

CALIFORNIANA

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORY CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY



3 1223 03475 6933

SAN FRANCISCO  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

STACKS

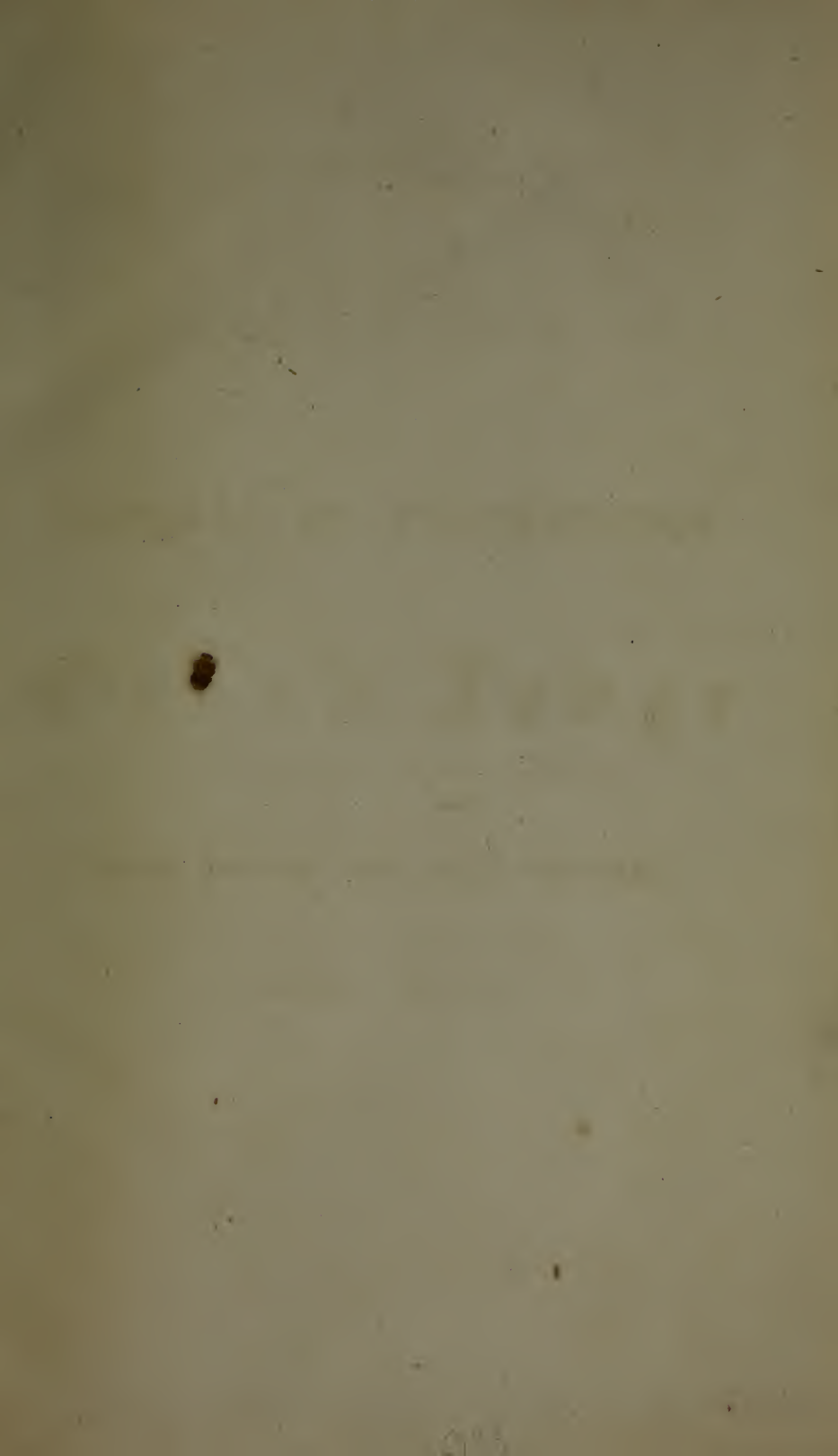
REFERENCE BOOK

*Not to be taken from the Library*















**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**Grand Lodge**  
**OF**  
**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

---

1850 — 1854.





TRANSACTIONS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
FROM ITS  
ORGANIZATION IN APRIL, A. L. 5850,  
TO AND INCLUDING ITS  
FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, IN MAY, A. L. 5854;  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION  
ASSEMBLED FOR ITS FORMATION,  
AND THE  
Constitutions, Standing Resolutions, and By-Laws  
OF THE GRAND LODGE.

---

BY AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE.

---

SAN FRANCISCO:  
FRANK EASTMAN, PRINTER, WASHINGTON STREET, OPPOSITE THE POST-OFFICE.  
1857.

\*366.1  
F87cp<sup>1</sup>

REFERENCE

62 99

## **To the Masonic Fraternity in California :**

The published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State during the earlier years of its existence, having been comparatively limited in number, and very few of those having been preserved, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, A. L. 5856, it was recommended by the present Grand Secretary that five hundred copies of its transactions from its organization to and including the year 1854, be republished for the use of the Lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction. It was thought by him that in after years it would be more satisfactory to depend upon type than upon tradition for the history of Masonry in California, and he was admonished by his knowledge of the incompleteness of the records of the older Grand Lodges in the United States, of the propriety and utility of perpetuating our own, while it was still within our power. The proposed republication was limited to the years prior to his own occupancy of the office of Grand Secretary, because he had taken the responsibility, from the time he entered upon its duties, of reserving the number of copies above named of each year's proceedings, (5855 and 5856,) that they too might be bound thereafter, and that thus a complete record of the Masonic transactions of this State might be preserved.

The proposal was looked upon with favor by the Grand Lodge, and the usefulness of the republication was acknowledged; but it was thought by the committee to whom the subject was referred, that in the then depressed condition of its finances, it was inexpedient that that body should assume the expense attending the proposition. A resolution, however, was presented by them and adopted, authorising the undersigned, if it should so please him, on his own account to execute the work proposed; and, influenced by a strong desire to carry

out a project which he deemed of very great importance to the Lodges in California, with a probability of considerable pecuniary loss, he has accepted and acted upon the permission thus given. It is needless to say that it has cost much time and labor, as with the view of arranging the proceedings in the same order as that adopted by the writer in the two succeeding years, nearly all of that which had previously been printed has been re-written. The files of the Grand Secretary's office have been thoroughly searched, and a number of papers, not published heretofore, have been introduced in their proper places. Many grammatical and typographical errors have been corrected, and not a few changes in form and phraseology have been made, but in no case has there been the least alteration of any fact, opinion or idea presented in the record; and the work is now presented to the Fraternity in California with the confident belief that in method of arrangement and neatness of typography it will compare favorably with any similar Masonic publication.

ALEX. G. ABELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, *May 1, A. L. 5857.*

# TABLE OF CONTENTS.

---

	PAGE.
Proceedings of the Convention assembled at Sacramento, in April, A. L. 5850, to organize a Grand Lodge, with the Constitution then adopted,.....	9
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its first Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, in May, A. L. 5850,.....	25
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, in November, A. L. 5850,.....	33
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its second Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, in May, A. L. 5851,.....	57
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, in November, A. L. 5851, with its Revised Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Resolutions,.....	89
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its third Annual Communication, held at San Francisco, in May, A. L. 5852, with the amendments to the Constitution then adopted, .....	143
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at a Special Communication, held at San Francisco, in August, A. L. 5852,.....	211
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its fourth Annual Communication, held at San Francisco, in May, A. L. 5853, with the amendments to the Constitution then in force,.....	223
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its fifth Annual Communication, held at Sacramento, in May, A. L. 5854, with the proposed Constitution as again revised, and the Standing Resolutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge,.....	293
List of Lodges and Summary of their Returns from 5850 to 5854 inclusive — List of Grand Officers — And statement of Expulsions,.....	380



# Grand Lodge of California.

---

I, ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a correct and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that body, authorized to be published, and of the Convention assembled for its organization, so far as exhibited by the printed transactions and manuscript records in this office, from the meeting of the Convention, 17th April, A. L. 5850, to the close of the Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, 9th May, A. L. 5854.



## In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, at the office of the Grand Secretary in the City of San Francisco, this first day of May, A. L. 5857.

*Alex. G. Abell*  
*Grand Sec.*

# PROCEEDINGS

OF A

## CONVENTION OF FREEMASONS,

ASSEMBLED AT

THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING AND CONSTITUTING

## A GRAND LODGE

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

FOR THE

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA;**

COMMENCED APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850,  
AND TERMINATED APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850;

TOGETHER WITH

## THE CONSTITUTION

**THEN ADOPTED,**

AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE THEN ORGANIZED.

---

1850.

M.. W.. CHARLES GILMAN,

PAST GRAND MASTER OF MARYLAND,

**PRESIDING.**

W.. B. D. HYAM,

*Secretary.*



# A Convention

OF

## FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

Delegated by the several Lodges in this State, assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, State of California, on the seventeenth day of April, A. L. 5850, for the purpose of considering the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for said State.

The Convention was duly organized at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the M.: W.: CHARLES GILMAN, of San Francisco, Past Grand Master of Maryland, was called to the Chair, and the W.: B. D. HYAM, of Benicia, was appointed Secretary.

On motion of Bro. W. N. DOUGHTY, of Sacramento, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of Delegates from the several Lodges in this State to this Convention, and to ascertain, if possible, the authority in them vested to organize and constitute a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of California.

The Chairman appointed as such committee —

*On Credentials* : { Bro. W. N. Doughty, of Sacramento ;  
“ John A. Tutt, of Sacramento ;  
“ J. H. Gihon, of San Francisco.

The following named brethren presented credentials as representatives of their respective Lodges, which were received and referred to the committee above named : —

Bro. Charles Gilman,.... }  
“ J. D. Stevenson,.... } *California Lodge, No. 13, San Francisco ;*  
“ John H. Gihon,..... }

Bro. John A. Tutt,..... }  
“ L. J. Wilder,..... } *Connecticut Lodge, No. 75, Sacramento ;*  
“ B. B. Gore,..... }

Bro. J. Wilcoxson,..... }  
“ Thos. E. Gray,..... } *Western Star Lodge, No. 98, Benton City ;*  
“ C. Clarke, ..... }

Bro. W. N. Doughty,.... }  
“ Berryman Jennings } *New Jersey Lodge, U. D., Sacramento ;*  
“ A. G. Hartt,..... }

Bro. B. D. Hyam,..... *Benicia Lodge, U. D., Benicia.*

The Convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
 April 17th, A. L. 5850. }

The Convention assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M., Past Grand Master CHARLES GILMAN presiding.

Bro. W. N. DOUGHTY, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report : —

*To the Masonic Convention : —*

BRETHREN: The committee appointed this morning, for the purpose of examining the credentials of representatives to this Convention, respectfully report, that they have examined the Charters of *California* Lodge, No. 13, *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 75, and *Western Star* Lodge, No. 98, and the Dispensation of *New Jersey* Lodge, together with the credentials of the representatives of said Lodges, and of the representative of *Benicia* Lodge, and have ascertained the following facts, viz. : —

The Charter of *California* Lodge, No. 13, authorizes Bros. Levi Stowell, Worshipful Master, Wm. Van Voorhies, Senior Warden, and B. F. McDondald, Junior Warden, to open and hold a Lodge in San Francisco. This Charter bears date November 9th, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848, and has affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the signatures of the Grand Officers of the District of Columbia. In conformity with the authority thus derived, Bro. Stowell opened *California* Lodge, in the City of San Francisco, in October, 1849, and was elected Worshipful Master on St. John's Day last, which office he still retains. This Lodge is in successful operation, and is duly represented in this Convention by Bros. Charles Gilman, Jonathan D. Stevenson, and John H. Gihon, whose credentials bear the signatures of the officers present at the last meeting of *California* Lodge.

The Charter of *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 75, is dated January 31st, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849, and bears the signatures of the Grand Officers and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut. It grants full power to Bros. Caleb Fenner, Worshipful Master, James W. Goodrich, Senior Warden, and Elizur Hubbell, Junior Warden, to open and continue a Lodge in the Territory of California. *Connecticut* Lodge was, therefore, opened in Sacramento City, by Bro. Fenner, on the eighth day of January last, and continues in successful operation. Its representatives to this Convention, legally qualified, are Bros. J. A. Tutt, Worshipful Master, L. J. Wilder, Senior Warden, and B. B. Gore, Junior Warden.

The Charter of *Western Star* Lodge, No. 98, was granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, to Bros. Saschel Woods, Worshipful Master, L. E. Stewart, Senior Warden, and Peter Lasson, Junior Warden. It bears date May 10th, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848, and has the signatures of the Grand Officers and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Missouri affixed. This Charter authorizes the brethren named to open and hold a Lodge in Benton City, Upper California. Bro. Woods accordingly opened said Lodge, in Benton City, on the thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1849, and it is now performing Masonic work. Its duly qualified representatives to this Convention, are Bros. J. Wilcoxson, T. E. Gray, and C. Clarke.

The Dispensation of *New Jersey* Lodge bears the seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, and the signature of Edward Stewart, Deputy

Grand Master of that State, and is dated March 1st, A. D. 1849, A. L. 5849. This Dispensation authorizes Bros. Thomas Youngs, Moses W. Personett, John B. Clark, and others, to open a Lodge in the Territory of California, with power to continue the same through themselves or their successors, until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, or until their Charter is granted. Bro. Youngs, named in said Dispensation as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge authorized thereby to be opened, conveyed the same to Bro. John E. Crockett, and certifies this fact on the back of the Dispensation. With the authority thus granted, Bro. Crockett opened *New Jersey* Lodge in Sacramento City, on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1849, and said Lodge is now in active and successful operation. Its legally authorized representatives to this Convention, are Bros. W. N. Doughty, Worshipful Master, Berryman Jennings, Senior Warden, and A. G. Hartt, Junior Warden.

Your committee have also examined the credentials of Bro. B. D. Hyam, properly drawn and certified by *Benicia* Lodge, located at Benicia; but they have not received either a Dispensation or Charter, or any other Masonic information of the existence of said *Benicia* Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. DOUGHTY, }  
JOHN A. TUTT, } *Committee.*  
JOHN H. GIHON, }

The report was received and taken up by sections; and after due consideration thereof, it was

*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Convention, *California* Lodge, No. 13, *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 75, and *Western Star* Lodge, No. 98, are legally constituted and chartered Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons; and that the representatives of said Lodges here present are duly authorized and qualified to organize and constitute a Grand Lodge for the State of California.

On motion of Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, it was

*Resolved*, That the representative from *Benicia* Lodge, and all other Master Masons in good standing, now present, be invited to take part in the deliberations of this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Convention.

MORNING SESSION, }  
*April 18th, A. L. 5850.* }

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., Past Grand Master CHARLES GILMAN presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of the preceding day were read and approved.



On motion of Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted : —

WHEREAS, The representatives of the several Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of California, assembled at Sacramento City on the seventeenth day of April, A. L. 5850, have assurance that there are in successful operation in California the requisite number of duly and constitutionally warranted Lodges to authorize the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of California :

*And whereas*, it has been made to appear that delegates from said Lodges are now present, clothed with sufficient authority to organize and constitute such a Grand Lodge : — it is therefore

*Resolved*, That the representatives of the several duly warranted Lodges now in operation in California, and present at this assemblage, proceed to the organization of a Convention for the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of California.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five (the presiding officer of this meeting being the chairman thereof) be appointed by the chair to draft a Constitution for the Grand Lodge of the State of California.

The chairman named the following brethren as the Committee —

On Drafting a Constitution :.....	}	Bro. J. D. Stevenson,
		“ J. A. Tutt,
		“ J. H. Gihon,
		“ Thos. E. Gray.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
April 18th, A. L. 5850. }

The Convention assembled at 4 o'clock, P. M., Past Grand Master CHARLES GILMAN presiding.

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution, reported progress and presented nine articles of a Constitution, which, being read and separately considered, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, it was

*Resolved*, That the committee be permitted to complete their labors, and be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Convention.

MORNING SESSION,  
*April 19th, A. L. 5850.* }

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., Past Grand Master CHARLES GILMAN presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Committee on the Constitution reported that they had concluded their labors, and presented a completed Constitution for the consideration of the Convention.

The Constitution was taken up and acted upon from Article IX., and was adopted by sections; and it was then unanimously

*Resolved*, That the following be adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of California:—

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF CALIFORNIA.

#### ARTICLE I.

##### STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of California."

#### ARTICLE II.

##### RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Most Worshipful Grand Master, a Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, a Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, a Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, a Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, a Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, a Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Tyler, and such other subordinate officers as the Grand Lodge, from time to time, may appoint,—Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers, Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries,—together with the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered and constituted Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or their legally appointed proxies, and the Past Masters, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

#### ARTICLE III.

##### MEETINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held

in Sacramento City, on the first Tuesday in May and November, in every year; and after the year 5850, the election of Grand Officers shall take place at the semi-annual meeting in the month of May.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, (or, in his absence from the State, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master,) upon the application of the presiding officers of any three Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall call special meetings of the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE IV.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, shall be elected annually, by ballot, and shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast at an election for Grand Officers, shall be necessary for a choice. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

SEC. 2. No brother shall be eligible to an elective office unless he is a Present or Past Master, nor entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge unless a member of a subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE V.

### VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each of the Grand Officers, for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer, when present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or, in their absence, their representatives; and Past Masters, members of Lodges, shall each be entitled to one vote. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SEC. 2. In all questions, excepting those decided by ballot, in case of a tie, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 3. Upon any question coming before the Grand Lodge, excepting that of the election and appointment of Grand Officers, the representatives of any three Lodges may demand a vote by Lodges; in which case each Grand Officer shall be entitled to one vote; each elective Past Grand Officer, one vote; each Lodge, by its representatives, one vote; and the Past Masters of each Lodge, collectively, one vote.

SEC. 4. In the event of the absence of the proper officers and their representatives of any Lodge, the Past Masters of the Lodge present, shall be entitled to cast the vote of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE VI.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or presiding officer shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three, nor more than five members, viz.:—

- A Committee on Credentials;
- A Committee on Grievances, who shall be Past Masters;
- A Committee on Unfinished Business;
- A Committee on Finance and Accounts; and
- A Committee on Foreign Correspondence.



## ARTICLE VII.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master or the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, may, either of them, upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest Lodge of Ancient York Masons working under a Charter, grant Dispensations to form new Lodges within the limits of this State, or in the adjoining Territories where no Grand Lodge exists; which Dispensation shall be returnable at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge may order a perpetual Charter, or continue the Dispensation until the next succeeding regular meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. On the first day of the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Master shall lay before the Grand Lodge a written message, therein detailing an account of his official acts during the recess, and the state and condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction; and shall recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as he may deem expedient and necessary.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Master shall also report, in writing, at every semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, all his acts and doings relating to his office, during the vacation.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Tyler, shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to pay over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at each regular Communication, and quarterly, during the recess thereof; and to render an account of the same at each semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record thereof, and, at each semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall render an account of all his receipts and disbursements; but no disbursement shall be made by him without an order from the Grand Lodge, signed by the presiding officer and the Grand Secretary, excepting as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 7. The Grand Treasurer elect, prior to his installation, shall execute to the Grand Master for the time being, to the use of the Grand Lodge, a bond, with such security, and for such sum, as the Grand Master may approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SEC. 8. All other Grand Officers receiving funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Secretary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION. 1. The Grand Lodge may grant Charters for new Lodges, to be located within the limits of its jurisdiction, to a competent number of worthy brethren applying therefor: Provided, that no new Lodge shall be established by Dispensation or otherwise, excepting upon the recommendation of the Lodge nearest to the place of the location of the proposed new Lodge: And provided further, that in case there are two or more Lodges in the same town or place nearest to said proposed location, the recommendation of any one of them shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge has authority to require from subordinate Lodges such contributions in money as may be necessary for purposes of revenue.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge also has power to exercise all the privileges

and prerogatives over its subordinates, claimed and exercised by other Grand Lodges, according to the ancient usages of the Order.

## ARTICLE IX.

### REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be two hundred and fifty dollars, one hundred and fifty dollars of which shall be paid upon the issuing of the Dispensation, and one hundred dollars when a Charter shall have been granted; but upon the issuing of a Charter, in a case where no previous Dispensation shall have been granted, the whole amount of two hundred and fifty dollars shall be required. And every Lodge, upon receipt of its Charter, shall pay the Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars for engrossing the same and affixing thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of three dollars for every degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of five dollars for every adjoining member, and five dollars and fifty cents, semi-annually, for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, five dollars, by the applicant, for every Diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge; but no Diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such Diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall also affix thereto the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of any document in his possession proper to be published, which the Grand Secretary shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive, for the use of the Grand Lodge, fifty cents for every one hundred words.

## ARTICLE X.

### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION. 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge at its regular meeting next ensuing their adoption; and if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every calendar month; and if any Lodge shall fail to meet for six successive months, it shall forfeit its Charter.

SEC. 4. All the proceedings, ballotings, and business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the subordinate degrees, shall be had and done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 5. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees in Masonry for a less sum than one hundred dollars; and the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be paid invariably in advance.

SEC. 6. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge; but shall not be acted upon until



after the expiration of two weeks ; nor shall there be conferred more than one degree upon the same candidate at any one meeting of the Lodge ; and no Lodge shall confer the degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of every Lodge working under a Dispensation, on an application for an extension of such Dispensation, or for a Charter, to submit its book of records for the inspection of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8. Each Lodge shall be represented in every semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, when it shall also furnish a correct account of its proceedings during the past six months, in a form to be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and make payment of its regular dues ; and in case of the non-performance of these duties for the space of twelve months, its Charter may be declared forfeit.

SEC. 9. It is not competent for any Lodge to suspend or expel a member from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the non-payment of dues ; but any member, who shall have neglected to make payment of his dues for the space of one year, except in case of protracted illness or absence from the State, may be summoned to appear before the Lodge to show cause why his name should not be stricken from the roll of members. And any Mason, whose name shall be stricken from the roll, shall not be received as a member of any other Lodge until he shall have paid up all arrearages to the Lodge of which he was last a member, or, in case of the non-existence of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. All complaints and charges brought against a brother before a Lodge, proper to be written, shall be reduced to writing, and filed with the Secretary ; a copy of which shall be served upon the accused at least ten days before he is arraigned for trial. And, after trial had, should the accused be suspended or expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to report the fact to the Grand Lodge at its next stated meeting.

SEC. 11. In all cases of suspension or expulsion by a subordinate Lodge, the right of appeal lies to the Grand Lodge ; but no such appeal shall be entertained unless prosecuted at the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge next ensuing the time of the decision from which the appeal is made ; and no suspension or expulsion shall be published until the Grand Lodge shall have cognizance thereof. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the trials of all appeals.

SEC. 12. No appeal from any decision of the Master of a Lodge shall be taken to the body of the Lodge, nor shall any charges be entertained against him by his Lodge during his term of office ; but he shall be amenable for his conduct to the Grand Lodge only.

SEC. 13. No Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft shall be advanced to a superior degree in any Lodge except that in which he received the previous degree or degrees, unless by the consent, in writing, of that Lodge.

## ARTICLE XI.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as early as practicable after each semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to cause to be published, in pamphlet form, all such minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as are proper to be published ; appended to which he shall also publish all standing rules and orders of the Grand Lodge ; together with a list of officers and members of each subordinate Lodge, according to the last previous returns ; the times of the stated meetings of said Lodges, and the places

where they are respectively located : copies of which publication shall be forwarded to each Grand Officer, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

SEC. 2. In case of the forfeiture of the Charter, or the dissolution, from any cause whatever, of a Lodge, all its books, papers, jewels, funds and other property, shall be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation shall issue to open and hold a Lodge, the officers therein mentioned shall hold their respective offices until the time of the expiration of the Dispensation ; and upon the issuing of a Charter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, in person or by proxy, (upon notice that the brethren desire to have the Lodge constituted,) to convene said brethren at such time as may best suit his and their convenience ; and, when so convened, to hold an election of officers ; whereupon he shall proceed to constitute said Lodge, and install such officers, according to the ancient regulations and usages of the craft.

SEC. 4. It shall be competent for the Grand Lodge to adopt such other rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution and the ancient rules and regulations of Freemasonry.

## ARTICLE XII.

### AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be presented, in writing, to the Grand Lodge at a semi-annual meeting, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges ; and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, it shall be published with the minutes as a subject for future action ; and upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, by a vote of two thirds of the members present, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

## PROVISIONAL ARTICLE.

WHEREAS, the Delegates present are clothed with power to adopt a Constitution and to organize a Grand Lodge — therefore,

Upon the adoption of this Constitution, an election shall be held for officers of the Grand Lodge, who shall hold their respective offices until the semi-annual Communication to be held in May, A. L. five thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

The Committee on the Constitution was then discharged, and, on motion of Bro. B. JENNINGS, it was

*Resolved*, That a Lodge of Master Masons be opened for the purpose of organizing and opening, in Masonic Form, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of California.

The following officers were appointed to fill the stations and places : —

Bro. CHARLES GILMAN,	.....	<i>Worshipful Master ;</i>
“ JON. D. STEVENSON,	.....	<i>Senior Warden ;</i>
“ W. N. DOUGHTY,	.....	<i>Junior Warden ;</i>
“ B. D. HYAM,	.....	<i>Secretary ;</i>
“ B. JENNINGS,	.....	<i>Senior Deacon ;</i>
“ B. B. GORE,	.....	<i>Junior Deacon ;</i>
“ JOS. C. DERBY,	.....	<i>Tyler ;</i>

— and the Lodge was opened in ancient Masonic form.

On motion of Bro. J. A. TUTT, it was then

*Resolved*, That an election for Grand Officers be held forthwith.

The election being had, agreeably to the requisitions of the Constitution, the Worshipful Master announced the following named brethren as having been duly elected:—

Bro. JONATHAN D. STEVENSON,	.....	M.: W.: Grand Master ;
“ JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master ;
“ CALEB FENNER,	.....	R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden ;
“ SASCHEL WOODS,	.....	R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden ;
“ JOHN H. GIHON,	.....	R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

On motion of Bro. B. B. GORE, it was

*Resolved*, That the election of the remaining officers be suspended for the present, and that the Lodge proceed to the installation of the officers elect.

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Bro. CHARLES GILMAN, then installed Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, as Grand Master ; after which, the Grand Master installed the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the Grand Wardens elect being absent.

The Master Masons' Lodge was then closed in ancient Masonic form, and the Convention, having completed the business for which it had assembled, was adjourned, *sine die*.

CHARLES GILMAN, *Chairman*.

B. D. HYAM, *Secretary*.



## In Grand Lodge.

CITY OF SACRAMENTO, }  
April 19th, A. L. 5850. }

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, was opened in **Ample Form**, in the Masonic Hall, at 12 o'clock, M.

### PRESENT :

The	M.: W.: JONA. D. STEVENSON,.....	Grand Master ;
	R.: W.: JOHN A. TUTT,.....	Deputy Grand Master ;
	“ “ THOMAS E. GRAY, as.....	Sen. Grand Warden ;
	“ “ W. N. DOUGHTY, as.....	Jun. Grand Warden ;
	“ “ JOHN H. GIBON,.....	Grand Secretary ;
	W.: BERRYMAN JENNINGS, as.....	Sen. Grand Deacon ;
	“ B. B. GORE, as.....	Jun. Grand Deacon ;
	“ JOSEPH C. DERBY, as.....	Grand Tyler ;

With other members of the Grand Lodge, and sundry visiting brethren.

Bro. W. N. DOUGHTY presented the following petition from *New Jersey Lodge*, U. D. :—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—*

The undersigned would most respectfully represent to your honorable body that they have been working under a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for some months past, under the name of *New Jersey Lodge* ; and that, if their work be approved, they would most respectfully pray that you grant them a Charter for a Lodge in Sacramento, to be called *Berryman Lodge*, No. —.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. N. DOUGHTY, W. M. }  
B. JENNINGS,.....S. W. } *Delegates.*  
A. G. HARTT,.....J. W. }

Bro. B. D. HYAM presented the following petition from *Benicia Lodge*, U. D. :—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—*

The undersigned would most respectfully represent to your worshipful body, that for some time past a Lodge has been working at Benicia, under a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, by the name of *Benicia Lodge* ; and that, if their work be approved, they would most earnestly pray that you grant them a Charter for a Lodge at that place, to be called *Benicia Lodge*, No. —.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM, W. M., *Delegate.*

Both which petitions were received and referred to a special committee.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On the Petitions of New Jersey and Benicia Lodges:* { Bro. Charles Gilman,  
“ John A. Tutt,  
“ Thos. E. Gray.

On motion of Bro. J. A. TUTT, it was

*Resolved*, That Bros. J. D. STEVENSON, C. GILMAN and J. H. GIBON, be appointed a committee to procure a suitable seal for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. C. GILMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the following Order be endorsed on the back of the Charter of *Connecticut* Lodge, viz. :—

This Charter having been submitted to the Grand Lodge of the State of California — It is hereby

*Ordered*, That the Lodge be recognized as a legally constituted Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, by the name of *Tehama* Lodge ; and that this order be signed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, and counter-signed by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

On motion of Bro. T. E. GRAY, it was

*Resolved*, That the same Order be endorsed upon the Charter of *Western Star* Lodge, with the exception that the original name of said Lodge be retained.

On motion of Bro. C. GILMAN, it was

*Resolved*, That the same course be adopted in regard to the Charter of *California* Lodge, if the Lodge should so desire.

Bro. C. GILMAN, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the delegates from *New Jersey* and *Benicia* Lodges, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

The special committee to whom were referred the petitions from *New Jersey* and *Benicia* Lodges, beg leave to report that they have had before them the Dispensation and books of proceedings of *New Jersey* Lodge, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. And as respects *Benicia* Lodge, that not having had either the Dispensation or books of proceedings before them for inspection, they recommend that, upon the submission of those documents to the *M. W. Grand Master*, if he should find their work to be in accordance with the usages of the Order, he cause a Charter to issue in accordance with their petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES GILMAN, }  
JOHN A. TUTT, } *Committee.*  
THOMAS E. GRAY, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Bro. J. A. TUTT, it was

*Resolved*, That the delegates from *Berryman* Lodge be received as members of this Grand Lodge, and that a Charter be granted to said Lodge.

On motion of Bro J. H. GIHON, it was

*Resolved*, That the work of *New Jersey* Lodge already completed, be approved and ratified; and that, as *Berryman* Lodge, it be authorized to perfect such of its work as may remain now unfinished.

On motion of Bro. J. H. GIHON, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of a Grand Treasurer.

The ballot being taken, Bro. BERRYMAN JENNINGS was unanimously elected, and he was then installed as Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. B. JENNINGS, it was

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Convention, and of the Constitution and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, be published by the Grand Secretary, in pamphlet form.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge of California was then closed in *Ample Form*.

J. D. STEVENSON, *Grand Master*.

JOHN H. GIHON, *Grand Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.:W.:GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT THE  
FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,  
HELD AT

The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento ;

COMMENCED ON

**TUESDAY, MAY 7th, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850,**

AND TERMINATED ON

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850.**

R.. W.. JOHN A. TUTT,  
*Deputy Grand Master, Presiding.*

R.. W.. JOHN H. GIHON,  
*Grand Secretary.*



1850.



GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,  
FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W. J. D. STEVENSON, ..GRAND MASTER,..... *San Francisco* ;  
R. W. JOHN A. TUTT,.....DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,.....*Sacramento* ;  
“ “ CALEB FENNER,..SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,.....*Sacramento* ;  
“ “ SASCHEL WOODS,..JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,.....*Benton* ;  
“ “ LEVI STOWELL,.....GRAND TREASURER,..... *San Francisco* ;  
“ “ JOHN H. GIHON,....GRAND SECRETARY,.....*San Francisco* ;  
“ “ WM. G. DEAL,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,..... *Sacramento* ;  
W. POPE GORDON.....GRAND MARSHAL,..... *Sacramento* ;  
“ WM. DAVENPORT,..GRAND STANDARD BEARER,....*Sacramento* ;  
“ B. B. GORE,.....GRAND SWORD BEARER,..... *Sacramento* ;  
“ BENJ. D. HYAM,.....SENIOR GRAND DEACON,.....*Benicia* ;  
“ EDW. J. WILLIS,....JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,..... *Sacramento* ;  
“ SIMON GREENWALT, } GRAND STEWARDS,.....*Sacramento* ;  
“ AARON GREENWALT, }  
“ FRED. A. CLARKE,.....GRAND TYLER.....*Sacramento* ;



# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

#### FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, commenced its First Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the seventh day of May, A. L. 5850, and was opened in **Due Form** at ten o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT:

The R. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	Deputy Grand Master ;
" "	EDWARD J. WILLIS, as.....	Senior Grand Warden ;	
" "	SASCHEL WOODS,.....	Junior Grand Warden ;	
" "	JOSEPH S. BARNARD, as.....	Grand Treasurer ;	
" "	JOHN H. GIHON,.....	Grand Secretary ;	
W.:	LEVI STOWELL, as.....	Senior Grand Deacon ;	
"	E. D. G. BUMSTEAD, as.....	Junior Grand Deacon ;	
"	B. B. GORE, as.....	Grand Tyler ;	

and Bros. P. A. Brinsmade, Reuben R. Raynes, Wm. N. Doughty, A. G. Hartt, Cameron E. Thorn, G. W. Thayer, and a number of visitors.

The minutes of the proceedings at the Communication in April were read and approved.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as a committee —

On Credentials :.....	{	Bro. Levi Stowell,
		" W. N. Doughty,
		" Saschel Woods.

The following communication was received from the *M. W. Grand Master*, which, having been read, was ordered to be entered upon the minutes : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

**BRETHREN:** The formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of California should be a subject of sincere congratulation to every Mason here and elsewhere; for probably in no part of the habitable globe has its usefulness been made so manifest as in this country within the past year. Already does California number among its inhabitants persons of every nation and clime known to the civilized world, all seeking, by enterprise and industry, to improve their condition in life; and it not unfrequently happens that within the distance of a few hundred yards of a mining district, there will be found many persons laboring together who are strangers in language, heart, and in feelings; but if they be members of our ancient Order, each is the master of a language that all can understand, and there at once springs up that deep feeling of fraternal affection which has ever so distinctly marked and distinguished the members of the Masonic Fraternity above all others; for, as a member of this Order, no one can be a stranger among his brethren — no one can be in sickness or affliction without some one ministering to his wants and contributing to his comforts — and no where is this holy fellowship and brotherly love more frequently called into requisition than in this land of gold and promise; for no where is man more dependent upon his fellow man for all the necessary comforts of life than in California; and so often has the benign influence of the Masonic Order been witnessed and felt in various parts of this country, as well in health as in the dreary hours of sickness and death, that all who have witnessed those influences have learned properly to appreciate the benefits of the Institution in a community like ours. The cultivation of brotherly love and affection is therefore earnestly recommended to all, and especially among the Lodges of this jurisdiction. No strife should ever exist, either among Masons or Lodges, except that honorable strife or emulation of who can best promote the happiness of his fellow man, and the true interest, honor, and dignity of our ancient Craft.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master respectfully reports, that since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, he has, pursuant to a resolution passed April nineteenth, A. L. 5850, issued a Charter to *Berryman Lodge*, located in Sacramento City; and that he has also examined the books of *Benicia Lodge*, and finding their work to have been conducted according to the usages of the Order, has issued a Charter to that Lodge; under which Charters both Lodges are now working. Owing to the short time that has elapsed since the organization of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master has no other official acts to report at its present Communication.

From the best information that can be obtained on the subject, there can be no doubt that Masonry is in a most flourishing condition in this country. In no part of the world is its usefulness to society more apparent than in California, and hence the manifest desire of so many persons to be admitted to the mysteries of the Order. In the City of San Francisco this is especially the case; for at this time there is standing upon the books of *California Lodge* a greater number of candidates for each degree than the Constitution authorizes to be admitted at any one meeting, and, in consequence, preparation is being made for the establishment of one or more other Lodges in that City.

The Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, having received their original Dispensations and Charters from several different States of the Union, have not that uniform system of work which should characterize the Lodges

within the same jurisdiction. The Grand Master would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed, denominated a *Working Committee*, who shall meet, compare their knowledge, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next meeting, the proper mode of work for the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

In all action the Grand Lodge may deem proper to take upon any matter that will tend to promote the usefulness, interest, or honor of the Masonic Order in California, the Grand Master promises his most cordial coöperation.

J. D. STEVENSON, *Grand Master*.

SAN FRANCISCO, *May 5th, A. L. 5850.*

The following report of the *R. W.* Deputy Grand Master was also received, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Grand Lodge having so recently been established, I have but little at this time to report to your worshipful body. Some time during the past month I received a petition from sundry brethren, Master Masons in good standing, and recommended by *Tehama Lodge*, praying for a Dispensation for a Lodge to be called *Sutter Lodge*, and to be located in Sacramento City, which, after due deliberation, was granted. *Sutter Lodge* has accordingly been opened and properly organized, has about eighteen members, is working in a creditable manner, and promises much usefulness.

JOHN A. TUTT, *Deputy Grand Master*.

The Committee appointed to procure a seal for the use of the Grand Lodge, reported that they had ordered one to be executed, which would be ready before the next Communication: which report was received, and the committee was continued.

The following communication was received from the Grand Treasurer:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

I hereby resign my office as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California, and you will please accept this my resignation.

Fraternally submitted.

BERRYMAN JENNINGS.

Which resignation of the Grand Treasurer was accepted.

On motion of Bro. J. H. GIBON, it was

*Resolved*, That the names of the first Worshipful Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens of *Berryman Lodge*, be inserted in the Charter recently granted said Lodge by this Grand Lodge.

The following report was received from the Secretary of *California Lodge*, and ordered to be recorded among the minutes:—

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 6, A. L. 5850.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

*California Lodge*, No. 13, of Free and Accepted Masons, meeting regularly at stated periods in San Francisco, and heretofore working under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, by its proper officers, would respectfully report—that they have heard with satisfaction of the organization



and constitution of the Grand Lodge for the State of California, and that they embrace the earliest opportunity to acknowledge their allegiance and their determination to abide by and support its Constitution, laws, and regulations. In conformity with this determination, they would furthermore report, that they have now upon their roll the names of thirty-three contributing members, as follows :

L. STOWELL,...*Worshipful Master* ; JOHN H. GIHON,...*Secretary* ;  
A. BARTOL,...*Senior Warden* ; A. A. SELOVER,...*Treasurer* ;  
J. W. GEARY,...*Junior Warden* ; W. P. BURDICK,...*Tyler* ;

Michael Caspari, Isidor Meyerowitz, Joel Noah, J. H. Leinning, Joseph C. Barnard, A. Watters, Charles L. Wilson, George W. Anthony, James Smiley, Daniel Cronin, Mayer Schafer, P. A. Brinsmade, Meier Rehfish, Eben May Dorr, William Reynolds, George A. Hudson, James Beckett, P. de Liagre, Hugh C. Murray, Richard N. Allen, Edward F. Northam, Thos. Snow, Jonathan D. Stevenson, Thomas L. Pickering, R. E. Cole, Amos S. Rogers, John Middleton, and John H. Dall.

The Past Masters of the Lodge are, John H. Gihon, Joel Noah, Jonathan D. Stevenson, and Thomas L. Pickering.

The following named brethren have recently been entered in the Lodge, viz. : F. C. Ewer, J. E. Addison, H. A. Vandermeden, F. Tilford, Theodore Payne, Chas. G. Scott, John Vandewater, H. Ray Bowie, and John B. De Fiennes.

Applications for membership are now before the Lodge from Bros. T. R. Korn, L. T. Wilson, and R. B. Hampton ; and Messrs. Wm. C. Parker, Reuben A. Wingate, and P. M. Schooffy, have petitioned for initiation.

The Lodge has recently contracted for the use of a new and handsome hall, now in the course of erection, which will be completed in a few weeks, and furnished in a style highly creditable to the members, and to the Order whose interests they are endeavoring to subserve.

The Lodge meets for the transaction of business and for Masonic work, on Thursday evening of every week. Its financial affairs are in a healthy condition, and every thing connected with it gives the promise of permanent success and usefulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. GIHON, *Secretary*.

Bro. E. J. WILLIS presented the following petition from *Sutter Lodge*, U. D. : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The undersigned would most respectfully represent, that they have been working under a Dispensation for some time past from the *R. W. Deputy Grand Master* of this Grand Lodge, under the name of *Sutter Lodge* ; and that, if their work be approved, they would most earnestly pray you to grant them a Charter for a Lodge, to be called *Sutter Lodge*, in Sacramento City.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD J. WILLIS, W. M.  
C. E. THORN, S. W.  
ADDISON MARTIN, J. W.

The Deputy Grand Master announced that he had examined the By-Laws and books of *Sutter Lodge* ; that he found the By-Laws to be in strict conformity to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge ; and that the business and work of *Sutter Lodge* had been correctly performed. Whereupon, it was

*Resolved*, That the petition of *Sutter Lodge*, for a Charter, be granted.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

Since the organization of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary, by the direction of the Grand Master, has executed Charters for *Benicia* Lodge, located at Benicia, and *Berryman* Lodge, located at Sacramento City. He has received from *Benicia* Lodge the sum of one hundred dollars, the fee for Charter required by the Constitution.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary has also caused to be printed in pamphlet form, the Constitution and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and the proceedings of the Convention by which the Grand Lodge was organized ; copies of which have been forwarded to the various Lodges of the State of California, and to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

He also caused to be published in three daily newspapers of San Francisco, a notice of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be held in Sacramento City on the seventh inst. The bills for printing five hundred copies of proceedings and Constitution, publishing notice of meeting, and for books for the use of the Grand Secretary, amounting to two hundred and thirty-three dollars, are herewith presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. GIBON, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Bro. P. A. BRINSMADE, the bills presented by the Grand Secretary were ordered to be paid.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, *May 8th*, A. L. 5850.

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Secretary being absent, Bro. LEVI STOWELL was appointed Grand Secretary, *pro tempore*.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge were numbered in accordance with the dates of their organization, as follows :—

<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1,.....	at San Francisco ;
<i>Western Star</i>	" " 2,.....	" Benton City ;
<i>Tehama</i>	" " 3,.....	" Sacramento ;
<i>Berryman</i>	" " 4,.....	" Sacramento ;
<i>Benicia</i>	" " 5,.....	" Benicia ;
<i>Sutter</i>	" " 6,.....	" Sacramento.

On motion of Bro. W. N. DOUGHTY, it was

*Resolved*, That the name of *Berryman* Lodge, No. 4, be changed to that of *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Treasurer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Bro. B. JENNINGS; and Bro. LEVI STOWELL was duly elected Grand Treasurer, to serve until the annual meeting of May, A. L. 5851.

The Deputy Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:—

<i>As Grand Chaplain</i> ,.....	Bro. W. G. DEAL,	of <i>Jennings</i> Lodge, No. 4.
<i>" Grand Marshal</i> ,.....	" POPE GORDON,	<i>" Tehama " " 3.</i>
<i>" Grand Standard Bearer</i> ,..	" WM. DAVENPORT,	<i>" Sutter " " 6.</i>
<i>" Grand Sword Bearer</i> ,.....	" B. B. GORE,	<i>" Tehama " " 3.</i>
<i>" Senior Grand Deacon</i> ,.....	" B. D. HYAM,	<i>" Benicia " " 5.</i>
<i>" Junior Grand Deacon</i> ,.....	" E. J. WILLIS,	<i>" Sutter " " 6.</i>
<i>" Grand Stewards</i> ,.....	{	S. GREENWALT, <i>" Tehama " " 3,</i>
		A. GREENWALT, <i>" Jennings " " 4.</i>
<i>" Grand Tyler</i> ,.....	" F. A. CLARKE,	<i>" Sutter " " 6.</i>

Bro. E. J. WILLIS presented the following notice of an amendment to the Constitution:—

We hereby give notice to the Grand Lodge, that at the next regular meeting a motion will be made to alter the second section of Article IX. of the Constitution, by reducing the taxes therein provided for.

EDWARD J. WILLIS, *Sutter Lodge, No. 6*;  
L. STOWELL, *California Lodge, No. 1*;  
WM. N. DOUGHTY, *Jennings Lodge, No. 4.*

The Grand Secretary announced that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being the fee for Dispensation, had been received from *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6.

A form for the semi-annual return of subordinate Lodges, was unanimously adopted; and, there being no further business, the Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Due Form**.

J. A. TUTT, *Deputy Grand Master.*

LEVI STOWELL, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AT THE  
SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT  
The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento;

COMMENCED ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850,  
AND TERMINATED ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850.

R.. W.. JOHN A. TUTT,  
*Deputy Grand Master, Presiding.*

R.. W.. JOHN H. GIHON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

---

1850.

# GRAND OFFICERS

## OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

### FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

<i>M. W.</i>	J. D. STEVENSON,	GRAND MASTER,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
<i>R. W.</i>	JOHN A. TUTT,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" "	CALEB FENNER,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" "	SASCHEL WOODS,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	<i>Benton ;</i>
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	GRAND TREASURER,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" "	JOHN H. GIHON,	GRAND SECRETARY,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" "	WM. G. DEAL,	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
<i>W.</i>	POPE GORDON,	GRAND MARSHAL,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	WM. DAVENPORT,	GRAND STANDARD BEARER,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	B. B. GORE,	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	BENJ. D. HYAM,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	EDW. J. WILLIS,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	SIMON GREENWALT,	} GRAND STEWARDS,	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	AARON GREENWALT,		
"	FRED. A. CLARKE,	GRAND TYLER,	<i>Sacramento.</i>



# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of November, A. L. 5850, and was opened in **Due Form** at ten o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT :

The	R.:. W.:. JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
"	" BERRYMAN JENNINGS, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden ;</i>
"	" L. B. MIZNER, as	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden ;</i>
"	" N. O. HINMAN, as	.....	<i>Grand Treasurer ;</i>
"	" JOHN H. GIBON,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary ;</i>
	W.:. LUCIUS J. WILDER, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Deacon ;</i>
	" EDWARD J. WILLIS,	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Deacon ;</i>
	" A. C. HARRISON, as	.....	<i>Grand Tyler ;</i>

and the following members and visitors :—

Bros. T. A. Thomas, B. B. Gore, John Beer, R. D. Kimbrell, Jacob Goldsmith, Joseph Hull, Charles E. Knight, William D. Deering, B. N. Freeman, F. H. Harman, and Abner Spencer.

The Grand Secretary stated that the time named in the Constitution for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, is the first Tuesday in November ; but that the alarming prevalence of the cholera in Sacramento had rendered the meeting at that time inexpedient, if not utterly impracticable ;

and that the Grand Master, after consulting with several of the Grand Officers, had postponed it until the present day : he therefore offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Master, in postponing the meeting of the Grand Lodge, be approved.

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the Grand Master :—

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25th, A. J. 5850.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

It is with inexpressible regret that the Grand Master finds himself deprived by circumstances which he can not control, of the pleasure of meeting the Grand Lodge at its present semi-annual Communication ; but he begs to assure his brethren that in every feeling of the heart, as well as in interest, he is with them, and will take pleasure in carrying into effect any action they may take upon any subject calculated to promote the true interest of the Masonic fraternity, here or elsewhere.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, the Grand Master has the honor to report, that since the last semi-annual Communication, Dispensations have been granted by him for four Lodges, to wit : *Davy Crockett Lodge*, located in San Francisco ; *San José Lodge*, located in San José ; *Tuolumne Lodge*, located at Sonora ; *Willamette Lodge*, located at the town of Portland, Oregon Territory ; all of which are in a flourishing condition, and are promoting, by their usefulness, the best feeling of respect in the community for the Order. In addition to these, applications for three more Charters from different points in California and Oregon are on their way, and may reach the Grand Lodge before the close of the present session. At the next semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, there can be no doubt of a great accession of Lodges, and that the usefulness and strength of the fraternal bonds that bind Masons to each other, will be made so manifest as to secure to the Order the confidence and respect of the whole community. At every point where Lodges are located, the good influences of the Institution are seen and felt, and the manifest desire to become members is greater than the capacities of the Lodges to admit them. Under these circumstances, every Mason feels a just pride in acknowledging himself a member of our ancient and honorable Order.

The Grand Master would again renew his suggestion, that some action be taken upon the subject of establishing a uniform system of work for the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if it be practicable ; or that, at least, proper Grand Visitants be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit each Lodge within the State, and report their condition.

The Grand Master would call the attention of the fraternity to the fact, that the Grand Lodge is still without any regalia, or the necessary implements and furniture required by the well-established regulations of the Order. He would therefore recommend, if the funds will justify it, that a committee be appointed to procure suitable regalia, implements, and furniture, or so much thereof as may be deemed most necessary for the use of the Grand Lodge.

J. D. STEVENSON, *Grand Master*.

On motion of Bro. N. O. HINMAN, the Grand Master's communication was referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On the Grand Master's Communication:.....* { Bro. E. J. Willis,  
" B. B. Gore,  
" L. B. Mizner.

The Deputy Grand Master also appointed the following committee —

*On Credentials:.....* { Bro. B. Jennings,  
" N. O. Hinman,  
" L. B. Mizner.

The following communication, accompanying a handsomely bound copy of the "Free Mason's Monitor" was received, and a vote of thanks was tendered to BRO. J. L. CROSS, for his appropriate and acceptable present: —

NEW YORK, *September 12th, A. L. 5850.*

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California: —*

I take the liberty of presenting to your Grand Body a copy of the true Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Monitor, a work which has been sanctioned as a text-book, by most of the Grand Lodges of these United States, and very generally used by all the members of the subordinate Lodges for the past thirty years. I would take this occasion for expressing to you my great pleasure at the recent act of Congress, in admitting your golden State into the Union, thus adding one more link to our beautiful chain; and for expressing the hope that union, harmony, and brotherly love may continue to be our watch-words, which no sectional interest may ever sever.

A list of your Grand Officers, together with a list of your subordinate Lodges, would be very acceptable.

I am, with esteem, yours fraternally.

JEREMY L. CROSS.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
*Tuesday, November 26th, A. L. 5850.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The R.: W.: WM. G. DEAL, Grand Chaplain, appeared and took his seat; and there were present the following members and visitors, in addition to those named this morning: —



Bros. F. W. Thayer, Benjamin F. Washington, John Bigler, John S. Love, Henry A. Schoolcraft, Jacob Kohlmann, E. R. Scott, and A. G. Hartt.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committees:—

*On Charters and Dispensations* :..... { Bro. B. Jennings,  
“ N. O. Hinman,  
“ L. B. Mizner.

*On Finance and Accounts* :..... { Bro. E. J. Willis,  
“ W. G. Deal,  
“ L. J. Wilder.

Applications for Charters were received from *Willamette*, *Davy Crockett*, and *Tuolumne* Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Reports were received from the Secretaries of *California*, *Tehama*, *Jennings*, *Benicia*, *Sutter*, *Davy Crockett*, *Tuolumne*, and *Willamette* Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The committee appointed at the first Communication, to procure a seal for the use of the Grand Lodge, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and presented a seal, with the bill for the same, amounting to twenty-five dollars; which report was received, the committee discharged, and the bill ordered to be paid.

On motion of Bro. E. J. WILLIS, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to suggest such alterations to the IXth Article of the Constitution, relative to the dues of subordinate Lodges, as are necessary for the prosperity of said Lodges.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee—

*On Alterations of the Constitution* :..... { Bro. E. J. Willis,  
“ R. D. Kimbrell,  
“ Jacob Goldsmith.

A bill of two hundred dollars, for printing two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of previous meetings, and of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, was ordered to be paid; as was, also, a bill of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, for fifty blank Charters, printed in lithograph, on parchment.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received, and the delegates therein named were admitted to seats:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The committee appointed this morning to examine the credentials of representatives from the different Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that they have had before them the credentials of Bros. L. B. Mizner, Senior Warden of *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, and Robt. D. Kimbrell, of *Davy Crockett* Lodge, and find said brethren duly appointed to represent their respective Lodges in this Grand Lodge.

They would also report Bro. John H. Gihon as duly authorized to represent *California* Lodge, No. 1; Bros. Edward J. Willis and N. O. Hinman, *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6; and Bro. Jacob Goldsmith, *Willamette* Lodge, of Portland, Oregon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. JENNINGS,	} Committee.
L. B. MIZNER,	
N. O. HINMAN,	

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,	}
Wednesday, November 27th, A. L. 5850.	

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The R. W. LEVI STOWELL, Grand Treasurer, appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The Committee on Credentials beg leave further to report, that they have examined the credentials of Bro. Henry P. Watkins, W. M., and Bro. B. S. Olds, proxy for Henry P. Haun, S. W. of *Marysville* Lodge, working under a Dispensation at Marysville, California, and find that they are duly authorized to sit in this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. JENNINGS,	} Committee.
L. B. MIZNER,	

Which report was received, and the representatives therein named were admitted to seats.

Applications for Charters were received from *Marysville* and *San Jose* Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that they had examined the By-Laws and work of *Davy Crockett* and *Willamette* Lodges, and found them in strict conformity to the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the established usages of the Order; and recommended that Charters be granted to said Lodge.

The report was received and concurred in, and Charters were ordered for those Lodges.

Bro. E. J. WILLIS, from the special committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Master, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the M.: W.: Grand Master, would respectfully report, that they have carefully examined said communication, and believe that the recommendations therein contained call for some action at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee feel deeply sensible of the importance of a more uniform work among the different Lodges in the State; and now, at the commencement of our operations, it behooves us to adopt some measure by which such uniformity can be secured.

To this end, your committee would recommend the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Lodges in the State, and instruct them in their work, and also report their condition to the Grand Lodge.

With reference to the recommendation of the M.: W.: Grand Master in relation to regalia, &c., for the use of the Grand Lodge, your committee are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient, in the present condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, to incur the expense necessary to procure such regalia, &c., as would be desired for its use.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. J. WILLIS, }  
L. B. MIZNER, } Committee.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

Bro. E. J. WILLIS, from the special committee on the alteration of the IXth Article of the Constitution, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was referred Article IX. of the Constitution, beg leave to recommend that it be altered so as to read as follows:—

## ARTICLE IX.

### REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be one hundred and fifty dollars, one hundred dollars of which shall be paid upon the issuing of the Dispensation, and fifty dollars when a Charter shall have been



granted ; but upon the issuing of a Charter, in a case where no previous Dispensation shall have been granted, the whole amount of one hundred and fifty dollars shall be required. And every Lodge, upon receipt of its Charter, shall pay the Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars for engrossing the same, and affixing thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for every degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of two dollars for every adjoining member, and the sum of two dollars, semi-annually, for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, five dollars, by the applicant, for every Diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge ; but no Diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate, from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such Diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall also affix thereto the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of any document in his possession proper to be published, which the Grand Secretary shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive, for the use of the Grand Lodge, fifty cents for every one hundred words.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD J. WILLIS, }  
JACOB GOLDSMITH, } *Committee.*  
R. D. KIMBRELL, }

The report was received, and the committee was discharged ; and Article IX., as recommended by the committee, was taken up by sections.

The first section was so amended as to read as follows : —

SECTION 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars, seventy-five dollars of which shall be paid, &c., &c. :

And, as thus amended, was adopted.

The second section was amended so as to read as follows : —

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of one dollar for every adjoining member, and one dollar, semi-annually, for each contributing member :

And, as thus amended, was adopted.

The third and fourth sections were adopted without alteration.

The report of the committee, thus amended, was concurred in ; and the IXth Article of the Constitution, as thus altered, was adopted.

The following communication from Bro. A. M. WINN, was presented : —

SACRAMENTO CITY, Nov. 27th, 1850.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

An ample provision for the education of children has ever been one of the dearest objects of every good Mason.

The thousands of Masons coming to this country who die on their way, and the thousands who will die and have died after arriving here, warn us that some provision should be made for the education of their orphans ; and the sooner we commence the work of preparation, the more apt we will be to succeed to our own satisfaction.

I own four hundred acres of high and beautiful land within one mile of this city, about ten acres of which I design laying off in its centre, for the use of a Masonic Institution of Learning ; the balance I design laying off into family squares, that residences may be had near enough to the city for business, and at the same time, our children can be educated at home.

I propose to give to the Grand Lodge the ten acres, and also, five per cent. of the balance of the tract ; and ask that during this session they will appoint trustees to receive the deed for the property.

Yours fraternally,

A. M. WINN.

On motion of Bro. W. G. DEAL, the communication was referred to a special committee of three, with directions to consult with Bro. WINN in regard to the terms upon which he purposes to make the proposed grant of land ; and to report to the Grand Lodge, at the earliest opportunity.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

On Bro. Winn's Donation: ..... { Bro. Wm. G. Deal,  
" L. B. Mizner,  
" B. Jennings.

BRO. L. B. MIZNER stated that the Lodge at Benicia had just completed the erection and furnishing of a new Hall in that place, at an expense of ten thousand dollars, which had so far exhausted its funds as to prompt him to ask the Grand Lodge to remit the dues of *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5 ; and he offered a motion to that effect, which was lost.

A bill of one hundred and eighty-nine dollars, for expenses of the Grand Secretary in attending the last and present meeting of the Grand Lodge, and for printing blanks, postage, &c., was ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that they had examined the work and By-Laws of *Marysville* Lodge, and finding them all correct, they offered a resolution that the prayer of the said Lodge for a Charter be granted, which was unanimously adopted. And it was also

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, paid by *Marysville* Lodge, be received in full satisfaction for dues from said Lodge and for Charter fee.



On motion of Bro. J. H. GIBON, it was

*Resolved*, That the reports from Secretaries of subordinate Lodges, heretofore referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, be withdrawn from that Committee, and referred to a special committee of three, with directions to carefully examine them, and so correct them as to make them conform to the requirements of the Constitution, and report at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as such Committee —

*On Reports of Lodges* : ..... { Bro. Levi Stowell,  
“ B. S. Olds,  
“ A. G. Hartt.

A report was received from *San Jose* Lodge, and referred to the special committee above named.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
*Wednesday, November, 27th, A. L. 5850.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported that Bro. LEVI STOWELL had been regularly appointed as proxy for Bro. H. C. MELONE, S. W., to represent *San Jose* Lodge in this Grand Lodge; and Bro. STOWELL was admitted as a delegate from that Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California* : —

The Grand Treasurer has only to report that he received (May 9th, 1850,) from *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the fee for a Dispensation; and that he has paid to the order of the Grand Master (dated May 31, 1850,) the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, on account for printing the Constitution and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, thereby leaving no funds in his hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was received, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that they had examined the By-Laws and books of *Tuolumne* and *San Jose* Lodges, and recommended the granting of their petitions for Charters; and it was

*Resolved*, That Charters be granted to *Tuolumne* Lodge, located at Sonora, and to *San José* Lodge, located at San José.

The Lodges chartered at this Communication of the Grand Lodge, were then, by resolution, numbered as follows : —

<i>Davy Crockett</i> Lodge,	No. 7,	.....	at San Francisco ;
<i>Tuolumne</i>	"	No. 8,	..... " Sonora ;
<i>Marysville</i>	"	No. 9,	..... " Marysville ;
<i>San José</i>	"	No. 10,	..... " San José ;
<i>Willamette</i>	"	No. 11,	..... " Portland, O. Ter'y.

Bro. L. B. MIZNER presented the following notice : —

We hereby give notice to the Grand Lodge of California, that a motion will be made at the next regular Communication, for a general revision of the Constitution of said Grand Lodge.

L. B. MIZNER, for .....	<i>Benicia</i>	Lodge, No. 5.
EDWARD J. WILLIS, for.....	<i>Sutter</i>	" " 6.
L. STOWELL, for .....	<i>California</i>	" " 1.
L. STOWELL, as proxy for ...	<i>San José</i>	" " 10.
B. JENNINGS, for .....	<i>Jennings</i>	" " 4.
JOHN H. GIBON, for .....	<i>California</i>	" " 1.

Which was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

Bro. WM. G. DEAL presented the following communication : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

One year ago the Masons of this city united with the Odd Fellows to provide a place for the indigent sick. Until within a few weeks, the hospital of these two Orders has had in its wards from five to twenty sick. For defraying the expense we have depended on voluntary contributions, but the burthen has fallen upon comparatively few.

The total amount of indebtedness which has been incurred to the present time is.....\$31,436 14

The amount of above which has been paid is..... 17,010 70

Leaving an indebtedness existing of.....\$14,425 44

For a large portion of this the Trustees are sued, and for the payment of the whole, the credit and honor of our Brotherhood here are pledged. We therefore ask the Grand Lodge to take our situation into consideration, and authorize two persons, in the States, to appeal to our brethren there to aid us in relieving ourselves from embarrassment, that we may be prepared to go forward in that good work of relief, in which the Order has acted so noble a part within the past year.

WM. GROVE DEAL, Pres.,	} Board of Trustees.
JOHN F. MORSE, Sec.,	
N. C. CUNNINGHAM,	
A. M. WINN,	
J. BIGLER,	

*Sacramento City, Nov. 27, 1850.*

Which communication was received and referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On the Indebtedness of the Hospital :.....* { Bro. B. S. Olds,  
“ H. P. Watkins,  
“ R. D. Kimbrell.

On motion of Bro. B. JENNINGS, it was

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to determine upon and exhibit a uniform mode of work for the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On Uniformity of Work :.....* { Bro. Levi Stowell,  
“ B. S. Olds,  
“ N. O. Hinman.

On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, the Deputy Grand Master was added to the committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
*Thursday, November 28th, A. L. 5850.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The following additional visitors were present: — Bros. Charles Levy, M. Englander, and A. Hollub.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. B. S. OLDS, from the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Trustees of the Hospital, presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Sacramento Hospital, have had the same under consideration, and would re-



spectfully report, that they consider it a matter of justice to the brethren of Sacramento, that this Grand Lodge should grant the prayer of the petitioners, to enable them to obtain all the aid in their power to relieve them from the embarrassments consequent upon their benevolence and charity toward our distressed brethren.

Your committee would therefore respectfully recommend the appointment of Bros. Wm. N. Doughty and Wm. G. Deal as suitable persons to carry out the views of the Trustees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. S. OLDS,	} Committee.
H. P. WATKINS,	
ROBT. D. KIMBRELL,	

Which report was received and concurred in, the committee was discharged, and it was

*Resolved*, That the suggestions in the report of the committee on the Sacramento Hospital be adopted; that the Grand Lecturers in the various States, the Grand Masters in the States where there are no Grand Lecturers, and the editors of the several Masonic periodicals and magazines, be requested to coöperate with Bros. Doughty and Deal in the object specified; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the committee with a copy of the above resolution, and the proceedings relative to the Sacramento Hospital.

Bro. WM. G. DEAL, from the Committee on the communication of Bro. A. M. WINN, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee appointed to confer with Bro. Winn in reference to a proposition to donate certain land in the city of Sacramento, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had a conference with Bro. Winn, who informed them that in offering the donation mentioned, it was not his intention to bind the Grand Lodge to any condition other than that the proceeds of the land to be given shall be devoted to educational purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. G. DEAL,	} Committee.
B. JENNINGS,	
L. B. MIZNER,	

Which report was received, the committee was discharged, the proposition of Bro. WINN was accepted, and a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to him for his generous donation.

On motion of Bro. L. B. MIZNER, it was then

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden be appointed Trustees to receive and hold all property coming and belonging to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. B. JENNINGS, it was also

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge make application to the District Court for a Charter of Incorporation, and that the R. W. Deputy Grand Master be appointed to make such application.

The Deputy Grand Master then announced the following Standing Committees : —

<i>On Credentials :.....</i>	{ Bro. B. Jennings, " L. B. Mizner, " Abram Bartol.
<i>On Grievances :.....</i>	{ Bro. E. J. Willis, " Reuben Clarke, " Caleb Fenner.
<i>On Unfinished Business :.....</i>	{ Bro. James B. Long, " B. S. Olds, " H. C. Melone.
<i>On Finance and Accounts :.....</i>	{ Bro. B. D. Hyam, " Levi Stowell, " H. P. Watkins.
<i>On Foreign Correspondence :.....</i>	{ Bro. John H. Gihon, " J. W. Geary, " Levi Stowell, " B. Jennings.

On motion of Bro. J. H. GIHON, the Deputy Grand Master was added to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Bro. L. B. MIZNER, it was

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge appoint a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit the Lodges under this jurisdiction, whenever required so to do ; the Lodges making the requisition, to defray the expenses of said Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Bro. J. H. GIHON, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lecturer be elected by ballot, and that said election take place forthwith.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed Bros. R. D. KIMBRELL and B. S. OLDS as tellers of the election ; and, the ballot being taken, Bro. JOHN A. TUTT was duly elected as Grand Lecturer, to serve until the next semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

*Ordered*, That the salaries of Grand Lodge officers be as follows : —

The Grand Secretary shall receive four hundred dollars per annum ; the Grand Treasurer shall receive one hundred dollars per annum ; and the Grand Tyler shall receive sixteen dollars per diem during the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. L. STOWELL, from the committee to whom was referred the reports of the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges, presented the following report : —

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California : —*

The committee appointed to examine and correct the reports of the various Lodges, and to make such suggestions, and recommend such alterations as to them might seem expedient, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report as follows : —



They have had under consideration the subject of taxation by the Grand Lodge, and its power to tax subordinate Lodges, and are of the unanimous opinion that the Grand Lodge has not the power to tax Lodges working under Dispensation; and thus, *no dues* having accrued to the Grand Lodge, under the 2d Section of Article IX. of the Constitution, from the Lodges working under Dispensation, they report only the *fees* due from such Lodges for their Dispensations and Charters.

The committee have carefully examined and corrected the reports of the various Lodges working under Charters, so far as in their power, from the dates and information contained in said reports, and present the amount of *fees* and *dues* which have accrued to this Grand Lodge under the 9th Article of the Constitution. Many of the reports being very imperfect, for want of dates and other necessary information, they would suggest to the various Lodges the imperative necessity of a full and complete report, with the date of all admissions, of conferring each degree, and of every demit, resignation, suspension, expulsion, death, or other matter of interest to the Grand Lodge.

The committee report the following amount of dues, and of fees for Charters and Dispensations, as having accrued from the various Lodges, from the organization of this Grand Lodge, to Nov. 1st, 5850, to wit:— from

		Dues.	Fees.	Total.
<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1,.....	\$453 46	\$.....	\$453 46
* <i>Western Star</i>	" " 2,.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Tehama</i>	" " 3,.....	206 74	.....	206 74
<i>Berryman</i>	" " 4,.....	116 26	100 00	216 26
<i>Benicia</i>	" " 5,.....	179 96	100 00	279 96
<i>Sutter</i>	" " 6,.....	146 00	100 00	246 00
<i>Davy Crockett</i>	" " 7,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>Tuolumne</i>	" " 8,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>San José</i>	" " 10,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>Willamette</i>	" " 11,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
		\$1,102 42	\$1,300 00	\$2,402 42

Your committee, being of the opinion that it is only within the province of the Grand Lodge to tax subordinate Lodges sufficiently to defray the actual expenses of the Grand Lodge, and believing that the amount of fees and dues which have already accrued is more than sufficient to defray such expenses, would recommend that one half of the *dues*, (exclusive of fees for Dispensations and Charters,) as reported above, be remitted; and that the various accounts of the different Lodges shall stand as follows, dating from Nov. 1st, 1850:—

		Dues.	Fees.	Amount.
<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1,.....	\$226 73	\$.....	\$226 73
* <i>Western Star</i>	" " 2,.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Tehama</i>	" " 3,.....	103 37	.....	103 37
<i>Jennings</i>	" " 4,.....	58 13	100 00	158 13
<i>Benicia</i>	" " 5,.....	89 98	100 00	189 98
<i>Sutter</i>	" " 6,.....	73 00	100 00	173 00
<i>Davy Crockett</i>	" " 7,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>Tuolumne</i>	" " 8,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>Marysville</i>	" " 9,.....	.....	125 00	125 00
<i>San José</i>	" " 10,.....	.....	250 00	250 00
<i>Willamette</i>	" " 11,.....	.....	250 00	250 00

Total amount dues and fees,.....\$1,976 21

\* No returns have been received from *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, and the amount of its dues can not be ascertained.

The amount charged to *Marysville* Lodge is the amount decided upon by resolution of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, }  
B. S. OLDS. } *Committee.*

Which report was received, its recommendations were adopted, and the committee was discharged.

The following bills were ordered to be paid : —

For services of the Grand Tyler, three days, at \$16,	\$48 00
“ salary of the Grand Secretary for one year,	400 00
“ “ “ “ Treasurer, “ “	100 00
“ expenses of the Junior Grand Warden,	50 00
“ “ “ “ Grand Treasurer,	50 00
Total,	\$648 00

The Grand Secretary presented the following report upon the condition of the Grand Lodge, from its organization to the commencement of this Communication : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Grand Secretary avails himself, with great pleasure, of an opportunity previous to the adjournment of your worshipful body, to furnish you with a brief outline of the condition of the Grand Lodge, and of the several subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

It will be remembered that, at the last semi-annual Communication, there were six regularly Chartered Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, viz. : —

<i>California</i>	Lodge, No. 1,	at San Francisco ;
<i>Western Star</i>	“ “ 2,	“ Benton City ;
<i>Tehama</i>	“ “ 3,	“ Sacramento ;
<i>Jennings</i>	“ “ 4,	“ Sacramento ;
<i>Benicia</i>	“ “ 5,	“ Benicia ;
<i>Sutter</i>	“ “ 6,	“ Sacramento.

At the present Communication, five others have been chartered, viz. : —

<i>Davy Crockett</i>	Lodge, No. 7,	at San Francisco ;
<i>Tuolumne</i>	“ “ 8,	“ Sonora ;
<i>Marysville</i>	“ “ 9,	“ Marysville ;
<i>San Jose</i>	“ “ 10,	“ San José ;
<i>Willamette</i>	“ “ 11,	“ Portland, O. T.

All these Lodges are in a prosperous condition, unless *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, be an exception ; the Grand Secretary having received no report from that Lodge, and it having no representative at this Communication. Nothing definite, therefore, can be affirmed concerning its condition and prospects.

A summary of the reports from the Secretaries of all the Lodges represented at this Communication, (excepting *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, from whose Secretary no report has been received, save that furnished in the book of records of the Lodge,) will be found appended.

The following statement exhibits the present condition of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge.

Since its institution, the Grand Secretary has received for the use of the Grand Lodge, from

<i>Jennings</i>	-	Lodge, No. 4,	.....	\$ 35 00	
<i>Benicia</i>		" "	5,.....	100 00	
<i>Sutter</i>		" "	6,.....	150 00	
<i>Davy Crockett</i>		" "	7,.....	250 00	
<i>Tuolumne</i>		" "	8,.....	402 00	
<i>Marysville</i>		" "	9,.....	125 00	
<i>San Jose</i>		" "	10,.....	250 00	
<i>Willamette</i>		" "	11,.....	420 00	\$1732 00

The Grand Lodge has directed the following disbursements to be made, for which orders upon the Grand Treasurer have been drawn :—

May 8.	For Printing, Books, Stationery, &c.,.....	\$233 00	
Nov. 26.	" Printing Constitution and Proceedings,	200 00	
" "	" Blank Charters, on Parchment,.....	125 00	
" 27.	" Expenses of Grand Secretary, present and last Communication, printing Blanks, Postage, &c.,.....	189 00	
" "	" Seal for Grand Lodge,.....	25 00	
" 28.	" Expenses of Grand Treasurer,.....	50 00	
" "	" Expenses of Jun. Grand Warden,.....	50 00	
" "	" Services of Grand Tyler,.....	48 00	
" "	" Salary of Grand Secretary,.....	400 00	
" "	" Salary of Grand Treasurer,.....	100 00	\$1420 00

Balance paid to the Grand Treasurer, .....	\$312 00
--	----------

Of this amount *Willamette* Lodge, No. 11, has overpaid,  
and has plaeced to its credit,.....\$170 00

And <i>Tuolumne</i> Lodge, No. 8, has overpaid,.....	152 00	\$322 00
--	--------	----------

Showing an indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, above its cash in hand, of.....	\$10 00
--	---------

There is due to the Grand Lodge, from various sources, the following amounts, viz. :—from

<i>California</i> Lodge, No. 1, for dues,.....	\$226 73	
<i>Tehama</i> " " 3, " " .....	103 37	
<i>Jennings</i> " " 4, " " .....	58 13	
" " " 4, " bal. of Charter fee,.....	65 00	
<i>Benicia</i> " " 5, " dues,.....	89 98	
<i>Sutter</i> " " 6, " " .....	73 00	
" " " 6, " Charter fee,.....	100 00	\$716 21
Deduct above amount to debit,.....		10 00

Leaving a balance over all expenses, due the Grand Lodge, of.....	\$706 21
--	----------

To which the dues of *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, are to be added, when ascertained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. GIHON, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report was received, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.



On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have printed two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of the proceedings at this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the cost thereof.

There being no further business, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Due Form**.

JOHN A. TUTT, *Deputy Grand Master*.

JOHN H. GIBON, *Grand Secretary*.

[19]

# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

### THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

NOVEMBER, A. L. 5850.

---

#### California Lodge, No. 1.

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets every Thursday.*

##### OFFICERS:

L. Stowell, <i>W. Master and G. Treas.</i>	J. H. Gihon, <i>Secretary and G. Sec.</i>
A. Bartol, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. Watters, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. W. Geary, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. H. Leining, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. A. Selover, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. P. Burdick, <i>Tyler.</i>

##### Past Masters:

J. D. Stevenson, <i>G. M.</i>	J. H. Gihon, <i>G. Sec.</i>	O. J. Preston,
A. Bartol,	T. L. Pickering,	Joel Noah.

##### MASTER MASONS:

Addison, J. E.	Dall, J. H.	Meyerowitz, I.	Schaffer, M.
Allen, R. N.	Dorr, E. M.	Middleton, J.	Scoofy, P. M.
Anthony, G. W.	De Fiennes, J. B.	Murray, H. C.	Scott, C. G.
Atkinson, G. D.	De Liagre, P.	McCarthy, D.	Smiley, J.
Barnard, J. C.	Hampton, R. B.	Neepe, J.	Smith, W. C. R.
Beckett, J.	Haven, J. P.	Northam, E. F.	Snow, T.
Brinsmade, P. A.	Hoen F.	Parker, W. C.	Van De Water, J.
Bowie, H. R.	Hudson, G. A.	Payne, T.	Ward, I. M.
Caspari, M.	Johnson, T. R.	Rehfish, M.	Wehler, E.
Cole, R. E.	Korn, T. R.	Reynolds, W.	Wilson, C. L.
Cronin, D.	Larned, F. S.	Rogers, A. S.	Wingate, R. A.—56.

##### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Greene, W.	Harrington, W. T.	Tilford, F.—4.
------------	-------------------	----------------

##### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ewer, F. C.	Mallet, J. H.	Pollard, A.
Ingram, J.	Morse, J. B.	Rabe, W.

##### WITHDRAWN:

Eddy, W. H.	Roberts, G. W.	Williams, H. F.—3.
-------------	----------------	--------------------

*Initiated, 23. Passed, 19. Raised, 17.*

#### Western Star Lodge, No. 2.

**Benton City, Shasta County.**

*No Returns.*



## Tehama Lodge, No. 3.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. A. Tutt, <i>W. Master and D. G. M.</i>	R. H. McDonald, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. I. Wilder, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. O. Derby, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
B. B. Gore, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
E. D. G. Bumstead, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. C. Harrison, <i>Tyler.</i>

### Past Masters:

J. A. Tutt, <i>D. G. M.</i>	C. Fenner, <i>S. G. W.</i>
-----------------------------	----------------------------

### MASTER MASONS:

Bean, E. S.	Johnson, J. N.	Rowe, C.	Thompson, A. C.
Beer, J.	Little, J.	Shepherd, D. M.	Tracy, J. N.
Bigler, J.	Livingston, J.	Somes, G. W.	Wales, T. P.
Cushing H.	Morrill, J.	Stodden, —	Wilburn, T.
Gordon, P.	Peebles, C.	Thomas, T. A.	Winn, A. M.—29.
Greenwalt, S.			

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Job, T. O.	Marshall, J. E.—2.
------------	--------------------

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Laudon, W. S.	Lawton, A.	Marsh, R. E.	Rogers, J. P.—4.
---------------	------------	--------------	------------------

### WITHDRAWN:

Glasson, J.	Schoolcraft, H. A.—2.
-------------	-----------------------

### DIED:

E. D. G. Bumstead,	J. McKinley.—2.
--------------------	-----------------

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 3. Raised, 6.*

## Jennings Lodge, No. 4.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Fridays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

W. N. Doughty, <i>W. Master,</i>	P. Dunlap, <i>Secretary,</i>
B. Jennings, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. G. Deal, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. G. Hartt, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. J. May, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. Greenwalt, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

### Past Master:

B. Jennings, *P. G. Treas.*

### MASTER MASONS:

Adams, G. W.	Gillespie, E. F.	McClure, S.	Thiel, H.
Deal, W. G.	Hastings, S. C.	Prettyman, W. F.	Whiteside, W. B.
Fowler, J. S.	Kewen, E. J. C.	Richards, H. J.	Wright, L. A.—22.
Gallop, E. K.	Latson, A. C.	Scott, E. N.	

*Initiated, 2. Passed, 2. Raised, 2.*

## Benicia Lodge, No. 5.

**Benicia, Solano County.**

*Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

B. D. Hyam, <i>W. Master,</i>	S. Bynum, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. B. Mizner, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. Robinson, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. Riddle, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	C. Gillis, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
R. Semple, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. B. Nurse, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Chopson, T.	McKay, W. R. J.	Robinson, B.	Vines, B.
Derby, G. H.	Newton, H. B.	Saunders, J. H.	Von Pfister, E. H.
Dyerly, C. P.	Norman, R. B.	Vaughn, S.	Yount, G. C.—22.
Hyde, E.	Perry, S. M.		

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 6. Raised, 6.*

## Sutter Lodge, No. 6.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

E. J. Willis, <i>W. Master</i> ,	F. W. Thayer, <i>Secretary</i> ,
C. E. Thom, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	F. W. Ames, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
A. Martin, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	F. A. Clarke, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> .
N. O. Hinman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	_____, <i>Tyler</i> .

## MASTER MASONS:

Alderman, G.	Davenport, W.	Levy, L.	Schoolcraft, H. A.
Anderson, A. P.	Ellsbury, T.	Moones, F. W.	Spaulding, W. W. 18.
Crockett, A.	Gammell, W.	Munroe, J.	

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

McKinley, H.	McKinstry, E. W.	Nickerson, B. R.	Thompson, R.—4.
--------------	------------------	------------------	-----------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hermance, L.	McKibbens, R.	Sackett, C. C.	Strong, D.—4.
--------------	---------------	----------------	---------------

## DIED:

A. McCulloch.—1.

*Initiated, 9. Passed, 5. Raised, 1.*

## Davy Crockett Lodge, No. 7.

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets every Wednesday.*

## OFFICERS:

A. C. Labatt, <i>W. Master</i> ,	R. D. Kimbrell, <i>Secretary</i> ,
J. L. Thorpe, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	R. Clark, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
J. Knowles, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	W. Johnson, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
J. McQuoid, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	W. P. Burdick, <i>Tyler</i> .

## Past Master:

G. Gorin.

## MASTER MASONS:

Barry, E.	Dunbar, J.	Luke, E. E.	Ross, R.
Birdsall, J. M.	Eastin, A.	Murphy, D. W.	Vise, N.
Brown, F. C.	Gaillard, E.	Nelson, G. W.	Walsh, T. H.
Charles, G.	Howard, W. B. H.	Price, W. W.	Wilson, E. F.
Clement, J.	Jacoby, A.	Ragsdale, E. B.	Woods, R. E.—31.
Corbett, A. H.	Lindenberger, T. E.		

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Kelly, T.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Johnson, J.

McCabe, J.—2.

## DIED:

Samuel C. Davis.—1.

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 8. Raised, 7.***Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***No Returns.***Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

C. M. Radcliff, *W. Master*,  
 R. F. Sullivan, *Sen. Warden*,  
 E. Runnels, *Jun. Warden*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer*,

H. W. Theall, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Allen, J. J.	Cooper, W. H.	Mace, J. D.	Perkins, W.
Barry, R. C.	Davis, J. A.	Marshall, E. C.	Plaster, J. H.
Besangon, L. A.	Dodge, C. F.	Mehen, P.	Sherman, I. H.
Burke, H. H.	De La Hay, J. B.	Montgomery, T.	Torney, J.
Candee, J. G.	Farnsworth, A.	Moorchison, J.	Tuttle, A. A. H.
Cave, J.	Horr, B. D.	Murphy, R. L.	Wilkins, W. W.
Chatfield, A. F.	Labetome, C.	McKay, R. H.	Yaney, J. P.—34.
Claxton, G. W.	Lineberg, E.		

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Elkins, A.

Marshall, B. F.

Mellen, W. E.—3.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Gullege, F. W.

Kenney, R. C.

Rogers, R.

Snodgrass, W.—4.

*Initiated, 20. Passed, 17. Raised, 17.***San Jose Lodge, No. 10.****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Meets every alternate Saturday.***OFFICERS:**

W. B. Almond, *W. Master*,  
 H. C. Melone, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. Townsend, *Jun. Warden*,  
 E. D. Hammond, *Treasurer*,

C. T. Ryland, *Secretary*,  
 W. Van Voorhies, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 H. F. Williams, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 L. Provost, *Tyler*,

## MASTER MASONS:

Burton, W. T.	Donnellan, B. C.	Minor, P. O.	Reddick, J.
Campbell, A. C.	Eddy, W. H.	McKinney, F. S.	Van Canegan, J.
Corey, B.	Hoppe, J. D.	Powell, H. M. S.	Wilson, W.—22.
Curl, J. D.	Houston, J. S.		

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Laurencel, H.	Morrow, W.—2.
---------------	---------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Hudson, L.	Whittaker, W. R.	Wigginton, A. M.—3.
	Initiated, 8.	Passed, 6.
		Raised, 6.

**Willamette Lodge, No. 11.****Portland, Oregon Territory.***Meets* —————.**OFFICERS:**

J. P. Long, <i>W. Master</i> ,	B. Stark, <i>Secretary</i> ,
R. Wilcox, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	L. May, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
T. J. Hobbs, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	J. Goldsmith, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
W. M. King, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	J. B. Butler, <i>Tyler</i> .

## MASTER MASONS:

Barbour, G. H.	Crosby, N.	Howard, J.	Thompson, R.
Caldwell, W. S.	Delan, N.	Lownsdale, D. H.	Tryon, D.
Chapman, W. W.	De Witt, F.	McKinney, F. H.	Tryon, S. H.
Couch, J. H.	Flanders, G. H.	O'Bryant, G. W.	Wrenn, G. P.—24.

## WITHDRAWN:

Long, J. P.—1.
Initiated, 8.
Passed, 8.
Raised, 8.

**RECAPITULATION.**

Total number of Lodges,.....	11
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	9
Total number of Master Masons, as reported,.....	258
Total number of Fellow Crafts, “ “ .....	11
Total number of Entered Apprentices, as reported,.....	22
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	92
Total number passed, “ “ .....	74
Total number raised, “ “ .....	70

NOTE.—Where blanks have been left in the foregoing returns, it has been because the Lodges have neglected to complete their reports in those respects.—GR. SEC.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT THE  
SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento;

COMMENCED ON

TUESDAY, MAY 6th, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851,

AND TERMINATED ON

FRIDAY, MAY 9th, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851.

---

*Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.*

---

M.: W.: JONATHAN D. STEVENSON,  
*Grand Master, presiding.*

R.: W.: JOHN PENMAN,  
*Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

---

1851.

# GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
R. W.	BENJ. D. HYAM,	...	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
" "	EDW. F. W. ELLIS,	..	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Nevada ;</i>
" "	B. S. OLDS,	.....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Marysville ;</i>
" "	T. A. THOMAS,	.....	GRAND TREASURER,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	....	GRAND SECRETARY,	.....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" "	JOHN PENMAN,	....	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
W.	L. B. MIZNER,	.....	GRAND MARSHAL,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	R. B. NORMAN,	.....	GRAND STANDARD BEARER,	....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	WM. REYNOLDS,	...	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	.....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
"	WM. D. DEERING,	..	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Napa ;</i>
"	ROBERT SEMPLE,	..	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	J. M. KOON,	.....	} GRAND STEWARDS,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	PRESLEY DUNLAP,				
"	A. C. HARRISON,	...	GRAND TYLER,	.....	<i>Sacramento.</i>

---

## GRAND LECTURERS.

W.	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	.....	<i>For the Sacramento District ;</i>
"	O. J. PRESTON,	.....	<i>For the San Francisco District ;</i>
"	E. F. W. ELLIS,	.....	<i>For the Nevada District.</i>

# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

### SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, commenced its Second Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the sixth day of May, A. L. 5851, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT :

The R.: W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	PETER A. BRINSMADE, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	L. B. MIZNER, as	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	JOHN PENMAN, as	.....	<i>Grand Secretary ;</i>
W.:	ROBERT SEMPLE, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Deacon ;</i>
"	EDWARD J. WILLIS,	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Deacon ;</i>
"	A. C. HARRISON, as	.....	<i>Grand Tyler ;</i>

And the representatives of six chartered Lodges, together with a number of visiting brethren.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Due Form**.

The reading of the proceedings at the last semi-annual Communication was dispensed with, the members having been furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committee —

<i>On Credentials :</i> .....	{	Bro. L. B. Mizner,
		" T. A. Thomas,
		" Joel Noah.

\* A Committee on Dispensations and Charters was also appointed.

On motion of Bro. S. MARX, it was

*Ordered*, That a list of the names of Past Masters be drawn up, who are now in attendance, and members of Lodges under this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Tuesday, May 6th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

Bro. L. B. MIZNER, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz. :— from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....P. A. Brinsmade, Worshipful Master;  
John Van De Water, J. W. and proxy for S. W.  
*Tehama*,.....No. 3,.....T. A. Thomas, Worshipful Master;  
L. I. Wilder, Senior Warden;  
R. H. McDonald, Junior Warden.  
*Jennings*,.....No. 4,.....B. Jennings, Worshipful Master;  
J. H. Ralston Senior Warden;  
Presley Dunlap, Junior Warden.  
*Benicia*,.....No. 5,.....L. B. Mizner, Worshipful Master;  
Robert Semple, S. W. and proxy for J. W.  
*Sutter*,.....No. 6,.....E. J. Willis, Worshipful Master;  
Addison Martin, Senior Warden;  
H. A. Schoolcraft, Junior Warden.  
*Davy Crockett*, No. 7,.....Samuel Marx, Representative.

### PAST MASTERS :

Bro. J. M. Sterling,  
" Joel Noah,  
" B. D. Hyam,  
" Joseph Shannon,  
" R. Akan,  
" E. F. W. Ellis,  
" J. R. Crandall,

Bro. W. D. Deering,  
" J. H. Ralston,  
" E. J. Willis,  
" Adolphus Hollub,  
" Saschel Woods,  
" T. A. Thomas,  
" O. D. Chafee.

\* The names of the committee are not recorded in the minutes. [A. G. A., Grand Sec.]



Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. \* ———, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Dispensation and report from *Lafayette* Lodge, at Nevada, which Lodge worked for some time under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. The Charter, together with its hall and records of proceedings, have been lately consumed by fire ; and your committee recommend that a Charter be granted to said Lodge, under the name of *Nevada* Lodge.

They have also examined the Dispensation and work of *Sonoma* Lodge, at Sonoma, and find all in due form and properly recorded ; it is therefore recommended that a Charter be granted to said Lodge, under the name of *Temple* Lodge.

They have also examined the Dispensation and work of *Yount* Lodge, held at Napa City, and find all in due form ; and it is recommended that a Charter be granted to said Lodge, under the name of *Yount* Lodge.

The committee have also examined the By-Laws of *Sonoma* and *Yount* Lodges, and recommend such alterations as are marked in the margin thereof, some portions of them not being in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was received and concurred in, and it was

*Ordered*, That Charters be issued to those Lodges, with the following names and numbers : —

<i>Yount</i> Lodge, No. 12,	.....at Napa,
<i>Nevada</i> " " 13,	....." Nevada,
<i>Temple</i> " " 14,	....." Sonoma ;

And that the dues to this Grand Lodge, from *Nevada* Lodge, No. 13, be, and the same are hereby remitted, in consideration of its Charter, hall, furniture, etc., having been destroyed by fire ; *provided*, said Lodge pay the usual fee to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. P. A. BRINSMADE, on behalf of Bro. A. M. WINN, presented a map of the City of New Jerusalem to the Grand Lodge, which, on motion of Bro. T. A. THOMAS, was received, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the donor.

Bros. B. S. OLDS and E. F. W. ELLIS were added to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Bro. P. A. BRINSMADE, the delegates from those Lodges to which Charters have been granted at this Communication, were received as members of this body.

On motion of Bro. T. A. THOMAS, it was

*Ordered*, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Grand Officers, at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

---

\* No names of the committee signed to the report. [A. G. A., Grand Sec.]

On motion of BRO. T. A. THOMAS, it was

*Ordered*, That a new Charter be issued to *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, its \* original one having been mislaid or lost, and never returned by said Lodge ; and that Bro. SASCHEL WOODS be received as its representative in this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. L. B. MIZNER, it was

*Resolved*, That a special committee of nine be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee —

<i>On the Revision of the Constitution :.....</i>	{	Bro. J. R. Crandall, “ B. S. Olds, “ E. F. W. Ellis, “ P. A. Brinsmade, “ A. Hollub, “ J. H. Ralston, “ Robert Semple, “ L. B. Mizner, “ Reuben Clark.
---	---	--

On motion of Bro. S. MARX, it was

*Ordered*, That *Davy Crockett* Lodge, No. 7, be authorized again to receive and act upon the petition of D. Jacobi, which had been once rejected.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
 Wednesday, May 7th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the M. W. Grand Master, J. D. STEVENSON, presiding.

The R. W. LEVI STOWELL, Grand Treasurer, and W. B. D. HYAM, Senior Grand Deacon, appeared and took their seats.

