very commendable practice is the preparation of a Masonic history of the Grand Lodge from the time of its organization to the present.

The work is now ably conducted by the Grand Secretary.

SIR SAMUEL J. WAY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA, 1914**

138TH ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

DECEMBER 8.

The delay in getting out the Proceedings was owing to a fire, which destroyed the printing establishment and with it, the almost completed record of the communications.

The annual address of the Grand Master, George T. Bryan, is an excellent Masonic state paper, and leaves nothing of importance unnoticed.

As to the state of the craft he gives this satisfactory announcement:

The Craft in this jurisdiction is in fine condition. There has been a healthful grow in our Order, both in membership and the character of material which have applied for membership into the Mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry.

While at the beginning of the year, there were one or two questions of difference between membership of several lodges, I am glad to advise that, through the wise and tactful actions of the District Deputy Grand Masters, in whose jurisdictions these differences arose, they were all amicable adjusted. So that, so far as I am advised, peace, harmony and good will prevail throughout our entire jurisdiction.

In reference to an appeal for aid from the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Master says:

I have a communication from the "Grand Lodge de France" appealing to us for aid. You are aware that as Masons, we do not recognize, and are not in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Orient of France or the National Grand Lodge of France and the colonies; hence, we cannot deal with those bodies as Masonic Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal relations.

I, however, earnestly suggest that if there is anything that we can, as men and Masons, do to alleviate the suffering and want of the needy in Europe, that we do whatever is possible through legitimate and proper channels.

The Grand Lodge has accumulated a fund of \$100,000, with the original idea of building a Home; but at this session of the Grand Lodge, the question arose, whether it would be more desirable to apply this fund to the construction of an institution, or of using the income from this money for the care of indigent and deserving brethren. The Grand Master expressed his views in part as follows:

Some of the most thoughtful men and Masons who have given earnest consideration to this question, are convinced that more good can be accomplished by endeavoring to maintain the aged and indigent Masons in their own homes or private homes, provided for them, and it would be really more helpful and beneficial to the orphan children for them to be maintained in the homes of some Masonic family or at denominational institutions already equipped for caring for and rearing orphan children.

Owing to the wide differences of opinion as to the best application of this fund, there was general and free discussion, in which every brother was invited to take part. A very convincing presentation of the matter, was made by Past Grand Master, J. L. Michie, and the Grand Lodge went with him in the view that the original fund should not be impaired, and the revenue arising from it be used to the best advantage by the trustees. To those who are wedded to the institutional plan, we commend the study of Brother Michie's address, from which we quote:

Now, brethren I would like to put this matter straight to every one of you. I am now addressing each one of you individually, not collectively. You are getting older and possibly have met financial reverses. Should you have to depend on your brethren for the necessities of life, which would you appreciate most, the help which enable you to live at the old home place, among your old friends who all know you and your little peculiarities, or the help which would send you to a home for the aged Masons where you would associate only with old men like yourself, and seldom or never see any of your old friends and neighbors again? Again I ask, which would you prefer?

To some of my younger brethren I would say, suppose you knew you were to die before morning, leaving helpless orphan children, which would you prefer, to have your children in the care of a brother Mason and his wife, where they would be treated like his own family and under the supervision or the Benevolent

Fund Trustees, or sent to an orphan home to constantly associate with children of all sorts and dispositions, where, be the managment the very best on earth, what we know as "home influence" is entirely lacking? Think well over this, brethren, and let each brother answer my questions in his own mind.

From the ruling of the Grand Master, we quote this, which seems to us to be good law and practice but not so to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Question No. 27.—"Was is unlawful for the Master to appoint a Fellow Craft to act as temporary Tiler, the regular Tiler being present but employed in other duties, the Lodge being opened in the E. A. Degree for the purpose of conferring the degree?"

Answer: I would hold that it was competent for the Worshipful Master of a lodge to appoint a Fellow Craft to act as Tiler for a lodge which was opened in the E. A. Degree for the purpose of conferring that degree.

Three chartered lodges were constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of seven new lodges.

In the grand jurisdiction of South Carolina, there are 258 lodges, having a total membership of 16,165, showing a net gain of 789.

At the morning session of the second day, the Grand Lodge by a unanimous vote, resolved to permit the Order of the Eastern Star to use the Grand Lodge room and the blue lodge room at their annual communication, to be held in June, 1915. Very handsomely done!

The report on correspondence, able, thoughtful and scholarly, is contributed by Past Grand Master, J. L. Michie, and is in every way attractive and instructive. He has looked over the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1914 and has dug up a decision of Grand Master Winchester which was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee as follows:

The Code states that where two or more lodges are in the same town, having concurrent jurisdiction, that a unanimous ballot is required, then, per contra, where they are separate towns only a majority vote should be required.

The Jurisprudence Committee, upheld by Grand Lodge, has this to say about it:

Article X, Section 13 of the Code, fully sustains the ruling

of the Grand Master, and your Committee, therefore, feels constrained to approve the ruling, though it feels that the law is unfair.

To the foregoing, Brother Michie asks "what recourse have the brethren who did not believe this profane was fit material to be made a Mason." We agree with Brother Michie.

GEORGE T. BRYAN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

O. FRANK HART, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### SOUTH DAKOTA, 1915

41ST ANNUAL.

SIoux FALLS.

JUNE 8.

A portrait of the retiring Grand Master, George Philip, occupies the fly leaf.

Many emergent communications were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones and the dedication of Masonic temples, pictures of some of which add to the attractiveness of the volume and give evidence of the prosperity of the South Dakota fraternity.

The Grand Master draws this contrast between conditions in Europe and in America :

In this day of the world's history when our brethren, for all men are our brothers, are spreading the gospel of love in highly civilized Europe under a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, and extending fraternal greetings at the point of the bayonet, when plowshares are being beaten into swords and pruning hooks into spears, it is gratifying to be able to report that peace, harmony and Masonic kindness prevail throughout the entire Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Well may American manhood and American fraternalism proudly claim a place in the sun because, today, this country is extending to a world at war, and will continue so to do, the helping hand to support a falling brother.

He reports the constitution of four chartered lodges, and indicates by this extract, that he is not in favor of increasing the number of lodges, and we entirely concur in that view:

There have been no requests made to me during the last year for dispensations for new Lodges. Inasmuch as this Jurisdiction has now 142 Lodges, quite evenly distributed, I believe this to be a



sign of a conservatism among the Brethren that will make for strong and steady growth. We should not be too free with the granting of our charters, and I am glad that for the past year the Brethren of the entire Jurisdiction seemed satisfied with the distribution of the Lodges as now existing.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and this was included in the report:

I also held, in answer to a question propounded, that a Lodge may give a dance in its hall if the members choose to do so.

We have been under the impression that after the dedication of a Masonic hall, the almost universal practice was to forbid its use for such purpose as a dance hall or a place of public amusement.

Resulting from his official visits, the Grand Master reports this excellent condition:

It is most encouraging to report that everywhere the young Masons are taking an active and intelligent interest in Masonic work, and everywhere we find the young Masons counseled and supported by those constant attendants who have grown gray in the service, and who are always ready, willing and able to do their full share of whatever may be allotted to them.

Instead of building a Home, the South Dakota Craft, has determined to build a Grand Charity Fund, and wonderful progress in this direction has already been made. The fund amounting now to \$17,153.59.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Pettegrew, is a very interesting statement of the condition of the South Dakota fraternity, and we note that there are 142 lodges with a membership of 11,163, showing a net gain of 433.

In the afternoon of the first day, several Past Grand Masters received handsome jewels, appropriate to their rank. The presentation was made by Past Grand Master, Frank A. Brown, and the response by Past Grand Master, Samuel A. Brown, for himself and his honored colleagues, from which we make this extract:

I do not know the intrinsic value of this exquisite Jewel but I am sure that it is such that any Earl would be proud to wear.

I shall prize it immeasurably and wear it with joy whenever Masonic occasion shall permit me to do so. And ever and always to my life's end I shall enjoy the happy reflection that my dear Brethren were willing to have me for their Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge has agreed to take and pay for six memberships in the George Washington Memorial building at Alexandria, Virginia.

A resolution presented by Brother Samuel A. Brown was adopted authorizing the Grand Secretary to secure, if possible, a conference of the Grand Secretaries of the United States, with a view of making such recommendations to their respective Grand Lodges as would be of assistance to all in matters of administration, and that the expenses so incurred be paid by the Grand Lodge.

There was an exchange of friendly greetings between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Past Grand Master, Samuel A. Brown, and is of the quality which always comes from his pen—instructive and interesting. In reviewing the report of our Grand Secretary, John C. Drewry, Brother Brown gives that official merited commendation and says in part:

What he says is as full of wisdom and sense as an egg is of meat, but we cannot help calling his attention to the fact that 575 of these brethren, or such as these, returned as the number of members admitted and reinstated, leaving 520 to be wooed back by attentive work, only 23 per 1,000, which we submit is not a bad showing.

Brother Brown commends the method of educating the children in the Oxford Orphanage by industrial as well as academic training, and pays a compliment to a ballad of Brother DeLancey Haywood as a means of preserving Masonic history and tradition.

MARSHALL R. BROWN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE A. PETTEGREW, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## TENNESSEE, 1915

101ST ANNUAL.

NASHVILLE.

JANUARY 27.

The likeness of the incoming Grand Master, T. A. Hisey, occupies the fly leaf.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Thomas J. Bonner, gives a full accounting of his stewardship. From his fine exordium, we quote these closing paragraphs:

Masonry directs men to higher attributes, and by her teachings inspires them to noble aspirations that will actuate them to share the sorrow and to help bear the burden of every afflicted, crushed and bleeding heart.

The world has become ashamed of her severe criticism which Masonry has borne with unoffending attitude, and is now beginning to realize that the teachings of our Order are not to be condemned and that her claims are worthy of consideration; that she has not won respect or support by persuasion or boasted proclamations, but by her moral discipline, her loyalty to government, her long forbearance, and her deeds of charity.

We are proud of her history, we glory in her traditions.

Appropriate tribute is paid the Masonic dead.

The Grand Master reports the surrender of one charter, and the arrest of another.

Under the head of Controversies arising between lodges in different jurisdictions, the Grand Master says in part:

During the year there have been a great many controversies between lodges and individual members. One of the contentions between lodges was the result of a misunderstanding as to indebtedness created in the assistance rendered members sojourning in foreign jurisdictions. It is too much the custom when a brother applies for assistance to supply his needs without proper inquiry as to his standing as a Mason. The bill is made out and forwarded to his home lodge, with the expectation of its payment. If it fails, or is unable to respond, the Grand Master is appealed to to enforce a settlement. In this day of the telegraph and telephone a lodge can be consulted at little expense, and no debt should be contracted and held against the home lodge without obtaining its approval.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of two new lodges, and one application denied.

Speaking of his official visits the Grand Master says:

I do not consider it prudent to undertake to specialize in speaking of the courtesies and kind brotherly greetings it has been my pleasure to enjoy at the hands of a loyal brotherhood. Should I go into detail and attempt to give a complimentary report so justly due and commensurate with the true deserts pertaining to each lodge visited, it would require a volume more extensive than published Minutes of this Grand Lodge.

The fraternal regards manifested, and the sacrifices made to augment my pleasure, perfect my comfort and facilitate the work, was in each case so co-extensive with every anticipated desire.