The reading of the minutes of the sessions of yesterday was dispensed with for the present.

---

\* The original Charter of *Western Star* Lodge is now in the office of the Grand Secretary. Jan 1, A. L. 5857. [A. G. A., Grand Sec.]

The first business in order being the election of Grand Officers, in accordance with the resolution of yesterday afternoon, it was

*Ordered*, That action under the said resolution be suspended until the reports of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Credentials be received.

The Grand Master then delivered the following Address:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Grand Master, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, respectfully reports the condition of Masonry in California and in Oregon, (whose Lodges are under this jurisdiction,) to be as prosperous and creditable to the Order, as it can be in any part of the world. But one year has elapsed since the organization of the Grand Lodge of California. At that time there were but three chartered Lodges in this State, and but two of those were properly organized, and in a working condition. The others, who formed a portion of the Convention, were working under Dispensation. Since that time many Lodges have been organized by Charter and Dispensation, here and in Oregon, all of which are prosperous and flourishing. It should be a source of sincere and heartfelt pleasure to every true-hearted Mason, to know and feel that our Institution has been productive of so much good in this new country, and that the members of the fraternity here are so numerous and respectable; for it is a well established fact, that every arrival, whether from Europe, or from any part of the Union, brings to us Masons of the highest character, respectability, and usefulness. The great benefit of the Order to the human family, has been fully proven in California, as it has been demonstrated that no where have so many sick and distressed brethren, within the same space of time, received so much fraternal relief and brotherly attention, as in California.

The Grand Master would again suggest the necessity of adopting some means whereby a uniform system of work may be established among the Lodges under this jurisdiction. To perfect such a system, will require much time, labor, and no inconsiderable expense; yet the great benefits which will result therefrom, must be so apparent to all, that no effort should be spared to accomplish it.

I am advised of meetings having been held at various points in California and Oregon for the purpose of forming new Lodges; and in this city, but for the awful calamity which has just visited us, a Charter for a Lodge of our French brethren would have been asked for at the present Communication, as all the necessary arrangements and recommendations had been made, to enable them to make the application in due form.

Communications have been received from the Grand Lodges of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Mississippi, and Florida, and placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who will, in due time, make the necessary report thereon.

It is to be regretted that schism still exists in some of the States, and especially in the State of New York, where two parties claim each to be the legitimate Grand Lodge. However painful it may be to us, as Masons, to witness this disagreement, I regard it as so peculiarly a local question, which can only be settled by the fraternity of that State, that I deem it my duty to suggest to the Grand Lodge of California the avoidance of any expression upon the subject of the legal right of either party to be considered the legitimate Grand Lodge, until they shall have settled the difficulty among them-



selves ; as our organization is of too recent a date, and our position too remote, to enable us to form a judgment sufficiently correct to justify any decisive action on our part.

The Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, granted by the Grand Master since the last semi-annual Communication, have been to *La Fayette* Lodge, at La Fayette, Oregon ; *Yount* Lodge, at Napa City ; and *Sonoma* Lodge, at Sonoma ; all of which are in a most flourishing condition, and will ask for Charters at the present Communication. As the communication from the Grand Secretary, (who has been unexpectedly called to the Atlantic States,) herewith transmitted, refers especially to those Dispensations, I recommend that said communication be placed on file.

The Grand Master will again take this occasion to say how cheerfully he will second the views of the Grand Lodge, in any action they may deem proper to take in promoting the honor, harmony, and interests of the Masonic Fraternity in California, or elsewhere.

J. D. STEVENSON, *Grand Master*.

The Address of the Grand Master was ordered to be laid upon the table for the present.

The following communication was received from the Grand Secretary :—

SAN FRANCISCO, *April 15th*, 1851.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

The Grand Secretary takes this opportunity, the last he will have previous to leaving the State on a visit of some months to his former residence in Pennsylvania, to transmit to you a report of such matters pertaining to the interests of the Grand Lodge, as have come before his notice since the last Communication.

So far as he has been able to learn from frequent intercourse with the brethren, and from letters received from every section of our jurisdiction, the Lodges generally are in a prosperous condition, and conducting very liberally to the interests of the Order, and the welfare of the fraternity. The works of charity and benevolence, for which they have so justly been distinguished in this country, have elevated them to a high position in the regard of all classes of our people.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the Grand Master, has furnished Dispensations, agreeably to petitions properly drawn and recommended, for three new Lodges, viz. : *La Fayette* Lodge, at La Fayette, Oregon ; *Yount* Lodge, at Napa City ; and *Sonoma* Lodge, at Sonoma. The fees for the first two named have been received and paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer ; that for the last, will doubtless be forwarded at or before the approaching Communication of the Grand Lodge. A petition for a Dispensation has also been received from certain brethren at Union, Humboldt Bay ; but as no fee accompanied the petition, and no guarantee was given that it would be paid, the Dispensation was not granted.

The whole amount of cash received has been one hundred and fifty dollars, being the above-named Dispensation fees. The amount expended has been two hundred dollars, being for printing the proceedings of the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, — the bill and receipts for which are in the possession of the Grand Treasurer, with all other books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge.

A number of respectable brethren have recently been holding meetings in San Francisco, preliminary to the establishment of a French Lodge in that



city, and an application for a Charter will be duly presented during your approaching session.

The contemplated absence of the Grand Secretary will preclude the possibility of his attending, hereafter, to the duties of his office; and it will therefore be necessary to supply his place by the election of another brother.

With the most sincere and earnest wishes for the continued prosperity of our Order generally, but more especially within the limits of the jurisdiction of your worshipful body, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

With fraternal respect,

JOHN H. GIHON, *Grand Secretary.*

Which communication was ordered to be laid upon the table for the present.

The Committee on Credentials reported that Bro. L. B. MIZNER was the legally appointed proxy of Bro. B. ROBINSON, J. W. of *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5; which report was received and concurred in.

On motion of Bro. T. A. THOMAS, it was

*Ordered*, That further action under the resolution of yesterday afternoon, fixing the time for the election of Grand Officers, be postponed.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Wednesday, May 7th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

On motion of BRO. P. A. BRINSMADE, the report of the Grand Master was ordered to be entered upon the minutes; as much thereof as relates to affairs without this jurisdiction, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and that portion which refers to uniformity of work, was referred to a special committee of seven.

The Grand Master named the the following brethren as the special committee —

On Uniformity of Work:.....	}	Bro. P. A. Brinsmade,
		" T. A. Thomas,
		" J. A. Tutt,
		" E. F. W. Ellis,
		" B. S. Olds,
		" B. D. Hyam,
		" A. Hollub.

On motion of BRO. T. A. THOMAS, the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

Since the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, I have granted Dispensations to *La Fayette* Lodge, at Nevada City, and to *Eureka* Lodge, at Gray Eagle; the petitions for each having been recommended by Lodges in Sacramento City. *La Fayette* Lodge was organized and working under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin until the destruction of Nevada City by fire in March last, when the Charter was lost, leaving a great deal of unfinished work on hand, which I considered a good and sufficient reason for granting a Dispensation. The Dispensation of *Eureka* Lodge was returned to me without any organization, the brethren not having had time to effect one, previous to this Communication of the Grand Lodge. It is the wish of the brethren to have the Dispensation continued until the next Communication.

J. A. TUTT, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Which report was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The total receipts and disbursements on account of the Grand Lodge, during the past year, have been as follows: —

#### RECEIPTS.

1850, Nov. 28, Receipts, as per last report,.....	\$1732 00
1851, April 12, Cash from Grand Secretary,.....	150 00
“ “ 14, Cash from <i>California</i> Lodge, No. 1, for dues,.....	226 73
Making, in the whole, the sum of.....	\$2,108 73

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

1850, May 31, Cash paid for printing, as per voucher No. 1,.....	\$150 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 2,.....	233 00
“ Nov. 28, “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 3,.....	48 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 4,.....	25 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 5,.....	189 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 6,.....	325 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 7,.....	600 00
“ Dec. 31, “ “ “ “ “ “ No. 8,.....	200 00
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,.....	338 73
	\$2108 73

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

The Committee on Credentials further reported the following legal proxies: —

Bro. L. Stowell, for J. Van De Water, J. W. *California*, No. 1;  
 “ A. Martin, “ E. J. Willis, W. M. *Sutter*, “ 6;  
 “ J. Penman, “ H. A. Schoolcraft, J. W. *Sutter*, “ 6.

Which report was received and concurred in.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New York was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on By-Laws reported that they had examined the By-Laws of *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, and *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, and having found them in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, recommended their approval: and that they had also examined the By-Laws of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, and recommended their approval, with such amendments as are noted on the margin thereof. Which report was received and concurred in, with the exception that the last clause of Sec. 1, Art. III. of the By-Laws of *Tehama* Lodge, was ordered to be stricken out.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported the following amounts due to the Grand Lodge, according to the returns thus far received, viz.: —

From <i>California</i>	-	Lodge, No. 1,	.....	\$117 00	
“ <i>Tehama</i>	“	“ 3,	.....	83 14	
“ <i>Benicia</i>	“	“ 5,	.....	116 98	
“ <i>Davy Crockett</i>	“	“ 7,	.....	52 00	
“ <i>Marysville</i>	“	“ 9,	.....	43 00	
“ <i>Yount</i>	“	U. D.,	.....	9 00	
“ <i>Sonoma</i>	“	“	.....	5 00	\$426 12

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution was instructed to report, to-morrow morning, such amendments as they may deem advisable to be acted upon at the next semi-annual Communication; and Bro. B. D. HYAM was added to said Committee.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following preamble and resolution: —

WHEREAS, *La Fayette* Lodge, at Nevada City, was organized under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and under this organization received petitions in the way prescribed by the Constitutions of Masonry; and *whereas*, in consequence of the late fire at Nevada City, the Masonic Hall and furniture, with the Charter of said Lodge, were destroyed; and *whereas*, said *La Fayette* Lodge has applied to this Grand Lodge for a Charter, which has been granted, under the name of *Nevada* Lodge, No. 13; therefore, it is

*Resolved*, That said Lodge be permitted to finish the work commenced under the Charter from Wisconsin, and make returns for the same to this Grand Lodge.

Which preamble and resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.



## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
*Thursday, May 8th, A. L. 5851.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on By-Laws reported that they had examined the By-Laws of *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, and having found them in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, recommended their approval: which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, beg respectfully to report, that they have, with great care, prepared the following amendments thereto, which are recommended to your consideration.

They propose to amend Article I., so that it shall read:—

### “STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, ‘The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of California.’”

To amend Article II., so that it shall read:—

### “RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members:—The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Tyler, and such other officers as the Grand Lodge, from time to time, may elect or appoint; together with the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers, Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries, who remain members of Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered and constituted Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, or their legally appointed proxies; and the Past Masters, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.”

To amend Article III., so as to read:—

### “MEETINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in Sacramento City, or at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to



time designate, on the first Tuesday in May and November, in each year; and the election of Grand Officers shall take place at the semi-annual meetings in the month of May."

Your committee recommend that Section 2, of this Article, be retained.

To amend Article IV., so as to read:—

"ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, shall be elected annually, by ballot, after the other business of the Lodge shall be completed, and shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast at an election for Grand Officers, shall be necessary for a choice. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct."

Your committee recommend that Section, 2, of this Article, be retained.

To amend Article V., so as to read:—

"VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each of the Grand Officers, for the time being, when present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to a vote: Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, to a vote collectively: Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, to a vote collectively: Past Grand Treasurers and Secretaries, to a vote collectively: each Lodge to three votes by its proper officers, or, in their absence, by their proxy or proxies: and Past Masters of each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to one vote collectively. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote."

Your committee recommend that Sections 2, 3, and 4, of this Article, be stricken out.

To amend Article VI., so as to read:—

"STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or presiding officer, shall appoint the following committees, each to consist of not less than three, nor more than five members, viz.: a Committee on Credentials; a Committee on Grievances; a Committee on Unfinished Business; a Committee on Finance and Accounts; a Committee on Foreign Correspondence; a Committee on Dispensations and Charters; and a Committee on By-Laws."

To amend Article VII., so as to read:—

"GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, or the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, may, either of them, upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working under a Charter, grant Dispensations to form new Lodges within the limits of this State, or in the adjoining Territories where no Grand Lodge exists; which Dispensation shall be returnable at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge may order perpetual Charters, or continue the Dispensations until the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge."

Your committee recommend that Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, of this Article, be retained; and that Section 7 thereof be amended so as to read:—

"SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to their installation, shall execute respectively, to the Grand Master, or, in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, to the use of the Grand Lodge, a bond, with such security, and for such sum, as the Grand Master, or, in his

absence, the Deputy Grand Master, may approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties."

Your committee recommend that Section 8, of this Article, be retained.

To amend Article VIII., so as to read:—

"POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION. 1. The Grand Lodge may grant Charters for new Lodges, to be located within the limits of its jurisdiction, to a competent number of worthy brethren applying: *Provided*, that no new Lodge shall be established by Dispensation or otherwise, except upon the recommendation of the Lodge nearest or most convenient to the place of the proposed new Lodge. *And provided further*, that in case there are two or more Lodges in the same town or place nearest or most convenient to said proposed location, the recommendation of either of them shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge shall have full and complete appellant and corrective powers in all cases relative to the fraternity, within its jurisdiction; and it shall have power to assess upon its subordinate Lodges such contributions, from time to time, as the good of the Order may require."

Your committee recommend that Section 3, of this Article, be stricken out.

To amend Article IX., so as to read:—

"REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars, seventy-five dollars of which shall be paid on the issuing of a Dispensation, and fifty dollars when the Charter is granted; but upon the issuing of a Charter, in a case where no previous Dispensation shall have been granted, the whole amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars shall be required. And every Lodge, upon receipt of its Charter, shall pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars for engrossing the same, and affixing thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for every degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of one dollar for every adjoining member, and the sum of one dollar, semi-annually, for each contributing member."

Your committee recommend that Sections 3 and 4, of this Article, be retained.

To amend Article X., so as to read:—

"SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION. 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually, by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, (except in cases hereinafter provided,) who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed."

Your committee recommend that Sections 2, 3, and 4, of this Article, be retained, and that Sections 5 and 6 be amended so as to read:—

"SEC. 5. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees in Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars; and the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be invariably paid in advance.

SEC. 6. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge; but shall not be acted upon until after the expiration of two weeks, and then only at a regular meeting. Nor shall there be conferred more than one degree upon the same candidate at any one meeting of the Lodge; and no Lodge shall confer the degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting."

Your committee recommend that Sections 7 and 8, of this Article, be retained, and that Section 9 be so amended as to read : —

“ SEC. 9. It is not competent for any Lodge to expel or suspend a member from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the non-payment of dues ; but any member, who shall have neglected to make payment of his dues for the space of six months, except in case of protracted illness, or absence from the State, may be summoned to appear before the Lodge to show cause why his name should not be stricken from the roll of members. And any Mason, whose name shall be stricken from the roll, shall not be received as a member of any other Lodge, until he shall have paid up all arrearages to the Lodge of which he was last a member, or in case of the non-existence of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge.”

Your committee recommend that Sections 10 and 11, of this Article, be retained, and that Section 12 be amended so as to read : —

“ SEC. 12. No appeal from any decision of the Master of a Lodge shall be taken to the body of the Lodge ; but five or more members of any subordinate Lodge may prefer charges against the Master of said Lodge, to the Grand or Deputy Grand Master, who, upon the hearing of said charges, shall, if he deem necessary, suspend said Master from the exercise of the duties of his office until the next semi-annual Communication.”

Your committee recommend that Section 13, of this Article, be retained, and that the following section be added thereto : —

“ SEC. 14. On the rejection of an applicant for initiation or membership, by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify all the Lodges in said jurisdiction thereof, and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive his petition short of one year from such rejection.”

To amend Article, XI. so as to read : —

“ MISCELLANEOUS.

“ SECTION 1. (To remain as at present.)

SEC. 2. In case of the forfeiture of the Charter, or dissolution, from any cause whatever, of a Lodge, all its books, papers, jewels, funds, and other property, shall be forfeited to the Grand Lodge ; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary to take possession of the same.”

Your committee recommend that Sections 3 and 4, of this Article, be retained.

To substitute the following for Article XII. : —

“ DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of subordinate Lodges, referred to in this Constitution, shall not be construed to mean any other than the meeting specified in the By-Laws of the Lodge ; and no adjourned or called meeting shall be considered to be part of said regular meeting.

SEC. 2. A Past Master is only one who has been regularly elected and installed, and has served for one term as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.”

Your committee lastly recommend that Article XII., of the present Constitution, be altered to Article XIII., to read as follows : —

“ AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be presented, in writing, to the Grand Lodge at a semi-annual meeting, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges ; and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the minutes as a subject for future action ; and upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of



the Grand Lodge, by a vote of a majority of the members present, the same shall become a part of this Constitution."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
B. S. OLDS,		
P. A. BRINSMADE,		
A. HOLLUB,		
E. F. W. ELLIS,		
J. H. RALSTON,		
R. SEMPLE,		
L. B. MIZNER,		
R. CLARK,		
B. D. HYAM,		

Which report was received, and, having been taken up by sections, was concurred in as presented.

A continuance of the Dispensation of *Eureka* Lodge, at Grey Eagle, as recommended by the Deputy Grand Master, was ordered.

A communication was received from *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, containing the Report and By-Laws of said Lodge, which was appropriately referred.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Thursday, May 8th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. R. SEMPLE, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee have again examined the By-Laws of *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, re-committed to them, and finding that the last clause of Article IX., Section 1, is contrary to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, they recommend that it be stricken out. They have also examined the By-Laws of *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, and recommend that such portions of them as are marked, be stricken out, and the remainder approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. SEMPLE,  
J. H. RALSTON, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.



On motion of Bro. E. F. W. ELLIS, it was

*Ordered*, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare By-Laws and Rules for the government of this Grand Lodge, to report at the next semi-annual Communication.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On By-Laws and Rules of the Grand Lodge* : — { Bro. E. F. W. Ellis,  
“ B. D. Hyam,  
“ P. A. Brinsmade.

Bro. P. A. BRINSMADE, from the Committee on Uniformity of Work, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California* : —

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the communication of the Grand Master, as relates to the establishment of a uniform system of work for the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have duly considered the subject, and respectfully report : —

That they can suggest no mode for accomplishing the object, admitted on all accounts to be most desirable and necessary, but by oral instruction to be delivered by lectures to the several subordinate Lodges, from Grand Lecturers duly appointed and approved by the Grand Lodge ; and, inasmuch as the field to be traveled over is so broad in its geographical extent, as to render the visitation of the several Lodges almost impossible to any one Lecturer, your committee recommend the nomination and appointment, at the present session, of three Grand Lecturers, who will be expected to agree upon a system of work to be communicated by them in their lectures, and to divide the Lodges under this jurisdiction to suit the convenience of their visitations ; and also to notify the several Lodges of the time and terms upon which lectures may be had by all Lodges desirous of receiving them.

Your committee would suggest that such compensation for traveling expenses and time, as may be satisfactory to the several Lecturers, be paid by the Lodges which may receive the benefit of lectures, so that no charge shall fall upon the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. BRINSMADE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
T. A. THOMAS,		
J. A. TUTT,		
E. F. W. ELLIS,		
B. S. OLDS,		
B. D. HYAM,		
A. HOLLUB,		

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged ; and, on motion of Bro. J. H. RALSTON, the Grand Master was authorized to appoint the Grand Lecturers contemplated in the foregoing report.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was granted further time to report.

Bro. J. H. RALSTON offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, at half past 5 o'clock, P. M., this day.

Which was adopted.

Bro. J. A. TUTT offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That each Lodge under this jurisdiction shall transmit a copy of its By-Laws to the Grand Secretary, to be filed in his office, after being approved by the Grand Lodge.

Which was adopted.

Bro. P. A. BRINSMADE offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adopt, as the true meaning of Section 2, of Article V. of the Constitution: *That the legal representative of any Lodge, represented in this Grand Lodge, shall cast the three votes to which the Lodge is entitled.*

Which was adopted.

The hour designated for the election of Grand Officers having now arrived, that business was proceeded with; and at its termination, the Grand Master declared the following officers elected for the ensuing Masonic year :—

BRO. JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	M.: W.: Grand Master ;
“ B. D. HYAM,	.....	R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master ;
“ E. F. W. ELLIS,	.....	R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden ;
“ B. S. OLDS,	.....	R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden ;
“ T. A. THOMAS,	.....	R.: W.: Grand Treasurer ;
“ LEVI STOWELL,	.....	R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

J. PENMAN, *Grand Secretary*, pro tem.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Friday, May 9th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 8 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Grand Master installed the *M. W.* JOHN A. TUTT, as his successor in the office of Grand Master; and he installed the other Grand Officers elect.

Bro. B. D. HYAM, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and the returns of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and find as follows : —

Balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer,.....	\$338 73	
Received by the Grand Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i> ,.....	479 00	\$817 73
Due from <i>Tehama</i> Lodge, No. 3,.....	103 37	
“ “ <i>Jennings</i> “ “ 4,.....	174 13	
“ “ <i>Benicia</i> “ “ 5,.....	124 98	
“ “ <i>Sutter</i> “ “ 6,.....	173 00	575 48

Total amount on hand and due,.....\$1393 21

They find no returns from *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, and recommend that any dues now owing may be remitted to said Lodge, or that further time be granted for the payment of the same.

*San José* and *Willamette* Lodges have not furnished any returns; and the returns from *Tuolumne* Lodge being very imperfect, it is recommended that they be returned by the Grand Secretary for revision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM,  
B. S. OLDS,  
E. F. W. ELLIS, } *Committee.*

Which report was received; as much thereof as relates to delinquent Lodges was laid on the table for the present; the remainder was concurred in; and it was

*Ordered* that the dues of *Western Star* Lodge No. 2, be remitted.

BRO. J. D. STEVENSON offered the following resolutions : —

*Resolved*, That the Regalia of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, for all Grand Officers, a collar and apron of royal purple, trimmed with gold lace, one and a half inches wide, with the appropriate Jewel of the station. The proper Regalia of Past Grand Officers, shall be a white apron, trimmed with gold lace, one and a half inches in width; and for the Past Grand Master, if he wears a Jewel, the collar shall be of white, and trimmed as above.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to fix the size of the apron and width of collar, and inquire the whole cost of furnishing the entire Regalia and necessary furniture for the Grand Lodge; — to report at the next semi-annual Communication.

Which were adopted, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

*On the Regalia of the Grand Lodge :.....* { Bro. J. D. Stevenson,  
“ B. D. Hyam,  
“ Levi Stowell,  
“ T. A. Thomas.



Bro. W. REYNOLDS appeared as proxy for the Senior Warden of *California* Lodge, No. 1, and was admitted to a seat.

On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, it was

*Ordered*, That the addresses of the Grand Officers be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master announced the following committee —

<i>On Foreign Correspondence :.....</i>	{	Bro. Levi Stowell, “ P. A. Brinsmade, “ B. D. Hyam, “ Charles Gilman, “ T. A. Thomas, “ J. D. Stevenson.
---	---	---

Bro. J. H. RALSTON offered the following resolutions : —

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, for the zeal, fidelity, and ability displayed by him in the discharge of his varied and important duties, during the time he has presided over this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to procure and present to him a suitable Jewel, as a memento of our high appreciation of his services as the First Most Worshipful Grand Master of the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California.

Which were adopted, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

<i>To procure a Past Grand Master's Jewel : .....</i>	{	Bro. J. H. Ralston, “ P. A. Brinsmade, “ Levi Stowell, “ Charles Gilman, “ Adolphus Hollub.
---	---	---

The Grand Master also announced the following committee —

<i>On By-Laws of Lodges :.....</i>	{	Bro. B. D. Hyam, “ E. F. W. Ellis, “ P. A. Brinsmade, “ Levi Stowell.
------------------------------------	---	--

*Ordered*, That the committee on Foreign Correspondence assist the Grand Secretary in preparing the proceedings of this Communication for publication.

On motion, Bro. J. PENMAN was voted the sum of one hundred dollars, for services rendered to the Grand Lodge as Secretary at this Communication.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid : —

Grand Tyler, for services, stationery, etc., .....	\$69 00
Expenses of Bro. J. D. Stevenson, as G. Master, .....	48 00
“ of the Grand Treasurer, .....	48 00
	\$165 00



The Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:—

As Grand Chaplain,.....	Bro. JOHN PENMAN,	of Tehama Lodge, No 3.
" Grand Marshal,.....	" L. B. MIZNER,	" Benicia " " 5.
" Grand Standard Bearer,..	" B. B. NORMAN,	" Benicia " " 5.
" Grand Sword Bearer,.....	" WM. REYNOLDS,	" California " " 1.
" Senior Grand Deacon,.....	" W. D. DEERING,	" Yount " " 12.
" Junior Grand Deacon,.....	" ROBERT SEMPLE,	" Benicia " " 5.
" Grand Stewards,.....	{ " J. M. KOON,	" Tehama " " 3.
	" PRESLEY DUNLAP,	" Jennings " " 4.
" Grand Tyler,.....	" A. C. HARRISON,	" Tehama " " 3.
	{ " E. F. W. ELLIS,	" Nevada " " 13.
" Grand Lecturers,.....	" ADOLPH. HOLLUB,	" Jennings " " 4.
	" O. J. PRESTON,	" California " " 1.

On motion of Bro. T. A. THOMAS, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary have printed one hundred blank Dis-  
pensations, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions, offered by Bro. L. STOWELL, were adopt-  
ed:—

*Resolved*, That every subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this  
Grand Lodge, be required to have read in open Lodge, on the first meeting  
after their reception, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as every  
circular issued by the Grand Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective  
Grand Lodges with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any  
election of Officers of this Grand Lodge wherein a change may have been made,  
shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy  
Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hand, and  
duly authenticated under the seal of this Grand Lodge, together with a request  
to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will, hereafter, as often as by  
any change of Grand Officers it may become important, furnish this Grand  
Lodge with a similar document.

*Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Master of each subordi-  
nate Lodge within this jurisdiction, immediately upon the death of a regular  
member of the same, in good standing, to have a record of said death entered  
upon the Lodge-book of his Lodge, and to report the same to the Grand Sec-  
retary; who shall thereupon transmit to the Master of said Lodge, a Grand  
Lodge Diploma, filled up with the name of the deceased brother, free of ex-  
pense, for the benefit of his widow and orphans, or either.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. CHAS.  
W. MOORE, for the presentation to this Grand Lodge of a copy of his Masonic  
Trestle-Board.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills as may  
become due during the recess, for printing, postage, salary, stationery, and  
other expenditures growing out of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, they  
being first approved by the Grand or Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. J. H. RALSTON offered the following preamble and resolu-  
tion:—

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that *La Fayette*

Lodge, in Oregon, working under a Dispensation from this Grand Lodge, desires a Charter to be issued; therefore —

*Resolved*, That a Charter be furnished, upon the presentation to and approval of their work by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, and upon the payment of the requisite fees.

Which was adopted.

Bro. A. HOLLUB offered the following preamble and resolution:—

WHEREAS, *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, has been laboring under pecuniary embarrassment on account of the extension of charity to brethren not members of said Lodge; and *whereas*, the effect of such embarrassment retards the progress of said Lodge; therefore —

*Resolved*, That the dues of said Lodge be and are hereby remitted.

Which was adopted.

Bro. J. D. STEVENSON offered the following preamble and resolution:—

WHEREAS, Several of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the members thereof, by their great liberality to stranger brethren, sick and in distress, have become indebted in greater amounts than they are able to pay; therefore —

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven (of which the Grand Master to be chairman) be appointed to address a circular to other Grand and subordinate Lodges, setting forth the amount and nature of the embarrassments aforesaid, for what causes incurred, and the amount and nature of the relief afforded, etc.; which circular shall be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Master named the the following brethren as the committee —

	{	Bro. J. D. Stevenson,
		“ L. Stowell,
		“ T. A. Thomas,
		“ P. A. Brinsmade,
		“ B. Jennings,
<i>On Circular Address:.....</i>		“ E. J. Willis.

On motion of BRO. E. F. W. ELLIS, it was

*Resolved*, That *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, be permitted to remove its place of meeting from Benton City to Shasta City, provided a majority of its members be in favor thereof.

On motion of BRO. P. A. BRINSMADE, it was

*Resolved*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this Communication be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, for distribution, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the expenses of the same.

The Grand Master announced that the Lodges for which Charters have been ordered at this Communication, are

<i>Yount</i> - Lodge, No. 12,.....	at Napa ;
<i>Nevada</i> “ “ 13,.....	“ Nevada ;
<i>Temple</i> “ “ 14,.....	“ Sonoma ;
<i>La Fayette</i> “ “ 15,.....	“ La Fayette, O. T.

The Grand Secretary announced the following amounts received from the various Lodges by him, at this Communication : —

From <i>California</i>	-	Lodge, No. 1,	.....	\$117 00	
" <i>Tehama</i>		" " 3,	.....	83 00	
" <i>Davy Crockett</i>		" " 7,	.....	52 00	
" <i>Marysville</i>		" " 9,	.....	43 00	
" <i>Yount</i>		" " 12,	.....	59 00	
" <i>Temple</i>		" " 14,	.....	125 00	
" <i>Eureka</i>		" U. D.,	.....	75 00	\$554 00

There being no further business, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Ample Form**.

JOHN A. TUTT, *Grand Master*.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary*.



# CIRCULAR ADDRESS.

(Ordered to be published with the Proceedings.)

---

*To the M.: W.: Grand Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodges of the United States and of Europe, and to the W.: Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions: —*

At the Annual Communication of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of California, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

“WHEREAS, Several of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the members thereof, by their great liberality to their stranger brethren, have become indebted for greater amounts than they are able to pay; therefore —

“Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to address a circular to other Grand and subordinate Lodges, setting forth the amount and nature of the embarrassments aforesaid, and for what causes incurred, which circular shall be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.”

The undersigned were appointed that committee, and in the discharge of their duties, beg your indulgence to state: That at an early period in the history of the immense emigration into this new country from every State in the Union, and from every part of Europe, it was found that vast numbers came without any adequate knowledge of the nature or extent of the wants to which they would become exposed in the prosecution of the mining enterprises which they came to pursue, as well as without any idea of the causes which have been found to operate in breaking down their health and constitutions. They came most lamentably unsupplied with any other means of providing for their necessities than their capacities for labor. It therefore happened in the autumn of 1849, and the succeeding winter, that large numbers were compelled to leave the mining districts, and repair to Sacramento City for medical advice, and for attendance in sickness. As a considerable number of such sick and destitute persons were members of the Masonic Fraternity, they naturally and of *right* made their condition known to their brethren, then established at that place.

Under a most generous impulse, and a lively sense of their obligations, the brethren undertook to institute a sanitary establishment, that should supply the place of a hospital. At that time, municipal government had not been organized, and public affairs were conducted chiefly on the voluntary principle. So it was in the case of the health establishment set up by the Masons. They found, however, that the demands upon them were, in the course of a few months, increased to an extent greater than they had anticipated, and greater than their own means, and the contributions which they could collect, would enable them to meet. They could not, however, go back, nor could they abandon the sufferers whom they had been obliged to receive, and whose numbers were greatly multiplied by the distress caused by the freshet which swept over the City in the winter of 1849-'50. As a consequence, they made themselves liable for an amount of bills, the payment of which would reduce some of them to absolute indigence. They raised and paid, for the purposes above



stated, over thirty-two thousand dollars, and are now in arrears about fourteen thousand dollars.

For that, they feel justified in calling upon the Grand and subordinate Lodges of the Fraternity, to aid in relieving them. No record has been kept by which it can be known what exact amount any one sufferer received, belonging to any particular Lodge, of all that have been provided for. But this is certain; no sick, destitute and suffering brother has been permitted to suffer or die in their midst, uncared for. The noble generosity and disinterestedness with which a few Masons in one of our new cities have contributed so largely to the wants of the brethren coming in upon them from all parts of the civilized world, has afforded a brilliant illustration to the world of the excellence and strength of our principles, and has been most effective in commending our Order to the respect of those who are not of us. Inasmuch as the effort has produced a common good, and its benefits have reached members of such a great number of Lodges, it seems but right that the existing pecuniary obligations should be discharged by a *common effort of Masons*.

This circular is therefore designed to appeal to the several subordinate Lodges, for a contribution from each, of from five to ten dollars, or more, as their circumstances shall warrant; to be forwarded through the Secretaries of their respective Grand Lodges, to be concentrated in the hands of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, in New York City, and by him transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, or through any more direct channel, as may be most convenient.

Brethren, we do not think we ask too much, nor can we doubt you will give a prompt response to this appeal in behalf of these noble few, who have become embarrassed by their devotion to those who have acquired in your Lodges the right to value upon their brethren on these Western shores.

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN A. TUTT,  
J. D. STEVENSON,  
L. STOWELL,  
T. A. THOMAS,  
P. A. BRINSMADE,  
B. JENNINGS,  
E. J. WILLIS,

} Committee.

# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

### THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

MAY, A. L. 5851.

---

#### California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets every Thursday.*

##### OFFICERS.

P. A. Brinsmade, <i>W. Master</i> ,	Reynolds, <i>Secretary</i> ,
A. A. Selover, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	G. Scott, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
J. Van De Water, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	H. Hoen, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
M. Caspari, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	T. R. Johnson, <i>Tyler</i> .

##### Past Masters:

L. Stowell, <i>G. Sec.</i>	C. Calman, <i>P. G. M. of Md.</i>	M. Fallon,
J. D. Stevenson, <i>P. G. M.</i>	T. L. Pickering,	P. Petrovits,
J. H. Gihon, <i>P. G. Sec.</i>	O. J. Preston,	J. Shannon,
J. Noah,		A. Bartol.

##### MASTER MASONS:

Addison, J. E.	Field, S. C.	Hudson, G. A.	Parker, W. C.
Allen, R. N.	Findla, J.	Korn, T. R.	Payne, T.
Anthony, G. W.	Geary, J. W.	Mallet, J. H.	Rehfish, M.
Atkinson, G. D.	Gerke, H.	Meyerowitz, I.	Rogers, A. S.
Barnard, J. C.	Gower, S. J.	Middleton, J.	Schaffer, M.
Beckett, J.	Greene, W.	Monell, G. I. N.	Shepherd, P. W
Bowie, H. R.	Gross, E.	Morris, G. F.	Smiley, J.
Cole, R. E.	Hampton, R. B.	Morse, J. B.	Smith, W. C. R.
Cronin, D.	Harrington, W. T.	Murray, H. C.	Snow, T.
Dall, J. H.	Hastings, J.	McCarthy, D.	Tilford, F.
Dorr, E. M.	Haven, J. P.	Neeb, J.	Ward, I. M.
De Fiennes, J. B.	Hoskin, J.	Oldfield, W. C.	Wehler, E.
De Liagre, P.			Wilson, C. L.—69.

##### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Geoffrey, L.	Gerry, S. R.	Hoyt, R.	Pollard, A.—4.
--------------	--------------	----------	----------------

##### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blood, J. H.	Ewer, F. C.	Morton, M.	Stebbins, W. P. C.
Brown, H. S.	Ingram, J.	Rabe, W.	Woods, I. C.—9.
Cazneau, T. N.			

##### WITHDRAWN:

Bassett, P. V.	Leining, J. H.	Scoofy, P. M.	Wingate, R. A. —7.
Larned, F. S.	Northam, E. T.	Watters, A.	

*Initiated, 15. Passed, 11. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 6.*

**Western Star Lodge, No. 2.****Benton City, Shasta County.***No Returns.***Tehama Lodge, No. 3.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

T. A. Thomas, *W. Master*,<sup>7</sup>  
 L. I. Wilder, *Sen. Warden*,  
 R. H. McDonald, *Jun. Warden*,  
 J. Kohlman, *Treasurer*,

J. Penman, *Secretary*,  
 J. A. Tutt, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 C. H. Smith, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**Past Master: !**J. A. Tutt, *D. G. M.***MASTER MASONS:**

Beckley, L.	DeYoung, E.	Koon, J. M.	Somes, G. W.
Beer, J.	Green, M.	Lewis, V. P.	Thompson, A. C.
Bigler, J.	Greenwalt, S.	Lowdon, W. Y.	Tracy, J. M.
Biley, A. F.	Gordon, P.	Marthea, J. E.	Tuttle, C.
Biley, A. H.	Hagan, L.	Morrill, J.	Wales, T. P.
Blunt, L.	Harrison, A. C.	Peebles, C.	Wetzler, J.
Brieger, A.	Ish, T. A.	Rowe, C.	Wilburn, T.
Coakley, L.	Johnson, J. N.	Shepherd, D. M.	Winn, A. M.
Conrad, S.	Kalkman, P.	Shoemaker, W.	Wolf, L.—46.
Cushing H.	Kinsey, L.	Solomon, L.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Albrecht, A. E.

Bennett, A. A.

Wright, G. G.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Stockfleth, T.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Heard, W. T.

Livingston, J.

Straus, L. R.—3.

*Initiated, 13. Passed, 12. Raised, 10. Affiliated, 11.***Jennings Lodge, No. 4.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Meets second and fourth Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

B. Jennings, *W. Master*,  
 J. H. Ralston, *Sen. Warden*,  
 P. Dunlap, *Jun. Warden*,  
 S. S. May, *Treasurer*,

A. Hollub, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**B. Jennings, *P.G.T.*

J. H. Ralston,

A. Hollub,

W. N. Doughty.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Adams, G. W.	Gallup, E. K.	Kewen, E. J. C.	Thiel, H.
Buckley, D.	Gillespie, E. F.	Latson, A. C.	Tweed, —
Clemens, W. J.	Greenwalt, A.	McClure, S.	White, W. S.
Deal, W. G.	Hartt, A. G.	Prettyman, W. F.	Whiteside, W. B.
Edwards, E. R.	Hastings, S. C.	Richards, H. T.	Wright, L. A.—29.
Fowler, J. S.	Herstell, L.	Schwartz, M.	

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Freeman, J. B.

Unger, J.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Scott, E. N.—1.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 6. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 4.***Benicia Lodge, No. 5.****Benicia, Solano County.***Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

L. B. Mizner, *W. Master*,  
 R. Semple, *Sen. Warden*,  
 B. Robinson, *Jun. Warden*,  
 S. Bynum, *Treasurer*,

R. B. Norman, *Secretary*,  
 C. Gillis, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 E. H. Von Pfister, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 S. Vaughn, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

B. D. Hyam.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Dyerly, C. P.	Riddell, A.	Stocker, J. T.	Williamson, R. S.
McKay, W. J. R.	Robinson, W.	Stoneman, G.	—19.
Perry, S. M.	Saunders, J. H.	Thorpe, M.	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Chopson, T.	Hyde, E.	Vines, B.
Derby, G. H.	Newton, H. B.	Yount, G. C.—6.

*Initiated, 3. Passed, 3. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 1.***Sutter Lodge, No. 6.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***No Returns.***Davy Crockett Lodge, No. 7.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

R. Clark, *W. Master*,  
 J. Knowles, *Sen. Warden*.  
 T. H. Walsh, *Jun. Warden*,  
 R. Ross, *Treasurer*,

R. D. Kimbrell, *Secretary*,  
 D. B. Grant, *Sen. Deacon*.  
 E. Barry, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 T. R. Johnson, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

A. C. Labatt.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Birdsall, J. M.	Gaillaird, E.	Kelly, T.	Price, W. W.
Brown, F. C.	Gronlier, C.	Leeke, E. E.	Ragsdale, E. B.
Charles, G.	Howard, W. B. H.	Lindenberger, T. E.	Sterling, J. M.
Clement, J.	Jacoby, A.	Marx, S.	Vise, N.
Corbett, A. H.	Johnson, W.	Murphy, D. W.	Wilson, E. F.
Craine, W.	Johnston, J.	McCabe, A. J.	Woods, R. E.—34.
Dunbar, J.			



## FELLOW CRAFT:

McCabe, J. W.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Eastin, A.

Knowles, J.

Nelson, G. W.

Gorin, G.

McQuoid, J.

Thorpe, J. L.—6.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 5. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 3.***Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**C. M. Radcliff, *W. Master,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Warden,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Warden,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Secretary,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler.***MASTER MASONS:**

Collins, W.

Fitzpatrick, M.

Ross, J. McD.

Walsingham, F. L.

Decker, W. H.

McFarlane, J. F.

Selling, P.

—10.

Evans, G. S.

McLean, G.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Calbreath, J. C.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Elkins, A.

Horr, J. P.

Montgomery, T.

Hamilton, R. H.

Mehen, P.

Runnels, E.—6.

**Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**A. Maurice, Jr., *W. Master,*B. S. Olds, *Sen. Warden,*H. J. Williams, *Jun. Warden,*J. Burlingame, *Treasurer,*H. P. Haun, *Secretary,*L. W. Taylor, *Sen. Deacon,*S. T. Watts, *Jun. Deacon,*C. B. Mitchell, *Tyler.***PAST MASTER:**

B. S. Olds.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Brewster, L. T.

Goodwin, J. O.

Mulford, S. B.

Simmerly, S.

Covillaud, C.

Hand, E. B.

Pierce, W. S.

Smith, J. G.

Ellet, C.

Hanson, G. M.

Pierson, O. H.

Steinhart, L.

Engler, G.

Levy, J.

Rueger, J.

Taylor, R. H.

Field, S. J.

Miles, S. M.

Sargent, W. S.

Tuttle, C. J.—28.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Briceland, J. W.

Nelson, W. W.

Watkins, H. P.—5.

Hughes, S.

Palmer, A. T.

**DIED:**

J. H. Mitchell.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 4. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 4*

## San Jose Lodge, No. 10.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*No Returns.*

## Willamette Lodge, No. 11.

Portland, Oregon Territory.

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. Elliot, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. S. Caldwell, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. May, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. A. Clark, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
H. D. O'Bryant, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. H. Couch, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. H. Lownsdale, <i>Treasurer,</i>	N. Delain, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Barber, G. W.	Dryer, T. J.	King, W. M.	Tryon, D.
Bell, S. W.	Flanders, G. H.	McKinney, F. H.	Tryon, S. H.
Butler, J. V. B.	Gibbs, G.	Robinson, T. G.	Ward, I.
Chapman, W. W.	Goldsmith, J.	Stark, B.	Wilcox, R.
Crosby, W.	Hayes, S.	Stewart, E.	Wilson, A. E.—31.
De Witt, F.	Howard, J.	Thompson, R.	

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Burgoyne, G. F.	Loomis, J.	Newton, N.—5.
Couch, J. P.	Lynde, J. B.	

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Avery, J. C.	Fulkerson, P.	Simmons, M. T.—3.
--------------	---------------	-------------------

### WITHDRAWN:

Colkins, L. H.	Hinman, W. M.	Long, J. P.	Palmer, J. N.
Fisher, W. H.	Hobbs, T. J.	Russell, F. S. K.	Wrenn, G. P.—8.

*Initiated, 12. Passed, 9. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 11.*

## Yount Lodge, No. 12.

Napa, Napa County.

*Meets first and third Fridays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

W. D. Deering, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. W. Stillwagon, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. M. Small, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Mount, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
M. T. McClellan, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	B. Vines, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
G. C. Yount, <i>Treasurer,</i>	T. Chopson, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Kendig, M. H. N.	Moody, G. W.	McGarry, E.	Seawell, J. H.—12.
------------------	--------------	-------------	--------------------

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bristol, J. D.	Browne, J. E.—2.
----------------	------------------

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

McKinney, N.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 3. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 1.*

## Nevada Lodge, No. 13.

Nevada, Nevada County,

*No Returns.*

## Temple Lodge, No. 14.

Sonoma, Sonoma County.

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. R. Long, *W. Master*,  
J. Hendly, *Sen. Warden*,  
M. Rector, *Jun. Warden*,  
S. Akers, *Treasurer*,

G. Stoneman, *Secretary*,  
G. H. Derby, *Sen. Deacon*,  
B. Hecklin, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. Smith, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Burris, W.

Davison, J.

Peabody, E. T.—11.

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blakely, J. C.  
Cameron, J.

Norris, J.

Ray, J. G.

Tenant, A.—5.

*Initiated, 5.*

## La Fayette Lodge, No. 15.

La Fayette, Oregon Territory.

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

F. B. Martin, *W. Master*,  
J. Palmer, *Sen. Warden*,  
A. J. Hembree, *Jun. Warden*,  
H. D. Martin, *Treasurer*,

D. Logan, *Secretary*,  
H. D. Garrett, *Sen. Deacon*,  
W. J. Martin, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. B. Walling, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Blanchard, W.  
Clark, R.

Gilmore, J. M.  
Gondy, G. B.

Hibbed, P.  
Moore, O.

Moore, S.  
Taylor, C.—16.

### FELLOW CRAFT:

Richardson, C.—1.

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Crisp, W. N.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 3. Raised, 2.*

NOTE.—Where blanks have been left in the foregoing returns, it has been in consequence of the incompleteness of the returns of the Lodges in those respects.—[A. G. A., GR. SEC.]

## RECAPITULATION.

Total number of Lodges,.....	15
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	11
Total number of Master Masons reported,.....	305
Total number of Fellow Crafts       “ .....	18
Total number of Entered Apprentices reported,.....	21
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	71
Total number passed,       “       “ .....	56
Total number raised,       “       “ .....	43
Total number affiliated,       “       “ .....	41
Total number withdrawn, “       “ .....	42

[32]



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.:W.:GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AT THE  
SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT  
The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento;

COMMENCED ON  
TUESDAY, NOV, 4th, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851,  
AND TERMINATED ON  
SATURDAY, NOV. 8TH, A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851.

---

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

---

R.. W.. BENJ. D. HYAM,  
*Deputy Grand Master, presiding.*

R.. W.. LEVI STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

---

1851.

# GRAND OFFICERS

## OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

## FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
R. W.	BENJ. D. HYAM,	....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
" "	EDW. F. W. ELLIS,	..	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Nevada ;</i>
" "	B. S. OLDS,	.....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	.....	<i>Marysville ;</i>
" "	T. A. THOMAS,	....	GRAND TREASURER,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	....	GRAND SECRETARY,	.....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" "	JOHN PENMAN,	....	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
W.	L. B. MIZNER,	.....	GRAND MARSHAL,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	R. B. NORMAN,	....	GRAND STANDARD BEARER,	....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	WM. REYNOLDS,	...	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	.....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
"	WM. D. DEERING,	..	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Napa ;</i>
"	ROBERT SEMPLE,	..	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	.....	<i>Benicia ;</i>
"	J. M. KOON,	.....	} GRAND STEWARDS,	.....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
"	PRESLEY DUNLAP,				
"	A. C. HARRISON,	...	GRAND TYLER,	.....	<i>Sacramento.</i>

---

## GRAND LECTURERS.

W.	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	.....	<i>For the Sacramento District ;</i>
"	O. J. PRESTON,	.....	<i>For the San Francisco District ;</i>
"	E. F. W. ELLIS,	.....	<i>For the Nevada District.</i>

# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, commenced its Semi-Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November, A. L. 5851, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT :

The R. W.	B. D. HYAM,	.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master ;</i>
" "	O. J. PRESTON, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	A. HOLLUB, as	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Warden ;</i>
" "	T. A. THOMAS,	.....	<i>Grand Treasurer ;</i>
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	.....	<i>Grand Secretary ;</i>
" "	J. M. SMALL, as	.....	<i>Grand Chaplain ;</i>
W.	JOEL NOAH, as	.....	<i>Sen. Grand Deacon ;</i>
"	R. D. KIMBRELL, as	.....	<i>Jun. Grand Deacon ;</i>
"	J. M. KOON,	.....	} <i>Grand Stewards ;</i>
"	PRESLEY DUNLAP,	.....	
"	A. C. HARRISON,	.....	<i>Grand Tyler :</i>

And the representatives of nine chartered Lodges, together with a number of visitors.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Due Form**, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the proceedings at the last Communication was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committee —

<i>On Credentials :...</i>	.....	{ Bro. A. Bartol,
		“ R. D. Kimbrell,
		“ J. R. Long.



The Deputy Grand Master then delivered the following Address :—

*Brethren of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

In the absence of our respected Most Worshipful Grand Master, the pleasing duty devolves on me to preside over your deliberations during this semi-annual Communication. Permit me to congratulate you on its return, bringing with it, as I hope it does, a happy meeting, trusting that we may, according to our time-honored rules, be linked together by the undying union of an unbroken chain, by which our mystic tie binds us. Meeting as we do to renew the pledges of Brotherly Love, and to inquire for the good and interests of Free and Accepted Masonry, we should be thankful to Almighty God for the watchfulness extended over us to this time. Engaged as we are in the cause of benevolence, extending our commiseration where the woes of others need it, we should, by our best exertions, keep the landmarks that guide us to such action perfectly free from innovation ; recollecting that our body being far above an ephemeral character, we meet for the carrying out of objects of no ordinary nature.

From the best information I have been enabled to procure, by letters and otherwise, I am proud in stating that most of the Lodges in the jurisdiction are in a prosperous condition. As one of the fraternity in this State, I rejoice in the rapid extension of our time-honored Order throughout the jurisdiction, and to find that several temples have been erected to its service, and others projected.

In reviewing the progress the Order has made since first established a few months back in this State, there is indeed much to excite in us gratitude and pleasure. In the goodness of the Most High, our institution has prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations, not only in this Far West, but throughout the civilized world. Although for a long period assailed in other States by persecution, it has gloriously triumphed, and silently, though surely, have we witnessed its progress ; bringing in its train, wherever established, peace to the hearts of its followers, carrying love to the families of its members, suppressing vice, producing peace and good will, and tending especially, by its influence, to alleviate the sufferings of hundreds who, without friends or means, found on their arrival here those who, although strangers, were yet brothers — brothers ready and willing to assist to the utmost of their abilities, to their necessities incident to coming to a strange and far-off country — far from home, overcome by appalling sickness and disease, engendered and consequent on tedious travel, and beggared by its consequences. The glorious and glad work of charity thus begun, is still on its onward march, and will triumph, so long as the duties inculcated by us are adhered to ; and little fear need be entertained but that the principles of our institution will remain pure and unsullied, so long as we abide by its peculiar discipline ; and the hopes that such will always be so should animate us to persevere in the path to which it leads and instructs. Let us trust that by the demonstrations of Masonry, every member thereof, under appropriate appliances, may break through every moral bondage and rise superior from the degradations which unfortunately assail and surround the human family.

Communications from several sister Grand Lodges have been received since our first organization, and we must all feel that the receipt of these documents evinces much true courtesy on the part of the distant fraternity. From them we are afforded opportunity, in this isolated country, to obtain much valuable information on Masonic matters. Among those recently received stands forth the glad and joyous tidings of the "Union" in New York. Its consummation must bring joy to the breasts of all, for it is a re-union of generous hearts that had long been separated, but who now feel pleasure in gathering under one banner. Our Committee on Foreign Correspondence will, I



feel satisfied, furnish a full report on all points of importance that fall within their notice and duty. I can not, however, dismiss this subject without intimating to you that an unhappy and much to be regretted dissension yet exists in New York. Grand Lodges throughout the Union and Europe have, I find, given this subject much and attentive consideration, and it behooves this Grand Lodge, although far from the scene of disagreement, to take such action in the premises during its present session, as will decide which shall be acknowledged by us as the lawful Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

It is an incongruity that can not be acknowledged among us for two Grand Lodges to exist in one State; neither does the discipline of the Order permit such existence. Without feeling a desire to dictate to this Grand Lodge on the point, and trusting that the exertions that are in progress by the friendly members of the Order, to produce the harmony so essentially necessary for the prosperity of the Order in New York, may be successful; yet I deem it my imperative duty to attract your attention to the fact alluded to, and also that each Grand Lodge there claims respective jurisdiction. Therefore it will be for you to decide which we shall acknowledge as the legitimate Grand Lodge, so that the subordinate Lodges within our jurisdiction may be apprized of what material they are authorized to admit as visitors in their respective Lodges from that State, and the Grand Secretary be in a proper position to know to which he is to forward his correspondence. Approaching this subject as I do with extreme reluctance, yet I consider I should be derelict in the high and sacred duties reposed in me, incident on being chosen to the responsible position I fill among you, were I not to direct your attention thereto, and fully rely upon you to render your decision in the spirit our beloved Order requires; neither aggravating nor palliating the offences of our brethren, but giving judgment to the best of your abilities, in calmness and candor, construing the same in the most charitable and Masonic feeling.

I find by the reports forwarded us that the Grand Lodges who claimed respective jurisdiction in Louisiana, have united and become one, and all heart-burnings incident to the previous state of affairs "are forgiven and forgotten;" yet at an early date after their "union," several of the subordinate Lodges in New Orleans, (three, I believe,) seceded from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and gave up their charters. They then procured charters from a body calling itself a "Supreme Grand Council of the 33d," and located in New Orleans. As no right exists, I believe, for any authority for a "Supreme Council," (if even it be a legitimate body of such,) to grant charters in a State where an acknowledged jurisdiction exists; and as such a precedent, if tolerated or conceded, would be detrimental to the best interests of our Order; we should, by all possible means within our power, express our decided determination on this point, and instruct our subordinate Lodges that the said three Lodges be considered clandestine, and can not be allowed to fraternize with any law-abiding Mason, nor their members be permitted to visit in any Lodge within our jurisdiction. To these two last subjects, so vital in their respective bearings and features, I earnestly solicit your best attention and action.

I notice in several Grand Lodges throughout the Union, that the project for forming a General Grand Lodge of the United States is daily gaining favor. Incipient steps were taken in 1847 by a National Masonic Convention, the result of which has been debated on, I believe, in every sister Grand Lodge. The formation of such a body excites, however, some difference of opinion as to its usefulness, and we should examine it with deliberate care, and if possible ascertain the ultimate advantages to accrue by such a body existing. I regard it as a proper authority that will, if formed, be of general and vast benefit to the Order, and I candidly believe much harmony would result thereto throughout the Union, and am induced to favor its formation, feeling assured,

were it in existence, the many difficulties that have existed and at present exist, would be settled through its medium; and finding the good that results from the superintending care of the General Grand Chapter of the United States over the Grand Chapters throughout the Union since its organization, I can not too strongly advocate the propriety and utility of a General Grand Lodge being formed. It is with these few remarks left to your deliberations, for such action as to your worshipful body may seem most proper and desirable.

I would recommend that steps be at once taken in regard to the educating of the children of Masons. I notice other sister Grand Lodges, as well as Lodges in Europe, are engaged with much attention in this very important subject; and I trust we will by judicious action be enabled to imitate them. It is with a sincere desire to see a decided movement taken therein that I especially recommend it to your serious consideration. In the Charity and Universal Benevolence we profess, we have a responsibility to perform to the rising generation; and, living in the utilitarian age as we do, we should reduce the professions we make, to practical usefulness, and adopt some measure whereby education can be disseminated and inculcated in this State, and bestowed on those whose position towards us demand it. We can not lose sight of the kind views of Bro. WINN in this regard, and we should by some practical means render available his kind and benevolent donation.

I am informed by our Grand Secretary that he has forwarded a large number of the circulars ordered by this Grand Lodge, to all the sister Lodges in the Union, as well as to all the known Grand Lodges in Europe. Numerous copies have also been transmitted to several Provincial Grand Lodges throughout Canada and the West Indies, and no doubt ere long we will learn a satisfactory result, in our endeavors in the appeal made to them, on behalf of our Sacramento fraternity, who, by their unbounded liberality, acted the good Samaritan to those who, from sickness and poverty, required their fostering care.

I would solicit your attention, in the revising of our Constitution, to have our Communications, after May ensuing, annual, in lieu of semi-annual, as thereby we should be enabled to curtail the vast expense the Grand Lodge necessarily has entailed on her as also on individual members, who are compelled, as delegates, to attend its meetings.

I notice, with unfeigned regret, that the degrees are too rapidly conferred on candidates in several of the subordinate Lodges. Much detriment thereby accrues to the Order, and, unfortunately, the candidate is not benefited to the extent intended. I would suggest that the Grand Lodge, by its action during the present session, do direct the time that should intervene between the conferring of each degree. Too much stress is laid on "emergency." No such excuse should be admitted or entertained, if we desire to see the Order placed on a solid and sure foundation in this State. The landmark in this respect can not, or should not, be misunderstood, although the innovation thereon too frequently occurs.

I would recommend that some system be devised for the complete registration, and procuring of diplomas by the respective Lodges from the Grand Lodge, for each and every one of its members. Such a system will produce many desirable advantages, that in years to come will develop themselves.

I trust the Grand Lodge will not separate without adopting some proper regulation so that uniformity in work, throughout its jurisdiction, may be procured. Thrown together as we are from all sections of the Union, it can not be expected that we should agree in minutiae, yet it will be truly desirable that we forthwith commence and establish a system that shall in no way be deviated from; and although it may be attended with some expense to the subordinate Lodges to procure this end, yet the benefit that will inevitably



result to them by following, adopting, and adhering to a uniform system, must be apparent to all, and therefore every effort should, without delay, be made to procure its accomplishment. To produce entire uniformity, I would recommend that the State be divided into districts, and that District Deputy Grand Masters be appointed to supervise the work, under such regulations as may be considered necessary to attain that end. I believe, by such appointments, in connection with the Grand Lecturers, that much benefit will result to the Order generally, and ere long tend to produce the uniformity so desirable to be promoted. I would also suggest that, so far as is practicable, the By-Laws of all the subordinate Lodges should be similar; and I have no doubt you will give this subject, in connection with others adverted to, the due consideration they are entitled to.

The Grand Secretary will lay before your body, correspondence received by him from *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8. To the subject matter thereof I solicit your attention.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia has forwarded to me "A Masonic Text-Book," with a prospectus of the purposes intended by its compilation. I beg to lay them before your body for inspection. I notice the Grand Lodge of Virginia has adopted it for the guidance of all the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and that very favorable mention is made of it by several of the sister Grand Lodges. The copyright is offered gratuitously to us if we wish it. Comparing it with other Masonic Manuals, I am inclined favorably towards this, as being, in my humble opinion, far superior to most others in use; and believe, should you decide on its being adopted within this jurisdiction, that it will, in a great measure, tend to benefit the Order, and be, to some extent, the means of producing the uniformity adverted to. In fact, each member of the Order in this State, and more particularly the junior ones, should be in possession of a work so useful in all its points, and especially to that portion that instructs him in the constitutions on which the Order throughout the civilized world is based. With a work of this worth in their possession, much may be acquired that otherwise many for years may remain in ignorance of.

I have to inform your worshipful body that the Lodges in Oregon Territory, over which our jurisdiction extended, have retired therefrom, and, with other chartered Lodges there, have formed a Grand Lodge. The correspondence in relation thereto will be submitted to you for further information.

I would suggest that provision be made for the immediate purchase of clothing, jewels, and necessary Grand Lodge paraphernalia, during this session, so that it may be in possession of the Grand Lodge at its next Communication. It now devolves on you to consider the various subjects I have deemed it my duty to bring before you, giving them the deliberation necessary, in a spirit of fraternal benevolence, and a due regard to maintain our cardinal principles. Being assembled for mutual conference, I hope that all your discussions may evince a sincere devotion to Charity, Justice, and Truth, and secure to you the happy reflection, on your return home, of having fulfilled the trust reposed in you by your respective Lodges; and that you may, by the experience received here, be enabled to dispense "further light" to those with whom it is your good fortune to be associated.

Availing himself of this opportunity, the Deputy Grand Master assures the Grand Lodge that he will, at this and at all other times, to the best of his ability, cheerfully second the action of your body, in all matters before it, for promoting its honor and benefit, or that may subserve its interest, or of any of the Masonic Fraternity in California, or any portion of the Masonic world, and to aid in carrying out in harmony and success, all the objects for which we are met. Invoking the aid of the Most High to guide you through your labors and deliberations; that all your actions may tend to His glory, to your advance-





representatives of chartered Lodges, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz. : — from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....Geo. A. Hudson, proxy for Worshipful Master;  
A. Bartol, proxy for Senior Warden;  
O. J. Preston, proxy for Junior Warden.

*Western Star*,...No. 2,.....A. Hollub, Representative.

*Tehama*,.....No. 3,.....J. Neely Johnson, proxy for Worshipful Master;  
L. I. Wilder, Senior Warden;  
R. H. McDonald, Junior Warden.

*Jennings*,.....No. 4,.....J. H. Ralston Senior Warden;  
J. L. Thompson, proxy for Junior Warden.

*Davy Crockett*, No. 7,.....J. D. Creigh, proxy for Worshipful Master;  
R. D. Kimbrell, proxy for S. and J. Wardens.

*San Jose*,.....No. 10,.....H. F. Williams, Representative.

*Yount*,.....No. 12,.....J. M. Small, Representative.

*Nevada*,.....No. 13,.....J. R. Crandall, Worshipful Master;  
J. S. Irwin, Senior Warden;  
Isaac Williamson, Junior Warden.

*Temple*,.....No. 14,.....J. R. Long, Senior Warden.

The report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

On motion of Bro. J. D. CREIGH, it was

*Ordered*, That the votes of the Grand Lodge shall be taken by ayes and nays.

On motion of Bro. J. H. RALSTON, all Master Masons in good standing were invited to take seats in this Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

In conformity with our Constitution, I have the honor to report, that since our last meeting I have granted a Dispensation to open a Lodge at San Diego, to be called *San Diego* Lodge, and to expire at this Communication. A Charter, no doubt, will be applied for during this session. The fee for said Dispensation has been duly received by the Grand Secretary. The recommendation necessary to enable me to grant the same was duly and regularly signed by *California* Lodge, No. 1.

Application was also made for a Dispensation to enable brethren located at Coloma, to open a Lodge in that city, but from informality I was constrained to deny the prayer of the petition.

Since the last Communication I have visited and installed the officers of *Temple* Lodge, No. 14, *Yount* Lodge, No. 12, and *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2; and I feel much pleasure in stating that these Lodges are in a flourishing condition.

B. D. HYAM, *Deputy Grand Master*.

Bro. L. STOWELL, from the committee appointed at the last Communication to prepare and present a Jewel to Bro. J. D. STEVENSON, Past Grand Master, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

The committee appointed to procure and present a Jewel to the M. W. J. D. STEVENSON, Past Grand Master of California, beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and that the following is a description of the Jewel presented. It is of solid gold, of oval shape, about two inches in length and about one and a half inches in width, with raised edges of specimen work. Upon the face the compasses, and the arc of a circle, with the letter G in the centre, all of raised work, are exhibited; and the following inscription is engraved upon the reverse: "Presented to the M. W. J. D. STEVENSON, by the M. W. Grand Lodge, as a memento of its high appreciation of his services, as the first M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California."

The Jewel was presented with the following note :—

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7th, 1851.

*To the M. W. J. D. STEVENSON,*

*Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California :—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : As members of the committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, to procure and present to you a Jewel, as a testimonial of its appreciation of your services as its first M. W. Grand Master, we beg to offer to your acceptance the token placed in your hands herewith. The Jewel is made from the product of the new State of your adoption, and is of virgin purity; and we trust that the associations of originality, in respect to your efficient services to the State in which the institution over which you have so satisfactorily presided is established, the history of Masonry in California, and the material that is used to commemorate your services, will compensate for all that may be wanting in the intrinsic value of the memorial.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

P. A. BRINSMADE, }  
CHARLES GILMAN, } *of the Committee.*  
LEVI STOWELL, }

To which note the following reply has been received :—

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9th, 1851.

*To Bros. P. A. BRINSMADE, }  
CHARLES GILMAN, } Committee :—  
LEVI STOWELL, }*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, through you, of the Jewel of Past Grand Master, ordered by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, at its last annual Communication, to be prepared and presented to me, as a mark of its approbation of my services as Grand Master during the first year of its organization.

Beautiful and intrinsically valuable as the Jewel is, to me its chief value consists in its being the flattering testimonial of the confidence and esteem of an Order of which I have been so long a devoted member, and of my having faithfully performed the important duties confided to me as the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California.

Be pleased, brethren, to accept my most sincere thanks for the kind and fraternal manner in which you have discharged your duties as a committee to prepare and present the Jewel in question, and I beg you to accept the assurance of my continued fraternal respect and esteem.

J. D. STEVENSON.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. BRINSMADE, }  
LEVI STOWELL, } *Committee.*  
CHAS. GILMAN, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

BRO. L. STOWELL, from the committee appointed to address a circular to other Grand and subordinate Lodges, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge to address a circular to other Grand and subordinate Lodges, in reference to the embarrassments of the Lodges in Sacramento City, beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, by drafting a circular, (a copy of which is herewith presented) which they trust will effect the desired relief. They have caused three thousand of the circulars to be printed, independent of the publication with the Grand Lodge proceedings, a large number of which have been distributed by the Grand Secretary and by other members of the committee.

The bill for printing the same, amounting to eighty dollars, was paid by the Grand Secretary, as ordered by the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. STEVENSON,	} Committee.
LEVI STOWELL,	
P. A. BRINSMADE,	
T. A. THOMAS,	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committee —

<i>On Dispensations and Charters:.....</i>	{	Bro. J. M. Koon,
	{	" Joel Noah,
	{	" J. M. Small.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, dated March 17th, 1851, was read and placed on file.

A communication from *Widow's Son* Lodge, No. 72, Alabama, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, dated May 24th, 1851, was read, placed on file, and ordered to be answered by the Grand Secretary.

A communication from *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, in reference to a difficulty in said Lodge, was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from the Grand Secretary (R. W. JAS. W. POWELL) of the Grand Lodge of New York, dated April 18th, 1851, was read and placed on file, having been duly answered by the Grand Secretary.

A communication from A. HIRSCH was read and laid on the table.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, dated June 14th, 1851, was read and placed on file.

Communications from *Willamette* Lodge, No. 11, and *La Fayette* Lodge, No. 15, were received and laid on the table.



The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
Wednesday, Nov 5th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

After prayer, by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

BRO. J. D. CREIGH, from the committee to whom was referred the Address of the Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following recommendations:—

That those parts of the Address relative to the difficulties in the Grand Lodges of New York and Louisiana, and to a Supreme Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; that part relative to Education, to a special committee; that part referring to annual meetings of the Grand Lodge, to a special committee; that part relative to conferring degrees, to the Committee on By-Laws; that part referring to Grand Lodge Certificates and Registrations, to the Committee on Finance; that part relative to uniformity of work, to the Grand Lecturers; that part relative to uniform By-Laws, to the Committee on By-Laws; that part relative to Text-Books, to a special committee; and that part relative to Grand Lodge jewels and clothing, to a special committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH,  
A. BARTOL,  
J. R. CRANDALL, } Committee.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

The Deputy Grand Master named the following special committees, as above ordered:—

<i>On Education</i> : .....	{ Bro. J. Neely Johnson, " J. L. Thompson, " Jas. S. Irwin.
<i>On Annual Meetings</i> : .....	{ Bro. J. R. Crandall, " J. M. Small, " A. Hollub.



<i>On Text-Books</i> :.....	{ Bro. O. J. Preston, " J. D. Creigh, " T. A. Thomas.
<i>On Jewels and Clothing</i> :.....	{ Bro. Geo. A. Hudson, " Jas. R. Long, " O. J. Preston.

The Deputy Grand Master also named the following brethren as the committee —

<i>On Finance and Accounts</i> :.....	{ Bro. R. D. Kimbrell, " H. F. Williams, " J. Neely Johnson.
---------------------------------------	--

Bro. A. BARTOL, from the Committee on Returns of Lodges, presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California* : —

The Committee on Returns of Lodges beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns of the following Lodges :—

<i>California</i> - Lodge, No. 1;	<i>Willamette</i> - Lodge, No. 11;
<i>Tehama</i> " " 3;	<i>Yount</i> " " 12;
<i>Jennings</i> " " 4;	<i>Temple</i> " " 14;
<i>Davy Crockett</i> " " 7;	<i>La Fayette</i> " " 15;
<i>San José</i> " " 10;	

and have found them correct, with the exception of a few clerical errors, which your committee (with the brethren from the Lodges where such errors occurred) have corrected.

The returns of *Willamette* and *La Fayette* Lodges are made to the 15th September, 1851, at which time the Grand Lodge of Oregon was established, and they retired from this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. BARTOL, }  
J. R. LONG, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Secretary, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California* : —

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report, that they have bestowed such attention upon the matters submitted to them as time and opportunity would permit, and have examined, though cursorily, the published proceedings of other Grand Lodges, so far as the same have come to hand, viz.: those of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Florida. Accident, probably, has prevented the reception of others.

It is with great pleasure and pride that the committee are enabled to assure the Grand Lodge that, from all they can gather from these and other reliable sources, at no previous period has the institution of Freemasonry occupied a more elevated position, or been more active in the benevolent objects of its creation, than at the present time. That it is altogether free from internal commotion, they regret to say they can not assert; nor can they hope that it will ever prove itself impregnable to wrong influences, so long as the

human heart shall retain aught of impurity, or the judgment of men shall continue fallible. But when one shall consider the vast numbers and the variety of character and pursuits of its members, he will only admire that there is so little to be said of its difficulties, in this respect. In this unity, this oneness of end and aim, consists its strength and beauty ; and this it is, that has foiled and put to flight its enemies and calumniators. With gratitude and in humility, every lover of justice should rejoice at this triumph of right over wrong, of truth over falsehood. In no State of the Union has this triumph been so conspicuous as in Vermont. But the other day her Grand Lodge had scarcely more than a name in the history of the Order. A few stout hearts and steady hands, however, remained upon the deck, and among those may be named, without hazard of invidious distinction, a HAZWELL and a TUCKER, who never forsook the helm until safe in port the storm-tossed bark was safely moored. Now we see that at her annual Communication for the current year there were fifteen Lodges under Charter, and three under Dispensation, represented. Until her verdant mountains shall be no more seen, may Freemasonry continue to cheer and gladden the valleys and the plains of the State of Vermont.

In respect to the formation of this Grand Lodge, at the time and under the circumstances of its organization, it seems that a question, not only of expediency, but of Masonic right, has arisen ; but your committee are pleased and gratified to find that it has not been made a barrier to our recognition, and that, so far as other Grand Lodges have been heard from, all have extended to it the right-hand of fellowship. The question of the right to organize a Grand Lodge as this was organized, is not now open for discussion ; but were it so, the committee would say to the objector that they know of no peremptory law requiring a greater number than three Lodges in a State or Territory, to authorize the formation of a Grand Lodge ; and it is admitted that there is at least one precedent for the forming of a Grand Lodge by three subordinate Lodges, and that too where there were Grand Lodges within a few hours' travel. With how much more propriety might California do so, when thousands of miles intervened between her and a Grand Lodge.

While upon the subject of the Institution in this State, it may not be amiss to allude to a paragraph in the address of the Grand Master of Missouri, at the opening of the Grand Lodge in that State, in May, 1850. In speaking of California, he remarks : —

“ I received a communication from a Master Mason in that distant land, who informed me, as a friend, that the ties of Masonry even, appeared to him to have lost much of their binding force in California ; that gold, and the thirst for gold, had dried up the fountains of Brotherly Love and Relief in that country. That such is the case is not astonishing. Wherever that raging thirst for Mammon seizes a fellow-being here with us, even, the channels of fraternal feeling become dry ; the finer sensibilities of the heart become diseased, and at length cease to operate on his conduct, because he has ceased to call them into action ; and his sensibilities and the charities of his nature become dead for want of being used. In such a bosom no sympathy for Freemasonry, no sympathy for others' woe or weal can be found.”

However true these deductions may be from the premises, the committee can assure their *M. W.* Brother that they did not, do not, apply to the character of the fraternity here ; and whoever his correspondent may be, they can further assure him, that whatever may have been the appearance to *that* Master Mason, it is their opinion, that during the terrible winter of 1849-'50, the few Lodges then in California, and the individual members of the fraternity, expended more money in relieving the sick and destitute than was expended during the same period of time in any other ten States of the Union. Such wholesale denunciations of Masons, in a country where one man can know so little of the character of the mass of the fraternity, should be regarded with suspicion, to say the least.



Among the various subjects of greater or less importance, which have engaged the attention of our sister Grand Lodges during the last two years, may be mentioned the following :—

The difficulties in the Grand Lodge of New York :

The propriety of organizing a Supreme or General Grand Lodge of the United States :

The encroachment upon the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg :

The prerogatives of a Grand Master in and out of a Grand Lodge :

Whether Master Masons, not members of the Grand Lodge, should be permitted to be present during the transaction of certain business therein :

Whether it is competent for a Master of a Lodge, or even for the Lodge itself, to demand of a member his reasons for voting against an applicant for degrees, or for membership :

Whether the ballot should be taken prior to the conferring of each degree :

Concerning the physical disqualifications of candidates for the honors of Freemasonry :

And concerning the education of youth, and charitable institutions.

The Grand Lodge of New York has been particularly unfortunate in her domestic relations at more than one period of her history. Prior to 1827, there had been a schism, and for some years there were two bodies within the State, each styling itself *the* Grand Lodge of New York, and each denying to the other the right to that distinction. In that year, happily, the difficulty was reconciled, and both bodies were harmoniously blended into one. Ten years elapsed : and then, for causes, or supposed causes, not necessary now to consider, or even to name, a body styling itself St. John's Grand Lodge was organized, which obtained little favor either at home or abroad. Pending this difficulty a schism again occurred in the Grand Lodge proper of New York, which continues violently to agitate the fraternity in that State, and to excite much attention in other Grand Lodges of the United States. In the meantime, however, a reconciliation has been brought about through the friendly intervention of neighboring Grand Lodges, whereby the so-called St. John's Grand Lodge has been disbanded, and its officers and subordinate Lodges, and the members of those Lodges, have been received into harmonious fellowship with the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity. This was certainly a consummation most devoutly to be wished : and the only difficulty with your committee is to comprehend how those officers who were expelled Masons ; those Lodges which not only the Grand Lodge of New York, but nearly every other Grand Lodge in the United States and elsewhere, had pronounced clandestine — and the persons who had been therein initiated, passed, and raised, clandestine Masons — by the mere acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge of New York, can be held as Lodges and Masons *duly constituted* and in *good and regular standing*. Be this as it may, it is not the purpose of the committee to discuss the matter, nor to cavil at that which has been done in the premises, and which seems to have met the approbation of other Grand Lodges. They would only say, that they have been taught a way of restoration and of healing, which seems not to have been deemed necessary in this instance.

The present difficulty in New York, as the committee understand it, may be thus briefly stated : — Previous to 1848, the Past Masters of Lodges had been members of the Grand Lodge, and, as such, were each entitled to a vote upon all questions coming before that body. At the June Communication of that year, a proposition was made, and received the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge, so to amend the Constitution as that the persons who last had passed the chair of each Lodge only, should have a right to *vote*, while all others were merely to have seats as *honorary* members. Upon the subject of amendments, their Constitution has this regulation : —

"No amendment to this Constitution shall be made, or have any effect, until the same shall have received the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge at two successive June Communications; unless, in addition to the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge at one June Communication, it shall have received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Lodges within this jurisdiction. If such proposed amendment shall receive the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge, at one June Communication, the same shall be appended to the published proceedings at the end, under the caption, 'Proposed amendments to the Constitution,' and sent to each Lodge within this jurisdiction, in order that the Lodges may, if they think proper, instruct their representatives thereon; and the action of the Grand Lodge in relation thereto, shall also appear in the appropriate place in the proceedings."

It will be seen the proposition received the affirmative vote of the Grand Lodge in June, 1848. It would also seem that the proposed amendment had been published according to the provisions of the Constitution. At the June Communication in 1849, at the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary stated that the proposition had received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Lodges under that jurisdiction; and thereupon the Grand Master announced that the Constitution was accordingly amended.

A scene of uproar and confusion followed this announcement, most disgraceful to those who created it, and most painful to contemplate. The acting Junior Grand Warden, as it is said, declared the Grand Lodge dissolved! and thereupon the Senior Grand Warden was called to preside in the *assembly* there congregated; when under his assumed authority, they proceeded to elect officers for the Grand Lodge. Subsequently an election was held under the direction of the Grand Master, with the aid of such other Grand Officers and Lodges as adhered to him; and thus the two bodies, under their respective officers, claim each to be the Grand Lodge of New York. The proceedings of both these bodies, so far as the same have been published, have been received. They are voluminous, and in some respects contradictory. The subject has been very fully as well as ably discussed in other Grand Lodges; and as your committee have had but little time to devote to the examination of those arguments, they must content themselves with such views of their own as may seem to them sufficient to enable this Grand Lodge to act with intelligence in the matter, so far as it may be necessary to take action.

At the settlement of the difficulties in 1827, there were certain terms agreed upon between the parties in difference, which, in 1844, were denominated a "Compact," and declared to be a "fundamental law of the Grand Lodge which never shall be disturbed." Among the provisions of this compact are the following:—

"That there ought to be one Grand Lodge in the State of New York, and that it ought to be held in the City of New York; that the records and archives of the Grand Lodge being in the City of New York, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be chosen from that city; that the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen, one from the City of New York, the other from the country, and the two Wardens from some other part of the State than the City of New York; that the permanent fund be managed by five trustees; that the number of Lodges which one Past Master may represent shall not exceed three; that Past Masters shall not be represented by proxy; and that representatives be paid as heretofore," &c.

It also appears that, from the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge as a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England, Past Masters were members, with a right to vote in Grand Lodge, as before observed. This right in the Past Masters was recognized by the "compact." And now the first question is, was it competent for the Grand Lodge, according to the mode pointed out in the Constitution, to change the Constitution so as to limit, in any respect, the acknowledged right of the Past Masters prior to the arrangement of 1827? Secondly, if so, is there any thing in that compact by which that power was taken away?

The seceders contend that the right of the Past Masters is an inherent right, the exercise of which could in no respect be curtailed or controlled; that it is



a *landmark*, that may not be removed. To this doctrine your committee can not subscribe. In the first place, a *landmark* in Freemasonry is a universal principle, limited to neither time nor place, the disturbance of which affects the whole fraternity alike. It will not be contended that Past Masters have the same privileges in all Grand Lodges. Perhaps there are scarcely five in the United States that have the same rule in this respect. What matters it to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for instance, whether one Past Master or ten of the same Lodge, has a vote in the Grand Lodge of New York? — or to the Grand Lodge of New York, whether each Past Master in Maryland shall have a vote, or all the Past Masters of each Lodge have collectively one vote, as is the case there? *Not being landmarks in Masonry*, like every other constitutional provision, the regulation is liable to be *constitutionally* changed.

Is there then any thing in the compact aforesaid, controlling such an amendment? Your committee think not. There is nothing in the provision, that it is “*a fundamental law of the Grand Lodge, and never to be disturbed.*” As applicable to those provisions, they are words without meaning. Is it a *fundamental law* that a Grand Lodge shall hold its stated meetings in a particular city? or that certain officers shall be selected from certain sections of a State? or that a permanent fund shall be under the control of *five* trustees, instead of a greater or less number? or that a Past Master may represent *three* Lodges, and no more? or that Past Masters may not be represented by proxy, provided a Grand Lodge Constitution, by its terms, should otherwise prescribe? It is difficult to suppose any one can for a moment so contend. Then, if they are not fundamental laws — laws, the abrogation of which would destroy the superstructure itself — they are liable to be changed whenever the will of the constituency shall elect so to do, under and by virtue of the Constitution itself.

Nor is there any thing in the argument, that this was a provision in the original Charter given by the Duke of Athol. When New York ceased to be a British Province and became an independent State, the Grand Lodge of England no longer attempted to exercise control over the Grand Lodge of that State. She then assumed to herself an independence corresponding to that of the State; and one might as well urge that the State of Rhode Island had no authority so to do, when, some few years ago, she changed the provisions of a government organized under a charter from Charles II., as that the Grand Lodge of New York had no power to alter any and all the provisions of her Charter, always maintaining the *landmarks* of Masonry. The expediency of the alteration was, and is, a domestic question, with which this Grand Lodge has nothing to do. Yet one can not avoid seeing how easy it was for a large and populous city like New York, by a rapid increase of Lodges and of Past Masters in those Lodges, together with such interest as might easily be made in other parts of the State by proxies, &c., completely to control the matters of that Grand Lodge. Nor is it less difficult to comprehend that this must necessarily beget jealousy and discontent.

Another question presents itself. Was the proposed amendment adopted by the constitutional regulation? This is a question which we have no power to consider; but it does not seem to us that the Grand Lodge of New York adopted the legitimate mode of ascertaining the fact. The announcement of the Grand Master was but the *ipse dixit* of that officer. Your committee know of no mode of coming to a legitimate solution of such a question but through the report of a committee. That the Grand Master should have taken upon himself to determine so important a question, having but the statement of the Grand Secretary as evidence of the fact, was most unfortunate, to say nothing more. Notwithstanding this, your committee seek in vain for an excuse, or even a palliation, for the subsequent conduct of Mr.

PHILLIPS and his supporters. It will be borne in mind that the Grand Lodge was in session, and that the Grand Master was in his appropriate place. No act had been done under the amendment. Whether regular or irregular, constitutional or unconstitutional, as yet nothing had occurred save that single declaration of the Grand Master. As yet that body was *the Grand Lodge*, and the Grand Officers were in power under the Constitution as it was a year before. Under all these circumstances, your committee are of opinion that the act of the Wardens, and those who took part with them, was an act of the grossest insubordination, and unprecedented in the Masonic history of modern times. Duty, as sentinels at their posts in this Grand Lodge, painful as is the task, constrains your committee to speak out upon this subject. In doing this they do not forget the fact, that they are speaking of the acts of those with whom they have taken sweet counsel in days past; and they now implore those erring brethren to return upon their steps, and beseech them by their manhood, by their Masonic ties, and by all that men and Masons hold dear, not to persist in this great error; for, having organized their body in *wrong*, they can never bring it into the *right* way. The day will come when they or their successors will pause and reflect; and the breach, broad as it may seem to be now, will assuredly be healed, and the sooner it is done the better it will be for them, and the Fraternity everywhere.

Another circumstance has occurred within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, deserving the attention of this, as also of every other Grand Lodge in the United States. Upon application from *Pythagoras* Lodge, composed of Germans, in the City of New York, to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany, for a Charter to enable it to conduct its business under that jurisdiction, the Senior Grand Master of that body applied to the Grand Master of New York, for permission to gratify the prayer of the petitioners. Without waiting for a definite reply, a Charter was forwarded by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to *Pythagoras* Lodge, which was duly announced by the Senior Grand Master to the Grand Master of New York. It is hardly necessary to say that New York resists this encroachment upon her rights with becoming dignity, and with full determination to protect herself from all such usurpations. We hope and believe that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg will see the impropriety of the step, and that she will recall the Charter. If one of the Grand Lodges of a State in our own Union may not so trespass upon the rights of that of another, much less can we permit one of another country to set up her authority among us. There needs no argument to show that such a step can not for a moment be tolerated.

The propriety of organizing a Supreme or General Grand Lodge for the United States, still continues to engage the attention of the several Grand Lodges. As heretofore, the matter has its warm supporters and determined opposers. This question has been so long under consideration, and so often and so fully discussed, that your committee deem it not worth while to repeat the arguments, *pro* and *con*, nor attempt new ones. The opinion of one of the committee, at least, is well known throughout the States; and although that opinion remains unchanged, he does not desire again to thrust his reasons in support of it upon his brethren. One great difficulty seems to be the want of ability in those Grand Lodges, favorable to the measure, to agree upon the provisions of a Constitution. It is manifest that a compromise must accomplish this if it ever is accomplished. This might be done by each Grand Lodge forming a Constitution, such as would suit itself; and then, by putting it into the hands of delegates, to be depended upon for their skill and discretion, who should meet others of like character in general convention, with authority to compare and alter, a Constitution might be formed acceptable to all.

Has a Grand Master power to assemble Master Masons about him and



make Masons at will? To this we say, most assuredly he has, by prerogative right from time immemorial; and the wonder is, that there are those who deny the right. Does an appeal lie from the decision of the Grand Master to the body of the Grand Lodge? Under no circumstances whatever. Under the provisions of the Constitutions, and of immemorial usage, his power is absolute. The idea of an *appeal*, in such case, is of modern origin. So, likewise, the decision of the Master of a subordinate Lodge, upon a matter properly submitted to him, is final and conclusive.

Is it competent for the Master of a Lodge, or for the Lodge itself, to demand of a member his reasons for voting against a candidate for the degrees, or for membership? Your committee answer, *No*. The whole object of the secret ballot would otherwise be defeated.

Should a ballot be taken prior to the conferring of each degree? So have the committee been taught, so they believe, and so they teach.

The committee observe that a question has been raised in one or more of the Grand Lodges, as to whether Master Masons, not members of the Grand Lodge, should be permitted to be present in Grand Lodge during its business deliberations? It is not supposed that in this, there is a question of *right* raised. No one can contend that any such *right* to be present exists. But where is the impropriety? Are Master Masons, members of the Grand Lodge, invested with any new or additional obligations of secrecy, in virtue of their offices? It is thought not: but that such as may be admitted (for it is *ex gratia* their being admitted on any occasion) might profit from being present, and thereby be the better prepared to be useful members themselves at some future day.

These are all questions that, one way or another, have recently come before Grand Lodges; but the decisions have not been uniform. The committee must content themselves by a simple answer to the respective questions, trusting to the firm belief that they are right, and that those who are more particularly interested in this report will supply the arguments for themselves.

Of the physical qualifications of candidates for the honors of Masonry: your committee cannot withhold an expression of surprise that there should have been a difference of opinion on this subject. Let any Mason ask himself whether the candidate who is blind, or deaf, or who has lost a leg or an arm, is capable of acquiring a knowledge of Masonry, so as to impart the same to another? Whether he is capable of making himself known as a Mason, under all circumstances, in the dark as well as the light? His answer to these simple questions, as answer them he can but in one way, will supersede all argument upon this subject.

The subjects of education and of charitable institutions are engaging the attention of several of our sister Grand Lodges, and should not be neglected by this. The former, so far as California is concerned, has yet to have a beginning; the latter needs care and fostering. Should it be found practicable to commence a foundation for a permanent fund for such objects, in a few years, by careful nursing, it might become available for great and good purposes.

The Grand Secretary has received a neat little work, entitled "The Freemason's Directory and Register for A. D. 1851, A. L. 5851," by Bro. WM. B. SHOVE, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, a most useful and convenient publication for every Mason.

The committee note with great satisfaction, the report of a special committee in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, on the matter of a petition for a Dispensation to open and hold a Lodge in Monterey, in this State, from certain persons in that place. Your committee recognize in that report the true spirit, as well as the established laws and rules of the Order.

A communication from the Master and Wardens of a Lodge at Panama, has been placed in the hands of your committee, asking the attention of the Masonic world to the peculiar condition of that place, and to the utility, and in fact, the necessity, of building up there a "Charity Fund, with which to administer comfort to the sick and distressed, or to bury the dead," of such wayfaring brethren as may there need such relief. Your committee can well comprehend that the kind office of the "Good Samaritan" is frequently required there, more frequently perhaps, at this period, than at any other point in the civilized world; and would recommend that the Grand Lodge take such action in the matter as its ability will allow.

The committee do not claim to have even alluded to all the matters of interest which have been recently brought before other Grand Lodges, or to have discussed those mentioned with the care, or so elaborately, as they would have been glad to do, and as the subjects deserve. But time has not permitted them to do more, and they close their report by submitting the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:—

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognizes the body of which the *M. W. Wm. H. MILNOR* is the presiding officer, as the Grand Lodge of New York, and that Masonic correspondence shall be held with no other body in that State as such.

2. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge can give no countenance or support to the pretension of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, or any other foreign Grand Lodge, to a right to grant Charters for Lodges in any of the territory of the United States of America; and that the granting of such to *Pythagoras* Lodge, in the City of New York, is a violation of the established and well-known usages of Masonry.

3. *Resolved*, That, from immemorial usage, the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge has power to assemble Masons and confer the degrees upon a candidate at pleasure.

4. *Resolved*, That there is no appeal from the decision of the Grand Master in any matter coming before him for his decision in Grand Lodge, and that the same rule obtains with the Master of a subordinate Lodge over which he presides, or from that of any other officer while presiding.

5. *Resolved*, That no member of a Lodge can be required to divulge his vote on balloting for a candidate for the degrees in Masonry, or for membership, nor to assign reasons for his vote, if known.

6. *Resolved*, That a separate ballot should in all cases be taken prior to the conferring of each degree, and that one negative defeats the candidate; *provided*, that when a single negative appears, the presiding officer may allow a second ballot to be forthwith taken, with a view of correcting a mistake; and *provided further*, that if, upon the state of the vote being declared, a member shall announce to the Lodge that he has voted contrary to his intention by accident, the ballot may be retaken for correction.

7. *Resolved*, That the degrees in Masonry should not be conferred upon any one whose physical deformity is such that he cannot acquire a knowledge and impart to others the secrets of the Craft, according to the rules of the Order.

8. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider and report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, the ways and means of establishing a permanent fund for the promotion of education and charitable objects.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI STOWELL,	} Committee.
BENJ. D. HYAM,	
CHAS. GILMAN,	
J. D. STEVENSON,	

The report was received and laid on the table for the present, and it was

*Ordered*, That the resolutions accompanying the report be taken up and acted upon separately.

The first, second, and third resolutions were separately read and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.



## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Wednesday, Nov. 5th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The consideration of the resolutions reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was resumed.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions were separately read and adopted.

Upon the reading of the seventh resolution, Bro. A. BARTOL offered the following as a substitute : —

*Resolved*, That all our sister Grand Lodges who are *speculative* in reference to the qualifications of applicants for the degrees of Masonry, are most respectfully referred to the original Constitutions of the Craft, as we do not wish to provoke debate.

Which substitute was adopted.

The eighth resolution was read and adopted ; and, the resolutions having all been acted upon,

Bro. J. L. THOMPSON moved that the report of the committee be concurred in ; which motion Bro. J. R. CRANDALL moved to amend by striking out all that part of the report acknowledging that the Grand Master has the right to assemble and make Masons at pleasure.

The amendment did not prevail, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
Thursday, Nov 6th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. J. CLOUDSLEY, W. M. of *San Jose* Lodge, No. 10, appeared and took his seat.

Bro. B. D. HYAM, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the Deputy Grand Master's Address, in regard to the difficulties in Louisiana, and the action necessary for the formation of a *General Grand Lodge of the United States*, beg leave to recommend : —

That the Grand Secretary be instructed by the Grand Lodge to address the Grand Master of Louisiana, to ascertain the names of the offending Lodges in Louisiana, and when obtained, to advise the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction thereof :

And, in regard to the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, that this Grand Lodge fully approves of the formation of such a body, and fraternally suggests to our sister Grand Lodges, that they each take some definite action in the premises, to procure the organization of such a body at an early date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM,	} Committee.
LEVI STOWELL,	
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. O. J. PRESTON, from the Committee on Text-Books, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of a Text-Book, to be used by the Lodges under this jurisdiction, have given the subject all the attention that time would allow, and would respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the favorable consideration of each Lodge under this jurisdiction, the "Masonic Text-Book," by the R. W. JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia ; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure..... copies thereof, and furnish each of the Lodges with a copy, they paying the cost thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. J. PRESTON,	} Committee.
J. D. CREIGH,	
T. A. THOMAS,	

Which report was received and concurred in ; the blank in the resolution was filled with the words "one hundred ;" the resolution was adopted as completed ; the committee was discharged ; and the following resolution was adopted : —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to dispose of the surplus copies of the Text-Book not wanted by the Lodges and the Grand Lodge, at a small advance upon the original cost, the receipts to be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge.





The Grand Secretary, also, after examining the books of *La Fayette* Lodge, in Oregon Territory, and finding them in due form and properly recorded, has issued a Charter to that Lodge, by direction of the Grand Master, dated May 9th, 1851, agreeably to an order of the Grand Lodge at its last Communication. He has also received from *Willamette* Lodge an order on the Grand Treasurer for the balance due said Lodge, (\$45.00,) as a donation, to be paid over to the "Sacramento Relief Committee," appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge. The Lodges in Oregon under this jurisdiction have sent in their reports, dated September 15th, stating that a Grand Lodge had been formed there at that date, under whose jurisdiction they are now working; but the proceedings of the Convention forming said Grand Lodge have not yet come to hand.

The Grand Secretary has issued, by direction of the Grand Master, a Dispensation for *Parfaite Union* Lodge, at San Francisco, dated June 6, 1851; and also, by direction of the Deputy Grand Master, a Dispensation for *San Diego* Lodge, at San Diego, dated August 1, 1851. Another petition was received from Stockton, from a number of brethren, but no fee accompanying it, their prayer was not granted.

The following sums of money have been received by the Grand Secretary since the last Communication, viz.:—

May 20, from <i>La Fayette</i> Lodge, O. T., fee for Charter,...	\$50 00	
June 4, " <i>Parfaite Union</i> , fee for Dispensation,.....	75 00	
Aug. 1, " <i>San Diego</i> " " ".....	75 00	
Cash in Grand Secretary's hands at last report,.....	338 73	\$538 73

And there has been expended, as directed by the Grand Lodge, the following:—

Paid for printing 250 copies of the Proceedings,.....	\$200 00	
" " " 100 blank Dispensations,.....	20 00	
" " " 150 blank Autographs,.....	25 00	
" " " 3000 Circulars, relative to Hospital,...	80 00	
" " Gold Medal for Bro. J. D. Stevenson, P. G. M.,	125 00	
" " Advertising, in various papers,.....	23 00	
" " Stationery, Postage, &c., (as per vouchers,)....	27 90	
Grand Treasurer's receipt for balance,.....	37 83	\$538 73
All of which is respectfully submitted.		

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary*.

Which report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:—

T. A. THOMAS, *Grand Treasurer, in acct. with the Grand Lodge of California*.  
1851.

		Dr.	
May, 9. To cash received from Grand Secretary,.....	\$554 00		
Nov. 4. " " " " ".....	538 73		\$1092 73
		Cr.	
May, 9. Paid G. Treasurer's expenses to Grand Lodge,...	\$48 00		
" " " Grand Tyler's bill,.....	69 00		
" " " Grand Master's expenses to Grand Lodge,...	48 00		
" " " Grand Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i> , for services, ....	100 00		
Nov. 4. " bills and appropriations, as ordered by			
Grand Lodge,.....	500 90		\$765 90

Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,..... \$326 83  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. THOMAS, *Grand Treasurer*.

Which report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On application of Bro. J. R. LONG, of *Temple* Lodge, No. 14, good and sufficient reasons being given the Grand Lodge, that Lodge was authorized to re-ballot on the petition of Mr. ROBERT HOPKINS.

A petition was presented from *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, asking the privilege of amending its By-Laws, so that they may read, "The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month, and on the anniversaries of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist:" which was received, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

Bro. J. J. AMES, Senior Warden of San Diego Lodge, U. D., made application to have the Dispensation of said Lodge extended until the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge; which application was granted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2½ o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Thursday, Nov, 6th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Returns of Lodges reported the returns of *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, and *Nevada* Lodge, No. 13, as correct.

A communication from Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, in reference to *Pacific* Lodge, U. D., was received and referred to a special committee of three.

The Deputy Grand Master named as said special committee —

On <i>Pacific</i> Lodge ;.....	{	Bro. J. H. Ralston, " T. A. Thomas, " Adolph. Hollub.
--------------------------------	---	---

The amendments to the Constitution, reported by a committee appointed for that purpose at the last Communication, and printed with the proceedings, were taken up for final action.

Articles I., II., III., IV. The proposed amendments to these Articles were separately read and adopted.

Article V. The proposed amendment to Sec. 1 was rejected; the proposed erasure of Sec. 2 was rejected; and the proposed erasure of Sections 3 and 4 was adopted.

Article VI. The proposed amendment to this Article was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock, this evening.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,  
*Thursday, Nov. 6th, A. L. 5851.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution was resumed.

Articles VII., VIII., IX., X., XI. The proposed amendments to these articles were separately read and adopted.

Article XII. The proposed interpolation of this new article was adopted.

Article XIII. The proposed amendment to this article (formerly Article XII.) was rejected.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting the amendment to the XIIIth Article, which motion prevailed; but the vote being again taken upon the proposed amendment, it was again rejected.

The Constitution, as thus amended, was then declared to be adopted, and it was ordered to be published with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bros. J. D. CREIGH and J. S. IRWIN were added to the Committee on By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, to fill vacancies.

The Committee on the size of Aprons and Collars for the Grand Lodge reported, recommending the size to be fourteen inches in depth and sixteen inches in width; which report was referred to the Committee on Jewels and Clothing.



Bros. J. S. IRWIN and T. A. THOMAS were added to the last named committee.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following committee —

*On By-Laws of Lodges* :..... { Bro. Joel Noah,  
" J. M. Koon,  
" A. Hollub.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
*Friday, Nov 7th, A. L. 5851.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the jewels to be worn by the officers of the Grand Lodge be of gold, pendant to a collar of purple ribbon or velvet; the apron of white silk or purple, with the appropriate jewels embroidered, and trimmed with purple ribbon, or silk fringe; and that all other resolutions describing the regalia be and are hereby repealed.

Which resolution was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Deputy Grand Master's Address relative to procuring jewels and clothing for the Grand Lodge, reported the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to procure the jewels, furniture, and clothing, which have been adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the use of the same; to report at the next regular Communication, with power to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the necessary funds: and that the Deputy Grand Master be the chairman of said committee.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master named as the other two members of the committee —

*On Jewels and Clothing, &c.*,..... { Bro. O. J. Preston,  
" Levi Stowell.

A petition from *Eureka* Lodge, for a Charter, and for the location

of the Lodge at Auburn, Placer County, was read and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters; as was also a petition from *Parfaite Union* Lodge, praying for a continuance of their Dispensation.

The Grand Lecturers presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Grand Lecturers, to whom was referred that part of the Deputy Grand Master's Address, relative to uniformity of work, beg leave to recommend that the State be divided into three districts, and that a Grand Lecturer be appointed for each; and that it shall be the duty of each Grand Lecturer to visit the several Lodges in his district, instruct them in their work, examine their records, and make a full report to the Grand Lodge at the next regular Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ADOLPH. HOLLUB, }  
O. J. PRESTON, } *Grand Lecturers.*

Which report was received and concurred in, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturers to visit all the Lodges under Charter and Dispensation within their respective districts, examine their records and work, and correct the same, and give the proper instructions to such Lodges; and in case of any irregularities, or violation of the rules and regulations of Masonry, or of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, that they report the facts to the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and, if necessary, to suspend the labors of the Lodge or Lodges so offending, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, and then report the same thereto.

*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Lecturers shall be paid by the respective Lodges; and that the Grand Lodge shall pay, for their time expended, a reasonable compensation.

*Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges are hereby directed to forward a copy of their By-Laws, at or before the next Communication of this Grand Lodge, in conformity with a resolution passed at the last Communication.

Bro. T. A. THOMAS, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. M. Green, of *Western Star* Lodge, No. 2, have had the same before them, together with the records of said Lodge. By the report of the Secretary of *Western Star* Lodge, it appears that on the — day of —, Bro. Green was expelled from all the privileges of Freemasonry for unmasonic conduct. From this action Bro. Green appeals to this Grand Lodge, and states that the Master of said Lodge did not give him a trial in accordance with the Constitution; which statement is sustained by the records of the Lodge, and the testimony of its representatives. Your committee therefore recommend the non-concurrence of this Grand Lodge in the expulsion of Bro. M. Green, and that said Lodge be directed to give him a new trial.

They have also had before them the communication of the Secretary of *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, notifying the Grand Secretary of the expulsion (on

the 17th of May last) of R. C. Barry, by said Lodge, for unmasonic conduct ; and in this case they recommend the concurrence of the Grand Lodge. In the same communication Bro. Peter Mehen is reported to the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct ; and your committee respectfully suggest that no such report should ever be made to the Grand Lodge, unless the party has been suspended or expelled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. THOMAS,  
ADOLPH. HOLLUB, } *Committee.*  
JOEL NOAH,

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. A. HOLLUB, from the Committee on By-Laws of Lodges, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Committee on By-Laws report that they have examined the By-Laws of *Western Star Lodge*, No. 2, and, finding them in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, recommend their approval.

A. HOLLUB, } *Committee.*  
JOEL NOAH,

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the next regular Communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of San Francisco.

Which was adopted, and it was also

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to subscribe, in the name of this Grand Lodge, for the following works, viz. : —

"The Freemason's Magazine," edited by C. W. Moore, Boston, Mass.

"The Masonic Review," edited by C. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The Signet," edited by J. W. S. Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo.

"The Masonic Miscellany," edited by A. G. Mackey, Charleston, S. C.

"The Temple," edited by B. Parke, Harrisburg, Pa.

"The Masonic Union," edited by F. M. King, Auburn, N. Y., and

"The Masonic Journal," edited by J. B. Randall, Marietta, Ga.

The whole to commence with the first number of the present volume, and to be bound at the close of each volume, and kept in the Grand Lodge Library ; and the Grand Secretary to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the subscriptions.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2½ o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Friday, Nov. 7th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.



Bro. J. NOAH, from the Committee on By-Laws of Lodges, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master as refers to conferring degrees, respectfully report that they have given the subject due consideration, and fully concur with the Deputy Grand Master, that the time adopted between conferring the several degrees is too short for the candidate to be proficient in the work; and they therefore recommend that the application for the first degree lie over not less than four weeks, and that not less than two weeks intervene between the conferring the subsequent degrees, unless the candidate shall show, upon an examination in open Lodge, that he is fully qualified in his work to advance to the next degree.

Your committee, to whom was also referred so much of the Deputy Grand Master's Address as relates to the uniformity of the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges, beg leave further to report that they fully concur with the Deputy Grand Master, "that a uniformity of By-Laws is very desirable," but are of opinion that the Grand Lodge has no authority to make By-Laws for the subordinate Lodges, and that it would be an improper interference with their rights. The only right the Grand Lodge has reserved to herself, is that of restraining them in their By-Laws from encroaching upon the ancient Constitutions, and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOEL NOAH,	} Committee.
J. S. IRWIN,	
J. M. KOON,	
J. D. CREIGH,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. D. KIMBRELL, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, and kept in a neat and proper style.

The following is the amount of receipts and disbursements to Nov. 4, 1851:—

Receipts, from all sources,.....	\$1092 73
Disbursements, as per vouchers,.....	765 90

Leaving in the Grand Treasurer's hands,.....	\$326 83
--	----------

We find the following Lodges, according to their returns, deficient to the amount set opposite their names, viz.:—

<i>Tehama</i> - Lodge, No. 3, Nov., 1850,.....	\$103 51
<i>Benicia</i> " " 5, Nov., 1851,.....	132 98
<i>Sutter</i> " " 6, Nov., 1850,.....	23 00
<i>Nevada</i> * " " 13, Nov., 1851,.....	194 00
<i>Temple</i> " " 14, May, 1851,.....	5 00
<i>La Fayette</i> " " 15, May, 1851,.....	23 00

Amount still due from Lodges,.....	\$481 49
------------------------------------	----------

\* The dues of this Lodge were detained by accident, and have since been paid.

*Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, has not reported. *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, overpaid \$152, Nov., 1850. No report has since been made. *Willamette* Lodge, No. 11, has remitted to the Grand Secretary \$45, being the surplus in the hands of the Grand Treasurer due that Lodge, with instructions that it be appropriated as per circular issued at the last Communication, as a donation from that Lodge.

There is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,.....\$326 83  
And the amount due the Grand Lodge is..... 481 49

Making a total of resources of.....\$808 32  
Exclusive of the amounts due from *Marysville* and *Tuolumne* Lodges.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. D. KIMBRELL,  
H. F. WILLIAMS,  
J. NEELY JOHNSON, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

On motion of Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, a committee was appointed to ascertain what disposition *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, had made of its funds, jewels, and furniture, and report at this Communication.

The Deputy Grand Master named as such committee —

*On the Property of Sutter Lodge* :..... { Bro. T. A. Thomas,  
“ J. M. Koon,  
“ J. N. Johnson.

The Committee on Education asked for time until the next Communication to report, which was granted.

The Grand Secretary was directed to notify all delinquent Lodges to pay up their dues forthwith.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolution :—

WHEREAS, *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, has failed to make returns at this Communication of the Grand Lodge ; and *whereas*, Bro. S. M. Miles has in part made known to the Grand Lodge the cause of that delinquency, and has asked that time be given for the payment of its dues until December next : therefore

*Resolved*, That the attention of the Grand Lecturer in whose district that Lodge is located, be particularly called to that Lodge ; and if, on examination, nothing appears calling for exemplary discipline, he be authorized to grant the request of said Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

The committee appointed to draft a code of By-Laws and Rules for the government of the Grand Lodge, reported such code, a portion of which was adopted, and will be found in its appropriate place in the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7 o'clock, this evening.

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,  
Friday, Nov 7th, A. L. 5851. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

Bro. JAMES RICE, Jr., Past Grand Master of Kentucky, appeared and was invited to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. NOAH, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report: —

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California: —*

Your committee respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the By-Laws and Records of *Eureka* Lodge, and with some few exceptions find them correct. The latter clause of Sec. 1, Art. III, of said By-Laws, is exceptionable, and we recommend that it be stricken out. Your committee find in the work of the Lodge, but few slight inaccuracies, and would therefore recommend, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, that a Charter be granted to that Lodge, and that it be permitted to remove to the town of Auburn, in Placer County.

Your committee also recommend that the Dispensation of *Parfaite Union* Lodge be renewed until the next Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOEL NOAH, }  
J. M. KOON, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. L. APPLEGATE, Senior Warden of *Eureka* Lodge, was then admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Bro. L. STOWELL offered the following resolutions: —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master nominate, and the Grand Lodge appoint, a Deputy Grand Secretary, who shall perform the duties of said office in the absence of the Grand Secretary, and for whose acts the Grand Secretary shall be responsible.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure one hundred blank Diplomas, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings at this Communication to be printed, (including the Constitution, as revised, and the By-Laws,) and distributed as usual.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer, to pay all expenses growing out of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at this Communication.

Which resolutions were all adopted.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolutions: —



*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the degrees of Masonry, conferred in a Lodge by a Master Mason, in the absence of the W. Master and Wardens, under the direction and supervision of a Past Master who has presided as Master of a Lodge, shall be regarded by this Grand Lodge as valid and constitutional.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
*Saturday, Nov. 8th, A. L. 5851.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. A. BARTOL offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will receive no delegate or representative at any of its Communications, unless he be a member of some Lodge under its jurisdiction.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. J. NOAH moved a reconsideration of the resolution offered by Bro. J. R. CRANDALL yesterday evening ; which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, the communications from *Willamette* and *La Fayette* Lodges, O. T., were taken from the table and referred to a committee of one, to report forthwith.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL was appointed such committee.

The committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, reported, that in consequence of the absence of the Secretary, who had in charge the records of said Lodge, the necessary information could not be obtained ; and they asked that the time be extended, in which to report, until the next Communication : which was granted.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, to whom was referred the communications from the Lodges in Oregon Territory, presented the following report : —

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee regrets that time is not allowed to notice the subject as he would desire. He appreciates the position of *La Fayette* and *Willamette* Lodges, and can not but approve the course pursued in their associating with the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as, in this, he feels assured that they were prompted by a rule regarded as Masonic. The jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge is usually conceded to be the boundary of the State or Territory where such Grand Lodge is located, but extending to other States or Territories where no Grand Lodge exists; and now that those Lodges are not under our immediate jurisdiction, we should none the less regard them with fraternal interest, and as members of one great Masonic family. Their prompt response to the call made by this Grand Lodge, to subordinate as well as Grand Lodges, is a sufficient guarantee that they possess the true Masonic qualities, and in that respect they have set us an example worthy of imitation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL, *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

The following amendments to the Constitution were presented:—

We propose to amend Sec. 3, of Art. IX., by fixing the price of diplomas at three dollars—one dollar for the Grand Secretary: To amend Sec. 4, of Art. IX., by striking out the words “Grand Lodge,” in the last line, and inserting “Grand Secretary:” To amend Sec. 1, of Art. X., so as to allow Lodges at their discretion to elect their officers semi-annually, at the meetings next preceding the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist and Evangelist: To amend Art. III. so as to have the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge annual, instead of semi-annual: To amend Sec. 6, of Art. X., so as to require petitions to lay over four weeks for consideration: and to amend Art. XIII., so that it shall read as follows: “Any proposed amendment or alteration to the Constitution may be presented to the Grand Lodge, at a regular Communication, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges, and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the minutes, as a subject for future action; and, upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, by two thirds of the votes given thereon, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.”

A. BARTOL,.....	<i>California Lodge</i> , No. 1;
T. A. THOMAS,.....	} <i>Tehama</i> “ “ 3;
J. NEELY JOHNSON,	
H. F. WILLIAMS,.....	<i>San José</i> “ “ 10.

Which were ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

Bro. R. D. KIMBRELL, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: There have been received during this Communication the following amounts from the various Lodges hereinafter named:—

From <i>California</i>	-	Lodge, No. 1,.....	\$93 00
“ <i>Western Star</i>	“	“ 2,.....	34 00
“ <i>Tehama</i>	“	“ 3,.....	77 00
“ <i>Jennings</i>	“	“ 4,.....	35 00
“ <i>Davy Crockett</i>	“	“ 7,.....	58 00
“ <i>San José</i>	“	“ 10,.....	86 00
“ <i>Yount</i>	“	“ 12,.....	16 00
			\$399 00

Amount brought forward, .....	\$399 00	
From <i>Temple</i> - Lodge, No. 14,.....	93 00	
" <i>La Fayette</i> " " 15,.....	11 00	
" <i>Eureka</i> " " 16,.....	171 00	\$674 00
In hands of Grand Treasurer, as before reported,.....	326 00	

Total cash in the Treasury,.....\$1000 83

Due from the Lodges, so far as ascertained,..... 481 49

Total of moneys on hand and due,.....\$1482 32  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. D. KIMBRELL,  
J. NEELY JOHNSON, } *Committee.*  
H. F. WILLIAMS,

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Diplomas and Registrations reported no business before them, and asked to be discharged: which was so ordered.

Bro. A. BARTOL offered the following, which was adopted: —

*Resolved*, That the fees of the Grand Tyler shall be eight dollars per day at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master nominated Bro. O. J. PRESTON as Deputy Grand Secretary, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid: —

Grand Tyler's bill for services,.....	\$ 80 00	
Grand Treasurer's bill, six months salary and expenses, ..	76 00	
Grand Secretary's " " " " " " ..	240 00	
Deputy Grand Master's bill, expenses, &c., \$55, which, on motion, was ordered to be made.....	100 00	\$496 00

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on Districting the State, presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The Committee on Districting the State beg leave to report, that they recommend the division of the State into the following districts, viz.: —

The *San Francisco District*, to embrace all the Lodges located, or hereafter to be located, in the counties of San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Solano, Napa, Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma.

The *Sacramento District*, to embrace the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Colusi, Shasta, Trinity, Klamath, Butte, Sutter, and Yuba.

The *Nevada District*, to embrace the counties of Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, and Mariposa.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,  
ADOLPH. HOLLUB, } *Committee.*  
J. D. CREIGH,

Which report was received and concurred in.



The Deputy Grand Master announced that the only Charter issued at this Communication, was for

*Eureka Lodge, No. 16,.....at Auburn, Placer County.*

The following resolution was adopted : —

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the *R. W.* Deputy Grand Master, for his efficient services in presiding over the Grand Lodge during this Communication.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge of California was then closed in **Due Form**.

B. D. HYAM, *Deputy Grand Master*.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary*.

[36]

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED

AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

IN NOVEMBER, A. L. 5851.

---

## ARTICLE I.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of California."

## ARTICLE II.

RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members :— The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Tyler, and such other officers as the Grand Lodge, from time to time, may elect or appoint ; together with the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers, and Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries, who remain members of Lodges under this jurisdiction; the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered and constituted Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, or their legally appointed proxies; and the Past Masters, members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in Sacramento City, or at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time designate, on the first Tuesdays in May and November, in each year ; and the election of Grand Officers shall take place at the semi-annual meetings in the month of May.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, (or, in his absence from the State, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master,) upon the application of the presiding officers of any three Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall call special meetings of the Grand Lodge.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, shall be elected annually, by ballot, after the other business of the Lodge shall be completed, and shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast at an election for Grand Officers, shall be necessary for a choice. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

SEC. 2. No brother shall be eligible to an elective office unless he is a Present or Past Master, nor entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge unless a member of a subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each of the Grand Officers, for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer, when present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or, in their absence, by their proxy or proxies: and Past Masters, members of Lodges, shall each be entitled to one vote. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SEC. 2. In all questions, except those decided by ballot, in case of a tie, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or presiding officer, shall appoint the following committees, each to consist of not less than three, nor more than five members, viz.: a Committee on Credentials; a Committee on Grievances; a Committee on Unfinished Business; a Committee on Finance and Accounts; a Committee on Foreign Correspondence; a Committee on Dispensations and Charters; and a Committee on By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, or the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, may, either of them, upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working under a Charter, grant Dispensations to form new Lodges within the limits of this State, or in the adjoining Territories where no Grand Lodge exists; which Dispensations shall be returnable at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, when the Grand Lodge may order perpetual Charters, or continue the Dispensations until the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. On the first day of the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Master shall lay before the Grand Lodge a written message, therein detailing an account of his official acts during the recess, and the state and condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction;



and shall recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as he may deem expedient and necessary.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Master shall also report, in writing, at every semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, all his acts and doings relating to his office, during the vacation.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Tyler, shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to pay over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at each regular Communication, and quarterly, during the recess thereof; and to render an account of the same at each semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record thereof, and, at each semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall render an account of all his receipts and disbursements; but no disbursement shall be made by him without an order from the Grand Lodge, signed by the presiding officer and the Grand Secretary, excepting as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to their installation, shall execute respectively, to the Grand Master, or, in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, to the use of the Grand Lodge, a bond, with such security, and for such sum, as the Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, may approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

SEC. 8. All other Grand Officers receiving funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Secretary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION. 1. The Grand Lodge may grant Charters for new Lodges, to be located within the limits of its jurisdiction, to a competent number of worthy brethren applying: *Provided*, that no new Lodge shall be established by Dispensation or otherwise, except upon the recommendation of the Lodge nearest or most convenient to the place of the proposed new Lodge: *And provided further*, that in case there are two or more Lodges in the same town or place nearest or most convenient to said proposed location, the recommendation of either of them shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge shall have full and complete appellate and corrective powers in all cases relative to the fraternity within its jurisdiction; and it shall have power to assess upon its subordinate Lodges such contributions, from time to time, as the good of the Order may require.

## ARTICLE IX.

### REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars, seventy-five dollars of which shall be paid on the issuing of a Dispensation, and fifty dollars when the Charter is granted; but upon the issuing of a Charter, in a case where no previous Dispensation shall have been granted, the whole amount of one hundred and twenty-five dollars shall be required. And every Lodge, upon receipt of its Charter, shall pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars for engrossing the same, and affixing thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for every degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of one dollar for every adjoining member, and the sum of one dollar, semi-annually, for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, five dollars, by the applicant, for every Diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge ; but no Diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such Diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall also affix thereto the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of any document in his possession proper to be published, which the Grand Secretary shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive, for the use of the Grand Lodge, fifty cents for every one hundred words.

## ARTICLE X.

### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION. 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually, by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present, at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, (except in cases hereinafter provided,) who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge at its regular meeting next ensuing their adoption ; and if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every calendar month ; and if any Lodge shall fail to meet for six successive months, it shall forfeit its Charter.

SEC. 4. All the proceedings, balloting, and business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the subordinate degrees, shall be had and done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 5. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars ; and the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be invariably paid in advance.

SEC. 6. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge ; but shall not be acted upon until after the expiration of two weeks, and then only at a regular meeting. Nor shall there be conferred more than one degree upon the same candidate at any one meeting of the Lodge ; and no Lodge shall confer the degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of every Lodge working under a Dispensation, on an application for an extension of such Dispensation, or for a Charter, to submit its book of records for the inspection of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8. Each Lodge shall be represented in every semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, when it shall also furnish a correct account of its proceedings during the past six months, in a form to be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and make payment of its regular dues ; and in case of the non-performance of these duties for the space of twelve months, its Charter may be declared forfeited.

SEC. 9. It is not competent for any Lodge to expel or suspend a member from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the non-payment of dues ; but any member, who shall have neglected to make payment of his dues for the space of six months, except in case of protracted illness, or absence from the State, may be summoned to appear before the Lodge to show cause why



his name should not be stricken from the roll of members. And any Mason, whose name shall be stricken from the roll, shall not be received as a member of any other Lodge, until he shall have paid up all arrearages to the Lodge of which he was last a member, or, in case of the non-existence of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. All complaints and charges brought against a brother before a Lodge, proper to be written, shall be reduced to writing, and filed with the Secretary; a copy of which shall be served upon the accused at least ten days before he is arraigned for trial. And, after trial had, should the accused be suspended or expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to report the fact to the Grand Lodge at its next stated meeting.

SEC. 11. In all cases of suspension or expulsion by a subordinate Lodge, the right of appeal lies to the Grand Lodge; but no such appeal shall be entertained unless prosecuted at the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge next ensuing the time of the decision from which the appeal is made; and no suspension or expulsion shall be published until the Grand Lodge shall have cognizance thereof. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the trials of all appeals.

SEC. 12. No appeal from any decision of the Master of a Lodge shall be taken to the body of the Lodge; but five or more members of any subordinate Lodge may prefer charges to the Grand or Deputy Grand Master, against the Master of said Lodge, who, upon the hearing of said charges, shall, if he deem necessary, suspend said Master from the exercise of the duties of his office until the next semi-annual Grand Communication.

SEC. 13. No Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft shall be advanced to a superior degree in any Lodge except that in which he received the previous degrees, unless by the consent, in writing, of that Lodge.

SEC. 14. On the rejection of any applicant for initiation or membership, by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify all the Lodges in said jurisdiction thereof, and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive his petition short of one year from such rejection.

## ARTICLE XI.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as early as practicable after each semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to cause to be published, in pamphlet form, all such minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as are proper to be published; appended to which he shall also publish all standing rules and orders of the Grand Lodge; together with a list of officers and members of each subordinate Lodge, according to the last previous returns; the times of the stated meetings of said Lodges, and the places where they are respectively located: copies of which publication shall be forwarded to each Grand Officer, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

SEC. 2. In case of the forfeiture of the Charter, or dissolution, from any cause whatever, of a Lodge, all its books, papers, jewels, funds, and other property, shall be forfeited to the Grand Lodge; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary to take possession of the same.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation shall issue to open and hold a Lodge, the officers therein mentioned shall hold their respective offices until the time of the expiration of the Dispensation; and upon the issuing of a Charter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, in person or by proxy, (upon notice that the brethren desire to have the Lodge constituted,) to convene said brethren at such time as may best suit his and their conveni-



ence ; and, when so convened, to hold an election of officers ; whereupon he shall proceed to constitute said Lodge, and install such officers, according to the ancient regulations and usages of the craft.

SEC. 4. It shall be competent for the Grand Lodge to adopt such other rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution and the ancient rules and regulations of Freemasonry.

## ARTICLE XII.

### DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of subordinate Lodges, referred to in this Constitution, shall not be construed to mean any other than the meeting specified in the By-Laws of the Lodge ; and no adjourned or called meeting shall be considered to be part of said regular meeting.

SEC. 2. A Past Master is only one who has been regularly elected and installed, and has served for one term as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any proposed amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be presented, in writing, to the Grand Lodge at a semi-annual meeting, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges ; and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the minutes as a subject for future action ; and upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, by a vote of two thirds of the members present, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

---

# B Y - L A W S

O F T H E

## GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

---

ARTICLE. 1. At every Communication, the Grand Lodge shall be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the day appointed for meeting, or as soon as a sufficient representation shall appear.

ART. 2. After reading the proceedings of the last meeting, the appointment of committees shall be first in order ; then the presenting and hearing of petitions ; the reports of committees previously appointed ; and the unfinished business. And no new motion, or other business shall be received, without first obtaining leave of the Grand Lodge, until the former is disposed of.

ART. 3. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made within the same session (of the day) the question shall have been decided, unless all are present who voted on the question ; nor shall it be in order unless moved by one in the majority, and seconded.

ART. 4. Every motion requiring to be recorded shall be in writing. In filling blanks, the largest sum or number and the longest time shall be first stated.

ART. 5. If the previous question shall be called for by one Lodge and seconded by another, and the majority sustain such call, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If carried, such main question shall be the original proposition, as amended at time of the adoption of the call for the previous question.

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless he obtain consent of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 7. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

ART. 8. Any of the above By-Laws may be amended, or, when necessary, suspended for the time being, on the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

---

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

### GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

---

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adopt, as the true meaning of the 1st Sec. of Art. V. of the Constitution: "That the legal representative of any Lodge, represented in this Grand Lodge, shall cast the three votes to which the Lodge is entitled." [May, 1851.]

2. *Resolved*, That every subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to have read in open Lodge, on the first meeting after their reception, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as every circular issued by the Grand Secretary. [May, 1851.]

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges, with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of any election of officers of this Grand Lodge, wherein a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hands, and duly authenticated under the seal of this Grand Lodge; together with a request to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will hereafter, so often as by any change of Grand Officers it may become important, furnish this Grand Lodge with a similar document. [May, 1851.]

4. *Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Master of each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, immediately upon the death of a regular member of the same, in good standing, to have a record of said death entered upon the Lodge book of his Lodge, and to report the same to the Grand Secretary, who shall thereupon transmit to the Master of said Lodge, a

Grand Lodge Diploma, filled up with the name of the deceased brother, free of expense, for the benefit of his widow and orphans, or either. [May, 1851.]

5. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of a Lodge to take cognizance of the conduct of any brother or brethren, not attached to any Lodge under this jurisdiction, on a charge of unma<sup>s</sup>onic conduct, and reprimand, suspend or expel him from the rights and privileges of Masonry. [Nov., 1851.]

6. *Resolved*, That no subordinate Lodge shall receive a petition for initiation unless the Lodge be fully satisfied that the petitioner has been a resident within the State twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge three months. [Nov., 1851.]

7. *Resolved*, That the votes of this Grand Lodge shall be taken by yeas and nays. [Nov., 1851.]

8. *Resolved*, That every subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to certificates, returns, and other documents for publication; an impression from such seal to be recorded on the records of the Lodge, also an impression to be sent to the Grand Secretary. [Nov., 1851.]

9. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturers to visit all the Lodges under Charter and Dispensation within their respective districts, examine their records and work, and correct the same, and give the proper instructions to such Lodges; and in case of any irregularities, or violations of the rules and regulations of Masonry, or of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, that they report the facts to the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and, if necessary, to suspend the labors of the Lodge or Lodges so offending, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, and then report the same thereto. [Nov., 1851.]

10. *Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Lecturers shall be paid by the respective Lodges; and that the Grand Lodge shall pay, for their time expended, a reasonable compensation. [Nov., 1851.]

11. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master nominate, and the Grand Lodge appoint, a Deputy Grand Secretary, who shall perform the duties of said office in the absence of the Grand Secretary, and for whose acts the Grand Secretary shall be responsible. [Nov., 1851.]

12. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the degrees of Masonry, conferred in a Lodge by a Master Mason, in the absence of the W. Master and Wardens, under the direction and supervision of a Past Master who has presided as Master of a Lodge, shall be regarded by this Grand Lodge as valid and constitutional. [Nov., 1851.]

13. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will receive no delegate or representative to any of its Communications, unless he be a member of some subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction. [Nov., 1851.]



# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

### THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

NOVEMBER, A. L. 5851.

#### California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets every Thursday.*

#### OFFICERS:

P. A. Brinsmade, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. Reynolds, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. A. Selover, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. G. Scott, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. Van De Water, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	F. Hoen, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
S. J. Gower, <i>Treasurer,</i>	T. R. Johnson, <i>Tyler.</i>

#### Past Masters:

L. Stowell, <i>G. Sec.</i>	C. Gilman, <i>P. G. M. of Md.</i>	J. Shannon,
J. D. Stevenson, <i>P. G. M.</i>	M. Fallon,	T. L. Pickering,
J. H. Gihon, <i>P. G. Sec.</i>	A. Bartol.	R. F. Knott.
O. J. Preston,	P. Petrovits,	J. S. Schultz.

#### MASTER MASONS:

Addison, J. E.	Field, S. C.	Monell, G. I. N.	Schaeffer, M.
Allen, R. N.	Findla, J.	Morris, G. T.	Shepherd, P. W.
Anthony, G. W.	Gerke, H.	Morse, J. B.	Smiley, J.
Atkinson, G. D.	Greene, W.	Murray, H. C.	Smith, W. C. R.
Barnard, J. C.	Hampton, R. B.	McCarthy, D.	Snow, T.
Beckett, J.	Harrington, W. T.	Neeb, J.	Stebbins, W. P. C.
Brasseur, J.	Hastings, J.	Oldfield, W. C.	Tilford, F.
Cole, R. E.	Haven, J. P.	Parker, W. C.	Tooker, L.
Cronin, D.	Hudson, G. A.	Payne, T.	Walker, W.
Dall, J. H.	Korn, T. R.	Peyton, B. Jr.	Ward, I. M.
Dorr, E. M.	Mallet, J. H.	Piper, W. A.	Wehler, E.
De Fiennes, J. B.	Meyerowitz, I.	Rehfish, M.	Wilson, C. L.—71.
De Liagre, P.	Middleton, J.	Rogers, A. S.	

#### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Geoffrey, L.	Hoyt, R.	O'Bryon, F. J. O.
Gerry, S. R.	Monroe, J. A.	Pollard, A.—6.

#### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Benham, C.	Brown, H. S.	Ewer, F. C.	Norton, M.
Blood, J. H.	Cazneau, T. N.	Ingram, J.	Woods, I. C.—8.

#### WITHDRAWN:

Bowie, H. R.	Geary, J. W.	Hoskin, J.
Caspari, M.	Gross, E.	Noah, J.—6.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 6. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 4.*

## Western Star Lodge, No. 2.

Shasta, Shasta County.

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

D. Spencer, *W. Master*,  
A. Hawkins, *Sen. Warden*,  
W. Oppenheimer, *Jun. Warden*,  
R. W. Crenshaw, *Treasurer*.

W. Robinson, *Secretary*,  
J. Lemmon, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. Callahan, *Jun. Deacon*,  
M. Green, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

J. Roop,

M. Swan.

### MASTER MASONS:

Collins, M. C.	Harrison, W. R.	Mooney, D. B.	Quillen, P.
Goodwin, C. E.	Hicks, T. E.	Overdoffer, M.	Terbush, P. F.—18.

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Larabee, H. P.—1.

## Tehama Lodge, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

T. A. Thomas, *W. Master*,  
L. I. Wilder, *Sen. Warden*,  
R. H. McDonald, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Kohlman, *Treasurer*,

J. R. Atkins, *Secretary*,  
J. M. Koon, *Sen. Deacon*,  
C. L. Coakley, *Jun. Deacon*,  
A. C. Harrison, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

J. A. Tutt, *G. M.*

T. A. Thomas, *G. T.*

### MASTER MASONS:

Albrecht, A. E.	DeYoung, E.	Marshall, J. E.	Solomon, L.
Beckley, L. R.	Ewer, P. F.	Martin, A.	Somes, G. W.
Belay, A. T.	Fisher, H.	Mayer, L.	Thompson, A. C.
Bigler, J.	Foley, J. J.	Morrill, J.	Tracy, J. M.
Brooke, L. E.	Hagan, L.	Northam, E. F.	Tuttle, C. L.
Brown, J. E.	Hall, J.	Peebles, C.	Wadsworth, J. H.
Bucklis, H.	Harvey, J. C.	Price, T. R.	Wales, T. P.
Chafee, O. D.	Ish, T. A.	Rowe, C.	Wetzler, J.
Conrad, S.	Johnson, J. N.	Shepherd, D. M.	White, J.
Cook, J. S.	Kalkman, P.	Shoemaker, W.	Winn, A. M.
Cummins, S. C.	Lewis, W. P.	Smith, C. H.	Wolf, L.—55.
Cushing, H.	Lynch, P.		

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bennett, A. A.	Mitchell, J. B.	Rodney, J. H.	Wright, G. G.—4.
----------------	-----------------	---------------	------------------

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hastings, L. W.	Ihnells, C.	McCall, D.	Stockflesh, T.—4.
-----------------	-------------	------------	-------------------

### WITHDRAWN:

Beer, J.	Green, M.	Penman, J.	Wilburn, T.—7.
Blunt, L.	Kinsey, L.	Strauss, L. R.	

### DIED:

Pope Gordon.—1.

*Initiated, 9. Passed, 7. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 6.*

**Jennings Lodge, No. 4.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

B. Jennings, *W. Master*,  
 J. H. Ralston, *Sen. Warden*.  
 P. Dunlap, *Jun. Warden*,  
 S. P. May, *Treasurer*,

A. Hollub, *Secretary*,  
 A. Greenwalt, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 E. J. C. Kewen, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 A. C. Harrison, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

B. Jennings, *P.G.T.* J. H. Ralston, W. N. Doughty, J. Noah.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Buckley, D.	Gallup, E. K.	Sackett, C. C.	Unger, J.
Deal, W. G.	Gillespie, E. F.	Schoolcraft, H. A.	White, W. S.
Edwards, E. R.	Hartt, A. G.	Schwartz, M.	Whitesides, W. B.
Fake, G. F.	Herstell, L.	Thompson, J. L.	Winkle, H.
Fowler, J. S.	Mulvany, P. H.	Tweed, C. A.	Wright, J. A.—31.
Freeman, J. B.	Nagle, G. D.		

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Hall, G. E. Selfridge, R. O.—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Grey, T. E. May, S. P. Theal, H.—3.

*Initiated, 2. Passed, 1. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 7.*

**Benicia Lodge, No. 5.****Benicia, Solano County.***Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

L. B. Mizner, *W. Master*,  
 R. Semple, *Sen. Warden*,  
 B. Robinson, *Jun. Warden*.  
 S. Bynum, *Treasurer*,

R. B. Norman, *Secretary*,  
 H. B. Newton, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 E. H. Von Pfister, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 S. Vaughn, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

B. D. Hyam, *D. G. M.*

**MASTER MASONS:**

Dyerly, C. P.	McKay, W. R. J.	Stocker, J. T.	Williamson, R. S.
Gillis, C.	Riddell, A.	Thorpe, M.	—16

**Sutter Lodge, No. 6.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***No Returns.***Davy Crockett Lodge, No. 7.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

R. Clark, *W. Master*.  
 S. Marx, *Sen. Warden*.  
 T. H. Walsh, *Jun. Warden*,  
 R. Ross, *Treasurer*,

R. D. Kimbrell, *Secretary*,  
 D. B. Grant, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 E. Barry, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 F. C. Brown, *Tyler*.



**Past Master:**

A. C. Labatt.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Birdsall, J. M.	Foss, H. C.	Leeke, E. E.	Ragsdale, E. B.
Castle, J. G.	Gaillard, E.	Lindenberger, T. E.	Rhienstien, L.
Charles, G.	Gronlier, C.	Mendels, E. S.	Sietz, C.
Clement, J.	Jacobi, D.	Murphy, D. W.	Sterling, J. M.
Corbett, A. H.	Jacoby, A.	McCabe, A. J.	Van Hall, C. E.
Craine, W.	Johnson, W.	McCabe, J. W.	Vise, N.
Curry, S.	Johnston, J.	McCarthy, E.	Willison, E. F.
Fenton, M.	Kelly, T.	Price, W. W.	Woods, R. E.—41.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Donahue, J. Glen, T. Whitney, T.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Damy, M. Gunter, H. Walter, L. H.—3.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Howard, W. H. B.—1.

**DIED:**

Thos. H. Walsh.—1.

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 9. Raised, 7. Affiliated, 12.*

**Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

C. M. Radcliff, <i>W. Master,</i>	H. W. Theall, <i>Secretary.</i>
W. Perkins, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. W. Torney, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. F. Dodge, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. Linoberg, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
A. A. H. Tuttle, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. De La Hay, <i>Tyler.</i>

**MASTER MASONS:**

Allen, J. J.	Dillon, J.	Martin, G. T.	Reister, B. J.
Burke, H. H.	Farnsworth, A.	Mellen, W. E.	Ross, J. McD.
Chatfield, A. F.	Fashnia, A. L.	Morris, P.	Selling, P.
Claxton, G. W.	Fitzpatrick, M.	Morrison, W. P.	Sherman, I. H.
Colbreath, J. C.	Horr, B. D.	McDowell, D. S.	Smith, S.
Collins, W.	Labetome, C.	McFarland, J. F.	Talbot, J. A.
Cooper, W. H.	Mace, J. D.	McKay, R. H.	Walsingham, F. L.
Croft, E.	Marshall, B. F.	McLean, G.	Warren, A.
Davis, J. A.	Marshall, E. C.	Plaister, J. H.	Wilkins, W. W.
Decker, W. H.			Yaney, J. P.—46.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bensançon, L. A.	Gulledge, T. W.	Murphy, R. L.	Stribling, J. E.
Candee, J. D.	Henry, R. G.	Rogers, R.	Sullivan, R. F.—11.
Evans, G. S.	Marchison, J.	Snodgrass, W.	

**DIED:**

John Care.—1.

**EXPELLED:**

Richard C. Barry,—1.

*Initiated, 9. Passed, 12. Raised, 14. Affiliated, 2.*

**Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

L. Steinhart, *W. Master*,  
 J. Levy, *Sen. Warden*,  
 L. W. Taylor, *Jun. Warden*,  
 A. Scheussler, *Treasurer*,

G. Engler, *Secretary*,  
 C. F. Colton, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 C. Levy, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 C. L. N. Vaughn, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

A. Maurice, Jr.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Brewster, S. T.	Hand, E. B.	Pierce, W. S.	Smith, J. G.
Burlingame, J.	Hanson, G. M.	Pierson, O. H.	Taylor, R. H.
Covillaud, C.	Haun, H. P.	Rueger, J.	Truax, A. M.
Ellet, C.	Hopkins, G. W.	Schmidt, M.	Tuttle, C. J.
Field, S. J.	Miles, S. M.	Sergent, W. S.	Watts, S. T.
Friedman, J.	Mulford, S. B.	Simmerly, S.	Williams, H. J.—34.
Goodwin, J. O.			

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Hanson, J.	Latham, W. B.	Reinhart, S.	Tracy, E. W.—4.
------------	---------------	--------------	-----------------

**WITHDRAWN:**

Mitchell, C. B.	Olds, B. S.	Simonson, M.—3.
-----------------	-------------	-----------------

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 7. Raised, 7. Affiliated, 2.***San Jose Lodge, No. 10.****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. Cloudsley, *W. Master*,  
 B. C. Donnellan, *Sen. Warden*,  
 C. T. Ryland, *Jun. Warden*,  
 P. O. Minor, *Treasurer*,

F. S. McKinney, *Secretary*,  
 H. F. Williams, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 W. Wilson, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. Reddick, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Basham, W. R.	Crittenden, A. P.	Lamartine, G. A.	Provost, L.
Burrows, J. F.	Curl, J. D.	Laurencel, H.	Sharer, A.
Campbell, A. C.	Eddy, W. H.	Melone, H. C.	Townsend, J.
Campbell, C.	Hammond, E. D.	Morrow, W.	Van Canegan, P.
Cory, B.	Hoppe, J. D.	Powell, H. M. T.	Van Voorhies, W.
			—28.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Bidwell, —	Damon, J. F.	Sansavaine, P.
Crosby, E. O.	Hensley, S. J.	Veesaert, B.—6.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Baker, G. W.	Cloudsley, J.	May, J. J.
Burton, W. S.	Dorsey, H. P.	Wilson, W.—6.

**DIED:**

H. C. Smith,—1.

*Initiated, 12. Passed, 7. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 2.*

**Willamette Lodge, No. 11.****Portland, Oregon Territory.***Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. Elliot, *W. Master*,  
 L. May, *Sen. Warden*,  
 H. D. O'Bryant, *Jun. Warden*,  
 D. H. Lownsdale, *Treasurer*,

W. S. Caldwell, *Secretary*,  
 F. A. Clark, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. H. Couch, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 N. Delain, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Avery, J. C.	Dryer, T. J.	King, W. M.	Stewart, E.
Barber, G. W.	De Witt, F.	Leach, J. B.	Thompson, R.
Bell, S. W.	Flanders, G. H.	Loomis, J.	Tryon, D.
Butler, J. B. V.	Fulkerson, P.	Lynde, J. B.	Tryon, S. H.
Chapman, W. W.	Goldsmith, J.	McKinney, F. H.	Ward, I.
Couch, J. P.	Hayes, S.	Robinson, T. G.	Wilcox, R.
Crosby, N.	Howard, J.	Stark, B.	Wilson, A. E.—36.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Norton, Z. C.

Olney, N.—2.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Ambrose, G. H.

Hall, R.

Ingalls, R.

Simmons, M. T.—4.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Burgoyne, G. F.

Gibbs, G.—2.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 1.***Yount Lodge, No. 12.****Napa, Napa County.***Meets first and third Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. D. Deering, *W. Master*,  
 J. M. Small, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. H. Seawell, *Jun. Warden*,  
 G. C. Yount, *Treasurer*,

W. W. Stillwagon, *Secretary*,  
 J. Mount, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 B. Vines, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 T. Chopson, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Brown, S. E.

Kendig, M. H. N.

McClellan, M. T.

Bristol, J. D.

Moody, G. W.

McGarry, E.—14.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Gugsby, J.

McKinney, N.—2.

*Initiated, 1. Raised, 2.***Nevada Lodge, No. 13.****Nevada, Nevada County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. R. Crandall, *W. Master*,  
 J. S. Irwin, *Sen. Warden*,  
 I. Williamson, *Jun. Warden*,  
 D. G. Clark, *Treasurer*,

E. F. W. Ellis, *Secretary*,  
 J. R. McConnell, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 W. W. Whipple, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. J. Martin, *Tyler*.



**Past Masters :**

E. F. W. Ellis, S. G. W.

J. R. Crandall,

J. F. Halsey.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Barbour, W. T.	Dunlap, R. R.	Latta, S.	Smith, A.
Barker, J. O.	Dunn, T. O.	Little, R.	Smith, J. C.
Bellfield, T.	Fisher, F.	Long, J.	Smith, J. L. P.
Bothwell, W.	Folsome, W. H.	Mann, J. S.	Smith, S.
Boyce, W. T.	Gebheart, A.	Marsh, C.	Smith, P. D.
Buker, J. B.	Gregg, J. M.	Maxy, W. W.	Spear, J. G.
Cain, J. N.	Hanson, M.	Mills, H. A.	Talbot, J. G.
Caldwell, A. B.	Hardesty, S. V.	Monroe, M.	Tillery, J. D.
Caperton, W. W.	Hardy, A.	Moore, R.	Turner, J. C.
Caswell, T. H.	Hodge, H. C.	Morgan, A.	Turner, J. N.
Coats, B. M.	Hopkinson, W.	McIntyre, D.	Wasper, L.
Congers, B. F.	Hoy, A. B.	Nathan, D.	Webb, S. D.
Corker, J. E.	Hubbard, J. F.	Nixon, I.	Wells, F.
Covert, E.	Jackson, E.	Overton, C. T.	Williams, T. G.
Cox, H. A.	Justice, W.	Phelps, J.	Woods, H. B.
Davis, A. W.	Kinsey, S.	Roberts, E. W.	Young, W. C.—76.
Davis, H.	Knox, A. J.	Sitler, W. W.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**Fagan, P. B.  
Harris, W.Ray, R.  
Spurr, W. S.

Watkins, W. S.—5.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Furman, J. C.	Howard, A.	Story, W. M.	Winn, J. J.—7.
Hartsough, J. B.	Pearce, W. C.	Wapples, J.	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Carland, D.	Dysart, G.	Ingram, J.	Rich, J.
Coleman, M. H.	Ellwell, W.	Miller, T.	Tillman, W. H.
Cox, A. J.	Gibson, O. H. P.	McPhillips, B.	Williams, J. W.—15.
Dills, J. W.	Howell, C. G.	Palmer, T. L.	

**DIED :**

Calvin N. Reed, Jas. A. Thompson.—2.

*Initiated, 37. Passed, 33. Raised, 30. Affiliated, 23.***Temple Lodge, No. 14.****Sonoma, Sonoma County.***Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**G. H. Derby, *W. Master*,  
J. R. Long, *Sen. Warden*,  
E. T. Peabody, *Jun. Warden*,  
S. Akers, *Treasurer*,G. Stoneman, *Secretary*,  
J. Davison, *Sen. Deacon*,  
W. Burriss, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. Smith, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

W. M. Knight,

C. F. Ruoff.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Adler, H.	Carlton, C.	Harden, J. A.	Lewis, J.
Bartlett, C. H.	Cook, M. E.	Hecklen, B.	McDonald, A. C.
Blakely, J. C.	Cooper, J.	Kemp, H.	Norris, H.
Brockman, J.	Farrell, J. O.	Leonard, H.	Ray, J. G.
Cameron, J.			Scoffy, P. M.—28.

FELLOW CRAFTS:		
Foster, T.	Miller, G. W.	Neville, J. N.—3.
ENTERED APPRENTICES:		
Beasley, J.	Bruner, C.	Hudspeth, J.
Benitz, W.	Hudspeth, C. M.	Vaughn, N.—6.
WITHDRAWN:		
Hendly, J.	Knuckles, N.	Rector, M.—3.
<i>Initiated, 22. Passed, 21. Raised, 18. Affiliated, 3.</i>		

## La Fayette Lodge, No. 15.

La Fayette, Oregon Territory.

*Meets first Saturday in each Month.*

### OFFICERS:

W. J. Berry, <i>W. Master.</i>	R. Clark, <i>Secretary,</i>
H. D. Garrett, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Palmer, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
G. B. Gondy, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. J. Martin, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
A. J. Hembree, <i>Treasurer,</i>	O. Moore, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Bailey, D. D.	Gilmore, M.	Martin, F. B.	Richardson, C.
Blanchard, W.	Hibbard, P.	Martin, H. D.	Richardson, J.
Crisp, M. R.	Logan, D.	Moore, S.	Walling, C. B.—20.

## Eureka Lodge, No. 16.

Auburn, Placer County,

*Meets every alternate Saturday.*

### OFFICERS:

R. Akan, <i>W. Master,</i>	G. W. Applegate, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. Applegate, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	Z. Faulkner, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. W. Bolen, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. F. Jacobs, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
D. K. Newell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. Callaway, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Beardsley, J. W.	Newell, G. F.	Rose, A. W.	Tyler, J. A.
Couran, G. P. H.	Romm, F.	Russell, P. S.	Weaver, A. J.—16.

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Zouzalin, R.—1.

### WITHDRAWN:

Bray, J. M.	Garney, P. B.	Prewitt, J.	Steckler, C.
Bouton, A. P.	Leob, B.	Rohrer, F.	Strode, L.
Canny, P.	Lester, P. B.	Rose, N. R.	Vanielief, D. D.
Crabill, L.	Marquis, H. M.	Ross, G.	Woods, G.
Davis, J.	McNull, D. P.	Russell, H. B.	Young, H. M.—23.
Frith, T.	Pollock, B.	Smith, J.	

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 9. Raised, 9.*

**Parfaite Union Lodge, U. D.**  
**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*No Returns.*

**Mountain Shade Lodge, U. D.**

**Downieville, Yuba County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.*

**OFFICERS :**

H. P. Benton, *W. Master*,  
 W. B. Hamblin, *Sen. Warden*,  
 Geo. Fagg, *Jun. Warden*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer*,

\_\_\_\_\_, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS :**

Bates, H. P.	Freeman, B. N.	Harris, G.	McNulty, H.
Clements, T.	Frost, B. G.	Hinton, J.	Powell, J.
Corcoran, J.	Gardner, J. H.	Hocker, N. B.	Ramsdale, T. M.
Craycroft, J. H.	Gardner, J. M.	Holt, C.	Ryan, P.
Cummings, C. H.	Garnasett, J.	Johnson, D.	Stien, J. W.
Cunningham, N.	Graham, T. B.	Lemmon, W. C.	Stillman, J. H.
Fitzharris, J.	Green, B.	McDonnell, R. J.	Swan, J. E.
Frazier, H. A.	Harpham, J.	McNabb, G. G.	Vineyard, J. R.
Freehill, T. B.			Whistler, T. H.—37.

**FELLOW CRAFTS :**

Hobbs, R.

Young, W. P.—2.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES :**

Bleeker, E.  
 Ferguson, W. C.

Golden, J.  
 McDaniels, J.

McKibben, J. C.—5.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Cheever, W. H.—1.

*Initiated, 15. Passed, 10. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 7.*

**San Diego Lodge, U. D.**

**San Diego, San Diego County.**

*No Returns.*

NOTE.—Where blanks have been left in the foregoing returns, it has been in consequence of the incompleteness of the reports of the Lodges in those respects.—[A. G. A., GR. SEC.]



## RECAPITULATION.

Total number of Lodges,.....	17
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	16
Total number of Master Masons reported,.....	567
Total number of Fellow Crafts “ .....	25
Total number of Entered Apprentices reported,.....	53
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	150
Total number passed, “ “ .....	126
Total number raised, “ “ .....	121
Total number affiliated, “ “ .....	69
Total number withdrawn, “ “ .....	81
Total number died,.....	5
Expelled,.....	1

[54]

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT THE  
THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

The Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco;

COMMENCED ON

TUESDAY, MAY 4th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852,

AND TERMINATED ON

SATURDAY, MAY 8th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852.

---

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

---

M.: W.: JOHN A. TUTT,  
*Grand Master, presiding.*

R.: W.: LEVI STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

---

1852.

# GRAND OFFICERS

## OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

## FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W.	BENJ. D. HYAM,	GRAND MASTER,	San Francisco ;
R. W.	C. M. RADCLIFF,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	Sonora ;
" "	ADOLP. HOLLUB,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	Sacramento ;
" "	J. R. McCONNELL,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	Nevada ;
" "	ADDISON MARTIN,	GRAND TREASURER,	Sacramento ;
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	GRAND SECRETARY,	San Francisco ;
" "	J. M. SMALL,	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	Napa ;
W.	O. J. PRESTON,	ASSIST. GRAND SECRETARY,	San Francisco ;
"	ROBT. HOPKINS,	GRAND MARSHAL,	Sonoma ;
	—————, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, —————		
"	FENWICK FISHER,	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	Nevada ;
"	JOHN COOK,	GRAND BIBLE BEARER,	San José ;
"	J. J. PAPY,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	San Francisco ;
"	L. STEINHART,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	Marysville ;
"	F. C. ANDREWS,	} GRAND STEWARDS,	{ Stockton ;
"	J. P. GAUCH,		{ Sacramento ;
"	J. S. SHULTZ,		San Francisco ;

---

## GRAND LECTURERS.

W.	O. J. PRESTON,	For the San Francisco District ;
"	T. A. THOMAS,	For the Sacramento District ;
"	J. R. CRANDALL,	For the Nevada District.



# GRAND LODGE

OF THE

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

#### THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California commenced its Third Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the fourth day of May, A. L. 5852, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT :

The	M. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	.....	Grand Master ;
	R. W.	B. D. HYAM,	.....	Deputy Grand Master ;
	"	"	J. R. CRANDALL, as.....	Sen. Grand Warden ;
	"	"	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, as.....	Jun. Grand Warden ;
	"	"	REUBEN CLARK, as.....	Grand Treasurer ;
	"	"	LEVI STOWELL,.....	Grand Secretary ;
	"	"	J. M. SMALL, as.....	Grand Chaplain ;
	W.	L. B. MIZNER,	.....	Grand Marshal ;
	"	W. D. DEERING,	.....	Sen. Grand Deacon ;
	"	ADDISON MARTIN, as.....	Jun. Grand Deacon ;	
	"	J. M. KOON, .....	} Grand Stewards ;	
	"	J. R. MCCONNELL, as.....		
	"	J. S. SHULTZ, as.....		Grand Tyler :

And the representatives of ten chartered Lodges, together with a number of visiting brethren.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Ample Form**, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the proceedings at the last Semi-Annual Communication was dispensed with, the members having been furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the following committee —

*On Credentials*:... { Bro. Reuben Clark,  
“ L. B. Mizner,  
“ A. Hollub.

Which committee reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz. : — from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....R. F. Knott, Worshipful Master ;  
P. W. Shephard, Senior Warden ;  
R. E. Cole, Junior Warden ;  
J. H. Gihon, *P. G. S.* }  
O. J. Preston, }  
J. S. Shultz, } Past Masters.  
J. D. Creigh, }  
W. H. Howard, }

*Tehama*, .....No. 3,.....A. Martin, Worshipful Master ;  
W. W. Stovall, proxy for Senior Warden.

*Jennings*,.....No. 4,.....J. P. Gauch, Worshipful Master ;  
A. Hollub, P. M. and proxy for Senior Warden.

*Benicia*,.....No. 5,.....B. D. Hyam, Representative and Past Master ;  
L. B. Mizner, Past Master.

*Davy Crockett*,...No. 7,.....J. J. Papy, Worshipful Master ;  
Samuel Marx, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
E. McCarthy, Junior Warden ;  
Reuben Clark, Past Master.

*San Jose*,.....No. 10,.....H. F. Williams, Senior Warden ;  
John Cook, P. M. and proxy for Junior Warden.

*Yount*,.....No. 12,.....J. M. Small, Worshipful Master ;  
W. D. Deering, Past Master.

*Nevada*,.....No. 13,.....J. R. McConnell, Worshipful Master ;  
F. Fisher, proxy for Senior and Junior Wardens ;  
J. R. Crandall, Past Master.

*Temple*,.....No. 14,.....R. Hopkins, Representative.

*Eureka*,.....No. 16, G. W. Applegate, Representative.

The report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge, as follows : —

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California* : —

In the wisdom of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we are permitted again to assemble in Annual Communication ; and whilst we exchange congratulations at the general health and prosperity with which we have been blessed since last we met, let us earnestly trust that our deliberations at this time will be conducted in the most fraternal manner, and that they may be productive of that which each of us cannot but have at heart — the advancement of our ancient and honorable Order.

The Constitution requires that I should, on the first day of your regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, lay before you a written message, detailing my official acts during the recess, setting forth the state and condition of Masonry within my jurisdiction, and recommending such measures as I may deem expedient and necessary.

Since the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May last, as is well known to most of the brethren present, I have been absent from the State the greater part of the time, and I am consequently in a great measure uninformed as to what has been passing in my jurisdiction. During my absence I committed the charge of the Craft to Bro. B. D. HYAM, your Deputy Grand Master, and the state of the Order upon my return, is a sufficient evidence of the manner in which he has discharged the trust. Being fully apprised of what has transpired, he will, I have no doubt, lay before you a report of the condition of the Fraternity, and of such acts of an official nature performed by him, as he deems of sufficient interest to be brought to your notice.

Upon my return to the State, about six weeks since, I found the Craft in a highly flourishing condition, and I am happy to be able to say that the same prosperous condition still continues.

I deem it necessary to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of the length of time which should elapse after the receipt of one degree, before another is conferred. In some of the Lodges it is well known that, at times, the degrees follow one another in inexcusable haste. According to the ancient Constitutions of the Order, it was indispensably requisite that a candidate should be perfect in a preceding, before he was allowed to take a higher degree, and this was ascertained by an examination in open Lodge. In later days, however, one would think, from the course which has been pursued, that the only object is to increase the number of initiates; for how often is it the case that we find Masons advanced who know nothing whatever of the degrees which they have received. Such Masons are no credit to the Fraternity, and it is to be ascribed to this cause alone—the haste with which the degrees are conferred, and the neglect to require the candidate to be versed in the work and lectures of the degree received before he can be advanced—that we find so few bright Masons. It appears to me that the proper course to be pursued to correct this evil, is not only to prescribe that a definite length of time should elapse between the conferring of the degrees, but also to require the subordinate Lodges to satisfy themselves that the candidate has made suitable proficiency before he is permitted to be passed or raised.

Another subject to which I would call the especial attention of the Grand Lodge, is the propriety of a uniformity of work in this jurisdiction. To any well informed Mason, it is a great source of regret that such a diversity of work is to be found in different Lodges, and it is doubtless owing to this diversity that many Masons never qualify themselves for official positions. Though this body can do nothing towards producing a uniformity of work throughout the United States, yet it can do much towards effecting it within its own jurisdiction. A system has already been agreed upon, and Grand Lecturers appointed to promulgate it. Let District Deputy Grand Masters also be appointed; let them be active, efficient, and bright Masons, acquainted with the work which you have authorized; and that work will be carried to, and taught by them in every Lodge within your jurisdiction.

At your last semi-annual Communication a committee was appointed to consider and report the ways and means of establishing a permanent fund for the promotion of education and charitable purposes. It appears to me that much might be effected towards the accomplishment of so desirable an object, by adopting here the plan pursued by the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, in levying a tax on non-affiliated Masons residing within our juris-



diction. Of their duty to contribute there can be no question; and of the propriety of taxing them, when they are not contributing members, there can be but little doubt. There are hundreds of non-affiliated Masons within our jurisdiction, and by levying upon them a moderate annual tax, and setting it apart to constitute a portion of the permanent fund, we would either soon acquire a considerable fund, or, what is more desirable, they would be found affiliating with some of our Lodges. This has been the result, to a great extent, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, and I am informed that in one county at least, every non-affiliated Mason, upon being summoned to pay the tax, immediately took the initiatory steps towards being admitted to membership.

I deeply regret, as must every true Mason, that our brethren of the State of New York still remain at variance; but I trust that they will listen to the counsel of the Fraternity, settle their difficulties, acknowledge the jurisdiction of the true Grand Lodge, and live in peace and brotherly love.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, the interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction are in your charge. Mar not in the slightest degree the beauty of the institution, but, conscious of the strength of its claims upon mankind, and guided by the wisdom of the Great "*I Am*," let your deliberations result in the advancement of the interests of the Fraternity; and may the principles of our Order ever continue as heretofore — dispensing light in the midst of darkness, breathing peace and good will to men.

J. A. TUTT, *Grand Master*.

The Address was laid upon the table for the present.

The Deputy Grand Master delivered the following Address : —

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California : —*

It is with more than common gratification that I meet you in session, to deliberate on such subjects of moment as may tend to the advancement and strengthening of our noble institution.

Praise be to the Giver of Light, that we have been, by His mercy, spared to hold out the hand of Fellowship and Good Will to each other on this occasion, and grateful should we all be to Him for His extended mercy in sparing us to this time, and keeping us safe from the attacks of the Arch Enemy, the leveler of all mankind. With one accord and voice we must feel thankful that, with few exceptions, death has been unknown among our ranks, and I believe all of the members that constituted the Grand Lodge last May, are at this time alive.

Our *M. W.* Grand Master, having been absent from the scene of his duties for many months, the charge of the Craft devolved on me; and since his return, I have been requested by him to bring before your notice such matters as I deem of material importance to us — hoping, nay, resting satisfied that they will receive at your hands such mature deliberation as their nature requires, and that whatever be the result thereof, it will be for the ultimate benefit and advantage of Freemasonry.

Rejoicing as we all must, at the extension of our Order on the shores of the Pacific, even to its mountain fastnesses, wherein, a few months back, only the steps of the Red Man, and echo of the roar of the forest monsters were known — establishing itself through our influence in the Islands of the Seas thereof, wherein darkness and ignorance but a few years back overspread the land — what, may we ask ourselves, will be the effect, ere another quarter of a century revolves over the destinies of our Order. The answer, I believe, is simple, and so sure as Freemasonry establishes its foothold, in company with civilization throughout these seas — which of a certainty it will — the condition of our

fellow-men must become inevitably ameliorated. A few months back in this State, now so prosperous, and swiftly marching on to greatness, but then in ignorance and darkness, it were little less than treason for a man to be bold enough to have openly declared himself a Freemason. How different at this moment!

In the liberal governments of Europe and South America, Freemasonry stands forth conspicuous and respected, not only supported and patronized by Kings, Princes, and great men in either place, and in the sister States numbering among its members the best and greatest men, from the Father of his country, through the various grades of society, including Presidents, Rulers, and Warriors — and at this time with us progressing rapidly, and receiving under its banners members — men of the highest and noblest character and standing in the State. It is not merely idle curiosity that impels them to this movement. A far more noble sentiment induces the good man to enlist himself in its cause; and when the neophyte, whose moral organization is of the proper order, has the beauties of the "Mystic Science" unfolded to him, he finds much that is worthy of contemplation, and of necessity becomes a strict observer of its teachings and discipline. The uninitiated may with surprise ask, why is this? The answer is not difficult. We never meddle with politics, nor with any matters that will in any way tend to outrage society, or the ramifications on which it is constructed; but, whatever may be the religious or partisan feelings of a Mason, we leave all men to enjoy their liberty of conscience, and merely hold as our doctrine, that in Freemasonry we find a Science and Royal Art, which teaches social, moral, and benevolent virtues, whereby we learn to walk uprightly, and to avoid giving offence to God and man.

I feel more than common gratification in stating that the Order stands in a high and proud position in this jurisdiction. May it always remain so, and continue to extend the sphere of its usefulness, and that the same unanimity that at present prevails throughout its branches, may never for time to come be marred — always remembering that "unity is strength."

Since we last met, many new Lodges have been ushered into existence, and it is with pride that I am in a position to inform you that I have witnessed much noble emulation and proper spirit spring up among the rulers therein, and the Craft intrusted to their care. Let us fervently and sincerely hope the feeling may be permanent, and the precedent thus established never decay, but, on the contrary, press on to perfection; and, by due care in guarding the "outer doors," little fear need be entertained but that each successive year will give ample and satisfactory evidences "that our labor has not been in vain, and that we have not wearied in well doing."

Necessarily, and as a matter beyond idle speculation, our members must go on increasing; and nothing, I firmly believe, will tend so much to advantage the "workmen in the temple," as the formation of a Masonic Library. Isolated as we are on these western shores, and cut off by space from the rest of the Masonic world, facilities should be afforded to all the Masonic Fraternity here, but more especially to those on whom Masonic light has only recently, or may hereafter, become visible; and that they may be enabled to "read, learn, mark, and inwardly digest" the beauties and moral tendencies of the Order, to say nothing of the valuable advantages and information to be derived from the carrying out of this suggestion, namely, establishing a Masonic Library, thereby giving opportunity to those who may be called upon, or required, to decide questions of constitutional usage and jurisprudence. To perfect this, I would suggest that we solicit from each of our sister Grand Lodges a copy of all their proceedings since their first organization, so far as practicable to be procured. These alone will furnish to the inquiring Mason a fund of valuable information, and assist committees and others, during our



sessions, to arrive at just conclusions on subjects of established usages and constitutional landmarks. To fully, however, carry out the effect intended and desired, by purchasing the truly invaluable works of Anderson, Webb, Preston, Dermott, Mackey, Scott, Crucifix, Oliver, Moore, and others, who have devoted years of toil and research to enable them to develop the beauties and moral science with which our Order is possessed, and for the benefit of our brethren who speak other than English, procuring the works of Masonic authors whose disquisitions are written in French, German, and other languages—the young Mason may learn that he has indeed become a member of an Order wherein much knowledge truly invaluable may be acquired, and whose disciplines and teachings lead to the path of moral rectitude, piety, and Heaven.

Playing, as Masonry does at this time, so active a part in the glorious and passing events of the world,—teaching, as she does, principles founded on the purest design, we may with safety prophecy that the more we unfold the beauties thereof to the inquiring and rational mind, and afford facilities to satisfy those who may be skeptical on any point, we will receive ample assurances that our successors will feel it an imperative duty, and make it their delight to hand down our forms to posterity, in the purity *we* have received them, from the days of Solomon, and be cautious how they attempt to remove any of the landmarks, or introduce others than those learnt throughout the Masonic world. Popular as Masonry is over the civilized world, and establishing itself concurrently with religion and civilization, we invariably find her aiding to stimulate man's exertions, teaching him to "subdue his passions," and hold out the right hand of fellowship to his strange brother; and sooner or later, as the tenets of our Order overspread the earth, so will its teachings tend to moralize it. Infidelity will, and must be unknown; and it will become visibly apparent, that the glorious benevolence and good will that Freemasonry inculcates, is a medium whereby the followers of it can be met with rejoicing and secure feeling. To accomplish ends so truly desirable, let us educate the Mason's mind.

I would at this time direct your especial attention to the subject of Education, and of establishing an institution for the dispensing thereof among the children of our Fraternity, who are not of themselves able to endow them, with a "Jewel far above riches." The expediency of so noble an undertaking must be evident to all of us, and I do trust means will be devised forthwith, for the founding an institution where learning can be disseminated. Let us remember that the diffusion of knowledge not only tends to ameliorate the condition of mankind, but that it is the *Ægis* and *Palladium* of all, but more especially a free government; and that education is a "Moral Engine," high and far above all institutions on earth, calculated to raise all men to the sphere our Great Creator intended them. Our brethren in Europe and sister States, are laudably vying with each other in this praiseworthy movement. I sincerely hope we may be able to devise means to follow their noble example; and although it may be reserved for our successors to perfect what we may commence, yet we must always remember that "from small means great ends are obtained." We can confer no greater benefit, and fulfil the benevolence our Order inculcates, than by bestowing on those who are destitute, such enlightenment as the blessings of education confer. It has been and is repeatedly asked by those who are inimical to the Order, and by others unacquainted with our mysteries and benevolence:—"Of what service is Freemasonry?" Let us answer the question by demonstrable proofs, that speak to the senses of all men. Apart from all other considerations, we must remember that the accomplishment of the purposed design will not only have its beneficial results, but also give to the Masonic Fraternity a proud position in this Golden State among their fellow men, and tend to en-



courage the members to be more assiduous in cultivating an intimate knowledge of an institution which has more in its organization than "empty talk," and convince the world that it is reared upon a foundation of solid rock. The labors of "benevolence and love," inculcated by our institution, should not be allowed to be superseded or surpassed by any other in the world; and although other Orders have scattered themselves far and wide over its surface, and extended their use for the promulgation of education, yet we find that Freemasonry has not been backward in the good work, and in no country more than the United States, has the subject received greater attention.

As far back as 1787, Ruspini, a Mason in England, noted for his love and zeal of the Order, conceived a plan for the educating of poor children of the Fraternity, and to him, and an enlightened lady, acting in concert with him, is the credit due for establishing the first Masonic School. The scheme thus begun on small means, has prospered beyond the expectations of the most sanguine; and we find at this date that not only have England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Bohemia, Holland, Sweden, and other States in Europe, devoted their Masonic Funds towards so laudable a purpose, and taxed their members in their respective jurisdictions to aid in supporting their schools, but also that several sister Grand Lodges in the Union, viz.: Missouri, Kentucky, Texas, Alabama, and others, have at this time their Masonic Colleges and Primary Schools; and, in "casting their bread upon the waters," have, beyond doubt, experienced heartfelt pleasure in observing that their efforts and labors have not been in vain, and that an all-wise Providence has looked down with favor on their exertions, and blessed them; and thousands who have, or will receive the benefits of their charity, will praise the Parent of All that they are the children of Masons. Spreading as our Noble Order is, through this land, and emigration unequalled in history, filling our mountains and valleys with thousands of civilized beings, among whom many of the Fraternity are to be found, I need not, I feel assured, remind you, that in a society like ours, there must, of necessity, be many whom fortune, either from caprice or other causes, points out to us as befitting objects for our benevolence and care—and happy indeed will the hearts of hundreds thereof be, in after days, when they reflect that the universality of Freemasonry is a truth as strong as Holy Writ. By organizing a proper system for education, under the management and supervision of our Grand Body, many benevolent persons belonging to the Order, and others who are not, may be inclined, when they find that their donations can be properly and correctly disposed of, bestow part of their worldly acquisitions in charity, and will not fear that their bounties will be misapplied, or diverted from the channel that generosity intended them. No great undertaking designed for the good of mankind, that has pure principles for its foundation, and is conducted with system and order, can ever fail to command esteem and respect, and will insure the support and liberality from the enlightened, generous and wealthy; and although we have not in this State, at this time, a Girard, yet we know not what the morrow may bring forth, nor how soon the day will arrive when others, as liberal-minded as he was, may arise among us, and whose philanthropy will seek a channel to divert their superfluous wealth to, and assuredly for no nobler cause can it be bestowed than education.

I feel perfectly satisfied and assured from the offers already made to me, that endowments will be forthwith made towards this great purpose, and that many of us will be spared by our Heavenly Father, to live and look back with rejoicing to the day on which the first dollar was appropriated to the noble cause of Masonic Education in California; and further, that the humble seed cast on the wide and boundless field of the charity of our Order, at this early date of its history in this State, will ere long, produce goodly fruit; "the rearing of children in the way they should go." An object such as this, must, and

will merit the admiration of mankind—and heaven will smile on our undertaking and bless those who devote their time, attention and study in the cause of humanity. I would therefore most fraternally suggest that a committee be raised at this session (it having been impossible for a report to be made at the last,) who shall prepare the ways and means for establishing a permanent fund for the promotion of education among the children of “Free and Accepted Masons;” and that without any delay, we organize the Grand Lodge into a corporate body, in conformity to the laws of the State, so as to enable us to receive donations and purchase any land necessary for our purpose. Having delayed this important step, the Fraternity has lost forever the benevolent donation tendered them by our worthy brother WINX, of ten acres of land. Let us guard against the future by prompt action.

In my communication to your Most Worshipful Body, at our last meeting, I adverted to the necessity of producing a complete and uniform system of registration; but by an omission, it was lost sight of. I must, with due respect, again bring the subject to your attention, feeling satisfied that it will receive the deliberation it needs. Springing into existence in this Far West rapidly as we have, and looking forward to the day when our Order will, following on the footsteps of improvement incidental to the extension of the spirit of the age, spread itself over the vast Pacific, we may fully expect ere many years revolve over our heads, to see Freemasonry as extensively established throughout its waters as it is in the broad Atlantic; and beyond doubt, from our body will many branches shoot forth, and for some time remain under our jurisdiction. In view of this, and of the present condition of the Order in this State, I candidly believe that the name of every brother who is, or hereafter may become a member under our jurisdiction, should be in possession of a certificate that will aid his wife or children, should they require the assistance of the Fraternity, and be invested with a document that will procure the desired end. Need I say, that to obtain this purpose, those to whom the benefits more or less ultimately result, should be made to bear “the heat and burden of the day” to which the Fraternity hitherto, as a body, have been subjected; and we should devise some end and means, so that the recipients of the Mysteries of Freemasonry should be a medium whereby the benevolence of our Order can receive some aid, and they, or those dependent on them, feel assured that when necessity constrains them to call on us for assistance, we will not be found wanting to render it.

I would earnestly recommend, to produce this complete and uniform registration, and to bring it within the spirit and meaning of our Constitution, that all present members under our jurisdiction should have their names registered by the Grand Secretary, in numerical order — diplomas granted to correspond — and hereafter for subordinate Lodges to apply for diplomas from the Grand Secretary for every member affiliated, or made by them, at such times as your worshipful body in its wisdom may determine — with such other rules as you may consider necessary. The fund arising from this source alone will be considerable, and I would suggest that it should be *exclusively* applied for educational purposes — thus devoting the tax to a beneficial end, and at the same time aiding a cause that must inevitably redound to the credit of the institution.

The subject of representation with sister Grand Lodges in Europe and South America, I deem of sufficient importance to attract your notice. With the attention of the civilized world directed to these golden shores, the evidence we have had of the past, and the assurances what the future will unfold; that as the resources of our State become developed, immigration must necessarily be augmented, and innumerable of those on whom the “Light of Masonry” has dawned, will, from all parts of Europe and elsewhere, be ere long sojourning among us, speaking divers tongues, but one language. In



no State of the Union is such a position likely to be consummated, equal to our own; and although all of us may not speak their tongue, yet there is, and will, among the innumerable links of the mighty chain that bind us together as brothers, be hundreds who, coming here with the universal tongue that we speak, that will feel a desire to be with us, and as one. I therefore deem it proper to recommend that we should have a representative at each of the Grand Lodges in Europe and South America, receiving one in return from them, so that we may be in position to be thoroughly and intimately acquainted with all subjects of Masonic interest, and at the same time tend thereby to throw a safeguard round our institution. Sister Grand Lodges throughout the world, who have adopted this system, find benefits innumerable arise therefrom—to say nothing of the advantages of cementing, in a strong bond, the intimate connection that should always exist in our wide and far-spread family; and although we are yet in our infancy, it may not be supererogatory, or out of place, to make provision for the day when we shall arrive at manhood, or follow on the well-trodden path.

I deem it my imperative duty to direct your especial attention to the accumulation of young Masons in this State, made on the Atlantic side, but more especially in the western portion, where they have been made with railroad dispatch for the California market. I beg to quote from a Masonic letter on the matter:—

“Masonry is flourishing here—*furiously*, but I tremble for the result. It is one thing to grow in strength and beauty like the towering oak, to live for ages, and when time shall be no more to die a glorious death; and quite another thing to spring up like a garden weed, growing rank and luxuriant for a brief space, then wither and die, without having accomplished a single desirable thing.

“Masonry here is too much like a garden weed; petitions come pouring in, and ‘cases of emergency’ are as frequent as mushrooms after a moist night in April; and under one pretext and another, men are made Masons who will never add any thing to the credit of Masonry. At present the California fever is raging, and some twenty are ‘up’ for California in February, and all ‘cases of emergency.’

“Was it ever contemplated to make Masons by the wholesale in that way, admitting them to be worthy? Is it not abusing a license that has received a wider and wider latitude as Masonry has begun to prosper, (or rather been prospering?) I think so. Then again, there are evils arising from crowding matters. It causes undue excitement in the Lodge room, and interferes with the good old plan of balloting; for I know of departures having been made that ought not to have been, from old established rules.” \* \*

It is a matter of notorious and stubborn fact, that for the last three years thousands of new made Masons from the older States, have found their way to this new State, both by the plains and the Isthmus, and with very few exceptions, have not been in a position to, after due trial, gain admittance in our Lodges; and when inquired of why such should exist, have declared “that they were made within two nights” of leaving home. I found the same evil existed during my sojourn in Panama, in the fall of 1850. The injury to those persons, if it only rested with them, I would not have touched on; but I must ask the question, if it is correct that Masons should be made by wholesale, the funds derived thereby benefiting the Lodges wherein they were received, and we in this State to have to bear the heat and burden of extending the benevolence, to the illimitable extent we have, to these same persons, without having derived one cent of the money?

It is an appalling yet true statement, when I inform you that from the best and most authentic information I have been enabled to procure in this State, but one instance of charity has ever presented itself to a Lodge under our jurisdiction, that was a member thereof; but invariably of either no Lodge, or a new made brother from the east side of the Sierra Nevada, who, with a certificate of withdrawal in his pocket, found it an easy matter to receive the aid and comfort necessary to enable him to recruit his broken constitution and health, incidental on his wearisome journey. This Grand Lodge, I believe,



should give their decided opinion on the matter, more particularly as the Circular issued by them last May, has, with very few exceptions, been passed unheeded by those whom duty at least should have induced to have liberally responded to it.

I also appeal to you on behalf of those brothers who at this date have become embarrassed and ruined, in consequence of extending the aforesaid benevolence, and that some more determinate action will be taken by you, to portray the facts in the clearest manner to the whole Masonic world.

I have noticed that the districting the jurisdiction between three Grand Lecturers has not produced the desired result, neither can we expect or hope that we shall ever arrive at uniformity, unless an arrangement can be made other than existing at present. Uniformity in work has been the sincere desire of the most ardent and zealous members in the State, from the first organization of our Grand Lodge; and at the last session of our Grand Body, it was presumed that the method then adopted to realize the wish, would tend to some extent to fulfil the solicitude evinced. From the nature of the labor to be performed, expenses incurred thereby, and the loss of time that would arise to the Lecturers, should their services be given, (and which with few exceptions during the recess it has been almost impracticable to carry out,) other arrangements, I believe, will have to be adopted, to produce the desired end. I have been apprised by several of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, that they feel the paramount necessity of having all their labors to correspond.

At the last session I adverted to the precipitate and hurried manner in which the degrees were conferred on candidates. I must again attract your attention to a subject which should receive from you legislation of a nature stringent enough to prevent a recurrence in future. The records of some of the Lodges evidence that the landmarks in this respect are too often entirely lost sight of; and although it is not specially interdicted by our Constitution, I should have expected that the "Rulers in Israel" would not contravene so important a point. Allow me, therefore, to fraternally suggest that a resolution be framed, ordering that not less than two weeks shall intervene between each degree, unless a sufficient cause of emergency can be shown to the proper authority to permit otherwise. If the Constitution and proceedings of the Grand Body were more closely studied, there would be no necessity at this time to have directed your notice to this important point, and I rest satisfied it will receive that due attention necessary.

A question of momentous import has arisen during the recess, as to the legality or propriety of subordinate Lodges altering or varying the By-Laws thereof, and which had previously met the approval of the Grand Body. The Constitution provides "that each Lodge shall adopt By-Laws for its governance, and when approved by the Grand Lodge, no amendment thereto shall be valid, until approved by that body." I deem it highly important that the sense of the Grand Lodge should be had, as to whether Lodges shall adopt amended By-Laws, prior to approval by the controlling power, or whether they should take effect from the moment of adoption. Both have their advocates, and, beyond doubt, the Craft will be benefitted by determinate action at this time.

The term for which the voice of my brethren elected me now expires, and I would avail myself of this opportunity to tender my most fraternal thanks to all with whom it has been my good fortune to meet or be associated with, through the labors incidental thereto, as well for the cordial coöperation in all matters appertaining to the discharge of the various duties devolving on me by virtue of the office.

In conclusion, allow me to offer my earnest assurances that at this, and all times, will I be found ready and willing to act in the front ranks of the Order, for the advancement thereof; and rely, that whatever shall be your decisions,

now and hereafter, will be for the ultimate benefit and advancement of Freemasonry : and by squaring our actions by the square of virtue, we may, when our pilgrimage is finished in this nether world, be found among those who will be called by our Heavenly Maker, to be used as fitting stones for his spiritual building, eternal in the Heavens.

B. D. HYAM, *Deputy Grand Master*.

The Address was laid upon the table for the present, and the Deputy Grand Master also presented the following report :—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California :—*

In conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, I have the honor to report all such matters to your Worshipful Body as have been the subject of my labors during the recess.

Since last session, Dispensations permitting *San Diego* Lodge and *Parfaite Union* Lodge to extend their labors to the present time, according to their respective prayers, were granted by me ; and I doubt not but the result of their work will induce you to grant Charters at this session. I have also issued Dispensations as follows :—

To *Mariposa* Lodge, under date 29th November, 1851 ;

To *Nashville* Lodge, under date 24th December 1851 ;

To *San Joaquin* Lodge, under date 19th January, 1852 ;

To *Mountain Shade* Lodge, under date 16th January, 1852 ;

To *Washington* Lodge, under date 21st February, 1852.

The necessary recommendations required to the several petitions, praying that the respective brethren might be allowed to proceed to work, received the proper attestations from Chartered Lodges in our jurisdiction. All, I believe, have given evidences of their worthiness and capability to receive Charters at this session, with the exception of *Mariposa* Lodge, and which, I am credibly informed by one of its members, has not worked in consequence of having no Lodge Room. I would therefore recommend that the Dispensation be allowed to remain in their possession, or extended until next Communication. The others, I believe, will apply for charters, if evidence is given to your satisfaction that their work is correct.

On the twelfth January, 1852, I received an application from thirteen brethren located at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, soliciting a Dispensation to open a Lodge at that place, accompanying which was a letter from the Honorable Secretary of State of that Government, a well known brother, and highly commendatory to the petitioners. The proper recommendation accompanying the petition being regular, I granted a Dispensation to enable the aforesaid brethren to open a Lodge at Honolulu, under the title of *Hawaiian* Lodge. I cheerfully recommend that a Charter be granted them at this session, as evidence is given that there are "bright lights" in the midst of darkness.

The funds that have come into my possession for said Dispensations were duly paid over to the R.: W.: Grand Secretary.

It appears that *Mountain Shade* Lodge had been at work from June, 1851, under a Dispensation granted by the M.: W.: Grand Master TUTT, but in consequence of a misconstruction as to the time of its duration, no representative was sent to our Grand Body last November. Learning, however, casually, after our last session, that a Lodge existed at Downieville, I applied there for information in relation thereto, and after corresponding with the Fraternity on the subject, and discovering that the Dispensation had expired, application was made for a renewal thereof, and I feel much pleasure in paying a high encomium on the brethren there, for their alacrity evinced, and ready compliance with our regulations. I deem it due to them that they receive full consideration at your hands, and that their burden be lightened as much as possible ;

more particularly as they suffered very considerably in the loss of furniture, hall, &c., by the late devastating conflagration at the aforementioned town.

Certain brethren at Centreville addressed to me a communication on the thirtieth December last, soliciting an exchange of Dispensations, for one in their possession from the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of Indiana, granted subsequently to our organization, and never used by them; but as I considered it would be transcending my duties to grant the same on the terms proposed, I declined their prayer. I respectfully submit the correspondence for your consideration and action.

I have further to state that I have officially visited *Mariposa*, U. D., *San Joaquin*, U. D., *Benicia*, No. 5, *Tuolumne*, No. 8, *California*, No. 1, *Davy Crockett*, No. 7, and *Parfaite Union*, U. D. On the 27th December last, the officers of *California* Lodge, No. 1, and *Davy Crockett*, No. 7, were publicly installed by me, at which brethren from those and other Lodges in the jurisdiction, notwithstanding the inclemency of the season, gave their attendance.

I can only express my regret that I was unable to visit all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, but have received assurances that due regard has been paid to our rules in all those under Dispensation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM, *Deputy Grand Master*.

Which report was also laid upon the table for the present.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees:—

<i>On Grievances</i> :.....	{ Bro. R. F. Knott, “ J. J. Papy, “ J. R. McConnell, “ John Cook, “ J. M. Small.
<i>On Finance and Accounts</i> :.....	{ Bro. J. D. Creigh, “ R. Hopkins, “ J. P. Gauch.
<i>On Foreign Correspondence</i> :.....	{ Bro. L. Stowell, “ O. J. Preston.
<i>On Dispensations and Charters</i> :.....	{ Bro. A. Martin, “ A. Hollub, “ W. D. Deering.
<i>On By-Laws of Lodges</i> :.....	{ Bro. J. R. Crandall, “ J. M. Koon, “ H. F. Williams.
<i>On Returns of Lodges</i> :.....	{ Bro. R. Hopkins, “ J. D. Creigh, “ W. W. Stovall.

On motion of Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, the Addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were taken from the table and referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master appointed as the committee —

<i>On the Addresses of the G. and D. G. Master</i> :	{ Bro. J. R. Crandall, “ J. D. Creigh, “ R. Clark.
--	--



The report of the Deputy Grand Master was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Tuesday, May 4th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. L. STOWELL, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in carrying out the duties entailed on them, beg most respectfully to report that they, with as much care as time would permit, have examined the reports of sister Grand Lodges, received by the Grand Secretary since our last Communication; and now present the following as the result of their labors, commencing with

### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This Grand Lodge held an Annual Communication at Concord, June tenth and eleventh, 1851, at which fifteen Lodges were represented. Considerable business was transacted during the session, and from the evidences presented the Order appears to be prospering throughout that jurisdiction. The Grand Master presented an address, which, although short, is replete with assurances that he guards well the trust reposed in him; and he replies to certain inquiries made by the Grand Master of Louisiana, in reference to the legality of Lodges holding their authority from a Council of the 33d degree of the Scottish Rite, as follows: —

“I have received your communication, dated first March last, propounding certain questions arising from the fact that three of the constituent Lodges of the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of Louisiana have returned their Charters to the Grand Lodge, and have re-organized by warrants of Constitution from a body in New Orleans, styling itself the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33d degree of the Scottish Rite,—and demand of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and her constituents, to be recognized as legal Lodges, and their members and initiates as lawful brothers, entitled to visit and communicate.