In reference to the obligation of the fraternity to care for the residents of the Home and their comfort, the Grand Master says:

An army of twenty-eight thousand enlisted men who would fail to heed the cry of the distressed, or listen to the pleadings of an unfortunate comrade upon a victorious battlefield, with not an enemy left to oppose, should receive and merit the stigma of the world. We cannot afford to take a backward step. Let us go forward in construction until every homeless Masonic orphan, widow and indigent Mason within the Grand jurisdiction of Tennessee has been comfortably cared for beneath our fraternal shelter.

A costly and elaborate Grand Master's jewel was presented to the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Grand Secretary, Bro. John B. Garrett, by Past Grand Master, Wilbur F. Foster. After reading a description of this very beautiful jewel, of which there is an excellent photograph, Brother Foster says:

And now, my brethren, you doubtless understand what all this is about. Our genial, big hearted, well beloved Grand Secretary, Brother John B. Garrett, believing that the Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee is entitled, and ought to wear upon his breast a Jewel which in the purity and intrinsic value of its material; in the significance and truthfulness of its symbolism; and in the perfection of its workmanship, shall properly typify the membership of the great Fraternity over which he presides, and whose welfare and prosperity is the dearest wish of the heart that throbs within that breast; I say, believing this, Brother Garrett has embodied and crystallized that thought in the beautiful emblem which he now presents to the Grand Lodge. Its material is solid gold;

its symbolism is appropriate, and well described in this paper, and its workmanship is exquisite.

This, then, is the Jewel which I now have the honor to present to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee, in the name and in behalf of R. W. John Berry Garrett, Grand Secretary.

If accepted, it is the wish of Brother Garrett, that it should be worn by the present and all future Grand Masters of Tennessee upon all official and ceremonial occasions, as the years come and go, forever.

The matter is now before the Grand Lodge for its action.

There are 454 lodges, with a total membership of 28,081, showing the large gain of 1,019.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master, Henry A. Chambers, himself a native "tar heel," and is up to the high standard of his labors in this department. Brother Chambers opens his review of North Carolina for 1914 as follows:

The writer hereof always examines the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of his native State with personal interest. An absence of forty-eight (48) years has not dulled his love for North Carolina, but that long absence is sadly emphasized by the fact that of the thirty-eight (38) reported members of Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217, at Morganton, in which he was made a Mason and of which he was Senior Warden when he came to Tennessee in January, 1867, not one was a member of that lodge in 1866; and that in the entire membership of the seven lodges in his native county of Iredell, not one name appears of any person he knew in his boyhood.

He is glad to know and report the fraternity in North Carolina is, and has been flourishing, and has been exemplifying the Masonic virtues.

T. A. HISEY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN B. GARRETT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### TEXAS, 1914

79TH ANNUAL.

WACO.

DECEMBER 1.

Portraits of the retiring Grand Master, A. W. Houston. and Gus Garrison, who was Grand Master in 1894, give added interest to the volume.



The address of the Grand Master is an unusually lengthy document. He reports a condition of amity and good will with all the Masonic world; and pays ample tribute to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

Nineteen chartered lodges were constituted and dispensations were issued for the formation of five new lodges.

Very many special dispensations were granted.

The number of decisions reported by the Grand Master, though tersely stated, covers 32 pages of the volume, and totals 205 rulings. This makes a high record of decisions in one year, and earns this rebuke from the Jurisprudence Committee:

Two hundred and six decisions of the Grand Master are included in his address, two-thirds of which are in regard to matters that should be known to every well informed Mason, and which should not have been submitted to the Grand Master. The consideration of such matters has entailed, primarily upon the Grand Master and secondarily upon this committee, a vast amount of unnecessary labor. It is disheartening to be compelled from year to year, to review matters that have been passed upon so often that they have become stale and unprofitable, simply because the officers of lodges either fail to comprehend the plainest edicts and decisions of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Masters, or are too slothful to read and digest them. The standard of intelligence should be raised in some manner in the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction.

We commend to the officers of subordinate lodges a study of the Constitution, rules, resolutions and edicts of the Grand Lodge, and enjoin upon Grand Masters that they do not report to the Grand Lodge decisions on subjects that have been thoroughly considered so often that no good can result from a reiteration of the decisions.

The Grand Master held clinics on the halt, lame, blind and deaf and passed 75 of them as fit for service, but 34 of them were set aside as unfit for duty. In view of the number of these cases, the Grand Master recommended the adoption of the following:

Provided, that the loss of one or more toes on either foot, not causing lameness; or the loss of a finger, or part of a finger, on the left hand; or the loss of the first and second joints of the little finger on the right hand; or a part of the first joint of any other



finger on the right hand; which maim or defect does not, in the opinion of the three station officers of the lodge, disqualify applicant from receiving and imparting the work, need not be submitted to the Grand Master for his ruling thereon, but the lodge to which application is made may pass upon the question of eligibility.

By the adoption of the above, or some similiar modification of the rule, the Grand Master will be relieved of much unnecessary correspondence, without material detriment to the Craft.

In the imperial domain of Texas there are 872 chartered lodges and six under dispensation, having a total membership of 63,394.

The Masonic Orphans' Home is reported to be in excellent condition, with ample provision for the care and education of the children. The school is amply provided with a faculty of well equipped teachers. The average enrollment for the year was 205, but the present number is 184, and the per capita cost of maintenance per annum is \$252.88.

The report on correspondence is presented by Past Grand Master, George W. Tyler, who has given to the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 ample space and fraternal review.

JEWEL P. LIGHTFOOT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. B. PEARSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### UTAH, 1915

44TH ANNUAL.

OGDEN.

JANUARY 19.

Facing a short biography of the brother, appears the likeness of William J. Shealy, the incoming Grand Master, and farther in that of Past Grand Master C. B. Jack, whose untimely death has deprived the Grand Lodge of Utah of the services of a very able and gifted craftsman.

The annual address of the retiring Grand Master, James W. Cherry, is an excellent presentation of the state of the Utah fraternity. His exordium is inspiring. He says:

Brethren: I greet and welcome you to this our forty-fourth annual communication. We meet under most auspicious circumstances. The craft is in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

The individual lodges are pursuing their work with regularity and zeal, and with a high measure of success. The brethren generally are true and faithful to Masonic standards. There are no clouds on the horizon. Peace and harmony prevail. Our path is spread with flowers, our table with plenty. With each succeeding year, our institution attracts and deserves increased admiration and respect. We are wielding a larger influence, we are enjoying a greater prestige.

After paying tribute to our departed brethren, Brother Cherry discusses the question of war relief, growing out of the present bloody conflict raging in Europe, and sums up his views as follows:

The question presented is a difficult one. It does not in the least involve the disposition of Masons in Utah to make sacrifices or contributions, for they are not only willing but anxious to give of their bounty to relieve distress. The question is whether we can reach and relieve the worthy, without violating duties of equal import to others; whether we are certain that our efforts will not aggravate, rather than alleviate human misery. The matter is not to be governed by emotion or impulse. The best sentiment is that which is based upon the best judgement, after mature deliberation. It seems to me, however, that the peculiar and pitiable plight of our Brethren, and their dependents, in the Kingdom of Belgium, appeals with such persuasive power, that no mistake could be made by giving freely to their relief.

He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of two lodges, and of having visited every chartered lodge in the jurisdiction.

He makes the statement that he has made no official decisions during the year and this announcement should be pleasing to the officers of the subordinate lodges. The condition of the craft, he reports as follows:

We are enjoying a healthy and steady growth. Our numerical net gain for the year was 154. Our total membership is now 2,355. We have instituted two new lodges and another likely one is about ready to make application.

There are 15 chartered lodges and two under dispensation.

The question of providing for the erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home has engaged the attention of the

committee, and we quote its conclusion, in which we cordially concur:

After considering the evidence carefully, we are of the opinion that it would not be judicious for the Grand Lodge of Utah to undertake to build a Masonic Home at this time. Neither do we recommend starting a fund for the purpose of building at some future time. We would call attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge Charity Fund is available when constituent lodges are unable to provide for their destitute members. Furthermore, whenever a generous brother feels himself moved to bestow money for Masonic purposes, it will be perfectly proper for him to contribute to the Charity Fund.

From the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, as to the action taken on the request made by the York Grand Lodge of Mexico as to the expediency and wisdom of that Grand Lodge recognizing another Grand Lodge in its own territory the committee says, wisely we think:

The York Grand Lodge can hardly afford to recognize—or ask other Grand Lodges to recognize—irregular and rebellious lodges, erected into a Grand Body of any sort whatever, within the territory over which it claims exclusive jurisdiction. It has taken its stand, properly, we believe, against any Scottish Council, Lodge, or Lodges, owing obedience to such Council, claiming the right to work or control the three degrees of symbolic Masonry. Let the York Grand Lodge stand by the "Declaration of Principles," sent out to the Masonic World by its Grand Master, under the heading, "A Message from the Grand Master to all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction," and printed in the Proceedings of 1913, pages 1a-4a.

If it shapes its course by that statement, it will stand for true Masonry, and need have no fear as to the ultimate recognition by other Grand Lodges. But, if it should act upon the suggestion contained in the communication before your committee, and recognized an irregular body, it would, in our opinion, jeopardize its own standing and very existence. We, therefore, recommend that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be notified that, in the judgment of this Grand Body, it would be unwise, in the extreme, to take any such action as suggested in their communication.

The report on correspondence is contributed by Past Grand Master S. H. Goodwin, who has brought to his work fitness and ability, that are seen throughout the report. The fraternity of Utah will have no reason to blush for the work

of the successor of Christopher Diehl. Brother Goodwin has given to the transactions of North Carolina for 1914 fraternal consideration, for which we desire to make acknowledgement.

WILLIAM J. SHEALY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FREEMAN A. McCARTY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### VERMONT, 1915

122ND ANNUAL.

BURLINGTON.

JUNE 9.

The pictorial ornaments of this volume consist of the likenesses of Charles Warren Whitcomb, the Grand Treasurer, and H. H. Ross, the Grand Secretary.

Interesting and well written biographical sketches are contributed by Past Grand Masters, Daniel N. Nicholson and Marsh O. Perkins, respectively, in which it is shown that these brethren are fit and meritorious, and that it would be difficult, if not impossible to find the equal of either.

The address of the Grand Master, Charles H. Darling, is an unusually fine Masonic state paper, in which he reports with dignity and clear diction, his official acts for the year. Every subject requiring his attention is presented plainly and forcibly, without any pretense of rhetorical flourish. We can pay no higher compliment than to quote part of the report of the Committee on Grand Masters address:

The address, as a whole, can but command the earnest attention of the members of this Grand Body, as it has commanded the favorable consideration of your committee, because of the strong personality and executive ability of your Grand Master in directing the affairs of the craft, during the year, which has brought to him the opportunity of personally exemplifying that Service—spelled with a capital “S”—that means accomplishment, and demands grateful recognition. This is given unreservedly, in your behalf and that of the 14,000 Masons, whom you represent, in loyal obedience to this Grand Lodge.

Under the head of “Charity” the Grand Master makes

this gratifying statement as to the financial condition in his own jurisdiction:

The demands for charity take on different forms in different states. Many members of lodges from rural districts gravitate toward larger centers and meeting with misfortune or becoming poor and destitute, are thrown upon charity at such centers and call upon Masonic relief associations for assistance. While, in our state with over 60 per cent of the population, men women and children, having savings in the banks and trust companies, there is less likely to be a call for charity on the part of our resident citizens, especially in view of the fact that the Masons are chosen from the stronger and better part of our population, than there is for those who go out from among us and meeting with misfortune or becoming stranded, are thrown upon charity. The most trying cases that have come to my attention during the year, have been of this class of members who may have been absent from the state many years and have come to want and have applied to their home lodge for relief. Some of these members are unknown even to a majority of the members of their home lodge and a contribution for their relief seems more burdensome than a like call from members residing among them. Under these circumstances a permanent income in the hands of the Grand Lodge can be used to great advantage in answering demands for relief that come from members belonging to but not residing in this jurisdiction. The entire amount expended by the local lodges during the past year for charitable purposes amounts to \$2,764.86.

We are constrained to quote in full his wise conclusion:

The work submitted for your consideration will not materially effect the destiny of Masonry or involve any great or decisive issues: but it will be important nevertheless. We are inclined to put too high an estimate upon the great things and overlook those smaller ones out of which spring the real issues of life. The average man has little concern with great affairs, but woe to him who despises the day of small things. The coöperation with which each contributes his mite is what constitutes the great strength of Masonry. Let the work of the session be joined in from the floor. The rights of the representative of the smallest lodge from the remotest part of the state, are equal to those of the Past Grand Masters on my right. Let the body of the craft take part in the discussions, that the finished product may represent the united efforts of the whole. Gentlemen, the business of the session is in your hands.

In Vermont there are 103 lodges with a total membership of 14,055, showing a gain of 181.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, contributed by Past Grand Master, Marsh O. Perkins, and is a discriminating review of 65 Grand Lodges. North Carolina for 1914 receives careful and fraternal notice. His inspiration and motive for his work at the round table are so much like our own, that we quote part of his conclusion, asking only, in obedience to our allegiance, that the old North State be substituted for that of Vermont:

The end of the "journey" has been reached, and our observations by the way have been recorded. We present them with the earnest hope that they may be of interest and value to some of our good brothers, who are blessed with the right distinction of calling Vermont their home. That among our "valuable discoveries," they may find something to entertain them in moments of leisure; to inspire them to renewed zeal and activity in Masonic effort, and to impress upon their minds the imperative demands of continuous, unremitting service.

CHARLES H. DARLING, *M. W. Grand Master.*

HENRY H. ROSS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### VIRGINIA, 1915

137TH ANNUAL.

RICHMOND.

FEBRUARY 9.

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master, James B. Wood, occupies the fly leaf.

The address of the Grand Master, P. K. Bauman, was read by Past Grand Master J. W. Eggleston on account of the illness of Brother Bauman, whose disability is thus explained:

Busy, as most of you know, I always am, I had planned this address for some time back, scribbling notes on scraps of paper, under all kinds of conditions, and had hoped to make it something worth reading to you. Just at the moment, some three weeks ago, when I was in the very act of beginning the transcribing of these notes, I was suddenly stricken, as if shot with a rifle, with a violent attack of that aristocratic disease called gout. Had I not been at the time Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, it might have been diagnosed as ordinary rheumatism. I have been ill ever since, and only able to reach home last Thursday. The result is



that I have been compelled to compile and write this address within about two days. Please be kind toward its and my faults.

From the decisions of Grand Master Bauman we quote this, in which we can not concur. The candidate was made an entered apprentice, and was deemed worthy and well qualified. He was blameless of any intent to conceal any defect and actually he was in the condition of an entered apprentice, who had sustained this injury after his initiation. Who is to blame? Obviously the lodge, but the candidate is made the goat. This is the decision.

4. Question—Lodge, No.— entertained and acted favorably on the petition of Mr. ———, who was introduced, and received the First Degree in Masonry. Upon presenting himself for advancement, they discovered, for the first time, that he had lost the middle finger of his right hand at the knuckle.

Answer—Obviously, he is ineligible.

Action—Reprimanded the lodge, directed them to return the fee, and called the incident closed.

Four lodges were formed under dispensation.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodges of the Philippine Islands and the new Grand Lodge of France, were duly recognized, the latter because recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

The most gratifying item in these proceedings is the following:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully reports that no matters were referred to it.

The Committee on Masonic Home reports the institution to be in excellent condition, and it supports and educates 70 orphan children.

The number of lodges, as well as we can make out, is 322 and the membership is 24,734.

The report on correspondence, excellent in every way, is, as usual, contributed by Past Grand Master, Joseph W. Eggleston. In his review of North Carolina, for 1914, he has this to say about the claim that Joseph Montfort was the first and only Grand Master of America:

We have previously and frequently explained that Provincial Grand Masters were, in our colonies, rather less than more than our present-day District Deputy Grand Master, except that, owing to the difficulties in communicating with the mother country, they were authorized to charter lodges. Territorial jurisdiction was not then known, and more than one was designated "for America" and for "North America." This country was, to the Grand Lodge of England, an unknown wilderness, of little moment, and, whenever asked, charters were freely granted direct, regardless of these Provincial Grand Masters. Save that Cornelius Harnet granted one charter, Virginia never recognized the office, even when held by her distinguished son, Peyton Randolph. Still, if North Carolina sees fit to take pride in the matter, we have no disposition to object. As Mr. Toots so often said, "It's of no consequence."

We thought that we differed with Brother Eggleston as to the merit of the institutional plan of relief, but we are in accord with him when he says:

"Institutional relief is good, and so is individual care. Which is best, perhaps, depends upon which is best administered.

JAMES B. WOOD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHARLES A. NESBITT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### WASHINGTON, 1915

58TH ANNUAL.

NORTH YAKIMA.

JUNE 8.

The likeness of the retiring Grand Master, William J. Sutton, forms the frontispiece.

The Grand Lodge was cordially welcomed to the city by the mayor in behalf of the people and the local craft.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent review of his official acts and the general condition of the craft, not the least merit of which is its comparative brevity.

Four lodges were constituted and dispensations issued for the formation of three new lodges.

Two Masonic Temples were dedicated, and corner-stones laid six times.

Brother Sutton, speaking of the Masonic Home, says:

I can not too highly commend the work of the Masonic Home Board, who have given so generously of their time to the affairs of the Home, often at the expense of their own personal duties. This work must of necessity be a labor of love and each member has contributed in his own peculiar way, not only officially, but personally, to the welfare of the Home and the happiness of its members.

The natural increase in the affairs of the Home make such constant and special demand upon the time of the Secretary that I recommend that the Grand Secretary be added to this board and that he assume such duties as will afford relief in this direction. I also recommend that the Grand Master be made a member of the Home Board.

During the year the children have been removed to a cottage on the Home grounds, and a Matron specially experienced in this line of work has been placed in charge. This change proves to be for the welfare of both old and young.

The accommodations at the Home are already taxed to the utmost and the legitimate request made for admission make it imperative that more room be provided. I would therefore recommend that plans be laid looking toward the final erection in the near future of a building, the present one to be eventually devoted to the use of the children.

In a special report of the Committee on Correspondence, Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster recommended that the application for recognition by the Independent Regular National Grand Lodge of France be deferred for future consideration. The recommendation was adopted.

The same committee, reporting on the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, says in part:

Your committee therefore recommends that this Grand Lodge subscribe for one membership in this Association at a cost of \$100.00, it being understood that we thereby assume no additional financial obligation.

That the Grand Master and one additional member of Grand Lodge to be appointed by him be our representatives to this Association, without authority to incur expense not included in the annual appropriation for the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodges of Michigan and Maryland have subscribed \$5,000 each to the fund, and the Grand Lodge of Iowa \$3,000. The local Masonic bodies have already subscribed \$11,000.00.

Your committee would therefore recommend that our representatives to that Association be requested to make report to this Grand

Lodge, at its next annual communication, whether it be possible for us to make an appropriation of a reasonable further sum as a memorial to our beloved Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, Brother Thomas Milburne Reed, now gone to his reward.

The above recommendations of the committee were approved by the Finance Committee, and by the Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington there are all told, 197 lodges, having a total membership of 20,724, a net gain of 1,182. The average membership of the lodges is 105, a very healthy condition.

The report on correspondence, in modified, topical form, is contributed by Past Grand Master, Ralph C. McAllaster, and is interesting throughout. As to organization within lodges, he quotes from the Grand Master of Illinois:

"Masonry, if it is to retain the respect and confidence of the civilized world and avoid the appearance of insincerity and hypocrisy, must live up to its teachings, and practice outside of the lodge rooms those virtues which are inculcated within its tiled precincts.

"The Grand Lodge has so far recognized the moral obligation of the Masons within its obedience to conform to the ethical proprieties as to prohibit lodges from holding meetings on Sundays, and furnishes a commendable example in itself refraining from the exercise of any of its functions on that day.

"Since the sincerity of our professions is justly judged by the degree of consistency with which they are observed, I believe that such organizations as are permitted within constituent lodges should be prohibited from promoting or participating in any form of amusement or entertainment on Sunday which would not be proper for the lodges themselves, as such, to engage in."

ROBERT L. SEBASTIAN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

HORACE W. TYLER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1914-15

16TH ANNUAL.

PERTH.

APRIL 22ND.

The likeness of the Deputy Grand Master, A. C. McCallum, occupies the fly leaf.

The volume contains the proceedings of three quarterly communications and of the annual which met April 22, 1915.

As we find in other Grand Lodges of the British Colonies the officers and the rank and file of the members of the subordinate lodges are filled with anxiety as to the outcome of

the great European war, of which the Grand Master, the Arch Bishop of Perth, although by his profession a pacifist speaks as follows, as becomes a loyal son of Britain :

Among the events during the last three months is the war which has broken out and which is now waging nearly all over the civilized world, and in which you and I are engaged. It is a terrible calamity, but at the same time I am hoping that the very magnitude of it, the awfulness and terribleness of it, may lead the way to a cessation of hostilities perhaps for very many years in the future, and it may possibly be the beginning of more rational ideas in the development of countries and more humane treatment, I hope, certainly of non-combatants. When the last war broke out in Africa, and in which we were involved, there was lurking in the hearts of a great many a little idea that it was rather hard that our great nation should be fighting a little one; however much we feared that, we felt that it was absolutely necessary. None of us like to hit someone less than ourselves, and if we are wise, of course, we do not hit anyone bigger than ourselves, but in that war we really did feel, a great many of us that there was something which made us feel qualms of conscience when we were fighting a small race, as we had to do, in Africa; now there are not qualms of conscience at all amongst us as far as I can make out; everyone now, except the Austrians and the Germans, know perfectly well that England is not fighting for herself alone but for those ideals for which the race has been renowned for centuries upon centuries. We believe that we are fighting now for the small against the strong; we are fighting now for our honour, we have pledged our word, and an Englishman's word was supposed to be his bond, and, if we had broken our word now, then that old phrase of our race would certainly never be given to us again. We have to fight now on behalf of the people as against an autocracy and militarism, and I cannot understand how some of the other nations of the world, to whom the result of this war will be just as important as it is to us—because, if we were to be defeated, they too would have their turn—I cannot understand how it is that, so far, they have kept out. For myself I cannot possibly see how any self-respecting nation such as ours could have kept away from this terrible war without losing all our honour and all our claim to manliness. And now that we are in it we have to bear ourselves so that the enemy beware of us, and it is the duty of everyone who can to help; some of us help by going to war ourselves, some of us have gone beyond that stage of life and would be useless, so those who are near and dear to us go in our stead, and some of us only can help by cheering on those who have gone and then by comforting those



who are in distress afterwards, and for us Masons, of course, that is one of the works which we shall have to do. There will be plenty of opportunity in the future for our relief, for our brotherly kindness, and for our truth; to be true to the traditions of our Order, as we have been true, and as we believe England is to the traditions of the race in going to this war. It is important to ask myself what ought to be our conduct while the war is lasting; one does not like to indulge in festivities of all kinds when those near and dear to us are in the trenches at the front fighting; at the same time it would not do for us to put on one side altogether the ordinary social festivities of life, because we have to keep up the courage and we have to keep up the hope of the race, and it would not do for us to let the enemy see that we were downhearted, or that we had not plenty of hope; and so think that in our Lodges—mind you, this is only what I think—we should have our festivities mild in character, patriotic in tone, and that at all our festivities we should never forget the absent Brethren and wish them every prosperity. Then with regard to relief, I know there are various notions about our helping various funds; personally I think that our funds, as well as the funds of private Lodges, should be conserved as they will be called upon before very long to a very great extent, and if we look after our own people we shall be doing our duty to them, and we shall be relieving the other funds just as much as though we subscribe direct to those funds. That is my humble opinion. Now one other thing about the men who are going to the war. It would be a very good thing if we had a list collected and put up somewhere, perhaps in Grand Lodge, a list of all our Brethren going to the front in these contingents; but it is very difficult to get the names, a number are on the rolls of the various Lodges, and a goodly number may not have been subscribing members at all, but if any members of the Craft know of Brethren in the camps going to the war, I think they would be doing a kindness to the Grand Lodge and a kindness to the Brethren themselves if they would send in the names to Grand Secretary, so that we may have the names before us in order that we may not forget when we are thinking of those who have gone to fight our battles.