“In reply to your communication, I would state that with regard to the light in which the proceedings of the said Supreme Council of the 33d degree, in New Orleans, and the demands of the Lodges established by it, will be viewed by the several Grand Lodges in the United States, there cannot, it seems to me, be any doubt. I feel assured that no Grand Lodge will for a moment admit said proceedings to be in the least degree valid, but on the contrary, totally unconstitutional, null and void; and no Masonic intercourse whatever ought to exist between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and its subordinates, and the Lodges established by the said Supreme Council.”

He also states that he is an “Officer of the Supreme Council of the 33d and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite,” for the Northern Masonic District and jurisdiction of the United States, legally and constitutionally estab-

lished at the Grand East of the city of New York; that the Supreme Grand Council of the 33d for the Southern Masonic District and jurisdiction, has its Grand East in the city of Charleston, S. C.; that there cannot, constitutionally and legally, be more than two Supreme Grand Councils of the 33d in the United States of America; and that the body styling itself a Supreme Grand Council of the 33d degree, in New Orleans, is regarded as spurious and illegitimate.

New Hampshire recognizes the system of District Deputy Grand Masters. One of them, Bro. STEPHEN HOYT, in his report, says:—

“In regard to myself, permit me to say that fifty-two years since found me a member of this venerable institution, and in Lodges under its jurisdiction I have seen those of different sentiments united in bonds of brotherly love and affection, and hushing all difference of sectional opinion which divide and embarrass communities. Lodges are places in which virtue unmolested may be displayed. I am now in the latter part of my eighty-second year of age.”

Truly, we think they should regard him as one of their ancient *Land-marks*.

### CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Hartford, May fourteenth, 1851, when thirty-four Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master uses the following language: “We meet under the most auspicious circumstances, peace and harmony prevailing in all our borders, and the dearest interests of our beloved institution in a condition of prosperity hitherto unparalleled in the Masonic annals of this jurisdiction.” He commends to the favor of the Craft the project of erecting a monument to the memory of their late brother, Gen. DAVID WOOSTER, a patriot, and a devoted Mason. Surely we feel that the name of the good man lives after him.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence contains twenty-seven pages of closely written matter, and is prepared in a style highly creditable to the authors. In relation to admitting new members into our Order, they quote from the address of the Grand Master of New Hampshire of 1850, as follows:—

“The qualifications of a candidate for the honors of Masonry should be of a positive nature. It is not sufficient that nothing of a vicious character is known respecting a candidate;—the question should be, is he truly a virtuous man, one who fears God and works righteousness? Nor should an individual whose moral character is defective be admitted under the hope that he may thereby be made better. If we would that the Masonic Temple should endure, able to bear the buffeting of the storm and the shock of the tempest, we must take heed that the materials which are to compose it be not only hewn and squared, but likewise sound to the very heart’s core.”

Your committee cannot too strongly or fraternally impress this sound and wholesome doctrine upon the Craft in our jurisdiction, for no where, in our opinion, have the same difficulties existed as in California, where all, as it were, are strangers to each other, thrown together from all parts of the world. General rules relative to admitting members into the Order, are wholly inapplicable here—for we believe that in California greater caution and scrutiny must be used than elsewhere, and we hope our Lodges will be slow to record any case of “emergency,” but compel every applicant for our mysteries, to travel the well known and beaten track. We think the old and well established rule, “that a petition must lay over one month,” should be rigidly adhered to by all our Lodges, and the candidate never be advanced, except he be qualified in the degree preceding; and in furtherance of this view, we would suggest that your Worshipful Body adopt rules of sufficient stringency to enforce it.

We trust our Lodges have too much respect for their own success, and that of our venerable Order, to send forth a brother unable to pass examination and gain admission anywhere. Such, however, we regret to say is not the case or course pursued in our sister States. From various sources, we are



constrained to believe that numerous Lodges under the jurisdiction of our sister Grand Lodges, on the Atlantic and east of the Sierra Nevada, have been making Masons not precisely in conformity with old established usages, but rather with telegraphic dispatch, more especially for the California market. To this, we at first gave little credence. We could not believe that such violence would be offered to the institution, or to the well-known and prescribed duties which Masons owe to each other; evincing thereby such utter want of self respect and veneration for the well-known and defined principles of our ancient and venerable Order. But too many *living witnesses* testify and corroborate these facts. Innumerable applicants at the "outer door" of our Lodges have been unable to procure admission to our Temples — evidencing ignorance in what they should at least have been more perfect in; and universally the excuse has been—"I was made just as I was ready to start from home for California, and have never been in a Lodge since."

This calls from us feelings of animadversion, which we hope will prevent a recurrence; for many of those, perchance, who were thus made, were sincere and proper applicants. To such, a gross wrong has been done. They paid their fees, and received the degrees without sufficient (or possibly any) instructions to make themselves known as Masons; and consequently are debarred the benefits and privileges to which they are, or should be, justly entitled. But we fear that class are less numerous than those who applied through mercenary motives, thinking that Masonry might prove a personal benefit to them on arriving in California; and who would not, or could not have received the degrees, had they not been leaving their homes for this Far West. For such we have little or no pity, and we feel satisfied they will have to return to the place whence they came, to reap any benefit from Masonry. The material and work are bad, and not such as we are authorized to receive; and we say to the Craft here, guard well the "outer door."

We would most fraternally remonstrate with those who have committed this palpable wrong, (perchance unwittingly,) and beg them to pause and reflect thereon, if but for a moment; and we feel satisfied that they cannot but perceive the lasting injury inflicted upon the Fraternity, while reaping only temporary benefit to their individual Lodges. Therefore we say in all kindness, — put aside those tools of iron, and apply the plumb, square, and level, to all your work; and such as will not stand the test of the Overseer's Square, cast it forth into the rubbish of the Temple. We want it not! Nor will we have it.

Connecticut, in speaking of California, says: —

"Thus the hallowed mysteries of Freemasonry have been fairly and lawfully introduced on the golden soil of our young sister of the Pacific coast, with every prospect of a successful career of usefulness. We cordially extend to the Grand Lodge of California the right hand of fellowship, and invoke, for her guidance and protection, the continual presence and blessing of Him whose friendship is worth far more than gold, yea, than much fine gold."

We cordially and fraternally respond to the feelings that dictated these sentiments, and assure our Connecticut brethren that our best exertions will be used to prove ourselves worthy the invocation.

We notice that *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 76, now *Tehama*, No. 3, having received her Charter from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, should have made returns thereto, and paid dues to it, up to the period of our organization. No returns, we find, have been made, probably through inadvertence of the proper officers of that Lodge. We should regret to have to believe that the brethren of that Lodge who were the original members, and who came from that jurisdiction, would intentionally forget the obligations due to their *Alma Mater*; and we entertain the hope, and that confidently, that she will not lose any time in attending to the duty which devolves on her; and thus in changing her allegiance, to do so with clean hands, fulfill her obligations, and not



allow the ghost of a delinquency to disturb her quiet. In furtherance of these views, we quote from the Connecticut proceedings, as follows:—

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge cheerfully consents to relinquish her jurisdiction over Connecticut Lodge, No. 76, (now called *Tehama*, No. 3,) whenever said Lodge shall make proper returns to this body, and pay to our Grand Secretary the dues owing by her to us, up to the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of the State of California.”

They, we find, do not approve of the system of publishing the names of rejected candidates, and quote, in support of their views, a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, to the same effect.

### NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication at Trenton, January fourteenth, 1852, when fourteen Lodges were represented, and considerable work done.

The Craft is in a flourishing condition, and peace and harmony pervade her jurisdiction.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on the twenty-seventh December, 1851; and we quote the following from the opening address of Grand Master FRENCH:—

“If the year has not been marked by that prosperity that has marked some of our former years, so far as additions have been made to our brotherhood, it certainly has been marked by a peculiarly healthy action amongst us; and, in my opinion, we stand in a higher moral position than perhaps we have ever stood. Respectability of position, by bodies of men, either corporate or politic, depends not upon numbers—far, very far from it—and I am thankful that the Lodges under this jurisdiction are fast learning this truth. It is a solemn fact, my brethren, that it is far better to follow the body of a brother to the tomb, than to follow his good character to its grave. To see one with whom we have been accustomed to associate, on the warmest terms of fraternal affection—one whom we had ‘grappled to our heart with hooks of steel,’—unmasked before the world, and made a mark for scorn ‘to point her slow, unmoving finger at,’ is one of the most humiliating positions in which a Mason can be placed; and it were better that not a single candidate should be permitted to pass the threshold of a Lodge, from year’s end to year’s end, than that one should be added to our number, who should ever cause us to blush that he were our brother! Be careful, then, my brethren; be very careful that while you require a candidate entering your sacred portals, to ‘take heed on what he enters,’—that you do not forget to take heed also that you suffer him not to enter until you are fully satisfied, by every test that human knowledge can apply, that he is one who will surely and faithfully ‘take heed on what he enters,’ and worthily wear all the honors you are about to bestow on him.”

We concur in this good counsel, so wisely and truly said, and so characteristic of the head and heart that conceived it; and we pray all the brethren under this jurisdiction to read and practice the wholesome admonition.

Your committee give place here to the following resolutions and accompanying letter, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, in 1850:—

GRAND SECRETARY’S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE }  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *March, A. L. 5850.* }

To the M.. W.. Grand Master, R.. W.. Grand Wardens,  
and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California:—

BRETHREN: At a special Communication of our Grand Lodge, held on the twentieth of February last, among other proceedings was the adoption of the following resolutions:—

“WHEREAS, This Masonic jurisdiction, although situated at the seat of Government, is small, and unable to erect a suitable building for Masonic purposes, for which a building is desirable here, to accommodate sojourning brethren constantly assembling here from all parts of this great nation; therefore—

“Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges in the United States, in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, be fraternally requested to invite the Masonic brotherhood to unite in a subscription, for the purpose of erecting, in the City of Washington, a Central

Masonic Temple, to be dedicated to the memory of our illustrious brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, and to be owned by the Masonic Fraternity of the United States of America; and to be in charge of the Freemasons of the District of Columbia, under such regulations as Trustees, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge, shall prescribe; and that they be requested to forward any contributions that may be received to B. B. FRENCH, the M. W. Grand Master of this District.

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to communicate this resolution to each Grand Lodge in the United States, with such a letter as he may think proper."

In accordance with the requisitions of the latter, I shall, in communicating the same to your Most Worshipful Body, accompany it with such observations upon the subject matter, deemed not only to be proper, under the circumstances, but necessary to fully elucidate the propriety of the appeal which is now made to our brethren throughout the Union; an appeal dictated by an utter inability to accomplish the object ourselves, but which we have forborne making until its propriety was suggested by many distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions, present at the meeting of the twentieth of February last, and the confident hope, engendered by their hearty approval of the project, of a favorable response to such appeal.

The brethren here, on a former occasion, undertook the erection of a hall, and completed the same; but the limited jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and of consequence the few Lodges and members from whom aid could be derived to meet the expenses of the building, caused them to contract a large debt, which subsequent events prevented them from liquidating, and the accruing interest ultimately absorbed the cash investments made, and the hall passed, after great struggling and sacrifice of means, into private hands. Since that time the Craft have held their meetings at divers places, and always under disadvantageous circumstances; being deterred by past experience, from all attempts at the erection of a structure of their own. The nature of our population at the seat of government, is such as to preclude the possibility of much wealth among the brethren, many being employees of the Government, with limited salaries, and nearly all of means scarcely beyond the daily wants of themselves and families. The hope, therefore, of having a suitable Masonic edifice at this place, bearing the name of our illustrious brother of Mount Vernon, without aid from abroad, has long ceased to be indulged.

The revival of our Order throughout the land, its prosperity in every section of the country, the gratification and pride every Mason should feel, in knowing that in this city, a temple worthy of its position and object had been erected, induce our Grand Lodge to make its present appeal, through you, to the Craft in your jurisdiction. We are willing to tax our means to the utmost, and feel able to raise from the little band of the faithful here, some few thousands of dollars; but our main dependence is upon the aid we shall receive abroad, which, we confidently trust, will be liberally bestowed, and such as to enable us to rear here, at this Metropolis of the Nation, and the gathering point from the remotest parts of the Union, a structure that shall be an honor to the Fraternity, and devoted to the use, not of ourselves alone, but of the thousands of visiting brethren from all parts of our country, and of the world.

With sentiments of great respect and fraternal feeling,

I remain yours, sincerely,

CHARLES S. FRAILEY, *Grand Secretary.*

We commend the foregoing to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge, believing that, as soon as her circumstances will admit, she will cheerfully contribute to the consummation of so worthy and truly desirable an object.

We quote from the Grand Secretary's report, made at their last Communication, as follows:—

"At the last Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge was advised of the unsettled state of the account of its then subordinate, *California Lodge, No. 13*, there being a balance of nine dollars and fifty cents yet due from the same to this Grand Lodge. Nothing further has been heard from that Lodge, although they were duly notified of the indebtedness; but as circumstances have existed in California, calling upon every Lodge, as well as every Mason there, to exercise to the fullest extent their feelings of charity and benevolence, and thus by the exercise of a not uncalled-for, but greatly extended philanthropy, has exhausted their own means, and rendered necessary a call upon their brethren upon the Atlantic border for assistance, I would respectfully recommend that the account of *California Lodge, once No. 13*, of our jurisdiction, now *California Lodge, No. 1*, of the Grand Lodge of California, be closed, by donating to it the balance due."

One of the members of this committee testifies that this was an omission for which neither the Lodge, nor any of its officers, can be blamed. The Lodge ordered the amount paid, at the proper time; the Secretary requested



it to be transmitted from a friend in Philadelphia, to the Grand Secretary at Washington, and until the above article was noticed, supposed all was settled; but your committee learn that it was inadvertently overlooked. However, the matter has been explained to Bro. FRAILEY, and we trust he will set us right in due time. For the donation from that Grand Lodge, for Bro. FRAILEY's exertions and trouble in our behalf, and the liberal tender from the Lodges under its jurisdiction, we return our warmest thanks.

They adopt the following resolutions in regard to the Louisiana difficulties:—

*“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge regards the power claimed by the body calling itself the Supreme Grand Council in the Valley of New Orleans, of constituting Symbolic Lodges of Masonry, as an arrogation of authority deserving the reprobation of every good Mason; there being no other competent authority for such purpose in the United States, than a Grand Lodge legally constituted.*

*“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do hold all Lodges, deriving their authority from, or acknowledging obedience to, any other power than the legally constituted Grand Lodge of the State in which they may be located, as clandestine Lodges, and the members thereof as clandestine Masons, with which and whom, the Lodges in this jurisdiction and their members, are hereby prohibited from holding any Masonic communication.”*

### INDIANA.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May twenty-sixth, 1851, ninety-eight chartered Lodges and twenty under Dispensation, being represented.

The work of the Craft appears to be very flourishing, and the number of Lodges has greatly increased the past year. The proceedings contain much of Masonic interest, and we should like to make many extracts, if time and space would permit.

The Grand Lodge appointed their *M. W.* Past Grand Master, E. DEMING, to collect the Masonic History of Indiana. This is worthy of their zeal, and such a work will no doubt contain much of value and interest to the Craft generally. The Address of the Grand Master is a well-written document, evincing a spirit of brotherly love and true Masonic feeling. In congratulating the Craft upon their success in having completed their Grand Lodge Hall, he says:—

“It is in the right place, and within its walls will the right-minded gather. From the base of the Alleghany to the Gulf of Mexico, it will be hailed by brethren as a monument of Masonic Fraternity; and should any flood again threaten to overwhelm us, it will appear to the faint-hearted through the gathering mists, like the Ark resting on Ararat. Consecrated to the perpetuity of the principles of Freemasonry, stability is written on its foundations. May its pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty, never know decay.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies about twenty-two pages, passing in review most of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. Indiana decides in favor of a Supreme Grand Lodge.

In reviewing the proceedings of Rhode Island in reference to taxing non-affiliated brethren, and after also reviewing the action of several Grand Lodges on this subject, they suggest “that it is probably one of those evils incident to our present imperfect state, which can not be remedied by forcible measures in any way applied.” They think “the evil will disappear as Masonic light is diffused, and that moral means alone will be efficacious in this matter, and until those destroy the evil, it must be borne.” In these sentiments your committee are inclined, to some extent, to concur; but the same question suggests itself to their minds, as is asked by the Indiana Committee: “When a brother withholds his support from a Masonic body, the question arises, to what extent Masonic bodies should withhold their support from him?” We cordially agree with that committee, that some fixed and defined rule should be adopted, for nowhere, perhaps, has the Fraternity been so much aggrieved in the absence thereof, as in California. It is truly a vexed



question, and we have read the opinions and acts of the various Grand Lodges, and such other authority bearing upon the subject as we could obtain, with great caution, and have thought much upon the subject, and must confess it is full of difficulties. We can not but think, however, that compulsory means are injudicious, and fail to remedy the evil; but it seems to us there is good and sufficient authority—an abundance of good and wholesome doctrine, not inconsistent with the true principles of the Order—that, if a brother voluntarily withholds his support, and withdraws from the institution, we may and should deny him all the rights and benefits of the Order. We cordially concur in the sentiments of the Grand Master of Illinois, as quoted by New Hampshire. He says: "I hold the opinion that no honest and good Mason at heart, will desire to live non-affiliated, unless impelled so to do by some extraordinary and imperative cause beyond his control; a cause which, in the course of human events, does not often exist." We append resolutions to this report, in accordance with the above views.

Indiana adopted a resolution recognizing our Grand Lodge. She disapproves of admitting honorary members, and so do we,—for we could never discover any good reason for it. Appended to their proceedings is an address by the Rev. Bro. T. H. LYNCH, on the occasion of laying the cope-stone of their Grand Masonic Lodge, and an ode read by Bro. H. F. WEST; both of which are well worthy of perusal.

#### MICHIGAN.

Your committee have perused the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held at Detroit, January fourteenth, 1852.

The Grand Master admonishes the Craft to scrutinize well the qualifications of candidates for the degrees of Masonry, and says they should be of a *positive character*; and he cautions them against the least innovation in the principles of the Order, and recommends the adoption of a *positive* rule, requiring all ballots to be had in a Master Mason's Lodge, and that each degree be subject to a separate ballot.

There was a large attendance, and considerable business transacted. The Craft is apparently very flourishing in that jurisdiction.

#### TEXAS.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1851—a pamphlet of two hundred pages. Forty-four Lodges were represented. The Grand Master was unable to attend, his health not permitting; and Deputy Grand Master W. M. TAYLOR presided as Grand Master.

Though this Grand Lodge is comparatively young, her proceedings exhibit a degree of intelligence and usefulness worthy of imitation by those of more mature age. She has many bright and shining lights, and is not in want of *master workmen*.

Relative to demissions, their rule has been "that no brother shall demit from one Lodge unless for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge," and the design was to retain jurisdiction of the person in one Lodge, until he had actually become a member in another; and thus, if possible, prevent the increase of non-affiliated Masons. The committee, however, have changed their views, and recommend "that members be permitted to demit at pleasure, but that they be denied the privilege of visiting Lodges—that Grand Charities be withheld from them—and that they be excluded from Masonic processions and festivals, and *other benefits* enjoyed by regularly affiliated Masons."

Coinciding to the fullest extent in these views, your committee would include in the "*other benefits*," exclusion from the rites of Masonic burial. The doctrine is by no means a novel one, as we believe that England and Scotland require a brother to be a paying member for not less than two years, be-

fore they, or their widows or children can avail themselves of the respective Masonic bounties.

### IOWA.

This Grand Lodge met at the town of Fort Madison, on the third of June, 1851, — thirteen chartered Lodges and six under Dispensation being represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, regretting that he was prevented from bringing several important subjects before the Grand Lodge, in which he says :—

“I feel it my duty, however, to invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to a matter which I consider of *vital importance*: it is, the absolute necessity of every Mason becoming better acquainted with the laws, rules, and regulations of Freemasonry.”

We feel that this is truly of vital importance, and too much neglected by the Craft generally. Too little is known of the glorious principles of our Order, or of the laws and usages that have governed the Craft from time immemorial. Every Mason should be in possession of some one or more works, containing the fundamental laws of the Order, and make himself perfectly acquainted with the same; for we can not expect to have good work from uninstructed workmen. The Masonic Text-Book, by Bro. DOVE, of Virginia, — the Mystic Circle, by Bro. G. H. GRAY, Sen., of Mississippi, — the Lexicon, by Bro. MACKAY, of South Carolina, — are among the many valuable works of the day, and within the reach of every brother; together with the various Masonic periodicals now published, which afford a vast amount of valuable Masonic information; and we believe no brother should plead ignorance, when information is so easily, and can be so cheaply obtained. We therefore recommend to every brother to purchase some of these works, to the extent of his ability.

The Grand Master of Iowa states the Craft to be in a healthy and prosperous condition, and that the additions to their number are such as they may well be proud of, and as will permanently add to the perpetuity of the Order.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held at Raleigh, on the first of December, 1851, present a business-like appearance, and contain much valuable information.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is an able document, containing sixty-four pages, and presents a variety of subjects of great interest to the Craft.

The Grand Master, in his address, in speaking of the circular issued by our Grand Lodge, says :—

“I have received a circular from the *M. W.* Grand Lodge of California, addressed to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, requesting aid in liquidating a debt contracted by furnishing sick and indigent brethren who had emigrated to that State from the United States, and other parts of the civilized world, with the necessary means to procure subsistence; and, in many instances, timely relief has rescued their suffering brethren from starvation and death. For these great and generous efforts, on their part, in providing for the wants of distressed Masons, they deserve the thanks of every member of the Masonic Order. I hope you will give your attention to this matter as soon as practicable, to enable us to contribute our mite without delay.”

A committee was appointed, and from their report we extract the following :—

“The select committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address referring to the circular received from the Grand Lodge of California, asking a donation in money from us, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: That, from the facts in the case, the call has been made for praiseworthy purposes — for discharging debts contracted in affording relief to sick and indigent brethren — amongst whom were some, doubtless, from the good old North State — flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone. It is, therefore, right and proper that we should lend a helping hand to their relief.”



And they conclude by adopting the following resolution :—

“Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for one hundred dollars, and transmit the same to the proper authorities in California.”

This prompt and truly liberal and fraternal response indicates that the pulsations of the Masonic heart, in that quarter, beat with that true Masonic charity which *passeth all show*.

The Grand Master, speaking of the flourishing condition of the Order throughout the world, as concurred in by the addresses of the Grand Masters, says :—

“Not only are the great and good, the gifted of nature, and the favored of fortune—as in all ages they have done, approving the principles of our Fraternity, and becoming their most firm and consistent exponents—but the poor and the needy, the distressed and the bereaved, the widow and the orphan, are becoming more and more the sharers of its kindly charities, and with grateful and rejoicing hearts are invoking Heaven’s choicest blessings upon our heads. To a Mason, who is truly such, what, save the approval of his conscience and his God, can be more cheering to his hopes, or encouraging to his efforts in so good a cause?”

This Grand Lodge is engaged in the erection of a Masonic College, and they exhibit a most commendable zeal in that great and good work of education.

The Grand Master deprecates the practice adopted in some of the Lodges, of imposing a fine on members for non-attendance. He also directs their especial attention to the system of adjourning Lodges, instead of closing, or calling to refreshment. He says this is “at variance with that principle of inviolable uniformity upon which the utility and perpetuity of our Order much depends.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence thus speaks of California :—

“Across the broad rivers and arid plains—over the rugged mountains and unshorn forests that divide us—a voice comes up to us from the shores of the Western Ocean. Among the innumerable pilgrims to the land of golden dreams, there were those who carried their “*penates*” with them, and when their long and distant wanderings terminated, they were permitted to kneel at the same sacred shrine before which they knelt while they remained in the homes of their childhood, and among the tombs of their kindred. How grateful the sight of our “*lights and jewels*” must have been in the far-off land, to the weary, wandering Mason! How innumerable the throng of richest memories, that rushed in quick array before his spirit’s vision, of friends and home in other and distant lands! With the faith of their fathers—pure, radiant and untarnished—they wandered forth to a realm of barbarism and heathenistic gloom, and amidst the deep darkness, they beheld the star of Masonry arise, to dissipate the gloom and cheer their hearts with a charity to which oceans and continents offer no barrier.”

For these and other evidences of Masonic and brotherly feeling from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the committee deem it their especial duty to offer on behalf of the Fraternity in this State, their unfeigned thanks, and to assure them that at all times, as heretofore, will the Good Samaritan be found at the way-side.

### VIRGINIA.

Your committee have also before them the proceedings of a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held in the City of Richmond, on the twenty-first February, A. L. 5850.

The purpose of this Communication was the laying of the corner-stone of the WASHINGTON MONUMENT, with Masonic Honors. An immense concourse of Masons, as well as those who were unconnected with the Order, assembled to witness this interesting ceremony, in honor of our Illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The volume containing these proceedings is fraught with interest to every Mason; and we deem the addresses of Gov. FLOYD and M. W. ROBERT G. SCOTT, P. G. M., delivered on the occasion, as well as the Masonic correspondence of WASHINGTON, during his Masonic career, to be of sufficient worth and value to be by us perpetuated, and to be annexed to our report. The



day will long be remembered by all, but more especially by the Masons of the Old Dominion.

The ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Washington Monument having been completed, and pronounced by the Governor to be well done, and agreeable to instructions, the Grand Orator, *M. W. ROBERT G. SCOTT*, delivered the following eloquent, appropriate, and Masonic Address:—

GOVERNOR FLOYD:—

The laying the first stone in the noble edifice here to be erected, is completed. By the invitation of the Chief Magistrate of the State, which to us of the "Mystic Tie" is understood to be a command, the Masonic body have come hither to act their, the humblest part in the ceremonies of this day. Under your direction, Sir, and in consistency with the high duty imposed on the Craft, to be good, loyal, and obedient citizens of the State, we have assembled to render our profound homage to the shining virtues of the Great Dead. And, my brethren, friends, and fellow-citizens, tell me what brings here this vast assemblage? Why do we see gathered together the men of the mountain and of the sea-board, of the North and the South, from the Potomac to the Roanoke; the white locks of age mingling with the ruddy faces of youth? Why come here all classes, conditions, orders, and sects? The work-shops stand still, the daily pursuits of life are suspended, the courts of justice are closed, and the strife of legislative debate is silent. In martial array, with streaming banners, stand yonder long line of Citizen Soldiers of the State, and the deep-mouthed cannon is ready to speak to every hill and valley. But, above all, what brings to these ornamental grounds that countless and lovely assemblage of the best and purest of our God's work? This can be no common occasion, else we should not be cheered by the approving smiles of woman, lovely woman—she who blesses us in prosperity, and is devotedly faithful in the darkest hours of adversity. The day, the birth-day of our great Chief, long remembered, and never, with us, passed uncelebrated and unhonored; it is not that, *no, no*, it is not that which prompts to this imposing ceremony. Virginia speaks another language—she decrees a Monument to be erected—to-day commences the work, that work which is not to commemorate the birth-day of a man, but to stand, now and forever, as a living and speaking evidence of the affection and gratitude of an enlightened, virtuous, and free people, to their first, their greatest benefactor. It is the remembrance of illustrious services and unbounded devotion to the good of mankind, by one most preëminent and virtuous, the magic power and august influence of whose name all acknowledge, which gathers us here. It is the name of WASHINGTON—WASHINGTON. Half a century has gone by since, in God's Providence, our country lost him—and yet, oh, how deep and thrilling are our feelings when his venerated name is uttered! The young and old know his history, and talk of him as the best and greatest of mortal men that have ever lived. His name is lisped by the infant, under the teaching of the mother, to admire his virtues, and follow his bright example. It is the common and universal sentiment of all our people to look on him as one of surpassing greatness and purity of purpose. It is not, however, with the people of Virginia or the United States alone, that the vast proportions of his gigantic character stand above all others. In every civilized country his name is never mentioned but with affection and admiration. Go to Europe, and seek to know. In England, Germany, Italy, France, and even among the Russians of the North, we learn his character is known, and his eminent virtues and signal services for his country are undoubtedly admired. The sculptor, the painter, the orator, the poet, and the historian, have each striven by some great effort to be connected with the name of WASHINGTON. From the poor but faithful Mountain Republic of San Marino, to the rich and powerful governments of Western Europe, all bow in reverence to the great American Statesman and Patriot, and each cherishes among its richest jewels the unadorned and simple portrait of WASHINGTON. What a wonderful triumph is this over the passions, prejudices, and doctrines of past ages! The plain, modest, unostentatious Planter of the Potomac, in our Commonwealth, has become the admired of millions of the Old World; of the Prince and Potentate; of the strong, the wise, and the good; of the peasant and the lord; of the people of the Seine, the Rhine, the Danube, and the Thames. The denounced traitor of 1776 stands now the beloved of his countrymen and the admiration of the world. Such is, and may such ever be, the reward of such services and such transcendent virtues.

But I invade the duties assigned to another vastly better qualified to speak of WASHINGTON, of his virtues, his services, and devotion to all that has made him first among the good and great. I can, however, before you, my Masonic brethren, and all here present, most appropriately allude to one of the best and purest of the associations of GEORGE WASHINGTON. In nothing was he a common man. All his undertakings were well considered, and more than well executed. In none, in his long life, did he display this striking quality of his head and heart more strongly than by his early connection with, and unwavering adherence and devotion to the Ancient Order of Freemasonry, and its

liberal and philanthropic principles and objects. Learning, from observation and reflection, the benevolent ends our association designed to accomplish, he at an early age determined to become one of us. An honest advocate of the equal and inalienable rights of man, he became satisfied that Masonry had at all times, and under the harshest trials, been the unfaltering supporter of just and free principles. In Greece and in Venice—in the dark ages—in ancient and modern times—nay, in all ages, our WASHINGTON found Masonry true and steadfast in advancing the intellectual and moral improvement of the masses, and the elevation of man to that condition of equality and happiness that now blesses more than twenty millions of American freemen. Yes, on this hallowed spot, hallowed henceforth and forever to the name of WASHINGTON, may I well say, and in all truth declare, that Masonry has done as much, nay, possibly more, than all other associations, for the establishment of the just rights of man. Broad, comprehensive, and never-yielding in its ends, it has steadily resisted wrong and oppression in all its forms. It has defied and overcome alike the commands of the despot and the tortures of the inquisition. It has triumphed morally over the seductions of power, and the temptations to render servile obedience to the most powerful monarchs of the earth. In our own loved land, it has proved itself pure and devoted to the principles of morality and stable free government.

And why—oh! why should not the name of WASHINGTON be most intimately associated with such an Institution? He thoroughly studied and knew all that concerned it. In the closet he pondered over its designs; in the camp he ministered at its altar. And when war, with all its trials, sufferings, and carnage, had ceased to desolate his native country; when peace brought happiness and liberty to every fireside, still he is the same steadfast Masonic teacher, and its unchanged friend. Neither the patronage of power nor the advance of age ever chilled his ardent attachment to our ancient Order, or made him less an active and working Mason—active in all its charities, and working to give it an eternal endurance. In his youth GEORGE WASHINGTON became a Mason. Here is the record of his initiation; and here, too, I exhibit the Bible then used in the Lodge, and which, as we all know, is the first and greatest light of Masonry. In infancy he had been baptized in the Church of Christ, of which he remained to his death an humble and pious member. Here I exhibit to you the cloak that covered the Infant WASHINGTON, in the arms of that admirable Mother, at the moment of the ceremony, and who taught him the ways of virtue and religion. [Here the speaker held up the cloak, which the immense audience hailed with cheers.]

On the fourth of November, 1752, in Lodge No. 4, in the town of Fredericksburg, he became one of us, my Masonic Brethren—and you of that Lodge who stand here to-day the representatives of your illustrious ancestors, who were the compatriots of WASHINGTON and of MERCER, should ever hold those relics of by-gone days in the deepest reverence. He hesitated not, and on the third of March, 1753, was passed a Fellow-Craft, and on the fourth day of August, 1753, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason—and a Master, indeed, did he thenceforth prove himself to be. Master of all our mysteries,—but more than all that, a Master deeply imbued with, and ever practising those charming virtues that adorn our Association. When the mighty struggle came with our Fatherland, and he was called by the united voice of his country to lead her armies and guide her destiny; when heavily taxed by the cares of office and command, and his herculean frame was almost borne to the earth with the grave and innumerable demands on his time and intellectual powers, he often devoted hours to the soft and chastening duties of Masonry. Frequently when surrounded by a brilliant staff, he would part from the gay assemblage and seek the instruction of the Lodge. There lived in 1842, in our sister State, Ohio, Capt. HUGH MALOY, then ninety-three years old, who was initiated a Mason in the marquee of WASHINGTON, he officiating and presiding at the ceremony. Would that that venerable man was among us this day, to bear his testimony to this marked incident in the life of his great Captain—that Captain who could cheerfully turn from the world, its pleasures, temptations, and powers, and meet on the Square, the Plumb, and the Level,—one of the humblest in his camp. How lovely, how surpassingly beautiful, in all that commands the respect and admiration of the good, are such practices. MALOY was known to WASHINGTON to be a good man and true, and in the sincere and bright spirit of Masonry he hailed him as a Brother. Faithful to our principles, and never halting in his duty, an incident occurred during our Revolutionary War which afforded him an opportunity to display them practically to the enemy. A detachment of the American Army had met and gallantly overcome a British force, and captured from them the working tools, jewels, and clothing of a Military Traveling Lodge. WASHINGTON learned this, and he would as soon have sanctioned the plundering of a Church, as to have approved the retention of the booty. He ordered and made its restoration under a strong military escort, accompanied by the declaration that his countrymen waged no war against philanthropy and benevolence.

The hour of Peace arrived. Our beloved great man had passed, untouched and unharmed, through many a hard-fought battle, and a kind and watchful Providence had



guarded and saved him, for a long life of after usefulness. His military labors terminated on the heights of Yorktown. In that village was Lodge No. 9, where, after the siege had ended, WASHINGTON and LA FAYETTE, MARSHALL and NELSON, came together, and, by their union, bore abiding testimony to the beautiful tenets of Masonry. The simple White Apron; the unsoiled and unspotted Lambskin I wear, were the property of that Lodge. Retirement to the quiet shades of Mount Vernon did not remove WASHINGTON from his Masonic labors and usefulness. On the twenty-eighth day of April, 1783, EDMUND RANDOLPH, the then Grand Master and Governor of Virginia, issued a Charter to *Alexandria Washington Lodge*, No. 22. Of this Lodge WASHINGTON was a member, and was constant and punctual, and ever ready to communicate light and instruction — that light which time has never dimmed, and that instruction, the bountiful fruits of which are manifested in the uniform prosperity of the Lodge, and its now numerous and respectable attendance here. Elevated, shortly after this, to the first office in the Republic, in 1787, and though surrounded by the numerous and perplexing difficulties incident to the early organization and development of our Infant Institutions, he is yet found in constant correspondence and active connection with the Masonic body. His letters written in 1784, 1790, 1791, 1792, and 1797, speak the language of a true, faithful, and ardent follower of Masonry; and while these letters give enduring evidence of a great mind deeply imbued with the abiding utility and truthfulness of our beloved Order, they show conclusively that there were times when even he thought it not improper to relax the sterner requirements of Masonry, and to unite with his brethren around the innocently festive board. Thus we find him in the following letter accepting an invitation to dine with the Fraternity of Alexandria, on the twenty-fourth June, 1784:—

MOUNT VERNON, June 19, 1784,  
 DEAR SIR: With pleasure I received the invitation of the Master and members of Lodge No. 39, to dine with them on the approaching anniversary of St. John the Baptist;—if nothing unforeseen at present interferes, I will have the honor of doing it. For the polite and flattering terms in which you have expressed their wishes, you will please accept my thanks.

With esteem and regard, I am, dear Sir,

Your most ob't. servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

WM. HERBERT, Esq.

Of the high veneration and lofty appreciation of his living character which the Sages, Patriots, and Masons entertained, who were his contemporaries in the eventful Drama, entitled "A Struggle for the Equal Rights of Man," and which had just successfully closed, let the following correspondence speak. I would not, under ordinary circumstances, obtrude this correspondence on you, my fellow-citizens; but it is due to the illustrious Dead that his Masonic character should be known to the world by irrefragable testimony, the original of which is now in our possession.

*To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of King David's Lodge, in Newport, R. I.:—*

GENTLEMEN: I received the welcome which you gave me to Rhode Island, and with pleasure; and I acknowledge my obligations for the flattering expressions of regard contained in your address, with grateful sincerity. Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother. My best wishes, Gentlemen, are offered for your individual happiness.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

*To the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Ancient York Masons:—*

GENTLEMEN: I am much obliged by the respect which you are so good as to declare for my public and private character. I recognize with pleasure my relation to the Brethren of your Society: and I accept, with gratitude, your congratulations on my arrival in South Carolina.

Your sentiments on the establishment and exercise of our equal Government, are worthy of an association whose principles lead to purity of morals, and are beneficial of action. The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it.

I shall be happy on every occasion to evince my regard for the Fraternity. For your prosperity individually, I offer my best wishes.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

*To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—*

GENTLEMEN: Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonials of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles are founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice.

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of the Masonic Institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

While I beg your acceptance of my thanks for the "Book of Constitutions" which you have sent me, and for the honor you have done me in the dedication, permit me to assure you that I feel all those emotions of gratitude which your affectionate address and cordial wishes are calculated to inspire. And I sincerely pray that the great Architect of the Universe may bless you here, and receive you hereafter in his Immortal Temple.

GEO. WASHINGTON.



*To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—*

BROTHERS: It was not until within these few days that I have been favored by the receipt of your affectionate address, dated in Boston, the twenty-first of March. For the favorable sentiments you have been pleased to express on the occasion of my past services, and for the regrets with which they are accompanied for the cessation of my public functions, I pray you to accept my best acknowledgments and gratitude.

No pleasure, except that which results from a consciousness of having, to the utmost of my abilities, discharged the trusts which have been reposed in me by my country, can equal the satisfaction I feel from the unequivocal proofs I continually receive of its approbation of my public conduct; and I beg you to be assured that the evidence thereof, which is exhibited by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is not among the least pleasing or grateful to my feelings.

In that retirement which declining years induced me to seek—and which repose to a mind long employed in public concerns rendered necessary—my wishes, that bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in peace, and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere; and my attachment to the Society of which we are members, will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavors to promote the honor and interest of the Craft.

For the prayer you offer in my behalf, I entreat you to accept the thanks of a grateful heart, with assurances of fraternal regard, and my best wishes for the honor, happiness and prosperity of all the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

*To the Ancient York Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania:—*

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN:—I received your kind congratulations with the purest sensations of fraternal affection; and from a heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future happiness, I beg you to accept my thanks.

At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your happiness while you remain in this terrestrial mansion; and that we may hereafter meet as Brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

GEO. WASHINGTON.

Can more conclusive, more unqualified evidence be adduced of the ardent and unwavering attachment of any man to the principles of an Institution of which he professed to be a member? Certainly not: and our only regret is that the unobtrusive character of Masonry should have so long induced her to withhold from public gaze and inspection these inestimable testimonials in her favor, of one who, by the universal opinion and sentiment of mankind, in both hemispheres, has long since been pronounced a judge. At all times, whether in the working of Lodges or in the open ceremonies of public occasions, he was ready to perform his part. When the Capitol of the Nation was commenced he was present, and the leading actor on that occasion. But he was there as a Master Mason. This marble pallet, or Master's gavel, was then used by him, and is the property of *Potomac Lodge*, No. 5, in the District of Columbia. This apron and sash adorned his noble form. He understood the use of the one, and the high moral instruction derived from the other. With these simple relics of olden times, how many and interesting associations spring up. That apron and sash were, in 1824, moistened with the affectionate tears of the gallant Frenchman who toiled and shed his blood for us. They are yet the property of *Alexandria Washington Lodge*, and the liberal gifts of *LA FAYETTE* to his brother *WASHINGTON*. Inestimably valuable as this connection renders them, oh! how precious and above all price do they become, especially with you, my countrywomen, when we know they were prepared at *La Grange*, and are the work of the fair hands of *Madame de LA FAYETTE*. Keep and preserve them, my kind brothers of *Lodge No. 22*, unused and unworn by any, the most elevated and distinguished. They are sacred legacies to you, and never can be looked on, that the mighty name and virtues of *WASHINGTON* do not freshly spring up before us. The Master's Chair, too, was given by *WASHINGTON* to the same Lodge. He often occupied it, and may it continue to be adorned by successors who may imitate, but can never equal the donor in wisdom, strength, and beauty. Such is an imperfect and half-finished outline of his Masonic character and services. He died, as he had lived, devotedly one of us, and was buried, as he desired, with Masonic honors.

If we look for a bright and spotless example—if we seek for light and truth—if we desire to follow the blazing pathway of a noble spirit—then *WASHINGTON* should be our beacon-light; by him we may be guided as by “a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.” As the great exemplar of our Order, he never failed to inculcate “peace on earth and good-will to all men.”

Around him shone lesser lights. Many of them, had they lived in other periods, would have given lustre to their times. But he stands not alone in the temple. As the chief key and cope-stone of that temple he is sustained and supported by other tried and trusty workmen. *FRANKLIN*, the scholar and the patriot—*WARREN*, the first Grand Master of Masons in America, and who died loved and admired, gallantly battling for his country—*LA FAYETTE*, *GREENE*, *MARSHALL*, *MERCER*, and *RANDOLPH*, were his Masonic associates. It is of such as these that our temple has been erected. They are the examples of our own country, the bright and shining lights of our Order, adding power

and beauty to all its parts. The historian informs us that all the Major-Generals of the Revolutionary Army, except one, were Master Masons. Each of them had beheld

“That hieroglyphic bright,  
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw.”

And all, save that benighted one, died respected and beloved. He alone proved a traitor, and went to his grave stamped with the infamy of a traitor. Turning to our own time, the lights of Masonry burn yet brilliantly. How many of our best and purest do we find united with its hopes, its prospects, and its fortunes! Look around us now and behold the men who blush not at being hailed as sincere and honest Masons, and esteem themselves honored with being this day with us and dressed with the simple badge of a White Apron. Yes, on this stand is the Governor of our State, the respected first officer of the Commonwealth. He is one of us. Shall I tell you who sits beside him? Does the hero of the Rio Grande, the victor of Buena Vista, the elected President of the Nation, who has long served his country with devotion and fidelity, (and although not one of us,) require a higher compliment than to say that he, too, will meet us as a brother?

But among us we have some young members and devoted associates; our tried friend and amiable, brave, and true SELDEN, the hero of Chepultepec; and the sterling soldier, too, of the ancient County of Amelia; he who gloriously won his Brevet at Resaca de la Palma—the gallant GRAHAM—they are others of the Craft. Well may this, the greatest assemblage of Masons ever collected in this Commonwealth, exclaim, “How lovely and how beautiful it is for Brethren to dwell in harmony and peace!”

The power and the influence of our Order are here most happily exemplified. So great indeed have these been known to be, that in the heat and fury of the battle strife, when men, even the red and wild Indians of the forest were maddened by rage, and the scalping-knife and tomahawk were reeking with the blood of their victims, a single word has stricken down and paralyzed the uplifted arm of the warrior, and saved his prostrate and helpless foe. Such was the case at the River Raisin.

But I forbear—I have passed the limits imposed on myself. There is but one sentiment which pervades the hearts of this vast multitude, but one desire that animates us all: it is that this Monument, with which the honor and gratitude of the State are now indissolubly associated, may be speedily and successfully completed. And, Spirits of our departed Fathers, we ask you to look down on us and encourage us with your smiles and your blessings, in this great and laudable undertaking.

A benediction was then pronounced, and His Excellency, the Governor, delivered a most impressive and eloquent Oration on the occasion; the following extracts from which we have been enabled to obtain:—

FELLOW-CITIZENS: Virginia has come forth this day to celebrate, in a manner the most appropriate of all others, the birth-day of her greatest son. As the Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth, I am here to officiate in the ceremonies, and, as a part of my duties, to speak, however feebly, the voice of the State. I would most sincerely that some abler son of her's had been called upon to perform this task.

We must regard ourselves as happy in the fortune which assigns to us the glory of being participators in the transactions of this day. The most pleasant of all duties is to require an obligation, and surely no people under heaven were ever under a deeper weight of gratitude to a man, than Virginia is to WASHINGTON. The depth and strength of this sentiment in the hearts of our people, is in some measure evinced by this mighty outpouring of the population which we behold. We feel that Virginia intends an honor to the memory of that son—and every citizen of the State would be present to witness it. The highlands and the plains have given up their population—the cities and villages have sent forth theirs to join in this pageant, and do honor to the day.

This manifestation is a faint testimony of that love, admiration and reverence which the lessons of mothers and the precepts of our fathers have instilled into the hearts of all our countrymen, for the illustrious founder of our institutions. In the recollection of his glory, and the fruition of his labors, we have not forgotten the trials through which he passed, nor the sufferings which must have wrung his manly heart, in the gloomy period of his country's struggle.

When the first murmurings of that storm, which was to wrap America in bloodshed and fire, came sweeping over the bosom of the deep; when the colossal power of invincible England, wielded by a headstrong, intolerant, vindictive tyrant, was preparing to strike a blow at the defenceless colonies, a gloom little short of despair rested upon the country. In that hour the noble and magnanimous spirit of WASHINGTON prompted him to step forward as a sacrifice for the rights of his countrymen. Virginia, with her blessings sent him forth—and surely never since the patriarch's arm was stayed by the angel of the Lord, was there a nobler victim offered for any altar, than that which Virginia sent forth in the person of this son, to be immolated for the liberty of America. But the same voice which



called out of Heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham, lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him," turned aside the bolts of death from the bosom of him who was to become the father of this chosen country.

It has been said, and with great propriety, that no monument should be raised to a living man; for it is always uncertain, until death has drawn the curtain upon the final act of life's drama, whether the actor shall so play his part as to merit the applause of his countrymen. Surely there could never be selected a more propitious time for the erection of a monument to the memory of any man, than the present, to the Father of his Country. The enthusiasm which he inspired in the day of his glory, has, with the revolving years of half a century, ripened into the highest admiration. We are not prompted now by any sudden ebullition of popular applause, elicited for a desperately fought battle, nor by admiration for the conduct of a brilliant campaign. It is not to the warrior, red from the carnage of the battle-field, with the smoke and dust of the conflict still clinging to his garments, that we propose to erect this structure. No—it is far otherwise. The tide of battle has swept along; the shouts of the conquest have died upon the ear—the aspirations of ambition, the anguish of disappointment—the hopes and sorrows of all the host of actors in those stirring scenes, are stilled forever—that generation has mingled with the clouds of the valley, and the leader of the host is gone to his final account. His character has undergone the scrutiny of mankind, whilst his actions have been left as a legacy to his race. The good and wise of all the earth offer, with us, the heartfelt homage of reverence to the character of the man who was without a compeer for disinterestedness and virtue, whose services to his fellow man have never been equalled, except by those servants of the Lord who gave to us our blessed faith.

The principles he so promptly espoused and so heroically fought for, are now established upon a basis as enduring as the fountains of the sea, or the foundations of the eternal hills. The equality and the rights of man are recognized and conceded. The capacity for self-government is established beyond dispute. The avenues to honor and distinction are alike open to all classes and conditions of men. The poor and friendless boy, pursuing his toilsome journey on foot to the bosom of the west, aided alone by energy and enterprise, the gift of nature, returns presently to win laurels in the most august body on earth—the Senate of the nation. The laborer quits his vocation of drudgery and toil, and with the aids which are furnished by his intellect and genius, finds a seat in the Cabinet of the Republic.

\* \* \* \* \*

Nor are the blessings we enjoy confined alone to our people. The son of suffering and sorrow, from every nation under Heaven, finds in our midst a refuge and a home. When the throbs of ambition are stilled—when the chimeras of regal pomp have faded away—when the slaves of kingly authority have forgotten to bow with submission at the foot of the royal throne, and when the idolized Prince of yesterday is the outcast and fugitive of to-day, he, too, finds amidst our green valleys and upon the borders of our own free streams an asylum and a haven of rest. The sturdy yeoman, the son of labor, the operative of Europe, whose heritage is suffering and unmitigated labor, whose stalwart arm and ever anxious heart are unable to drive away from his fireside the gaunt spectre of famine, in whose ears the cries of anguish from his famishing wife and little ones are sounding day and night, he, also, finds in our country consolation and food.

But to enumerate the blessings which beam upon us from every hand were impossible, even did our time permit. They are multitudinous as the requirements of man, and blended all with the services of him whose fame we intend to commemorate. A people of but yesterday, our contributions to science have revolutionized the world. The lightning-rod, the steam engine and the telegraph constitute in part the treasures which the land of WASHINGTON has added to the riches of mankind. The scathing bolts of Heaven, blackening and blighting alike the glory of the forest and the most cherished edifices of art, are subdued and rendered harmless by the knowledge we possess. The might of the waves and the terrors of the storm are baffled and controlled by the agents we supply; whilst neither the winds of Heaven nor the light of the sun equal in their speed the swift messengers obedient to our will we send daily upon their errands through the land. The fires and waters of earth, with the lightnings of Heaven subdued to the will of man, are the heralds we send forth to proclaim our glory.

We are fitly engaged this day, in commemorating the glory of him whose services have been more efficacious in producing these mighty results than any man who ever lived to bless a people. Upon one point all men are agreed—that this was the only hand in America which could have sustained the Banner of Liberty through the struggle of the Revolution. His, too, was the counsel that saved—his the spirit that inspired comfort and hope. In that conflict of storm, of earthquake, and of fire, which swept over this continent, and shook the political foundations of all Europe to the centre, "the still small voice" whispering encouragement, consolation and strength, into the hearts of the subjugated and down-trodden men in all the earth, fell from the lips of our illustrious WASHINGTON.

\* \* \* \* \*



As a military leader, his genius will rank with the most renowned captains of any country; as the champion of human rights and liberty, he is without a parallel amongst the sons of men. Let the equestrian monument arise; it is the fittest emblem of his peculiar and distinguished greatness. We have a peculiar interest, as we have an undoubted preëminence, in his glory and his fame. Upon our soil he drew his first breath—here he commenced his career—here he consummated the crowning act of his deathless renown. Here, too, when the toils of his life were ended, he exchanged the brightest glories of the earth for the still brighter glories of Heaven, and laid down his body to rest in the bosom of his cherished State. His last battle-field and his last resting place are ours. The trump which shall raise him from his repose, can alone obliterate the glory of his name. He built a monument to his country, which the eyes of the world delight to rest upon. Let us build this to him, an humble but enduring testimony of the love in which his memory is embalmed.

Delightful is the task we have to perform, and the power of the State is here to execute it. The worthy representatives of a grateful people are present to see the work begun, which their noble patriotism so cheerfully and readily authorized. They will proclaim throughout the State that the work of duty is commenced.

This is indeed a glorious day for our venerable Commonwealth. Her daughters are here to gladden and beautify the scene. The stalwart volunteer and the youthful cadet, whose young bosom will receive a lesson of virtuous patriotism never to be forgotten while the throb of life animates his generous breast, are with us. All associations of benevolence and brotherly love come forth to testify their respect for him who was the impersonation of all they teach. The army and navy, at once the bulwark and ornament of the nation, send up their representatives to cheer us in our undertaking. Every avocation in life sends forth theirs to give us countenance in this labor of love and duty. Here, too, a son of our State, whose career has carried him to the summit of honor and glorious distinction, who wore his honors with a worthiness, and laid them aside with a grace, becoming the successor of the nation's greatest statesman—he comes from the shades of a dignified retirement, prompted by feelings of duty and affection, to join in the celebration of the day.\*

May we not be excused if the flush of pride mantles our cheeks at the presence of one who has celebrated this day with the thunders of the battle-field and the shouts of victory, the effulgence of whose arms has shed upon our country a lustre that shall never fade? May we not be excused for the exultation which we feel at seeing the Chief Magistrate of this great nation, with the honors of the country thick upon him, coming forward to perform an act of homage to the memory of Washington; when we remember that he, too, is the son of the venerable parent which gave birth to the illustrious dead? The commencement of the work is amidst the prayers of this countless multitude—it will be prosecuted amidst the blessings of a grateful nation.

### LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from January twentieth to June eleventh, 1851, and are extremely happy in being able to state to your Worshipful Body that the difficulties which so long existed in Louisiana, from the existence of two Grand Lodges in that State, have been healed, by a general meeting of both bodies in convention, and by the formation of a new Constitution, which was adopted. The Lodges, as a general thing, adhered to the Symbolic Work of Ancient York Masonry, leaving the Council degrees to stand upon their own merits.

In effecting the consummation of this great and truly Masonic work, so much to be desired by the Craft everywhere, the M. W. JOHN GEDGE, and his associates, are deserving of all praise for their untiring exertions and commendable zeal. The good feeling thus produced, and the blessings enjoyed by the Craft from this union, were not, however, long without interruption. Three of their Lodges surrendered their Charters, but refused to give up their records, funds, &c.; wishing to retain their relationship with the Lodges, but to adhere to the "*Scottish Rite*." One of these (*Polar Star Lodge*) is indebted to the Grand Lodge in the sum of \$5861, *borrowed money*, which she refuses to pay. The former Grand Treasurer, RAMON VIONET, also refused to pay over a large amount of funds in his hands, and even went so far as to apply for a *mandamus* to compel the Grand Lodge to retain him as its Treasurer.

\* Mr. Ex-President Tyler.

† The Battle of Buena Vista, fought 22d of February, 1847.

Of his unmasonic conduct, in both these matters, there can be but one opinion; and the decision of the Court must convince him, as well as every brother who will dare to violate propriety, that "*all will be rewarded according to their merits,*" and that "*justice will sooner or later overtake us, although our thoughts, words, and actions may be hidden from the eyes of man.*" He has been expelled from *all* the privileges of Masonry. The three refractory Lodges have also met the same deserving fate—their names being *Polar Star*, No. 1, *Amigos del Orden*, No. 5, and *Disciples of the Masonic Senate*, No. 5. We concur in the determined action therein taken, and call upon the Lodges in our jurisdiction to guard well their portals against the admission of any member owning allegiance to either of said Lodges.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:—

"*Be it Resolved*, That our sister Grand Lodges throughout the universe are requested to instruct their constituent Lodges not to receive to Masonic communication any Mason residing in the State of Louisiana, unless upon sufficient proof that he belongs to some Lodge working by the authority of this Grand Lodge; or, if not belonging to any such Lodge, then only upon the proof that he does not belong to, or hold communication with any Lodge working in this State under authority not derived from this Grand Lodge, or the members and initiates of such Lodge."

Your committee recommend that action be taken thereon by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has received a communication from R. W. Bro. EDWARD BARNETT, Grand Secretary of Louisiana, informing us that the Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication on the nineteenth January last, and also forwarding a list of the Grand Officers for the present Masonic year. The M. W. H. R. W. HILL was elected and installed as Grand Master.

The committee regret that a copy of the proceedings of that Communication has not reached them, as it would have afforded them much gratification to have noticed in this report such portion proper to be laid before you.

### OREGON.

Your committee have also received the proceedings of a Convention held at Oregon City, Oregon Territory, on the sixteenth August, A. L. 5851, by the chartered Lodges in that Territory, to take into consideration the subject of forming a Grand Lodge. The Convention adjourned to meet on the thirteenth of September following. Three Lodges were represented, viz.: *Multnomah*, No. 84, *Willamette*, No. 11, and *La Fayette*, No. 15. On the fifteenth a Constitution was reported and adopted. An election was held, the result of which was as follows:—

M. W. BERRYMAN JENNINGS,	Grand Master;
R. W. JOHN ELLIOTT,	Deputy Grand Master;
" " W. J. BERRY,	Senior Grand Warden;
" " J. C. AINSWORTH,	Junior Grand Warden;
" " BENJAMIN STARK,	Grand Secretary;
" " ROBERT THOMPSON,	Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master was duly installed by Bro. JOHN ELLIOTT, P. M., and the Grand Master installed the other Grand Officers. Their Communications are to be held annually, on the first Monday in June.

Your committee cannot but express regret that the Lodges in Oregon deemed it necessary, from any circumstances then existing, to organize a Grand Lodge at so early a date, as they fear the benefit to be derived will not compensate them for the burdens they must necessarily bear in supporting it with so few Lodges; yet we would not sit in judgment on the acts of our brethren, for we believe they have done that which they were persuaded was for the good of the Order, and for the sake of harmony and good will toward each other.



Regretting, as we do, to part with No. 11 and No. 15 from our little fold, we nevertheless must fraternally and cordially extend to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, our youngest sister, the right-hand of fellowship, and in so doing wish them every prosperity.

We cannot, however, close our remarks upon this Grand Lodge without mentioning that we have been informed that the construction of the Convention upon the definition of "*Past Master*," includes not only those who have presided as Masters, but those also who only have received *the degree*; and that they admit all such as members of the Grand Lodge. We are sorry our brethren have adopted that construction, and trust they may soon be induced to retrace their steps; for we hold and believe it to be bad Masonic doctrine, and dangerous to the peace and welfare of any Grand Lodge.

### ALABAMA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held in the city of Montgomery, on the first of December, A. L. 5851, evidence a vast increase of Lodges in this jurisdiction.

The Circular from this State appears to have been received, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence make allusion to it in their report, but no further notice or action was taken thereon during the session.

### VERMONT.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, held in Burlington, on the fourteenth January, A. L. 5852, are only at this moment at hand, too late for your committee to discuss as they would desire.

The Grand Master speaks in his address of our Circular, and "hopes a call so reasonable will not pass unheeded;" but no action seems to have been had on his fraternal suggestion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence enter into a digest on all reports from sister Grand Lodges received, and include us, with a greeting and welcome to their "*Atlantic borders*."

The Order seems to be recuperating in the Green Mountain State. We wish them stability, and hope that the fires now burning on their altars will never again be scattered.

### SACRAMENTO RELIEF FUND.

The Grand Secretary has received several communications, notifying him of contributions made, in response to the Circular issued by this Grand Lodge in May, 1851, viz.:

From <i>Virgin</i> Lodge, No. 558, Halifax, N. S., sent to Bro. Powell,	
Grand Secretary, New York,.....	\$30 00
From the Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at	
St. George's, Bermuda, (Bro. James Taylor,) remitted to James	
Herring, New York,....	25 00
From three other West India Lodges, to James Herring,.....	30 80
From <i>Rising Virtue</i> Lodge, Bangor, Maine, to Bro. Powell, New	
York,.....	30 00

A communication has just been received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, (Bro. CHAS. S. FRAILEY,) notifying us that every Lodge but one in their jurisdiction had contributed their mite, amounting to \$50, which is subject to our draft.

The generous response to our call by North Carolina, the District of Columbia, and others, excites in us the liveliest emotions of gratitude. In order that the intent of our Circular may be understood, and that we may not be supposed to be asking charity for the Fraternity here, we would state that the committee has made due inquiry of the officers and representatives of our Lodges now here, and can find but one instance where a *member* of any Lodge



under *this jurisdiction* has ever asked or received a dollar of charity. This would hardly seem possible, where there has been so much distress, and so many relieved—yet it is true; and it is sufficient evidence to whom the bounteous hand of charity has been extended. It was to Masons of every clime. None were asked from whence they came. It was sufficient for us to know that he was “*a brother in distress.*”

At the time referred to, the *members* of the Order here were few in number—the amount of distress incalculable—the applications for relief almost incredible—and the exorbitant price of all the necessities and comforts of life required a large amount of funds. The brethren at Sacramento, who undertook to provide a hospital, became responsible for all the accruing indebtedness—they paid a large amount—for the balance, over \$14,000, a judgment has been obtained—and it is to assist us in cancelling this, and not to refund anything that has been paid, that *the call* has gone forth to our brethren throughout the world. And it may not be inopportune to state that one brother, whose zeal in the noble cause that then was engaging the attention of the Sacramento brethren, has become a martyr thereto, and lost his little all therein.

We do not wish to herald forth what has been done by others, or by Masonry; but we must state that other Lodges and individual brothers in this State were never found wanting, when an appeal was made to their charity. However significant may be the name of “*Golden Sister,*” and however rife the supposition that all the sands of this State are composed of *precious gold*, notwithstanding the fact that the golden treasure has flowed into our coffers, and our private resources have been heavily taxed in addition thereto, still our treasuries are empty. The profuse hand of charity has been and is still busily and actively employed. The benign and glorious principles of our Order have been fully tested in this new State—and who shall say they have been found wanting? From the evidences now before us we trust, nay, hope that ere long our Sacramento friends will be relieved from their embarrassments.

Those sending contributions can forward a draft on any of the Atlantic cities, or San Francisco, or transmit to R. W. Bro. J. W. POWELL, M. D., Grand Secretary of New York, who will forward the same.

#### CONCLUSION.

The committee have received a work, presented to the Grand Lodge by the author, Bro. G. H. GRAY, Senior, of Clinton, Mississippi, called the “*Mystic Circle.*” They have examined the same, and believe it to be a work of much merit, and recommend it with great confidence to the Fraternity. The valuable portion devoted to “*Jurisprudence*” will repay the acquiring of it, at any cost or time.

Your committee would have experienced gratification to have extended their labors over a wider field, if time had permitted; but delaying, as they have, to the latest moment, in expectation that “*our sisters*” would have responded to us, by forwarding their proceedings in return for ours, (our Grand Secretary having mailed to each a copy, in the proper season, as well as to all the foreign Grand Lodges known to him,) has left them no further ground to travel over.

We sincerely regret that we have received so few, thereby, no doubt, depriving us of much valuable information and Masonic light, which we, in this far-off portion of the world, so greatly need. But we confidently expect from our older and more intelligent sister Grand Lodges, that due care be had that we in future are furnished with the *material* desired—as surely they can not but appreciate our wants—seeing our isolated position, so far removed from the various sources of information, and from that interchange

of opinion so necessary to uniformity of work, and to the diffusion of Masonic principles and the general intelligence and benefit of the Craft. If the cause of our not receiving any proceedings other than we have noted be on the part of the Grand Secretaries, we do earnestly hope it will be avoided in future.

Reviewing the labors, your committee have to submit to your Worshipful Body the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. G. H. Gray, senior, for a copy of the "Mystic Circle" presented to our Grand Lodge, and that the same be recommended to the brethren as a valuable text-book of Masonic law and usage.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize our sister Grand Lodge of Oregon, and welcome her into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and that the Grand Secretary open the usual correspondence with her.

3. *Resolved*, That a Grand Lodge is the Supreme Head of Symbolic Masonry, and that she has the exclusive right to establish Lodges and to confer the three Symbolic Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry within her jurisdiction.

4. *Resolved*, That *Polar Star* Lodge, No. 1, *Amigos del Orden*, No. 5, and *Disciples of the Masonic Senate*, No. 5, in Louisiana, be declared clandestine, and that the Lodges under this jurisdiction shall not receive to Masonic communication any member belonging to any of said Lodges, or to any other Lodge in Louisiana, not holding authority under the Grand Lodge of that State.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that it is contrary to and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order, to withdraw from a subordinate Lodge without some good cause; or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate Lodge without becoming a member thereof.

6. *Resolved*, That all non-affiliated Master Masons who refuse to contribute to the support of the institution, unless prevented by disability, do, by so doing, forfeit all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall advance a candidate to a superior degree, unless he, in open Lodge, satisfy the members present that he is fully qualified in his work to enable him to progress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, }  
B. D. HYAM, } *Committee.*

The report was received and concurred in, and the several resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

The Grand Lecturer for the San Francisco District presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

I respectfully beg leave to present the following report, in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, as Grand Lecturer of the San Francisco District.

I visited *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, at their request, in company with the *R. W.* Deputy Grand Master, and was most cordially and fraternally received by the brethren. Every facility was afforded me to inspect their records, and I take great pleasure in stating that their records are kept in a very neat manner—the language used Masonic—and so far as I have had time to examine, no violation of the Constitution and Rules of the Grand Lodge had been committed. The brethren at *Benicia* deserve all praise for their really splendid Masonic Temple, and I hazard nothing when I say that it is the very best on the shores of the Pacific, owned by the Fraternity.

The Lodges in San Francisco are in a flourishing and prosperous condition—the *W.* Masters being efficient and zealous, and the utmost harmony and brotherly feelings prevailing. Their work, so far as has come under my notice, does not conflict with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.



*Temple* Lodge, No. 14, *Yount* Lodge, No. 12, and *San Jose* Lodge, No. 10, I have not visited, but learn that they are each in a flourishing condition.

I owe an apology to the Grand Lodge for not having fulfilled the duties of my office better; but there being no fixed Lectures adopted by the Grand Lodge, and not having had the opportunity to compare the Lectures with either of the other Grand Lecturers, I deemed it best not to attempt to instruct Lodges therein until the Grand Lodge should adopt some standard, that all might be instructed alike, thereby producing that uniformity so much desired.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. J. PRESTON *Grand Lecturer.*

Which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolution : —

WHEREAS, The Senior Warden of *Davy Crockett* Lodge, No. 7, previous to leaving for the Eastern States, appointed Bro. SAMUEL MARKS as his proxy, to represent him in the Grand Lodge at this present session; and *whereas*, Bro. MARKS' credentials have been, with others, referred to the appropriate committee; and *whereas*, on the report of the committee the question arose as to the right of Wardens to representation in the Grand Lodge, they being, at the time of the sitting of the Grand Lodge, absent from the State: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the removal of a Warden without this jurisdiction does not affect his right to representation in the Grand Lodge, so long as he remains a member of the Grand Lodge, by virtue of being a Warden of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL presented the following memorial : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

In the month of March, A. D. 1849, a Dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, appointing J. R. CRANDALL, Worshipful Master, A. O. GARRETT, Senior Warden, and W. MOFFAT, Junior Warden, and authorizing them to open a Lodge, as prescribed by the Constitutions of Masonry, in any State or Territory where no Grand Lodge existed. In the spring of 1850, a Lodge was opened at Marysville, under said Dispensation, and the Lodge continued work until the organization of this Grand Lodge; at which time the Lodge ceased its labors under said Dispensation, and applied to this Grand Lodge for, and was granted a Charter to constitute and open a Lodge at Marysville, under the name of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9.

Owing to my position, it becomes my duty to ask a second time the interposition of this Grand Lodge, on account of an apparent neglect on the part of *Marysville* Lodge, for which I am held amenable to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, whence emanated this Dispensation. I have, in person and by letter, requested and urged the importance of their making out the returns, that I might forward them, with the dues, to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and thus relieve myself from the censure of that Grand Lodge.

At our Communication in November last, this matter claimed the attention of the Grand Lodge, in the appointment of a committee, deemed proper in the absence of any representation from the Lodge. Opportunely, however, Bro. MILES, a member of said Lodge, came, and upon being made acquainted with the action of the Grand Lodge, volunteered his services in procuring the necessary papers and placing them in my possession at as early a moment as convenient, upon which the committee was discharged. This was done at my



suggestion, presuming that Bro. MILES would be able to do all that was requisite. Whether he has taken any steps in the matter I know not, having never received any advice; and that the Grand Lodge may know my true position, allow me to state that immediately after the location of the Lodge, and previous to their having done any Masonic work, I left Marysville and have never had the pleasure of meeting the Lodge while they were at work under said Dispensation.

I advanced my own funds for the Dispensation, which has not been returned. This, however, is not cause of complaint — but the object of this petition is to elicit your interposition, and enable me to stand in a proper light with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who fostered me in infancy, but must now regard me as an apostate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL.

The memorial was received, and ordered to be referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee —

*On the Memorial of Bro. Crandall :.....* { Bro. J. P. Gauch,  
“ John Cook,  
“ J. J. Papy.

Bro. J. P. GAUCH, from that committee, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, relative to the returns of *Marysville* Lodge, prior to the organization of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that they have conferred with Bro. STEINHART, Worshipful Master of said Lodge, who assures them that he will make out said returns, and forward them to Bro. CRANDALL, together with the necessary funds for him to remit to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. GAUCH, }  
JOHN COOK, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Bro. B. D. HYAM, the amendment to the By-Laws of *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, changing the monthly dues from four dollars to two dollars, was approved.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Wednesday, May 5th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that the records of the following Lodges under Dispensation had been examined and found satisfactory, viz. :—

- Parfaite Union Lodge, at San Francisco ;
- Mountain Shade “ “ Downieville ;
- San Joaquin “ “ Stockton ;
- Washington “ “ Sacramento ;
- Hawaiian “ “ Honolulu, S. I. ;

and recommended that Charters be issued to the said Lodges ; which report was received and concurred in, and Charters were ordered in accordance with the recommendation.

The special committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, presented a report, recommending that so much thereof as refers to the length of time which should elapse between the conferring of the several degrees, be referred to the Committee on By-Laws ; so much thereof as refers to uniformity of work, to a special committee of three ; and so much thereof as relates to Education and the taxation of non-affiliated Masons for that purpose, to a special committee of three ; which report was received and concurred in, and the Grand Master appointed the following special committees, as recommended :—

- On Uniformity of Work :..... { Bro. John Cook,  
“ Reuben Clark,  
“ R. F. Knott.
- On Education and Taxation :..... { Bro. Robert Hopkins,  
“ J. R. McConnell,  
“ L. B. Mizner.

The Committee on the Returns of Lodges reported a few that were correct, several out of form, with the amount of dues incorrect and dates omitted, etc., all of which they had corrected as far as practicable ; and they called the attention of the Secretaries to the necessity of being more particular in making out their reports.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

Bro. L. B. MIZNER offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the last Semi-Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, requiring the votes of the Lodge to be taken by yeas and nays, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional brethren as present and entitled to seats, viz. : — from

*Marysville*,.....No. 9,.....L. Steinhart, Representative.  
*Mountain Shade*,....No.—,.....Jas. Corcoran, Representative.  
*San Joaquin*,.....No.—,.....F. C. Andrews, Senior Warden.  
*Washington*,.....No.—,.....Jesse Morrill, Senior Warden;  
 ——— Birge, proxy for Junior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. L. STOWELL, the proposed amendments to the Constitution, presented at the last Communication, were taken up for action.

Article III., Sec. 1. The proposed amendment to this section, making the Communications of the Grand Lodge annual, instead of semi-annual, was adopted.

Article IX., Sec. 3. The proposed amendment to this section, reducing the fee for a Grand Lodge Diploma to three dollars, (one dollar for the Grand Secretary,) was adopted.

Article IX., Sec. 4. The proposed amendment to this section, making the fees for copying papers, &c., payable to the Grand Secretary, instead of the Grand Lodge, was adopted.

Article X., Sec. 1. The proposed amendment to this section, permitting the Lodges to elect their officers semi-annually, was rejected.

Article X., Sec. 6. The proposed amendment to this section, requiring petitions to lie over four weeks for consideration, was rejected.

Article XIII. The proposed amendment to this article, altering its phraseology so as to correspond with the change to Annual Communications, was adopted.

The Grand Master declared the Constitution to be duly amended in accordance with the foregoing action.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.





ville, praying for a Dispensation to open and hold a Lodge there, to be called *Madison* Lodge. The petition being properly signed and recommended, they recommended that a Dispensation be granted.

The report was received and concurred in, and it was ordered that a Dispensation be issued to *Madison* Lodge.

Bro. W. W. STOVALL requested that the following extract from the proceedings of *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, be spread upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge; which request was granted:—

“*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master is hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for an amount sufficient to pay the Grand Lodge of Connecticut the amount due her from *Connecticut* Lodge, No. 76, (now *Tehama*, No. 3,) and that it be remitted to said Grand Lodge at the earliest practicable period.”

W. W. STOVALL, *Secretary Tehama Lodge, No. 3.*

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock, this evening.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,  
Wednesday, May 5th, A. L., 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. J. M. KOON, from the committee appointed at the last Communication to ascertain what disposition had been made of the funds, jewels, furniture, &c., of *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee report in regard to *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, that as near as they can ascertain from the minutes of said Lodge, there is now in the hands of the late Secretary,.....\$119 82

Also in the hands of Bro. Martin, late Senior Warden,..... 30 00

Also an order on *Tehama* Lodge, for..... 45 00

Making the available means of said Lodge,.....\$194 82  
And that said Lodge, at the time of surrendering her Charter, had neither jewels or furniture, with the exception of a Bible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. KOON, *Chairman.*

Which report was received and concurred in, the committee was discharged, and Bro. A. MARTIN was appointed to close up the books

of *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, and make full settlement with the Grand Secretary for its dues to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Education reported that they deemed it inexpedient to expend any funds at present for educational purposes, there being little or no necessity for it at this time, and the finances not being in a state to admit of it; they recommended that a fund be raised for that purpose, however, and invested, under the direction of the Grand Lodge officers; and that to facilitate the same, the Grand Lodge be incorporated: which report was concurred in.

The committee appointed at the last Communication, on the affairs of *Pacific* Lodge, at Long's Bar, reported that said Lodge had been working under a Dispensation granted to Bro. MORSE and others, by the Grand Lodge of Illinois; but that said Lodge had closed and dissolved before the committee had time to communicate with it, and the committee therefore asked to be discharged; which was granted.

On motion of Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, it was

*Resolved*, That the regular Communications of this Grand Lodge be held in San Francisco until otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. R. HOPKINS, it was

*Resolved*, That all Masons made in *Pacific* Lodge, under Dispensation from Illinois, be received and acknowledged by the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Thursday, May 6th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented a report in reference to the representatives of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, which was received and laid on the table.



The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to uniformity of work, presented a report, which was received and laid on the table.

The special committee relative to non-affiliated Masons presented a report, which was received and laid on the table.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the special committee on the Addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was referred the address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, beg leave most respectfully to report that they have noticed, as far as time would allow, the subjects to which their attention was called in the recommendation.

First, of procuring a Masonic Library: they appreciate the object but, however desirable, they regard it as premature, (this may be possible even in California,) and, until the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, it is impolitic to add to its archives a library of any considerable extent; while if it is to be limited to the works recommended, those may be procured by every Lodge, and every brother thus become the recipient of the information to be attained.

Their attention is also called to the subject of Education, and they apprehend that the views of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master will be met in the reference of this subject to the Committee on Education, the attention of the Grand Lodge having been called to that subject in the address of the M. W. Grand Master.

In reference to Registration, the committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge has already made provision, as far as is politic, in the adoption of Resolution No. 13, as appears in the printed proceedings of November fourteenth, 1851.

As regards Representation, however important it may be deemed that we should have a representative at each of the Grand Lodges in Europe and South America, and in return receive one from them, the committee beg leave to say, that they regard too much legislation as fraught with evils, and they think that the history of the past will not justify a too hasty expression or action.

Other subjects referred to in the address having been referred to appropriate committees, as recommended by the Grand Master, relieves your committee from any expression thereupon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL, } Committee.  
J. D. CREIGH, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the committee was discharged.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on By-Laws of Lodges, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of the subordinate

Lodges, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the By-Laws of

<i>California</i>	-	Lodge, No. 1 ;	<i>Yount</i>	-	Lodge, No. 12 ;
<i>Tehama</i>	"	" 3 ;	<i>Nevada</i>	"	" 13 ;
<i>Jennings</i>	"	" 4 ;	<i>Temple</i>	"	" 14 ;
<i>Benicia</i>	"	" 5 ;	<i>Eureka</i>	"	" 15 ;
<i>Davy Crockett</i>	"	" 7 ;	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	U. D.
<i>Tuolumne</i>	"	" 8 ;	<i>San Joaquin</i>	"	" "
<i>Marysville</i>	"	" 9 ;	<i>Washington</i>	"	" "
<i>San Jose</i>	"	" 10 ;	<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	" "

and recommend their adoption, with the following alterations and amendments : —

*California* Lodge, No. 1 — Art. VI., deemed exceptionable, and recommended that it be stricken out.

*Jennings* Lodge, No. 4 — Rules of Order, Sec. 6, recommended to be stricken out.

*Benicia* Lodge, No. 5 — recommended that Sec. 3, of Art. XVI., be stricken out, it being contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

*Davy Crockett* Lodge, No. 7 — Sec. 2, of Art. VI., recommended to be stricken out.

*Marysville* Lodge, No. 9 — Sec. 2, of Art. X., recommended to be stricken out.

*San José* Lodge, No. 10 — Art. VIII., recommended to strike out the words "he may be suspended," and insert, "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

*Yount* Lodge, No. 12 — Sec. 1, of Art. II., recommended to strike out the words "St. John the Baptist," and insert "St. John the Evangelist."

*Nevada* Lodge, No. 13 — Sec. 1, of Art. IX., recommended to strike out the words "he may be suspended," and insert "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

*Temple* Lodge, No. 14 — Sec. 3, of Art. III., recommended to be amended so as to read "the W. M. shall decide all questions of order, from which there shall be no appeal."

*Eureka* Lodge, No. 16 — Sec. 1, of Art. XII., recommended that the following words be affixed to said Article, to wit: "Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge;" and Sec. 1, of Art. IX., recommended that the words "he may be suspended," be stricken out, and "his name may be stricken from the roll of members," inserted.

*Mountain Shade* Lodge, U. D. — Sec. 1, of Art. II., recommended to strike out the words "St. John the Baptist," and insert "St. John the Evangelist;" and in Sec. 1, of Art. XII., recommended that the following words be affixed: "Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*San Joaquin* Lodge, U. D. — Art. III., recommended to strike out "the twenty-fourth of June," and insert "the twenty-seventh of December." Sec. 5, of Art. VI., deemed exceptionable, and recommended to be stricken out. Sec. 1, of Art. IX., recommended to strike out the words, "he shall stand suspended," and insert "his name may be stricken from the roll of members," and to Art. XIII., recommended that the following words be affixed: "Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

It is also recommended to *San Joaquin* Lodge to change its By-Laws, so that but two meetings in each month can be regarded as regular meetings.

*Hawaiian* Lodge, U. D. — Art. XI., recommended that the words "two or more," be stricken out, and "three" inserted. Art. XVI., (relative to fees,) recommended to be so amended as to conform to the requirements of the

Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and Art. XVIII., recommended that the following words be affixed: "Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL, }  
J. M. KOON, } *Committee.*  
H. F. WILLIAMS, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and the Committee was discharged.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
*Thursday, May 6th, A. L. 5852.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The report of the Committee on the subject of non-affiliated Masons was taken up, and after some consideration, was again laid upon the table.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

. MORNING SESSION, }  
*Friday, May 7th, A. L. 5852.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by Bro. T. A. THOMAS, Acting Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. W. D. FAIR was received as proxy for the Junior Warden of *California* Lodge, No. 1.

Bro. J. R. McCONNELL offered the following resolution.—



*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred dollars, in addition to the regular salary and perquisites of office, be appropriated to Bro. L. STOWELL, as a compensation for his efficient services as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, for the past year.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

Bro. B. D. HYAM, from the special committee appointed at the last Communication to procure jewels, clothing, &c. for the Grand Lodge, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of procuring Grand Lodge jewels, clothing, furniture, and other requisites, for your Most Worshipful Body, report: That on the fifteenth day of November last, an order was sent to Bro. J. W. POWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, with a request that he would confer the favor on us to purchase the articles enumerated. Your committee had hoped ere this that they would have been in a position to have delivered the same to you, but as yet they have not come to hand.

Such furniture as could be purchased here is herewith delivered, and the bills therefor have been handed to the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM, }  
L. STOWELL, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH, from the special committee on the National Washington Monument, appointed at the last Communication, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge to procure a block of stone for the National Washington Monument, beg leave to report that they have not been able to fulfill the duties prescribed for them, and ask to be continued until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee were also appointed to procure a new Grand Lodge Seal, which they ordered from New York, and which will arrive with the Grand Lodge clothing, etc., and will be handed over to the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH, }  
B. D. HYAM, } *Committee.*  
L. STOWELL, }

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Returns of Lodges further reported that they had examined the returns of *Mountain Shade* Lodge, but found them not in form and difficult to correct, for want of dates in conferring degrees, admissions, &c.; but they congratulated our brethren of the mountains on the prosperity indicated by the returns, and hoped hereafter to find their reports in due form, and strictly correct: which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee on By-Laws of Lodges, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address which alludes to the time that should intervene between the conferring of degrees, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows : —

We hold that proficiency, (without regard to the time of probation,) should be the requisite to enable a brother to progress. We therefore recommend that an examination, in open Lodge, to the satisfaction of the brethren, should be had before passing or raising a candidate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	} Committee.
J. M. KOON,	
H. F. WILLIAMS,	

Which report was received and concurred in.

A communication was received from *Parfaite Union* Lodge, asking leave to change its By-Laws, so that the regular meetings might be held on Friday instead of Sunday evenings ; which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication from *Mountain Shade* Lodge, asking the Grand Lodge to refund certain moneys expended in procuring a second Dispensation, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, who reported immediately on the same, and recommended that the Grand Lodge refund to *Mountain Shade* Lodge seventy-five dollars.

The report was concurred in, and the Grand Secretary was directed to place that sum to the credit of *Mountain Shade* Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Grand Secretary, in obedience to a requisition of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, respectfully submits the following report, embracing the various transactions in his department since the last Communication : —

He has caused two hundred and fifty copies of the Grand Lodge proceedings to be printed and distributed to our own subordinates, to the Grand Officers, and to each Grand Lodge in the Union ; and also to all foreign Grand Lodges, so far as their addresses could be obtained. In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, he subscribed for the publications ordered, and sent each editor a copy of our proceedings. The whole amount of subscription money was forwarded to Bro. CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, who writes that he immediately forwarded the requisite amount to each ; for which act of kindness on his part we are greatly indebted. Several numbers of the "Magazine," "Review," "Temple," "Union" and "Journal," have come to hand ; but none of the "Signet" or "Miscellany" have been received. The Grand Secretary would suggest, in consequence of the uncertainty and irreg-

ularity in receiving mail matter here, that the Grand Lodge subscribe for at least two copies of each publication, and thus render a full volume the more certain.

He has also addressed a communication to the Grand Master of Louisiana, to ascertain the names of the offending Lodges in that jurisdiction, and has received a reply, together with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and a convention held at Baton Rouge; to which proceedings he refers us for the information necessary to the proper guidance of this Grand Lodge—all of which will be duly noticed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He also addressed a fraternal letter to the Provincial Grand Lodge in New South Wales, agreeable to your order. Also a communication to Bro. JOHN DOVE, of Virginia, relative to the Text-Book, as ordered by the Grand Lodge. The order has been filled, and the books are ready for distribution.

Under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, requiring each Lodge to procure a seal, and forward to the Grand Secretary an impression of the same, the Grand Secretary has received an impression of the seals of nearly all the Lodges, and also copies of their By-Laws, so far as practicable, and no doubt the balance will soon be received.

The Grand Lodge Diplomas were ordered through Bro. JAMES W. POWELL, of New York, but have not as yet come to hand. The Grand Secretary would also state that he has notified *La Fayette* Lodge, No. 15, Oregon Territory, of her indebtedness to this Grand Lodge, and requested payment of her dues, but that as yet they have not been paid.

Various communications have been received, and are in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who will report thereon. Agreeable to a request of *San José* Lodge, and by authority of a Dispensation to me granted by the Deputy Grand Master, I proceeded thence, and regularly installed, in public, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the officers of *San José* Lodge, No. 10. This Lodge is in an active and healthy condition, and zealous to maintain the landmarks of the Order, and respect the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge. It promises much usefulness to the Order, and under its present organization we need little fear that it will be found without the boundary line of its duty.

The Grand Secretary, in reviewing the old reports of the Lodges, (1850,) in order to enter and write up their accounts with the Grand Lodge, finds that an error was committed by the Committee of Accounts, in regard to several of the Lodges under Dispensation; and in order to have the same corrected, he would suggest their reference to a committee, to report thereon at this Communication. He would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodge has never provided anything in which to keep the records, books, and other papers of the Grand Lodge, which have accumulated to a great extent, and are fast multiplying; and have only been cared for by the Grand Secretary, to the best of his ability. The necessity of a safe and convenient repository therefor, must be obvious to all.

The Grand Secretary has received the following amount of money during the vacation, to wit:—

From Nevada Lodge, for dues,.....	\$192 00	
“ Mariposa Lodge, fee for dispensation,.....	75 00	
“ Mountain Shade Lodge, fee for dispensation, .....	75 00	
“ “ “ “ for dues,.....	64 00	
“ San Joaquin Lodge, fee for dispensation,.....	75 00	
“ Washington Lodge, “ “ “ .....	75 00	
Grand Treasurer, to pay printing bill,.....	350 00	
“ Benicia Lodge, for dues,.....	132 98	
“ Marysville Lodge, for dues,.....	59 00	\$1097 98



Amount brought forward,.....	\$1097	98	
From <i>Tehama</i> Lodge, for dues,.....	103	00	
“ <i>Nashville</i> Lodge, fee for dispensation,.....	75	00	
“ T. A. Thomas, Grand Treasurer,.....	233	00	
“ sale of Masonic Text-Books,.....	48	00	
“ <i>Hawaiian</i> Lodge, fee for dispensation,.....	75	00	\$1631 98
The Grand Secretary has paid out, by order of the Grand Lodge, as per vouchers,.....	\$1479	12	
And he has the Grand Treasurer's receipt for this amount to balance,.....	152	86	\$1631 98
All of which is respectfully submitted.			

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:—

*The Grand Lodge of California in account with T. A. Thomas, Grand Treasurer.*

		Cr.			
1851.					
May 9.	By Cash from L. Stowell, Grand Secretary,	\$554	00		
Nov. 4.	By “ “ “ “ “ “	538	73		
“ 8.	By “ “ “ “ “ “	746	00		
1852.					
May 7.	By “ “ “ “ “ “	1631	98	\$3470	71
		Dr.			
1851.					
May 9.	To Cash paid Bro. Stowell's expenses to Grand Lodge,.....	48	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Tyler's bill of services,...	69	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Master J. D. Stevenson's expenses,.....	48	00		
May 12.	To “ “ J. Penman, as per order,.....	100	00		
Nov. 4.	To “ “ Bills and appropriations, as or- dered,.....	500	90		
“ 8.	To “ “ Deputy Grand Master's expenses	100	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Treasurer's expenses and services,.....	76	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Tyler's services,.....	80	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Secretary's services and expenses,.....	240	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Secretary's draft for print- ing,.....	350	00		
“ “	To “ “ Grand Secretary's draft for re- galia,.....	233	00		
1852.					
May 7.	To “ “ for printing circulars,.....	25	00		
“ “	To “ “ for postage, stationery, &c.,.....	80	12		
“ “	To “ “ for freight on Text-Books,.....	68	50		
“ “	To “ “ for printing proceedings of Grand Lodge,.....	330	50		
“ “	To “ “ for jewels for Grand Lodge,.....	950	00		
“ “	To “ “ for designs for jewels,.....	25	00		
“ 8.	To “ “ Grand Secretary's check,.....	146	69	\$3470	71
All of which is respectfully submitted.					

T. A. THOMAS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Friday, May 7th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Certain papers relating to Bro. P. MEHEN, received from *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Bro. S. J. JONES was admitted to a seat as the representative of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9.

The Committee on By-Laws reported that they had examined the By-Laws of *Nashville* Lodge, and recommended no alteration, except in Article VI., to add the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge"; and they further recommended that the By-Laws of *La Parfaite Union* Lodge be amended so as to change their regular meetings from Sunday to Friday evenings.

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Saturday, May 8th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that they had examined the records of *Nashville* Lodge, U. D., and found them kept in a correct and Masonic style, and recommended that their Dispensation be continued, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners: which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Credentials reported M. W. J. A. TUTT as the duly appointed representative for *Hawaiian* Lodge, and Bro. L. B. MIZNER as proxy for the representative of *Mountain Shade* Lodge; which report was received and concurred in.

The report of the special committee on the subject of non-affiliated Masons was again taken up, and its further consideration was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. B. D. HYAM offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive lectures from any person, as the authorized work, unless under the sanction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the several subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be and are hereby required to make out their regular semi-annual returns, and forward the same, with their Grand Lodge dues, to the Grand Secretary.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. L. STOWELL offered the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, *San Diego* Lodge, U. D., has been prevented, from accident or otherwise, from attending this Communication—therefore: *Resolved*, That if said Lodge applies for a Charter, or for an extension of its Dispensation, the same may be granted upon the presentation to, and approval of their work by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, and the payment of the requisite fees.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. B. D. HYAM offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master open a correspondence with foreign Grand Lodges, and, if he deem it necessary, appoint representatives thereto.

The consideration of which was postponed until the next Communication.

Bro. L. STOWELL offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary take charge of the jewels, clothing and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and deposit them in some secure place, for safe keeping.



Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported that they had examined the Grand Treasurer's accounts and report, and found them correct : which report was received and concurred in.

A petition from a number of Master Masons residing in San Francisco, was presented, praying for a Charter to open and hold a new Lodge in that city, to be called *Occidental* Lodge, No. — ; and it was ordered that a Charter be issued as soon as the necessary recommendations were obtained by the petitioners.

The Committee on Grievances reported, that in the case of Peter Mehen, who had been expelled by *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, they found that no notice had been served on said Mehen, of the charges preferred, or of the time and place of trial, and they offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the papers sent up to the Grand Lodge, from *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, in reference to the expulsion of Peter Mehen, be transmitted back to said Lodge, and that said body be required to give said Mehen a new trial, and due notice of the time and place of trial, in accordance with the Constitution.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that they had examined the petitions of sundry brethren residing at Georgetown and Centreville, and recommended that Dispensations for Lodges at those places be granted in accordance with the prayers of the petitioners ; which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH, from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find them correct in every particular.

In regard to so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the error in the old accounts, we recommend that nothing be done in the matter, but that they stand as the Grand Lodge decided them at the time.

We recommend that the other suggestions in the report be adopted, and that the Grand Secretary subscribe for the various Masonic journals, and purchase the necessary fixtures for his office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH, }  
R. HOPKINS, } *Committee.*  
J. P. GAUCH, }

Which report was received and concurred in.

The following resolutions were offered : —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this Communication to be printed and distributed as usual, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for all the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, growing out of this Communication.

*Resolved*, That after the present session of the Grand Lodge, none but the actual expenses for attending on the Grand Lodge, of the elective Grand Officers, be allowed.

*Resolved*, That the new Seal ordered for the Grand Lodge be adopted, if approved by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the M.: W.: J. A. TUTT, for his efficient services in presiding over the Grand Lodge.

All of which resolutions were adopted.