The board of General Purposes recommended the recognition of the new French National Grand Lodge only because similar action had been taken by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. It seems to us that this was too hastily done.

At the communication of the 22nd of April the Grand Master reported the financial condition to be excellent, as follows:



The Grand Treasurer will submit his Annual Financial Statement later on, but I would like for one moment to make a brief reference to the figures, and to offer my congratulations to Grand Lodge on the prosperous state of its finances. The balance at present standing to the credit of the General Fund is £5,801; to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, £5,463; and to the credit of the Widows', Orphans', and Aged Freemasons' Fund, £8,629, while the surplus of assets in excess of liabilities of the Freemasons' Hall Account is £13,167, making a grand total of £33,102, showing a gain of £1,730, for the year. With a few exceptions the financial position of the private Lodges is very satisfactory. Once again it gives me great pleasure to announce that for the THIRTEENTH year in succession there is not a single Lodge in arrear.

As to the value of the benevolent fund the president of the Board of Benevolence finds these results:

From the foregoing list it will be seen that the Fund is doing excellent work, and is contributing to the support of 38 orphan children and two aged Freemasons.

The interest earned by the Fund since its establishment, some nine years ago, amounts to £1,349 16s. 1d., while the annuities and childrens' grants paid away total £1,090, leaving a balance to the credit of interest account of £259 16s. 1d. The Fund is earning at present £388 per annum.

There are 91 constituent lodges in the jurisdiction having a total membership of 4,119, and showing the small gain of 77.

The report on correspondence is contributed by the different members of the committee, and the review of North Carolina for 1914 is presented by "A. C. McC." which we take to mean the present Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. C. McCallum. The whole report is full and readable, and the Tar Heel Grand Lodge is grateful for a very full and fraternal report.

C. O. L. RILEY, Arch Bishop of Perth,

*M. W. Grand Master.*

J. D. STEVENSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### WEST VIRGINIA, 1914

50TH ANNUAL.

BLUEFIELD.

NOVEMBER 11.

The volume is adorned with the likeness of the incoming

Grand Master, William T. Ice, Jr., and the Grand Lecturer, M. K. Duty.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Thomas P. Jacobs, is a comprehensive statement of his official labors for the year. This, the opening paragraph gives a very gratifying picture of conditions in West Virginia:

We are again at the close of another Masonic year. The work during that period has been quite laborious, and yet it has been a labor of love. And I can speak of it as one of the busiest and one of the happiest years of my life. It has been to the fraternity a year of great peace and great prosperity. No great calamity has befallen the people of our state. No great event of any kind, such as the flood of 1913, has crossed our pathway or caused any suffering to the members of the fraternity. We have had a bountiful year. A kind Providence has given us a bountiful harvest. We are at peace with all the nations of the world. No horrid, savage, brutal war such as we see beyond the Atlantic destroys our peace. And no blood has been shed for the protection of our institutions. We have trod truly the paths of peace and prosperity and we are enabled to be doubly grateful to the Grand Supreme Architect of the Universe for all the blessings which we individually and collectively enjoy. The increase in our membership has been unusual. Much new material has been gathered in. The lodges have done their work well. I have preceived wherever I have travelled throughout the state an increased enthusiasm, almost without exception, among the brethren, while peace and harmony rule and reign among them. And it makes one glad to visit the brethren in their lodge meetings and to hold a spirit of fraternity and an enthusiastic desire to increase the number of the worthy, while at the same time protecting well the outer gate.

In confirmation of the optomistic statements of the Grand Master, the Committee on Grand Lodge Charity reports that it had no application for relief from any source during the year.

The Grand Master reports having granted dispensation for the formation of three new lodges. He steadfastly refused to grant dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, when there seemed to be no real emergency.

The decisions and rulings, 60 in number, cover nearly twenty pages of the volume and the Jurisprudence Committee could find nothing to seriously disapprove.

The Grand Lodges of West Virginia and Pennsylvania are made beneficiaries under the will of Henry Krug, who has bequeathed to each Grand Lodge property estimated to be worth \$250,000, the money to be applied, in each case, to the maintenance of Masonic Homes.

The Grand Master closed his address with arguments to sustain his view, that Masonry is a religion, and a christian religion at that. We doubt if Brother Jacobs will find very many to agree with him.

In a special report, the Committee on Correspondence gave consideration to the application of the National Grand Lodge of France for recognition, and advised delay until further information could be received.

In connection with the foregoing, we regret to note that Past Grand Master J. W. Atkinson was not present in the Grand Lodge, owing to an accident which befell him two days before, and from which he received a very severe shaking up.

In the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia there are 150 lodges having a total membership of 17,740, showing a net gain of 1,037.

From the reports of the district deputies and the assistant lecturers, the craft of West Virginia should be enabled to make progress in the knowledge of the principles and the ritual of Freemasonry.

The report on correspondence is an attractive review of the doings of 58 Grand Lodges, and is contributed by M. W. Bro. G. W. Atkinson in his usual sparkling style. North Carolina for 1914 is indebted to Brother Atkinson for very kindly consideration and a mild criticism, in which we concur, of one of the rulings of Grand Master F. M. Winchester.

After looking over the report of the Grand Secretary and noting the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues Brother Atkinson presents the following solution of the difficulty which we believe to be the only practical way of meeting the trouble:

The Grand Secretary reports 412 lodges in the jurisdiction, with a total membership of 22,879. There was a loss of 1,095 members during the year on account of failure to pay their dues. I know of but one way to prevent this slumping in our membership every year in all of our Grand Lodges, and that is to find good, competent secretaries for the lodges, pay them reasonable salaries, and re-elect them every year. To change secretaries annually, will, sooner or later, kill the most prosperous lodge in any state or country. An efficient secretary will persist in collecting in the dues of members, and thus prevent the wholesale loss of valuable Masons who negligently omit paying their annual dues. A good secretary will keep after them until they send in the ducats. When secretaries are changed every year, all they do is to write up the minutes, and give no attention to the dues of the brethren, hence the large number of suspensions.

WILLIAM T. ICE, JR., *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN M. COLLINS, *M. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### WISCONSIN, 1915

71ST ANNUAL.

MILWAUKEE.

JUNE 8.

The excellent address of the Grand Master, Bernard F. Keeler, is a very full and interesting story of his administration just coming to a close. On the subject of the need of relief on account of the European war he expresses his views as to the duty of the Wisconsin brethren as follows:

One of the most serious problems with which we have been confronted during the year has been the appeals for aid for our distressed brethren, their widows and orphans in the "war zone." To my desk have come calls for help from the Grand Lodges of Austria, Hungary, Germany, England, France and Belgium. Were I to say that they stirred my heart with a longing to be of assistance I would be using weak words to express my feeling. But I was confronted with a condition so overwhelming in its magnitude and so conflicting as to the facts that to act hastily might result in great injustice. In communication with Grand Masters of other jurisdictions I found the same problem distressing them. That we were all of one mind on the general proposition that there was need for assistance goes without saying. An agency purporting to act with authority sought our participation. There were circumstances in connection therewith which made me hesitate, circumstances

which were of such a character that I felt I could not coöperate with the movement and be just to the membership. For that reason, though the need of our brethren is urgent, I have deemed it wise not to ask for relief until assured that the funds gathered would be properly administered and reach the object for which they were contributed. In the confusion incident to the unfortunate strife the question of administration is not only a serious problem, but the disposition of the funds themselves calls for most delicate handling. Therefore, I recommend that a special committee be authorized to have charge of this entire matter, acting in conjunction with the incoming Grand Master, to gather the necessary data and determine the method of distribution.

The Grand Master reports 13 decisions, which were, in the main, approved. He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges.

Wisconsin is still averse to holding membership in the George Washington Memorial Association.

The Grand Master earnestly admonishes the officers of subordinate lodges to see to it that the key or cipher be finally banished, and that the possession or knowledge of possession equally become Masonic offenses.

A Masonic Home at Douman is almost in sight, and nothing prevents its coming but the failure so far to convey perfect title.

There are 271 lodges, having a total membership of 30,551, showing a net gain of 1,308.

The report on correspondence, 157 pages, is the work of the skilled craftsman, Bro. Aldro Jenks. He has given North Carolina a double header, one for 1914 and one for 1915. He is not of the same mind as Grand Master John T. Alderman on the subject of conferences of Grand Masters, and expresses himself as follows:

These annual gatherings must tend more strongly than anything else could to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, and with its establishment impair the sovereignty of the different Grand Lodges now in existence. Power is always ambitious, and ever grasps at greater power. Gradually the prerogatives and sovereignty of the different Grand Lodges of the United States will be surrendered to it or acquired by usurpation.



Our brother thinks that eventually great good will come from these conferences. To our mind, they are very much like the road constructed by a great military expert, that lead to nowhere but to the depths of a quagmire, so that a hostile army once started down the highway soon found itself floundering helplessly in a bog. We would counsel every Grand Lodge that wishes to retain its own independence and sovereignty to beware of conferences of Grand Masters and annual gatherings of this nature.

On the subject of Masonic Homes, Brother Jenks comes very nearly to our views, when he says in his conclusion :

The Grand Jurisdiction maintaining Masonic Homes seem to be well satisfied in the main with their operations and proud of the work they are doing. We notice, however, that it is with some difficulty that the craft are induced to tax themselves sufficiently to meet the annual expense and there is a constant solicitation of funds in that behalf.

GEORGE E. KELLOGG, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILLIAM W. PERRY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### WYOMING, 1914

40TH ANNUAL.

THERMOPOLIS.

SEPTEMBER 9.

The volume is adorned with the likeness of the incoming Grand Master, James J. Jewett, and also with that of the Grand Secretary, W. L. Kuykendall.

The address of Grand Master Fred C. Barnett covers his official doings for the year. Under the condition of the craft he says :

The past year has been one of material prosperity to the craft generally and it has been gratifying to note the steady advancement in the application of the principles of the fraternity to the problems of everyday life. While it is to be regretted that some friction and irregularities have occurred within our jurisdiction, we have tried to smooth the pathway with the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and it is with considerable satisfaction that I am now able to report satisfactory conditions prevailing generally, so far as I know, and the craft making gradual progress towards the attainment of a higher degree of Masonic efficiency.

Eight and a half pages of the volume are devoted to a



report of the decisions, all of which were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on "Homes" is very interesting and illuminating. We take this extract in which we heartily concur:

The average cost of Homes in the United States is much greater than this. The total cost of the Homes in the twenty-two states reporting to us is \$5,262,572.30, an average cost of \$239,207.83. We sincerely hope that this committee will not be accused of attempting to sacrifice the principles of charity to commercialism. We do believe, however, that the cost is an important factor to be considered. No effort that we know of is ever made to make the Home self-supporting, notwithstanding the large amounts invested. In the opinion of your committee, the wants of our needy brothers, their widows and orphans, can be better cared for, and with much less expense by the home lodge, than in a Masonic Home. In many cases a small amount of money, added to what the friends and relatives of a distressed brother would do for him, would be sufficient to relieve his wants at his own home, while, if sent to a Masonic home, all of his wants must of necessity be provided for. We believe further that it would be much more satisfactory to a sick or needy brother to be cared for among his relatives and friends rather than at a Home, where all domestic ties and the associations of friends of a lifetime must necessarily be severed. We believe it far better to give a needy widow enough to assist her in keeping her family together, rather than deprive the children of a mother's care, at a time when they most need it, by placing them in a home. We admit that a home is a great advertisement for a Grand Lodge, but, brethren, let us not proclaim our charity from the housetops. If a brother needs our assistance, let us give it to him open handed and generously, but with as little publicity as possible.

After thorough discussion, the Grand Lodge decided to postpone any definite action upon the question of establishing a Home, but made provision for taking care of every worthy case of need.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized as a legitimate Grand Lodge.

There are 34 constituent lodges, having a total membership of 3,190, showing an increase of 154.

The report on correspondence is as usual, contributed by Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, who has brought distinction to himself and to his Grand Lodge by the ability, independence and scholarship displayed by his labors in this field.

We quote under Louisiana the following, in which we unqualifiedly concur:

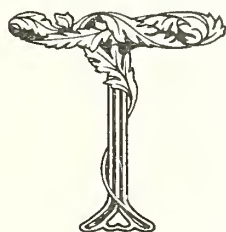
Brother Herman C. Duncan presented another of his reports on correspondence, the form of which he has completely changed. It is limited to twenty-six pages. As a "Grand Recognizer" of nearly every brand of Masonry he is a decided success. The word of an interested witness, as in the case of Belgium, relating to the main fundamental law of our institution is accepted in face of the fact that the Masons of that country are in close communion with the Grand Orient of France, and the indications are very strong that the Bible is not always on lodge altars. The following, in connection with the resolution herein quoted, shows that he and the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has at last come out in the open with the intention of uniting all the different rites of Masonry and thus strangling what is termed the "York Rite," or the original foundation of our speculative system. To be consistent, our brother should now recommend the recognition of all the other Supreme Councils.

JAMES J. JEWETT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. L. KUYKENDALL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



REPORTS  
of  
District Deputy Grand Masters





*Fourth Masonic District*

WOODLAND, N. C., January 15, 1916.

*Hon. A. B. Andrews, Jr., Acting Grand Master of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fourth Masonic District.

The past year has been one of great progress in Masonry in this district. There have been many additions to the various lodges and there seems to be a general revival of the true Masonic spirit throughout the entire district.

It has been my good fortune to be able this year to visit several of the lodges in the district and these I found to be in good condition and herein I inclose my reports of six of the eleven lodges in the district.

The district meeting, at which every lodge in the district was represented, was held at Roanoke Rapids on Thursday, September 30th, and was a marked success. Widow's Son Lodge was the host of the occasion and the visitors and delegates felt more than repaid for having come; the business meetings were held in the beautiful new lodge room of Widow's Son Lodge and the public meeting in the auditorium of the high school building; music was furnished by the Rosemary Band and the following program was carried out: Prayer, by E. E. Rose, D. D., of Pendleton Lodge; introductory remarks, by Hon. W. L. Long; address of welcome, by Job Taylor, Esq.; response, by W. H. S. Burgwyn, D. D. G. M., and the address of the evening by Raymond G. Dunn, of Enfield. There was a large crowd present. After the public exercises the meeting adjourned to the municipal building where the Masons of Roanoke Rapids tendered the district meeting an informal reception and banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards we adjourned to the lodge room where the meeting was closed to meet next fall at Rich Square at the call of the District Deputy.

We earnestly trust that the coming year may be one of further progress all along the line and that Masonry may continue to shed the beneficent light of brotherly love and friendship among mankind.

With kind personal regards, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

W. H. S. BURGWYN,

*D. D. G. M., Fourth District.*



*Ninth Masonic District*

CLINTON, N. C., January 17, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Owing to private business matters the past year it has been impossible for your Deputy to attend communications of the several lodges composing this district. However, through private information it is the opinion of your Deputy that the order is in a flourishing condition, several new members have been received and additions have been made to the membership by initiations.

It is impossible to attend the coming communication of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

GEO. L. PETERSON,  
*D. D. G. M., Ninth District.*

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*Twelfth Masonic District*

*To the Most Worshipful Deputy and Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I beg to hand you herewith reports of my official visitations, copies of which I am mailing to the Grand Secretary.

I very much regret that it was impossible for me to visit all of the lodges of the district. In order to offset this, however, and get the brethren of the district together, on November 9th and 10th, we held a most profitable district meeting with Carthage Lodge, No. 181, when nine of the twelve lodges of the district were represented. Besides interesting reports from the lodges, we enjoyed addresses on various Masonic subjects by several of the brethren. We were also pleased to have with us on this occasion Bro. R. L. Brown, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, whose talk on the work being carried on at that institution was greatly appreciated by the brethren. The third degree, as exemplified by Carthage Lodge, was excellent, and the entertainment provided by these brethren was indeed lavish.

The year has been one of steady gain for Masonry in this district. One lodge, (Roman Eagle, No. 550), that had been almost inactive for several years is now hard at work taking in splendid material. Other lodges have added good and true men to their membership, and so far as I can learn harmony prevails throughout the entire district.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. LEGRAND EVERETT,  
*D. D. G. M., Twelfth District.*

*Fifteenth Masonic District*

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The first official visit made after appointment as District Deputy, the first of August, 1915, was to Hiram Lodge, No. 40, at Raleigh, August 2, 1915. The third degree was conferred on one candidate. I am impressed with the improvement of this lodge over its work of recent years. It has young officers who are active in the work. This lodge has taken advantage of the services of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, J. W. Patton.

August 6, 1915, I visited Anchor Lodge, No. 234, at Auburn. This was a night meeting and a number of brethren from Wm. G. Hill, No. 218, were present. Three were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. A barbecue supper was served after the meeting. This lodge passed its half century mile post in 1915, and it is good to know that it has revived after many years of sleep.

The Grand Master and Brethren W. T. Ultschi, A. H. T. Spencer and J. W. Kellogg, Masters of the three local lodges, met at my home the evening of August 28, 1915, and were entertained at dinner. For two hours we talked informally of Masonic affairs in the district.

The first meeting of the Masters of the lodges in the 15th district was held in Raleigh, September 13, 1915. Eleven of the eighteen lodges were represented. This meeting has been helpful in bringing the Masters of the lodges and the District Deputy in closer touch.

On special invitation, I visited White Stone Lodge, No. 155, at Wakefield, September 25, 1915. The lodge had not met for several months and the officers were not installed. I installed the officers, and the lodge at once took official action to remodel its lodge room and resume its work. Eleven members were present, and I expect a revival of interest in White Stone Lodge in 1916. It has good material.

Raleigh Lodge, No. 500, had been studying under Assistant Grand Lecturer Patton, and on November 15, 1915, I made my official visit. The third degree was exemplified in accordance with Brother Patton's instruction. This lodge has raised its initiation fee to \$50.00. It is a progressive lodge with progressive officers and a Master who is always to be depended upon for work in anything for the good of Masonry. Brother Kellogg is one of the few to be honored with two terms as Master of this lodge.

November 22, 1915, representatives from five lodges in the district met in Raleigh and the Grand Master, Bro. A. B. Andrews, and the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. W. Willson, were present. Masonic affairs in the district were discussed for an hour and a half.

Worshipful Master of Green Level Lodge, No. 277, Bro. T. C. Council, extended a special invitation to visit his lodge December 4, 1915. A delicious oyster supper was served. Twenty-five members were present. It was the first time I had been in that section of the county and I was favorably impressed with the substantial prosperity of these tobacco farmers. Green Level, No. 277, has a nice lodge room. Their quarters are scrupulously clean, and I noted the good quality and neatness of their aprons. The officers of this lodge have good delivery, and I believe the lodge is looked up to by its community as a result of the great principles that Masonry has exemplified in that section through it.

December 4, 1915, I met Bro. W. B. Johnson, Master of Apex Lodge, No. 584, and talked with him of things for the good of the order.

December 7-8, 1915, I went with a special car load of Masons from Raleigh to attend the meeting of Oasis Temple at Charlotte, N. C. I am glad that I helped to secure the meeting of the Shrine for Raleigh in June, 1916.

I visited Zebulon Lodge, No. 609, January 4, 1916, at night. About twenty were present. A nice oyster supper was served after the meeting. This lodge will secure the services of the Assistant Grand Lecturer in the near future. It is a new lodge, and is already making itself felt in the community.

I have visited my own lodge, Wm. G. Hill, No. 218, on nearly all of its regular meetings twice each month. No. 218 is one of the strongest in the state and has 258 members. Her finances are in excellent condition. Her contributions to charity are liberal. This lodge stands high in its community, and judging from petitions for membership now on hand, she will continue in the forefront.

During my short term I have talked Masonry with fourteen of the eighteen Masters in my district.

The Grand Historian, Bro. Marshall DeL. Haywood, has accompanied me on several visits in the district.

Mr. H. M. Poteat, Master of Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282, has encouraged and helped me very much.

I am fortunate in being in close touch with the Grand Master, whom I have found ready and willing to give his

valuable time and service for the good of Masonry in the district.

This district has as many lodges as any in the state. All returns were in and all dues paid promptly to the Grand Lodge.

The outlook of Masonry for 1916 in the fifteenth district is very encouraging.

Fraternally submitted,

C. TRENHOLM McCLENAGHAN,

*D. D. G. M., Fifteenth District.*

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*Sixteenth Masonic District*

SELMA, N. C., January 18, 1916.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of my district: On account of my inability to visit all of the lodges I regret exceedingly that I cannot furnish reports of each one in prescribed form as unfortunately I have been unable to make dates with a majority of the lodges, although I endeavored to do so. Very few responded and, in consequence, my official visits were greatly curtailed. However, I wish to make special mention of some of the more enthusiastic who merit commendation for their untiring efforts to promote the interest of Masonry in their respective lodges and vicinity. I refer especially to Fellowship, No. 84, of Smithfield, James D. Parker, Master, and Relief, No. 431, of Benson, W. T. Martin, Master. These brethren supported as they are by their several officers and with the coöperation of members of their lodges have established a precedent well worthy of emulation by all subordinate lodges. Prompt attendance at all communications, efficiency in the degree work, harmony and good fellowship, to keep alive and flourishing the true Masonic spirit, so essential to the welfare of our great institution, seems to be their motto. I have been in touch with the other lodges in my district, though indirectly, and my observation as well as personal contact with some of the members of each would indicate that the ancient landmarks of the fraternity and reputation of our grand order is being properly and carefully preserved and supported. However ours, as well as all well governed institutions, is not entirely free of some dissension among its membership, but I am glad to report that only one or two trivial cases have come to my knowledge and these were easily and amicably adjusted.