The report of the special Committee on the subject of Uniformity of Work was taken up, and its further consideration indefinitely postponed.

The following amendments to the Constitution were presented : —

We propose to amend Sec. 1, of Art. V., so that it shall read —

“Each of the Grand Officers for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer, if present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes, by its proper officers, or, in their absence, their proper representatives, and the Past Masters of each Lodge collectively one vote. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote.”

To amend Sec. 2, of Art. X., so that it shall read — “Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge ; and if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master.”

W. W. STOVALL.....	<i>Tehama</i>	—	Lodge, No. 3.
J. P. GAUCH,.....	<i>Jennings</i>	“	“ 4.
C. M. RADCLIFF,.....	<i>Tuolumne</i>	“	“ 8.
W. D. DEERING,.....	<i>Yount</i>	“	“ 12.
J. R. MCCONNELL,.....	<i>Nevada</i>	“	“ 13.
J. MORRILL,.....	<i>Washington</i>	“	“ 20.

We propose to amend Sec. 5, of Art. X., so that it shall read — “No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars ; and no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and out of the State, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than thirty-five dollars ; in each case the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be invariably paid in advance.”

R. F. KNOTT,.....	<i>California</i>	—	Lodge, No. 1.
R. HOPKINS,.....	<i>Temple</i>	“	“ 14.
J. CORCORAN,.....	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	“	“ 18.
J. C. MORRIS,.....	<i>San Joaquin</i>	“	“ 19.

All which were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Grand Secretary announced the following receipts from the various Lodges, during this Communication : —

From	<i>California</i>	-	Lodge, No. 1,	Dues,	.....	\$120 00	
"	<i>Western Star</i>	"	" 2	"	.....	39 00	
"	<i>Tehama</i>	"	" 3	"	.....	60 00	
"	<i>Jennings</i>	"	" 4	"	.....	91 00	
"	<i>Benicia</i>	"	" 5	"	.....	19 00	
"	<i>Sutter</i>	"	" 6	"	.....	75 00	
"	<i>Davy Crockett</i>	"	" 7	"	.....	70 00	
"	<i>Tuolumne</i>	"	" 8	"	.....	112 00	
"	<i>Marysville</i>	"	" 9	"	.....	51 00	
"	<i>San Jose</i>	"	" 10	"	.....	53 00	
"	<i>Yount</i>	"	" 12	"	.....	24 00	
"	<i>Nevada</i>	"	" 13	"	.....	131 00	
"	<i>Temple</i>	"	" 14	"	.....	62 00	
"	<i>Eureka</i>	"	" 16	"	.....	64 00	
"	<i>Parfaite Union</i>	"	" 17	Charter fee and dues		62 00	
"	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	" 18	Charter fee and dues		149 00	
"	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	" 18	Donation to Wash.			
				Mon't Com.....		29 00	
"	<i>San Joaquin</i>	"	" 19	Charter fee and dues		101 00	
"	<i>Washington</i>	"	" 20	Charter fee and dues		55 00	
"	<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	" 21	Charter fee and dues		59 00	
"	<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	" 21	Donation to Sacra-			
				mento Relief Com.		48 00	
"	<i>Occidental,</i>	"	" 22	Charter fee.....		125 00	
"	<i>San Diego</i>	"	U. D.	Dues.....		6 00	
"	<i>Nashville</i>	"	"	Dues.....		8 00	
"	<i>Georgetown</i>	"	"	Dispensation fee....		75 00	
"	<i>Madison</i>	"	"	Dispensation fee....		75 00	
"	T. A. Thomas, Grand Treasurer.....					146 69	\$1909 69

The Grand Master announced that Charters had been ordered at this Communication for the following Lodges :—

<i>Parfaite Union</i>	-	Lodge, No. 17,	at San Francisco.
<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	" 18	" Downieville.
<i>San Joaquin</i>	"	" 19	" Stockton.
<i>Washington</i>	"	" 20	" Sacramento.
<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	" 21	" Honolulu, S. Islands.
<i>Occidental</i>	"	" 22	" San Francisco.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid, viz. :—

For Masonic Text Books for Grand Lodge,	.....	\$130 08	
To J. S. Shultz, for wands, banner pole, etc.,	.....	42 00	
" " " " "tyling five days and cleaning Hall, ...	.....	60 00	
To S. R. Stubbs, for seven columns for Grand Lodge,	.....	119 48	
Order in favor of Grand Secretary, as per resolution,	.....	400 00	
To Franz & Beatley, for painting columns, staves, ban-			
ner pole, etc.,	.....	24 50	
For Square and Compass for Grand Lodge,	.....	10 00	
Ordered to be refunded to <i>Mountain Shade</i> Lodge,	.....	75 00	
Grand Master's expenses attending the Grand Lodge,	.....	60 00	
Grand Treasurer's balance salary and expenses,	.....	100 00	
To A. Hollub, services as Grand Lecturer and expenses,	80 00	\$1101 06	



Amount brought forward,.....	\$1101 06	
To L. B. Mizner, Grand Marshal, for expenses,.....	30 00	
To W. D. Deering, Grand Deacon, .....	35 00	
To J. M. Koon, Grand Steward .....	50 00	
To the Grand Secretary, balance salary,.....	200 00	
For stationery, postage, etc.,.....	5 50	\$1421 56

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and upon its conclusion, the following brethren were declared duly elected :—

Bro. B. D. HYAM,.....	M. W.	Grand Master;
“ CHAS. M. RADCLIFFE,.....	R. W.	Deputy Grand Master;
“ ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....	“	“ Senior Grand Warden;
“ J. R. McCONNELL,.....	“	“ Junior Grand Warden;
“ ADDISON MARTIN,.....	“	“ Grand Treasurer;
“ LEVI STOWELL,.....	“	“ Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master installed the M. W. B. D. HYAM as his successor in the office of Grand Master, and he installed the other Grand Officers elect.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year :—

As Grand Chaplain,.....	Bro. J. M. SMALL, of Yount Lodge, No. 12.	
“ Ass't Grand Secretary,.....	“ O. J. PRESTON, “ California “	1.
“ Grand Marshal,.....	“ ROB'T HOPKINS, “ Temple “	14.
“ Grand Sword Bearer,.....	“ FENW'K FISHER, “ Nevada “	13.
“ Grand Bible Bearer,.....	“ JOHN COOK, “ San Jose “	10.
“ Senior Grand Deacon,.....	“ J. J. PAPY, “ Davy Crockett “	7.
“ Junior Grand Deacon,.....	“ L. STEINHART, “ Marysville “	9.
“ Grand Stewards,.....	“ F. C. ANDREWS, “ San Joaquin “	19.
“ Grand Tyler,.....	“ J. P. GAUCH, “ Jennings “	4.
“ Grand Lecturers,.....	“ J. S. SHULTZ, “ California “	1.
“ Grand Lecturers,.....	“ O. J. PRESTON, “ California “	1.
“ Grand Lecturers,.....	“ T. A. THOMAS, “ Tehama “	3.
“ Grand Lecturers,.....	“ J. R. CRANDALL, “ Nevada “	13.

The minutes of this session were then read and approved, and there being no further business, the Grand Lodge of California was closed in  
**Ample Form.**

B. D. HYAM, *Grand Master.*

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

## AMENDMENTS

### TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE;

ADOPTED AT THE COMMUNICATION

IN MAY, A. L. 5852,

AND NOW IN FORCE.

---

ARTICLE III., Section 1. "The regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in Sacramento City, or at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time designate, on the first Tuesday in May in each year; and the election of Grand Officers shall take place as hereinafter provided."

ARTICLE IX., Section 3. "There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, three dollars by the applicant, for every diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge, (one dollar for the Grand Secretary;) but no diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge."

ARTICLE IX., Section 4. "For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any document in his possession which the Grand Secretary shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive, for the use of the Grand Secretary, fifty cents for every one hundred words."

ARTICLE XIII. "Any proposed amendment or alteration to this Constitution, may be presented to the Grand Lodge at a regular Communication, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges, and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the minutes as a subject for future action; and upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, by two thirds of the votes given thereon, the same shall become a part of this Constitution."

L. STOWELL,

*Grand Secretary.*

# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

### THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

MAY, A. L. 5852.

---

#### California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets every Thursday.*

#### OFFICERS:

R. F. Knott, <i>W. Master</i> ,	S. J. Gower, <i>Secretary</i> ,
P. W. Shephard, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	J. A. Monroe, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
R. E. Cole, <i>Jun. Warden</i> .	W. C. Oldfield, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
O. J. Preston, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	C. G. Scott, <i>Marshal</i> ,
	J. S. Schultz, <i>Tyler</i> .

#### Past Masters:

L. Stowell, <i>G. Sec.</i>	R. F. Knott,	J. D. Creigh,
P. A. Brinsmade,	M. Fallon,	W. H. Howard,
J. D. Stevenson, <i>P. G. M.</i>	P. Petrovits,	L. T. Wilson,
C. Gilman, <i>P. G. M. of Md.</i>	T. L. Pickering,	J. S. Schultz.
J. H. Gihon, <i>P. G. Sec.</i>	J. Shannon,	O. J. Preston,

#### MASTER MASONS:

Addison, J. E.	Findla, J.	Knox, G. T.	Rogers, A. S.
Allen, R. N.	Fitton, J.	Korn, T. R.	Schaeffer, M.
Anthony, G. W.	Folsom, J. L.	Mallet, J. H.	Selover, A. A.
Atkinson, G. D.	Gerke, H.	Meyerowitz, I.	Smiley, J.
Barnard, J. C.	Greene, W.	Middleton, J.	Smith, W. C. R.
Beckett, J.	Hampton, R. B.	Morse, J. B.	Snow, T.
Boring, J.	Harrington, W. T.	McCarthy, D.	Spring, C.
Brasseur, J.	Haven, J. P.	O'Bryon, J. F.	Stebbins, W. P. C.
Cole, H. G.	Heeser, W.	Parker, W. C.	Tilford, F.
Cronin, D.	Hoen, F.	Payne, T.	Tooker, L.
Dall, J. H.	Hudson, E.	Piper, W. A.	Van De Water, J.
Dorr, E. M.	Hudson, G. A.	Rehfsch, M.	Walker, W.
Douglass, D. F.	Johnson, T. R.	Reynolds, W.	Watters, A.
De Liagre, P.	King, J. of Wm.	Revalk, F.	Wehler, E.
Field, S. C.			Wilson, C. L.—79.

#### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Amory, C. G.	Geoffrey, H.	Matthews, H.
Benham, C.	Gerry, R. S.	Pollard, A.
Friedlander, A.	Hoyt, B.	Ward, F.—9.

#### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Blood, J. H.	Ewer, F. C.	Kuthmann, T.
Brown, H. S.	Ingram, J.	Norton, M.
Cazneau, T. N.	Kohler, J. J.	Woods, I. C.—9.



## WITHDRAWN:

Bartol, A.	Monell, G. I. N.	Murray, H. C.	Peyton, B. Jr.
De Fiennes, J. B.	Morris, G. T.	Neeb, J.	Ward, I. M.—8.

*Initiated, 12. Passed, 11. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 9.*

**Western Star Lodge, No. 2.**

**Shasta, Shasta County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

W. Robinson, <i>W. Master.</i>	M. C. Collins, <i>Secretary.</i>
R. W. Crenshaw, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	J. Lemmon, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
T. E. Swan, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. Roop, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
J. Callahan, <i>Treasurer.</i>	H. P. Larabee, <i>Tyler.</i>

**Past Masters:**

D. Spencer,	J. Roop.
-------------	----------

**MASTER MASONS: \***

Goodwin, C. E.	Hawkins, A.	Mooney, D. B.	Stanmore, J.
Harrison, W. E.	Hicks, T. E.	McClung, S. H.	Wiener, J. E.—17.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Barrett, A.	Moore, J.—2.
-------------	--------------

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Doll, J. G.	Taylor, W. S. R.—2.
-------------	---------------------

**WITHDRAWN:**

Green, M.	Terbush, P. F.—2.
-----------	-------------------

**STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Campbell, J.	Oviatt, M.	Thompson, J.
Overdoffer, M.	Quillion, P.	Woods, S.—6.

**DIED:**

D. M. Gehee,	Michael Oppenheimer.—2.
--------------	-------------------------

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 7. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 1.*

**Tehama Lodge, No. 3.**

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

A. Martin, <i>W. Master.</i>	W. W. Stovall, <i>Secretary.</i>
W. Shoemaker, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	J. M. Koon, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
J. H. Wadsworth, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	A. F. Bilay, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
R. H. McDonald, <i>Treasurer.</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

**Past Masters:**

J. A. Tutt, <i>G. M.</i>	J. Hull.
--------------------------	----------

## MASTER MASONS:

Albrecht, A. E.	Davis, T. M.	Johnson, J. N.	Northam, E. F.
Beckley, L. R.	Ewer, P. F.	Kalkman, P.	Radcliff, W. M.
Brooke, L. E.	Fisher, H.	Lewis, W. P.	Smith, C. H.
Buckles, H.	Foley, J. J.	Lynch, P.	Tatum, E. F.
Coakley, C. L.	Gray, J. W.	Magerle, P.	Topping, M. B.
Cook, J. S.	Gober, W. R.	Mayer, L.	Tuttle, C. L.
Cravens, R. O.	Hagan, L.	Mitchell, J. E.	Watchurst, H. C.
Cummings, S. C.	Harrison, A. C.	Morse, J. F.	White, J.—41.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bennett, A. A.	Hoyt, J. P.	Wright, G. G.—5.
Harkness, H. W.	McCall, D. M.	

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cone, J. L.	Ihmels, C.	Stockflesh, F.
Hastings, L. W.	Persian, J. D.	Wheeler, O. C.—6.

## WITHDRAWN:

Atkins, J. R.	DeYoung, E.	Rodman, J. H.	Thomas, T. A.
Brown, E. L.	Morrill, J.	Rowe, C.	Wetzler, J.
Chafee, O. D.	Peebles, C.	Solomon, L.	Wolf, L.—13.
Conrad, S.			

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bigler, J.	Harvey, J. C.	Price, T. R.	Wales, T. P.
Brieger, A.	Ish, T. A.	Shepherd, D. M.	Wildner, L. I.
Cushing, H.	Loudon, W. S.	Somes, G. W.	Winn, A. M.—15.
Hall, J.	Marshall, J. E.	Stalen, ———.	

*Initiated, 12. Passed, 10. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 5.*

## Jennings Lodge, No. 4.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets second and fourth Fridays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. P. Gauch, <i>W. Master,</i>	C. C. Sackett, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Z. Davis, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	A. Greenwalt, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
J. G. Cleal, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	G. D. Nagle, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. Winkle, <i>Treasurer.</i>	H. Theal, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Masters:

A. Hollub,	J. H. Ralston,	W. N. Doughty.
------------	----------------	----------------

## MASTER MASONS:

Buckley, D.	Goldstein, M.	Lewis, L.	Schwartz, M.
Clyde, J.	Greenbaum, A.	Mitchell, J. P.	Selner, P.
Daly, J.	Hartt, A. G.	Mulvany, P. H.	Tweed, C. A.
Deal, W. G.	Hermance, L.	Murray, J.	Unger, J.
Dunlap, P.	Herstell, L.	Newborn, J.	Wetherwax, J. B.
Fake, G. F.	Kellogg, J.	Poramon, W. G.	White, W. S.
Fowler, J. S.	Kewen, E. J. C.	Schoolcraft, H. A.	Whitesides, W. B.
Gallup, E. K.	Latson, A. C.	Schorsch, J.	Wright, J. A.—45.
Gillespie, E. F.	Lester, J.		

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Kethan, W.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hall, G. E.	Price, F. W.	Telfridge, R. O.—5.
Phillip, H.	Sharp, J.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Davis, I.	Greenwalt, A.	Jennings, B.	Noah, J.
Freeman, J. B.	Hayne, G.	Monell, G. I. N.	Thompson, J. L.—8.

## DIED:

E. R. Edwards.—1.

*Initiated, 14. Passed, 12. Raised, 11. Affiliated, 10.***Benicia Lodge, No. 5.****Benicia, Solano County.***Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. Riddell, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. R. J. McKay, <i>Secretary,</i>
B. Robinson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. P. Dyerly, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. B. Norman, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. H. Von Pfister, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
S. Bynum, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Vaughn, <i>Tyler.</i>

**Past Masters:**B. D. Hyam., *D. G. M.*

J. B. Mizner,

**MASTER MASONS:**

Keane, E. K.	Stocker, J. T.	Thorpe, M.	Williamson, R. S.
Semple, R.			—15.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Barry, J.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Gillis, C.—1.

*Initiated, 1. Passed, 2. Raised, 1.***Sutter Lodge, No. 6.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***No Returns.***Davy Crockett Lodge, No. 7.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. J. Papy, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. Craine, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Honigsberger, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	S. Curry, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
E. McCarthy, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	T. R. Eadie, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
R. Ross, <i>Treasurer.</i>	J. Schultz, <i>Tyler.</i>

**Past Masters:**

A. C. Labatt.

R. Clark,

J. M. Sterling.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Atkinson, J. H.	Glenn, J.	Mendels, E. S.	Simpson, J.
Barry, E.	Grant, D. B.	Moss, D. H. B.	Treanor, J.
Castle, J. G.	Gronlier, C.	McCabe, A. J.	Urie, J.
Clement, J.	Jacobi, D.	Ragsdale, E. B.	Wade, J.
Donahue, J.	Johnston, J.	Rhienstien, L.	Weiss, A.
Frizell, J. T.	Kelly, T.	Rosenfeldt, M. L.	Whitney, W. J.
Gardiner, W.	Marx, S.	Seitz, C.	Woods, R. E.—38.



## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

DeGroot, L. A.

Long, W. H.—2

## WITHDRAWN:

Brown, F. C.

Creigh, J. D.

Fenton, M.—3

## DIED:

Willis Johnson,

R. D. Kimbrell.—2.

*Initiated, 7. Passed, 5. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 8.***Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

C. M. Radcliff, *W. Master*,  
 C. F. Dodge, *Sen. Warden*,  
 G. T. Martin, *Jun. Warden*,  
 W. Hammond, *Treasurer*,

H. G. Platt, *Secretary*,  
 W. H. Cooper, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 I. P. Yaney, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. Delahay, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Anthony, P. B.  
 Balls, R. R.  
 Bull, H.  
 Burke, H. H.  
 Calbraith, J. C.  
 Chatfield, A. F.  
 Clark, T.  
 Davis, J. A.  
 Decker, W. H.

Dillon, J.  
 Elkins, A.  
 Fitzpatrick, M.  
 Imbrie, A. C.  
 Linoberg, E.  
 Miller, W. E.  
 McFarlane, J.  
 McKay, R.

McLane, G.  
 Norris, J. A.  
 Perkins, W.  
 Phillips, S. G.  
 Pinney, W. T.  
 Plaister, J. H.  
 Prasser, F. A.  
 Reister, B. J.

Rulofson, W. H.  
 Smith, S.  
 Sponsler, F. R.  
 Theall H. W.  
 Thompson, A.  
 Torney, J. W.  
 Tuttle, A. A. H.  
 Warren, A.—41.

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Swope, H. K.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Dwinelle, S. H.

Redendo, F.

Stoker, J. R.

Vanbenschoten, J. W.  
—4.**WITHDRAWN:**

Clark, A. H.

Goldstein C.—2.

**EXPELLED:**

Claxton, G. W.

Mehen, P.

Walsingham, F. L.—3.

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 7. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 7.***Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

L. Steinhart, *W. Master*,  
 J. Levy, *Sen. Warden*,  
 L. W. Taylor, *Jun. Warden*,  
 A. Scheusler, *Treasurer*,

S. J. Jones, *Secretary*,  
 H. Colton, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 S. Price, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 ———, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

A. Maurice, Jr.

## MASTER MASONS:

Brewster, S. T.	Hanson, G. M.	Pierce, W. S.	Taylor, R. H.
Covillaud, C.	Kaemle, G.	Pierson, O. H.	Truax, A. M.
Field, S. J.	Latham, W. B.	Rueger, J.	Tuttle, C. J.
Friedman, J.	Levy, C.	Simmerly, S.	Watts, S. T.
Gildersleeve, J.	Miles, S. M.	Smith, J. G.	Williams, H. J.—31.
Goodwin, J. O.	Mulford, S. B.	Simonson, M.	

## FELLOW-CRAFT:

Reinhart, S.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Armstrong, E. T.

Tracy, E. W.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Burlingame, J.	Hanson, J.	Mitchell, C. B.	Sargent, W. S.
Ellett, C.	Hopkins, G. W.	Olds, B. S.	Schmidt, M.—9.
Hand, E. B.			

*Initiated, 3. Passed, 4. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 3.***San Jose Lodge, No. 10.****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

H. P. Dorsey, *W. Master*,  
H. F. Williams, *Sen. Warden*,  
P. O. Minor, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Reddick, *Treasurer*,

A. Shearer, *Secretary*,  
A. C. Campbell, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. F. Damon, *Jun. Deacon*,  
L. Prevost, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

H. C. Melone,

J. Cook.

## MASTER MASONS:

Aram, J.	Crittenden, A. P.	Laurencel, H.	Reed, E.
Barrows, J. F.	Davis, P. J.	Lewis, J.	Ryland, C. T.
Bassham, W. R.	Eddy, W. H.	Morrow, W.	Taylor, W. E.
Brownshield, H.	Hensley, S. J.	McKinney, F. S.	Van Canegan, P.
Clark, E. A.	Hoppe, J. D.	Powell, H. M. T.	Winn, A. M.—33.
Cory, B.	Lamartine, G. A.	Price, J. R.	

## FELLOW-CRAFT:

Crosby, E. O.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Peck, A. W.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Campbell, C.  
Damon, J. F.

Dorsey, H. P.  
Hammond, E. D.

Van Voorhies, W.—5.

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Curl, J. D.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 6. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 7.***Willamette Lodge, No. 11.****Portland, Oregon Territory.***Withdrawn from this Jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge having been organized in Oregon.*

**Yount Lodge, No. 12.****Napa, Napa County.***Meets first and third Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. M. Small, *W. Master*,  
 J. H. Seawell, *Sen. Warden*,  
 E. McGarry, *Jun. Warden*,  
 G. C. Yount, *Treasurer*,

E. W. McKinstry, *Secretary*,  
 J. Mount, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 M. T. McClellan, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 B. Vines, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

W. D. Deering.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Box, —	Brown, J. E.	Kendig, M. H. N.	Stillwagon, W. W.
Bristol, J. D.	Grigsby, J.	Moody, G. W.	—16.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Kilburn, R.	Vaughn, F. F. — 2.
-------------	--------------------

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Capell, J. S.	McCombs, J. — 2.
---------------	------------------

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 3. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 1.*

**Nevada Lodge, No. 13.****Nevada, Nevada County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. R. McConnell, *W. Master*,  
 I. Williamson, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. B. Buker, *Jun. Warden*,  
 D. G. Clark, *Treasurer*.

R. Little, *Secretary*,  
 J. B. Carter, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 B. M. Coates, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. C. Smith, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

E. F. W. Ellis, *S. G. W.*  
 J. R. Crandall,

J. F. Halsey,  
 J. S. Irwin,

**MASTER MASONS:**

Allen, C.	Dunn, T. O.	Latta, S. N.	Smith, J. L. P.
Barbour, W. T.	Endicott, W. H.	Long, J.	Smith, P. D.
Barker, J. O.	Fisher, F.	Mann, J. S.	Smith, S.
Belfield, T.	Folsom, W. H.	Marsh, C.	Spear, J. G.
Blythe, J. F.	Fitz James, J.	Maxy, W. W.	Talbot, J. G.
Bothwell, W.	Gebhart, A.	Mills, H. A.	Tillery, J. D.
Brooks, A. D.	Grove, J. H.	Moore, R.	Turner, J. N.
Cain, I. N.	Hanson, M.	Morgan, A.	Waldauer, J.
Caperton, W. W.	Hardy, A.	McIntyre, D.	Wasper, L.
Caswell, T. H.	Harris, W.	Nathan, D.	Watkins, W. S.
Charles, L. C.	Hodge, H. C.	Nixon, I.	Wells, F.
Clark, E. N.	Hopkinson, W.	Palmer, T. L.	Whipple, W. W.
Conyers, B. F.	Hoy, A. B.	Phelps, J.	Williams, T. G.
Corker, J. E.	Hubbard, J. F.	Roberts, E. W.	Wilson, W.
Covert, E.	Jackson, E.	Rogers, J. R.	Wood, H.
Cox, H. A.	Justice, W.	Rosenheim, M.	Wyatt, R. C.
Davis, A.	Kinsey, S.	Sitler, W. W.	Young, W. C. — 86.
Davis, H.	Knox, W. J.	Slater, C. P.	
Dunlap, R. R.	Kohlman, S.	Smith, A.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Caldwell, J. I.

Hogue, F. S.

McCharles, H. — 3.



## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Beasley, T.	Briseoe, C.	Dunn, J. S.	Wilson, A. P.—7.
Borradaile, G.	Culberston, J. H.	Kline, G.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Boyce, W. P.	Harris, T.	Overton, C. T.	Turner, J. C.
Clark, D. G.	Martin, J. J.	Ray, R.	Webb, S. D.—8.

*Initiated, 19. Passed, 12. Raised, 10. Affiliated, 6.*

## Temple Lodge, No. 14.

**Sonoma, Sonoma County.**

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. R. Long, <i>W. Master,</i>	R. Hopkins, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Cooper, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. Burriss, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
M. E. Cook, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	I. Brockman, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. C. McDonald, <i>Treasurer.</i>	J. C. Blakely, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Master:

C. F. Ruoff.

## MASTER MASONS:

Akers, S.	Foster, T.	Mallagh, D.	Peabody, E. T.
Bartlett, C. H.	Gillan, E.	Miller, G. W.	Ray, J. G.
Beasley, J.	Harden, J. A.	Mollison, H.	Scoffy, P. M.
Benitz, W.	Hicklin, B.	Neville, J. N.	Smith, J.
Cameron, J.	Kemp, H. L.	Norris, H.	Stoneman, G.
Davison, J.	Lewis, J.	O'Farrell, J.	Tenant, A.—33.

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Hudspeth, J. M.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bruner, C.	McDonald, D.—2.
------------	-----------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Aler, H.	Carlton, C.	Derby, G. H.	Leonard, H.—4.
----------	-------------	--------------	----------------

## DIED:

William McKnight.—1.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 9. Raised, 9.*

## La Fayettee Lodge, No. 15.

**La Fayette, Oregon Territory.**

*Withdrawn from this Jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge having been organized in Oregon.*

## Eureka Lodge, No. 16.

**Auburn, Placer County,**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

L. Applegate, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. M. Jordan, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. P. Josselynn, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	————, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
A. J. Weaver, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	————, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
H. R. Hawkins, <i>Treasurer,</i>	————, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Alexander, D.	Calloway, O. P.	Lamb, W. H.	Patten, J.
Applegate, G.	Fry, J. D.	Munroe, W. H.	Richardson, J.
Bass, J.	Fuqua, W.	Myers, B. B.	Smith, S. A.
Bedford, J. M.	Hardesty, J.	McDonald, C.	Thomas, P. W.
Bolton, J.	Harlow, M.	Nye, J.	Vaughn, W. D.—27.
Bowen, J.	Hinman, N. O.		

## FELLOW-CRAFT:

Thomas, H. D.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Herriman, A.

Hurd, A. B.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Munroe, M.

Reutch, J.

Weaver, A. J.—3.

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 6. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 19.***Parfaite Union Lodge, No. 17.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**L. Hermann, *W. Master.*Du Jay de Rosay, *Secretary,*J. Haine, *Sen. Warden,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon.*L. Levy, *Jun. Warden,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon,*\_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer.*\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler.***Past Masters:**L Hermann, *P. G. M. of La.,*

H. Kidel.

## MASTER MASONS:

Boverat, J.	Delbieke, J. A.	La Fayette, C. de	Michel, L.
Chapieux, J.	Gazan, A.	Lequain, C.	Portois, P.
Corbiniere, P.	Harris, A.	Levy, M.	Sacriskey, A.
Delange, J.	Lacharme, A.	Messemaerker, C.E.	Stiller, A.—21.

## FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Hubert, C.

Teclaw, F.—2.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Küner, A.

Russ, J.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Girard, A.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 2. Affiliated, 5.***Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18.****Downieville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

G. Fagg, *W. Master,*  
T B Graham, *Sen. Warden,*  
H. McNulty, *Jun. Warden,*  
P. Ryan, *Treasurer,*

G. W. Hopkins, *Secretary,*  
G. A. Booth, *Sen. Deacon,*  
C. E. Rosenmund, *Jun. Deacon,*  
G. G. McNabb, *Tyler.*

## MASTER MASONS:

Bates, H. P.	Freehill, T. B.	Harris, G.	Ramsdall, T.
Benton, H. P.	Freeman, B. N.	Hart, W. H.	Reynolds, T.
Bleeker, E.	Frost, B. G.	Hill, T. P.	Simmonds, C. M.
Bronson, A.	Fitzharris, J.	Hobbs, R.	Skillman, J. H.
Clements, T.	Gardner, J. H.	Hunter, J.	Smith, E. J.
Corcoran, J.	Gardner, J. M.	Lemmon, W. C.	Stean, J. W.
Craycroft, J. H.	Garnassett, J.	Maxwell, J.	Vinyard, J. R.
Cunningham, N.	Gray, C.	Morillee, M. M.	Webb, J. M.
Ely, W.	Green, B.	O'Brien, J.	Whisler, T. H.
Ford, W. J.	Haipham, J.	Powell, J.	Young, W. P.—50.
Frazier, H. A.	Hamblin, W. B.		

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ferguson, W. G.	Golden, J.	Hunter, W. R.	McDaniel, J. M.—7.
Follman, J. A.	Humphries, J.	Johnson, J.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Burrill, R. G.	Cummings, C. H.	Sexton, O. T.	Smaw, J. E.—4.
----------------	-----------------	---------------	----------------

*Initiated, 14. Passed, 11. Raised, 13. Affiliated, 7.*

**San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19.**

**Stockton, San Joaquin County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each Month.*

**OFFICERS:**

J. J. Candee, <i>W. Master,</i>	E. W. Colt, <i>Secretary,</i>
F. C. Andrews, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. Hunter, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
R. Biven, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	R. F. May, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. C. Morris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. Woods, <i>Chaplain.</i>

M. Kierskie, *Tyler.*

## MASTER MASONS:

Baker, T.	Howard, J. T.	Poppe, C. L.	Tung, W. H.
Bancroft, E. A.	Kennedy, J. B.	Rothenbush, P.	Webster, G.
Corcoran, F. E.	Langdon, S.	Stephens, J. F.	Winne, W.
Couch, J. P.	Matthews, H. O.	Swartz, P.	Zachariah, I.—27.
Goldman, M.	McKamy, J. M.		

## FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Hoerchner, A. H.	McKee, W. F.	Rany, McKee,	Van Dyke, J.—4.
------------------	--------------	--------------	-----------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Crump, E. G.	Keor, G.	Lester, A.	Smith, J. L.—4.
--------------	----------	------------	-----------------

*Initiated, 12. Passed, 8. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 13.*

**Washington Lodge, No. 20.**

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*No Returns.*



## Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21.

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

*Meets first Monday in each month.*

L. Lyon, *W. Master*,  
J. Meek, *Sen. Warden*,  
C. W. Vincent, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Irwin, *Treasurer*,

A. J. Cartwright, *Secretary*,  
W. Wond, *Sen. Deacon*,  
F. W. Thompson, *Jun. Deacon*,  
—————, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Mott, A. C. Penhallow, D. P. Sawkins, J. G. Stokes, F. M.—11.

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Coady, R. Dean, J. Harvey, M. R. Montgomery, J.—4.

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

McFarlane, H.—1.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Affiliated, 4.*

## \* Occidental Lodge, No. 22.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets fourth Monday in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. Rice, Jr., *W. Master*,  
P. A. Morse, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. E. Wainwright, *Jun. Warden*,  
G. W. Baker, *Treasurer*,

R. B. Hampton, *Secretary*.  
S. Clark, *Sen. Deacon*,  
T. R. Johnson, *Jun. Deacon*,  
—————, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

J. Rice, Jr. *P.G.M. of Ky.* J. H. Gihon, *P. G. Sec.* G. Yale.  
P. A. Morse, A. Bartol,

### MASTER MASONS:

Baily, O.	Dorr, E. M.	Harris, S. R.	Norcross, D.
Baird, J. H.	Ferguson, C.	Haven, J. P.	Ryckman, G. W.
Browne, J. V.	Franz, F. W.	McDougal, J. A.	Tompkins, P. W.
Damon, J. F.			Wood, R. N.—24.

## Mariposa Lodge, U. D.

Mariposa, Mariposa County.

*No Returns.*

\*Chartered since close of Communication, the order of the Grand Lodge of May eighth having been complied with.—(*Gr. Sec.*)



## RECAPITULATION.

Total number of Lodges,.....	23
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	20
Total number of Master Masons reported,.....	655
Total number of Fellow Crafts “ .....	38
Total number of Entered Apprentices reported,.....	62
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	150
Total number passed, “ “ .....	121
Total number raised, “ “ .....	100
Total number affiliated, “ “ .....	105
Total number withdrawn, “ “ .....	71
Total number died,.....	6
Total number Expelled,.....	3
Stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues,.....	22

[68]



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT  
A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,  
HELD AT

The Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco;

COMMENCED ON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852,

AND TERMINATED ON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, A. D. 1852, A. L. 5852.

---

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

---

R.. W.. CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,  
*Deputy Grand Master, presiding.*

R.. W.. LEVI STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# C I R C U L A R .

---

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, }  
*Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of California.* }

*To the Grand Wardens and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Officers thereof, and the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of all the Lodges within this jurisdiction,*

**GREETING :—**

By order of the Right Worshipful CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, (the Most Worshipful Grand Master being absent from the jurisdiction,) you are hereby notified to attend at a *Special Communication* of the Grand Lodge, which will be holden at the Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of August, A. L. 5852, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

This call of the Grand Lodge is occasioned by certain extraordinary proceedings of the M. W. B. D. Hyam, Grand Master of Masons in this State, which deeply and vitally affect the Institution of Freemasonry ; and it is therefore especially desired that every member may be present.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at San Francisco, this twenty-fourth day of July, A. L. 5852.

L. STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

In obedience to an order issued by the *R. W.* CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, Deputy Grand Master, (the *M. W.* Grand Master being absent from the State,) the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California assembled in Special Communication, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of August, A. L. 5852, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT :

The *R. W.* ADOLPH. HOLLUB, Sen. Gr. Warden, as *Grand Master* ;  
 “ “ JAMES RICE, Jr., as.....*Sen. Grand Warden* ;  
 “ “ J. J. PAPH, as .....*Jun. Grand Warden* ;  
 “ “ ADDISON MARTIN,.....*Grand Treasurer* ;  
 “ “ LEVI STOWELL,.....*Grand Secretary* ;  
*W.* JESSE MORRILL, as.....*Sen. Grand Deacon* ;  
 “ LEOPOLD LEVY, as.....*Jun. Grand Deacon* ;  
 “ J. S. SHULTZ,.....*Grand Tyler*.

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M. W.* J. D. STEVENSON,.....*Past Grand Master* ;  
*R. W.* J. H. GIBON,.....*Past Grand Secretary* ;

And the representatives of nine chartered Lodges, together with a number of visiting brethren.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Form**.

The acting Grand Master named the following brethren as a committee —





The R.:	W.:	CHARLES M. RADCLIFF,	.....	Deputy Grand Master ;
"	"	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	.....	Senior Grand Warden ;
"	"	R. F. KNOTT, as.....		Junior Grand Warden ;
"	"	ADDISON MARTIN,	.....	Grand Treasurer ;
"	"	LEVI STOWELL,	.....	Grand Secretary ;
	W.:	I. WILLIAMSON, as.....		Senior Grand Deacon ;
	"	W. SHOEMAKER, as.....		Junior Grand Deacon ;
	"	J. S. SHULTZ,	.....	Grand Tyler.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members of the Grand Lodge as present and entitled to seats, viz. : — from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....R. E. Cole, Junior Warden.  
*Tehama*,.....No. 3,.....W. Shoemaker, Senior Warden.  
*Davy Crockett*, No. 7,.....E. McCarthy, Senior Warden.  
*San Jose*,.....No. 10,.....H. F. Williams, Senior Warden ;  
   P. O. Minor, Junior Warden ;  
   John Cook, Past Master.  
*San Joaquin*,...No. 19,.....J. G. Candee, Worshipful Master.  
*Occidental*,.....No. 22,.....P. A. Morse, Senior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT asked and obtained leave to present the following extract from the minutes of *California* Lodge, No. 1. : —

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of California Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M. : —*

BRETHREN : The committee to whom was referred certain matters relative to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California, Bro. B. D. Hyam, his tyranny over and malice towards individual Lodges, and his wanton abuse of the great power and trust reposed in him, have duly considered the same, and beg leave to report their opinion in the following preamble and resolutions, which are offered for the consideration of the Lodge : —

WHEREAS, Grand Master B. D. Hyam did, on the night of the twenty-fifth of June, 1852, assemble a number of Masons in this city at a place other than the Lodge Hall, and confer the three degrees of Masonry in one night upon H. M. Lewis — said Lewis having been duly rejected by *California* Lodge, No. 1, on the evening of June third, 1852, in the presence of the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary and the subordinate Lodges having been duly notified thereof ; *and whereas*, the Grand Master did not notify any of the Lodges in this city of his intention, (although a Lodge was in session on said evening, as was known to the Grand Master) but secretly and in a spirit of malice (as we have good reason to believe) towards *California* Lodge, No. 1, pursued this unprecedented course ; *and whereas*, this Lodge has been duly notified by *Mountain Shade* Lodge, No. 18, under this jurisdiction, that the Grand Master has conferred the degrees on one C. D. Aikin, who had been rejected by said Lodge, and upon others in the immediate vicinity, without notifying the Lodge, and has received and retained the fees therefor ; *and whereas*, the Grand Master has violated his Masonic obligations by acting contrary to the known wishes of the Fraternity — thus disturbing our peace, harmony and prosperity, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master has acted in an unmasonic manner, and in bad faith to *California* Lodge, No. 1, and the Fraternity in this jurisdiction, if he has not directly transcended his powers and abused the prerogatives with which he is clothed.

*Resolved*, That we have lost all confidence in the skill, integrity, and Masonic ability of the Grand Master, and believe him unfit and incompetent to discharge the duties of his office.

*Resolved*, That we respectfully request the Grand Master, B. D. Hyam, (through the Grand Lodge,) to resign his office, or at least to cease the exercise of the functions thereof.

*Resolved*, That if a Grand Master has the power and right to make Masons indiscriminately, of men known to him to be unworthy, and so declared to be by having been rejected in a Lodge in his presence—if he has the right to disobey the gavel of the Master, when in the Lodge as a simple visitor only—if such are the unqualified prerogatives of a Grand Master, then we recommend that the Grand Lodge take steps to propose a new regulation for the general action of Grand Lodges, or that the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master be more distinctly defined and set forth, in order that the craft may not suffer such grievances as have been inflicted upon us by the present incumbent of that office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES KING, of Wm.,	} Committee.
R. E. COLE,	
W. D. FAIR,	

The report was received and adopted, and the Worshipful Master was directed to present it to the Grand Lodge, as a grievance, for its consideration.

The foregoing is a true copy from the minutes of *California* Lodge, No. 1, twelfth August, 1852.

R. F. KNOTT, *W. M.*

Attest: GEORGE T. KNOX, *Secretary, pro tem.*

Which communication was received and ordered to be referred to a special committee of five Past Masters.

The Deputy Grand Master named as such committee—

<i>On the Communication from California Lodge, No. 1:</i>	{	Bro. Lucien Hermann,
		" J. H. Gihon,
		" Adolphus Hollub,
		" Addison Martin,
		" J. G. Candee.

Bro. J. J. PAPY presented the following petition from *Davy Crockett* Lodge, No. 7:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The undersigned, Master of *Davy Crockett* Lodge, No. 7, of Free and Accepted Masons, respectfully represents that a resolution was unanimously adopted by that Lodge, requesting the Wor. Master to apply to the Grand Lodge to change the name of the Lodge from *Davy Crockett* to *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7. He therefore prays that the request of said Lodge be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. PAPY, *W. M.*

Which petition was received, and it was



*Ordered*, That *Davy Crockett* Lodge No. 7 be known and designated upon the registry, hereafter, as *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction to celebrate, in an appropriate manner, the fourth of November next, the centennial anniversary of the initiation of our deceased brother, Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, into the mysteries of the Craft.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Thursday, August 19th, A. L. 5852. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members of the Grand Lodge as present and entitled to seats, viz. : from

*San Joaquin*,.....No. 19,.....F. C. Andrews, Senior Warden.  
*Occidental*,.....No. 22,.....Gregory Yale, Past Master.

Which report was received and concurred in, and the brethren named admitted to seats.

Bro. J. H. GIBON, from the special committee to whom was referred the communication of *California* Lodge, No. 1, relative to the conduct of Grand Master B. D. HYAM, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee, appointed to take under consideration the complaints made by *California* Lodge, No. 1, against the conduct of the *M. W.* Grand Master, B. D. Hyam, respectfully report that they have patiently and carefully examined all the facts and authorities in relation thereto, of which they could obtain possession. Their duty has required considerable attention and labor, which they have performed to the best of their ability, and with a due sense of the importance of the subject and of their own responsibility. The case is one of so remarkable a character that no express provision appears to have been made to meet it, owing doubtless, to the fact that the supposition was never entertained of its coming within the range of possibility. The complaint involves to a lamentable extent the reputation of a brother who has

been exalted to the highest honors that the Fraternity can bestow, and is of so serious a nature as to demand the most prompt and decisive action.

The absence of the Grand Master from this investigation was a source of regret to the committee. Knowing, as he did, that the Grand Lodge was about to assemble for the express purpose of considering his Masonic conduct, they could not but wonder that he should depart from the State, the more especially, as he had been earnestly solicited by a large convention of the brethren to remain. Offences so grave as those with which he is charged, should not have been treated so lightly; nor should the desire of the brethren who had so recently elevated him to power, have been thus scorned or disregarded. Still all proper allowance was made on that score, and the case of the Grand Master has been considered with as much delicacy as though he were present at its discussion. Indeed, the committee have manifested more concern for his reputation than himself appears to have entertained; and under all the circumstances, he can have no reasonable ground to complain of the result.

Besides other imputations that have been presented to the committee's notice, injurious to the Masonic standing of the Grand Master, the following allegations are embraced in the complaint of *California* Lodge, No. 1:—

1. That Grand Master B. D. Hyam, on the night of the twenty-fifth of June last, assembled several Master Masons in a house not devoted to Masonic uses, and there conferred the three degrees of Masonry upon an individual who had been duly rejected as a candidate on the third day of the same month, in *California* Lodge, No. 1, in the presence of the Grand Master; and that those degrees were given purposely in a covert manner, and in a spirit of malice toward the Lodge in which the candidate had been so rejected.

2. That the Grand Master, on another occasion and in a similar manner, conferred the Masonic degrees upon a candidate who had been rejected in *Mountain Shade* Lodge, No. 18, receiving a fee of one hundred dollars therefor.

3. That on another occasion, in the near vicinity of working Lodges, the Grand Master, in known opposition to the desires of the Fraternity, and without any good reason, much less necessity for so doing, made Masons at will, receiving fees for the work, and appropriating them to his own use.

4. That the Grand Master has entered a working Lodge as a visitor, interfered with its proceedings, refused to obey the gavel when called to order, and to treat the Master with the respect due to his office, used language unworthy a brother, and otherwise conducted in an unmasonic manner.

Such is a brief synopsis of the offences of the Grand Master, of which complaint is made. The evidences of their truth are conclusive. The facts were substantially admitted by the party accused. At the convention above named, the Grand Master confessed having acted injudiciously in regard to the rejected candidate of *California* Lodge, and could furnish no excuse by which to justify his conduct. On being assured that he had lost the confidence of the Fraternity in the State, and solicited to discontinue the further exercise of the powers he so strangely abused, he refused in such terms as to indicate a disregard for the opinions of his brethren, or the prosperity of the institution of which he had been made the head. He persisted that though his acts might tend to evil, he could do no wrong for which he could be held responsible: for by virtue of his office he had the power and the right to perform such acts as he might deem proper. He had obtained the impression, which he pertinaciously maintained, that as Grand Master he was superior to all Masonic authority—that his will was above all law—that in him was vested the discretion and the power to make and break Masons, and create and destroy Lodges at will—that he could not be shaken from his high position—and that to himself alone was he accountable. This opinion seems to have actuated him in pursuing a course of conduct that has set the feelings and wishes of the



Fraternity at defiance, disturbed the peace and harmony of Lodges, and violated the valued and ancient rules and usages by which the institution of Freemasonry has been so admirably controlled. And in examining documents in relation to this subject, your committee perceive that authorities for which they desire to entertain the highest respect, sustain him to a considerable extent in this despotic and destructive sentiment. In a report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, they find the following paragraph :—

“ Since the time when the memory of Masons runneth not to the contrary, Grand Masters have enjoyed the high prerogative of making Masons *at sight*, without any preliminaries, and at any suitable time and place, they alone being the judges of the propriety, the time, and the place. For so doing, no earthly power can call them to account.”

In another part of the same report, the committee says :—

“ Of his possessing the power to do this, we have no doubt whatever. With regard to the expediency of doing so in a particular case, he is the sole judge. The Grand Lodge, during his term of office, cannot act upon it. After his term expires they can ; but can only proceed to the extent of censuring, by report of committee or by resolution, and of expressing opinions on the questions involved. They cannot deal with him for an error of judgment in the exercise of his prerogative, nor deprive him of any rights for or on account of its exercise. He cannot be suspended, or expelled, or deprived of his office, dignities or membership in the Grand Lodge, or any other privilege or right, during his term, nor be put upon trial during his term ; for there is no power to try him, or to which he is amenable.”

Your committee find in substance the same doctrine published by other well instructed brethren ; but are unable to indorse it without material qualification. Let it be fully carried out by one possessing the spirit and disposition of our present Grand Master, and its results would be disastrous in the extreme. There can be no limit to the evils to our institution that would necessarily accrue. There could be no peace nor safety for Freemasonry so long as such a Grand Master possessed the prerogatives ascribed to him under the circumstances named. It is true that the brethren who entertain the sentiments quoted, unite in the opinion that it would be injudicious and improper for a Grand Master to exercise the powers they accord to him. In this respect your committee go beyond them. They think the Grand Master should possess no prerogative, the full exercise of which is wrong ; and they cannot believe that the spirit and genius of Freemasonry ever intended that he should possess any such prerogative. Neither can they believe that, in electing a brother to the office of Grand Master, we absolve him from all or from any of his Masonic obligations, or from the proper consequences of their reckless and wanton violation. They cannot believe that in thus electing him, we elevate him upon a pinnacle so lofty that he cannot be reached—that we have the right or power to place him in a position that enables him to scorn with impunity the principles and laws of the Fraternity, and trample under foot our time-honored institution. In assuming his office, the Grand Master is obligated to support and enforce our Constitution and Laws, and the dignity of the station should render him, if possible, far more observant of such obligations than other brethren, and far more reprehensible for their violation. It is, perhaps, owing to this fact that no written law exists to govern this particular case. We can be guided only by precedents, and as no case like that before us has occurred, we have not even a precedent for our guide. Indeed, it seems never to have been imagined that a brother could by any means reach the elevated place of Grand Master, who was capable of forfeiting Masonic confidence by unmasonic deeds. The ancient Romans had no law by which to punish fratricide, they not supposing it possible that a man could be so vile as to commit a crime so terrible. But when a case occurred, a law was made for the occasion. So with our ancient brotherhood. They never supposed it possible that a Grand Master could to any extent abuse his high prerogatives. But the case has transpired, and it now be-



comes the brethren every where to look well to the matter, and guard by proper and effectual means against its repetition. If there are no prescribed limits to the powers of the Grand Master, there should be, and they cannot be too soon adopted. If there is no law that holds the Grand Master accountable for unworthy acts, it is high time that one should be established.

That our present Grand Master has shamefully abused the powers of his office; that he has employed that office for unworthy purposes; that he has exhibited an inexcusable indifference toward the consequences of his un-masonic acts; that he has wilfully violated the spirit of our Grand Lodge Constitution; that he has appropriated to his own use money that was never contemplated being employed for any other than Masonic uses; that he has conducted himself with impropriety at a Lodge meeting; that he has treated his brethren with unmerited contempt; that he has done all this, and more, deserving of reprehension, there is no room for any one conversant with the facts to doubt. And we repeat, if there is no precedent or law by which we can reach such flagrant acts, it is proper that one should now be made. Your committee are pleased to observe that the "General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England" acknowledge the right and power of Grand Lodges to adopt such measures as exigencies may demand to meet such cases as that now being considered. They say,—

"If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulations, to be dictated by the occasion; because, hitherto, the ancient Fraternity have had no reason to provide for an event which they have presumed would never happen. — [Ed. 1847.]

Were it otherwise, or were it indeed true that no law exists and none can be made to limit the rights and powers of a Grand Master, our institution would occupy a position not only lamentable but ridiculous. Our own Grand Master, for instance, might return among us, (a calamity which we desire may not happen,) and in the exercise of his despotic power, close every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, and make merchandise of Masonry by manufacturing Masons, wholesale, even without (as the New York Committee says) being "obliged to work the degrees," at any time and place that may best suit his interests and convenience, and for any purpose that he may think proper. All this he can do under the sanction of his high prerogatives, and in the exercise of his legal Masonic power. And there exists no authority, nor can any be instituted, that dares question his motives or hold him accountable for his deeds. No doctrine can be sound that tends to results so pernicious. And we question whether the Fraternity in any State in the Union would sit tamely by, and suffer the institution to be thus abused and destroyed by any brother, simply because in their misplaced confidence they had chosen him for their Grand Master.

Your committee were pleased to perceive that an opinion differing from that quoted from the New York reports prevails with some of the brethren well instructed in Masonic knowledge. The Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, touching the subject before us, reasons as follows:—

"At that period of our history when there existed no Grand Lodges as at present organized, and when the Craft only met at an annual Grand Convocation, like that held by Prince Edwin at York, the Grand Master elected by them, held all the power and authority of Masonic government in his hands; being guided by no other rule than the ancient charges, and the customary unwritten laws. When the present system was adopted, and Grand Lodges became legislative bodies, the authority formerly held by the Grand Master alone, became vested in him and the Grand Lodge together. He can make no law by himself, nor can he perform any attribute of government save under the authority of the Grand Lodge—to every law of which, and to its Constitution, must he yield obedience and support, as well by his obligations of office, as by reason of his authority being derived from it. He is now strictly a constitutional officer, elected under and by virtue of a Constitution, deriving his powers from it, and subjected to its limita-

tions ; and it is only when that Constitution is silent, that he can fall back on any of the former attributes of the office, and exercise them for the good of the institution. This is the natural and infallible result of the Grand Lodge system—and to say that the Fraternity, in forming a Grand Lodge, with a written Constitution, have not the power to limit and define the power of the Grand Master, is saying that they have no right to create a Grand Lodge at all ; for if they cannot do so, then, as a natural result, his authority is superior, or at least equal, to that of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master having the power to disregard and nullify every act that might not please him. If we accept the present Grand Lodge system, we must accept its consequences—one of which must infallibly be the curtailment of the power and prerogatives formerly attached to the office of Grand Master—the making him subject to the Constitution and Laws—and leaving him no other powers formerly attached to his office, but such as are not laid down in those Laws and Constitution, or are consistent with them. This is no more a violation of, or encroachment on, the ancient rules of the society, than the creation of modern Grand Lodges, the requiring of Charters for private Lodges, or many other regulations of the present day which encroach upon ancient rights and privileges, but which have been voluntarily and even cheerfully submitted to by the Fraternity, for the sake of discipline, harmony, order, and good rule ; and upon exactly the same principle that men in civil societies surrender many natural rights for the mutual support and protection afforded by an ordinary government.”

After a thorough examination of this whole matter, your committee are clearly of the opinion that it is competent for this Grand Lodge to take such action in the case of Grand Master B. D. Hyam, as in its wisdom may be deemed expedient and proper. The course he has pursued has deprived him of the confidence of his brethren. He can no longer command the respect necessary to render the office he holds satisfactory to himself or beneficial to the Fraternity, and it is therefore desirable that he should cease immediately to perform the functions of that office. This is probably the unanimous wish of the members of all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. To accomplish this end, however, we would recommend the adoption of the mildest course that circumstances will permit. The absence of the Grand Master, though voluntary on his part, has tended measurably to influence this advice. Had he been present, agreeably to the repeated solicitations of the friends who desired his welfare as well as that of Freemasonry, a more stringent policy might with propriety be proposed and accomplished, without the violation of any well established law or regulation.

The Grand Lodge of California being the youngest of the Grand Lodges in the United States, we deplore the unfortunate necessity for taking action in a case involving important doctrines, concerning which such a contrariety of opinion exists among the older Grand Lodges. But the exigencies of the case demand that action, and we should be unworthy of the name of Freemasons, should we from any consideration shrink from the responsibility. It is the deliberate opinion of the committee, that it is of the utmost importance to the well-being of Masonry, that Grand Master Hyam should retire from the responsible station he so unhappily fills, and that he may be induced so to do, we offer for your consideration the following resolutions :—

*Resolved*, That Grand Master B. D. Hyam has, since his elevation to the office of Grand Master, been guilty of conduct unbecoming his high station, and tending materially to disturb the harmony and prosperity of the Fraternity within his jurisdiction, and has therefore merited the unqualified reprehension of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That upon his return to this State, from which he is now temporarily absent, Grand Master Hyam be requested to permit the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to discharge the functions of Grand Master during the remainder of the present Masonic year.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge request each Lodge under its jurisdiction to appoint a committee to notify Grand Master Hyam of the proceedings of this convocation, and to induce him to comply with the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. GIBON,	} Committee.
LUCIEN HERMANN,	
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	
ADDISON MARTIN,	

Which report was received and concurred in, the resolutions accompanying it were separately adopted, and the committee was discharged.

The following resolution was also adopted :—

*Resolved*, That all the Grand and subordinate Lodges with which we are in communication, are hereby requested not to forward or pay to Grand Master B. D. Hyam, any funds intended for this Grand Lodge.

Bros. JAS. RICE, Jr., and J. H. GIBON, were added to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

*Resolved*, That each Lodge within this jurisdiction shall pay to the order of the Grand Secretary the sum of one dollar for each of its contributing members, as a special tax, the same being for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this Communication.

*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in San Francisco be a committee to procure a suitable place for the archives of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. C. M. RADCLIFF, *D. G. M.*, for his efficient services during this Communication.

*Ordered*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this communication be printed and distributed as usual.

There being no further business, the minutes of this session were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Due Form**.

C. M. RADCLIFF, *Deputy Grand Master*.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary*.



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.:W.:GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AT THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT  
The Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco ;

COMMENCED ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 3d, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853,  
AND TERMINATED ON  
MONDAY, MAY 9TH, A. D. 1853, A. L. 5853.

---

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

---

M.: W.: BENJ. D. HYAM,  
*Grand Master, presiding.*

R.: W.: LEVI STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND OFFICERS

## OF THE

# GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

## FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W. C. M. RADCLIFF, .....	GRAND MASTER, .....	<i>Sonora ;</i>
R. W. T. A. THOMAS, .....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, ....	<i>Sacramento ;</i>
" " J. R. CRANDALL, .....	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, ...	<i>Auburn ;</i>
" " R. F. KNOTT, .....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, ...	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" " ADDISON MARTIN, ...	GRAND TREASURER, .....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" " LEVI STOWELL, .....	GRAND SECRETARY, .....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" " ISAAC DAVIS, .....	GRAND LECTURER, .....	<i>Sacramento.</i>
" " J. H. BRISTOW, .....	GRAND CHAPLAIN, .....	<i>Marysville ;</i>
W. O. J. PRESTON, .....	Ass't. GRAND SECRETARY, ..	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" J. F. HALSEY, .....	GRAND MARSHAL, .....	<i>Marysville ;</i>
" E. M. CHAMBERLAIN, ..	GRAND STANDARD BEARER, ..	<i>Weaverville ;</i>
" GEO. H. DERBY, .....	GRAND SWORD BEARER, ....	<i>San Diego ;</i>
" JOHN COOK, .....	GRAND BIBLE BEARER, ....	<i>Santa Clara ;</i>
" H. F. WILLIAMS, .....	SENIOR GRAND DEACON, ....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
" A. E. CALLAWAY, .....	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON, ....	<i>Shasta ;</i>
" M. RUCH, .....	} GRAND STEWARDS, .....	{ <i>Weaverville ;</i>
" J. H. MURPHY, .....		
" S. C. FIELD, .....		{ <i>Placerville ;</i>
" S. C. FIELD, .....	GRAND TYLER, .....	<i>San Francisco ;</i>

# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

### FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California commenced its Fourth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the third day of May, A. L. 5853, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT:

The	M. W.	BENJ. D. HYAM,	Grand Master;
	R. W.	CHARLES M. RADCLIFF,	Deputy Grand Master;
"	"	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,	Senior Grand Warden;
"	"	JAMES RICE, Jr., as,	Junior Grand Warden;
"	"	ADDISON MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer;
"	"	LEVI STOWELL,	Grand Secretary;
"	"	J. H. BRISTOW, as,	Grand Chaplain;
W.		O. J. PRESTON,	Assis't Grand Secretary;
"		ROBERT HOPKINS,	Grand Marshal;
"		WILLIAM ROBINSON, as,	Senior Grand Deacon;
"		P. W. SHEPHEARD, as,	Junior Grand Deacon;
"		H. G. PLATT, as,	} Grand Stewards;
"		S. CURRY, as,	
"		S. C. FIELD, as,	Grand Tyler.

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The	M. W.	JONA. D. STEVENSON,	Past Grand Master;
	M. W.	JOHN A. TUTT,	Past Grand Master:

And the representatives of eighteen chartered Lodges, together with delegates from thirteen Lodges under dispensation.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Ample Form**, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



The reading of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication, and at the Special Communication in August last, was dispensed with, the members having been furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the following Committee —

*On Credentials* :..... { Bro. T. A. Thomas,  
“ J. D. Creigh,  
“ A. E. Callaway.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
*Tuesday, May 3d, A. L. 5853.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz. : — from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....R. F. Knott, Worshipful Master ;

R. E. Cole, Senior Warden ;

W. D. Fair, Junior Warden ;

J. Shannon,

P. A. Brinsmade,

J. D. Creigh,

Lewis Peck,

L. T. Wilson,

L. Stowell,

J. D. Stevenson,

O. J. Preston,

} Past Masters.

*Western Star*,...No. 2,.....A. E. Callaway, Worshipful Master ;

J. J. Doll, Senior Warden ;

Isaac Roop, Junior Warden ;

Wm. Robinson, Past Master.

*Tehama*, .....No. 3,.....W. W. Stovall, proxy for Worshipful Master ;

J. A. Tutt, Senior Warden ;

J. A. Wadsworth, Junior Warden ;

T. A. Thomas, Past Master.

*Jennings*,.....No. 4,.....J. Z. Davis, Representative.

- Benicia*,.....No. 5,.....P. W. Shepheard, proxy for Worshipful Master ;  
R. B. Norman, Senior Warden ;  
S. Marx, proxy for Junior Warden ;  
A. Riddell, Past Master.
- San Francisco*,..No. 7,.....A. Hollub, Worshipful Master ;  
S. Curry, Senior Warden ;  
J. J. Papy, Past Master.
- Tuolumne*,.....No. 8,.....H. G. Platt, Junior Warden.
- Marysville*, .....No. 9,.....J. F. Halsey, Worshipful Master ;  
W. E. Rust, Senior Warden ;  
L. Taylor, Junior Warden.
- San Jose*,.....No. 10,.....H. F. Williams, proxy for Worshipful Master ;  
W. M. Stafford, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
L. Stowell, proxy for Junior Warden ;  
John Cook, Past Master.
- Yount*,.....No. 12,.....F. B. Gilmore, Junior Warden.
- Nevada*,.....No. 13,.....R. A. Davidge, proxy for Worshipful Master ;  
Jas. Fitz James, Senior Warden ;  
P. Clarkson, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Temple*,.....No. 14,.....R. Hopkins, Worshipful Master ;  
H. Mathews, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
H. O. Ryerson, proxy for Junior Warden.
- Eureka*,.....No. 16,.....J. R. Crandall, Worshipful Master ;  
H. R. Hawkins, Senior Warden ;  
Jas. Bowen, Junior Warden.
- Parfaite Union*, No. 17,.....F. T. Teclaw, proxy for Worshipful Master ;  
Leopold Levy, Senior Warden ;  
S. Driard, Junior Warden.
- Mountain Shade*, No. 18.....James Corcoran, Representative.
- San Joaquin*,...No. 19,.....J. G. Candee, Worshipful Master ;  
J. M. Goodwin, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
J. M. McKamy, Junior Warden.
- Washington*,...No. 20,.....N. G. Curtis, Worshipful Master ;  
M. R. Hardin, Senior Warden ;  
D. Jordan, Junior Warden ;  
Jesse Morrill, } Past Masters.  
Isaac Davis, }
- Occidental*,.....No. 22,.....James E. Wainwright, Worshipful Master ;  
Smyth Clarke, Senior Warden ;  
Geo. W. Baker, Junior Warden ;  
Gregory Yale, } Past Masters.  
Jas. Rice, Jr., }  
G. W. Ryckman, }

And also that the following delegates were present, from Lodges under Dispensation, viz. : — from

<i>Madison</i>	—	<i>Lodge</i> , G. W. Macrae.	<i>Golden Gate Lodge</i> , W. S. Moses,
<i>Mariposa</i>		" G. B. Abel.	J. F. Damon,
<i>Georgetown</i>		" T. M. Reed,	J. Hunter.
		J. P. Davison,	<i>Mokelumne</i> " H. Q. Clark.
		P.W.Cunningham.	<i>Gold Hill</i> " Jas. E. Stewart.
<i>El Dorado</i>		" J. H. Murphy.	<i>Ophir</i> " C. M. Radcliff.
<i>Trinity</i>		" E. M. Chamberlain.	<i>Santa Clara</i> " John Cook.
<i>Columbia</i>		" C. M. Radcliff.	<i>San Diego</i> " Geo. H. Derby.
<i>Diamond</i>		" L. Bradley.	

Which report was received and concurred in.

A resolution was offered, that the Master of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, have power to appoint a Senior Warden for said Lodge, to serve the remainder of the Masonic year, (the S. W. being dead,) and to act as such in this Grand Lodge; which was laid on the table for the present.

The Grand Master then read his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge, as follows:—

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California:—*

Another year has circled round, and brought us nearer to the great goal where all human beings must arrive; yet, through the benign and merciful goodness of our Supreme Grand Master, we are permitted to meet together, officers and representatives, to transact the business and interests of the banner of the ancient Order under which we are enlisted. Allow me to congratulate you on this occasion, that the mercies of the God of All have been extended to us,—that He, in His great mercy, has kept and protected us through the great perils of disease, contagion and travel,—and truly grateful must we be, and offer our humble praises to Him for His continued care in preserving us to meet together this day.

I believe the arch-enemy, Death, has made but little havoc among our ranks, and let us pray fervently that we, who are here assembled, and those we represent, may be permitted to run the full span of man's existence, and attain to the good old age of three score years and ten.

In commencing and carrying out this session, let us carefully keep in mind the charge so often inculcated in our Lodge rooms, that it is "good for brethren to dwell together in unity." Let us remember that Masonry is a science, inculcating a pure system of morality and virtue, based upon the practice of universal benevolence, and recognizing as the last, highest, and purest round of its moral ladder, Charity, the Heaven-born quality which not only beautifies, but adds lustre to all other virtues of our hearts. Recollect that around her followers Masonry throws a panoply which she forbids her children to raise, or tear aside with rudeness,—and when we are compelled to investigate a brother's character, she also commands us to do so with a tear of pity, and feeling of charity. Allow me to earnestly hope, that in your deliberations during this session, you may be aided with wisdom from on High, and be so guided by its power as to be enabled to spread the cement of brotherly love with the Master's trowel, as will heal all difficulties existing, and that we may close our labors in peace, good-will and harmony.\*

\* \* \* \* \*

As Deputy Grand Master at your last annual session, I directed the attention of the Grand Lodge to the propriety and necessity of adopting some measures

\* That portion of the Address commencing here and ending on the 47th manuscript page, referring to the late difficulties with the Grand Master, was ordered not to be printed.—(Gr. Sec.)



in regard to Education, but which did not receive the care or support so important a matter merited. Again I will reiterate that several of our sister Grand Lodges are evincing a spirit of emulous determination, well worthy of imitation on our part, to carry out, extend and support so laudable and benevolent an undertaking. We must be aware that education is the very foundation of intelligence, morality, and excellence. So vast is its influence upon position and character, that many have been ready to assume that it was the cause of all the differences in the social state; that the main, and indeed, the only distinction of those farthest removed intellectually between La Place and a Hottentot, was Education.

These extreme opinions are at variance with the influence of race and physical organization, and therefore untenable; yet they serve to illustrate the vast effect justly attributable to correct training. It is unquestionable that the chief features of national distinction may be traced to Education. In the history of the human family, small tribes have been seen to elevate themselves above their compeers; by a masterly policy, attach to themselves the elements of prosperity; and gradually, but effectually, assume the most lofty and commanding position. The superiority of the Grecian and Italian States in ancient times, and that of the more powerful nations of modern Europe, is to be mainly, if not entirely attributed to the method of education pursued among the people. Turn to our own Republic, and we have the full evidence of its advantages.

Education may be considered in a two-fold point of view: as discipline and instruction. The object of the former is to confer energy, perseverance, just method of thought, practical habits, and the unconquerable spirit which is one of the noblest characteristics of a great people. That of the other is to give knowledge, — scientific, intellectual, and moral, — and thus to qualify for position and the duties of life. Without discipline or instruction, man is little less than a savage. The slave of his impulses and passions, he yields passively to fear, and lives but for the present moment. No sooner, however, does forethought arise, whether produced by experience or necessity, than he learns to prepare himself for the struggle of life. His first contests being with the wild tenants of the forest, he commences his process of education by acquiring skill in combat, and learning to form the rude weapons of physical force. Step by step he proceeds, as his mind becomes disciplined, gradually discovering resources of skill and success, the knowledge of which he imparts, and, by union of efforts, improves in knowledge, wisdom, and power, until he arrives at the grand results of modern civilization. Centuries are necessary for human developments, and Education is the link by which successive generations, bound together by communion of interests, secure the glorious consummation of knowledge.

So, too, all the results, and the vast discoveries of the present era, are attributable to Education. The caloric engine, the electric telegraph, the ocean steamship, the road of iron, the printing press, and the complicated perfection of sound constitutional government, are all the results of minds disciplined and taught by Education. Knowledge has been the foundation on which the great inventors have commenced, and from it they have built upward the "temple of truth." Knowledge is the foundation on which our own glorious structure is erected, and its moral disciplines would have been tarnished, and perhaps swept away in the dark ages, had they not been protected by those who possessed, and were the only possessors of Education.

But the real nobility of man is not outward. His inward qualifications are what we admire. In the soul lies nobility. Greatness, power, and truth, there, will cast their light upon every action and event, — and, for his moral excellence, man must chiefly depend upon Education. According to the instructions inculcated, we fall to the level of the earth, or rise to the glory

of our Supreme Grand Master. What responsibility, then, rests upon us. Upon our course may depend the welfare of our institution in ensuing generations. We have the power, if we only exhibit the will, and it is our privilege to build the stately edifice of truth, whose lofty vaulted roof may shelter those who follow us from the darkness of ignorance, the storms of unsubdued passion, and the scorching sun of superstition, — beneath whose domes may be stored the lore of ages, — in whose porticoes may walk the hands of future scholars, heroes, statesmen, brothers, who shall advance the interests of our country and Order to the highest measure of prosperity. Stupendous task! worthy of our name, — worthy the mystic brotherhood who have ever been, and are always in the fore-front of civilization, — whose temples are the history of human progress, and who are now working the benign purposes of our ancient and hallowed Order.

The question has presented itself to my mind, whether Lodges in the jurisdiction could not, by a proper system of legislation on your part, be induced to reserve a per centage of the fees arising from conferring the mysteries, to carry out the object tending to benefit the children of the Fraternity, who are as much entitled to our care as a distressed brother. I entertain no fear, if the subject is carefully and dispassionately investigated by you, but that some measure may be adopted which will easily be realized, without conflicting in the smallest way with the prosperity of individual subordinate Lodges. A very large fund, apart from the per centage alluded to, could be annually raised by each member of a Lodge in the jurisdiction being duly and regularly registered on the records of the Grand Lodge, and taking a diploma, — and with the probability of donations being made for so laudable a purpose, we may, ere long, be in a position to realize what must meet the concurrence of every brother who takes an interest in fulfilling his duties. Masonry being as broad in its sphere as humanity itself, tending to the true interests of man, wherever found, and teaching us, by its disciplines and influences, to break down and overthrow the asperities and austerities of life, — I would ask, can those interests be supported in any better way than by promoting the cause of Education?

One Lodge in Germany has, I find, in five years, educated eleven hundred children in the principles of morality, virtue, and knowledge. Lodges in our own Union have not been lacking in this great and meritorious work of true benevolence, — and I think it is the incumbent duty of Masons to provide for the education of the orphans of deceased Masons, as well as to assist a Masonic parent to educate his children who may be so unfortunately circumstanced as to be unable to provide therefor. Fraternally, I recommend this important part of our duty to your careful consideration.

Since we last met in annual session, our great and good brother and patriot, HENRY CLAY, has been summoned to render up his spirit to the God who gave it. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of which he was a Past Grand Master, sensible of his virtues and loss, have resolved to erect a monument to his memory, and to remind the Fraternity, his countrymen, and future generations, "That the name of the good man lives after him." His deportment through a long life, was indeed marked by those pure principles which are worthy the imitation of his survivors, — and when he stepped forth to quell and turn aside the storm that threatened to shake his country to the centre, he evidently did so, not only under the pure and hallowed spirit of patriotism, but also remembered the early lessons taught him in Masonry. He had beheld

"That hieroglyphic bright, that none but craftsmen ever saw," —

which he had kept before him as the polar star of his conduct, and could not deviate from the disciplines its precepts inculcated. Upon one point, all men in our Union are agreed; that he sustained the Flag of Liberty through



a struggle which endangered its safety, and ceased not his efforts to protect it until it was safely and securely furled in the haven of Peace.

Future generations will, with gratitude, remember and refer to the name of HENRY CLAY, as one of the greatest, brightest, and best of patriots that the soil of Freedom has given birth to. In view of this, I deem it not inopportune to direct the attention of this Grand Lodge to the circular issued by the "Clay Monumental Association" to all the Lodges in the Union, (as well as to our Lodge,) and to suggest your adopting such measures as will aid the noble and deserving purpose projected by that body. In connection with this, I will mention that the Fraternity in this city participated in the funeral obsequies and celebration that was ordered by the municipal authorities thereof, and beyond doubt, it will be a gratification to our Kentucky brethren to learn, that even in this Far West, the surviving brothers therein paid a tribute of due respect to the irreparable loss the country has sustained by the death of one of its noblest sons.

The Fraternity in this jurisdiction failed not to evidence the due respect entertained for the memory of the great and good WASHINGTON. The respective Lodges in this city, and, I believe, throughout the State, held the centennial anniversary of his admission into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a suitable and creditable manner. The remembrance of his virtues and goodness should ever be kept before us, and induce us to imitate them as far as in our power lies. I can only express my deep regret that each Lodge in the jurisdiction did not avail itself of the opportunity to gather a suitable collection in aid of the National Monument now in progress of erection by his surviving grateful countrymen,—more particularly, as I find no memento from our Grand Lodge has been forwarded to assist in its construction.

From personal observation, I am led to conclude that the constitutional regulations which govern processions are by no means properly understood, or observed in this jurisdiction. By the old Constitutions no public procession can take place, nor can two or more chartered Lodges assemble for any such purpose, until a dispensation has been granted by the proper officer,—the Grand Master. A public procession is completely within the meaning of a general convention of Masons,—and although it may be had for the purpose of making a public appearance, is nevertheless in violation of Masonic law, unless duly authorized. All and every Master of a chartered Lodge is permitted to convene and govern his own Lodge, at the funeral of its own members; and even then he is amenable to the superior body for any ill-conduct, irregularity, or wrong management, that, by virtue of his power, he may have prevented,—but it is impugning, nay, infringing on Masonic law, for two or more Masters to convene their Lodges, and place them separately in funeral, or other processions, without due authority, even to bury a brother of an individual Lodge, much less a non-affiliated one. Yet Lodges have convened as stated, thereby acting diametrically opposite to established usage and constitutional regulations, even to the burying of non-affiliated Masons, who, under any circumstances, when buried with Masonic honors, should only receive the attendance of one Lodge. The question would necessarily arise, under whose authority or control are the Lodges when so congregated. It is, however, I believe, a well-defined regulation that non-affiliated brothers are not entitled to Masonic funeral honors, but may be permitted to join in public processions on the festival days held by the Fraternity, but not on local occasions,—when a procession is limited to the members of a private Lodge and their invited affiliated brethren.

Neither has a Lodge under Dispensation any authority to hold processions either on festivals, celebrations, or for funeral purposes. If they should so act, they are not only contravening Masonic usage and law, but are transcending the power granted them in the dispensation from their superior offi-



cer, and I must emphatically declare that none but chartered Lodges can hold a procession, and then under the limitations and restrictions prescribed. Lodges under Dispensation differ very materially from those chartered,—not only in the respect mentioned, but they have no power to perpetuate themselves. They cannot receive members, neither can they fill vacancies, should their original numbers be diminished below the constitutional requirements, except by special permission from the competent authority. The essential difference between them and a chartered Lodge is, that Charters are granted to the petitioners and their successors, while Dispensations run to the petitioners only, and terminate at the time specified on their faces. In the latter case the petitioners alone are known in the Grand Lodge, for, not having been constituted, they possess no power to admit members. And furthermore, the petitioners, if members of a chartered Lodge or Lodges at the time of making application for a Dispensation, do not forfeit, release, or sever themselves from their rights or obligations therein, until a Charter is granted to them, and being until then a mere association under probation, and will of the power that gave it birth, although they must conform to the prescribed work of a Lodge, are not in the capacity or in possession of the full rights of a Lodge under Charter. A contrary opinion prevailing in this jurisdiction, impels me to direct your attention to the subject.

Unintentional as it may have been, petitioners for the mysteries, through their friends, acting under mistaken notions, have been permitted to withdraw their petitions prior to a ballot being had thereon. No Lodge, under any circumstances, should ever tolerate a petition to be withdrawn, after it has been presented and referred. This must, or should be so well understood that I consider it supererogatory to dilate lengthily on the subject.

A desire to produce uniformity of work in the jurisdiction has been manifested from the Chair since the early organization of this Grand Lodge, and it will be, I am fully satisfied, no small amount of gratification to ourselves and others, if some adopted system could be devised to accomplish it. I am fully aware that numbers of the Fraternity in the jurisdiction feel the paramount importance and necessity of having all the labors of the respective Lodges therein correspond; but under the present system of Grand Lectures it is found to be perfectly impracticable, and it is to be sincerely hoped you will not separate without defining and decreeing what shall be the acknowledged form and mode, giving it force and effect by proper legislation, so that our ears may not be assailed by the remarks, "that this is one man's work, and this the other's."

Many brothers arrive at the Master's Chair who have never even filled any office in his own, or any other Lodge. The detriment this invariably occasions must be apparent and known to every brother, independent of producing angry feelings on the part of those who consider themselves by service, as Wardens, entitled thereto and are overlooked. It must be evident to every brother, that an office so important as that of Master of a Lodge, should be filled by one who, at least, is fully competent to discharge the duties appertaining to it, but also versed in Masonic jurisprudence, and be intimately acquainted with the *modus operandi* of governing a Lodge. There are at all times points arising in Masonic law, which, if not properly understood, or improperly interpreted, must tend to sap the progress and prosperity of a Lodge; and as it is the duty of the Worshipful Master to fully carry out and see properly fulfilled the Constitutions of Masonry, as well of those of the Grand Lodge under which he holds his power, as also to decide and settle questions of importance in jurisprudence, and to see the By-Laws of his own Lodge are not violated or infringed, it is natural to expect that the brethren will look to him as the Pillar of Wisdom, for instruction and information; and little re-

flection will convince, that if he is unacquainted with the details of his office, and furnishes constant evidences of incompetency, the members of his Lodge must and will become indifferent to their duties, and will hail with pleasure and gladness the time that relieves them of his services — if, in the meantime, confusion does not ensue. By the ancient Constitutions, and by the Constitutions of several Grand Lodges in the Union, “no brother can become Master of a Lodge until he shall have served at least one year in the office of Warden.” The necessity of this must be so apparent, that it cannot but excite wonder that the contrary should ever occur; and however laudable it may be for a brother to possess a spirit of ambition, yet it should be curbed, more particularly when he is fully aware of his incompetency to discharge the important duties appertaining to the Master’s chair.

According to notice, constitutionally submitted at our last session, to amend our Constitution with regard to the rights and privileges of Past Masters, more especially as to voting in Grand Lodge, you will be required to take action therein. No subject is more vital in its bearings on the future interests and destinies of the Order in this State, than this important question. It never was contemplated or intended by the framers of our first Constitution, that Past Masters from other States, joining Lodges in this, should become possessed of the privileges of those who have arrived at that position by virtue of service in our own Lodges. If it were otherwise, it would be highly pernicious in its effects, and be little less than injustice to those who have filled the office of Master in this State. Many Past Masters affiliate in this jurisdiction, and may from time to time affiliate, who were not entitled to any rights or votes in the Grand Lodges whence they last hailed, and it would be more than they of right can or should claim, to be admitted, or permitted to enjoy here, what they had no power to exercise elsewhere. If it were or is to be tolerated, I fear, ere many years roll over our heads, we shall look back with regret that such action was not had at a proper time, to check an influence which, if permitted to gather strength, must inevitably produce a schism, disaffection, and perchance (which God forefend) irretrievable ruin, or at least, division among the Fraternity in the State. It must be fresh in the memories of many here present, the cause of the unfortunate rupture that occurred in New York, and which to this day I believe is not healed. It is in your power and province at this time, by proper legislation, to guard against an evil which, if tolerated, may bring tears of regret to the eyes of the beholders. We do not find any authority in ancient works whereby Past Masters were allowed a vote in Grand Lodges; but that “no brother was eligible to the office of Grand Master and other elective offices in Grand Lodges, who had not been Master of a Lodge.” The same rule prevails to this day; but we have abundant evidence that many Grand Lodges allow no one to vote at their sessions but certain Past Grand Officers, and the chief officers or representatives of subordinate Lodges.

New York, gaining experience from the past, has amended her constitution, as follows: “All Past Masters of Lodges under this jurisdiction who shall have been duly elected and installed, and served one year in the Chair, and are in good standing, shall be honorary members for life of this Grand Lodge, and as such, shall be entitled to be present at its meetings and participate in its deliberations, but shall not, as such, be entitled to vote. The Past Master of each Lodge, who shall have last past the Chair thereof, shall be an acting member of this Grand Lodge, and as such entitled to vote, so that each Lodge, by its officers or proxy, shall be entitled to three votes, and last Past Masters, if present, to one vote; making four votes in all.” Although we cannot take so definite an action this session, in the premises, or go beyond the amendment proposed, yet I earnestly urge on you to weigh well the matter prior to legislating thereon.



The welfare of our Order, rapidly spreading over the State, and a desire for its stability, harmony, and future success, renders it incumbent on me to direct your especial attention to the various subjects referred to, so requisite in their respective bearing to the vitality and prosperity of individual Lodges and the jurisdiction. Many of the difficulties that have agitated the Masonic world in the last two centuries may be more or less directly traced to some innovation; which, by not receiving a timely check, is looked upon by some as law. A careful and scrutinizing inquiry as to what is law, must give security, harmony, and perpetuity to our venerable and time-honored institution. Innovation or progression may be admissible in all things except Masonry; to which it must prove detrimental, if not destructive. The landmarks cannot be removed, and are unchangeable, as quoted by Preston, who says: "by the above precaution of our ancient brethren, the original Constitutions of York Masonry were established as the basis of all future Masonic jurisdictions," and the ancient landmarks, as they are emphatically styled, or the boundaries set up as checks to innovation, were carefully secured against the attacks of future invaders. Averse, as I am fully aware some are, to legislate on Masonry, yet nevertheless it is only to a Grand Lodge that we can look in its corrective authority, to interpose it, and thereby save the Craft.

The continued questions on important points and Masonic jurisprudence, which must, as our Order increases in this State, necessarily arise, demand that the Grand Lodge particularly and subordinate Lodges generally, should have some standard authorities to refer to; and it is proper and not only so, but commendable, to found and support with their funds libraries of Masonic books for the use, instruction and entertainment of their members, as well as for reference. I recommend this subject to your notice, feeling satisfied by past experience, that every day affords evidence of the absolute propriety and necessity of carrying it into effect. The mere superficial knowledge acquired in a Lodge, is not sufficient to store the mind with the law of Masonry, which can only be acquired by studying the writers and commentators thereon.

Having directed your notice to all matters of importance or vital interest to the Craft, they are submitted for your fraternal consideration, and I entreat you that such resolutions may be adopted as will guard and meet every exigency. At the session of November, 1851, a resolution was adopted as follows:—

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the degrees of Masonry conferred in a Lodge by a Master Mason, in the absence of a Worshipful Master and Wardens, under the direction and supervision of a Past Master who has presided as Master of a Lodge, is regarded by this Grand Lodge as valid and constitutional.

Far from being valid and constitutional; and such was my opinion at its adoption, and I have no cause to change it since, more particularly, when having thoroughly investigated and digested the law thereon, I cannot discover by what process a Lodge can be opened in the absence of all its superior or principal officers. The opinions of some of our best writers confirm my views; and for the credit of the Grand Lodge, I hope it will be rescinded forthwith.

Since our last session, Dispensations have issued as follows, from me:—

Dispensation renewed to *Mariposa* Lodge, May 14, 1852.

" " *San Diego* " " " "

" to R. C. WYLLIE, Past Master, to install *Hawaiian* Lodge, Nov. 21, 1852.

" for a new Lodge, named *El Dorado*, June 26, 1852.

" for a new Lodge, named *Diamond Springs* Oct. 12, 1852.

" for a new Lodge, named *Golden Gate*, Oct. 12, 1852.

" for a new Lodge, named *Gold Hill*, Nov. 1, 1852.



The funds arising therefrom were immediately paid over.

I cannot permit the opportunity to pass without expressing the merited praise *Golden Gate* Lodge, U. D., is deserving of for the very high perfection she has attained in her work. Although an infant, she exhibits the strength of a giant; her work is unequalled and her zeal not surpassed by any of her elder sisters.

I am pained to know that many of our temples have suffered from the destructive elements which have swept over various towns in this State during the past year, and therefore recommend to your liberal consideration the propriety of relieving, if compatible with the state of our finances, the following Lodges from this year's dues, viz.: *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3; *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8; *Mountain Shade* Lodge, No. 18; and *Washington* Lodge, No. 20.

The prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction must be a gratification to all the Fraternity; and when we consider that three years since there were only three chartered Lodges, and two under dispensation, and that at this date we have nineteen chartered, and fifteen Lodges under dispensation, we have indeed much to be proud of.

The circular for and on behalf of our worthy brother JENNINGS, addressed by me to my brother Grand Masters throughout the Union, immediately after the adjournment of our Grand Lodge in May last, has, I find, received due and fraternal attention; and from information at hand, several have pressed the subject on the notice of their subordinate Lodges, and I doubt not before we assemble again, a considerable amount will be in our possession to assist the liquidation of the debt due by that true Mason, incidental on the unlimited, boundless charity and brotherly feeling extended to his suffering and distressed brothers.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, during my short absence from the jurisdiction, was invested with the care of the Craft. A report of his labors will doubtless be presented to you.

Before concluding, allow me to solicit that you will decide in what manner the funds in my possession, amounting to three hundred dollars, are to be disposed of. In such direction as you may order them to be appropriated, I can only assure you it will be perfectly satisfactory to me, and receive my cordial coöperation.

BRETHREN: I will not occupy your time longer, craving your kind indulgence for what I have taken up, but solicit you to look well to your duties as Masons; have respect for the discipline and landmarks of the Order, and the rule of conduct the institution inculcates; live and act in accordance with the principles and obligations taught by them, and during the discussion of the various important questions that I have directed your attention to, remember that we are all brethren, bound together by ties that no other institution possesses. Therefore let no contentions arise but that "Noble contention or emulation, who can best work and best agree."

I need, in conclusion, only say, that so far as depends on me, I shall be found ready and willing to aid all lawful measures, for the best interests of the Order, and hesitate ere I relax any of the feeling I have always entertained for it, from the time I first beheld its light.

B. D. HYAM, *Grand Master*.

The Address was ordered to be laid on the table for the present.

The Deputy Grand Master read the following Address:—

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California:—*

By the indulgence of our Supreme Grand Master, we are once more permitted to meet in this sacred retreat of friendship and brotherly love. And

while we exchange congratulations, let us remember our responsibility to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Let us see to it that our deliberations at this time be conducted in harmony and and brotherly love — let our guiding star be the advancement of our beloved Order.

I would call the attention of this worshipful body to the subject of Uniformity of Work in the Lodges in this jurisdiction. Masons are thrown together in this State from every part of the world, and there are few of them who work alike; which tends to create confusion and discord among the Craft. And there is a great diversity, even among the officers of the Grand Lodge. Should this desired object be brought about by your legislation at this Communication, it would tend to allay the schisms that have, or would naturally arise from a diversity of opinions, and young Masons would study with a view to excel in good work. Before leaving this subject, permit me to suggest that one Grand Lecturer be appointed by the Grand Lodge, who shall exhibit a specimen of his work, and if approved by the Grand Lodge, let him be instructed to visit every Lodge in the State, and teach said work. Let this Grand Lecturer be some well informed brother, who will devote his time to the matter; and that his salary be equal to his duties, let the subordinate Lodges be severally taxed in an amount equal to the salary and expenses of said Lecturer, and that the several Lodges shall pay over to the Lecturer the amount taxed against them.

I must call your attention to a subject of the utmost importance to Masonry in this jurisdiction: that of non-affiliated Masons. Let me assure you that at least two-fifths of all the Masons in this State are brethren who contribute nothing to the support of the institution; yet we are constantly called upon to relieve them in their distresses. I know that a fund of some four thousand five hundred dollars has been expended by *Tuolumne* Lodge since its organization, to relieve non-affiliated Masons. Hence I would suggest that a tax be imposed on all non-affiliated Masons, equal to the dues of a Lodge, and when a sojourning brother pays his tax into any Lodge in the jurisdiction, said Lodge shall give the brother a certificate, which shall be taken as evidence of his good standing, (so far as documentary evidence can show that fact,) and enable him to visit any Lodge in this State, and be entitled to all the privileges of Masonry. I cannot but believe that a Mason who has so far lost sight of his duty to the Fraternity, as to visit every Lodge in his travels, for years, without contributing his mite for its support, is not entitled to our sympathies, and should not expect to receive that protection and relief which is due to worthy contributing members.

The subject of educating the children of indigent Masons, demands your attention at this time, if a fund could be raised for that purpose. I will here remark, that in the mountain regions Masons have not a house they can call their own. Many Lodges, from fire and flood have lost all, and have been taxed individually beyond their means; notwithstanding all these casualties, a needy brother has never been sent empty away. Any plan devised by your Most Worshipful body, whereby a fund can be raised for the purpose of Education, will meet with my hearty support.

I deeply regret that our brethren in New York are still at variance with each other, but hope that they may listen to the voice of reason, and say with one accord, "there shall be but one shepherd and one sheep-fold."

My term of office as Deputy Grand Master now expires, and here allow me to offer my thanks to all those with whom I have had the honor to be associated during the past year, and for their assistance and coöperation in the duties I have had to perform. In concluding, permit me to assure you, that whatever be the result of your deliberations at this meeting, you shall have my cordial support; trusting that your labors may tend to the advancement of our beloved Order, and that all your discussions may be conducted in the



spirit of peace and harmony; and when our probationary labors cease, may we be called to sit upon the right-hand of the great I AM, fit and fully prepared as "living stones in that spiritual building, eternal in the Heavens."

C. M. RADCLIFF, *Deputy Grand Master*.

The Address was ordered to be laid upon the table for the present, and the Deputy Grand Master presented the following report:—

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

It becomes my duty as Deputy Grand Master, in compliance with the Constitution, to report to your worshipful body a statement of my acts and doings during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

I have issued Dispensations to the following Lodges, viz.:—

<i>Trinity</i> Lodge, July 9th, 1852.	<i>Mokelumne</i> Lodge, Oct. 25th, 1852.
<i>Martinez</i> " July 26th, 1852.	<i>Ophir</i> " Jan. 22d, 1853.
<i>Columbia</i> " July 26th, 1852.	<i>Santa Clara</i> " Feb. 24th, 1853.

The petitions for the above Lodges were in due form, and properly recommended. They have given evidence of their zeal and capabilities, and should their work be approved, the Grand Lodge will no doubt grant them Charters. The funds received for the above Dispensations have been paid over to the Grand Secretary.

I have visited the following Lodges during the past year, all of which are in a healthy and flourishing condition to wit: *California* Lodge, No. 1, *San Francisco*, No. 7, *Occidental* No. 22, *Golden Gate*, U. D., *Parfaite Union*, No. 17, *San Joaquin*, No. 19, *Columbia*, U. D., *Tuolumne*, No. 8; and regret that I have not been able to visit all the Lodges under our jurisdiction.

It became my painful duty on the twentieth of September last, to suspend the Worshipful Master of *Georgetown* Lodge from his official position, for alleged un-masonic conduct. All the papers containing the charges and the correspondence in the matter, are on file with the Grand Secretary, for your examination and decision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF, *Deputy Grand Master*.

On motion of Bro. JAS. RICE, Jr., the Addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were taken from the table, and, with the report of the Deputy Grand Master, were referred to a special committee of five.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as the Committee—

<i>On the Addresses and Report:.....</i>	{ Bro. Jas. Rice, Jr.,
	{ " John A. Tutt,
	{ " J. G. Candee,
	{ " R. B. Norman,
	{ " T. A. Thomas.

The Grand Master also announced the following committees:—

<i>On By-Laws of Lodges:.....</i>	{ Bro. H. F. Williams,
	{ " Jesse Morrill,
	{ " Leopold Levy.

<i>On Dispensations and Charters:.....</i>	{ Bro. R. Hopkins,
	{ " R. E. Cole,
	{ " H. G. Platt.



<i>On Grievances :.....</i>	{	Bro. J. D. Creigh, " Wm. Robinson, " J. F. Halsey, " J. S. Shultz, " A. Riddell.
-----------------------------	---	--

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
 Wednesday, May 4th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bros. JOHN COOK, Grand Bible Bearer, and J. R. CRANDALL, Grand Lecturer, appeared and took their seats,

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the session of yesterday were read and approved.

The special committee to whom was referred the Addresses of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report : —

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California :—*

The special committee to whom was referred the Address of the *M.:W.:* Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend —

1. That so much of said address as shall be found to refer to certain charges preferred against the *M.:W.:* Grand Master, and the proceedings thereon before this Grand Lodge at its special Communication in August last, (which will be found treated in the first fifty-seven pages of the Grand Master's Address,) be referred to a select committee of five Past Masters, with instructions to report at ten o'clock, to-morrow morning ; and that the subject matter of the circular from *El Dorado* Lodge be referred to the same committee.

2. That all that portion of the address relating to the subjects of education and library, be referred to the Committee on Education.

3. That the remainder of said address, containing recommendations and suggestions in reference to uniformity of work, withdrawal of petitions, etc., be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report thereon at an early hour.

The committee have also had under consideration the report of the *R.:W.:* Deputy Grand Master, and beg leave to recommend —

1. That all that portion of said report which refers to the controversy therein mentioned, be referred to a select committee of five Past Masters, with instructions to report at ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

2. That all that part of said report referring to the subject of education, be referred to the Committee on Education.

3. That so much thereof as relates to the suspension of the Master of *Georgetown* Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

4. That the remaining recommendations, with respect to uniformity of work, non-affiliated Masons, and indigent Masons, be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. RICE, Jr.,	} Committee.
T. A. THOMAS,	
J. A. TUTT,	
J. G. CANDEE,	
R. B. NORMAN,	

Which report was received, and the committee was discharged.

BRO. P. A. BRINSMADE offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That so much of the Annual Address of the *M. W.* Grand Master as relates to *California* Lodge, No. 1, and to *Mountain Shade* Lodge, No. 18, and to the called meeting of the Grand Lodge on the seventeenth of August last, together with the report of the committee upon the disposition of that part of the *M. W.* Grand Master's Address referred to, be laid upon the table, and the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

Which resolution the Grand Master ruled out of order, and gave as his opinion and decision, that all motions, resolutions, reports, and other matters (except such as emanate from special or standing committees,) to come before the Grand Lodge, must be in writing, and first handed to him, to read and decide upon himself, whether proper to be presented to the Grand Lodge.

Upon this decision, Bro. N. G. CURTIS offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the business of this Grand Lodge be declared completed, and that the Grand Lodge now proceed to elect its officers for the ensuing year.

Which resolution the Grand Master also ruled as out of order.

On motion of Bro. J. F. HALSEY, the subject of the Senior Warden *pro tem.*, of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, was taken from the table, and the following preamble and resolution was offered : —

WHEREAS, On the twenty-ninth day of April, A. L. 5853, *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, sustained the loss of its Senior Warden by the hand of death, — and *whereas*, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge taking place immediately, and no opportunity for action being left to *Marysville* Lodge, the Worshipful Master of said Lodge appointed Bro. Wm. E. Rust to fill the office of Senior Warden, *pro tem.*; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Bro. Wm. E. Rust be permitted to take a seat in this Grand Lodge as Senior Warden of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9.

Which preamble and resolution was adopted.

A communication from Bro. T. W. BROTHERTON, late Master of *Georgetown* Lodge, U. D., was presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Wednesday, May, 4th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. W. B. COOKE as proxy for the Junior Warden of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7; which was concurred in.

The Grand Master announced that, after reflection and examination, being convinced that he was in error, he should reverse the ruling decided this morning upon the resolutions offered by Bros. P. A. BRINSMADE and N. G. CURTIS.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution, presented at the last annual Communication, were taken up; but were laid upon the table till to-morrow morning.

A petition was presented from *Benicia* Lodge, No. 5, asking leave so to change its By-Laws as to reduce the monthly dues to one dollar; which was granted.

The appeal of Bro. J. P. COUCH, from the action of *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19; the appeal of Bro. JOEL BALL, from the action of *Washington* Lodge, No. 20; and sundry communications from *Georgetown* Lodge, U. D., relative to the case of Bro. T. W. BROTHERTON, late Master of that Lodge, were presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, giving notice that the R. W. ROBERT R. BOYD, had been restored by that body to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, was read and ordered placed on file.



A copy of the "True Masonic Guide," by Bro. ROBERT MACOY, of New York, was presented in behalf of the author ; and the thanks of the Grand Lodge was voted to the donor therefor.

Bro. A. MARTIN, appointed at the last annual Communication to settle the affairs of *Sutter Lodge*, No. 6, presented a report thereon ; which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

On motion of Bro R. B. NORMAN, all that part of the report of the Committee on the Grand and Deputy Grand Master's Addresses which referred a portion of said addresses to a special committee of five Past Masters, was concurred in ; and that committee was ordered to be appointed.

The Grand Master vacated the chair, and the Deputy Grand Master named as the special

<i>Committee of Past Masters :.....</i>	{	Bro. J. R. Crandall, " T. A. Thomas, " N. G. Curtis, " John Cook, " J. G. Candee.
---	---	---

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following preamble and resolution : —

WHEREAS, A custom prevails in some subordinate Lodges to convert the funds of the Lodge to the purchase of jewels, or other appropriate mementoes, to be presented to distinguished brethren, as an expression of the esteem and confidence of the Lodge —

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the thus converting the charity fund of subordinate Lodges, is not in accordance with the true interpretation of the Constitution in reference to the disbursement of that fund ; its practice is therefore prohibited.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. H. R. HAWKINS was named as one of the Committee on Returns of Lodges, in place of Bro. J. D. CREIGH.

The Grand Lodge was then called of until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
*Thursday, May 5th, A. L. 5853.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution was postponed until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

The committee appointed at the semi-annual Communication in November, 1851, to procure jewels, clothing, etc., for the Grand Lodge, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee appointed to procure Grand Lodge clothing, furniture, and jewels, take pleasure in reporting that the order has been fulfilled; the jewels, and bills for the whole amount have been lately received from the R.: W.: JAS. W. POWELL, Grand Secretary of New York, and are now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. POWELL states that the delay has been occasioned by the protracted illness of the manufacturer, and regrets they could not have been forwarded sooner. The jewels are of massive silver, heavily gilt, and of superior workmanship; and the committee trusts that they will meet the wishes and approval of the Grand Lodge.

The bills amount in the aggregate to.....	\$1,235 16
There was advanced on the same.....	950 00

---

Leaving a balance due of..... \$285 16

for which the committee drew on the Grand Treasurer to balance the account.

The committee ask to be discharged, and submit the following resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge:—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. JAS. W. POWELL, R.: W.: Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, for his fraternal exertions in assisting the committee to procure our Grand Lodge clothing and jewels, and for his many other acts of kindness toward this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM,	} Committee.
O. J. PRESTON,	
L. STOWELL,	

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted.

Bro. T. A. THOMAS offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, be required, at his earliest convenience, to furnish Bro. J. R. CRANDALL with the return of work done under the Dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois to Bro. CRANDALL, W. M., Bro. GARRETT, S. W., and Bro. MAFFITT, J. W., in March, 1849, to enable him to make return thereof to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Which resolution was adopted.

A report from a committee appointed by *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, to close up the Lodge affairs and return its Charter, books, etc., to the

Grand Lodge, was read and referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
*Thursday, May 5th, A. L. 5853.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition and resolution of *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, asking permission to re-ballot for U. Simon, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the Lodge, sufficient reasons having been shown to warrant a re-ballot: which report was concurred in.

Bro. J. A. TUTT offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That all chartered Lodges, hereafter, in issuing any and all notices or other documents therefrom, shall attach the Lodge seal thereto; otherwise they shall not be acted on by the Lodge to whom sent: and all returns and other papers returnable to the Grand Lodge shall bear such impress, allowing such Lodges as have no seals, three months to procure the same.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. D. S. ROBERTS as proxy for the Senior Warden of *Occidental* Lodge, No. 22; which report was concurred in.

Bro. W. D. FAIR offered the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge has witnessed with pleasure the efforts of Bro. J. R. CRANDALL to meet his Masonic obligations to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in relation to his acts and doings as Master of a Lodge established in Marysville, in this State, under a Dispensation from said Grand Lodge. And while sympathizing with him for his failure, without any fault of his own, to make his returns as Master of said Lodge, they commend him for his Masonic zeal in the premises, and his readiness at all times to comply with every Masonic duty.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary furnish Bro. CRANDALL with a certified copy of this resolution.

Which resolutions were adopted.



The proposed amendments to the Constitution, presented at the last annual Communication, were taken up.

The further consideration of the first and second amendments was postponed until to-morrow ; and the third, being an alteration of Sec. 5, Art. X., was adopted, and declared a part of the Constitution, as follows : —

“ SEC. 5. No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars ; and no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and out of the State, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than thirty-five dollars. In each case the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be invariably paid in advance.”

The report of the special committee on the Addresses was taken from the table ; those portions thereof not already acted upon, were concurred in ; and the references therein recommended were ordered.

The Grand Master, in accordance with the recommendation, named the following special committees : —

<i>On Uniformity of Work :.....</i>	{ Bro. John Cook, “ C. M. Radcliff, “ Isaac Davis.
<i>On Petitions, Non-affiliated Masons, &amp;c.....</i>	{ Bro. J. A. Tutt, “ Isaac Davis, “ T. A. Thomas.

The Grand Master and Bro. ISAAC DAVIS were added to the Committee on Education.\*

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that the books of the following Lodges under Dispensation had been examined, and that they recommended the issue of Charters thereto, viz. : — to *Madison, Mariposa, Georgetown, El Dorado, Trinity, Columbia, Diamond, Golden Gate, Mokelumne, Gold Hill, Ophir*, and *Santa Clara* Lodges : that they had also examined the books of *Martinez* Lodge, and recommended that no Charter be granted thereto ; that no reports had been received from *Nashville* and *San Diego* Lodges ; that they recommended the issue of a Dispensation as prayed for by certain brethren in *Valparaiso, Chili* ; and that they further recommended that greater care be taken to ascertain that the officers proposed in petitions for Dispensations, were acquainted with the duties of such positions.

That portion of the report relating to *El Dorado* and *Martinez* Lodges was laid on the table for the present ; the remainder was con-

\* Who the other members of that committee were, does not appear in the minutes — [A. G. A., GR. SEC.]

curred in, and Charters were ordered for the Lodges as above recited; and the following resolution was offered:—

*Resolved*, That the representatives from all the Lodges to whom Charters have been granted, be invited to take seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of members thereof.

Pending the discussion of which, the Grand Lodge was called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Friday, May 6th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Grand Master retired, and the Deputy Grand Master took the chair.

The resolution pending when the Grand Lodge was called off yesterday afternoon, was taken up and adopted.

Bro. I. ROOP was appointed on the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, in the place of Bro. R. HOPKINS.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL, from the special Committee of Past Masters to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to his controversy with the Grand Lodge, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The committee to whom was referred the first fifty-seven pages of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, together with a circular from *El Dorado* Lodge, U. D., beg leave to report that they have the same now under consideration; and, in view of the vast amount of labor imposed on them by the appointment, and of the importance of time for due deliberation on the great, vital and important topics involved, that they ask further time. They have considered the circular from *El Dorado* Lodge, denouncing in terms not justifiable, and in an unmasonic manner expressing an opinion in reference to the acts of our M. W. Grand Master; and while they sincerely regret the circumstances which impelled the apparent hasty action of said Lodge, as expressed in a series of resolutions forming a part of said circular, they believe that the Lodge labored under wrong impressions in reference to its duties

and the power of Lodges U. D., and that it would not assume rights which it did not suppose itself to possess. Believing further, that its zeal prompted the expression set forth in the circular without due and mature deliberation, and that it cheerfully acknowledges allegiance to the Grand Lodge and holds itself subject to all her decisions, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That *El Dorado* Lodge erred in the issuing of a circular dated September thirteenth, 1852, and, in the adoption of the series of resolutions therein contained, far transcended its powers; but that it is believed that the Lodge would not err intentionally, and that its zeal has prompted a too hasty action, which it would gladly retract, when convinced of its error.

*Resolved*, That a Charter be granted to *El Dorado* Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	} Committee.
N. G. CURTIS,	
T. A. THOMAS,	
JOHN COOK.	

Which report was received and concurred in, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the report of Bro. A. MARTIN, on the affairs of *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, reported that the books, papers, &c., belonging to that Lodge, have been burned, and that there were no means of ascertaining the amount due the Grand Lodge. They therefore recommended that the amount due, as appears on the Grand Secretary's books, be remitted, and that the Grand Secretary be ordered to thus balance the account; which was concurred in, and *Sutter* Lodge, No. 6, was declared extinct.

Bro. H. R. HAWKINS, from the Committee on Returns of Lodges, presented the following report:—

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee have examined the returns of the following Lodges, and find them correct, viz:—

<i>California</i>	—	Lodge, No. 1;	<i>Parfait Union</i>	—	Lodge, No. 17;
<i>Western Star</i>		“ “ 2;	<i>Mountain Shade</i>		“ “ 18;
<i>Tehama</i>		“ “ 3;	<i>San Joaquin</i>		“ “ 19;
<i>Benicia</i>		“ “ 5;	<i>Occidental</i>		“ “ 22;
<i>San Francisco</i>		“ “ 7;	<i>Madison</i>		“ U. D.;
<i>Tuolumne</i>		“ “ 8;	<i>Mariposa</i>		“ “ “
<i>Marysville</i>		“ “ 9;	<i>Georgetown</i>		“ “ “
<i>San José</i>		“ “ 10;	<i>El Dorado</i>		“ “ “
<i>Yount</i>		“ “ 12;	<i>Columbia</i>		“ “ “
<i>Nevada</i>		“ “ 13;	<i>Diamond</i>		“ “ “
<i>Temple</i>		“ “ 14;	<i>Golden Gate</i>		“ “ “
<i>Eureka</i>		“ “ 16;	<i>Ophir</i>		“ “ “

The returns from *Gold Hill* Lodge, U. D., have been sent back for correction, and no returns have, to this date, been received from the following Lodges:—



<i>Jennings</i>	-	Lodge, No. 4;	<i>Santa Clara</i>	-	Lodge, U. D.;
<i>Washington</i>		" " 20;	<i>San Diego</i>		" " "
<i>Hawaiian</i>		" " 21;	<i>Martinez</i>		" " "
<i>Trinity</i>		" U. D.;	<i>Nashville</i>		" " "
<i>Mokelumne</i>		" " "			

All of which is respectfully submitted. H. R. HAWKINS, *Chairman*.

Which report was received and concurred in.

A communication from the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society, and also a communication from the M. W. B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, in regard to establishing an Orphan Asylum, were read and referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next annual Communication.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such —

*Special Committee*:..... { Bro. P. A. Brinsmade,  
" N. G. Curtis,  
" J. D. Creigh.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following reports: —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. P. Couch, of *San Joaquin* Lodge, No. 19, who was expelled therefrom for unmasonic conduct, beg leave to report: That they have had the case under consideration, examined the records, heard the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and the appellant, and find that Section 10, of Article X., of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge has not been complied with in the case of Bro. Couch. They therefore recommend that the sentence of expulsion be reversed, and that the case be referred back to the Lodge for such action thereon as it shall see proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH, *Chairman*.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California: —*

The committee to whom was referred the case of Bro. T. W. Brotherton, Master of *Georgetown* Lodge, U. D., report:

That Bro. Brotherton held the office of Worshipful Master of said Lodge, U. D.; that during the time he held said office he was suspended by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master from the performance of his duties as Worshipful Master, on charges preferred against him by the members of said Lodge: that the Committee have heard the complainants and the accused, and their testimony and explanations, and that the first charge was explained to the satisfaction of the committee: and that the second charge, being for unmasonic conduct and practices, is sustained by the testimony before the committee and the admissions of the accused. The committee therefore report that they cordially approve of the proceedings of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in suspending Bro. Brotherton from his office of Master, and appointing Bro. J. P. Davidson Worshipful Master of *Georgetown* Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH,  
J. S. SCHULTZ,  
A. RIDDELL,  
W. ROBINSON,  
J. F. HALSEY, } *Committee*.

Both which reports were received and concurred in.

The *M. W.* Grand Master entered and resumed the Chair.

Bro. R. E. COLE, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred the books and papers of *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to report as follows : —

That it appears from the minutes of *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, at a regular communication held on the fourteenth of February, A. L. 5853, that said Lodge resolved to surrender its charter to the Grand Lodge, and disposed of its furniture and jewels ; the former to the Lodges of Sacramento city — the latter presented to the Worshipful Master, J. P. Gauch, as an appreciation of his services as Worshipful Master.

Upon examination of the records, we find that no Grand Lodge dues have been paid by said *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, since the May Communication, A. L. 5852, and that the amount now due by said Lodge is \$103. The committee of *Jennings* Lodge, to wit : the Master and Wardens, who had authority to collect the back dues and to settle the unfinished business of said Lodge, report the amount of money on hand to be \$145 25, and represent that further collection of back dues is impracticable for the present, and express a doubt of ever being able to make further collections.

Sec. 2, Art. XI., of the Constitution, reads : “ In case of the forfeiture of the Charter, or dissolution from any cause whatever, of a Lodge, all its books, papers, jewels, funds, and other property shall be forfeited to the Grand Lodge.” Therefore, all the property of said Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, was vested in the Grand Lodge ; but, inasmuch as the disposal of the furniture and jewels has already been made by *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4, in a very proper direction, (had they the right so to do,) the committee recommend that the disposal of said furniture and jewels, already made, be approved by the Grand Lodge, and be considered their act. The amount collected by the committee of *Jennings* Lodge, to wit : \$145 25, is in our hands, and is presented with this report. We recommend, therefore, that the said amount be received by the Grand Lodge, in full adjustment of all debts and demands against said *Jennings* Lodge ; that the recent acts of the committee of that Lodge meet with the approval of this Grand Lodge ; and that the Lodge be declared to be dissolved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. E. COLE, }  
H. G. PLATT, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Friday, May, 6th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

BRO. J. R. CRANDALL, from the Committee of Past Masters, to whom was referred those portions of the Addresses relative to the late controversy with the Grand Master, reported the following preamble and resolutions:—

WHEREAS, difficulties have occurred between the Grand Master of Masons of the State of California, and the Grand Lodge—arising mainly from the fact of the Grand Master having made a man a Mason after he had been rejected by a Lodge, which making, owing to the difficulties which have grown out of it, the Grand Master regrets; and *whereas*, no good can grow out of a further agitation of this matter,—be it therefore

*Resolved*, That so much of the Grand Master's Annual Address as relates to the discussion of the above subject, as well as every other part appertaining thereto, calculated to produce discord and confusion, be omitted and left out by the committee to whom said Address was referred.

*Resolved*, That while the committee recommend and even urge the above course, for the sake of promoting brotherly love and harmony, they claim to be heard in Grand Lodge on the question of the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters of Masons.

*Resolved*, That the committee desires and recommends the cultivation of fraternal love and affection between this Grand Lodge and its Grand Master. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. R. CRANDALL,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JNO. COOK,		
T. A. THOMAS,		
N. GREEN CURTIS,		
J. G. CANDEE.		

The foregoing preamble and resolutions, and the sentiments contained therein, have my cordial assent and approbation.

B. D. HYAM, *Grand Master.*

The preamble and resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Master entered and took the Chair.

The resolution authorizing the Grand Master to appoint representatives near foreign Grand Lodges, which was offered and laid over at the last Annual Communication, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports that in obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, he caused two hundred and fifty copies of the



proceedings of May and August last, to be printed and distributed as usual.

The new seal, ordered by the Grand Lodge, having been received and approved by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, (as required by the Grand Lodge,) has been used the past year, and the old seal broken.

A communication was received from the officers of *Georgetown Lodge*, U. D., certifying that the Dispensation and property of that Lodge had been destroyed by fire, and requesting a copy of their Dispensation to be forwarded; and, by order of the Deputy Grand Master, a duplicate was forwarded, under date of seventeenth of August last.

The Grand Secretary, by virtue of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, has continued the subscriptions for the various Masonic journals, and has purchased a book-case, writing desk, and other necessary fixtures for his office; and he has drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for payment of the same, and other necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge. He would again bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the fact that no secure or convenient place has been procured for a Grand Secretary's office, wherein to deposit the records, jewels, clothing, and other property of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has not, as yet, received any Grand Lodge diplomas, but is in daily expectation of receiving them. He regrets that he has to report that only five Lodges sent in their semi-annual returns for November last, as required by the Grand Lodge. This, and other like omissions of *prescribed* duties, may seem trivial on the part of each Lodge, but a moment's reflection must surely convince them of the serious evils and inconveniences resulting from the non-performance of these necessary duties. They operate detrimentally to the interests of the Grand Lodge, prevent an orderly, prompt, and proper performance of its duties, and render it impossible for the Grand Secretary to discharge his duties with any satisfaction to himself, or credit to his office. He would, therefore, earnestly entreat of his brethren a reformation in this respect.

The printed proceedings of several sister Grand Lodges, and various other communications have been received, (many of them lately,) and were retained in the Grand Secretary's office, in consequence of the absence of some of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the inability of the others to perform the duties of the committee. A short report, however, will be made, so far as a partial examination of the documents and the limited time allotted, will permit.

A report from Bro. R. C. WYLIE, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, has been received, of the installation of the officers of *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, and the constituting of the Lodge; which will be presented for your approval.

The Grand Secretary has received the following amounts of money during the past year, all of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor:—

1852.—May 27.	Donation from <i>Temple Lodge</i> , No. 14,	\$ 25 00
June 28.	Fee for dispensation of <i>El Dorado Lodge</i> ,	75 00
July 9.	“ “ “ “ <i>Trinity</i> “	75 00
“ 26.	“ “ “ “ <i>Martinez</i> “	75 00
Aug. 4.	“ “ “ “ <i>Columbia</i> “	75 00
“ “	“ “ “ “ <i>Gold Hill</i> “	75 00
Nov. 9.	“ “ “ “ <i>Mokelumne</i> “	75 00
1853.—Jan. 2.	“ “ “ “ <i>Ophir</i> “	75 00
Feb. 24.	“ “ “ “ <i>Santa Clara</i> “	75 00
“ “	“ “ “ “ <i>Golden Gate</i> “	75 00
“ “	“ “ “ “ <i>Diamond</i> “	75 00

Amount carried forward,.....\$775 00

Amount brought forward,.....		\$775 00
1852.—Nov. 4.	<i>California</i> - Lodge, No. 1, dues to date,.....	247 00
" "	" <i>Temple</i> " No. 14, " " .....	93 00
" "	" <i>Occidental</i> " No. 22, " " .....	63 00
" "	" <i>Tuolumne</i> " No. 8, " " .....	113 00
1853.—Feb. —	<i>San Francisco</i> " No. 7, " " ....	50 00
Mar. 1.	<i>Yount</i> " No. 12, on account of dues,....	50 00
"	<i>Eureka</i> " No. 16, " " ....	35 00
"	<i>Mountain Shade</i> " No. 18, (refunded).....	75 00
Total to credit of the Grand Lodge Fund,.....		\$1501 00

1853.—Feb. —	Donation from the Grand Lodge of the Dist. of Col.	\$ 9 00
" "	" " the subordinate Lodges of " " "	50 00
" "	" <i>Palestine</i> Lodge, No. 204, New York,...	5 00
" "	" the Grand Lodge of North Carolina,....	100 00
" "	" West India Lodges, per J. Herring,...	58 80
" "	" <i>Annapolis</i> Lodge, No. 89, Maryland,...	5 00
" "	" the Grand Lodge of Texas,.....	250 00
" "	" the subordinate Lodges of Vermont,...	55 00
" "	" the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,...	100 00
" "	" the subordinate Lodges of " " "	240 00
" "	" <i>Diamond</i> Lodge, U, D., California,...	10 00

Total to credit of Donation Fund,..... \$ 882 80  
 To which adding the Grand Lodge Fund,..... 1501 00

Makes a total amount of receipts, of..... \$2383 80

There has been expended on account of the Grand Lodge, during the past year, as will be seen by the orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, the sum of..... 2202 07

Leaving an excess of receipts for the year, of..... \$ 181 73  
 To which add amount in Treasury, as per report May 8th, 1852,... 488 13

Making now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, for which the Grand Secretary has his receipt,..... \$ 669 86  
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer also presented the following report :—

*The Grand Lodge of California in account with Addison Martin, Grand Treasurer :—*

		Cr.
1853.		
May 3.	By amount received from the Grand Secretary,.....	\$2871 93
1852.		
Paid the Grand Secretary's orders, as follows :—		Dr.
May 14.	No. 1. Bill stationery,.....	\$ 20 00
" 22.	" 2. Freight and insurance on clothing, G. L.,	40 00
June —	" 3. Case for banners, etc.,.....	90 00
"	" 4. Repairing Grand Lodge clothing,.....	15 00
May 24.	" 5. Printing Grand Lodge proceedings, May,	520 00
Oct. —	" 6. Printing circulars and list of Lodges,.....	25 00
"	" 7. Printing Grand Lodge proceedings, Aug.,	117 00
		\$827 00

	Amount brought forward,.....	\$827 00
Sept. —	“ 8. Secretary, book-case, etc.,.....	100 00
	“ 9. Freight and insurance on jewels,.....	28 60
	“ 10. Grand Secretary's expenses at special Communication,.....	57 00
	“ 11. Deputy Grand Master's expenses to G. L.,	52 00
Aug. 19.	“ 12. Tyler's bill, three days,.....	24 00
	“ 13. Balance on Grand Lodge jewels, etc.,...	285 16
	“ 14. Grand Secretary, on account of salary,...	600 00
	“ 15. Carpets, chairs, etc., for office,.....	31 25
	“ 16. Advertising notices,.....	10 00
	“ 17. Sundries for Grand Secretary's office,....	109 81
	“ 18. Desk, wash-stand, etc., for “ .....	53 25
	“ 19. J. Coleman's bill, gilding, painting, etc.,	24 00—\$2,202 07
1853.		
May 4.	Balance on hand,.....	\$ 669 86
	All of which is respectfully submitted.	

ADDISON MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Both which reports, together with the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Committee on Credentials reported Bro. A. B. HOY as proxy for the Junior Warden of *Washington Lodge*, No. 20 ; which was concurred in.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. JOEL BALL, suspended by *Washington Lodge*, No. 20, respectfully report : —

That there are no papers in the possession of the Grand Lodge in relation to the matter, except the petition of Bro. BALL, and therefore the committee are unable to decide whether the trial of Bro. BALL was conducted in proper form or not.

The committee have ascertained that this is the fault of the Lodge, and not of Bro. BALL ; and would therefore respectfully suggest that the proceedings of the subordinate Lodge in this matter be reversed, and the case be referred back to the Lodge for further action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH,  
WM. ROBINSON, } *Committee.*  
J. F. HALSEY.

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro. L. BRADLEY asked leave to appoint Bro. T. A. THOMAS as his proxy, and, in his absence, Bro. A. MARTIN ; which was granted.

The Committee on Returns of Lodges reported that returns had been received from *San Diego*, *Trinity*, and *Santa Clara* Lodges, U. D., which they had found correct, and asked to be discharged ; which report was concurred in, and the committee was discharged.





The Grand Master named the following brethren as such

<i>Special Committee</i> :.....	}	Bro. J. D. Creigh, “ R. Hopkins, “ G. W. Macrae.
---------------------------------	---	--

Bro. A. MARTIN offered a resolution advocating the commencement of a Grand Lodge Library, and authorizing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, as a committee, to purchase such Masonic works as they may deem proper, at a cost not to exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars : which was adopted.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

Your committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of the subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report :—

That they have carefully examined those of *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3 ; *San Francisco*, No. 7 ; *Marysville*, No. 9 ; *San Jose*, No. 10 ; *Parfaite Union*, No. 17 ; *Washington*, No. 20 ; *Occidental*, No. 22 ; *Madison*, U. D. ; *Georgetown*, U. D. ; *Mariposa*, U. D. ; *El Dorado*, U. D. ; *Trinity*, U. D. ; *Columbia*, U. D. ; *Diamond*, U. D. ; *Gold Hill*, U. D. ; *Golden Gate*, U. D. ; *Mokelumne*, U. D. ; *Ophir*, U. D. ; and *Santa Clara*, U. D. ; and recommend their adoption, with the following amendments :—

*Tehama* Lodge, No. 3.—Article VIII., we recommend to strike out all after the word “year,” to conform to Sec. 14, Art. X., of the Constitution.

*Marysville* Lodge, No. 9.—Your committee recommend that the request of this Lodge be granted, to change their night of meeting from Monday to Thursday.

*San Jose* Lodge, No. 10.—Your committee recommend that the request of this Lodge be granted, to change their night of meeting from Saturday to Wednesday.

*Parfaite Union* Lodge, No. 17.—We recommend to strike out the words, “he may be suspended,” and insert, “his name may be stricken from the roll of members.”

*Occidental* Lodge, No. 22.—We recommend that Art. II. be stricken out, and the following be inserted, by request of the Lodge, to wit :—

“Art. II., Sec. 1. The stated meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the fourth Monday of every month, commencing at seven o'clock, P. M., from November to March, inclusive, and at 8 o'clock during the remainder of the year.

Sec. 2. No business excepting that for which the Lodge has been convened, shall be transacted at any other than a stated meeting.”

Art. IV., Sec. 1., to be stricken out, and the following inserted, by request of the Lodge, to wit : “The following officers of this Lodge, viz. : the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot at the stated meetings next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, and shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable.”

Art. V. We recommend to strike out the first and third sections, entire, by request of the Lodge, and strike out the word “he,” Sec. 2, and insert the words “Worshipful Master.”

*Madison* Lodge, U. D.—Art. VI., Sec. 4, we deem exceptionable, and recommend that it be stricken out.

Art. VIII. We recommend that the following words be affixed thereto, to wit: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Georgetown* Lodge, U. D.—Art. VIII., Section 1. We recommend to strike out all after the word "year," to conform to Sec. 14, Art. X., of the Constitution.

Art. XI., Section 2. We recommend that the following words be affixed to said Article, to wit: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Mariposa* Lodge, U. D.—Art. I., Section 4. We recommend that the words "semi-annual Communication" be stricken out, and the following words substituted, to wit: "at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist."

Art. III., Sec. 3. We recommend that all after the first sentence be stricken out, and that Section 14, Article X., be substituted therefor.

Art. III., Section 5. We recommend that the last clause be stricken out.

Art. VI., Sec. 4 and 6, we deem exceptionable, and recommend that they be stricken out.

*El Dorado* Lodge, U. D.—We recommend that the request of the Lodge be granted to change the night of meeting from Monday to Saturday.

*Gold Hill* Lodge, U. D.—Art. III., Sec. 1, we recommend to be stricken out.

Art. VIII., Sec. 1, we recommend to strike out all after the word "year," to conform to Sec. 14, Art. X., of the Constitution.

*Golden Gate* Lodge, U. D.—Art. XV. We recommend that the following words be affixed to said Article, to wit: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Mokelumne* Lodge, U. D.—We recommend that Art. IV., Sec. 1, be amended so as to have but two stated meetings in each month, instead of four, or so amend Sections 1 and 3, of Article VIII., as to comply with the requirements of the Constitution, in reference to petitions.

Art. IX., Sec. 1. We recommend to strike out the words, "he shall be suspended," and insert, "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

*Santa Clara* Lodge, U. D.—Art. VI., Sec. 2. We recommend that all after the word "year" be stricken out, to conform to Sec. 14, Art. X., of the Constitution.

Art. IX., Sec. 2. We recommend to strike out the words, "he shall be suspended," and insert "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

Art. X. We recommend that the following words be affixed to said Article: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. WILLIAMS,	} Committee.
LEOPOLD LEVY,	
J. MORRILL.	

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Saturday, May 7th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.



The minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported H. R. HAWKINS as proxy for the Worshipful Master of *Eureka* Lodge, and W. W. STOVALL as proxy for the Worshipful Master of *Gold Hill* Lodge, which was concurred in.

Bro. B. D. HYAM, from the special committee to whom was referred the questions from *Temple* Lodge, No. 14, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the correspondence from *Temple* Lodge, No. 14, beg leave respectfully to report, that the same has received their due consideration, and they refer said Lodge to the Constitutions of Masonry, and the opinion and action of this Grand Lodge at its session of November 5851, on the subject of maimed persons. In regard to a brother not paying his just debts, they would fraternally say, that all Masons should be moral men, and consequently must avoid any ill behavior that will tend to bring reproach on themselves, or our ancient and honorable institution; and that it is the duty of all subordinate Lodges, to impose on their respective members the absolute necessity of conforming to all the rules and regulations of Freemasonry—Lodges bearing at the same time in mind the power they are invested with, of disciplining a member for any and all improper behavior.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. D. HYAM.	} Committee.
JNO. A. TUTT,	
A. HOLLUB.	

Which report was received and concurred in.

Bro J. Cook, from the special committee on Uniformity of Work presented the following report.:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master's Addresses touching the Uniformity of Work, respectfully report as follows:—

They recommend that a Grand Lecturer be appointed, who shall devote his whole time to the matter; and inasmuch as the Grand Lodge at this session will be unable to have said Lecturer's work exhibited before them for their approval, your committee would recommend that the first four Grand Officers be a committee to examine said Lecturer's work, and if approved, that he be instructed to visit every Lodge in the State and teach the work and see that all constitutional provisions are adhered to; that the said Lecturer shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, from this Grand Lodge; and that each subordinate Lodge, when visited by the Lecturer, shall pay all his expenses attending said visitation, and during his sojourn.

By this mode of procedure, your committee are of opinion that the much desired object would be attained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN COOK,	} Committee.
C. M. RADCLIFF,	
ISAAC DAVIS.	

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:—

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg respectfully to report that the following communications have been received from various sister Grand Lodges, viz.:—The printed proceedings of Louisiana, 1852-3; Florida, 1852; Arkansas, 1851-2; Georgia, 1851; Mississippi, 1852; Maryland, 1851-2; Indiana, 1852; Virginia, 1851; South Carolina, 1851; Missouri, 1852; Connecticut, 1852; Kentucky, 1852; Maine, 1852; Tennessee, 1852; Massachusetts, 1851-2; Wisconsin, 1852; New Hampshire, 1852; Pennsylvania, 1851; District of Columbia, 1853; Canada West, 1851; and several communications from the Grand Orient of France.

In consequence of the absence of those members of the committee upon whom it was expected the duties for the past year would devolve, the report must of necessity be brief, and we throw ourselves upon the leniency of the Grand Lodge, as they well know the multiplicity of duties that have devolved upon the ex-officio chairman of the committee, the past year; and we can but express our thanks to Bros. H. F. WILLIAMS and A. G. ABELL for their valuable assistance in preparing this report.

We can with unfeigned pleasure congratulate our brethren upon the continued and unexampled prosperity of our beloved Order throughout every portion of our vast Republic. With triumphant joy we hail the onward march of the pure and benign principles of Masonry, which tend so effectually to elevate and enlighten the human understanding, when properly appreciated. Never were her prospects more flattering; redolent with the brightest hopes, and gathering within her folds the pure in morals, the elevated in intellect, the Statesman, the Divine, the high and the low, as one great band of workmen, each laboring in his own proper sphere, to advance the high and holy *Mission of Masonry*.

But while these cheering salutations come pouring in upon us from every quarter, let us be cautious of a too rapid growth. Your committee cannot express their views upon this point better than by giving a quotation from the able report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, as follows:—

“While congratulating you upon the growth and flourishing condition of Masonry within our borders, your committee deprecate a too luxuriant growth; weeds may be springing up, concealed by the golden grain, and when the harvest is gathered, evil and woe may befall us, and from a quarter least expected—our own midst. We earnestly advise our Grand and Deputy Grand Masters to grant Dispensations with great caution; to be careful to ascertain that a new Lodge is needed in the vicinity for which it is asked, and that the brethren who asked for the Dispensation are not only worthy men, but competent to discharge the duties which they take upon themselves. A Lodge should be to the Grand Lodge what an individual Mason should be to his Lodge—not a drone in the hive, but an active, zealous member—not a detriment but an ornament. A Lodge should be as jealous of its reputation and standing as a Mason should be of his character and honor. We trust, therefore, that our Grand Officers will use great care and deliberation, and grant no Dispensations unless imperatively needed.”

This caution we would extend to our subordinate Lodges, in recommending petitions for Dispensations to the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters.

We notice many complaints are made of our brethren of New York and South Carolina, for making Masons of those not residents in their jurisdictions. Your committee also deprecate this practice, and will state a case of late occurrence, in which we think our New York brethren did not do as they would be done by. A candidate (a resident of this city,) for the degrees of Masonry, was rejected in *California* Lodge, No. 1, and soon afterwards left



for New York, where (we are informed by a brother here, who has received information to that effect,) he petitioned a Lodge for, and received the three degrees of Masonry. Upon this case we have no comments to make, as the evils of such a course are too apparent.

It affords us no small degree of pleasure and gratification to notice with what zeal, fraternal kindness, and noble liberality many of our sister Grand Lodges have received and contributed to the worthy objects set forth in the circular of this Grand Lodge, for the benefit of our Sacramento brethren; some of whom sacrificed all their worldly goods for objects of charity. It will undoubtedly be difficult for some of our distant brethren, at the first glance, to realize the fact that in this land of gold, we should become so embarrassed as to call upon our brethren throughout the world, to aid and assist us in that noble and glorious work of CHARITY, the sustaining of which has caused our present pecuniary embarrassment. But the energy and generosity so nobly manifested by such of our sister Grand Lodges as have been heard from thus far, inspire the bright hope that ere another year rolls round, we will have received sufficient aid to relieve us very materially from our present embarrassment.

Your committee have not time to notice, as they would like, the action of each Grand Lodge; yet cannot refrain from mentioning the lively interest taken in our behalf by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in republishing our circular, together with the following resolutions, which were distributed among her subordinate Lodges, and sent to all the Grand Lodges in communication with her:—

*“Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge has seen with great satisfaction the noble stand taken by our brethren in California, in carrying out at great personal loss, and amidst indescribable difficulties and dangers, the true and self-sacrificing principles of our Order. In the midst of the ‘pestilence which walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noon-day,’ they, firm in their Masonic faith, and fearless in the exercise of Masonic duty, were the saviors of the distressed and dying brother, when there was, under God, none other to save; and have thereby earned a just title to the respect and gratitude of the Craft the world over, and through all time.

*“Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge earnestly appeal to the Masonic sympathies of all the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and, as the sum asked of each institution by our friends in California is not large, though enough to relieve them from their difficulties, if their call is generally responded to, we hope that this most peculiar case will be met with that heartiness of approval which is its due, and that not only Lodges, but individual brethren, will, in emulation of the example so worthily set them, give of their abundance, or of their poverty, as God has given them the means.

*“Resolved,* That in order to set the example in the good work, this Grand Lodge will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, sincerely regretting at the same time, their inability to do more. And that the Grand Treasurer be empowered to take charge of all donations from subordinate Lodges and from individuals, and forward the same to the Grand Lodge of California.

*“Resolved,* That the circular of the Grand Lodge of California, together with these resolutions, be printed, and a copy thereof sent to each Lodge under this jurisdiction: also that a copy of the resolutions be sent to all Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in communication.”

Your committee must also notice the great liberality of the Lodges in the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, each having contributed to our relief liberally, in proportion to its means.

Many donations have been made, which have not yet come to hand. Although the condition of our State has improved much, socially and otherwise, and though there is far less cause for destitution and actual suffering among us than formerly, still, while our population continues to increase so rapidly as at present, it must be expected (as is certainly the case) that many will be thrown among us sick and destitute, who need assistance; and this keeps the number of applicants for charity as large or larger than in 1849 and 1850. Hence our Lodges are unable to accumulate a charity fund, and our private resources have been, and are constantly heavily taxed. None, save those



who have been among us, can form correct ideas of our position in this respect; yet it is a pleasing reflection to know that we have thus far been able to respond to every call for assistance, from those who were really needy, and have been enabled to carry out the great object of Masonry—*Charity to all mankind*.

Your committee cannot resist the temptation to lay before this Grand Lodge a short address delivered by our much esteemed brother, B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, upon the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the new Capitol at Washington, D. C., as follows:—

*My Masonic Brethren:—*

I arise to address you on this occasion, deeply oppressed with the circumstances which surround me.

Standing, as I do, in the presence of some of the most exalted men of this nation, and to be followed, as I am to be, by one admitted by all as emphatically *the* orator of his time, and of whom I can truly say, "He it is, who, coming after me, is preferred before me,—whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose," you will believe me guilty of no affectation, when I say I feel a diffidence, which is to me unusual. Still, as your Grand Master, I have a duty to perform, and I shrink from no duty, under any circumstances. As has been the custom of our revered Order on such occasions, I shall proceed briefly to address you.

I am unable to conceive of a more interesting occasion than this upon which we are assembled, on this anniversary of the birth-day of American Freedom. Here we are,—the proud dome of our Capitol towering above us,—assembled together from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to perform a duty, indicative in itself, of the growth and prosperity of this mighty nation.

On the eighteenth day of September, 1793, was laid by GEORGE WASHINGTON, President of the United States and Grand Master of Masons, (at least on that occasion) the corner-stone of the magnificent edifice before us. It was, doubtless, supposed that when completed according to the plan then adopted, it would be of ample dimensions to accommodate all the wants of the people by whom it was to be erected for ages then to come. Fifty-eight years have elapsed, and, in that comparatively brief space in the ages of governments, we are called upon to assemble here and lay the corner-stone of an additional edifice, which shall hereafter tower up, resting firmly on the strong foundation this day planted, adding beauty and magnitude to the People's house, and illustrating to the world the firm foundation in the People's hearts, of the principles of freedom and the rapid growth of those principles on this western continent.

Yes, my brethren, standing here, where, fifty-eight years ago, WASHINGTON stood, clothed in the same Masonic regalia that he then wore, using the identical gavel that he used, we have assisted in laying the foundation of a new Capitol of the United States this day, as Solomon of old laid the foundation of the temple of the living GOD! "Now, therefore," says the historian Josephus, "the king laid the foundation of the Temple very deep in the ground, and the materials were strong stones, and such as would resist the force of time;" and we, following this sublime example, have laid here, deep in the ground, and of strong stones, that we trust will resist the force of time, the foundations of a house, wherein we hope for lengthened years the representatives of a mighty people shall legislate for the glory, the happiness, and the good of that people!

When the corner-stone of the edifice before us was laid, in 1793, the Government was justly considered an experiment, and the prediction was again and again made by those who, thank God, turned out to be false prophets, that it would fail; the wish was doubtless "father to the thought;" but it did not fail! The first census of the United States, in 1791, exhibited a population of less than four millions of souls; at the time of laying that corner-stone there were probably something over four millions; and now, in less than sixty years, the number has increased to upwards of twenty millions! The predictions of failure, by the false prophets, have themselves utterly failed, while the prayer has been answered and the prophecy fulfilled which Washington made on assuming the duties of President, on the thirtieth of April, 1789. He then offered up his "fervent supplications to the Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that his benediction would consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States, a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes; and would enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge."

The ear of the Almighty was open to that prayer; it was recorded in heaven. And from Washington, down to the present President of the United States, who so worthily and with so much dignity and honor fills the proud station that Washington filled, it has been answered, and every instrument employed in the administration of this Govern-

ment has executed with success the functions allotted to his charge. After this supplication to the Most High, Washington expressed his conviction "that the foundations of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preëminence of a free government be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens, and command the respect of the world."

"I dwell," said he, "on this prospect with every satisfaction which an ardent love of my country can inspire; since there is no truth more thoroughly established than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between duty and advantage, between the genuine maxims of an honest and magnanimous policy and the solid rewards of public prosperity and felicity; since we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained; and since the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people."

This prophecy has been fulfilled. "The foundations of our national policy were laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality," and the eternal rules of order and right having been regarded, the propitious smiles of Heaven have beamed upon "the American people, to whose hands the "experiment" was entrusted. Prophecy has become fact, hope has become fruition, and the experiment on which the destiny of our republican model of government was deeply and finally staked, has been entirely successful.

But, my brethren, we must for a moment reverse this bright picture of the past. As, in the fabled mirror, when under the power of the magic wand, clouds obscure the view for a time, and darkness and desolation shut from the beholder's eye some scenes of happiness and joy, so, within a short time past, have been hovering over the brightness of our political horizon the dark and dismal clouds of disunion,—and the time was, and that recently, "when the boldest held his breath," in anticipation of the shock which was expected to overwhelm the Republic.

Thanks to Almighty God, the good old ship of State weathered the dangers that seemed about to overwhelm her, and, like that glorious old battle-ship, the Constitution, she has escaped the imminent dangers of a "lee shore," and is now again, we hope and trust, in smooth water, with a cloudless horizon all around her. Heaven works not on earth without human means, and men and patriots were inspired in our day of danger to cast themselves resolutely into the breach, and strike boldly for the Union. The names of Clay, Webster, Cass, Foote, Cobb, Dickinson, Houston, Douglas, and a host of others, shall live in the history of the dark storm through which we have just passed, as the saviors of this glorious galaxy of American States; their names shall stand in history as pillars of their country in the hour of her darkest trial.

I know I shall be excused for saying, that all save one whose names I have mentioned, are "brethren of the mystic tie." He to whose eloquence you are about to listen, is, if I mistake not, the only exception. To these great, good, patriotic men, aided as they have been by the Executive of the nation, in whose every act a determination not to be misunderstood has been manifested to preserve the Union, do we, as I firmly believe, under God, owe the existence, this day, of these United States of America! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to them!

And now my brethren, do we see nothing here, in these ceremonies, on this occasion, to cheer us? Cold indeed must be our hearts, if they can beat on in their regular pulsations, while our eyes behold nothing but a plain rock of granite, hewed and squared, and our ears hear nothing farther than "it is a corner-stone." I see in these ceremonies, as it were, the spirit of WASHINGTON amongst us, renewing the hopes and wishes and prayers that he never failed to offer during his life-time for the perpetuation of the Union. In that corner-stone I perceive the seal set to a renewed lease of the existence of this Union. Lease, did I say? No, a deed of warrant, in fee simple, to have and to hold, to us and our heirs and representatives forever!

In the erection of this new Capitol, adjoining the old one, I see Texas and California, and New Mexico, come in and unite themselves to our old Union, and become one and the same with it; and in leaving this old Capitol untouched, I see the old Union—South Carolina and all—standing firmly, proudly, in its glorious strength, unbroken and unbreakable; and let us all firmly hope and pray, so may it stand, forever and forever!"

Your committee also take pleasure in submitting the following communications from the Grand Master and Grand Orient of France, to wit:—



**GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE:**

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

ORIENT OF PARIS, }  
1st of May, 1852. }*The Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France,**To the Grand Lodge of California, Greeting:*

VERY DEAR AND ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN: In entering upon the discharge of the high duties which have been confided to me by the Grand Orient of France, and in making you acquainted with this event, I most gladly hail the occasion presented to say how happy I am to see continued the friendly relations which exist between you and the Masonic Senate of France.

The honor which has just been conferred upon me—unsought by me, but the high value of which I deeply feel—I have accepted with the sincere hope of being useful to this Sublime Institution of ours, which embraces the entire world.

To accomplish this hope, I rely upon the good will and united efforts of all French Masons; and permit me, very dear and illustrious brethren, also to count upon your sympathies and assistance; for our institution knows no limits, and whencesoever there may come to us noble and generous inspirations, it is ever with great joy that we hasten to accept them.

Accept, very dear and illustrious brethren, the assurance of my great consideration and devotion.

LUCIEN MURAT, 33d,  
*Grand Master of the Order of Masonry in France.*

**GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE:**

SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE MASONIC ORDER IN FRANCE.

ORIENT OF PARIS, }  
1st of May, 1852. }*To the Grand Lodge at San Francisco:—*

VERY DEAR AND ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN: I have the honor to transmit to you the letter which the new Grand Master of Masons in France, Prince LUCIEN MURAT, has written to the Masonic bodies of other countries, to announce to them his election and to renew more firmly the friendly bonds which attach the Masons of France to all throughout the world.

I avail myself of this opportunity, very dear and illustrious brethren, to assure you of all the devotion with which

I have the honor to be,

V. V. S. P. L. M. L. S. and of: the H. Q. V. S. D.

ADOLPHE PERIER, 33d,  
*Secretary General of the Grand Orient.*

Seen and registered.

HUBERT, 33d, *Chief of the Secretariat General.*

We further recommend that the following answers be approved, as prepared by Bro. Alexander G. Abell, of *Californin* Lodge, No. 1, to whom we are indebted for the above translations.

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
San Francisco, May, 1853. }

*To Prince Lucien Murat, Grand Master of Masons in France:—*

VERY DEAR AND ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER: Your letter of May first, 1852, honoring the Grand Lodge of the State of California with the announcement of your election to the high dignity of Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France, has been communicated to that body at its present session.

Feeling the most ardent solicitude to see the benignant influences and philanthropic principles of our beloved Order expanded to the utmost, and the sacred bonds of brotherhood which unite Masons throughout the world, still more firmly knit, the Grand Lodge of California hails, with the sincerest joy, this sublime elevation of a Prince whose devotion to the Institution of Masonry has not failed to reach the knowledge of his brethren on the shores of the Pacific.

It has been with no little satisfaction that the Grand Lodge of this State has observed the late proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, well calculated as they are to consolidate and regulate, and place upon a firmer and more secure and lasting basis, the rights and benefits of our ancient Order in a country, every recollection of which is dear to American hearts.



We unite with you, most cordially, in the desire to see the fraternal relations which now exist between the Masons of France and those of the United States, still, and forever continued; and it will always be a source of pleasure to this Grand Lodge to do all in its power to coöperate with you in maintaining and extending them.

Permit me to congratulate the Order in France upon the accession of a chief so distinguished, both as a man and a Mason, and accept, most dear and illustrious brother, the assurances of my high consideration and fraternal devotion.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,  
*Grand Master of Masons of the State of California.*

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
San Francisco, May, 1853. }

*To the Grand Orient of France, at Paris:—*

VERY DEAR AND ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN: The Grand Lodge of the State of California has been honored with the receipt of the letter of the illustrious brother, Adolphe Perier, Secretary General of the Grand Orient of France, dated May first, 1852, transmitting a communication from Prince Lucien Murat, which announces his late elevation to the high dignity of Grand Master of Masons in France.

I am directed by this Grand Lodge to express the lively satisfaction with which this intelligence has filled that body, and to congratulate you, most dear and illustrious brethren, upon the election of a Prince so worthy to administer the high functions with which he has been charged.

I am also instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the bulletin of the proceedings of the Grand Orient, and the Masonic Calendar accompanying it—and while expressing the thanks of the Grand Lodge for this courtesy, to inform you that it will be reciprocated at the termination of the present session.

Permit me to avail myself of this occasion to assure you, very dear and illustrious brethren, of the high consideration and fraternal devotion with which I have the honor to be,

L. STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California.*

Having thus briefly touched upon several topics well worthy of more mature consideration, and which we admit should have received at the hands of your committee more than a passing notice, it now becomes our painful duty to allude to those unhappy differences which have arisen in our midst since the last regular Communication of this Grand Lodge, to mar the peace and harmony of our noble and time honored institution. The task is one from which your committee would gladly shrink, were escape possible, as it involves a discussion upon those undefined points in Masonic jurisprudence which the wisest of our noble Order have preferred should remain undiscussed, with the fond (though delusive) hope that no occasion would ever arise wherein their exercise would be needed. The differences alluded to, have grown out of an exercise of power, claimed as inherent by the Grand Master, which the Grand Lodge denies, as may be seen by the proceedings of the special Communication of August last, and the Grand Master's narrative of October following.

Your committee do not propose to dilate upon the particular circumstances which have caused this unfortunate state of affairs. It is sufficient to know that grave charges were preferred to the Grand Lodge against Grand Master B. D. HYAM, to which he responded in a published narrative—and though we do not propose to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of either side, still we cannot lose sight of the fact that serious differences have arisen between our Grand Lodge and Grand Master respecting their relative powers, which renders it imperatively binding upon us, for the sake of harmony, to define clearly the powers and prerogatives of each, and thereby establish the supremacy of the one or the other. It is a source of sore regret to your committee that the ancient Constitutions are not more explicit—particularly wherein the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master are defined: yet it is quite obvious that the framers of those Constitutions were imbued with a just sense of the source of all power among men or Masons, and did not lose sight of the fact that an improper exercise might be made of the high powers delegated to the Grand Master, and accordingly laid down the

remedy in such an event, as follows, to wit: "If the Grand Master should abuse his great power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience and submission of the Lodge, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new regulation; because hitherto the ancient Fraternity have had no occasion for it," — thereby showing his accountability to and dependence upon the Grand Lodge, and firmly substantiating the two great principles which form the basis of all governments, viz.: First, "That there is no political evil without its corresponding remedy." Secondly, "That all powers among men must emanate from the people, and as the issue cannot be greater than the source, or the creature superior to his creator, the strength of all governments must emanate from the consent of the governed."

In an hereditary monarchy, the ruler may, with at least a show of plausibility, claim divine authority. But when the head of a government is an elective officer, the first and fundamental principle of election renders him amenable to those who bestow it. Our traditions and historical records show that from the days of King Solomon, at least, the office of Grand Master has ever been elective — which by all parity of reasoning, renders the incumbent amenable to those who bestow it upon him, and, consequently their creature, with no other powers than those delegated to him. He is but the agent of his electors, and, of necessity, according to every principle of justice and reason, is dependent upon and responsible to them.

The highest delegated authority among Masons is vested in the Grand Lodge, which is composed of the officers and representatives of the several subordinate Lodges, — whence all powers emanate. A Grand Lodge, at this day, is but the representation of the Craft with the power of legislation. To it is confided the power of electing the executive officers of the Order and the exercise of such other powers as their own Constitution recognizes; to promote the welfare of the Craft, and the usages of Freemasonry. The Grand Officers are but constituent parts of the Grand Lodge, and it would be denying an axiom to assert that the Grand Master, or any other member thereof, possesses powers superior to the whole body collectively. It needs no argument or proof to show that the whole is greater than a part, or that a part is less than the whole. Then, if there be no power vested in this Grand Lodge by implication, apart from the strict letter of the Constitution, how can it be urged that the Grand Master, a constituent part thereof, possesses such implied powers?

The ancient Constitutions grant to the Grand Master the power "to assemble a Lodge and make Masons at will," which with the most liberal construction can only apply to time and place — a power which none will deny, either to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, in cases of actual emergency, all other requisites being satisfactory. But the ancient Constitutions point out the requisites which a candidate for Masonry must possess; one of which is that no man shall be made a Mason without the unanimous consent of the members present of the Lodge to which he may petition." The opposition of one member is sufficient to reject a candidate, and, say the ancient Constitutions, "this is an inherent right, not subject to a dispensation."

The Constitution of our Grand Lodge says, Article X., Section 14: "On the rejection of any applicant for initiation or membership by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify all the Lodges in said jurisdiction thereof, and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive his petition, short of one year from such rejection." This law is imperatively binding, not only on each of the subordinate Lodges, but also on the Grand Lodge, or any occasional Lodge which may be convened by virtue of the existing Masonic authority, as regularly constituted and acknowledged in the Grand Lodge of California. Nor will it admit of a dispensation, while the cause remains which induced the rejection. Should the member or members opposing such initiation withdraw their objections in



open Lodge, and thereby place the candidate in an unobjectionable attitude before the Fraternity, then the dispensing power may with propriety be exercised by the Grand Lodge (the immediate representative of the Craft,) if in session, or by the Grand Master (who is the representative of the Grand Lodge,) while not in session. But the dispensing power can only extend to the limitation of time, or to a change of place, which, it is quite obvious, are simple barriers to prevent further action upon the petition until the objections which induced its rejection may be removed, or more firmly established. In a case where the objections have been voluntarily removed, the evil no longer exists which the rule was intended to check, and consequently the effect dies with the cause; and your committee hold that where the dispensing power vested in a Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, is judiciously exercised, it is virtually only an announcement to the Craft that the objections which the rule was intended to meet, had been removed; and should such announcement be made to the Craft by the Grand Master, through the exercise of such powers on a candidate where the objections have not been removed, the act should be regarded as a breach of faith, and the offender should be dealt with as an unworthy agent, and the high powers intrusted to him should be withdrawn.

But how shall this be done? By adopting a new regulation for that purpose. To make this new regulation, what is necessary?

"Why, surely nothing else than to take, by solemn act and deliberation, the necessary steps to bring the offender to justice; for we must not mistake the form for the substance, and imagine that the assembling of the Grand Lodge and the adoption of a formal regulation laying down the manner in which the Grand Master shall be accused, tried and punished, in view of a case of actual dereliction on the part of that officer, can be of greater validity or effect than the actual proceeding itself, without previous formal notice.

It is a natural and logical sequence that the power of doing a thing resides with the power of willing or ordaining a thing, and that the execution evidences the pre-existing will that it should be done. The declaration contained in the existing Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England upon this subject, is but the enunciation of what is and ever has been the understanding of the Craft of their ancient rights, and evidently means neither more nor less than that the representatives of the Fraternity, in whom they have lodged their individual and original power in trust, have the power to call the chief executive officer of the Order to account for his misdemeanors in office, and that they understand that the making of a new regulation on the subject was to mean the determination of the Grand Lodge in convocation to proceed and try, and if need existed, punish according to the principles of justice which govern all proceedings in Masonic bodies."

This quotation is from the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana. It is given verbatim, as it accords entirely with the views of your committee upon this subject; and they therefore conclude their report with the presentation of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Master is but the creature of the Grand Lodge, with no implied powers, *inherent or divine*.

*Resolved*, That it is competent for a Grand Lodge to try its Grand Master for a misdemeanor in office, and deal with him as the nature of the offence may require, which action will comprehend what is understood by "A NEW REGULATION."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, }  
O. J. PRESTON, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and concurred in; the resolutions accompanying it were adopted; and the committee was discharged.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectfully report that



they have examined said reports, together with the books and vouchers of said officers, and find that the accounts of the Grand Lodge, up to the present annual Communication, have been correctly kept.

The committee would further report that the Donation Fund, up to the present time, amounts to the sum of nine hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty cents, (\$975 80.) That there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of six hundred and sixty-nine dollars and eighty-six cents. (\$669 86,) leaving the Grand Lodge in debt to the Donation Fund, three hundred and five dollars and ninety-four cents, (\$305 94.) This arises from the fact that but five Lodges paid up their November dues to the Grand Lodge; and the committee would earnestly but respectfully call the attention of every member of the Grand Lodge to that part of the Grand Secretary's report which so forcibly points out the difficulty and confusion which ensues from a neglect of the subordinate Lodges in this particular.

While upon this subject, the committee would respectfully suggest that the mode of making returns to the Grand Lodge is not at all calculated to facilitate the business of that body, or to simplify its accounts.

Upon the first day of the Annual Communication, at the very time when the undivided attention of the Grand Secretary should be given to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, there is piled upon his table an immense mass of returns and accounts sufficient to occupy his attention for several days, and making it necessary to carry the accounts of the last six months (and when there are no November returns the accounts for the year,) over into the accounts of the next year. The committee would therefore recommend that the present plan be changed, that the returns of the subordinate Lodges may be made up to a period of two months before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that such Lodges as do not make their returns to the Grand Secretary, and pay up their dues to the Grand Lodge, be not allowed a vote in that body unless excused by the Grand Lodge. This would give the Grand Secretary the necessary time to get up the business of the Grand Lodge; it would enable each year's accounts to be kept by themselves, and would insure the attention of the subordinate Lodges to the matter of paying up their dues.

The committee would also report that in their opinion the fees paid to the Grand Lodge for conferring the degrees, is not in proportion to the fees received by the subordinate Lodges. Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges generally throughout the Union, the subordinate Lodges receive only fifteen dollars to thirty dollars for conferring the three degrees, out of which the Grand Lodge receives from fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents on each degree conferred. Whereas, under this jurisdiction, the subordinate Lodges receive from seventy-five dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars for conferring the three degrees, and our Grand Lodge only receives one dollar for each degree.

The committee would further report that the Grand Secretary is by no means properly remunerated for his services, either in the matter of salary or perquisites. During the last year the Grand Secretary has received, as salary, but six hundred dollars, while the duties of his office are such as to require nearly the constant attention of one person, or the partial attention of several. By an oversight in the Constitution, the Grand Secretary is not allowed to receive a fee for a Dispensation, although it requires as much, if not more labor, than that of making out a Charter. By an amendment of the Constitution, the fee for a diploma was reduced from five to three dollars, of which sum the Grand Secretary receives but one dollar; a fee by no means commensurate with the duties to be performed, viz.:—that of communicating with the brother, recording his certificate, making out his diploma, and attaching the seal of the Grand Lodge.

The committee would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge (before

the election of officers,) fix upon the salary of the Grand Secretary, which shall be sufficient to enable him to give his entire attention to the duties of his office. They would also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an office in a fire-proof building, for the better preservation of the archives and books of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROBINSON, }  
SAMUEL MARX, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and laid upon the table for the present.

Bro. T. A. THOMAS offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the money forwarded to this Grand Lodge for the relief of the Sacramento Lodges, be paid over to *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, to be disbursed as designed by this Grand Lodge; and that the Worshipful Master of *Tehama* Lodge be authorized to draw for the same, countersigned by the Secretary of the Lodge, under seal, which shall be the Grand Treasurer's receipt for the same.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. J. D. STEVENSON offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That no money or fund in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, held in trust or specially appropriated, shall be paid out on any order or draft not made applicable to the same by the terms of such order or draft.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported on the books and work of *San Diego* Lodge, and recommended that a Charter be granted: which report was concurred in, a Charter was ordered, and Bro. Geo. H. DERBY was admitted to a seat as the representative of that Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts was then taken up, and, together with certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such —

*Special Committee*:..... { Bro. Wm. Robinson,  
“ H. O. Ryerson.  
“ G. W. Macrae.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the report of the Committee on Uniformity of Work, we hereby recommend Bro. ISAAC DAVIS to said Committee on Work, and most respectfully request his appointment.

*Resolved*, That in view of the importance of an established uniform system of work in subordinate Lodges, we recommend that the Grand Lecturer (when appointed) visit, if practicable, all the Lodges, and that for his services they pay him a reasonable compensation.

Which resolutions were adopted.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That a committee of five Past Masters be appointed, to present to this Grand Lodge, at its next annual Communication, a revised Constitution, for their consideration.

Which resolution was adopted, and the Grand Master named the following special committee—

<i>On the Revision of the Constitution :.....</i>	}	Bro. R. F. Knott, " Isaac Davis, " J. G. Candee, " N. G. Curtis, " Levi Stowell.
---	---	--

Bro. G. H. DERBY offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that any member of a subordinate Lodge under another jurisdiction, may become by affiliation a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, provided he be in good standing in his original Lodge, and pays his dues regularly to both.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. T. A. THOMAS offered the following preamble and resolution :—

WHEREAS, The fees arising from the brethren made at Goodyear's Bar, and from Bro. C. D. AIKEN, in *Mountain Shade* Lodge, have been placed by the M. W. Grand Master, B. D. HYAM, at the disposal of the Grand Lodge, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the amount received from the above-named brothers be paid over to *Mountain Shade* Lodge.

Which preamble and resolution were adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
*Saturday, May 7th, A. L. 5853.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. WM. ROBINSON offered a resolution relative to closing Lodges at their last meeting previous to the Anniversary of the Saints John; which was indefinitely postponed.



Bro. B. D. HYAM presented a resolution from *Benicia* Lodge, offering its hall for the use of the Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication; which was received and placed on file.

Bro. J. MORRILL offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the next annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at Sacramento City.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. WM. ROBINSON, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and the proposed amendments to the Constitution, presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, report the same back, recommending the concurrence of the Grand Lodge therein, and the adoption of the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars be appropriated to Bro. L. Stowell, as a compensation for his efficient services as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge during the past year.

*Resolved*, That the salary of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of California for the year next ensuing, be twelve hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an office in a fire-proof building, for the better preservation of the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee also report the following proposed amendments to the Constitution as properly signed, and recommend their adoption:—

We propose to amend Sec. 1, of Art. X., so that it shall read, "Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually or semi-annually, (as they may deem fit,) by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversaries of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed."

J. H. MURPHY, <i>El Dorado</i>	- - -	Lodge, No. 26,
JNO. F. DAMON, <i>Golden Gate</i>	"	" 30,
GEO. H. DERBY, <i>San Diego</i>	"	" 35,
CHAS. M. RADCLIFF, <i>Tuolumne</i>	"	" 8,
G. W. MACRAE, <i>Madison</i>	"	" 23,
T. A. THOMAS, <i>Diamond</i>	"	" 29,
JOHN COOK, <i>Santa Clara</i>	"	" 34,

We propose to amend Sec. 8, of Art. X., so that it shall read, "Each Lodge shall be represented in every annual Grand Lodge. On the first Tuesday in March each Lodge shall also furnish to the Grand Secretary a correct account of its proceedings during the past fiscal year, in a form to be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and make payment of its regular dues; and in case of the non-performance of these duties, the Lodge shall be deprived of any vote in the Grand Lodge, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, and its Charter may be declared forfeited."

And we further propose to amend Sec. 2, of Art. IX., so that it shall read, "Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of two

dollars for every degree conferred upon candidates; the sum of one dollar for every affiliating member; and the sum of two dollars annually for each contributing member."

JOHN COOK, <i>Santa Clara</i>	- Lodge, No. 34,
E. M. CHAMBERLAIN, <i>Trinity</i>	" " 27,
A. HOLLUB, <i>San Francisco</i>	" " 7,
GEO. W. MACRAE, <i>Madison</i>	" " 23,

We propose to amend Sec. 1, of Art. IV., by striking out the words, "after the other business of the Lodge shall be completed."

W. W. STOVALL,	} <i>Tehama</i> - Lodge, No. 3,
J. A. WADSWORTH,	
H. F. WILLIAMS, <i>San Jose</i>	" " 10,
R. F. KNOTT, <i>California</i>	" " 1,
JOHN COOK, <i>Santa Clara</i>	" " 34,
J. H. MURPHY, <i>El Dorado</i>	" " 26,
L. STOWELL, <i>Washington</i>	" " 20,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. ROBINSON,	} <i>Committee.</i>
H. O. RYERSON,	
G. W. MACRAE,	

Which report was concurred in; the resolutions accompanying it were adopted; the proposed amendments to the Constitution were ordered to be entered on the minutes; and the committee was discharged.

Bro. R. HOPKINS offered the following resolution: —

*Resolved*, That the twenty-five dollars donated by *Temple* Lodge No. 14, to the Grand Secretary, (he having placed the same to the credit of the Grand Lodge,) be now credited to the account of *Temple* Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on procuring a Stone for the National Washington Monument, reported no progress, and were discharged.

The Committees on By-Laws and on Grievances reported no further business, and were discharged.

The following resolution in regard to *Martinez* Lodge was adopted: —

*Resolved*, That if *Martinez* Lodge applies for a continuation of its Dispensation, the same be granted, upon the presentation to and approval of its work, by the Grand Master or Grand Lecturer, and the payment of the requisite fee.

The committee on the request of *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9, was granted until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to report.

The following resolutions were offered by the Grand Secretary: —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cause three hundred and fifty (350) copies of the proceedings of this Communication, including the Constitution and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, to be printed and distributed as usual; and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for all

the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, growing out of this Communication; the bills to be approved by the Grand or Deputy Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the close of each session, to notify all Lodges in arrears, and request the settlement of their dues.

*Resolved*, That no books or papers belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be taken from the Grand Secretary's office, except it be for the use of the Grand Lodge or officers.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary furnish every brother elected or appointed to fill any office or station in the Grand Lodge, with a certificate of his election or appointment, under seal of the Grand Lodge.

All which resolutions were adopted, as was also the following:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge call off until half past eight o'clock this evening, and that the first business in order shall be the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until that hour.

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION, }  
Saturday, May 7th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 8½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The first business in order being that of electing the Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, when the following brethren were declared to be elected:—

Bro. C. M. RADCLIFF,	.....	M.: W.: Grand Master;
" T. A. THOMAS,	.....	R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master;
" J. R. CRANDALL,	.....	" " Senior Grand Warden;
" R. F. KNOTT,	.....	" " Junior Grand Warden;
" A. MARTIN,	.....	" " Grand Treasurer;
" L. STOWELL,	.....	" " Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master then installed the Grand Master elect, and he installed the other Grand Officers.

The Grand Master elect then announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year:—



<i>As Ass't Gr. Secretary,</i>	BRO. O. J. PRESTON,	of <i>California</i> - Lodge, No. 1.
" <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> ...	" JAS. H. BRISTOW,	" <i>Marysville</i> " 9.
" <i>Grand Marshal,</i> ...	" J. F. HALSEY,	" <i>Marysville</i> " 9.
" <i>Gr. Stand'd Bearer,</i>	" E. M. CHAMBERLAIN,	" <i>Trinity</i> " 27.
" <i>Gr. Sword Bearer,</i> ..	" GEO. H. DERBY,	" <i>San Diego</i> " 35.
" <i>Gr. Bible Bearer,</i> ...	" JOHN COOK,	" <i>Santa Clara</i> " 34.
" <i>Senior Gr. Deacon,</i>	" H. F. WILLIAMS,	" <i>California</i> " 1.
" <i>Junior Gr. Deacon,</i>	" A. E. CALLAWAY,	" <i>Western Star</i> " 2.
" <i>Grand Stewards,</i> }	" M. RUCH,	" <i>Trinity,</i> " 27,
" <i>Grand Tyler,</i> .....	" J. H. MURPHY,	" <i>El Dorado</i> " 26.
	" S. C. FIELD,	" <i>California</i> " 1.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock on Monday morning next.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Monday, May 9th, A. L. 5853. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the *M. W.*. Grand Master, CHAS. M. RADCLIFF, presiding.

The minutes of the sessions of Saturday last were read and approved.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved,* That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be required to make out their semi annual returns on the fourth days of March and September, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary as soon after as practicable, with their Grand Lodge dues.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Grand Master announced that Charters had been issued to the following Lodges : —

<i>Madison</i> -	Lodge, No. 23.	<i>Golden Gate</i> Lodge, No. 30.
<i>Mariposa</i>	" " 24.	<i>Mokelumne</i> " " 31.
<i>Georgetown</i>	" " 25.	<i>Gold Hill</i> " " 32.
<i>El Dorado</i>	" " 26.	<i>Ophir</i> " " 33.
<i>Trinity</i>	" " 27.	<i>Santa Clara</i> " " 34.
<i>Columbia</i>	" " 28.	<i>San Diego</i> " " 35.
<i>Diamond</i>	" " 29.	

The Grand Secretary announced the following receipts at this Communication, viz.: from







## THE FOLLOWING

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

*Have been adopted since its general revision in November, A. L. 5851.*

---

ARTICLE III., Section 1. The regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in Sacramento city, or at such place as the Grand Lodge may from time to time designate, on the first Tuesday in May in each year; and the election of Grand Officers shall take place as hereinafter provided. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5852.)

ARTICLE V., Section 1. Each of the Grand Officers for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer, if present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall each be entitled to one vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or, in their absence, their proper representatives; and the Past Masters of each Lodge collectively, to one vote. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5853.)

ARTICLE IX., Section 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary three dollars, by the applicant, for every diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge, (one dollar for the Grand Secretary;) but no diploma shall issue, except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5852.)

ARTICLE IX., Section 4. For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any document in possession of the Grand Secretary, which he shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive for his use fifty cents for every one hundred words. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5852.)

ARTICLE X., Section 2. Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge; and, if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5853.)

ARTICLE X., Section 5. No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars; and no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and out of the State, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than thirty-five dollars; in each case the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the Lodge, shall be invariably paid in advance. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5853.)

ARTICLE XIII., Section 1. Any proposed amendment or alteration to this Constitution may be presented to the Grand Lodge at a regular Communication, by the representatives of three subordinate Lodges; and, if sanctioned by a majority of the members present, shall be published with the minutes, as a subject for future action, and upon its adoption at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, by two thirds of the votes given thereon, the same shall become a part of this Constitution. (Adopted, May, A. L. 5852.)

# RETURNS

## OF THE

### SUBORDINATE LODGES

#### UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

# THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

MAY, A. L. 5853.

## California Lodge, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets every Thursday.*

### OFFICERS:

R. F. Knott, *W. Master*,  
R. E. Cole, *Sen. Warden*,  
W. D. Fair, *Jun. Warden*.  
O. J. Preston, *Treasurer*.

E. W. Bourne, *Secretary*,  
H. F. Williams, *Sen. Deacon*,  
H. Matthews, *Jun. Deacon*.  
S. C. Field, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

L. Stowell, *G. Sec.*  
P. A. Brinsmade,  
J. D. Stevenson, *P. G. M.*  
R. F. Knott, *J. G. W.*  
J. Shannon,

J. D. Creigh,  
M. Fallon,  
W. H. Howard,  
P. Petrovits,

O. J. Preston,  
L. Peck,  
L. T. Wilson.  
L. Steinhart.

### MASTER MASONS:

Abell, A. G.  
Addison, J. E.  
Adler, H.  
Allen, R. N.  
Atkinson, G. D.  
Barnard, J. C.  
Beckett, J.  
Benham, C.  
Boring, J.  
Bowers, C. E.  
Brasseur, J.  
Brenham, C. J.  
Clark, E. Z.  
Coffin, R.  
Cooke, W. B.  
Cronin, D.  
Cropper, T. B.  
Cross, O.  
Dall, J. H.  
Delany, C. McC.  
Derby, S. J.  
Douglass, D. F.  
De Liagre, P.  
De Woody, T. J.  
Findla, J.  
Fitton, J.

Folsom, J. L.  
Friedlander, A.  
Gerke, H.  
Gray, H. M.  
Greene, W.  
Harrington, W. T.  
Heeser, W.  
Hodgdon, J. H.  
Hoen, F.  
Hoffman, O. Jr.  
Howe, W.  
Hudson, G. A.  
Ickelheimer, H.  
Jones, J. T.  
Justh, E.  
Kenney, W. D.  
Killaly, R. G.  
King, of Wm., J.  
King, L.  
Korn, T. R.  
Kuthmann, T.  
Mallet, J. H.  
Markwald, A.  
Meyerowitz, I.  
Middleton, J.

Molitor, A. P.  
Monroe, J. A.  
Montagnie, J. E. de la  
Morris, G. F.  
Morse, J. B.  
Moulton, U. T.  
McCarthy, D.  
McClure, A. T.  
Nesbit, F. M.  
Newell, L. W.  
Noyes, G. P.  
Oldfield, W. C.  
Olds, W. B.  
Owner, H.  
O'Bryon, J. F.  
Parker, W. C.  
Payne, T.  
Piper, W. A.  
Preston, R. J.  
Rehfish, M.  
Reynolds, W.  
Revalk, J.  
Rogers, A. S.  
Saunders, B. C.  
Saunders, C. R.

Schaeffer, M.  
Scott, C. G.  
Selover, A. A.  
Shaw, T.  
Shephard, D. W.  
Shepheard, P. W.  
Smiley, J.  
Smith, J. T.  
Smith, W. C. R.  
Snow, T.  
Spring, C.  
Stebbins, W. P. C.  
Tilford, F.  
Tooker, L.  
Tucker, J. W.  
Unger, R.  
Uznay, C.  
Van De Water, J.  
Wegener, F. O.  
Walker, W.  
Ward, F.  
Wehler, E.  
Williams, J. S.  
Wilson, C. L.  
Woods, J. C.—120.

FELLOW CRAFTS:		
Brainerd, C. F.	Gilman, C. H.	Hart, E.—3.
ENTERED APPRENTICES:		
Briggs, W. H.	Peabody, A. W.	Young, J. H.—3.
WITHDRAWN:		
Damon, J. F.	Hobe, G. J.	Watters, A.—5
Gilman, C.	Knox, G. T.	
DIED:		
Edwin Hudson.—1.		

*Initiated, 33. Passed, 32. Raised, 34. Affiliated, 21.*

## Western Star Lodge, No. 2.

**Shasta, Shasta County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

A. E. Callaway, <i>W. Master.</i>	J. T. Glenn, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. G. Doll, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	P. T. Curtis, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
I. Roop, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	D. P. Bystle, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
J. M. Rhodes, <i>Treasurer.</i>	H. P. Larabee, <i>Tyler.</i>

### Past Masters:

I. Roop,	W. Robinson.
----------	--------------

### MASTER MASONS:

Benson, E. S.	Crenshaw, R. W.	Holmes, J. L.	McClung, S. H.
Callahan, J.	Goodwin, C. E.	Lemmon, J.	Raymond, J. A.
Campbell, J. E.	Harrison, W. R.	Mooney, D. B.	Stanmore, J.
Coates, J. M.	Hawkins, A.	Moore, J.	Swan, T. E.
Collins, M. C.	Hicks, T. E.	Morehead, W.	Terbush, P. F.—31.
Cook, J. M.	Hollub, S.		

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hickey, J.	Power, L. H.	Taylor, W. S. R.—3.
------------	--------------	---------------------

### WITHDRAWN:

Hayes, H. B.	Larabee, H. P.	Wiener, J. E.—3.
--------------	----------------	------------------

### DIED:

Arnold Barrett,	Josiah Roop.
-----------------	--------------

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 3. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 11.*

## Tehama Lodge, No. 3.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

W. Shoemaker, <i>W. Master.</i>	G. E. Montgomery, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. A. Tutt, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	S. Kohlmann, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
J. A. Wadsworth, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. H. Gray, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
J. F. Morse, <i>Treasurer.</i>	O. D. Chafee, <i>Tyler.</i>



**Past Masters:**

J. A. Tutt, *P. G. M.*      A. Martin, *G. Treas.*  
T. A. Thomas, *P. G. Treas.*      J. Hull,

O. D. Chafee.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Albrecht, A. E.	Davis, T. M.	Johnson, T. D.	Northam, E. F.
Anthony, J.	De Haven, J.	Kalkman, P.	Polhemus, J. C.
Arnold, W. B.	Ewer, P. F.	Kohlman, J.	Price, W. W.
Bean, E. S.	Fisher, H. F.	Koon, J. M.	Prosser, W.
Beckley, L. R.	Fitzgerald, J.	Lewis, W. P.	Radcliff, W. M.
Bowles, J. S.	Foley, J. J.	Lynch, P.	Smith, C. H.
Brewton, J. G.	Fox, H. S.	Magerle, P.	Tatum, E. F.
Buckles, H.	Gober, W. R.	Marks, M.	Tittle, J.
Call, D. M.	Graham, H.	Mayer, L.	Tuttle, C. L.
Cone, J. C.	Hagan, L.	Mitchell, J. E.	Watchorst, H. C.
Cook, J. S.	Harkness, H. W.	Montgomery, J. F.	Wheeler, O. C.
Cook, M.	Harrison, A. C.	McDonald, R. H.	White, J.
Cravens, R. O.	Henry, W. P.	McKune, J. H.	Winn, A. M.
Cushing, H.	Johnson, J. N.	Newbaur, J.	Wolf, C.—67.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Bennett, A. A.	Hoyt, J. P.	McLean, D.	Wright, G. G.—4.
----------------	-------------	------------	------------------

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Fletcher, C. A.	Hastings, T. W.	Persian, L. D.	Smith, G. F.
Gunn, G. W.	Ihnels, C.	Rhodes, J. P.	Stockflesh, T. F.
Harroll, J. M.	Michael, S. D.	Smith, E. M.	Whitlock, G. W.—12.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Smith, S. F.—1.

**DIED:**

Samuel Anderson,

C. L. Coakley.—2.

*Initiated, 18. Passed, 12. Raised, 12. Affiliated, 11.*

**Jennings Lodge, No. 4.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Charter surrendered.***Benicia Lodge, No. 5.****Benicia, Solano County.***Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

C. P. Dyerly, *W. Master.*  
R. B. Norman, *Sen. Warden.*  
E. H. Von Pfister, *Jun. Warden.*  
L. B. Mizner, *Treasurer.*

A. Riddell, *Secretary.*  
W. R. J. McKay, *Sen. Deacon.*  
B. Robinson, *Jun. Deacon.*  
S. Vaughn, *Tyler.*

**Past Masters:**B. D. Hyam., *P. G. M.*

L. B. Mizner,

A. Riddell.

## MASTER MASONS:

Barry, J. G.  
Bynum, S.  
Herbert, P. T.

Nurse, S. K.  
Pitzer, J. S.  
Semple, R.

Stebbins, J. G.  
Stocker, J. T.  
Thorpe, M.—18.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Barry, J.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Scoby, J. W.

## WITHDRAWN:

Williamson, R. S.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 3. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 2.*

**Sutter Lodge, No. 6.**

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Charter surrendered.*

**San Francisco Lodge, No. 7.**

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets every Wednesday.*

## OFFICERS:

A. Hollub, *W. Master*,  
S. Curry, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. G. Castle, *Jun. Warden*,  
O. C. Osborne, Sr., *Treasurer*.

J. Clement, *Secretary*,  
T. R. Eadie, *Sen. Deacon*,  
L. A. Degroot, *Jun. Deacon*,  
S. C. Field, *Tyler*.

## Past Masters:

A. C. Labatt,

J. J. Papy,

A. Hollub, *P. S. G. W.*

## MASTER MASONS:

Andrew, W.  
Atkinson, J. H.  
Barry, E.  
Colville, W.  
Craine, W.  
Damon, J. F.  
Donahue, J.  
Doyle, H.  
Freanor, J.  
Frizell, J.  
Glenn, T.

Grant, D. B.  
Gronlier, C.  
Howard, W. H. B.  
Ils, J. G.  
Jacobi, D.  
Johnston, J.  
Kelly, T.  
Kohl, F. W.  
Laumiester, F. W.  
Leeke, E. E.  
Little, W.

Marx, S.  
Mendels, E. S.  
Moss, D. H. D.  
Moylen, T. T.  
McCabe, A. J.  
McCabe, J. W.  
McCarthy, E.  
McKenna, P.  
Quirk, E. J.  
Ragsdale, E. R.  
Ruje, R. A.

Ross, R.  
Seitz, C.  
Simpson, J.  
Smith, E. J.  
Solomon, A.  
Tice, W. H.  
Urie, J.  
Wade, J.  
Whitney, W. J.  
Woods, R. E.—52.

## FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Osborne, O. C. Jr.,

Willett, E. W.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Clark, R.

Rheinstein, L.

Rosenfeld, M. L.

Weiss, A.—4.

*Initiated, 13. Passed, 16. Raised, 14. Affiliated, 4.*

**Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

C. M. Radcliff, *W. Master*,  
 H. W. Theall, *Sen. Warden*,  
 H. G. Platt, *Jun. Warden*,  
 W. Hammond, *Treasurer*.

S. P. Dewey, *Secretary*,  
 J. Dillon, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 A. H. Warren, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. B. Delahay, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**C. M. Radcliff, *G. M.***MASTER MASONS:**

Balls, R. R.	Imbrie, A. C.	Palmer, D. C.	Smith, S.
Bancroft, E. A.	Jeffrey, W.	Perkins, W.	Sponsler, F. R.
Beel, S.	Lee, J. T.	Phillips, S. G.	Stoker, J. R.
Bull, H.	Linoberg, E.	Pinney, W. T.	Swope, H. K.
Burke, H. H.	Marklay, W.	Plaister, J. H.	Thomas, L.
Calbraith, J. C.	Martin, G. T.	Pracer, F.	Thompson, A.
Clark, T.	Means, A.	Purdy, J. W.	Torney, J. W.
Dodge, C. F.	Mellen, W. E.	Rannie, W. A.	Traylor, W. W.
Elkins, A.	McDowell, D. S.	Reister, B. J.	Tuttle, A. H. H.
Farnsworth, A.	McKay, R. R.	Rulofson, W. H.	Wertheimer, E.
Gower, E. H. M.	McLean, G.	Sedgwick, J.	Yaney, J. P.—54.
Harr, B. D.	Norris, J. A.		

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Hathaway, W. F. Simpson, R. M. Walton, H. G.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Beaty, W. W. Dwinelle, S. H. Murray, W.—3.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Anthony, P. B. Davis, J. A. Levy, N. Taylor, S. R.  
 Bugh, J. J. Decker, W. H. Pucket, W. Van Benschoten, J.—8.

**STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Evans, G. S. McFarlane, J. T.—2.

**DIED:**

L. Montford.—1.

*Initiated, 22. Passed, 19. Raised, 16. Affiliated, 4.*

**Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

L. Halsey, *W. Master*,  
 S. Price, *Sen. Warden*,  
 L. W. Taylor, *Jun. Warden*,  
 D. W. C. Rice, *Treasurer*,

W. E. Rust, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**A. Maurice, *Jr.***MASTER MASONS:**

Appison, D. H.	Curdy, S. M.	Levy, J.	Teagarden, E.
Armstrong, W.	Frank, J. M.	McCarty, J. T.	Truax, A. M.
Beckler, F. K.	Gildersleeve, J.	Pierson, O. H.	Vineyard, W. B.
Colton, J. C.	Goodwin, J. O.	Scheaple, A.	Watkins, H. P.
Covillaud, C.	Gray, M.	Simmerly, S.	Wilkins, E. T.—29.
Culver, E. W.	Hanson, G. M.	Taylor, R. H.	



## FELLOW-CRAFT :

Paxton, J. A.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Brown, O. H. P.

Kelley, J. S.

Milne, J.—3.

## WITHDRAWN :

Brewster, S. T.

Latham, W. B.

Pierce, W. S.

Tracy, E. W.

Burlingame, J.

Levy, C.

Reinhart, S.

Tuttle, C. J.

Field, S. J.

Miles, S. M.

Simonson, M.

Watts, S. T.

Friedman, J.

Mulford, S. B.

Smith, J. G.

Williams, H. J.—18.

Kaemle, G.

Olds, B. S.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 2. Affiliated, 6.*

## San Jose Lodge, No. 10.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

B. Cory, *W. Master*,J. Lewis, *Secretary*,H. C. Melone, *Sen. Warden*,\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,H. Brownshield, *Jun. Warden*,\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*.E. Reed, *Treasurer*,L. Prevost, *Tyler*.

## Past Masters :

H. C. Melone,

H. P. Dorsey,

J. Cook.

## MASTER MASONS :

Baird, L.

Crosby, E. O.

Minor, P. O.

Robinson, H.

Barrows, J. F.

Davis, P. J.

Morrow, W.

Ryland, C. T.

Barton, J.

Easley, P. E.

McKinney, F. S.

Shearer, A.

Bassham, W. R.

Eddy, W. H.

Peck, A. W.

Stafford, W. M.

Campbell, A. C.

Hensley, S. J.

Powell, H. M. T.

Taylor, W. E.

Christophe, F.

Lamartine, G. A.

Price, J. R.

Van Canegan, P.

Clark, E. A.

Laurencel, H.

Reddick, J.

Winn, A. M.—36.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE :

Heninger, W. H.—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Aram, J.

Coleman, H. R.

Crittenden, A. P.

Williams, H. F.—4.

## DIED :

J. D. Hoppe.—1.

*Initiated, 1. Passed, 1. Raised, 2. Affiliated, 6.*

## Yount Lodge, No. 12.

Napa, Napa County.

*Meets first and third Fridays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

J. H. Seawell, *W. Master*,J. S. Robinson, *Secretary*,E. McGarry, *Sen. Warden*,W. Vaughn, *Sen. Deacon*,F. B. Gilmore, *Jun. Warden*,M. Greenbaum, *Jun. Deacon*.G. C. Yount, *Treasurer*,F. F. Vaughn, *Tyler*.

## Past Masters :

J. M. Small,

W. D. Deering.

## MASTER MASONS:

Baldridge, W.	Gillan, E.	Mount, J.	McKinstry, E. W.
Bristol, J. D.	Grigsby, J.	McClellan, M. T.	Stillwagon, W. W.
Brown, J. E.	Kilburn, R. L.	McKinney, N.	Vines, B.—24.
Chopson, T.	Moody, G. W.		

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Capell, J. S.

Smith, J.—2.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Grigsby, A. F.

Hargrove, W.

Nash, W. H.—3.

## WITHDRAWN:

Box, —

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 4. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 5.***Nevada Lodge, No. 13.****Nevada, Nevada County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. R. McConnell, *W. Master*,  
 J. Fitz James, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. F. Blythe, *Jun. Warden*,  
 E. N. Clark, *Treasurer*,

G. M. Saul, *Secretary*,  
 C. H. Seymour, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 M. Rosenheim, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 C. C. Green, *Tyler*.