Such friction, of course, is not productive of any good for the fraternity and should not exist even for a moment. In a momentary state of oblivion some brother would do or say something that would strike a sensitive chord in his brother and although totally ignorant of his misdoing some harsh feeling would develop that only time and intervention by the craft could eradicate, which should teach us to be very careful of what we say and do, especially while in the tiled recesses of our lodges, which next to our churches should be the most sacred place that a Mason can enter. Let us hope that the light disseminated by your great body now assembled in convention be inculcated by all present and of inestimable good through them to every Mason in North Carolina, and through them to all the world as a beacon for the uplift and good of all mankind.

I am indeed sorry that I cannot be with you on the occasion of this Grand Lodge meet. I am so indisposed that it would not be prudent for me to be out or exposed to night air.

Assuring you of my high regard and best wishes, I am,  
Yours fraternally,

J. D. EDEN,  
*D. D. G. M., Sixteenth District.*

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#### *Nineteenth Masonic District*

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M.:*

I take great pleasure in handing you herewith the required report blanks from all the lodges in the nineteenth Masonic district, and in making supplemental report as follows:

It was again this year my pleasure to be able to visit all the lodges in the district, and this time to study the peculiar conditions which each one was called to meet. In these visitations I endeavored to direct the attention of the lodges to special opportunities which lay before them, and in several cases conducted what might euphemistically be called a sort of "community survey." I find that the man who is of any value to society is most grateful to us when we so rouse him that he begins thinking and realizes his powers.

I have endeavored to bring more closely home to each individual Mason the real meaning of our peculiar ceremonies, by explaining their origin and symbolism; for instance, I have quite often given the history of the Fellow Craft globes, and of the beautiful monument in the third degree, and of



other apparent anachronisms. To the end that the lodge business and all perplexing problems connected therewith might be handled most efficiently in all cases, I prepared early last autumn a questionnaire pertaining to Masonic law, degree work and institutions, lodge finances, and hints concerning efficiency in its other work; and used printed copies in visitations as a basis for suggestive answers to questions. I attach a copy to this report.

Instead of holding the usual district meeting, I have this year made experimental use of the "group meeting" method of bringing the several lodges of the district together. This is an adoption of the "schools of instruction" of many of the Grand Lodges. There is no central point in the district convenient to all the lodges, and the attendance at any one place must needs be largely local. Therefore with each of six lodges at different times I encouraged and attended meetings which brought together each time members from an average of four of the twelve lodges, the total number being nearly three times the attendance at the one district meeting of last year. The plan was highly successful. It should be supplemented by a general meeting every other year.

I am deeply grateful to the lodges for the signal courtesies shown me. The hospitality of the Masons of Vance, Franklin and Warren counties cannot be excelled. I must mention several events planned by them which were of special significance. On May 19th and 20th, Johnston-Caswell Lodge, of Warrenton, celebrated its 150th birthday and housewarming, and invited all the lodges in the district to be represented. The orators of the occasion were Gen. B. S. Royster, Prof. J. T. Alderman and Dr. H. M. Poteat. J. B. Owen, Grand Marshal, and other distinguished guests were present. A most beautiful banquet was tendered by the local Eastern Stars, who give the lodge invaluable assistance. I have prepared a sketch of the revolutionary history of this lodge, or rather of the whole district. In June the Warren county lodges held a joint moonlight installation at Vaughan. This is, I am told, an unique use of the ceremony, and was very impressive. Much credit is due Bro. W. R. Vaughan for the success of it.

In July I had the pleasure to be a relief worker in the office of the Oxford Orphan Asylum in place of the treasurer, who was taking a needed vacation. During this most enjoyable and elevating period J. H. Mills Lodge, of Epsom, was the host at a joint installation, meeting and picnic. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but owns outright a good



building and does good work. Then, in August, Sandy Creek Lodge held another group-meeting and barbecue. Here Bro. B. B. Egerton is the live Master of a good lodge. Next the Cedar Rock Lodge conferred the third degree and had a basket picnic at an all-day meeting on the occasion of the official visit. One of the most pleasant events of the year was that on the occasion of the official visit to Franklinton Lodge, a barbecue dinner being served and many visitors entertained. The oratory was excellent. An interesting incident, the feature of the occasion, came when a handsome oil portrait of Past Master B. F. Bullock was presented to the lodge. I thank the Supreme Architect that there are such fine Masons as Major Bullock in the district.

In making my visits I have traveled more than 830 miles, all except 80 by automobile. I am glad that my professional work permitted this. I have not allowed any lodge to incur any expense on account of my visits and have spent only about \$20 in making them. All the lodges show improvement. Henderson and Louisburg Lodges are the largest. Youngsville Lodge; Evening Star, of Bunn; Ionic, of Kittrell; and H. F. Grainger Lodge, of Dabney, have each made noteworthy progress. No new lodge has been formed during the year in the district, but preparations have been made and some limits granted to ask for a dispensation at Drewry, and I regard this as a good location for a lodge. "Side degrees" are almost eliminated, as well as unauthorized work, in the district. There have been some cases in the state of the conferring on women of what is called the "wife's and daughter's degree," which, I understand, reveals to women some Masonic sign or grip. If it does this, is it not highly un-Masonic, and should not any one who confers it be expelled? If it does not, he who confers it should be severely punished for deluding trusting women. There is no organization attached to it, and it hinders the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star greatly in some sections. I hope steps will be taken to either legitimize or forever stop this practice.

Permit me to congratulate the Acting Grand Master on the inaugurating by him of a movement to induce each lodge to undertake something which will "benefit the community in which the lodge is located, elevate its citizenship and reflect credit on Masonry." I have asked each lodge to take this up, and results are already visible. One lodge exerts its influence to improve educational conditions in its vicinity; another seeks successfully to have well-nigh impassable roads improved; others care in an organized way for the sick and de-

pendent in their territory; and tangible community service is generally emphasized. In other ways the lodges are making themselves felt. The Henderson Lodge in the early spring bought and paid for a valuable lot on which these safe and true brethren hope to build a magnificent temple, and the Franklinton brethren are looking forward to the time when they can improve their valuable property. Some of the specific suggestions to the deputies, too, have been adopted. One lodge gives a school a bell; another will put in a prominent place a portrait of one of its great men; another will on February 22nd present to the school library a copy of "Washington, the Man and the Mason." I have not heard all the reports yet. The work of a few of the lodges in behalf of the Masonic charities is itself monumental. Bunn, Vaughan, Sandy Creek and Warrenton are noteworthy.

But in general we Masons everywhere are too slipshod in our way of contributing to the orphans' and the home for the aged in North Carolina. We are exceptionally fortunate in the spending of this money in this state; for, although the cost per year in all the other Masonic homes in the country is more than \$250 per inmate, the average cost in our two North Carolina institutions is about \$120. But the other side of the picture should bring us a sense of shame. What we are doing for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home is pitifully little (only \$81.63 in this district, and this about the average). We Masons contribute directly only a small fraction of the funds necessary to support the orphanage, and thousands of Masons and scores of lodges contribute not one red cent to it. Yet it is called Masonic. If my statistics do not deceive me, of 27 Grand Lodges in the United States which have institutions like ours, 24 support them almost entirely by a per capita tax of some kind. The average per capita for this purpose alone is close to 66 cents. We might well support ours in this way, but obviously this is not practicable now. I suggest that there be set before each Mason and each lodge a definite goal and that we make use in a dignified way of all our resources to reach it. Let us see to it that no lodge fails to give donations to the Orphan Asylum and to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and that these donations shall amount to not less than, let us say, 60 cents per capita—of which two-thirds shall go to the orphanage and one-third to the home. I suggest that a thorough campaign be conducted for systematic giving by individual and by lodge, so that the burden may be fairly distributed. I think it would do much good to have attention directed to this in the blanks for

returns of lodges and for District Deputies' reports, and to ask in them, "What donations have been made to these institutions by this lodge?" and, "Do these donations reach the requested minimum?" and to have the proceedings contain tabulations of donations by counties and districts such as that for the nineteenth district which I attach hereto.

If lodges in cities and towns where Masonry is strong numerically will encourage the organization of Eastern Star chapters, and help them after they are organized, our charity work will be vastly easier and the lodges will be benefited. Many Masons who ought to know better are without good reason prejudiced against the noble Order of the Eastern Star. The O. E. S. Grand Chapter pledged two-fifths of the support of the Home. Unless the Masons do their duty by the order more loyally than many have done it in the past, it can only with great difficulty grow normally and meet its pledges. I suggest that this Grand Lodge go on record as commending this order to the lodges.

If I have digressed from the usual plan of a District Deputy's report, it is because the problems which are mentioned are very real ones in the nineteenth Masonic district and I hope they may soon be solved. My work as your representative, which I hereby conclude, has been exceedingly pleasant, and I thank you sincerely for your very kind assistance.

Assuring you of my sincerest good wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. EDWARD ALLEN,

*D. D. G. M., Nineteenth District.*

STATISTICS OF RESOURCES AND CHARITIES, NINETEENTH MASONIC  
DISTRICT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
NOVEMBER 1, 1914, TO OCTOBER 31, 1915

Compiled by J. Edward Allen, D.D.G.M.

Name, number and location of lodges by counties.	Number of Members.	Voluntary Donations to Orphan Asylum.	Orphan Asylum Singing Class Receipts this Point.	Total from this Point for Orphan Asylum, voluntary and Singing Class.	Am't. donations To Masonic and O. E. S. Home.
<b>WARREN COUNTY</b>					
Vaughan, No. 604 .....	20	\$ 15 86	\$ 38 00	\$ 53 86	\$15 00
Johnston-Caswell, No. 10, Warrenton . . . . .	57	60 00	106 00	166 00	20 00
Total for the county .....	77	\$ 75 86	\$144 00	\$214 86	\$35 00
<b>VANCE COUNTY</b>					
*Henry F. Grainger, No. 412, Dabney .....	41	\$ 6 75		\$ 6 75	
*Ionic, No. 337, Kittrell .....	22	10 00		10 00	10 00
*J. H. Mills, No. 624, Epsom, (Henderson, R.F.D.) .....	27	5 00		5 00	
Henderson, No. 229 .....	116		20 70	20 70	
Total for county .....	206	\$ 21 75	\$ 20 70	\$ 42 45	\$10 00
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>					
Louisburg, No. 413 .....	84	\$ 10 00	\$ 79 90	\$ 89 90	\$16 13
†Franklinton, No. 123 .....	79	34 60	73 12	107 72	
†Youngsville, No. 377 .....	74		42 80	42 80	
*Evening Star, No. 588, Bunn ...	30	24 43	104 00	128 83	
*Cedar Rock, No. 286, (Louisburg, R.F.D.) .....	45	20 77		20 77	5 50
*Sandy Creek, No. 185, (Louisburg, R.F.D.) .....	60	25 00		25 00	15 00
Total for county .....	372	\$114 80	\$299 82	\$414 66	\$36 63
Total for district .....	655	\$212 45	\$464 52	\$676 97	\$81 63

\*Denotes a daylight lodge.

†Half day, half night meetings.

Warren County has 64 Master Masons to each 1,000 men who voted in 1912; area, 450 square miles; white population in 1910, 7,035. Has never had any children in Orphan Asylum, no guests in Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Vance County has 129 Masons to 1,000 voters; area, 260 square miles; white population in 1910, 9,421. Has 15 children in Orphan Asylum, no guests in Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Franklin County has 171 Masons to 1,000 voters; area, 420 square miles; white population in 1910, 13,127. Has 13 children in Orphan Asylum, no guests in Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The whole nineteenth district has 132 Master Masons to 1,000 voters; area, 1,130 square miles; white population in 1910, 29,583; has 12 lodges and 655 Masons. Has 28 children in Orphan Asylum and no guests in Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Approximately 3 per cent. of all the voluntary donations to the Orphan Asylum from Masons of the entire state come from this district, and 3.1 per cent of the Singing Class receipts. Figures on Home donations are not accessible. If, in the whole state, "all the Masons were just like these" in this district, the Masonic contributions to the Orphan Asylum would be \$1,830.98 more, and the Singing Class receipts \$1,765.75 more.