## MASTER MASONS:

Allen, C.	Clarkson, W. P.	Justice, W.	Pierce, W. E.
Archer, A. C.	Conyers, B. F.	Knox, W. J.	Roberts, E. W.
Barbour, W. T.	Davidge, R. A.	Latta, S. N.	Rogers, J. R.
Bell, G. H.	Dunn, T. O.	Lindsay, R. S.	Sitler, W. W.
Boardman, J. H.	Endicott, W. H.	Little, R.	Smith, A.
Boring, S. W.	Gregg, J. M.	Long, J.	Speare, J. G.
Borridaile, G.	Grove, J. H.	Mann, J. S.	Triplett, T. H.
Bothwell, W.	Hardy, A.	Marsh, C.	Turner, J. N.
Briscoe, C.	Hicks, N. A.	Maxey, W. W.	Watkins, W. S.
Buker, J. B.	Hodge, H. C.	Miller, F. R.	Wheeler, F.
Caperton, W. W.	Howell, C. G.	Montgomery, J. H.	Williamson, I.
Carter, J. P.	Hubbell, E. S.	McCharles, H.	Wilson, W.
Caswell, T. H.	Jackson, E.	McIntyre, D.	Wood, H.
Charles, L. C.	Joyce, W. W.	Phelps, J.	Young, E. D.—64.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Colwell, J. H.

Hogue, E. S.

Wilson, A. P.—5.

Hartsough, J. B.

Maltman, W.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Anderson, T.	Furman, J. C.	Keifer, J.	Tully, J. M.
Beasley, T.	Heart, J. F.	Kilbourne, G. O.	Wapples, J.
Cline, G.	Helm, J. H.	King, L.	Warren, G. R.
Culberston, J. H.	Hill, E. W.	Maltman, C. J.	Winn, J. J.
Doyle, J.	Howseley, J. B.	Smith, E. W.	Woodruff, H. R.—23.
Dunn, J. S.	Jones, J.	Stewart, W. M.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Barker, J. O.	Fisher, F.	Mills, H. A.	Reid, T. L.
Coates, W. B.	Halsey, J. F.	Moore, R. M.	Smith, J. C.
Crandall, J. R.	Hoy, A. B.	Morgan, A.	Waldauer, J.
Davis, A. N.	Kohlman, S.	Morrisay, A.	Whipples, W. W.
Davis, H.	Miller, J. K.	Nathan, D.	Wyatt, R. C.—21.
Dunlap, R. R.			

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:

Cain, J. N.	Folsom, W. H.	Nixon, I.	Talbot, T. G.
Corker, J. E.	Hanson, M.	Palmer, T. L.	Tillery, J. D.
Covert, E.	Harris, W.	Slater, C. P.	Wasper, L.
Cox, H. A.	Hubbard, J. F.	Smith, P. D.	Wells, F.
Dryart, G.	Irwin, J. S.	Smith, S.	Williams, T. G.
Ellis, E. F. W.	Kinsey, S.	Story, W. M.	Young, W. C.—24.

*Initiated, 32. Passed, 22. Raised, 19. Affiliated, 8.*

## Temple Lodge, No. 14.

**Sonoma, Sonoma County.**

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

R. Hopkins, *W. Master*,  
I. Brockman, *Sen. Warden*,  
A. Tennent, *Jun. Warden*,  
S. Akers, *Treasurer*,

M. E. Cook, *Secretary*,  
W. M. Boggs, *Sen. Deacon*,  
R. R. Warder, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. C. Blakenay, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

C. F. Ruoff.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Bartlett, C. H.	Davison, J.	Mollison, H. P.	Ray, J. G.
Beasley, J.	Harden, J. A.	Moore, W. H.	Renick, A. B.
Benitz, W.	Hicklin, B.	McDonald, D.	Rupe, D. C.
Boake, S. A.	Hudspeth, J. M.	McKamy, J. W.	Rupe, S. H.
Burris, W.	Kamp, H. L.	Neville, J. N.	Scoffy, P. M.
Cameron, J.	Mallagh, D.	O'Farrell, J.	Smith, J.
Cooper, J.	Miller, G. W.	Peabody, E. T.	Wilson, M. H.—37.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Bruner, C.

Hudspeth, C. H.—2.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Carillo, J.

Fine, I. H.

Kelsey, S.—3.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Gillen, E.

May, J. J.

Norris, H.

Long, J. R.

McDonald, A. C.

Stoneman, G.—6.

**DIED:**

Thomas Foster,

John Lewis.—2.

*Initiated, 9. Passed, 8. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 3.*

## Eureka Lodge, No. 16.

**Auburn, Placer County,**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

J. R. Crandall, *W. Master*,  
H. R. Hawkins, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. Brown, *Jun. Warden*,  
P. W. Thomas, *Treasurer*,

H. T. Holmes, *Secretary*,  
H. O. Ryerson, *Sen. Deacon*,  
M. P. H. Love, *Jun. Deacon*,  
W. M. Jordan, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

J. R. Crandall,

L. Applegate.



## MASTER MASONS:

Bolton, J.	Dillingham, W. H.	Hardesty, S. V.	Mitchell, T.
Canny, P.	Field, J. M.	Hyneman, M.	Reed, C. D.
Davidson, A.	Hale, J. E.	Leet, W. N.	Snyder, S. L.—21.

## FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Carroll, J.	Crompton, H. J.	Rust, P. C.—3.
-------------	-----------------	----------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Folke, S.	Welsh, O.—2.
-----------	--------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Alexander, D.	Fry, J. D.	Keller, L.	Patten, J.
Applegate, G.	Fuqua, W.	Lamb, W. H.	Richardson, J.
Bass, J.	Hardesty, J.	Monroe, W. H.	Smith, S. A.
Bedford, J. M.	Harlen, M.	Myers, B. F.	Thomas, H. D.
Bower, J.	Hinman, N. O.	Nye, J.	Vaughn, W. D.—21.
Calloway, O. P.			

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 7. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 5.*

## Parfaite Union Lodge, No. 17.

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets first and third Fridays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. Haine, <i>W. Master,</i>	C. Lequin, <i>Secretary,</i>
L. Levy, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	P. Quayne, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
S. Driard, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Delange, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. A. Harris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. C. Field, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Masters:

L. Hermann, <i>P. G. M. of La.,</i>	H. Kidel.
-------------------------------------	-----------

## MASTER MASONS:

Bertrand, C. M.	Etonbleau, L.	Knox, G. T.	Sandre, A.
Boverat, J.	Gazan, A.	Lacharme, A. C.	Stillier, A.
Chapieux, J.	Hart, J.	Letroadec, L.	Teclaw, F. T.
Clavis, —	Hubert, C.	Michel, L.	Zacriskey, A.—28.
Corbiniere, P.	Kaplan, A.	Portois, P.	

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bock, L.	Küner, A.	Russ, J.	Thierry, C.—4.
----------	-----------	----------	----------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Chapuy, C.	Levy, A.	Levy, M.—3.
------------	----------	-------------

## DIED:

Dujai de Rosoy.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 4. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 8.*

## Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18.

**Downieville, Yuba County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.*

## OFFICERS:

H. P. Benton, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. C. Lemmon, <i>Secretary,</i>
————, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	————, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
————, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	————, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
————, <i>Treasurer,</i>	————, <i>Tyler.</i>

		<b>Past Masters:</b>	
G. Fagg,		H. P. Benton,	J. Garnossett,
		<b>MASTER MASONS:</b>	
Aiken, C. D.	Follmer, J. A.	Hinds, P.	Polley, J. B.
Bates, H. P.	Ford, W. J.	Hobbs, R.	Powell, J.
Booth, G. A.	Frazier, H.	Hocker, N. B.	Remely, W.
Brown, J.	Freehill, T. P.	Hoffstetter, J. G.	Reynolds, T.
Burnett, R. G.	Gardner, J. H.	Hunter, W. R.	Ryan, P.
Clements, T.	Gardner, J. M.	Lynch, J.	Scellen, J. D.
Corcoran, J.	Graham, T. B.	Maxwell, J.	Smith, E. J.
Craycroft, J. H.	Gray, C.	Miller, H.	Stailey, S.
Cunningham, M.	Green, B.	Moralle, M. M.	Stean, J. W.
Ely, W.	Harpham, J.	McNulty, H.	Vineyard, J. R.
Fitzharris, J.	Harris, G.	O'Brien, J.	Young, W. P.—49.
<b>ENTERED APPRENTICES:</b>			
Conrad, J.		Hunt, J.	Spohn, E.—3.
<b>WITHDRAWN:</b>			
Bronson, A.		Hill, T. P.	Whisler, T. H.—5.
Frost, B. G.		Simmons, C. M.	
<b>EXPELLED:</b>			
Murphy, J.—1.			
<i>Initiated, 5. Passed, 3. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 2.</i>			

## San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

*Meets first and third Mondays in each Month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. G. Candee, <i>W. Master,</i>	E. M. Howison, <i>Secretary,</i>
F. C. Andrews, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. S. Woods, <i>Chaplain.</i>
J. M. McKarny, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. B. Kennedy, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. C. Morris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. Graham, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>

J. B. Hill, *Tyler.*

### Past Masters:

C. M. Creanor,

J. Zachariah.

### MASTER MASONS:

Adams, M. W.	Garshwiler, J. S.	Langdon, S.	Stephens, J. F.
Baker, T.	Goldman, M.	Lester, A.	Stewart, S. H.
Biven, R.	Goodin, J. W.	Lester, J. B.	Schwartz, P.
Bradford, A. C.	Haynes, J. A.	Lewis, A.	Van Dyke, J.
Brown, A. G.	Hoerchner, A. H.	Mansfield, J.	Vaughn, A. F.
Claiborne, G. B.	Howard, J. T.	Matthews, H. O.	Wagoner, J. P.
Collins, W.	Howard, L. F.	May, R. F.	Ward, C. A.
Colt, E. W.	Keenan, J. M.	McKee, W. F.	Ward, M. L.
Corcoran, F. E.	Keller, J.	Olivia, A.	Warten, D. B.
Cutts, J. B.	Kelley, J. W.	Poppe, C. L.	Webster, G.
Edwards, J. G.	Kelsey, J. M.	Pulliam, W. M.	Winham, M. A.
Freeborn, J. S.	Kelty, E. C.	Reany, McKee,	Winne, W.
Friedlander, I.	Kerr, G.	Rothenbush, P.	Wormser, I.
Fulton, J.	Kitchings, D.	Smith, J. L.	Wormser, L.—69.
Gage, A. S.	Lane, J. P.		

### FELLOW-CRAFTS:

Lee, B. F.

Richmond, B.

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Coldren, E. L.	Daubney, G. A.	Kurkendall, J. J.	Winham, W. L. P.
Crump, E. G.	Davis, J. C.	Rothenbush, C.	Yeiser, F.—8.

## WITHDRAWN:

Bancroft, E. A.  
Gunnisky, C.

Kieski, M.  
Lewis, S.

Lowery, J. H.  
Tung, W. H.—6.

## EXPELLED:

Couch, J. P.

## DIED:

William A. Brown,  
William Leech,

William Hunter,  
William A. Root, F. C.—4.

*Initiated, 36. Passed, 33. Raised, 32. Affiliated, 16.*

## Washington Lodge, No. 20.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Meets Thursday of or next preceding full moon.*

## OFFICERS:

N. Greene Curtis, *W. Master*,  
M. R. Hardin, *Sen. Warden*,  
D. Jordan, *Jun. Warden*,  
R. K. Burge, *Treasurer*.

A. C. Hunter, *Secretary*,  
H. H. Welch, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. P. Aiken, *Jun. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

## Past Masters:

I. Davis.

F. J. Willis,

C. Duncombe,

J. Morrill.

## MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, A.	Cohn, N.	Holliday, W. N.	Patterson, A. D.
Andrews, A. P.	Collins, C. P. C.	Hoy, A. B.	Pierce, G.
Atkins, J. R.	Fowler, J. A.	Hutchinson, C. J.	Steevens, D. St. C.
Bigler, J.	Grice, H.	Isaacs, F.	Thompson, J. L.
Brown, E. C.	Goodman, A. J.	Lewis, L.	Treat, J. D.
Bullard, J. A.	Hammond, A. N.	Maddox, D.	Wetherwax, J. M. B.
Coachman, J. C.	Henry, H. O.	Monell, G. I. N.	Waters, J.—39.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Abbott, C. E.	Day, J.	Hall, J. T.	Meredith, H.
Aubrey, E.	Faville, C.	Haskell, D. H.	Perkins, E. S.—11.
Brown, J. Q.	Graves, J. L.	Jamison, J. S.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Briceland, J. N.

Groat, J. B.

Haines, G. J.

Kellogg, J.—4.

## SUSPENDED:

Ball, J.—1.

*Initiated, 19. Passed, 8. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 16.*

## Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21.

Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

*Meets first Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

C. W. Vincent, *W. Master*,  
W. Wond, *Sen. Warden*,  
T. W. Thompson, *Jun. Warden*,  
R. Coady, *Treasurer*.

J. Irwin, *Secretary*,  
A. J. Cartwright, Jr., *Sen. Deacon*,  
M. R. Harvey, *Jun. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.



## MASTER MASONS:

Babcock, W.	Greig, W.	Macfarlane, H.	Patz, J.
Barton, C. S.	Hegarty, P.	Meek, J.	Penhallow, D. P.
Blair, J. D.	Hoffman, E.	Montgomery, J.	Rooke, T. C. B.
Bowden, W.	Johnson, J. W.	McLean, G. C.	Sea, H.
Bullions, J. C.	Lewers, C. H.	Neilson, H. A.	Whildon, A.—28.
Cummins, T.			

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Comstock, H. S. Simmonds, E. C.—2.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Ford, S. P.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Dean, J. Harris, H. Little, J. Williams, J. W.—4.

*Initiated, 19. Passed, 18. Raised, 21. Affiliated, 5.*

## Occidental Lodge, No. 22.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets fourth Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. E. Wainwright, <i>W. Master</i> ,	T. R. Johnson, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
S. Clark, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	J. Lewis, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
G. W. Baker, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	S. R. Harris, } <i>Stewards</i> ,
R. L. Crozier, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	O. Bailey, }
R. B. Hampton, <i>Secretary</i> .	<u>          </u> Tyler.

## Past Masters:

J. Rice, Jr. <i>P.G.M. of Ky.</i>	J. H. Gihon, <i>P. G. Sec.</i>	G. Yale.
P. A. Morse,	J. H. Horsfall,	

## MASTER MASONS:

Baird, J. H.	Fenner, C. G.	Merrill, A.	Sinton, R. H.
Bates, G. C.	Ferguson, C.	Mount, C. E.	Stevenson, J. E.
Bowie, H. R.	Finley, J. W.	Norcross, D.	Sullivan, E. L.
Brown, J. H.	Fitch, H. S.	Pearson, J. G.	Thompson, D. W.
Brown, J. V.	Hackett, J. K.	Randall, A. G.	Waterman, J.
Byrne, H. H.	Hayes, E.	Roberts, D. S.	Webb, H. A.
Campbell, A.	Holland, N.	Ryan, E.	Wells, A.
Chapin, S. A.	Hughes, J. L.	Ryckman, G. W.	White, T. J.—49.
Cook, E.	LaRoche, W. M.	Simpton, G.	

## FELLOW-CRAFT:

Clark, J. A.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bowie, A. J.	Lull, L. R.	Saffrons, I.	Wood, Wm. G.—4.
<i>Initiated, 24. Passed, 19. Raised, 18. Affiliated, 11.</i>			

## Madison Lodge, No. 23.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Meets first and third Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Z. Wheeler, <i>W. Master</i> ,	G. M. Sheriden, <i>Secretary</i> ,
J. M. Fouse, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	_____, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> .
G. N. Crandall, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> .
W. McCormick, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	_____. Tyler

**Past Masters :**

S. C. Richardson;

O. H. Dibble.

**MASTER MASONS :**

Allen, W.	Delano, A.	Levy, —	Shubert, J. A.
Assig, —	Denzer, C.	Livingston, E.	Smith, C. F.
Bacon, —	Doran, R.	Macrea, G. W.	Smith, P. A.
Blackford, J.	Doyle, —	Moyes, R. B.	Thurwell, —
Boring, J.	Easley, —	McDaniel, —	Uhl, —
Bonden, —	Giebbardt, N. L.	Noble, —	Waldauer, J.
Cunningham, J.	Hollis, W. H.	Rhinehart, D.	Wilson, J.—35.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES :**

Bard, L. L.	Effinger, J. H.	Lorimer, J. W.	Musgrove, R.
Clapp, W. B.	Hubbard, F. A.	Mills, C. H.	Solomon, A.—8.

*Initiated, 16. Passed, 9. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 6.*

**Mariposa Lodge, No. 24.****Mariposa, Mariposa County.***Meets Saturday preceding the full moon.***OFFICERS :**

J. W. Risher, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	O. M. Dickinson, <i>Secretary,</i>
—, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	—, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
G. B. Abell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	—, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
—, <i>Treasurer,</i>	—, <i>Tyler.</i>

**MASTER MASONS :**

Appling, R. A.	Hallum, J. L.	Minchausen, M.	Stiner, C. M.
Bell, S.	Hollister, D. S.	Neville, G.	Sweet, S.
Bondurant, J. M.	Hutchinson, T. R.	Newton, H. B.	Thomas, J. N.
Bowen, J. C.	King, W. A.	Norris, J. R.	Thornton, W.
Bowlin, J. S.	Mackay, J. N.	Steptoe, J. P.	Williamson, G.—24.
Corbett, A. H.	Merriitt, S. A.		

**FELLOW-CRAFTS :**

McMullen, T. S.	Papers, J. M.	Posner, J.—3.
-----------------	---------------	---------------

**ENTERED APPRENTICES :**

Adams, J. T.	Goodman, M.	Nagle, P. B.	Parker, W. T.—6.
Grosenmiers, J. T.	Jenkins, J. C.		

**DIED :**

J. W. Risher.—1.

*Initiated, 15. Passed, 9. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 13.*

**Georgetown Lodge, No. 25.****Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

T. W. Brotherton, <i>Wor. Master,</i>	H. Mills, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. P. Davidson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	M. Deverter, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
T. M. Reed, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	H. D. P. Draper, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
P. W. Cunningham, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Miller, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Burch, I. H.	Frankenthal, M.	Nye, S. P.	Southworth, E. C.
Davis, M.	Frankenthal, M. M.	Ray, F. G.	Stewart, R.
Fewel, J. M.	Glaze, M.	Schmitz, F.	Winstead, A.—20.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Greenwood, E. Matthews, R. L.—2.

## WITHDRAWN:

Frankenthal, M. J. Jones, J. H.—2.

*Initiated, 13. Passed, 11. Raised, 11. Affiliated, 2.*

**El Dorado Lodge, No. 26.**

**Placerville, El Dorado County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. H. Murphy, <i>W. Master,</i>	F. F. Barss, <i>Secretary,</i>
D. K. Newell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. H. Harmon, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. P. Martin, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Hunter, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. H. Smith, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. T. Thatcher, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Bloomingtondale, E.	Finch, C.	Mitchell, J. A.	Shober, J. L.
Buchanan, J.	Fiske, L. C.	McNeil, D. P.	Tannewald, L.
Burwell, W. J.	Gale, G. W.	Phipps, E. A.	Tritt, L.
Davis, C. D.	Haas, A.	Pullen, P.	Williams, W. D.—26.
Davis, G. W.	Keene, B. F.		

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Schoen, A.—1.

*Initiated, 3. Passed, 3. Raised, 2. Affiliated, 13.*

**Trinity Lodge, No. 27.**

**Weaverville, Trinity County.**

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

E. M. Chamberlain, <i>W. Master.</i>	W. B. May, <i>Secretary,</i>
G. B. Winston, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. A. Locket, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
C. L. N. Vaughn, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Cameron, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
T. S. McKenzie, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. Mitchell, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Becket, J.	Davidson, H. B.	McGillivray, J.	Stuart, R. G.
Carr, J.	Drumb, A. B.	Peters, J. M.	Sturdivant, J. A.
Chillis, J. F.	Edwards, F. T.	Ruch, M.	Vanschaick, W.
Circle, V.	Lowe, W. M.	Seaman, H. J.	West, W. J.
Dale, D. R.	Musser, J.	Smith, F. W.	Williams, L. S.—28.

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Burch, J. C.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Lee, C.	Williams, C. E.	Wyman, C. E.—5.
Maloney, W.	Wyman, B. H.	

*Initiated, 22. Passed, 17. Raised, 16. Affiliated, 4.*





**Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets every Tuesday.***OFFICERS:**

W. S. Moses, *W. Master*,  
 J. F. Damon, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. Hunter, *Jun. Warden*,  
 S. Gamage, *Treasurer*,

G. S. Hull, *Secretary*,  
 G. J. Hobe, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 W. B. Cooke, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 E. C. Harford, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Cottrell, E. M.	Flood, J. C.	Knowlton, J. J.	Schultz, J. S.
Everard, J.	Hacker, E.	Robinson, R. P.	Snook, R.—16.

**FELLOW-CRAFT:**

Hutchinson, G. W.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Elliot, H.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Carpenter, D. E. Carter, H. O.—2.

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 10. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 1.***Mokelumne Lodge, No. 31.****Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County.***Meets every Saturday evening.***OFFICERS:**

A. Platt, *W. Master*,  
 W. M. Rodgers, *Sen. Warden*,  
 C. A. Leake, *Jun. Warden*,  
 E. Gates, *Treasurer*,

W. Innes, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Britton, J. F.	Dreher, J.	Kraft, H.	Sawyer, E. D.
Buffum, C. J.	Gates, E.	Miner, J. G.	Smith, S. D.
Campbell, G. H.	Harris, G. W.	Moreto, E. G.	Snyder, T.
Clark, H. Q.	Healy, J.	Parker, T. B.	Strauss, A.
Day, J.	Humphries, A. A.	Raymond, G.	Walker, G. R.
Dennis, L.	Husband, B.	Reid, J. C.	Ward, J. G.—31.
Douglass, J. P.	Knox, J. T.		

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Clarke, C. A.	Mayer, J.	Thompson, P.	Wichelhausen, P.
Hamilton, W. B.	Pomeroy, E. H.		—6.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Woolly, W.

*Initiated, 17. Passed, 12. Raised, 12. Affiliated, 1.*

**Gold Hill Lodge, No. 32.****Gold Hill, Placer County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

P. L. Maxey, *W. Master*,  
 A. Mills, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. W. Patton, *Jun. Warden*,  
 W. R. K. Devane, *Treasurer*,

W. S. C. Woods, *Secretary*,  
 J. M. Bedford, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. McCarley, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 R. M. Wagner, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Clark, P.  
 Delany, J.  
 Greer, W. B.  
 Hill, J. A.

Howard, N. F.  
 Hussey, J. W.  
 Lassiter, R.  
 Lyons, R. N.

Mandel, E.  
 Marshall, J.  
 Sims, J. S.  
 Smith, J. F.

Snodgrass, J. S.  
 Stewart, J. E.  
 Wilson, J.—23.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Duff, A.

Span, J.—2.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 4. Raised, 4.***Ophir Lodge, No. 33.****Murphy's Camp, Calaveras County.***Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

A. H. Putney, *Wor. Master*,  
 I. Taylor, *Sen. Warden*,  
 B. H. Evans, *Jun Warden*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer*,

F. M. Strange, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Barnes, W. H.  
 Carr, M.  
 Dake, L. W.  
 Dakin, P.  
 Decker, W. H.

Griswold, J. W.  
 Hanford, W. H.  
 Hanna, H. R.  
 Hubbard, W. A.  
 Lester, J. B.

Meyer, O.  
 Nellis, W.  
 Newton, F. M. C.  
 Russell, W. A.  
 Smith, J. A.

Stevens, S. B.  
 Tichenal, W. H.  
 Wilkins, B. B.  
 Wright, W. A.—23.

**FELLOW-CRAFTS:**

Kilgove, W. R.

Perry, G. W.

Smith, C. W.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Smith, J. B.—1.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 9.***Santa Clara Lodge, No. 34.****Santa Clara, Santa Clara County.***No Returns.*



## San Diego Lodge, No. 35.

San Diego, San Diego County.

*Meets second and fourth Thursdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

W. C. Ferrell, *W. Master*,  
J. J. Ames, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. Cook, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Hays, *Treasurer*,

J. W. Robinson, *Secretary*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

### Past Master:

G. H. Derby.

### MASTER MASONS:

Barber, D.	Hartley, A.	Long, J. P.	Sexton, M. M.
Cremony, J. C.	Hooff, P. H.	Raimond, R. E.	Tibbetts, G. P.—16.
Crosthwaite, P.	Hooper, G. W.	Riner, J.	

### FELLOW CRAFT:

Coutts, C. J.—1.

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Andrews, G. P.	Fitzgerald, E. H.—2.
<i>Initiated, 3. Passed, 2. Raised, 0. Affiliated, 2.</i>	

## RECAPITULATION.

Total number of Lodges,.....	31
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	30
Total number of Master Masons reported,.....	1111
Total number of Fellow Crafts ".....	43
Total number of Entered Apprentices reported,.....	125
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	392
Total number passed, " ".....	309
Total number raised, " ".....	293
Total number affiliated, " ".....	213
Total number withdrawn, " ".....	122
Total number died,.....	15
Total number expelled,.....	2
Total number suspended,.....	1
Stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues,.....	26

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
M.: W.: GRAND LODGE  
OF  
Free and Accepted Masons  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
AT THE  
FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT  
The Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento ;

COMMENCED ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 2d, A. D. 1854, A. L. 5854,  
AND TERMINATED ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 9TH, A. D. 1854, A. L. 5854.

---

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

---

M.: W.: CHARLES M. RADCLIFF,  
*Grand Master, presiding.*

R.: W.: LEVI STOWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

# GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

FOR THE PRESENT MASONIC YEAR.

---

M. W.	WM. H. HOWARD,	GRAND MASTER,	San José ;
R. W.	N. GREENE CURTIS,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,	Sacramento ;
" "	RECTOR E. COLE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,	San Francisco ;
" "	ROBERT N. WOOD,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN,	Martinez ;
" "	ADDISON MARTIN,	GRAND TREASURER,	Sacramento ;
" "	LEVI STOWELL,	GRAND SECRETARY,	San Francisco ;
" "	ISAAC DAVIS,	GRAND LECTURER,	Sacramento.
" "	JAS. H. BRISTOW,	GRAND CHAPLAIN,	San Francisco ;
W.	O. J. PRESTON,	ASS'T. GRAND SECRETARY,	San Francisco ;
"	J. F. HALSEY,	GRAND MARSHAL,	Marysville ;
"	N. H. STOCKTON,	GRAND STANDARD BEARER,	Santa Cruz ;
"	C. H. SEYMOUR,	GRAND SWORD BEARER,	Nevada ;
"	GEO. C. YOUNT,	GRAND BIBLE BEARER,	Napa ;
"	H. R. HAWKINS,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON,	Auburn ;
"	S. K. NURSE,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON,	Benicia ;
"	R. A. APPLING,	} GRAND STEWARDS,	{ Mariposa ;
"	L. STEINHART,		{ Marysville ;
"	J. M. ABRAMS,	GRAND PURSUIVANT,	San Francisco ;
"	S. C. FIELD,	GRAND TYLER,	San Francisco.



# GRAND LODGE

OF

## Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

### FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California commenced its Fifth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Sacramento, on Tuesday, the second day of May, A. L. 5854, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

#### PRESENT:

The M.: W.: CHARLES M. RADCLIFF,.....	<i>Grand Master;</i>
R.: W.: T. A. THOMAS,.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master;</i>
" " JOHN A. TUTT, as.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden;</i>
" " RICHARD F. KNOTT,.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden;</i>
" " ADDISON MARTIN,.....	<i>Grand Treasurer;</i>
" " LEVI STOWELL,.....	<i>Grand Secretary;</i>
" " J. H. BRISTOW,.....	<i>Grand Chaplain;</i>
" " ISAAC DAVIS,.....	<i>Grand Lecturer;</i>
" " N. GREENE CURTIS, as.....	<i>Grand Marshal;</i>
" " H. F. WILLIAMS,.....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon;</i>
" " W. SHOEMAKER, as.....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon;</i>
" " J. A. WADSWORTH, as.....	} <i>Grand Stewards;</i>
" " J. E. WAINWRIGHT, as.....	
" " ALEX. RIDDELL, as .....	<i>Grand Standard Bearer;</i>
" " C. K. GILLESPIE, as.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer;</i>
" " S. C. FIELD,.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M.: W.: JOHN A. TUTT,.....	<i>Past Grand Master;</i>
" " BENJ. D. HYAM,.....	<i>Past Grand Master;</i>
R.: W.: ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....	<i>Past Senior Grand Warden;</i>

And the representatives of twenty-nine chartered Lodges, together with a number of visitors.

There being a sufficient representation, the Grand Lodge of California was opened in **Ample Form**, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the proceedings at the last Annual Communication was dispensed with, the members having been furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master named the following Committee —

*On Credentials:*..... { Bro. N. G. Curtis,  
“ Zenas Wheeler,  
“ E. S. Ruggles.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Tuesday, May 2d, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following officers and representatives of chartered Lodges, and Past Masters holding membership within this jurisdiction, as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz.: — from

*California*,.....No. 1,.....R. E. Cole, Worshipful Master ;  
H. F. Williams, Junior Warden ;  
J. D. Creigh, Past Master.

*Western Star*,....No. 2,.....P. F. Terbush, Junior Warden.

*Tehama*,.....No. 3,.....J. A. Wadsworth, Worshipful Master :  
J. F. Morse, Senior Warden ;  
J. G. Brewton, Junior Warden ;  
W. Shoemaker, } Past Masters.  
O. D. Chafee, }

*Benicia*,.....No. 5,.....S. K. Nurse, Worshipful Master ;  
James Miller, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
A. Riddell, P. M., and proxy for Junior Warden.

*San Francisco*,.,No. 7,.....A. Hollub, Worshipful Master.

*Tuolumne*,.....No. 8,.....Hugh G. Platt, Worshipful Master.

*Marysville*,.....No. 9.....W. H. Wickersham, Worshipful Master :  
D. H. Apperson, Senior Warden :  
W. T. Fonda, proxy for Junior Warden ;  
A. Maurice, Jr., Past Master.

*San José*,.....No. 10,.....W. H. Howard, Worshipful Master ;  
L. C. Owen, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
R. N. Wood, proxy for Junior Warden.

- Yount*,.....No. 12,.....Geo. C. Yount, Representative.  
*Nevada*,.....No. 13,.....C. H. Seymour, Senior Warden.  
*Eureka*,.....No. 16,.....H. R. Hawkins, Worshipful Master ;  
                                 C. H. Mitchell, proxy for Junior Warden.  
*Parfaite Union*,..No. 17,.....P. Deliaigre, Representative.  
*Mountain Shade*,No. 18,.....W. P. Young, Representative.  
*San Joaquin*,....No. 19,.....A. C. Bradford, proxy for Senior Warden.  
*Washington*,....No. 20,.....N. Greene Curtis, Worshipful Master ;  
                                 H. H. Hartley, proxy for Senior Warden ;  
                                 G. I. N. Monell, Jnnior Warden ;  
                                 Isaac Davis,  
                                 C. Duncombe, } Past Masters.  
                                 J. Morrill,  
*Hawaiian*,.....No. 21,.....L. Stowell, Representative.  
*Occidental*,.....No. 22,.....Jas. E. Wainwright, P. M., and proxy for W. M. ;  
                                 Jos. Clough, proxy for Junior Warden ;  
                                 Jas. Rice, Jr., } Past Masters.  
                                 Joel Noah,  
*Madison*,.....No. 23,.....Z. Wheeler, Representative.  
*Mariposa*,.....No. 24,.....R. A. Appling, Senior Warden.  
*Georgetown*,.....No. 25,.....W. M. Frankenthall, Representative.  
*El Dorado*,.....No. 26,.....A. Hunter, Senior Warden ;  
                                 W. H. Smith, Junior Warden.  
*Trinity*,.....No. 27,.....J. F. Chillis, Representative.  
*Columbia*,.....No. 28,.....T. J. Oxley, Worshipful Master ;  
                                 J. A. Jackson, Senior Warden ;  
                                 C. K. Gillespie, proxy for Junior Warden.  
*Golden Gate*,...No. 30,.....L. C. Owen, Representative.  
*Mokelumne*,.....No. 31,.....Chs. A. Leake and E. D. Sawyer, Representatives.  
*Gold Hill*,.....No. 32,.....W. S. C. Wood, J. W., and proxy for W. M. ;  
                                 J. B. Henderson, proxy for Senior Warden.  
*Ophir*,.....No. 33,.....C. M. Radcliff, Representative.  
*Santa Clara*,....No. 34,.....E. S. Ruggles, Worshipful Master.  
*San Diego*,.....No. 35,.....D. B. Kurtz, Senior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Grand Master announced the following committees:—

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>On Dispensations and Charters</i> ,..... | { Bro. W. H. Howard,<br>“ R. E. Cole,<br>“ H. G. Platt.        |
| <i>On Returns of Lodges</i> ,.....          | { Bro. H. R. Hawkins,<br>“ T. J. Oxley,<br>“ W. H. Wickersham, |
| <i>On By-Laws of Lodges</i> ,.....          | { Bro. H. F. Williams,<br>“ L. C. Owen,<br>“ A. Maurice, Jr.   |
| <i>On Unfinished Business</i> ,.....        | { Bro. A. Hollub,<br>“ W. P. Young,<br>“ J. F. Morse.          |



The Grand Master then read his Annual Address, as follows : —

BRETHREN : By the indulgence of our Supreme Grand Master we are once more permitted to meet in our annual Communication.

Permit me to express the pleasure with which I again meet the protectors of our beloved Order within these sacred walls, and whilst we exchange our friendly congratulations, let me ask you to unite with me in grateful thanks to Him who rules the destinies of man, for his protection during our separation, and to ask His blessing on our present convocation, and that he may so govern us that all our labors may be conducted in harmony and brotherly love.

I have the gratification to announce to your Worshipful body the continued prosperity of our beloved Order in this State, and the rapid extension both of its members and influence. Masonry is at last appreciated as a moral science, whose system, when developed by tongues and pens equal to the task, must enlighten those who wander in darkness; and let ours be the glorious competition, or rather emulation, of who shall best and most contribute to effect the noble objects for which our institution was intended, and which it is undoubtedly its destiny sooner or later to accomplish.

The reports which I have received relative to the Lodges in our jurisdiction, represent them in a prosperous condition. At no previous period in the Masonic history of this State was there ever felt such an influence as that which is now stimulating the brethren within her limits. This we may mainly attribute to the influence of the liberal character of our regulations, to the confidence with which all have been animated by the feeling of an equal share and voice in the government of their own affairs, and the conviction that the Order in this State has not only maintained its self-respect, but has also gained the esteem and consideration of our brethren abroad.

I regret that I have not been able to visit the Lodges throughout the State. I have visited those in the City of San Francisco, and several in the mountains, all of which are in a prosperous condition, and bid fair to diffuse the true principles of our Order, wherever their influence may reach. Although I am enthusiastic in the cause, I dread the result — *Masons are made too fast*. It is not sufficient, in examining the character and qualifications of a candidate for our mysteries, that nothing can be said against him. He should be recommended for his virtues, unspotted before the world, and pronounced well-formed, true and trusty, so that his Masonic edifice may be erected with pleasure to himself and honor to the Fraternity. I feel it to be incumbent upon me, at this time, to caution the several Lodges in this jurisdiction touching the care which should be exercised in investigating the moral character of all applicants for our mysteries. I do this because facts have come to my knowledge which warrant the opinion that such care is not taken. The fact that so many Masons have been made during the last year, is sufficient to awaken suspicion that some may have entered the portals of our Masonic edifice without that scrutiny which the principles and purity of our Institution demand. And here let me caution Lodges against a spirit of rivalry in swelling their numbers, and the desire to outdo each other in the amount of business done; laying a foundation for a hasty investigation into the moral character of candidates. The Bible, (that great light in Masonry) informs us that "no man liveth and sinneth not;" yet we *can* so live as we shall have wished we had when our bodies shall be squared and numbered for the quarries of earth. Hence the necessity of guarding well the outer door.

Permit me to ask that some rule be adopted by your Worshipful body, at this Communication, touching the following matters : —

1. As to the proficiency of candidates for advancement. Some Lodges advance as soon as proficiency is shown in open Lodge; others say that two weeks must intervene between the degrees.

2. As to the withdrawal of petitions after reference. On this subject there is an edict of the Grand Lodge setting the matter entirely at rest ; but this seems not generally understood by the subordinate Lodges.

3. I would call your attention to Article X., Section 13, of our Constitution, that "No Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft Mason shall be advanced to a superior degree in *any* Lodge except that in which he received the previous degrees, unless by consent, in writing, of that Lodge." This is law, so far as this jurisdiction extends, but I trust you will see that it is necessary that the subordinate Lodges should have some law to govern them respecting petitions from a foreign country.

4. Touching regularity in the communications of Lodges. Some Lodges in this jurisdiction call an E. A. or F. C. Lodge from labor to refreshment from one week to another to facilitate their business, whilst they close the M. Lodge at every regular and special meeting, in accordance with an edict of this Grand Lodge. I did not attempt to correct this, knowing that an expression from your Worshipful body would set the matter right. I believe it to be as indispensable for a M. Lodge to be opened in order to work in the intermediate degrees, (although dispensed with,) as it is for a Lodge of Masons to have a charter or warrant empowering them to work.

5. As to whether Lodges under Dispensation have a right to admit members by affiliation. This is an open question, and one about which there is a diversity of opinion.

Your action and decision in the above matters will be a permanent guide to the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. Many questions have been proposed to me by members of the Fraternity upon Masonic law and usage, and answers have been promptly and candidly made. In many instances, such questions had their solution already in the Constitution. The most important related to the right of a Lodge to suspend members for the non-payment of dues. My decisions on the above matters will no doubt be submitted to you for your approval, and I would respectfully call your attention to them. The suspension of members for the non-payment of dues, and returning their names to the several Lodges, puts it beyond the power of the Lodge to re-instate, that power being in the Grand Lodge only. This is contrary to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and not consistent with the spirit of our Order. I do not allude to any special case, for none has been brought to my notice officially ; but I believe there are Lodges in this jurisdiction wherein this practice prevails.

I would call your attention to a subject which has been presented for your consideration at every meeting of this Grand Lodge since its organization — that is uniformity of work. At your last annual Communication a Grand Lecturer was appointed, (Bro. I. Davis,) who has visited many of the subordinate Lodges, and done much to bring about this desired object ; but from his feeble state of health, has been unable to visit all. I would recommend that the scheme be carried out, and trust that ere long, (with a view to excel in perfect work,) this end will be accomplished.

I deeply regret that our brethren in New York are still in confusion. I hope they may yet listen to the voice of reason. This matter demands your attention at this time. From a letter from the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that State, I learn that there is an effort being made by our sister Grand Lodges to bring about a reconciliation ; and I trust that this Grand Lodge will not be last in aiding, by her counsel, the settlement of this difficulty.

The state of things in New York, if not settled, demands the adoption of stringent and energetic measures by this Grand Lodge. I would recommend that printed circulars, containing a list of Lodges in that State with whom we are in full fellowship, be sent to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, with



positive instructions to adhere to them, with a view to maintain and perpetuate the true principles of our beloved Order; and while we seek to promote harmony where confusion prevails, let us cultivate that virtue among ourselves. Let us avoid sectional jealousies which separate brethren and sow the seeds of discord in the Masonic family. The true interests of the Fraternity are one. We are bound by the same obligations, and we should have but one aim in our relations to each other—to maintain those truly Masonic virtues, brotherly love, relief, and truth, which are the tenets of a Mason's profession. Let us do unto all men as we would they should do unto us, and perform our duty in the sphere in which we move as men and as Masons.

I trust that the amount of work which has been done during the past year, has supplied your treasury with funds sufficient to meet all the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and do something towards discharging its indebtedness. Several sums of money have come into my hands from our sister Grand Lodges, to be applied to the relief of our worthy Brother Jennings, who came to our aid when that scourge of the human race was in our midst. These have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and the amount and date of their receipts will be presented to you through his report.

The subject of educating the children of indigent Masons demands your attention at this time, and I trust that your legislation at this Communication will establish some basis whereon to commence this great work.

Since our last annual Communication I have issued Dispensations as follows, viz. :—

1853.	July	3,	to <i>Santa Cruz</i>	—	Lodge, at Santa Cruz.
"	"	3,	" <i>Western Star</i>	"	(charter burned.)
"	"	15,	" <i>Yuba</i>	"	at Marysville.
"	Aug.	3,	" <i>Martinez</i>	"	" Martinez.
"	Oct.	10,	" <i>Los Angeles</i>	"	" Los Angeles.
"	"	20,	" <i>Crescent</i>	"	" Crescent City.
"	"	25,	" <i>Texas</i>	"	" San Juan.
"	Dec.	14,	" <i>Lebanon</i>	"	" San Francisco.
1854.	Jan.	11,	" <i>Grass Valley</i>	"	" Grass Valley.
"	"	11,	" <i>Forbestown</i>	"	" Forbestown.
"	"	11,	" <i>Michigan City</i>	"	" Michigan City.
"	"	29,	" <i>Illinoistown</i>	"	" Illinoistown.
"	Mar.	6,	" <i>Rough and Ready</i>	"	" Rough and Ready.
"	April	5,	" <i>St. James</i>	"	" Jamestown.

The petitions for the above Lodges were in due form, and properly recommended. They have given evidence of their zeal and capability, and when their work is presented for inspection, and meets your approval, I would recommend that Charters be granted. The funds received for the above Dispensations have been paid over to the Grand Secretary.

Having thus called your attention to the subjects of interest that occur to me at this time, and reported to you the result of the business which you delegated to my charge, there is but one other matter on which I deem it my duty to touch; that is, the permanent location of this Grand Lodge. I hope before you separate, you will designate some point for its permanent location.

Brethren, my term of office, as your presiding officer, now expires. I would that its duties had been performed by an abler hand. I regret that during that term I have been unable better to discharge my duties as your representative in the visitation of all the Lodges in the State. But if my labors meet with your approbation, then my joy is full. I am now about to retire into the humble but peaceful existence of a Brother of the Order, and return again to that level from which I have no wish to ascend. Let me offer you, one and all, my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred on me, and for your assistance and coöperation in the discharge of my official duties. Let us see



that all our deliberations at this time may tend to the advancement of our Order, and that all our discussions be conducted in a spirit of peace and harmony. With such for our guide, we may expect to be united in one object. Let me assure you that the result of your deliberations at this meeting shall have my cordial support, and when the Grand Warden of Heaven calls us from labor to refreshment, may our resting place be in the Paradise of God, where, placed at his right hand, he may be pleased to pronounce us just and upright Masons, fitly prepared as living stones for that building not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF, *Grand Master*.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following report:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

BRETHREN: It is made my duty by the Constitution, to report to your Worshipful body my acts and doings as an officer.

During the year, I have issued Dispensations for the following new Lodges:—

1853.	July 20,	to <i>Sacramento</i>	—	Lodge, at Sacramento.
"	Oct. —,	" <i>Hiram</i>	"	" Mud Springs.
"	" —,	" <i>Mount Moriah</i>	"	" San Francisco.
1854.	April 1,	" <i>Franklin</i>	"	" Sacramento.

The above Dispensations were issued in accordance with the Constitution and requirements of the Fraternity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. THOMAS, *Deputy Grand Master*.

On motion of Bro. J. RICE, JR., the Address of the Grand Master and the report of the Deputy Grand Master, were referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such

<i>Special Committee:.....</i>	{	Bro. Jas. Rice, Jr.,
		" John A. Tutt,
		" Addison Martin.

A petition from Bro. W. H. HUBBARD was received and referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such

<i>Special Committee: ...</i>	{	Bro. N. G. Curtis,
		" R. F. Knott,
		" A. Riddell.

On motion of Bro. R. N. WOOD, it was ordered that the proposed amendments to the Constitution be the special order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.



<i>Martinez Lodge,</i>	No. — .....	R. N. Wood, Worshipful Master.
<i>Mount Moriah “</i>	“ — .....	P. W. Shephard, Worshipful Master ; S. W. Holladay, proxy for Senior Warden ; C. R. Saunders, Junior Warden ; E. A. Theller, Past Master.
<i>Crescent “</i>	“ — .....	L. Stowell, Representative.
<i>Michigan City “</i>	“ — .....	B. T. Buckley, Worshipful Master.
<i>Grass Valley “</i>	“ — .....	Z. Wheeler, Representative.
<i>Lebanon “</i>	“ — .....	J. F. Damon, Worshipful Master.
<i>Forbestown “</i>	“ — .....	A. G. Simpson, Representative.
<i>Illinoistown “</i>	“ — .....	L. Stowell, Representative.
<i>Rough and Ready “</i>	“ — .....	J. Heritage, Senior Warden.

Which report was concurred in, and the brethren therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand Master named the following committees :—

<i>On Grievances :.....</i>	{	Bro. J. D. Creigh, “ L. Bradley, “ A. Maurice, Jr, “ Joel Noah, “ C. Duncombe.
<i>On Finance and Accounts :.....</i>	{	Bro. P. W. Shephard, “ P. F. Terbush, “ J. F. Damon.

Petitions were presented from Bros. T. W. BROTHERTON, and J. H. MURPHY, and from *Yount Lodge*, No. 12, *Nevada Lodge*, No. 13, and *Washington Lodge*, No. 20; all of which were referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A memorial from Bro. A. M. WINN was presented and referred to the special committee on the petition of Bro. W. H. HUBBARD.

Petitions from *Western Star Lodge*, No. 2, and *Madison Lodge*, No. 23, were received and referred to the Committee on the revision of the Constitution, appointed at the last Communication.

On motion of Bro. A. HOLLUB, the dues of *Western Star Lodge*, No. 2, for the past year, were remitted; and a new Charter was ordered to be issued free of charge, in place of the one destroyed by fire.

On motion of Bro J. A. WADSWORTH, the Grand Master named two additional members on the committee

<i>On Bro. Winn's Donation :.....</i>	{	Bro. J. A Wadsworth, “ G. I. N. Monell.
---------------------------------------	---	--

On motion of Bro. R. F. KNOTT, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be appointed, to consist of five members.



The Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee —

<i>On Masonic Jurisprudence :.....</i>	{	Bro. R. F. Knott, " J. A. Tuttt, " T. A. Thomas, " T. H. Bowen, " A. Maurice, Jr.
--	---	---

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
 Wednesday, May 3d, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The R. W. J. R. CRANDALL, Senior Grand Warden, appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members present : — from

<i>San Diego</i> Lodge, .....	No. 35,.....	J. J. Ames, proxy for W. M.
<i>Sacramento</i> " .....	No. — .....	J. Kohlman, proxy for W. M.

The Committee on Returns of Lodges presented a report, which was received and concurred in.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution presented at the last Communication, were taken up, considered, and all rejected.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported that they had examined the records of *Franklin, St. John's, Butte, and Hiram* Lodges, and recommended that Charters be granted them, and that their representatives be admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge; all of which was concurred in.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH moved that the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at Benicia. Which motion was laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
Thursday, May 4th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M.; the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members as present and entitled to seats, viz. : — from

<i>California Lodge</i>	.....No. 1,.....	Lewis Peck, Past Master.
<i>Washington</i>	“ .....No. 20,.....	E. J. Willis, Past Master.
<i>Occidental</i>	“ .....No. 22,.....	Joel Noah, proxy for Senior Warden.
<i>Trinity</i>	“ .....No. 27,.....	J. F. Chillis, Representative.
<i>Golden Gate</i>	“ .....No. 30,.....	Wm. S. Moses, Worshipful Master; Geo. J. Hobe, Senior Warden.
<i>St. John's</i>	“ .....No. —,.....	J. L. Cummins, Representative.
<i>Hiram</i>	“ .....No. —,.....	John Morse, Senior Warden; O. B. Westcott, Junior Warden.
<i>Franklin</i>	“ .....No. —,.....	W. Shoemaker, Worshipful Master; G. E. Montgomery, Senior Warden; W. B. Arnold, Junior Warden.

Which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Grievances reported upon the petition of Bro. T. W. BROTHERTON, that in their opinion the Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction over the matter.

Also upon the appeal from *Washington Lodge*, No. 20, relative to the case of Bro. J. MORRILL, recommending that it be referred back to the Lodge for a new trial.

Also upon the petition of *Yount Lodge*, No. 12, recommending that that Lodge be permitted to re-ballot on the petition of Bro. WILSON for the second degree.

All of which was concurred in, and the recommendations were adopted.

Bro. W. H. HOWARD, from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, presented the following report : —

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California : —*

Your committee have examined the proceedings of *Texas* Lodge, U. D., and find them correct ; they therefore recommend that a charter be granted to that Lodge in accordance with its petition. They have also had before them a petition in due form, recommended by *Benicia* Lodge, for a dispensation to open a Lodge in Suisun Valley, to be called *Suisun* Lodge, and recommend that the dispensation be granted. *St. James* Lodge, U. D., requests a renewal of its dispensation, which it is recommended be granted.

Your committee, in concluding their report, would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to some errors on the part of some of the Lodges, which they believe demand a passing notice. There seems to be a neglect generally, on the part of the presiding officers, to cause the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be read in the Lodges as ordered ; and the requirements of the Grand Lodge are not always complied with, in the examination of candidates in open Lodge previous to advancement to a superior degree. In some instances, the records are too voluminous, and a too minute description of the work given.

Other slight irregularities, which we deem unnecessary to embody in our report, we have already called to the attention of the representatives of the Lodges in which they occurred, and we feel no hesitation in expressing the belief that they will be promptly corrected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. HOWARD, }  
R. E. COLE, } Committee.  
HUGH G. PLATT, }

Which report was received and concurred in, and Bro. W. H. HOWARD was received as the representative of *Texas* Lodge.

The Grand Master added Bros. W. H. HOWARD and J. R. CRANDALL to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, appointed at the last Communication.

Bro. JAS. RICE, Jr., from the special Committee on the Grand Master's Address and the Deputy Grand Master's Report, presented the following report : —

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California : —*

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address and the Deputy Grand Master's Report, respectfully submit the following : —

In regard to that portion of the Grand Master's Address which refers to the advancement of candidates, your committee are of opinion that the law regulating the same, as laid down in Art. X., Section 6, of the Constitution, is so clear and explicit as to render any further legislation upon the subject unnecessary.

In reference to the withdrawal of petitions, under certain circumstances therein referred to, they conceive the same to be of so great moment as to require the especial consideration of this Grand Lodge, and they therefore recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence for immediate action.

As touching Art. X., Sec. 13, of the Constitution, your committee in like manner suggest its reference to the same committee, with instructions to pre-



pare a resolution in respect thereto, the provisions of which shall include all persons from a foreign jurisdiction, in like manner as the members of Lodges subordinate to this local jurisdiction.

Your committee regard the practice of certain Lodges, in the matter of their work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees, as referred to in the said address, as clearly irregular, and respectfully suggest that the same be referred to the Committee on Uniformity of Work, to report thereon at this Communication.

Your committee are of opinion that Lodges working under Dispensation have as full and undoubted authority for admitting brethren to membership as chartered Lodges.

In reference to that portion of said report touching the suspension by Lodges of members for non-payment of dues, we cannot conceive a practice more unjust to a brother, or more inexcusable in a Lodge, in view of the plain sense of Art. X., Section 9, of the Constitution.

As nothing can contribute in a higher degree to the preservation and dignity of the Craft than perfect uniformity in the manner of its work, the excellent suggestions of the Grand Master in this behalf are earnestly commended to the consideration of the Committee on Uniformity of Work.

The deplorable schism which has existed for some time among the Masonic Brotherhood in New York, disfiguring the otherwise harmonious spectacle which Masonry presents throughout the world, is seriously to be lamented; and it surely becomes this Grand Lodge to exert all the means legitimately within its power, to aid in re-collecting the broken fragments, and restoring the temple of our brethren in that great State to its former grandeur. To this end the salutary suggestions of the Grand Master strongly recommend themselves to the attention of this Grand Lodge, and especially to the earnest consideration of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which the same properly belongs.

The education of the children of Masons has ever been a darling subject among our brethren in other States, and should engage the affections of every good Mason. Your committee therefore recommend the creation of a Committee on Education, with instructions to report, at an early day, a scheme or plan the best calculated, in their judgment, to carry out the recommendations of the Grand Master in this behalf.

The necessity of fixing upon some point for the permanent seat of this Grand Lodge, is obvious; and for this purpose your committee would suggest the appointment of a special committee, consisting of three Past Masters, to report the most suitable place for the future permanent sittings of this Grand Body.

The extension of the general principles of our beloved institution — the multiplication of Lodges — the zeal of members and the general felicity, as disclosed in the address of our worthy Grand Master, all attest the common prosperity of the Craft within this jurisdiction, and furnish an occasion of just exultation to the Masonic world.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. RICE, JR.,	} Committee.
JOHN A. TUTT,	
ADDISON MARTIN,	

Bro. R. F. KNOTT offered the following resolution: —

*Resolved*, That a committee on Education be appointed, to consist of not less than three nor more than five members.

Which was adopted, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

<i>On Education</i> : .....	{	Bro. R. F. Knott,
		“ J. H. Bristow,
		“ J. R. Crandall,
		“ R. N. Wood,
		“ Jas. Rice, Jr.

Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That a petition for initiation or membership, presented to a Lodge, immediately becomes the property of the Lodge, and can on no consideration be withdrawn ; but a ballot in all cases must be had on the report of the committee.

Which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. H. R. HAWKINS offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That to all petitions for Dispensations there shall be attached the certificate of a Master of a chartered Lodge, that the Worshipful Master named in the petition is competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry.

Which resolution was adopted.

A petition from Bro. J. D. STEVENSON was received and referred to the Committee on Grievances, who recommended that a committee be appointed in accordance with the prayer of the petitioner.

The recommendation was concurred in, and the Grand Master named the following special committee —

<i>On the petition of Bro. Stevenson</i> : .....	{	Bro. P. W. Shepheard,
		“ Lewis Peck,
		“ J. E. Wainwright.

Bro. A. RIDDELL offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall ballot for conferring any degree, or approve its records at any other time than a stated meeting.

Which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported the same back to the Grand Lodge, recommending its passage, and the resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Thursday, May, 4th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. A. MAURICE, Jr., offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That five Past or Present Masters, under this jurisdiction, be appointed a committee on uniformity of work, to report as soon as practicable.

Which resolution was adopted, and the Grand Master named the following brethren as the committee —

<i>On Uniformity of Work</i> : .....	{	Bro. A. Maurice, Jr., “ T. A. Thomas, “ Adolphus Hollub, “ L. Rradley, “ Isaac Davis.
--------------------------------------	---	---

Bro. B. D. HYAM offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no Lodge under dispensation should pay any other dues than those for degrees conferred.

Which resolution was rejected.

On motion of Bro. L. C. OWEN, the dues of *Mariposa* Lodge, No. 24, for the past year, were remitted.

Bro. J. D. CREIGH, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California* : —

Your committee to whom was referred the petition and appeal of J. H. MURPHY, from *El Dorado* Lodge, No. 26, respectfully report, that upon the examination of the charges against Bro. MURPHY, they find them too clear to admit of a doubt, and therefore recommend that the expulsion of J. H. MURPHY, for unmasonic conduct, by *El Dorado* Lodge, be confirmed, and the expulsion published.

Your committee have also had before them a petition from the brethren of *Nevada* Lodge, No. 13, to reinstate Bro. EDWARD WILLIS, who was expelled by that Lodge ; and report, that after a careful investigation of all the facts, they find some informalities in the trial of Bro. WILLIS, and recommend the Grand Lodge to reverse the decision of said Lodge, and order a new trial, should the Lodge deem it necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. CREIGH, *Chairman*.

Which report was received and concurred in.

The following, by Bro. J. E. WAINWRIGHT, was adopted : —

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge close its labors on Saturday, the sixth inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.

Bro. R. N. WOOD offered a resolution relative to districting the State, &c., which was referred to a special committee ; and the Grand Master named as such committee —

<i>On Districting the State</i> : .....	{	Bro. R. N. Wood, “ R. F. Knott, “ J. A. Tutt, “ T. A. Thomas, “ A. Maurice, Jr.
---	---	---





## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION,  
*Friday, May 5th, A. L. 5854.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by Bro. B. T. CROUCH, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported on the records of *Los Angeles* Lodge, and recommended that a Charter be granted; which report was concurred in, a Charter was ordered to be issued, and the committee was discharged.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following additional members present and entitled to seats, viz. :— from

*Sacramento* Lodge, No. 40,.....B. T. Crouch, proxy for Junior Warden.  
*Los Angeles*     "     No. 42,.....H. F. Williams, Representative.

Which report was concurred in.

Bro. L. C. OWEN offered a resolution to repeal Standing Resolution No. 12, relative to degrees conferred in the absence of the Master and Wardens; which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Bro. J. D. CREIGH, it was resolved that the Grand Lodge meet at half past seven o'clock this evening, to witness an exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturer.

A resolution relative to charges and trials, was offered and referred to the Committee on the revision of the Constitution.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, and the Grand Secretary requested that the committee be filled by appointing two members on the same for the time being; upon which the Grand Master appointed Bros. J. RICE, Jr., and R. N. WOOD, when, on motion of the Grand Secretary, the report was referred back to said committee.

Bro R. E. COLE offered a resolution to prohibit Lodges under Dispensation from affiliating members; which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported back the resolution of Bro. P. W. SHEPHEARD, with a recommendation that it be adopted as follows : —

*Resolved*, That a petition for initiation or membership presented to a subordinate Lodge, becomes the property of the Lodge, and can on no consideration be withdrawn, but a ballot in all cases must be had on the report of the committee.

Which recommendation was concurred in, and the resolution was adopted.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT, from the committee to whom was referred the communication from *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, reported as follows : —

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —*

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, at Honolulu, report that said Lodge committed an error in failing to elect its officers at the regular meeting "next preceding St. John's Day," (as required by the Constitution) which error they corrected, so far as laid in their power, by electing at the next regular meeting, which fell on St. John's Day. It seems, however, that notwithstanding the efforts to remedy this error, dissatisfaction has been evinced on the part of two or three of the brethren, which threatens to disturb, if not to destroy, the peace and harmony of the Lodge. In order, therefore, that no further mischief may be done, or evil consequences result to our brethren of *Hawaiian Lodge*, arising out of this unintentional omission of duty, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the officers elected by the members of *Hawaiian Lodge*, No. 21, at their regular meeting on St. John's Day, be and are hereby declared by this Grand Lodge the proper and legal officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. KNOTT,	} Committee.
T. H. BOWEN,	
A. MAURICE, Jr.,	
T. A. THOMAS,	

Which report was concurred in, the resolution was adopted, and the committee was discharged.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented a report, pending the discussion of which, the Grand Lodge was called off until two o'clock, this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Friday, May 5th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.





*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the use of Masonic emblems upon sign-boards is unmasonic, and in open violation of the spirit of Freemasonry.

All which resolutions were adopted.

A petition from Bro. A. A. BENNETT was received, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until half-past 7 o'clock, this evening.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION, }  
*Friday, May 5th, A. L. 5854.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That any subordinate Lodge recommending a petition for a new Lodge, shall state explicitly that the brethren whose petition they recommend, have provided a suitable and safe Lodge room.

Which resolution was adopted.

In accordance with the invitation of the Grand Lodge, Bro. ISAAC DAVIS, Grand Lecturer, then proceeded to exemplify the work in the three degrees; at the conclusion of which, the Grand Lodge was called off until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
*Saturday, May 6th, A. L. 5854.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence again presented their report, as follows :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

Your committee have the honor of presenting their annual report of such matters as are deemed of real interest and importance to this Grand Lodge, as exhibited to them in the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the Union, most of which have been received, amounting in the aggregate to nearly three thousand pages of printed matter ; which have been read with as much care as their time would permit. We seriously regret that business relations have been such as to call from the State a majority of your committee, the labor thereby devolving upon one whose official Masonic duties occupy much of his time to the exclusion of other business ; and he must therefore claim indulgence from the Grand Lodge for any apparent neglect of duty, and for the brevity of this report.

The voluminous mass of matter contained in the Grand Lodge proceedings necessarily requires much time to read even, consequent upon the making up of this report, and many contain extended reports and dissertations upon a variety of points in Masonic law and usage, about which there seems to be no difference of opinion ; and your committee regard such reports, where too much is written, not of peculiar interest or importance to the craft, and as productive rather of evil than of good, by lessening the interest and enthusiasm with which they are now sought after for their real merits and importance, as containing the views and deliberations of Grand Lodges upon subjects of general importance to the Order. Notwithstanding these reports contain a vast amount of most interesting and instructive reading, from which may be gathered much valuable information, your committee deem it unnecessary and inexpedient to review in detail the proceedings of each Grand Lodge, and the many local matters contained therein, even did time permit, or their importance justify it. The committee, therefore, would only call your attention to a few subjects, which seem to require some action at your hands.

We, as Masons, have great cause to rejoice at the unprecedented prosperity of the Order throughout the world. Perhaps at no former period has Masonry ever secured such hold upon the general intelligence and virtue of all classes, or its principles been so well understood and appreciated by the world at large, as at the present day. We have but few cases of discord or confusion to record, and it is with regret that we have to report renewed dissensions among the Craft in the State of New York. It will be remembered with what rejoicings were received the tidings of that memorable union of the two Grand Lodges in New York, on the twenty-seventh of December, 1850. At this union the Masonic world rejoiced ; peace and harmony were believed to be restored, and those fruitful elements of discord to be hushed forever ; but ere these sounds of joy had died away, our ears were pained at the harsh notes of discord and confusion.

At the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, in June last, the Hon. R. H. Walworth was elected Grand Master ; upon which a protest was entered against his installation, signed by some twenty-one members of the Grand Lodge. The protest was based upon the charge that the Grand Master elect “ had lent the powerful aid of his name and pen to the injury of the Institution.” At a subsequent meeting, Bro. Walworth denied the truth of the charges, and explained the portion of his writings which were offensive to the protestants, and in such manner as to be deemed “ full, complete, and entirely satisfactory ” by the Grand Lodge. A bitterness of feeling, however,



with many of the leading members of the Fraternity, was produced by this election, which, at this juncture of Masonic affairs in New York, was calculated to result in much harm. A convention of thirty-two Lodges recently assembled at Rochester to consider the propriety of dividing the State into two Masonic jurisdictions, and nearly unanimously declared it expedient to do so. This question involves a matter of vital importance to all Grand Lodges, and is replete with disastrous consequences. We cannot for a moment entertain the idea of there being more than one Grand Lodge in the same State or Territory; for, once concede the right or principle of division, and there is no limit to the number of Grand Lodges in any State except as the number three may be contained in the whole number of subordinate Lodges. This Grand Lodge holds the doctrine that but one Grand Lodge can exercise Masonic jurisdiction over the same territory at a time; and we believe this is the general, if not the unanimous opinion of the Grand Lodges of the United States. The Grand Lodge of California recognizes as the legal Grand Lodge of New York, that over which the Hon. Reuben H. Walworth presides as Grand Master, and of which Jas. M. Austin is Grand Secretary.

In addition to the regular Grand Lodge of New York, there are also the following illegal and self-constituted bodies, viz.: the body of which Mordecai Myers is Grand Master, and James Herring, Grand Secretary; the St. John's Grand Lodge, of which Richard Thum is Grand Master, and Chas. W. Willets, Grand Secretary; the Scottish Rite Lodges of H. C. Atwood, and the Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. This Grand Lodge has already remonstrated against the intrusion of the last named, in her pretended jurisdiction within the territory of another Grand Lodge, and does now unequivocally place its seal of condemnation upon this most palpable wrong.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has still some Masonic difficulties, arising out of the granting of charters to Symbolic Lodges by a body styling itself a Supreme Council of the 33d Degree. A sketch of this matter, also, was given in a report to this Grand Lodge two years ago, and the disapprobation of the Grand Lodge was then recorded.

Your committee would allude to a subject heretofore deemed unworthy of notice, and which would now be passed in silence, had there not been some little agitation, in some quarters of our jurisdiction relative to the matter, viz.: Negro Masonry. We will not discuss the subject, but refer the brethren to the Freemasons' Magazine, for an account of these pretended Lodges. It is there stated that "there is not a lawfully authorized or acknowledged negro Lodge in the United States, nor are we aware that there is a negro in the country who could rightfully claim, or properly be admitted into any lawful Masonic Lodge." We have no satisfactory evidence that it is recognized by any Grand Lodge in the United States, and none can be held accountable for its existence. We must therefore hold all such to be spurious, and the remedy is not with us.

Your committee regard it as important that this Grand Lodge express an opinion upon the true character and position of the Past Master's degree, as there has been some considerable clashing of opinions among the brethren and Lodges in this jurisdiction in regard to it. We quote Bro. A. G. MACKEY's remarks upon the subject, as affording a better version of it than we could give of our own. He says—

"There is no doubt, if we carefully examine the history of Masonry in this country and in England, that the degree of Past Master was originally conferred by Symbolic Lodges as an honorarium, or reward bestowed upon those brethren who had been found worthy to occupy the oriental chair. In so far it was only a degree of office, and could be obtained only from the Lodge in which the office had been conferred. At a later period it was deemed an essential prerequisite to exaltation in the degree of Royal Arch, and was for that purpose conferred on candidates for that position, while the Royal Arch degree was under the control of the Symbolic Lodges, but still only conferred by the Past Mas-

ters of the Lodge. But subsequently, when the system of Royal Arch Masonry was enlarged and extended in this country, and Chapters were organized independent of the Grand and Symbolic Lodges, these Chapters took with them the Past Master's degree, and assumed the right of conferring it on their candidates. Hence arose the anomaly which now exists in *American Masonry* of two degrees bearing the same name, and said to be almost identical in character, conferred by two different bodies, under entirely different qualifications, and for totally different purposes. As was to be expected, when time had in some degree obliterated the details of history, each party began to claim for itself the sovereign virtue of *legitimacy*. The Past Masters of the Chapters denied the right of the Symbolic Lodges to confer the degree, and the latter in their turn asserted that the degree, as conferred in the Chapter, was an innovation. \* \* \* The time is certainly not in the memory of any member of this Grand Lodge, when Past Masters made in a Chapter were recognized by members of the corresponding degree in a Symbolic Lodge. The question seems never to have been discussed among us—no doubt of the superior legitimacy of the blue Lodge degree was ever entertained—and with a perfect knowledge of the nature of the contending claims, and of the usurped authority of the Chapters, our Grand Lodge has always refused to permit Past Masters made in a Chapter to be present at the induction of the Master elect of a Symbolic Lodge into the oriental chair."

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has passed a resolution refusing to acknowledge Past Masters made in Royal Arch Chapters, and has determined to concede the title and privileges of Past Master only to such Master Masons as have been regularly elected and installed into office as Masters of a Symbolic Lodge.

This Grand Lodge having never taken any definite action upon the subject of a "General Grand Lodge of the United States," the committee feel called upon, from the number and respectability of the communications received upon that subject, to call your early attention to this important matter. Its impracticability, and the want of some definite plan upon which the Grand Lodges could agree, have ever been the great barriers to its formation. Within the last year or two, however, the subject has assumed a more practicable and acceptable shape, and is now urged by many of the Grand Lodges with great zeal and fairness, which commends it to our favorable attention at this time. A convention of delegates from several Grand Lodges met at Lexington, Ky., on the seventeenth September, A. L. 5853, to consider a "suitable plan to be presented for a *National Grand Lodge*, or *Confederation* of the Grand Lodges of the United States, for the speedy and final adjustment and decision of matters in difference, which may arise between the various Grand Lodges, to promote uniformity of work, and to cultivate the general good of the Fraternity." That convention, after adopting several resolutions, (which are hereunto attached,) adjourned to meet in Washington City the first Wednesday of January, A. L. 5855, and respectfully requested each Grand Lodge to send one or more delegates to the convention at that time and place. This seems to meet with much encouragement, and many of the Grand Lodges have so appointed their delegates. Your committee think this the time, if ever, to act upon this subject, as the time named will have passed before the next Communication of this Grand Lodge, and we trust it will receive the attention its great importance demands. Your committee forbear to express any opinion upon the subject, preferring the Grand Lodge to act from the evidence before them, and their own convictions, after mature deliberation.

It affords us great pleasure to welcome our young sister, Minnesota, into the family of Grand Lodges, and we trust that the fire of true Masonry may perpetually burn upon her altars.

Your committee here close their report, knowing that many important matters, not herein noticed, will be brought before you by the different committees to whom they have been referred. We have endeavored to discharge our duties, in some degree, and with as much brevity as the nature and importance of the subject before us would permit; and before concluding we would



remark that we deprecate a too rapid increase of Lodges, and a too great anxiety to make Masons—that strife for numbers, and rivalry among Lodges, which can do the most work and make the most money. Such motives should be frowned down, as fruitful of bad results. Let us all adopt the words and spirit of the ritual: “Let there be no contention, except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.”

Your committee would renew and continue our friendly gratulations with our sister Grand Lodges throughout the world; and they submit the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognizes, as the only legitimate Masonic power in New York, the Grand Lodge of which Bro. WALWORTH is *M. W.* Grand Master, and the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction thereof; and that it repudiates, and declares to be illegal and spurious all other bodies and members thereof pretending to exercise Masonic authority within the said State of New York.

*Resolved*, That Masonic communication on the part of this Grand Lodge, and the Lodges subordinate thereto, be and the same is hereby interdicted, with all bodies or persons claiming or pretending to be Lodges or Masons, deriving authority under or through such illegal sources.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that all persons claiming to hold Masonic Lodges in the United States, or its Territories, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of any State or Territory, without authority from such Grand Lodge, are illegal and clandestine.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL,	} Committee.
JAS. RICE, JR.,	
R. N. WOOD,	

Which report was received and concurred in, the resolutions accompanying it were adopted, and the committee was discharged.

A resolution relative to a General Grand Lodge of the United States was received and laid on the table for the present.

Bro. J. E. WAINWRIGHT moved that any member of the Grand Lodge, compelled to leave before the close of the session, be empowered to delegate some other brother to act as his representative; which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following proxies:—  
from

<i>Mariposa</i>	- Lodge, No. 24,.....	S. A. Merritt, proxy for Senior Warden.
<i>Georgetown</i>	“ No. 25,.....	A. Hollub, proxy for W. M., and S. and J. W.
<i>El Dorado</i>	“ No. 26,.....	W. W. Stovall, proxy for W. M., & S. & J. W.
<i>Mount Moriah</i>	“ No. 44,.....	E. A. Theller, proxy for W. M., & S. & J. W.

Which report was concurred in.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts reported on the resolution in favor of *Western Star* Lodge, and recommended that the sum of four hundred dollars be donated to said Lodge—their hall, furniture, records, &c., having been destroyed by fire; which was concurred in, and the donation voted.



The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Bro. WM. HUBBARD, reported that they had examined his claim, as set forth by him against the Fraternity in Sacramento City, and found that, according to his statement, there was a balance due him of \$452.31; and they recommended the passage of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant on the Sacramento relief fund, according to a *pro rata* distribution of said fund, to be made for the relief of the Sacramento brethren.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution was adopted.

Bro. W. S. MOSES offered a resolution, relative to giving the Lectures, &c., which was referred to the Committee on Uniformity of Work.

The Committee on Revising the Constitution reported a revised Constitution, which was read and adopted, section by section, as hereinafter printed.

The Grand Lodge was then called of until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Saturday May 6th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The Committee on Grievances reported on the case of A. A. BENNETT, and offered a resolution reversing the action of *Tekama* Lodge No. 3, and permitting the Lodge to re-ballot, or take such other measures in the case as they may deem just and proper: all of which was concurred in.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report as follows:—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Grand Secretary respectfully reports, that the last proceedings of the Grand Lodge were printed with all the dispatch possible, and distributed to the subordinate Lodges, as usual, and that copies were mailed to all the foreign Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge. Before the proceedings were printed, it was found that three hundred and fifty copies would in all probability be too few; and after consulting with several Grand

Lodge officers, it was deemed advisable to print five hundred copies, — and even that number has been found insufficient, so rapid has been the increase of new Lodges. The Grand Secretary, with the concurrence of the Grand Master, and in conformity with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, wrote to Bro. R. SPENCER, in London, and remitted him, through the house of Messrs Markwald & Caspari, of San Francisco, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) dollars, requesting him to forward the following list of books to the Grand Lodge of California, viz. : —

"The Free Mason's Quarterly Review," from 1834 to 1853.

"Early History of Freemasonry in England."

"Biographical Memoirs of Aldworth." — "The Book of Constitutions."

"Historical Landmarks."

"Theocratic Philosophy of Freemasonry." — "The Star in the East."

"The Antiquities of Freemasonry." — "History of Initiation."

"Preston's Illustrations," last edition. — "Signs and Symbols."

"Hutchinson's Spirit of Freemasonry." — "History of Freemasonry."

"Robinson's Proof of a Conspiracy." — "History of Knights Templar."

"Golden Remains of Early Masonic Writers," 5 or 6 vols.

"The Monumental Antiquities of Grimsley."

The receipt of the money and order has been acknowledged to Bros. Markwald & Caspari, and the books are daily expected.\* In addition to the above books, we also ordered a set of the Freemason's Magazine, of Bro. C. W. Moore of Boston, which has been received, consisting of eleven volumes, neatly bound, at the cost of \$55.

Notwithstanding the Lodges have been repeatedly solicited to be prompt in the performance of their duties, still most of them fall far short of the requirements of the Grand Lodge. Ten Lodges only have sent in their semi-annual returns, viz. : No. 1, No. 3, No. 5, No. 18, No. 19, No. 24, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31; and about the same number have sent to the Grand Secretary's office, lists of the officers elected for the present Masonic year, though each Lodge has been requested to do so. Hence the Grand Secretary has been compelled to address his communications to the old officers, and doubtless many have never been received by the Lodges. In some cases where the officers had gone to the Atlantic States, the letters were forwarded to them, and after several months were returned and received by the Lodges. These and other omissions of duties by the subordinate Lodges, are the causes of many vexatious delays and much loss of time, and extra labor on the part of the officers of the Grand Lodge; and it must be evident to those who have attended the Grand Lodge from time to time, that among the many subjects that come before the Grand Lodge for adjustment, information and regulation, by far the greater portion arise for want of information of what the Grand Lodge has done, ignorance of the edicts and resolutions passed, and of the changes made in the Constitution. The officers, at least, of each Lodge should be familiar with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and to be so, requires that they read them frequently and carefully, that the business of the Lodge may be conducted in a proper and Masonic form.

The Grand Secretary would respectfully suggest the propriety of making the Lodge returns annual instead of semi-annual, believing that the purposes of the Grand Lodge will be equally well served, and the Lodges be saved the labor, or the offence of omitting their duty.

The amount of dues received from the various Lodges since the last Communication, (including some balances due from some of the Lodges for last year,) up to the present time, are as follows, to wit : —

\* The books have been received since the Grand Lodge closed.

1853.				
May 15.	<i>Eureka</i>	- - Lodge,	No. 16, Balance of dues,	\$ 4 00
" 27.	<i>Mokelumne</i>	"	No. 31, Dues and Chrt'r,	124 00
June 1.	<i>Gold Hill</i>	"	No. 32, Dues,	51 50
Aug. 18.	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	No. 18, "	114 00
" 23.	<i>Tehama</i>	"	No. 3, "	123 50
Sept. 4.	<i>California</i>	"	No. 1, "	159 00
" 15.	<i>Benicia</i>	"	No. 5, "	25 00
" 28.	<i>Mokelumne</i>	"	No. 31, "	70 00
" "	<i>Diamond</i>	"	No. 29, "	42 00
" "	<i>Tehama</i>	"	No. 3, "	98 00
" "	<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	No. 21, "	116 00
" "	<i>Pacific</i>	"	U. D., "	60 50
" "	<i>San Joaquin</i>	"	No. 19,	83 00
" "	<i>Golden Gate</i>	"	No. 30,	41 00
" "	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	No. 18,	67 00
" "	<i>Mariposa</i>	"	No. 24,	71 00
" "	<i>Columbia</i>	"	No. 28,	60 00

1854.				
March 4.	<i>California</i>	"	No. 1,	201 00
" "	<i>Benicia</i>	"	No. 5,	36 00
" "	<i>Tuolumne</i>	"	No. 8,	70 75
" "	<i>Marysville</i>	"	No. 9,	185 00
" "	<i>San José</i>	"	No. 10,	86 00
" "	<i>Parfaite Union</i>	"	No. 17,	116 00
" "	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	"	No. 18,	47 00
" "	<i>San Joaquin</i>	"	No. 19,	71 00
" "	<i>Hawaiian</i>	"	No. 21,	104 00
" "	<i>Columbia</i>	"	No. 28,	83 00
" "	<i>Diamond</i>	"	No. 29,	51 00
" "	<i>Golden Gate</i>	"	No. 30,	65 00
" "	<i>Mokelumne</i>	"	No. 31,	63 00
" "	<i>Santa Clara</i>	"	No. 34,	58 00
" "	<i>Martinez</i>	"	U. D.,	14 00-\$2560 25

And there have been received fees for Dispensations issued to the following Lodges:—

1853.		Amount brought forward..	\$825 00	
May 20.	<i>Pacific</i> .....	\$75 00	1854.	
" 25.	<i>Butte</i> .....	75 00	Jan. 23. <i>Michigan City</i> .....	75 00
June 12.	<i>St. John's</i> .....	75 00	" " <i>Grass Valley</i> .....	75 00
July 11.	<i>Santa Cruz</i> ....	75 00	" " <i>Lebanon</i> .....	75 00
" 18.	<i>Yuba</i> .....	75 00	" " <i>Forbestown</i> .....	75 00
" 26.	<i>Sacramento</i> .....	75 00	" 31. <i>Illinoistown</i> .....	75 00
Oct. 10.	<i>Los Angeles</i> ....	75 00	Mar. 5. <i>Rough and Ready</i> ..	75 00
" 18.	<i>Hiram</i> .....	75 00	April 1. <i>Franklin</i> .....	75 00
" 18.	<i>Mount Moriah</i> ..	75 00	" 5. <i>St. James</i> .....	75 00-\$1425 00
" 20.	<i>Crescent</i> .....	75 00		
" 26.	<i>Texas</i> .....	75 00		

Making the total receipts to credit of Grand Lodge Fund,.....\$3985 25  
 There has been paid out for the current expenses of the Grand Lodge, by order of the same, as per vouchers in the Grand Treasurer's hands, the sum of..... 2492 07

Leaving a balance in the Treasury to the credit of the General Fund, April 30, 1854, of..... \$1493 18



The following amounts have been received since the last Communication, as donations to the Sacramento Relief Fund : —

From the R. W. J. W. Powell, Grand Secretary of New York, on account of sundry Lodges in that State and elsewhere, the sum of.....	\$569 70
From subordinate Lodges in Rhode Island,.....	100 00
“ Bro. C. Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio,.....	4 00
“ the Grand Lodge of Mississippi,.....	200 00
“ “ “ “ “ Alabama,.....	300 00
“ “ “ “ “ Massachusetts,.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ Illinois,.....	100 00
“ subordinate Lodges in Illinois,.....	10 00
“ the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,.....	110 00
“ <i>Summerville</i> Lodge, No 133, Mississippi,.....	5 00
“ the Grand Lodge of Missouri,.....	100 00
“ subordinate Lodges in Missouri,.....	64 75
“ the Grand Lodge of Georgia,.....	100 00
“ subordinate Lodges in Georgia,.....	150 00
“ the Grand Lodge of Virginia,.....	100 00
“ <i>Wythville Fraternal</i> Lodge, No. 82, Virginia,.....	10 00
“ subordinate Lodges in Florida.....	94 00—\$2067 45

All of which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.

The Dispensation sent to *San Diego* Lodge, No. 35, dated November ninth, 1853, has been returned and not used, as the charter of said Lodge was only partially destroyed, but not so entirely as to prevent its use.

*Pacific* Lodge, at Valparaiso, has returned its Dispensation, with a statement that they have dissolved the Lodge, not being able to work to their satisfaction or the satisfaction of others, and preferring to give up their Dispensation rather than do wrong. This, if so, would be commendable ; but the Grand Secretary has been informed by a brother who was in the Lodge at the time of its agreement to dissolve, that the reasons they set forth are not true ; that the Lodge has not dissolved, but has received a Dispensation from Massachusetts, under which they are now working ; and that he remonstrated with the Lodge against such action, for which they had no good reason — indeed, no reason at all, except that their dues to the Grand Lodge would be less, and they could give the degrees for a less sum than thirty-five dollars, as required by our Constitution. If the above statement be correct, the Lodge has acted in bad faith towards this Grand Lodge, and deserves to be deprived of any authority under which to hold a Lodge, until such time as she makes full reparation to this Grand Lodge ; and we trust that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will revoke its Dispensation. If the Lodge be dissolved, all its jewels, furniture, books, clothing, and property whatsoever, reverts to this Grand Lodge, which should be claimed. Much pains was taken to forward to this Lodge everything requisite for its guidance, and duplicate copies of papers and books were sent, with all the instructions necessary, and all asked for. They have not sent up their books, nor a transcript, and no report sufficiently explicit to ascertain what amount is due the Grand Lodge up to the day of the dissolution ; and if it persist in dissolving, all it may have, as above stated, belongs to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary takes the occasion to remark, in conclusion, that it will be necessary to procure a full set of books for that officer, and blanks of every kind used in his office ; and he recommends the printing of one thousand copies of the proceedings of the present session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

Which report, together with the books of the Grand Secretary, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, as follows : —

*The Grand Lodge of California in acct. with A. MARTIN, Grand Treasurer.*

To amount paid drafts and orders for the following sums : —

							Dr.
1853.							
July	8.	Bill of printing proceedings, &c.,	.....	\$659	00		
"	18.	Tehama Lodge, acct. Donation Fund,	.....	100	00		
Aug.	2.	" " " " " "	.....	300	00		
1854.							
Mar.	15.	B. D. Hyam, G. M. expenses,	.....	45	00		
April	27.	Tehama Lodge, acct. Donation Fund,	.....	575	80		
"	"	Grand Secretary, past services,	.....	600	00		
"	"	Robert Macoy, for Diplomas,	.....	86	00		
"	"	Bill of Stationery,	.....	7	00		
"	"	B. D. Hyam, G. M. expenses,	.....	20	00		
"	"	Grand Lecturer's expenses,	.....	60	00		
"	"	Bill of Chairs, &c.,	.....	36	00		
"	"	Grand Tyler, for services,	.....	75	50		
May	1.	Grand Master's expenses,	.....	52	00		
"	"	Grand Treasurer's expenses,	.....	45	00		
"	6.	Grand Treasurer's services, 1853-4,	.....	200	00		
"	"	Grand Secretary's salary,	.....	1200	00		
"	"	Bill of Stationery,	.....	81	00		
"	"	Bill of Books, of C. Moore,	.....	55	00		
"	"	Bill of Bro. Norcross,	.....	5	00		
"	"	Books for Grand Lodge Library,	.....	125	00		
"	"	Expenses Grand Secretary's Office,	.....	1016	07		
"	"	Bill of advertising,	.....	10	00		
Balance on hand in Treasury,							\$9807 57
1853.							Cr.
May	4.	By amount received from Grand Secretary,	...	\$669	86		
"	13.	" " " " " "		800	00		
1854.							
April	27.	" " " " " "		2273	25		
"	"	" " " " " "		2067	45		
May	6.	" " " " " "		2492	07		
"	"	" " " " " "		1504	94	\$9807 57	

#### RECAPITULATION.

Amount received to May, 1853, acct. Donation Fund,	.....	\$975	80	
" " " " " " " "		2067	45	
" " " " " " General Fund,	.....	6764	32	\$9807 57
Amount paid on acct. Donation Fund,	.....	\$975	80	
" " " " " " General Fund,	.....	4377	57	
" to credit of Donation Fund in Treasury,	.....	2067	45	
" " " " " " General Fund in Treasury,	.....	2386	75	\$9807 57
All of which is respectfully submitted.				

ADDISON MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Which report, together with the Grand Treasurer's books, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge solicit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to instruct *Pacific* Lodge, at Valparaiso, to comply with our Constitution touching the dissolution of its allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro R. F. KNOTT,, the dues of *Parfaite Union* Lodge, No. 17, for the past year, were remitted.

On motion of Bro. T. J. OXLEY, the dues of *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8, for the past year, were remitted.

Bro. H. F. WILLIAMS from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

Your committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of the subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report : That they have carefully examined those of *California* No. 1; *Western Star* No. 2; *Benicia* No. 5; *Marysville* No. 9; *Eureka*, No. 16; *Mountain Shade* No. 18; *Madison*, No. 23; *Trinity*, No. 27; *Gold Hill*, No. 32; *Butte*, U. D.; *Santa Cruz*, U. D.; *Yuba*, U. D.; *Sacramento*, U. D.; *Martinez*, U. D.; *Hiram*, U. D.; *Mount Moriah*, U. D.; *Crescent*, U. D.; *Texas*, U. D.; *Michigan City*, U. D.; *Grass Valley*, U. D.; *Lebanon*, U. D.; *Forbestown*, U. D.; *Illinoistown*, U. D.; *Rough and Ready*, U. D.; *Franklin*, U. D.; *St. John's*, U. D.; and *Los Angeles*, U. D.; and recommend their adoption with the following amendments :—

*Benicia*, No. 5.—Article III., Sec. 5. To be so amended as to read after the word "Treasury" "an affiliation fee of ten dollars," as requested by the Lodge.

Art. IV. Sec. 1. To strike out the latter clause, it being prohibited by the seventeenth Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Art. IV., Sec. 3. To be so amended as to fix the monthly dues at one, instead of four dollars, by request of the Lodge.

Art. VII., Sections 6 and 7. To strike out the word "suspended" in said sections, and insert instead thereof "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

Art. XVI., Sec. 1. To affix thereto, "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

Art. XVI., Sec. 3. To be stricken out.

*Marysville*, No. 9.—Art. VIII. To be stricken out.

Art. X. To affix thereto, "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Eureka*, No. 16.—Art. VI., Sec. 2. To insert after the word "ascertained," the words "upon examination in open Lodge."

*Mountain Shade*, No. 18.—Art. V., Sec. 2. To strike out the word "ad-journed," and insert the word "called."

Art. VI., Sec. 4. To strike out all after the word "until," and insert the following: "he has, upon examination in open Lodge, satisfied the brethren present that he has made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree."

Art. IX. To strike out the word "suspended," and insert, "his name be stricken from the roll of members."

*Madison*, No. 23. — Art. V., Sec. 3. To be stricken out, and Sec. 9, Art. X., of the Constitution substituted.

Art. VI., Sec. 5. To be stricken out, it being in violation of a standing resolution of the Grand Lodge.



*Trinity*, No. 27. — Art. IV. To be so amended as to conform to Sec. 1, Art. X., of the Constitution.

Art. VI., Sections 5 and 6. To be stricken out.

Art. XVI., Sec. 2. To be stricken out.

*Gold Hill*, No. 32. — Art. I., Sec. 4. To be so amended as to conform to the requirements of Sec. 1, Art. X., of the Constitution.

Art. V., Sec. 2. To be amended by annexing the following words: "by examination in open Lodge."

Art. V., Sec. 3. To be stricken out, it being in violation of Sec. 6, Art. X., of the Constitution.

*Butte*, U. D. — Art. IX. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Santa Cruz*, U. D. — Art. IX. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Yuba*, U. D. — Art. X. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Sacramento*, U. D. — Art. X. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Hiram*, U. D. — Art. VIII. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Mount Moriah*, U. D. — Art. III., Sec. 2, to be stricken out.

*Crescent*, U. D. — Art. V., Sec. 4, to be stricken out, and Sec. 9, Art. X., of the Constitution substituted.

Art. XI. to be stricken out.

Art. XII. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

Art's. III. and IV., of Standing Resolutions, to be stricken out.

Art. VI. of Standing Resolutions, to be stricken out, being in violation of a Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

*Michigan City*, U. D. — Art. I., Sec's. 2 and 4 to be stricken out.

Art. VI., Sec's. 1 and 5, and the latter clause of Sec. 3, to be stricken out.

Art. VII., Sec. 2. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Forbestown*, U. D. — Art's. IV. and VIII., and Sec. 1, of Art. X., to be stricken out.

Art. XV., Sec. 1. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Illinoistown*, U. D. — Art. XII., Sec. 1. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Rough and Ready*, U. D. — Art. V., Sec. 3, to be stricken out, and Sec. 9, Art. X., of the Constitution substituted.

Art. VI., Sec. 5, to be stricken out, it being in violation of a Standing Resolution of the Grand Lodge.

*Franklin*, U. D. — Art. XI., Sec. 1. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

*Los Angeles*, U. D. — Art. II., Sec. 11. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

Sec. 17. To strike out the word "suspended," and insert instead thereof "his name may be stricken from the roll of members."

*St. John's*, U. D. — Art. VII. to be stricken out.

Art. IX. To append the following words: "subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. WILLIAMS, }  
L. C. OWEN, } Committee.  
A. MAURICE, Jr., }

A communication from *Montauk* Lodge, Brooklyn, N. Y., was read and laid upon the table.

Bro. H. G. PLATT, from the special committee on the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, presented the following report :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California :—*

The committee to whom was referred the subject of permanently locating the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that it has received the serious attention and consideration of your committee, who deem the permanent location of this Grand Lodge a matter of great importance ; and in the selection of a place, they have been governed by the advantages that would accrue to the fraternity generally, by the facilities for the transaction of business, the convenience of members, and the opportunities for improvement in Masonic knowledge, and collecting in the vicinity of the Grand Lodge all that is necessary and useful for the encouragement and protection of our time-honored institution. They submit the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the next annual session of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of San Francisco ; and that San Francisco be selected as the site for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge of California.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH G. PLATT, }  
D. B. KURTZ, } *Committee.*

Which report was received and, with the resolution, was laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 7½ o'clock, this evening.

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION, }  
*Saturday, May 6th, A. L. 5854.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Communications were received from the representatives of *California* Lodge, No. 1, *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7, and *Occidental* Lodge, No. 22, at San Francisco, tendering the use of their Halls for the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

By invitation of the Grand Lodge, Bro. ISAAC DAVIS, Grand Lecturer, gave an exemplification of the work in the three degrees ; after

which the Committee on Uniformity of Work presented their report, which was received and laid on the table for the present.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9 o'clock on Monday morning next.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

MORNING SESSION, }  
*Monday, May 8th, A. L. 5854.* }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 9 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Master presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of Saturday were read and approved:

The communication from *Montauk* Lodge was taken from the table, and the Grand Secretary was authorized to grant the request of said Lodge.