Figures on donations are difficult to compile, subject to error and open to corrections.

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### *Twenty-third Masonic District*

LEXINGTON, N. C., December 23, 1915.

*Hon. Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I am enclosing herewith reports of inspection made by me of the lodges of this district, which I have had the pleasure of visiting during the year.

It has been impossible for me to visit all of the lodges in the district, but I have endeavored to keep myself informed as to the condition of the lodges not visited, and, from reports, believe that Stokesdale, No. 428, and Tobasco, No. 271, should be urged to secure the services of a Lecturer in the near future, to improve them in the degree work, but more especially the unwritten work.

The standard of proficiency required by some of the lodges before passing a candidate is not what it should be, and this is due to the members not being proficient. The services of a lecturer is needed in this district, and the lodges have been requested to give this matter the attention it requires.

I have tried to impress upon the lodges that when we accept a petition, that we promise the candidate "Light," and unless we are proficient, we take his money and give him—what? (Not what we promised.)

Believing that it is the duty incumbent upon the District Deputy to see that the authorized work is given and knowing from experience that some of the lodges in this district did



not do this, with the assistance of the members of Lexington Lodge, No. 473, we organized a degree team for the purpose of visiting the lodges in the district, who desired to see the work put on.

On invitation from Farmer Lodge, No. 404, of Denton, N. C., we visited them on May 5, 1915, carrying with us an actual candidate to demonstrate the proficiency we believe is required before passing a candidate. This meeting made a lasting impression upon the members present.

I again visited this lodge June 26th, at which time I installed their officers for the year. After installation by unanimous vote it was decided to secure the services of Bro. J. W. Patton, Assistant Grand Lecturer, for two weeks, commencing August 23rd. Brother Patton did good work and I am proud of this lodge and the stand they have now taken for proficiency. They realize that it is true now, as it always was and always will be, that Masonry requires of its initiates action and not inertness—work for the benefit of their brethren and mankind.

On invitation from Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, we visited them May 18th. This lodge was very much impressed with the work, but more especially with the proficiency of the candidate. Everyone enjoyed himself and many expressions were heard that our “get together” meetings of the Masons of Davidson County would be productive of much good.

I again visited Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, on July 16th, at which time they conferred the third degree. While their work was exceptionally good, it did not conform in every respect to the authorized work as I see it. Their Master, Bro. F. S. Lambeth, being very anxious to conform in every respect to the work of North Carolina, suggested that the question of securing a Lecturer be mentioned. This was done, and by unanimous consent it was decided to get Brother Patton for two weeks, commencing September 16th. For local reasons this date was postponed, but this only for a short time, as this lodge also stands for proficiency among its officers and members. I believe that this lodge will be one of the best in the state in the near future.

In closing my report candor compells me to admit to you that harmony and good fellowship does not prevail throughout the district. Discord and dissention exists in some of the lodges, petty jealousies have crept in which dwarf, mar, and tell us of our weakness. There needs to be much more of the ancient fellowship among us, more tenderness for each other's



faults, more forgiveness, more solicitude for each other's improvement and good fortune, somewhat of brotherly feeling, that it be not ashamed to use the word "brother." In the language of the immortal poet:

"Teach me to feel another's woe,  
To hide the faults I see,  
That mercy I to other's show,  
That mercy show to me."

Fraternally yours,

L. F. BARR,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-third District.*

### *Twenty-fifth Masonic District*

*To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons,  
for the State of North Carolina:*

I have the honor to report, as District Deputy Grand Master of the twenty-fifth district, composed of Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly Counties, as follows:

We held the annual district meeting on the 7th day of December, 1915, with Spencer Lodge, No. 543, at Spencer, Rowan and Stanly Counties, as follows:  
respect.

We conferred first, second and third degrees and demonstrated the work under the direction of Bro. J. W. Patton, A. G. L.

The Master of the various lodges gave instructive talks at the close of the work and the brethren all returned to their homes with a more noble idea of the principles of Masonry.

Masonry in this district is doing as well as could be expected, and many new members are being added. The three new lodges are doing good work and have bright prospects before them.

We held our annual Masonic picnic in Albemarle on the 28th of July, and it was a success, but the receipts were a little short of the amount for 1914 on account of the fact that the war scare kept people from spending as freely as they usually did.

We are under lasting obligations to the good people and the brethren in this section for their assistance in this grand cause. We are always looking forward to this annual celebration for the good of the order and to be able to assist the Oxford Orphanage what we can.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. AUSTIN,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-fifth District.*

*Twenty-sixth Masonic District*

*To the Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the twenty-sixth district, composed of the counties of Anson and Union, I have the honor to report that Masonry is more firmly established and the principles of the order more generally inculcated in my district than at any time within my knowledge. Likewise, the lodges, as a whole, in my district are probably in better financial condition than they have been in years, notwithstanding the strenuous financial condition of the country caused by the awful conflict beyond the seas. For twelve months there has been a number raised, but not so many as will be in the next twelve months. There is a definite, easily recognizable renewed interest in the order throughout the district which means a prosperity in future not heretofore enjoyed. Harmony, peace and good-will prevail in every nook and corner of the district, and we therefore enter upon the duties and responsibilities of the coming year with high hopes and in anticipation of the best Masonic year we have had among the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. LEMMOND,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-sixth District.*

*Twenty-seventh Masonic District.*

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 18, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg to submit herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-seventh district:

I hand you herewith reports covering visit made to lodges in the county, and will say that while I visited the three lodges in the city a number of times, I am making no official report on either of them, for the reason that I deferred making an official visit until as late in the year as possible, and then at the last moment found myself unable to do so on account of other duties interfering.

However, the three Charlotte lodges are doing very well indeed, their growth being almost phenomenal, this being attributable to the fact that the "temple is completed."

My work in the district has not been at all satisfactory to

me this year, for various reasons. I started out with the intention of visiting every lodge in the district at least once during the year, but circumstances have made this impossible.

We held a district meeting in Charlotte January 11th and had a very large attendance. The degree of Master Mason was conferred in the afternoon, on the Scottish Rite stage, after which supper was served. Bro. R. C. Dunn, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, delivered an address in the evening.

Personally and by letter, I understand that all the lodges outside of Charlotte are doing well, with the exception of the lodge at Pineville. I have tried to arrange a visit to this lodge three or four times, but it seems impossible to get them to have a meeting for me, and yet I am told that they are anxious to hold their charter, and are trying to arrange to do so. I think that whoever is appointed District Deputy in this district for 1916 should go down there early in the morning and personally see to getting the brethren together for a meeting that night, to the end that this lodge might be saved.

With best wishes for Masonry in North Carolina during the year, 1916, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
KNOX W. HENRY,  
*D. D. G. M., Twenty-seventh District.*

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*Twenty-eighth Masonic District*

GASTONIA, N. C., January 18, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: I have the honor to submit the following as my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-eighth district.

With much regret I have to say that owing to many unfavorable circumstances surrounding me I have not been able to make official visits to the lodges of the district during the past year. However, I was permitted to visit the Belmont Lodge, U. D., at Belmont, N. C., and with the assistance of the officers conferred the third degree for them. This lodge is in excellent shape and the officers are getting along unusually well in conferring the degrees. They deserve credit for what they have been able to accomplish. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm among the brethren and this bids fair to become a strong, active lodge, and we may look for good reports from them. The wonder is that there has not been a good lodge at this point for years.

Concerning the other lodges in the district I cannot give details, but I have conversed with a number of the brethren from time to time and find much interest manifested in most, if not every, lodge. All seem to have made substantial gains in membership. I am gratified to say that perfect harmony reigns among the members of every lodge so far as I know. Also, there have been many inquiries as to the degree work, which signifies that the officers are all trying to fit themselves for the best degree work possible, thus bringing credit to themselves and honor to their lodges.

Trusting that this year's meeting may be one of pleasure and great profit to the fraternity, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. L. THOMPSON,

*D. D. G. M., Twenty-eighth District.*

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*Twenty-ninth Masonic District*

STATESVILLE, N. C., December 9, 1915.

*Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., M. W. Acting Grand Master, Raleigh, North Carolina:*

*Mr. Jno. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.:*

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS: It is with a feeling of pride and also regret that I attempt to make to you my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-ninth district, pride in the showing that has been made in the district, and also regret that it has not been possible for me to have done more for the cause that is dear to our hearts.

During the year I have only officially visited two of our lodges, Lee Lodge, No. 253, at Taylorsville, and Campbell Lodge, No. 374, at Troutman. An itemized report of the visits is attached hereto.

I wish to call your especial attention to the report of the financial condition that is shown in the report from Lee Lodge. They have just completed a building on the second floor of which is their hall. The rents from this building practically support the lodge, and they owe nothing, which leaves them the amount of their dues to contribute to the support of needy brethren.

On November 5th, we held our third annual district meeting, which proved to be a splendid success. At this meeting Statesville Lodge, No. 487, conferred the first degree, Campbell Lodge, No. 374, the second, and Wilson Lodge, No. 226, conferred the third degree. The work in all of these degrees was well done, but especial mention should be made of the

work done by Campbell Lodge, No. 374, for the manner in which they exemplified the second degree. The work was practically faultless.

Each lodge present made a report of the conditions in their lodge, and without exception these reports showed that Masonry was continually growing, and the work throughout the district is in good shape.

A large number of the lodges throughout the district have had the assistance of one of the Grand Lecturers during the year, and this alone will insure a steady growth as the members become enthused when the work is well done.

Brother Brown and Brother Phœnix were both prevented from attending the meeting to put their causes before the members, and both requested that I ask some brother present to speak a good word for them, and it was with a great deal of pleasure that we heard Past Grand Master Hackett, who happened to drop in on us in the nick of time, put these two great causes before the brethren, and for a talk on the spur of the moment, I do not think it could have been excelled.

There were a number of happy talks made by the different brethren from the district in the afternoon which clearly demonstrated that the good of Masonry is near to the heart of the Masons of the twenty-ninth district.

A fitting climax to the meeting was the address by the Grand Orator, Bro. R. C. Dunn, of Enfield, on, "Masonry Is," and it would be useless for me to try to put in words what was thought of this address, as you both heard it at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and can thoroughly realize that words are inadequate to express the manner in which this address was received by the brethren.

At the conclusion of the address Statesville Lodge, through their Worthy Master, Bro. P. P. Purnell, invited the visitors to come from labor to refreshment.

During the day a collection was taken for our Home at Oxford, and by a unanimous vote the amount, a little over forty-two dollars, was ordered sent to the Baby Cottage.

The expenses of the district meeting, by consent of the lodges of the district, were prorated among each of the lodges on a per capita basis, not including the refreshments, which were served by Statesville Lodge.

Last year at the Grand Lodge a resolution was introduced with a view of giving the district meeting some standing, but was withdrawn upon objection being raised, but I hope that in the very near future, something of the kind will be done, as the experience we have had in this district clearly shows that



a district meeting is a great help to the brethren at large, particularly to those who are not fortunate enough to be able to attend the Grand Lodge, as it puts new life in the brethren, as it shows them that there are others with the same objects in view, beside the members of their own lodge.

I trust that the year throughout the state has been all that you can have hoped for, and that the meeting of the Grand Lodge will be even more successful than those that have proceeded it.

Wishing you all good things for the year, 1916, I am,  
Yours very truly and fraternally,

W. L. GILBERT,  
*D. D. G. M., Twenty-ninth District.*

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*Thirty-first Masonic District*

PILOT MOUNTAIN, N. C., January 13, 1916.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

SIR: During the past Masonic year it has been my pleasure to visit several of the lodges in my district.

I regret exceedingly that I have not been able to visit all of the lodges in the district. I am glad that I can report all of the lodges that I have visited in prosperous condition. I am sure that my district is the most prosperous that it has been for a good many years.

We have had two very successful joint meetings and banquets of the Masons and Eastern Star members in our local lodges.

I have tried to work up a district meeting but have not been able to hold one this year, but I am sure that we can hold a successful one next year.

I have discussed your letter of October 13, 1915, with several of the members, but have not decided just what we can do that will be of the most good.

There are several things that I am trying to get arranged for the good of Masonry which I will not mention now.

Hoping to see you in Raleigh next week, I remain,

Fraternally,

JOHN P. FULK,  
*D. D. G. M., Thirty-first District.*



*Thirty-fourth Masonic District*

*To the Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I have visited all of the lodges in my district except two. I could not get a date with one of them when I could go.

My time has been taken up in lecturing. The lodges in my district except one is in healthy condition and the interest in growth of Masonry has been very satisfactory and the outlook is good. I have lectured all of the lodges in my district except two during this year. The Masons of the state where I have lectured are becoming more interested and united on the authorized work of the Grand Lodge than ever before in the history of Masonry in this state. I think the efficient untiring zeal of our Honorable Board of Custodians deserves them great credit for their faithful work.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-fourth District.*

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*Thirty-fifth Masonic District*

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

Inclosed find blanks for reports of the two lodges visited by me as District Deputy.

There is one other lodge in this county that I made two trips to visit and both times there could be no meeting on account of severe storms and, as I had to go Saturday and could not get back until Monday, I could not make another attempt.

I just made one trip to Watauga County to establish a R. A. chapter there and have not been able to undertake the long and arduous journey across country again and so have not visited lodges in Watauga but I know the two largest, one at Boone and Snow Lodge, are doing fine.

Fraternally and cordially, I am,

L. E. CLARK,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-fifth District.*

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*Thirty-seventh Masonic District*

SHELBY, N. C., January 17, 1916.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master F. P. Hobgood:*

The close of the year, 1915, finds Masonry in the thirty-seventh district in a healthy and prosperous condition and we are entering 1916 with the confident expectation of a good year.

We have had only a small net increase in membership during the past year, but it has been of the best material and a good amount of preparation has been made for a general advance.

Masonry seems to have taken deeper hold on the hearts of the brethren and they appear to be realizing that a knowledge of Masonry and its principles is well worth while and that the time and energy required to improve themselves in this respect is by no means wasted. The fact that eight of the eleven lodges in the district have had the services of a lecturer during the year seems to be good evidence of this desire for improvement.

I have been with seven of the lodges during the year. The other four I have missed, but have kept in reasonably close touch with all through conversations with the brethren as I see them in Shelby, and by phone, being able to reach some of the officers of each lodge by phone, also by correspondence.

One of our lodges was considerably weakened several years ago by an unfortunate occurrence which produced severe friction and they are somewhat discouraged. These brethren however are good men and true Masons at heart and we hope by proper encouragement they will take courage and join the other lodges in the general advance which is being made.

A large and enthusiastic district meeting was held in Shelby on December 10th, at which all the lodges in the district were well represented. The brethren of Cleveland Lodge entertained the visiting brethren in their homes and this feature, I believe, was productive of good and apparently enjoyed by all. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions were held.

The morning session was devoted to reports from the lodges and general discussion. At the afternoon session a service was held in memory of the seven brethren of the district who during the war had made answer to the summons of our Supreme Grand Master. After this service, Cleveland Lodge conferred the third degree, doing the work in a very accurate and impressive manner. At the evening session, inspiring addresses were delivered by Rev. W. E. Abernathy, Rev. C. W. Hoyle and others. We were delighted to have with us Bro. R. L. Brown who laid the interests of his host of little ones on the hearts of the brethren. After his address a collection for the Orphanage amounting to \$51.78 was taken. We shall always be glad to have Brother Brown.

Fraternally,

J. F. ROBERTS,  
*D. D. G. M., Thirty-seventh District.*

*Thirty-ninth Masonic District*

BILTMORE, N. C., January 8, 1916.

*To the Honorable A. B. Andrews, Jr., Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It becomes my duty and pleasure to be able to state that Masonry in the thirty-ninth district is in the most prosperous condition in the history of the craft in this section.

By correspondence and personal visitation, as far as possible, I have stimulated and encouraged the lodge of this district in more progressive work. I have officially visited all the lodges in my district and the conditions are more satisfactory than they have ever been before. The lodges in the rural sections do not have the advantages the town lodges have, nevertheless they are true to the principles of the order. They lack one thing, and that is, they all need a lecturer and I wish to sincerely impress this matter on you. If I may, I suggest that the Grand Lodge increase the number of Assistant Grand Lecturers. Bro. A. L. Parker, deceased, was Assistant Grand Lecturer in this district and since his passing away we feel isolated in that respect.

I wish to especially commend Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, for the work they do, not only in degree work, but in a fraternal work throughout the district. Their assistance to me in my district work I am very grateful for. •

On September 6, 1915, I held a district meeting in the Masonic Temple, Asheville, assisted by the Master and Past Masters of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118. Every lodge in the district had many representatives; in fact there were members of lodges from four districts outside my own. The E. A. degree was conferred in the afternoon, about 150 present; at 6:30 p. m. a delightful supper was served in the banquet hall, (which was arranged and served by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star), appropriate addresses were made fitting to the occasion; about 200 present. At 8:00 p. m., the M. M. degree was conferred; about 250 present. Those who attended went away with renewed enthusiasm. I believe this has been the largest district meeting that has been held in the western part of the state and I cannot help feeling that the fraternity in this section benefited by it. I do not claim the credit to myself but to those who very generously assisted and supported me in such a successful meeting.

I am forwarding inspection reports of all lodges in my district to the Acting Grand Secretary.

On my arrival in Raleigh I would like to make recommendations as to my successor.

I trust that Masonry may continue to prosper everywhere as it has prospered in the thirty-ninth Masonic district.

In conclusion, I thank you for the confidence reposed in me, and with sincere, kind and high regards for you personally and officially, I am,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

F. W. KENNY,

*D. D. G. M., Thirty-ninth District.*

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*Fortieth Masonic District*

SPRUCE PINE, N. C., December 28, 1915.

*Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As Deputy Grand Master of the fortieth district, will say that I have officially visited all the lodges in my district with one exception, (that of Bee Lodge). All the lodges visited are doing good work, seem to be prosperous, and taking on a substantial growth, have halls of their own and money in the treasury, officers zealous and endeavoring to do the very best work and inspire the brethren with the true spirit and meaning of Masonry, and a large per cent. of them are seeking further knowledge in the order and attaching themselves to the various chapters, commandaries and temples. I have spoken on the good of the order in all the lodges visited, and endeavored to inspire the brethren with the highest and noblest ideals of Masonry. My admonitions and suggestions have been well taken. One plan which seems to meet with much favor is that of placing a life-like portrait of every deceased brother upon the walls of the lodge of which he was an honored member, it seems to aid materially in the perpetuation of his memory, and creates a feeling of his presence.

The example of many of our brethren is certainly worthy of emulation.

Fraternally and sincerely,

J. M. PETERSON,

*D. D. G. M., Fortieth District.*

*Forty-first Masonic District*

MARSHALL, N. C., December 28, 1915.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

I have delayed sending my report, waiting to hear from the Secretary of Waynesville Lodge. He was absent when I made my visit and was to send report to me but has failed to do so. I find most of the lodges doing well. While some of the Secretaries' books are neatly kept they fail to give the proceedings in the proper manner.

Yours fraternally,

C. A. CLARK,

*D. D. G. M., Forty-first District.*

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*Forty-fourth Masonic District*

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C., December 11, 1915.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina:*

As District Deputy Grand Master of the forty-fourth district I forward herewith my report of visitation of the several lodges. I was present and assisted in conferring the several degrees in four of the lodges. The officers were proficient in the work in some, but in others the need of the lecturer was manifest. We have had A. G. Lecturer Rowell with us at one lodge, and would have had him at others but for financial conditions which will appear from the lodge reports.

The financial condition of the district is not good, non-payment of dues is hurting us and must be remedied, but this has been a trying year in this section, and we are hoping for better times.

We held our district meeting with representatives from six of the nine lodges and Masonic topics were discussed, and Bro. J. R. Moore, P. M., gave us an exemplification of the Entered Apprentice degree, which was very helpful.

We have had some trouble in one of our lodges, which has been hurtful, and will probably come before the Grand Lodge for its action.

Respectfully reported,

J. B. CARPENTER,

*D. D. G. M., Forty-fourth District.*



















# Address of Grand Officers

## ELECTED OFFICERS

A. B. ANDREWS, JR., <i>Grand Master</i> .....	Raleigh
CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN, <i>Deputy Grand Master</i> .....	Wilmington
GEO. S. NORFLEET, <i>Senior Grand Warden</i> ....	Winston-Salem
HENRY A. GRADY, <i>Junior Grand Warden</i> .....	Clinton
LEO. D. HEARTT, <i>Grand Treasurer</i> .....	Raleigh
JOHN C. DREWRY, <i>Grand Secretary</i> .....	Raleigh

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

RT. REV. THOS. C. DARST, D. D., <i>Grand Chaplain</i> .	Wilmington
REV. GEO. M. DUKE, <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ...	Maplesville
REV. L. M. CHAFFIN, <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ...	Fayetteville
REV. R. R. SWOPE, D.D., <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ..	Biltmore
REV. B. R. LACY, JR., <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ..	Willow Spgs.
REV. J. H. KELLER, <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ..	China Grove
REV. T. F. DEITZ, <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> .....	Andrews
REV. B. E. STANFIELD, <i>Associate Grand Chaplain</i> ...	Fairmont
R. F. EDWARDS, <i>Grand Lecturer</i> ....	Crumpler, R. F. D. No. 1
J. C. BRASWELL, <i>Senior Grand Deacon</i> .....	Wilmington
J. BAILEY OWEN, <i>Junior Grand Deacon</i> .....	Henderson
JAS. H. WEBB, <i>Grand Marshal</i> .....	Hillsboro
H. M. POTEAT, <i>Grand Sword Bearer</i> .....	Wake Forest
J. LEGRAND EVERETT, <i>Grand Pursuivant</i> .....	Rockingham
B. F. HALL, <i>Grand Steward</i> .....	Asheville
O. W. SPENCER, <i>Grand Steward</i> .....	Salisbury
R. H. BRADLEY, <i>Grand Tiler</i> .....	Raleigh
MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD, <i>Grand Historian</i> ...	Raleigh
WM. W. WILLSON, <i>Assistant Grand Secretary</i> .....	Raleigh

## CUSTODIANS

J. E. CAMERON .....	Kinston
LEON CASH .....	Winston-Salem
S. N. BOYCE .....	Gastonia

## ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. ROWELL .....	Waxhaw
J. W. PATTON .....	Greensboro
W. C. WICKER .....	Elon College
W. W. HOLLAND .....	Charles
J. L. NELSON .....	Marshal

## NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in the City of Raleigh, commencing at 7:30 p. m., on the third Tuesday, it being January 16, 1917.