Bro. G. J. HOBE offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to notify the Lodges in their immediate vicinity of the names of all applicants for initiation and membership: this resolution to apply to city Lodges only.

Which resolution was adopted.

The special committee appointed on the subject of non-affiliated Masons presented a report, accompanied by the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That all non-affiliated Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be warned and summoned to present themselves at the nearest Lodge to their respective places of abode, and affiliate with said Lodge, or show good cause for the contrary.

*Resolved*, That all Masons within this jurisdiction, who, after having been faithfully and fully warned and summoned, shall fail or refuse to appear as required in the foregoing resolution, or appearing, refuse to affiliate, or show cause for the contrary, ought to be regarded as unworthy of our Masonic charities.

Which resolutions were adopted.

Bro. J. F. DAMON, from the committee on Finance and Accounts, presented the following report:—



To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California : —

The committee on Finance and Accounts have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and respectfully make the following report: That they find there was on hand May 9th, 1853, a balance of cash, amounting to \$2167 31, and the amount received from various sources during the year and up to the present session (including the Sacramento Relief Fund) is \$6064 46, making a total of \$8231 77.

The amount paid out during the year, as per order of the Grand Lodge, for which the Grand Treasurer has vouchers properly approved, is \$3777 57, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$4454 20, from which, deducting the Sacramento Relief Fund, \$2067 45, leaves in the general fund \$2386 75.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. BOWEN,  
P. F. TERBUSH,  
JOHN F. DAMON, } Committee.

Which report, together with the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was concurred in.

The special committee appointed last year, to whom was referred the communications relative to the Mount Vernon Orphan Asylum, and the National Washington Monument, presented the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge donate to the Orphan Asylum to be established at Mount Vernon, the sum of one hundred dollars, the same to be forwarded to Bro. B. B. FRENCH, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, whenever the Grand Lodge shall be informed that said Asylum is in progress of erection.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to procure a suitable block of stone, with an appropriate inscription thereon, to be presented on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to the National Washington Monument Association, with a request that it be placed in a proper position in said Monument.

*Resolved*, That said committee raise, by voluntary subscription from the Lodges under this jurisdiction, a sufficient sum to pay the expenses of the same.

J. D. CREIGH, *Chairman*.

Which resolutions were adopted.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT offered the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to procure Anderson's Constitutions, and other Masonic decisions by the different Grand Masters, as adopted by their respective Grand Lodges; to report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Master appointed the following brethren as such

*Special Committee* :..... { Bro. R. F. Knott,  
" T. A. Thomas,  
" T. H. Bowen,  
" J. A. Tutt,  
" W. H. Howard.

The report of the Committee on Uniformity of Work was taken up, amended and concurred in, as follows :—

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of California:—*

The Committee on Uniformity of Work, have considered the subject submitted to them, and beg leave respectfully to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That five Past Masters be appointed, who, together with the present Grand and Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters to be elected at the close of this Communication, shall be a committee, whose duty it shall be as soon as practicable to exemplify and compare work — and in case a majority of them shall agree upon an uniform system, the Grand Master may, upon the recommendation of said committee, appoint a Grand Lecturer who shall instruct in accordance with the system thus agreed upon — and the Grand Master, upon the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, may appoint as many Deputy Grand Lecturers as may be necessary to secure a general visitation of the Lodges in the State. Said committee to make suitable regulations in regard to the visitations of the Grand and Deputy Grand Lecturers; and the Grand Master to publish, by circular, such regulations to the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MAURICE, JR.,	} Committee.
L. BRADLEY,	
W. H. HOWARD,	
A. HOLLEB,	
T. A. THOMAS.	

The Grand Master named the following Past Masters, in accordance with the foregoing resolution, as the Committee

<i>On a Uniform System of Work:.....</i>	{	Bro. A. Maurice, Jr.,
		“ J. R. Crandall,
		“ Isaac Davis.
		“ L. Bradley.
		“ R. F. Knott.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That for the use and benefit of our R. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of two hundred dollars, out of the general fund of this Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. T. A. Thomas offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be donated to the widow of Bro. ALEX. H. CORBITT, of Mariposa.

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. A. MAURICE, Jr., the dues of *Trinity Lodge*, No. 27, for the past year, were remitted.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT, offered the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That each subordinate Lodge shall have a book in which to record all rejections, suspensions, expulsions, and names stricken from the roll.

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. RICE, JR., the Committee on Education was allowed until the next Communication to report.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 2 o'clock, this afternoon.

## In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION, }  
Monday May 8th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:—

WHEREAS, A National Masonic Convention was held at Lexington, Kentucky, on the seventeenth of September, 1853, for the purpose of considering the propriety of forming a National Confederation of Grand Lodges, or a General Grand Lodge of the United States, which convention adopted resolutions requesting the action of the several Grand Lodges of the Union on the subject, and the appointment of one or more delegates from each Grand Lodge, to meet in convention at Washington City, D. C., on the first Wednesday of January, 1855; and, *whereas*, this Grand Lodge being favorable to the measure, and deeming it advisable that a General Grand Lodge of the United States should be formed, it is therefore

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint one or more delegates to represent this Grand Lodge in said convention; *Provided*, that this Grand Lodge will not consider itself bound by the action of said Convention, until it shall ratify and approve the same.

On motion of Bro. L STOWELL, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to purchase standard Masonic works for the Grand Lodge Library, the sum expended not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the same.

On motion of Bro. B. D. HYAM, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report at the next Annual Communication, a code of By-Laws for this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee—

On By-Laws for the Grand Lodge :..... { Bro. B. D. Hyam,  
“ A. Hollub,  
“ T. H. Bowen.



The Committee on Grievances reported relative to Bro. ROBT. GOULEY, expelled by *Columbia* Lodge No. 28, that the records in the case were incomplete and insufficient, and presented the following resolution : —

*Resolved*, That the case of the expulsion of Bro. ROBT. GOULEY from the rights and privileges of Masonry by *Columbia* Lodge, No. 28, be referred to the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, that in the meantime that Lodge may furnish a perfect copy of the records.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Uniformity of Work, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Bro. W. S. MOSES, reported the same back to the Grand Lodge, and recommended its adoption, as follows : —

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the degrees conferred without the lectures are incomplete, and the Grand Lodge hereby requires the lectures to be always given.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported the following resolution, defining Sec. 13, Art. X., of the Constitution : —

*Resolved*, That a certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of having taken the former degree or degrees—the residence as required by the Constitution of our Grand Lodge—with the examination provided for in Standing Resolution No. 17, together with the balloting, is all we deem necessary ; *provided*, that in all such cases the petition shall take the same course as that for initiation.

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. F. KNOTT, it was

*Resolved*, That no member of this Grand Lodge shall hereafter, at any Communication of the Grand Lodge, represent more than one Lodge by proxy.

On motion of Bro. J. A. TUTT, it was

*Resolved*, That the Lodges under this jurisdiction be, and are hereby permitted to amend their By-Laws so as to have but one ballot for the three degrees.

On motion of Bro. R. F. KNOTT, it was

*Resolved*, That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be, and the same are hereby required to alter their By-Laws so as to hold but one stated meeting in each month.

On motion of Bro. W. H. HOWARD it was

*Resolved*, That *Texas* Lodge, No. 46, have until the next Annual Communication to pay its dues for the past year.

The report of the Committee on the permanent location of the Grand Lodge was taken up, and the resolution reported was adopted, after being amended by striking out the last sentence.

Bro. J. H. BRISTOW offered the following resolution : —

*Whereas*, The ancient and honorable institution of Free and Accepted Masons is preëminently a moral one, and demands most imperatively at the hands of all its members and adherents, a strict conformity to the requirements of the *moral law* ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of California, that the stern morality of Masonry is practicable, and that we pledge the influence of this Grand Lodge in sustaining it, and recommend to all subordinate Lodges to see that their members exemplify the same in their lives and conduct.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported back the resolution offered by Bro. L. C. OWEN to rescind the 12th Standing Resolution, and recommended its adoption ; which recommendation was concurred in, and that Resolution was repealed.

On motion of Bro. R. E. COLE, it was

*Resolved*, That the business of this Grand Lodge be declared complete, at 10 o'clock this evening, and that we then go into an election of Grand Officers.

Bro. R. F. KNOTT, from the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, offered the following regulations for the government of Lodges in Masonic Trials, they being, with slight alterations, those of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts : —

#### Regulations for Trials.

SEC. 1. Whenever a member of a Lodge, or a Brother, under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of any offence which, if proved, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules : —

RULE 1. The accusations shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Master Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Lodge, who, under the direction of the Master, shall serve, or cause the accused to be served, with an attested copy of the charges, ten days, at least, previous to the time appointed for the examination : *Provided*, The residence of the accused shall be known, and shall be within the distance of fifty miles of the place where the Lodge, having the matter in hand, is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than fifty miles, but within the State, then, and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail, or other conveyance, twenty days, at least, before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If his residence be out of the State, and unknown, the Lodge may proceed to examine the charges, *ex parte* ; but, if known, a summons shall be sent him by mail, or otherwise, four months, at least, before the time appointed for the examination.

RULE 2. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Lodge especially notified and convened for the purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

RULE 3. The accused may select any brother for his counsel, and the witnesses shall testify, if Masons, on their honor, as such. Hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

RULE 4. The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Lodge, by name, commencing with the youngest. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

RULE 5. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the name of the person so suspended or expelled shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of this Grand Lodge for examination: and if no appeal be taken, the action shall be final.

RULE 6. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by this Grand Lodge; but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent, in the mean time. In all cases a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to suspend or expel.

SEC. 2. A suspension or expulsion of a Brother from a Royal Arch Chapter, or an Encampment of Knights Templars, shall not operate as an expulsion from the Lodge of which he is a member.

Which regulations were adopted.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock, this evening.

---

## In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION,  
Monday, May 8th, A. L. 5854. }

The Grand Lodge was called on at 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. N. G. CURTIS offered the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge appropriate to Bro. A. M. WINN five hundred dollars out of the "Sacramento Relief Fund."

Which resolution was adopted.

Bro. J. R. CRANDALL offered the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That five hundred dollars be appropriated to the Grand Chaplain, with the request that, as far as practicable, he visit the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, and lecture upon, and urge the moral precepts of Masonry; and we hereby cheerfully recommend our worthy Bro. Grand Chaplain to the consideration of the several Lodges, and recommend that they appropriate at least sufficient to defray his expenses.



*Resolved*, That circulars be issued by the Grand Master to the subordinate Lodges, notifying them of the action of this Grand Lodge.

Which resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Bro. R. F. KNOTT, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Lodges of this city for the use of their hall during the present session.

The following committees were discharged, to wit: on By-Laws; on Petitions; on Masonic Jurisprudence; on Constitution; on Permanent Location of the Grand Lodge; on Finance and Accounts; on Unfinished Business; on Dispensations and Charters; and on Grievances.

The Committee on Districting the State was continued.

On motion of Bro. A. HOLLUB, it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be appointed a committee to select one of the Lodge rooms in San Francisco, for the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. M. WINN having again presented a memorial to the Grand Lodge, it was ordered to be referred to a special committee of five, to report at the next Communication; and the Grand Master named the following brethren as such committee—

<i>On the Memorial of Bro. Winn:.....</i>	{	Bro. N. G. Curtis,
		" J. F. Morse,
		" R. F. Knott,
		" J. R. Crandall,
		" J. A. Tutt.

The Grand Secretary was constituted a committee on printing.

*Ordered*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expenses of this Communication, and for the necessary expenses of the Committee on a Uniform System of Work.

The Grand Secretary presented the following statement:—

RECEIPTS OF DUES AND FEES, DURING THE SESSION.

<i>San Francisco</i>	—	Lodge, No. 7,	dues for six months,	\$227 00
<i>Yount</i>	"	" 12,	" the year,	61 00
<i>Nevada</i>	"	" 13,	" "	221 00
<i>Washington</i>	"	" 20,	" "	282 00
<i>Occidental</i>	"	" 22,	" "	202 00
<i>Madison</i>	"	" 23,	" "	102 00
<i>Georgetown</i>	"	" 25,	on account of dues,	50 00
* <i>Trinity</i>	"	" 27,	dues for the year,	171 00
<i>Columbia</i>	"	" 28,	balance for the year,	4 00

Amount carried forward,.....\$1320 00

\* Dues refunded.



The Grand Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing Masonic year : —

As Grand Chaplain,.....	Bro. JAS. H. RRISTOW, of	California Lodge, No. 1.
" Asst. Gr. Secretary,...	" O. J. PRESTON,	" California " " 1.
" Grand Marshal,.....	" J. F. HALSEY,	" Marysville " " 9.
" Gr. Standard Bearer,	" N. H. STOCKTON,	" Santa Cruz " " 38.
" Gr. Sword Bearer,.....	" C. H. SEYMOUR,	" Nevada " " 13.
" Gr. Bible Bearer,.....	" GEO. C. YOUNT,	" Yount " " 12.
" Senior Grand Deacon,	" H. R. HAWKINS,	" Eureka " " 16.
" Junior Grand Deacon,	" S. K. NURSE,	" Benicia " " 5.
" Grand Stewards,... {	" R. A. APPLING,	" Mariposa " " 24.
	" L. STEINHART,	" Yuba " " 39.
" Grand Pursuivant,....	" J. M. ABRAMS.	" Mt. Moriah " " 44.
" Grand Tyler,.....	" S. C. FIELD,	" California " " 1.

The Grand Master appointed the following committee —

On Foreign Correspondence:.....	{	Bro. Levi Stowell,
		" James Rice, Jr..
		" H. F. Williams,
		" Adolphus Hollub.
		" Alex. G. Abell.

The Grand Master announced that Charters had been issued at this Communication to the following Lodges : —

Butte	—	Lodge, No. 36,.....	at Bidwell's Bar :
St. John's	"	" 37,.....	" Yreka :
Santa Cruz	"	" 38,.....	" Santa Cruz :
Yuba	"	" 39,.....	" Marysville :
Sacramento	"	" 40,.....	" Sacramento :
Martinez	"	" 41,.....	" Martinez :
Los Angeles	"	" 42,.....	" Los Angeles :
Hiram	"	" 43,.....	" Mud Springs :
Mount Moriah	"	" 44,.....	" San Francisco :
Crescent	"	" 45,.....	" Crescent City :
Texas	"	" 46,.....	" San Juan :
Michigan City	"	" 47,.....	" Michigan City :
Grass Valley	"	" 48,.....	" Grass Valley :
Lebanon	"	" 49,.....	" San Francisco :
Forbestown	"	" 50,.....	" Forbestown :
Illinoistown	"	" 51,.....	" Illinoistown :
Rough and Ready	"	" 52,.....	" Rough and Ready :
Franklin	"	" 53,.....	" Sacramento.

The minutes of this session were then read and approved, and, there being no further business, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge of California was closed in **Ample Form**.

WM. H. HOWARD, *Grand Master*.

L. STOWELL, *Grand Secretary*.



# REVISED CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Grand Lodge of California,

AS PRESENTED AND AGREED TO

AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

IN MAY, A. L. 5854,

AND ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED FOR FINAL ACTION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

---

### ARTICLE I.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of California."

### ARTICLE II.

RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members:—The Most Worshipful Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, a Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Tyler, and such other officers as the Grand Lodge, from time to time, may elect or appoint; together with the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters, the Right Worshipful Past Grand Wardens, the Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers, and the Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries, who remain members of Lodges under this jurisdiction; and of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several chartered and constituted Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, or their legally appointed proxies; and the Past Masters, by service under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, who remain members of Lodges under said jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE III.

## MEETINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in San Francisco and Sacramento Cities, alternately, on the first Tuesday in May of each year.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, (or, in his absence from the State, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master,) upon the application of a majority of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall call special meetings of the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE IV.

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, shall be elected at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the fourth day of its sitting, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast at an election for Grand Officers, shall be necessary for a choice. All other Grand Officers shall be appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

SEC. 2. No brother shall be eligible to an elective office unless he is a Present or Past Master, nor entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge unless a member of a subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE V.

## VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each of the Grand Officers, for the time being, and every elective Past Grand Officer, if present at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall each be entitled to one vote. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or, in their absence, by their proper representatives; and Past Masters by service of each Lodge, collectively to one vote. No member, in his own right, shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SEC. 2. In all questions, except those decided by ballot, in the event of a tie, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 3. No Lodge under this jurisdiction and within this State, shall be represented by a proxy who is not a member of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE VI.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At each meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or presiding officer, shall appoint the following committees, each to consist of not less than three, nor more than five members, viz.: a Committee on Credentials; a Committee on Grievances; a Committee on Unfinished Business; a Committee on Finance and Accounts; a Committee on Foreign Correspondence; a Committee on Dispensations and Charters; a Committee on Work; a Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; a Committee on Education; and a Committee on By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, and, in the event of his absence from the State, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, may, upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons, properly recommended by

the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons working under Charter, grant Dispensations to form new Lodges within the limits of this State, or in the adjoining Territories where no Grand Lodge exists, which Dispensation shall be returnable at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, That when application is made for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in a town or city, the recommendation of a majority of all the Lodges in such town or city shall in every instance accompany the petition; and no Dispensation shall be issued to the petitioners, unless their petition be also accompanied by the certificate of the Worshipful Master of each Lodge recommending it, that the Worshipful Master named in said petition is fully competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry.

SEC. 2. On the first day of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Master shall lay before the Grand Lodge a written message, therein detailing an account of his official acts during the recess, and the state and condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction; and shall recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as he may deem expedient and necessary.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Master shall also report, in writing, at every Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, all his acts and doings relating to his office, during the vacation.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Tyler, shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to pay over to the Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, and quarterly, during the recess thereof; and to render an account of the same at each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record thereof, and, at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, shall render an account of all his receipts and disbursements; but no disbursement shall be made by him without an order from the Grand Lodge, signed by the presiding officer and the Grand Secretary, excepting as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to their installation, shall execute respectively, to the Grand Master, or, in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, to the use of the Grand Lodge, a bond, with such security, and for such sum, as the Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, may approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

SEC. 8. All other Grand Officers receiving funds belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall immediately transmit the same to the Grand Secretary.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION. 1. The Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and appellate jurisdiction only from the decisions of the subordinate Lodges; and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the supreme Masonic law of the State. It shall also prescribe such rules and regulations for the government of the subordinate Lodges as will, in its judgment, conduce to the welfare, prosperity, and happiness of the craft; and may grant Dispensations and Charters for the establishment of new Lodges, and may revoke and annul the same, for such causes as it may deem sufficient. It shall prescribe the manner, and shall require a uniform mode of working; and may require from the subordinate Lodges such reasonable dues and fees, as will at all times discharge the engagements of the Grand Lodge.



## ARTICLE IX.

## REVENUE.

SECTION. 1. The fee for instituting a subordinate Lodge shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars, seventy-five dollars of which shall be paid on the issuing of a Dispensation, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Secretary, and fifty dollars when the Charter is granted, and ten dollars to the Grand Secretary for engrossing the same, and affixing thereunto the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Each Lodge shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each degree conferred on candidates, the sum of one dollar for each adjoining member, and the sum of one dollar, annually, for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary five dollars, by the applicant, for every Diploma granted to a member of a subordinate Lodge, (four dollars for the Grand Secretary;) but no Diploma shall issue except upon the presentation of a certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, of his good and regular standing therein. Such Diploma, when issued, shall be signed by the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix thereto the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. For every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any document in possession of the Grand Secretary, which he shall be required to make, he may demand and receive for his use fifty cents for every one hundred words.

## ARTICLE X.

## SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION. 1. Every subordinate Lodge shall elect its officers annually, by ballot, by a majority of the votes of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, (except in cases hereinafter provided,) who shall be installed on the evening of their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall retain their respective offices until their successors in office shall be elected and duly installed.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Lodge shall have the right to adopt By-Laws for its own government, which shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge; and, if approved, no amendment thereto shall be valid until it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 3. Each subordinate Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every calendar month; and if any Lodge shall fail to meet for six successive months, it shall forfeit its Charter.

SEC. 4. All the proceedings, balloting, and business of the Lodge, except that of conferring the subordinate degrees, shall be had and done in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 5. No Lodge within this State shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars; and no Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and out of the State, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than thirty-five dollars; and, in each case, the fee for each degree, as regulated by the Lodge, shall invariably accompany the application.

SEC. 6. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Lodge; but shall not be acted upon until after the expiration of four weeks, and then only at a stated meeting. Nor shall there be conferred more than one degree upon the same candidate at any one meeting of the Lodge; and no Lodge shall confer the degrees upon

more than five candidates at any one meeting ; nor shall more than one candidate be initiated, passed, or raised, at one and the same time.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of every Lodge working under a Dispensation, on an application for an extension of such Dispensation, or for a Charter, to submit its book of records for the inspection of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8. Each Lodge shall be represented in every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and shall furnish a correct account of its proceedings during the past year, in a form to be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and make payment of its regular dues ; and in case of the non-performance of these duties, its representatives may be debarred from all the privileges of this Grand Lodge, and its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. It is not competent for a Lodge to expel or suspend a member from the rights and privileges of Masonry for the non-payment of dues ; but any member, who shall have neglected to make payment of his dues for the space of six months, except in case of protracted illness, or absence from the State, may be summoned to appear before the Lodge to show cause why his name shall not be stricken from the roll of members. And any Mason, whose name shall be stricken from the roll, shall not be received as a member of any other Lodge, until he shall have paid up all arrearages to the Lodge of which he was last a member, or, in the event of the non-existence of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 10. All complaints and charges brought against a brother before a Lodge, proper to be written, shall be reduced to writing, and filed with the Secretary ; a copy of which shall be served upon the accused at least ten days before he is arraigned for trial. And, after trial had, should the accused be suspended or expelled from the rights and privileges of Masonry, it shall be the duty of the Lodge to report the fact to the Grand Lodge at its next stated meeting.

SEC. 11. In all cases of suspension or expulsion by a subordinate Lodge, the right of appeal lies to the Grand Lodge ; but no such appeal shall be entertained unless prosecuted at the stated meeting of the Grand Lodge next ensuing the time of the decision from which the appeal is made ; and no suspension or expulsion shall be published until the Grand Lodge shall have cognizance thereof. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules and regulations for the trial of all appeals.

SEC. 12. No appeal from any decision of the Master of a Lodge shall be taken to the body of the Lodge ; but five members of any subordinate Lodge may prefer charges to the Grand Master, or in his absence, to the Deputy Grand Master, against the Master of said Lodge, who, upon the hearing of said charges, shall, if he deem necessary, suspend said Master from the exercise of the duties of his office until the next Annual Grand Communication.

SEC. 13. No Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft Mason, shall be advanced to a superior degree, in any Lodge, other than that in which he received the previous degree, unless by the consent, in writing, of that Lodge, if said Lodge be at the time in existence.

SEC. 14. On the rejection of any applicant for initiation by any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the Secretary of said Lodge shall forthwith notify all the Lodges in said jurisdiction thereof ; and no Lodge shall be allowed to receive his petition short of one year from such rejection.

SEC. 15. A book shall be kept by the Secretary of each subordinate Lodge, alphabetically arranged, in which shall be registered the names of all persons stricken from the roll, expelled, suspended, or rejected, together with the name of the Lodge, and date of the event so recorded.



## ARTICLE XI.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as early as practicable after each annual session of the Grand Lodge, to cause to be published, in pamphlet form, all such minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as are proper to be published ; appended to which he shall also publish all standing rules and orders of the Grand Lodge ; together with a list of officers and members of each subordinate Lodge, according to the last returns ; the times of the stated meetings of said Lodges, and the places where they are respectively located ; copies of which publication shall be forwarded to each Grand Officer, and to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, and to each of the Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. In case of the forfeiture of the Charter, or dissolution, from any cause whatever, of a Lodge, all its books, papers, jewels, funds, and other property, shall be forfeited to the Grand Lodge ; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary to take charge of the same.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation shall issue to open and hold a Lodge, the officers therein named shall hold their respective offices until the time of the expiration of the Dispensation ; and upon the issuing of a Charter, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, in person or by proxy, (upon notice that the brethren desire to have the Lodge constituted,) to convene said brethren at such time as may suit his and their convenience ; and, when so convened, to hold an election of officers ; whereupon he shall proceed to constitute said Lodge, and install such officers, according to the ancient regulations and usages of the craft.

SEC. 4. It shall be competent for the Grand Lodge to adopt such other rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the Constitution and ancient rules and regulations of Freemasonry.

SEC. 5. The Master, or Past Master, by service of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, who has faithfully discharged his duties, and complied with the laws of the Grand Lodge, shall, on application to the Grand Secretary, be presented with a Past Master's Diploma, signed by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto ; for which he shall pay the Grand Secretary five dollars.

## ARTICLE XII.

## DEFINITIONS.

SECTION 1. The stated meeting of subordinate Lodges, referred to in this Constitution, shall not be construed to mean any other than the meeting specified in the By-Laws of the Lodge ; and no adjourned or called meeting shall be considered to be part of said stated meeting.

SEC. 2. A Past Master, as alluded to in this Constitution, is one who has been elected and installed Master of a chartered Lodge, under this jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE XIII.

## AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

Every proposition to revise, alter, or amend this Constitution, shall be submitted, in writing, on one of the first four days at an Annual Communication, distinctly read, and, if approved by one-third of the members present, shall be entered upon the minutes, and thereby be submitted to the several subordinate chartered Lodges, for their approval or rejection ; and, if two-thirds of the chartered subordinate Lodges approve thereof, by certificate, over their respective seals, to the next succeeding session of the Grand Lodge, the



Grand Master shall so declare it, and from thence forth it shall be considered as a part and parcel of this Constitution.

Presented by

R. F. KNOTT,	} Committee on Revision.
N. GREENE CURTIS,	
J. R. CRANDALL,	
W. H. HOWARD,	
L. STOWELL,	

And recommended by

R. E. Cole, W. M., *California* Lodge, No. 1.  
 A. Hollub, W. M., *San Francisco* Lodge, No. 7.  
 H. G. Platt, W. M., *Tuolumne* Lodge, No. 8.  
 W. H. Wickersham, W. M., *Marysville* Lodge, No. 9.  
 N. G. Curtis, W. M., *Washington* Lodge, No. 20.  
 T. J. Oxley, W. M., *Columbia* Lodge, No. 28.  
 W. S. Moses, W. M., *Golden Gate* Lodge, No. 30.  
 A. Maurice, Jr., W. M., *Yuba* Lodge, No. 39.

---

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

---

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge adopt, as the true meaning of the 1st Sec. of Art. V. of the Constitution: "That the legal representative of any Lodge, represented in this Grand Lodge, shall cast the three votes to which the Lodge is entitled." [May, 1851.]

2. *Resolved*, That every subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to have read in open Lodge, on the first meeting after their reception, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as every circular issued by the Grand Secretary. [May, 1851.]

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, when communicating to the respective Grand Lodges, with whom a correspondence is preserved, the result of an election of officers of this Grand Lodge, wherein a change may have been made, shall accompany the same with the signatures of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, written with their own proper hands, and duly authenticated under the seal of this Grand Lodge; together with a request to each and every such Grand Lodge, that they will hereafter, so often as by any change of Grand Officers it may become important, furnish this Grand Lodge with a similar document. [May, 1851.]

4. *Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Master of each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, immediately upon the death of a regular member of the same, in good standing, to have a record of said death entered upon the Lodge book of his Lodge, and to report the same to the Grand Secretary, who shall thereupon transmit to the Master of said Lodge, a Grand Lodge Diploma, filled up with the name of the deceased brother, free of expense, for the benefit of his widow and orphans, or either. [May, 1851.]

5. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of a Lodge to take cognizance of the conduct of any brother or brethren, not attached to any Lodge under this jurisdiction, on a charge of unmasonic conduct, and reprimand, suspend or expel him from the rights and privileges of Masonry. [Nov., 1851.]

6. *Resolved*, That no subordinate Lodge shall receive a petition for initiation unless the Lodge be fully satisfied that the petitioner has been a resident within the State twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge three months. [Nov., 1851.]

7. *Resolved*, That every subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic seal. to be affixed to certificates, returns, and other documents for publication; an impression from such seal to be recorded on the records of the Lodge, also an impression to be sent to the Grand Secretary. [Nov., 1851.]

8. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturers to visit all the Lodges under Charter and Dispensation within their respective districts, examine their records and work, and correct the same, and give the proper instructions to such Lodges; and in case of any irregularities, or violations of the rules and regulations of Masonry, or of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, that they report the facts to the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and, if necessary, to suspend the labors of the Lodge or Lodges so offending, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, and then report the same thereto. [Nov., 1851.]

9. *Resolved*, That the necessary expenses of the Grand Lecturers shall be paid by the respective Lodges; and that the Grand Lodge shall pay, for their time expended, a reasonable compensation. [Nov., 1851.]

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master nominate, and the Grand Lodge appoint, a Deputy Grand Secretary, who shall perform the duties of said office in the absence of the Grand Secretary, and for whose acts the Grand Secretary shall be responsible. [Nov., 1851.]

11. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will receive no delegate or representative to any of its Communications, unless he be a member of some subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction. [Nov., 1851.]

12. *Resolved*, That a Grand Lodge is the Supreme Head of Symbolic Masonry, and that it has exclusive right to establish Lodges to confer the three Symbolic Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry within her jurisdiction. [May, 1852.]

13. *Resolved*, That "*Polar Star Lodge, No. 1,*" "*Amigos del Orden, No. 5,*" and "*Disciples of the Masonic Senate, No. 5,*" in Louisiana, be declared clandestine, and that Lodges under this jurisdiction shall not receive to Masonic communication any member belonging to any of said Lodges, or to any other Lodges in Louisiana not holding authority under the Grand Lodge of that State. [May, 1852.]

14. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is contrary to, and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order, to withdraw from a subordinate Lodge without some good cause; or to remain in the neighborhood of a subordinate Lodge without becoming a member thereof. [May, 1852.]

15. *Resolved*, That all non-affiliated Master Masons, who refuse to contribute to the support of the institution, unless prevented by disability, do, by so doing, forfeit all the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order. [May, 1852.]

16. *Resolved*, That hereafter, no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall advance a candidate to a superior degree, unless he, in open Lodge, satisfy the members present that he is fully qualified in his work to enable him to progress. [May, 1852.]

17. *Resolved*, That no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive lectures from any person, as the authorized work, unless under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master. [May, 1852.]

18. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary take charge of the jewels, clothing, and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and deposit them in some secure place, for safe keeping. [May, 1852.]

19. *Resolved*, That after the present session of the Grand Lodge, none but the actual expenses for attending the Grand Lodge of the Elective Grand Officers, be allowed. [May, 1852.]

20. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the close of each session, to notify all Lodges in arrears, and request the settlement of their dues. [May, 1853.]

21. *Resolved*, That no books or papers belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be taken from the Grand Secretary's office, except it be for the use of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Officers. [May, 1853.]

22. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary furnish every brother elected, or appointed, to fill any office or station in the Grand Lodge, with a certificate of his election or appointment, under seal of the Grand Lodge. [May, 1853.]

23. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an office in a fire-proof building, for the better preservation of the archives of the Grand Lodge. [May, 1853.]

24. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any member of a subordinate Lodge under another jurisdiction, may become, by affiliation, a member of a subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, provided he be in good standing in his original Lodge, and pays his dues regularly in both. [May, 1853.]

25. *Resolved*, That no money or fund in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, held in trust, or specially appropriated, shall be paid out, on any order or draft, not made applicable to the same by the terms of such order or draft. [May, 1853.]

26. *Resolved*, That the By-Laws of any Lodge that may be approved by the M. W. Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall be presented to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, for its approval. [May, 1853.]

27. *Resolved*, That all chartered Lodges, hereafter, in issuing any and all notices, or other documents therefrom, shall attach the Lodge seal thereto, otherwise not to be acted upon by the Lodge to whom sent; and all returns, or other papers returnable to the Grand Lodge, shall bear such impress; allowing such Lodges as have no seals, three months to procure the same. [May, 1853.]

28. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Master is but the creature of the Grand Lodge, with no implied powers, inherent or divine. [May, 1853.]

29. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that it is competent for a Grand Lodge to try her Grand Master for a misdemeanor in office, and deal with him as the nature of the offence may require; which action will comprehend what is understood by "a new regulation." [May, 1853.]

30. *Whereas*, A custom prevails in some subordinate Lodges, to convert the funds of the Lodge to the purchase of jewels, or other appropriate mementoes, to be presented to distinguished brethren, as an expression of the esteem and confidence of the Lodge; therefore, it is *Resolved*, that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that thus converting the charity fund of subordi-



nate Lodges is not in accordance with the true interpretation of the Constitution in reference to the disbursement of that fund ; therefore, prohibit its practice. [May, 1853.]

31. *Resolved*, That a petition for initiation or membership presented to a Lodge, immediately becomes the property of the Lodge, and can on no consideration be withdrawn ; but a ballot in all cases must be had on the report of the committee. [May, 1854.]

32. *Resolved*, That to all petitions for Dispensations, there shall be attached the certificate of a Master of a chartered Lodge, that the Worshipful Master, named in the petition, is competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry. [May, 1854.]

33. *Resolved*, That no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall ballot for conferring any degree, or approve its records at any other time than a stated meeting. [May, 1854.]

34. *Resolved*, That any subordinate Lodge recommending a petition for a new Lodge, shall state explicitly that the brethren whose petition they recommend, have provided a suitable and safe Lodge room. [May, 1854.]

35. *Resolved*, That the practice of dueling is repugnant to the principles of Freemasonry, and in all cases where two brethren resort to this mode of settling their disputes, it becomes the duty of the Lodge or Lodges, of which they are members, or under whose jurisdiction they may be, forthwith to expel them from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Lodge ; and no brother who may fall in a duel, shall be buried with Masonic honors. [May, 1854.]

36. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary is hereby constituted Grand Librarian, and directed to take charge of the Grand Lodge Library, subject to such regulations as the Grand Lodge shall hereafter prescribe. [May, 1854.]

37. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the future establishment of subordinate Lodges should be restricted to cases of manifest propriety and necessity. [May, 1854.]

38. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the use of Masonic emblems upon sign-boards is unmasonic, and in open violation of the spirit of Freemasonry. [May, 1854.]

## BY-LAWS

OF THE GRAND LODGE, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED MAY, A. L. 5854.

---

ARTICLE. 1. At every Communication, the Grand Lodge shall be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the day appointed for meeting, or as soon as a sufficient representation shall appear; and no representative or proxy, after having taken his seat as such, shall be permitted to leave any Annual or Special Communication, without asking for, and obtaining permission, by a vote of the members present.

ART. 2. After reading the proceedings of the last meeting, the appointment of committees shall be first in order; then the presenting and hearing of petitions; the reports of committees previously appointed; and the unfinished business. And no new motion, or other business shall be received, without first obtaining leave of the Grand Lodge, until the former is disposed of.

ART. 3. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made within the same session (of the day) the question shall have been decided, unless all are present who voted on the question; nor shall it be in order unless moved by one of the majority, and seconded.

ART. 4. Every motion requiring to be recorded shall be in writing. In filling blanks, the largest sum or number and the longest time shall be first stated.

ART. 5. If the previous question shall be called for by one Lodge and seconded by another, and the majority sustain such call, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If carried, such main question shall be the original proposition, as amended at time of adoption of the call for the previous question.

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless he obtain consent of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 7. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

ART. 8. Any of the above By-Laws may be amended, or, when necessary, suspended for the time being, on the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

## DEFINITIONS.

---

*It is deemed advisable, by the Grand Master, to insert the following Definitions, as copied from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for the guidance of the Lodges in this State.*

*Discharged Member.* — This term is applied to a member of a Lodge who has been discharged for non-payment of his quarterly dues, or other violation of the local rules of his Lodge.

*Suspension.* — The suspension of a brother excludes him from all his Masonic privileges, and prohibits all Masonic intercourse between him and his brethren, during the time of his suspension.

*Expulsion.* — This is the highest penalty that can be incurred, and the severest punishment that can be inflicted, for any violation of Masonic engagements. It excludes a Mason from all his Masonic rights and privileges for ever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge. It ought never to be exercised but with extreme caution, and in cases where a lighter punishment would be of no avail.

*A Notification* — Is the notice by which the time, place and hour, (and frequently the business,) of the Lodge are communicated to the members. This notice every brother receiving it, is expected to obey, unless his doing so would materially interfere with his business engagements. The obligation which it imposes is a general one; and the highest penalty incurred by a violation of it, is forfeiture of membership.

*A Summons* — Is a call of authority — a citation to appear and answer to the charges therein set forth. Or, it is an imperative injunction to appear at a special meeting of the Lodge with which the brother receiving it is affiliated; or, to attend on the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any committee, or other body, authorized by the Grand Lodge to issue it. The obligation to obey it is special and obligatory on every brother receiving it. The penalty for its non-observance is expulsion; unless the party offending be able to urge a pressing and positive necessity for his excuse.



# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

### THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

MAY, A. L. 5854.

---

#### California Lodge, No. 1.

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets every Thursday.*

#### OFFICERS:

R. E. Cole, <i>W. Master &amp; S. G. W.</i> ,	G. D. Atkinson, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
H. M. Gray, <i>Sen. Warden.</i>	A. S. McClure, <i>Marshal,</i>
H. F. Williams, <i>Jun. Warden.</i>	J. de la Montagnie, } <i>Stewards.</i>
O. J. Preston, <i>Treasurer.</i>	N. S. Murphy,
E. W. Bourne, <i>Secretary.</i>	P. Gardner, <i>Tyler.</i>
B. A. Patten, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>	

#### Past Masters:

L. Stowell, <i>G. Sec.</i>	J. D. Creigh,	L. Steinhart,
P. A. Brinsmade,	M. Fallon,	J. S. Watson,
R. F. Knott, <i>P. J. G. W.</i>	L. Peck,	J. H. Bristow,
J. D. Stevenson, <i>P. G. M.</i>	L. T. Wilson.	O. J. Preston.
J. Shannon,		

#### MASTER MASONS:

Abell, A. G.	Clark, E. Z.	Findla, J.	Jones, J. T.
Addison, J. E.	Coffin, R.	Fitton, J.	Justh, E.
Adler, H.	Cooke, E.	Fleishman, J.	Kenney, W. D.
Amory, C. G.	Cronin, D.	Folsom, J. L.	Killaly, R. G.
Baker, G. W.	Cropper, T. B.	Foster, W.	King, of Wm., J.
Barnard, J. C.	Cross, O.	Friedlander, A.	King, L.
Barry, J. W.	Dall, J. H.	Gerke, H.	Kuthmann, T.
Barry, T. A.	Davis, J. H.	Gerry, S. R.	Leman, J. M. K.
Beckett, J.	Delany, C. McC.	Gower, E. H. M.	Mallet, J. H.
Benham, C.	Derby, S. J.	Greene, W.	Mann, W. B.
Boring, J.	Douglass, D. F.	Hawk, L.	Markwald, A.
Boyd, T.	De Liagre, P.	Heeser, W.	Matthews, H.
Brainard, C. F.	De Woody, T. J.	Hillard, B. F.	Meyerowitz, I.
Brannan, J.	Du Bois, T. B.	Hodgdon, J. H.	Middleton, J.
Brasseur, J.	Elliot, G.	Hoffman, O. Jr.	Molitor, A. P.
Burke, M. J.	Fair, W. D.	Homer, C.	Monroe, J. A.
Burton, J.	Field, S. C.	Hudson, G. A.	Morse, J. B.
Cherovoy, G. H.	Figel, S.	Ickelheimer, H.	Moulton, U. F.

McCarthy, D.	Patten, W. H.	Scott, C. G.	Van Voorhies, W.
Nesbit, F. M.	Payne, T.	Selover, A. A.	Wegener, F. O.
Newell, L. W.	Phillips, J.	Shaw, T.	Walker, W.
Noyes, G. P.	Piper, W. A.	Shephard, D. W.	Ward, F.
Oldfield, W. C.	Preston, R. J.	Smith, J. T.	Ward, I. M.
Olds, W. B.	Pulvermacher, F.	Solomon, J. E. L.	Welton, N.
Owner, H.	Rehfish, M.	Southgate, J. J.	Wehler, E.
O'Bryon, J. F.	Reynolds, W.	Stebbins, W. P. C.	Wightman, J.
Page, R. C.	Revalk, J.	Tucker, J. W.	Williams, J. S.
Parent, C. L.	Saunders, B. C.	Unger, R.	Wilson, C. L.
Parker, W. C.	Saunders, C. R.	Uznay, C.	Wood, W. B.
Paster, S. E.	Sawyer, E. A.	Van De Water, J.	Woods, I. C.—143.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Eastland, J. G.	Gilman, C. H.	Goldsmith, J.—3.
-----------------	---------------	------------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Briggs, W. H.	Moore, W. H.	Phillips, S. S.
Gomez, H.	Peabody, A. W.	Young, J. H.—7.
Kittrell, J. R.		

## WITHDRAWN:

Bowers, C. E.	Howard, W. H.	Spring, C.
Cooke, W. B.	Rodgers, A. S.	Tilford, T.
Helper, H. R.	Shepherd, P. W.	Watters, A.—10.
Hoan, F.		

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Allen, R. N.	Petrovits, P.	Smith, W. C. R.
Harrington, W. T.	Schaffer, M.	Snow, T.
Korn, T. R.	Smiley, J.	Tooker, L.—10.
Morris, G. F.		

## DIED:

Eugene Hart.—1.

*Initiated, 23. Passed, 20. Raised, 21. Affiliated, 23.*

## Western Star Lodge, No. 2.

**Shasta, Shasta County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. A. Raymond, <i>W. Master,</i>	J. L. Holmes, <i>Secretary,</i>
P. J. Curtis, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Isaacs, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
P. F. Terbush, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	D. P. Bystal, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. E. Callaway, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. May, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Master:

A. E. Callaway.

## MASTER MASONS:

Baker, J. H.	Fleming, J.	Lavey, J. D.	Morehead, W.
Benson, E. S.	Gettleston, H.	Lemmon, J.	Pennington, J. T.
Callahan, J.	Glenn, J. T.	Lusk, J. C.	Rhodes, J. M.
Campbell, J. E.	Goldstone, L.	Mayer, J.	Roll, W. A.
Crocker, E. F.	Hickey, D. B.	Mooney, D. D.	Roop, I.—31.
Doll, J. G.	Jones, J. H.	Moore, J.	

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Ryan, J.

Vandeventer, F.—2.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Tower, L. H.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Hinckley, J. C.

Hollub, S.—2.

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:

Campbell, D.

Cook, J. M.

McClung, S. H.

Coates, J. M.

Goodwin, C. E.

Robinson, W.—6.

*Initiated, 7. Passed, 8. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 13.***Tehama Lodge, No. 3.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. A. Wadsworth, *W. Master*,  
 J. F. Morse, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. G. Brewton, *Jun. Warden*,  
 T. A. Thomas, *Treasurer*,  
 T. S. Levy, *Secretary*,

O. C. Wheeler, *Chaplain*,  
 S. Kohlmann, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 C. L. Danielson, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 M. Mark, }  
 A. T. Nelson, } *Stewards*,

O. D. Chafee, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**J. A. Tutt, *P. G. M.*A. Martin, *G. Treas.*

P. Hull,

T. A. Thomas, *D. G. M.*

W. Shoemaker,

O. D. Chafee.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Albrecht, A. E.	Flanegan, T. B.	Latta, T.	Rhodes, J. P.
Anthony, J.	Foley, J. J.	Magerle, P.	Shaber, J. T.
Arnold, W. B.	Foster, W. B.	Marzen, J.	Simpson, L. P.
Ash, T. A.	Fox, H. T.	Meikel, S. D.	Singleton, T.
Bean, E. S.	Graham, A.	Mitchell, S. C.	Smith, C. H.
Becklus, L. R.	Grout, J. D.	Montgomery, G. E.	Somes, G. W.
Bilay, A. F.	Gray, B. S.	Montgomery, J. F.	Stovall, W. W.
Bowles, J. S.	Greenbaum, A.	McCall, D.	Strattan, D.
Burnett, H. A.	Hagan, L.	McDonald, R. H.	Tatum, E. F.
Cone, J. L.	Hall, J.	McKune, J. H.	Tuttle, C. S.
Conrad, S.	Harkness, H. W.	McLean, D.	Walchurst, H. B.
Cook, J. S.	Harrington, C. C.	Nathans, I.	Watson, E. H.
Cornell, C. M.	Harrison, A. C.	Parks, J. W.	Wayne, B. F.
Cravens, R. O.	Hart, M.	Polhemus, J. L.	Wetzler, J.
Cummings, J. C.	Johnson, J. N.	Pratt, S. M.	Whales, T. P.
Cushing, H.	Kalkman, P.	Price, W. W.	White, J.
Davis, T. M.	Keller, L.	Quinlin, W.	Whitlock, G. W.
Deitrich, A. G.	Keyburg, S.	Radcliff, W. M.	Winn, A. M.
Elsbury, T.	Kohlman, J.	Reed, M. D.	Winners, E. B.—94.
Fisher, H. C.	Koon, J. M.	Rhodes, J.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Bennett, A. A.

Hoyt, J. P.

Withers, B.

Wright, G. G.—4.



## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

De Witt, R. O.	Hastings, L. W.	Persian, L. D.	Stockflesh, T.
Everts, C. H.	Ihnels, C.	Rumler, C.	Torbet, C. F.
Gunn, G. W.	Levy, T. S.	Smith, E. G.	Young, O. H.—15.
Harroll, J. M.	Nichols, C. P.	Smith, G. F.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Cook, M.	Gray, J. H.	Wolf, L.—5.
Ewer, P. F.	Sumner, W. B.	

## DIED:

Johnathan Tittle.—1.

*Initiated, 20. Passed, 16. Raised, 19. Affiliated, 10.*

## Benicia Lodge, No. 5.

**Benicia, Solano County.**

*Meets second and fourth Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

S. K. Nurse, <i>W. Master,</i>	L. Leslie, <i>Secretary,</i>
T. Farmer, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Stone, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
E. H. Von Pfister, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Barny, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
A. Riddell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	D. Meagher, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Masters:

B. D. Hyam., <i>P. G. M.</i>	L. B. Mizner,	A. Riddell.
------------------------------	---------------	-------------

## MASTER MASONS:

Bynum, S.	Miner, G. W.	Sanborn, J. L.	Stocker, J. S.
Frazier, D. M.	McKay, W. J. R.	Sanborn, T. J.	Vaughn, S.—25.
Henry, J.	Norman, R. B.	Semple, R.	
Miller, J.	Robinson, B.	Stebbins, J. G.	

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Barry, J.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Hawkins, H. B.	Scoby, J. W.	Soanes, H. S.—3.
----------------	--------------	------------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Herbert, P. T.	Knowles, H.	Pitzer, J. S.	Tate, W. D.—4.
----------------	-------------	---------------	----------------

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Thorp, M.—1.

## DIED:

C. P. Dyerly.—1.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 4. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 9.*

**San Francisco Lodge, No. 7.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets every Wednesday.***OFFICERS:**

A. Hollub, *W. Master.*  
 T. R. Eadie, *Sen. Warden.*  
 J. Clement, *Jun. Warden.*  
 S. Curry, *Treasurer.*

W. Richardson, *Secretary.*  
 W. B. Colville, *Sen. Deacon.*  
 A. D. Muller, *Jun. Deacon.*  
 P. Gardner, *Tyler.*

**Past Masters:**

A. C. Labatt,

J. J. Papy,

A. Hollub, *P. S. G. W.***MASTER MASONS:**

Andrews, W.	Gaven, D.	Lanuiester, F. W.	Ruje, R. A.
Atkinson, J. H.	Gibbs, J.	Levensky, L.	Scott, J.
Barry, E.	Gilmartin, D.	Levy, A.	Seitz, C.
Burchard, T.	Glenn, T.	Marshall, C.	Simon, U.
Castle, J. G.	Gorham, W. R.	Marx, S.	Simpson, J.
Cochrane, R.	Grant, D. B.	Mendels, E. S.	Smith, E. J.
Craine, W.	Gronlier, C.	Moss, D. H. D.	Solomon, A.
De Groot, L. A.	Hildebrand, M.	Mott, P. D.	Sterling, J. M.
Dolan, P.	Howard, W. H. B.	Moylen, T. J.	Treanor, J.
Donahue, J.	Hunter, W. H.	McCabe, A. J.	Trice, W. H.
Doyle, H.	Hs, J. G.	McCarty, E.	Urie, J.
Dyer, W. H.	Jacobi, D.	McKenna, P.	Wade, J.
Eckhardt, F. W.	Jamison, M.	McKenzie, J.	Wertheimer, L.
Evans, P. J.	Johnston, J.	Osborne, O. C.	Whitney, W. J.
Feldham, S.	Kaufman, W.	O'Connell, F. A.	Willoek, T.
Friedlander, A.	Kelly, T.	Parker, J. W.	Woods, R. E.—77.
Frizel, J.	Kohl, F. W.	Quirk, E. J.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Ballentine, J.

Eger, A.

Smith, T. C.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Jones, S.

Springstein, E.—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brodwitz, M.

Honigsberger, J. Leek, E. E.

Ross, R.—4.

**DIED:**

J. W. McCabe.—1.

*Initiated, 27. Passed, 27. Raised, 24. Affiliated, 6.***Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

H. G. Platt, *W. Master.*  
 W. W. Traylor, *Sen. Warden.*  
 T. S. Hall, *Jun. Warden.*  
 A. Green, *Treasurer.*

R. L. Myrick, *Secretary.*  
 J. Dillon, *Sen. Deacon.*  
 ————— *Jun. Deacon.*  
 J. B. De la Hay, *Tyler.*

**Past Master:**

C. M. Radcliff, G. M.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Balls, R. R.	Dodge, C. F.	Martin, G. T.	Rutherford, C. B.
Bancroft, E. A.	Elkins, A.	Means, A.	Sedgwick, J.
Bull, H.	Hammond, W.	McDowell, D. S.	Short, R. W.
Burt, W. A.	Horr, B. D.	McLean, G.	Smith, S.
Calbraith, J. C.	Hoyt, S. A.	Pinney, W. T.	Stokes, J. K.
Calloway, O. P.	Jamison, A. H.	Plaister, J. H.	Swope, H. K.
Canton, F.	Jeffreys, W.	Prassa, F.	Thomas, L.
Clark, T.	Labetome, C.	Purdy, J. W.	Tuttle, A. A. H.
Classon, R.	Linoberg, E.	Rannie, W. A.	Ward, J. N.
Currier, S. D.	Linoberg, L.	Reister, B. J.	Wertheimer, E.
Dewey, S. P.	Markley, W. J.	Ruolfson, W. H.	Yaney, I. P.—52.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Beatty, W. W.	Lee, J. T.	Rowell, L. F.
Imbrie, A. C.	Millon, W. E.	Torney, J.—6.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 4. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 2.***Marysville Lodge, No. 9.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Thursdays in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

W. H. Wickersham, *W. Master*,  
D. H. Apperson, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. A. Parton, *Jun. Warden*,  
M. Brumagim, *Treasurer*,

S. H. Rhodes, *Secretary*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
W. Robinson, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

J. F. Halsey, A. Maurice, Jr., G. Fagg.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Ashford, W.	Hansen, G. M.	McCarty, J. T.	Russell, H. P.
Brett, J. R.	Hopkins, G. W.	McClure, C. C.	Scheusler, A.
Cady, M.	Huston, H. C.	Norris, T. A. B.	Simmerly, S.
Coliandoly, F.	Legate, C. T.	O'Hanlin, R. T.	Sleith, H. H.
Covilland, C.	Levy, J.	Pierson, G. S.	Stanwood, H. B.
Donnington, J. W.	Lindley, C.	Pierson, O. H.	Taylor, L. W.
Eaton, I. A.	Little, S. H.	Pixley, S.	Teagarden, E.
Folda, W. T.	Mather, S. H.	Rees, E. M.	Totman, J. R.
Fronk, J. M.	Miles, S. M.	Reuger, J.	Vineyard, W. B.
Goodwin, J. O.	Milne, J.	Rice, D. W. C.	Walsworth, E.B.—50.
Green, J. C.			

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Cross, S. O'Donnell, D.—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brown, O. H. P. Dowthip, D. A. Gray, M. Wilkins, E. T.—4

**STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Armstrong, W.	Gildersleeve, J.	Houston, E.	Rust, W. E.
Becktell, F. K.	Hatch, G. E. F.	Kelly, J. S.	Taylor, R. H.
Culver, E. W.	Hatch, M.	McCurdy, S.	Truax, A. M.—13.
Coulton, C. F.			

*Initiated, 20. Passed, 22. Ruined, 23. Affiliated, 16.*



**San Jose Lodge, No. 10.****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. H. Howard, *W. Master*,  
 C. T. Ryland, *Sen. Warden*,  
 P. O. Minor, *Jun. Warden*,  
 J. Reddick, *Treasurer*,  
 J. Lewis, *Secretary*,  
 A. M. Wynn, *Chaplain*.

W. R. Bassham, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 P. C. Easley, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 B. Cory, *Marshal*,  
 J. R. Price, } *Stewards*,  
 H. Laurencel, }  
 L. Prevost, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters :**

H. P. Dorsey, J. Cook, B. Cory, H. C. Melone, W. H. Howard

**MASTER MASONS:**

Bohm, S. H.	Hensley, S. J.	Peck, A. W.	Stafford, W. M.
Brownshield, H.	Kotinger, J. W.	Powell, H. M. T.	Taylor, W. E.
Clark, E. A.	Lamartine, G. A.	Reed, E.	Van Canegan, P.
Crosby, E. O.	Morrow, W.	Robinson, H.	Warthan, A. G.
Davis, P. J.	McKinney, F. S.	Shearer, A.	Yates, A. J.—36.
Eddy, W. H.			

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

McCutchen, W.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Bergham, A.	Guerres, J. D.	Ingersoll, T. J.	Veesaert, A.—7.
Fisher, R.	Heninger, W. H.	Lewis, F.	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Barrows, J. F. Campbell, A. C. Donnelan, B. C.—3.  
*Initiated, 7. Passed, 3. Raised, 2. Affiliated, 2.*

**Yount Lodge, No. 12.****Napa, Napa County.***Meets first and third Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. D. Deering, *W. Master*,  
 W. W. Stillwagon, *Sen. Warden*,  
 W. Baldridge, *Jun. Warden*,  
 G. C. Yount, *Treasurer*,

J. S. Roberson, *Secretary*,  
 B. Vines, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. Grigsby, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 T. Chopson, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Bristol, J. D.	Hargrave, W.	McGarry, E. W.	Seawell, J. H.
Brown, J. E.	Kelbough, R.	McKinney, M. M.	Vaughn, F. F.
Gilmore, B. F.	Moody, G. W.	McKinstry, E. W.	Vaughn, W.—23.
Greenbaum, M.	McClellan, M. T.	Nash, W.	

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Capell, J. S. Smith, J.—2.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Boroughs, L. C.	Grigsby, A. F.	McCombs, J.
Ford, O. G.	Masengale, R. A.	Willson, J. W.—0.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Small, J. M.—1.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 4. Raised, 3.*

## Nevada Lodge, No. 13.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. Fitz James, *W. Master*,  
C. H. Seymour, *Sen. Warden*,  
W. Maltman, *Jun. Warden*,  
I. Williamson, *Treasurer*,

C. H. Patchin, *Secretary*,  
N. A. Hicks, *Sen. Deacon*,  
C. M. Saul, *Jun. Deacon*,  
C. C. Green, *Tyler*.

### Past Master:

J. R. McConnel, *P. J. G. W.*

### MASTER MASONS:

Abell, J. F.	Davis, O. T.	Keeran, J. P.	Readshaw, W. J.
Asher, W. C.	Dawley, J. N.	Kibbourn, G. O.	Reid, W. H.
Barbour, W. T.	De Young, E.	Knox, W. J.	Ritter, W.
Beecher, S. L.	Doyle, J.	Lamb, A.	Roberts, E. W.
Bell, G. H.	Drynan, J.	Latta, S. N.	Rogers, J. R.
Boardman, J. H.	Dunn, T. O.	Lindsay, R. S.	Rosenheim, A.
Bothwell, W.	Elmore, D. L.	Little, R.	Rosenheim, M.
Bucha, J.	Elwell, W.	Long, J.	Simmons, W.
Burton, E. F.	Endicott, W. H.	Marsh, C.	Sitler, W. W.
Caswell, T. H.	Gregg, J. M.	Miller, F. R.	Smith, A.
Charles, L. C.	Hardy, A.	Norman, H. G.	Spear, J. G.
Clark, E. N.	Hastings, J.	Nye, J.	Triplett, T. W.
Clarkson, W. P.	Holmes, J.	Palmer, G. M.	Wheeler, F.
Conyers, B. F.	Josephson, C.	Pierce, W. E.	Wilson, W.—67.
Crandall, O.	Justice, W.		

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Colville, J. H.	Hogue, E. S.	Span, W. P.
Elliott, G. M.	Johnson, D.	Wilson, A. P.—8.
Hartsough, J. B.	Keating, F.	

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alban, W. G.	Dunn, J. S.	Houseley, J. B.	Smith, E. W.
Anderson, T.	Forman, J. C.	Jones, J.	Tully, J. M.
Beasley, T.	Hay, J.	Keefer, S.	Warren, J. R.
Cross, E. W.	Helm, J. H.	Kline, G.	Webber, J.
Culbertson, J. H.	Heming, J.	Morgan, L. F.	Winn, J. J.
Davis, G. S.	Hill, E. E.	Naples, J.	Woodruff, H. R.—24.

### WITHDRAWN:

Allen, C.	Carter, J. B.	Hart, J. F.	Jackson, E.
Blythe, J. F.	Charles, H. M.	Harris, T.	Joyce, W. W.
Borrodaille, G.	Davidge, R. A.	Hodge, H. C.	Maltman, C.
Briscoe, C.	Grove, J. H.	Hubbell, C.	Phelps, J.—17.
Caperton, W. W.			

### STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Howell, C. J.	McIntyre, D.	Wood, H.—5.
Maxey, W. M.	Turner, J. N.	

### DIED:

S. S. Green, *F. C.*—1.

### EXPELLED:

Mann, J. S.—1.

*Initiated, 24. Passed, 23. Raised, 22. Affiliated, 5.*

## Temple Lodge, No. 14.

Sonoma, Sonoma County.

*Meets fourth Saturday in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

I. Brockman, *W. Master*,  
J. N. Neville, *Sen. Warden*,  
G. W. Miller, *Jun. Warden*,  
S. Akers, *Treasurer*,

S. H. Rupe, *Secretary*,  
W. Boggs, *Sen. Deacon*,  
R. R. Warder, *Jun. Deacon*,  
S. Kelsey, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Beasley, J.  
Benitz, W.  
Blakebey, C.  
Burris, W.  
Cook, M. E.  
Cooper, J.

Davidson, J.  
Hardin, J. A.  
Kamp, H. L.  
May, J.  
Mollison, H. P.  
McDonald, D.

O'Farrell, J.  
Peabody, E. T.  
Pendegast, T. C.  
Ray, J.  
Rennick, A. B.

Ross, W.  
Scoffy, P. M.  
Smith, J.  
Turner, A.  
Turner, R.—30.

### WITHDRAWN:

Cameron, J.

Hudspeth, J. M.—2.

### STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bartlett, C.

McKenny, J. W.—2.

### EXPELLED:

Hopkins, R.—1.

*Initiated, 3. Passed, 4. Raised, 5. Affiliated, 2.*

## Eureka Lodge, No. 16.

Auburn, Placer County,

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

H. R. Hawkins, *W. Master*,  
J. R. Crandall, *Sen. Warden*,  
P. W. Thomas, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. P. Harper, *Treasurer*,

C. H. Mitchell, *Secretary*,  
M. P. H. Love, *Sen. Deacon*,  
S. E. Barrett, *Jun. Deacon*,  
W. Jordan, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

J. R. Crandall, *P. S. G. W.*

L. Applegate.

### MASTER MASONS:

Applegate, G. W.  
Bolton, J.  
Canney, P.  
Carroll, W. J.  
Castor, P.  
Dillingham, W. H.

Folk, S.  
Glaze, M.  
Hardesty, S. V.  
Holmes, H. T.  
Johnson, W. A.  
Lathrop, T. W.

Leet, W. N.  
Lewis, H.  
Mitchell, T.  
McGinnis, W. T.  
Reed, C. L.  
Robertson, W. R.

Ryerson, H. O.  
Snyder, S. L.  
Stephens, W. S.  
Tidd, J. M.  
Young, H. M.—32.

### FELLOW CRAFT:

Hamman, A.—1.



## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Perry, G. F.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Cohen, S. H.  
Crouer, C. C.Crumpton, H. J.    Hall, J. E.  
Davidson, A.        Hyneman, M.

Metcalf, J. C.—7.

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 11. Raised, 13. Affiliated, 3.***Parfaite Union Lodge, No. 17.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets first and third Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**P. Quayne, *W. Master*,  
F. T. Teclaw, *Sen. Warden*,  
S. Driard, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Branger, *Treasurer*,C. Thierry, *Secretary*,  
P. Portois, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. Delange, *Jun. Deacon*,  
P. Gardner, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**L. Hermann, *P. G. M. of La.*,

J. Haine.

**MASTER MASONS:**Bouchard, H.  
Boverat, J.  
Casse, F.  
Chapleux, J.  
Corbiniere, P.Dawes, J.  
Etonbleaux, L.  
Gazan, A.  
Grisard, E.  
Harris, A. H.Hubert, C.  
Kellersberger, J.  
Knox, G. T.  
Lazzus, N.  
Lefranc, L.Lequain, C.  
Letroadec, L.  
Sandre, A.  
Zacrisky, A.—29.**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Gagneux, E.

Pinchard, J. B.—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**Bertrand, C.  
Blum, J.  
Dahlman, J.Hart, J.  
Kaplan, F.  
Kock, L.Lacharme, A. C.  
Levy, L.  
Levy, A.Marx, A.  
Mayer, J.—11.**STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Clavis, J.

Michel, L.

Stillier, A.—3.

**DIED:**

F. Alvarado.—1.

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 10. Raised, 10. Affiliated, 5.***Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18.****Downleville, Yuba County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.***OFFICERS:**H. P. Benton, *W. Master*,  
L. Reynolds, *Sen. Warden*,  
W. P. Young, *Jun. Warden*,  
S. W. Langton, *Treasurer*,J. D. Scellen, *Secretary*,  
H. G. Brown, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. W. Brown, *Jun. Deacon*,  
G. Harris, *Tyler*.

**Past Master :**

L. Reynolds.

**MASTER MASONS :**

Aiken, C. D.	Follmer, J. A.	Hinds, P.	Pettison, J.
Booth, G. A.	Ford, W. J.	Hobbs, R.	Polley, J. B.
Bragg, C.	Gardner, J. H.	Hunter, W.	Powell, J.
Breinhardt, L.	Gardner, J. M.	Kibbe, T. R.	Rapp, J.
Brown, H. N.	Garnassett, J.	Langton, A. T.	Ryan, P.
Conrad, J.	Graham, T. B.	Lemmon, W. C.	Smith, E. J.
Corcoran, J.	Green, B.	Macklin, H.	Spohn, E.
Craycroft, J. H.	Harpham, J.	Miller, H.	Stailey, S.—41.
Flagg, J. M.			

**FELLOW CRAFT :**

Totten, J. T.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES :**

Bramley, J. J.	Golden, J.	Jacob, A.
Ferguson, W. G.	Humphries, J.	Kellogg, U. S.
Gass, W.	Hunt, J.	Parsons, N.—9.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Burrill, R. G.	Fagg, G.	O'Brien, J.
Croninger, L. D.	Godfrey, L. P.	Reynolds, T.
Ely, W.	Jones, G.	Uhl, A.—9.

*Initiated, 13. Passed, 8. Raised, 7. Affiliated, 11.***San Joaquin Lodge, No. 19.****Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Meets first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

J. G. Candee, <i>W. Master.</i>	J. G. Jenkins, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. G. Brown, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Woods, <i>Chaplain.</i>
J. B. Cutts, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. Graham, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. C. Morris, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. H. Hall, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>

S. M. Goodwin, *Tyler.***MASTER MASONS :**

Adams, M. W.	Fulton, J.	Lane, J. P.	Rothenbush, P.
Andrew, F. C.	Gage, A. S.	Langdon, S.	Schwartz, P.
Ballou, E.	Goldman, M.	Lester, A.	Shafer, J. K.
Bateman, E. B.	Goodwin, J. W.	Lester, J. B.	Smith, J. L.
Biven, R.	Grunsky, C.	Lewis, A.	Stewart, F. H.
Bradford, A. C.	Hill, J. B.	Lewis, J.	Van Dyke, J.
Claiborne, G. B.	Hoerchner, A. II.	Mansfield, J.	Wagoner, J. P.
Coldren, E. L.	Howison, E. M.	Marshall, J. R.	Ward, C. A.
Colt, E. W.	Keenan, J. M.	Matthews, H. O.	Ward, M. L.
Corcoran, F. E.	Keller, J.	May, R. F.	Warren, D. B.
Couch, J. P.	Kelsey, J. M.	McKamy, J. M.	Webster, G.
Creaner, C. M.	Kelty, E. C.	McKee, W. F.	Wincham, M. A.
Edwards, J. C.	Kerr, G.	Olivia, A.	Wynn, W.
Freeborn, J. S.	Kitchings, D.	Reany, McK.	Zachariah, I.—66.
Friedlander, I.			

**FELLOW CRAFT :**

Clark, W. B.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Triest, B.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Kennedy, J. B.

Kelly, J. W.

Poppe, C.

Richmond, B.

Wormser, I.

Wormser, L.—6.

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 7. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 6.***Washington Lodge, No. 20.****Sacramento, Sacramento County.***Meets every Thursday.***OFFICERS:**N. Greene Curtis, *W. Master*,J. Morrill, *Sen. Warden*.G. I. N. Monell, *Jun. Warden*,L. A. Booth, *Treasurer*,D. St. C. Stevens, *Secretary*,M. C. Hillyer, *Sen. Deacon*.W. H. Holliday, *Jun. Deacon*,

J. Gates, Jr.,

A. P. Andrews, } *Stewards*,J. L. Thompson, *Tyler*.**Past Masters:**

C. Duncombe,

I. Davis,

F. J. Willis,

J. Morrill,

A. D. Patterson.

N. G. Curtis, *D.G.M.***MASTER MASONS:**

Abbott, C. E.	Collins, L. P.	Hartley, H. H.	Mitchell, J. B.
Akmar, P.	Crouch, B. T.	Haskell, D. H.	Morris, J. M.
Andrews, A.	Daly, J. T.	Henry, H. O.	McNulty, W.
Arcega, J. M.	Day, J.	Hill, T.	Pierce, G.
Atkins, J. R.	Favill, C.	Hoy, A. B.	Read, J. A.
Aubrey, E.	Forsyth, J. H.	Hunter, A. C.	Rich, S.
Ball, J.	Fowler, J. A.	Hutchinson, C. J.	Ryan, J.
Barr, J. C.	Gates, D. V.	Hutchinson, T.	Sackett, C. C.
Bigler, J.	Gove, A. S.	Isaacs, F.	Shepherd, J. M.
Block, E.	Greenwald, S.	Jamison, J. S.	Taylor, L. W.
Bond, W. M.	Grice, H.	Johnson, R. P.	Trautman, J.
Bowlby, A.	Griffith, H.	Johnson, T.	Treat, J. D.
Bowstead, J.	Haines, G.	Kidder, N. A.	Towne, N. W.
Brown, E. L.	Hall, E. H.	Kohn, M.	Valentine, E.
Bullard, J. H.	Hall, J. T.	Lauriat, L. A.	Waters, J.
Burd, S. H.	Hammond, A. M.	Lewis, L.	Watters, A.
Burge, R. K.	Hardin, M. R.	Little, J. O.	Wetherwax, J. M. B.
Catlett, C. C.	Hardy, J. H.	Long, W. S.	White, W. S.
Coachman, J. C.	Hardy, J. P.	Maddux, D.	Wilbourn, L. C.
Colgan, J.	Harris, L. B.	Meredith, H.	Wills, J. M.—94.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Carr, A. O.

Malin, I. B.

Rhea, H. P.—3.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Griffith, J. F.

Hunt, D. N.

May, S. J.

Thompson, J. P.—4.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brown, J. Q.

Julliard, P.

Porter, D. C.

Thorn, J.

Goodenow, A. J.

Perkins, E. S.

Rodgers, A. F.

Welch, H. H.—10.

Jordan, D.

Pitkin, J.

*Initiated, 23. Passed, 28. Raised, 25. Affiliated, 35.*



**Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21.****Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.***Meets first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

W. Wond, *W. Master*,  
 R. G. Davis, *Sen. Warden*,  
 A. J. Cartwright, Jr., *Jun. Warden*,  
 J. C. Bullions, *Treasurer*,

W. Bowden, *Secretary*,  
 C. S. Barton, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 W. Greig, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 M. R. Harvey, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Babcock, W.  
 Blair, J. D.  
 Comstock, H. S.  
 Cummins, T.  
 Field, B. W.  
 Hanks, F. L.  
 Hegarty, P.

Hoffman, E.  
 Irwin, J.  
 Johnson, T. W.  
 Kamehameha, L.  
 Lewers, C. H.  
 Luce, G. H.  
 Macfarlane, H.

Meek, J.  
 Melchers, C. G.  
 Miller, G.  
 Montgomery, J.  
 McLean, G. C.  
 Neilson, H. A.  
 O'Brien, J.

Paty, J.  
 Penhallow, D. P.  
 Reiners, G.  
 Rooke, T. C. B.  
 Sea, H.  
 Whelden, A.  
 Williams, G.—38.

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Fornander, A.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Andrews, L. Jr.

Ford, S. P.

Rice, W. B.—3.

**DIED:**

F. W. Thompson.—1.

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 9. Raised, 11. Affiliated, 3.***Occidental Lodge, No. 22.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets every Monday.***OFFICERS:**

S. Clark, *W. Master*,  
 G. W. Baker, *Sen. Warden*,  
 A. G. Randall, *Jun. Warden*,  
 W. M. La Roche, *Treasurer*,

R. B. Hampton, *Secretary*.  
 J. G. Pearson, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. A. Clark, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. Noah, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

J. Rice, Jr. *P.G.M. of Ky.*  
 J. E. Wainwright,  
 J. H. Gihon, *P. G. Sec.*

G. Yale,  
 G. Simpton,

P. A. Morse,  
 J. H. Horsfall,

**MASTER MASONS:**

Bailey, O.  
 Baird, J. H.  
 Bates, G. C.  
 Battelle, T. K.  
 Bowie, H. R.  
 Brown, J. H.

Brown, J. V.  
 Byrne, H. H.  
 Campbell, A.  
 Chapin, S. A.  
 Chauviteau, J.  
 Clough, J.

Cook, E.  
 Crozier, R. G.  
 Eldridge, J. O.  
 Ellis, J. S.  
 Farrell, J. M.  
 Fenner, C. G.

Ferguson, C.  
 Finley, J. W.  
 Fitch, H. S.  
 Goin, F.  
 Hackett, J. K.  
 Harris, S. R.

Hayes, E. M.	Lull, L. R.	Parker, T. B.	Sullivan, E. L.
Heyl, W. S.	Merrill, A.	Rowell, I.	Thompson, D. W.
Holland, N.	Middleton, J.	Ryan, E.	Waterman, J.
Hopkins, R. C.	Negus, S. W.	Sinton, R. H.	Webb, H. A.
Hughes, J. L.	Nickerson, M.	Sloan, E. W. F.	Wells, A.
Johnson, T. P.	Noe, J.	Smith, S.	White, T. J.
Johnson, T. R.	Norcross, D.	Stiles, E. C.	Wing, A.—68.
Lewis, J.			

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Bowie, A. J.	Saffrons, I.	Watson, G. F.
Brinsmade, A. A.	Seguin, B.	Wood, W. G.—7.
Loring, S.		

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Freelon, T. W.	McDougal, G.	Sheldon, J.
Hooper, A. J.	Pearkes, G.	Spofford, W. E.—6.

*Initiated, 32. Passed, 29. Raised, 24. Affiliated, 3.*

## Madison Lodge, No. 23.

**Grass Valley, Nevada County.**

*Meets first and third Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. M. Fouse, <i>W. Master,</i>	C. M. Peterson, <i>Secretary,</i>
G. N. Crandall, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	E. McLaughlin, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. J. Dorsey, <i>Jun Warden,</i>	J. W. Striker, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. McCormick, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. Little, <i>Tyler.</i>

## Past Masters:

S. C. Richardson,	Z. Wheeler,	O. H. Dibble.
-------------------	-------------	---------------

## MASTER MASONS:

Burgess, T. J.	Heyman, S.	Musgrove, R.	Solomon, A.
Carpenter, W. S.	Hollis, W. A.	McCoy, J.	Sylvester, H.
Crepps, W. A.	Johnson, G.	McNary, W. S.	Tibbets, R.
Delano, A.	Kohner, D.	Prager, S.	Tompkins, E. A.
Dibble, A. B.	Livingston, E.	Sheridan, G. M.	Vanderlip, E.
Dryden, D. A.	Moore, B. F.	Shubert, J. A.	Waldauer, J.
Effinger, J. H.	Moyes, R. B.	Snowden, R. N.	Wilson, J.—40.
Fenno, J.			

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Cowen, S.	Larrimer, J. W.—2.
-----------	--------------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Bard, L. L.	Edge, M.	Hubbard, F. A.
Clapp, W. B.	Goad, J. C.	Mills, C. H.
Denzinger, H.	Hancock, H. H.	Smail, B. B.—9.

## WITHDRAWN:

Challinor, F.	Geibhardt, N. L.	Rawdon, L. P.
Cunningham, J.	Hanche, M. C.	Rhinehart, D.
Denzer, C.	McClure, J.	Simmons, J. C.—9.

## DIED:

Richard Doran.—1.

*Initiated, 18. Passed, 16. Raised, 15. Affiliated, 12.*

**Mariposa Lodge, No. 24.****Mariposa, Mariposa County.***Meets Saturday preceding full moon.***OFFICERS:**

G. B. Abel, *W. Master*,  
 R. A. Appling, *Sen. Warden*,  
 E. E. Hewitt, *Jun. Warden*,  
 J. N. Thomas, *Treasurer*,

O. M. Dickenson, *Secretary*,  
 S. A. Merritt, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 H. B. Newton, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 W. T. Hargiss, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Adams, J. T.	Corbett, A. H.	Kraft, I.	Posner, J.
Ashworth, S.	Goodman, M.	Lane, A. J.	Steptoe, J. P.
Beckhan, S. W.	Hallum, J. L.	Mackay, J. N.	Stiner, C. M.
Bell, S.	Herbert, P. T.	McNamara, J. F.	Sweet, S.
Bondurant, J. M.	Hillman, T.	Nagle, P. B.	Vinsenhaller, L. D.
Bowman, J. C.	Hutchinson, T. R.	Neville, G.	Whitacre, W. T.
Bowlin, J. S.	King, W. A.	Parker, W. T.	Young, A. H.—36.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Burchard, W. C. Crippen, J. D. Grosenmiers, J. T. Papers, J. M.—4.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Appling, E. R. Howard, I. M. Lewis, M. B. Thornton, T. G.—4.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Evans, T. N.	Mahan, B. T.	Shadden, M. W.	Williams, W.—7.
Hollister, D. S.	Norris, J. R.	Westfall, W. H.	

**STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Minchausen, M. Thornton, W. Williamson, G. E.—3.

*Initiated, 22. Passed, 25. Raised, 20. Affiliated, 8.*

**Georgetown Lodge, No. 25.****Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

P. W. Cunningham, *W. Master*,  
 J. P. Davison, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. S. Blackwell, *Jun. Warden*,  
 M. M. Frankenthal, *Treasurer*,  
 E. C. Southworth, *Secretary*,

J. R. Williamson, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. Fewell, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. L. Bowles, }  
 D. A. McMurray, } *Stewards*,  
 I. H. Bunch, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

T. M. Reed.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Baerd, J.	Chandler, W. H.	Ford, A. J.	Hook, G. W.
Breeze, A.	Davis, M.	Glaze, M.	Jones, J. H.
Brotherton, T. W.	Deverter, M.	Gray, F. G.	Lancaster, W. H.
Burgoyne, S. C.	Draper, —	Harden, J. B.	Matthews, R. L.



Mills, H.	Nye, S. P.	Smitge, F.	Talmadge, E. W.
Mills, J.	Pierce, L.	Stewart, R.	Winstead, A.
Murrick, G. M.	Pine, A. B.	Stockton, J.	Wren, T.—41.
Newman, H. E.	Russell, H. B.		

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Jamison, S. M.	Martin, D.	Smith, H.—5.
Kilbury, A. M.	Myrick, J. W.	

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cranston, T. J.	Lamvin, R.—2.
-----------------	---------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Frankenthal, M.	Miller, S. W.—2.
-----------------	------------------

*Initiated, 7. Passed, 7. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 12.*

## El Dorado Lodge, No. 26.

**Placerville, El Dorado County.**

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each Month.*

## OFFICERS:

J. T. Holt, <i>W. Master,</i>	F. F. Barss, <i>Secretary,</i>
A. Hunter, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	L. B. Hopkins, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. H. Smith, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
_____, <i>Treasurer,</i>	D. P. McNeil, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Bee, A. W.	Fiske, L. C.	Keene, B. F.	Newell, D. K.
Blake, G.	Gale, G. W.	Kohn, D.	Shober, J. L.
Buchanan, J.	Goode, S. S.	Madden, D. W.	Sprague, J. G.
Davis, G. W.	Hardy, W.	Mitchell, J. A.	Williams, W. D.—25.
Finch, C.	Hawley, A. H.	McAfee, A. D.	

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Sischo, N. N.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Bloomington, E.	Goldberg, H.	Martin, J. P.	Pullen, E. A.
Davis, C. D.	Harmon, T. H.	Murphy, J. H.	Thatcher, A. T.—10.
Elgutter, M.	Jackson, C. P.		

*Initiated, 7. Passed, 7. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 7.*

## Trinity Lodge, No. 27.

**Weaverville, Trinity County.**

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

M. Ruch, <i>W. Master,</i>	H. J. Seaman, <i>Secretary,</i>
C. L. N. Vaughn, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. E. Williams, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
H. B. Davison, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. J. West, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
J. Musser, <i>Treasurer,</i>	A. Mitchell, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Burch, J. C.	Innes, C. H.	Moore, M.	Sturdivant, J. A.
Chillis, J. F.	Jackson, W. L.	McGillivray, J.	Thomas, C.
Circle, V.	Keizer, M.	McKenzie, F. S.	Upton, W. W.
Colman, M.	Kelly, E. A.	Norcross, O. H. P.	Vanschaick, W.
Dale, D. R.	Lee, C.	Peters, J. M.	Ware, W.
Eder, P. M.	Lowe, W. M.	Pitzer, J. S.	Wells, R. B.
Edwards, F. T.	Maloney, W.	Rowe, E. A.	Williams, L. S.
Felter, A. J.	May, W. B.	Smith, F. W.	Winston, B. W.
Fisher, J.	Miller, R. T.	Stuart, R. T.	Wyman, B. H.—45.
Hocker, H.	Monroe, A.		

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cummings, J. G.	Grant, W.	Wyman, J. E.—3.
-----------------	-----------	-----------------

## WITHDRAWN:

Bell, T. L.	Delap, L.	Harman, H.	Vaughn, C. L. N.
Carr, J.	Drumb, A. B.	Miller, G.	Winston, G. B.—8.

## STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Cameron, J.	Luckett, J.—2.
-------------	----------------

## DIED:

John Beckett.—1.

*Initiated, 24. Passed, 25. Raised, 28. Affiliated, 5.*

## Columbia Lodge, No. 28.

Columbia, Tuolumne County.

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

T. J. Oxley, <i>W. Master,</i>	F. R. Sponsler, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. A. Jackson, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. W. H. Aaron, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
T. C. Boswell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. Campbell, <i>Marshal,</i>
A. Farnsworth, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Arnold, } <i>Stewards,</i>
J. Heckendorn, <i>Secretary,</i>	I. Levy, }
G. Wilson, <i>Tyler.</i>	

## MASTER MASONS:

Ackerman, L. S.	Fletcher, A.	Laird, J. W.	Raymond, V. R.
Brown, N.	Floyd, J. C.	Leon, S.	Skinner, E.
Burr, R.	Gillespie, C. K.	Levy, A.	Sparks, J. G.
Campbell, J.	Gordon, B. B.	Marshall, J. W.	Stone, W. E.
Carley, J.	Howland, L. L.	Mills, J.	Taylor, J.
Carter, J. T.	Hunnewell, A. A.	Norton, J. J.	Vanamage, W. A.
Coffroth, J. W.	Jolly, J.	Pendegrast, J. C.	Vanarsdale, W. G.
Conner, J. L.	Kendall, L. N.	Piley, H.	Wyman, A.—45.
Ferguson, P. G.	Kotsch, F. C.		

## WITHDRAWN:

Blake, C. E.	Brundage, V. D.	Moore, J.
Boswell, T. C.	Ford, A. W.	Parker, G. W.—6.

## DIED:

G. A. Field,	W. M. Higgins.—2.
--------------	-------------------

*Initiated, 17. Passed, 18. Raised, 21. Affiliated, 10.*

**Diamond Lodge, No. 29.****Diamond Springs, El Dorado County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

A. D. Park, *W. Master*,  
 W. Henderson, *Sen. Warden*,  
 S. F. Hamm, *Jun. Warden*,  
 A. Karp, *Treasurer*,  
 L. E. Broocke, *Secretary*,

C. F. Irwin, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 M. Arnold, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 T. Richling, }  
 S. H. P. White, } *Stewards*.  
 W. Watson, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

L. Bradley.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Abrams, L.	Ellen, E.	Hull, R.	Peck, S. S.
Arrons, C. W. A.	Garrison, G. D.	Hyneman, M.	Sandford, W.
Bowe, E. Y.	Graham, A. J.	McDaniel, C. M.	Strelitz, P.
Clark, I.	Haas, A.	McLane, P. C.	Thorp, E.
Dickenson, P. L.	Hawley, T. P.	Noteware, C. N.	Wolf, B.—32.
Dickey, S. A.			

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Smith, S. P.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Godchaux, J.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Godchaux, L.	Jackman, J. L.	Phillips, M.	Strange, J. R.
Gridley, R. C.	Levering, A. L.	Simmons, J. E.	Tubbs, M.
Hall, C.			Westcott, O. B.—10

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 13. Raised, 13. Affiliated, 7.***Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30.****San Francisco, San Francisco County.***Meets every Tuesday.***OFFICERS:**

W. S. Moses, *W. Master*,  
 G. J. Hobe, *Sen. Warden*,  
 S. Gamage, *Jun. Warden*,  
 E. Hacker, *Treasurer*,  
 W. S. O'Brien, *Secretary*,

L. C. Owen, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 W. S. Phelps, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 E. M. Cottrell, *Marshal*,  
 P. Craig, }  
 E. C. Harford, } *Stewards*,

J. Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) *Tyler*.**Past Master:**

W. S. Moses.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Anderson, A.	Elliott, H.	Hull, G. S.	Knowlton, J. J.
Anderson, J.	Flood, J. C.	Hunter, J.	Marchovich, J.
Clark, C.	Graham, J. E.	Hutchinson, G. W.	McCombe, J.
Cooke, W. B.	Hall, G. B.	Jackson, O.	McKibbin, W.
Damon, J. F.	Hogeboom, L. V.	Keef, J.	Snook, R.
Donnellan, B. C.			Van Pelt, J. H.—32.



FELLOW CRAFT:  
Churchward, J.—1.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Alley, E. Matheson, R. Oakley, B. Wilbur, J. P.—4.  
*Initiated, 18. Passed, 15. Raised, 15. Affiliated, 4.*

## Mokelumne Lodge, No. 31.

Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County.

*Meets every Saturday evening.*

### OFFICERS:

G. H. Campbell, *W. Master*,  
J. C. Reid, *Sen. Warden*,  
W. Wooley, *Jun. Warden*,  
C. A. Clarke, *Treasurer*,  
W. Innes, *Secretary*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
S. B. Parker, *Tyler*.

### Past Master:

G. R. Walker.

### MASTER MASONS:

Boynton, C.	Fuqua, W.	Kraft, H.	Rogers, W. M.
Britton, J. F.	Gebhardt, J. C.	Leake, C. A.	Rosenberg, M.
Clark, H. Q.	Grundy, C.	Mayer, M.	Sawyer, E. D.
Cowles, T.	Hamilton, W. B.	Miner, J. G.	Smith, S. D.
Day, J.	Harris, G. W.	Moreto, E. G.	Snyder, F.
Dennis, L.	Hodopp, E.	Page, L.	Strauss, A.
Douglass, J. P.	Humphreys, A. A.	Platt, A.	Thompson, P.
Dreher, J.	Husband, B.	Raymond, G.	Ward, J. G.—41.
Fickett, S. H.	Jarvis, S.		

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Pomeroy, E. H. Wilkins, J. S.—2.

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Andrews, J.	Fenno, G.	Marti, B.	Sompayrac, L.
Ayliffe, S. H.	Grable, B.	McDowell, J. T.	Swain, H. C.
Boucher, W. K.	Levinsky, J.	Rogers, A. P.	Van Pelt, J. W.
Bryan, J. T.	Levison, L.	Skidmore, W. D.	Zubee, W. L.—17.
Campbell, J. H.			

### WITHDRAWN:

Gates, E. Hamilton, H. Tislow, R. D.—3.

*Initiated, 27. Passed, 13. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 8.*

## Gold Hill Lodge, No. 32.

Gold Hill, Placer County.

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. E. Stewart, <i>W. Master</i> ,	W. B. Greer, <i>Secretary</i> ,
A. Mills, <i>Sen. Warden</i> ,	_____, <i>Sen. Deacon</i> ,
W. S. C. Woods, <i>Jun. Warden</i> ,	J. McCarley, <i>Jun. Deacon</i> ,
J. A. Hill, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	J. F. Smith, <i>Tyler</i> .

**Past Master:**

J. E. Stewart.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Adams, W. V.	Duff, A.	Mandel, E.	Rucker, J. W.
Allen, T. L. M.	Heeth, B. L.	Marshall, J.	Sims, J. S.
Clark, P.	Henderson, J. B.	Roberts, W. E.	Spann, J. W.
Delany, J.	Hendrick, L. D.	Robinson, E.	Wagner, R. M.—25.
Devane, W. R. K.	Leeck, J. E.		

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Sylvester, E.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Durkee, C.

Mason, D. V.—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bedford, J. M.	Lassiter, R.	McCarley, J.
Gaughran, M.	Lyons, R. N.	Snodgrass, J. S.
Howard, N. F.	Marey, P. L.	Williamson, S.—9.

**EXPELLED:**

Wilson, R.—1.

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 10. Raised, 9. Affiliated, 5.*

**Ophir Lodge, No. 33.****Murphy's Camp, Calaveras County.***Meets first and fourth Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. W. Griswold, <i>W. Master,</i>	C. W. Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>
W. H. Barnes, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	F. M. C. Newton, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. C. Russell, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. J. Criswell, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
S. B. Stevens, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. Killgone, <i>Tyler.</i>

**Past Master:**

A. H. Putney.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Dakin, P.	Hanford, W. H.	Russell, W. A.	Strange, E. M.
Dolan, P.	Perry, G.	Smith, J. A.	Taylor, I.
Evans, B. H.	Rounds, A. J.	Smith, J. B.	Wright, W. A.—22.
Green, N. W.			

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Jeffries, R. A.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Carr, M.	Dinkerfield, L.	Lester, J. B.	Tichenal, W. H.
Dake, L. W.	Hanna, H. R.	Meyer, O.	Wilkins, B. B.—11.
Decker, W. H.	Hubbard, W. A.	Nellis, W.	

*Initiated, 9. Passed, 9. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 8.*

**Santa Clara Lodge, No. 34.****Santa Clara, Santa Clara County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

E. S. Ruggles, *W. Master*,  
 E. E. Brock, *Sen. Warden*,  
 W. T. Rucker, *Jun. Warden*,  
 W. B. Stockton, *Treasurer*,

P. T. McCabe, *Secretary*,  
 L. Gardner, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 J. A. Clayton, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 P. J. Davis, *Tyler*.

**Past Master:**

J. Cook.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Bailey, A. M.	Hope, A. M.	Pence, I. N.	Vincent, G. W.
Clayton, C.	Miller, J.	Shephard, F. A.	Williams, J. M.—19.
Hinckson, A. C.	Morgan, J. H.		

**FELLOW CRAFT:**

Brother, H.—1.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:**

Jackson, A. J.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Cox, J. F.	Johnston, N. B.	Turner, J. H.—5.
Fulgram, G. F.	Story, E. F.	

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 7. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 3.***San Diego Lodge, No. 35.****San Diego, San Diego County.***Meets second and fourth Sundays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

P. Crosthwaite, *W. Master*,  
 D. B. Kurtz, *Sen. Warden*,  
 J. W. Robinson, *Jun. Warden*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer*,

D. B. Hoffman, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters:**

G. H. Derby.

W. C. Ferrell,

**MASTER MASONS:**

Ames, J. J.	Goldman, J. A.	Kohn, H. L.	Sexton, M. M.
Bogart, A. L.	Hayes, J.	Reiner, J.	Smith, J.
Bogart, J. C.	Hoeff, P. H.	Reynolds, J.	Tibbetts, G. P.
Couts, C. J.	Hooper, G. T.	Rose, L.	Trench, W. W.—22.

**FELLOW CRAFTS:**

Conklin, W.	Darnall, R. R.	Lyons, G.	Yager, J. L. F.—4.
-------------	----------------	-----------	--------------------

*Initiated, 2. Passed, 2.*



**Butte Lodge, No. 36.****Bldwell's Bar, Butte County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

R. C. Baker, *W. Master*,  
 J. B. Smith, *Sen. Warden*,  
 A. B. Newcomb, *Jun. Warden*,  
 J. Gluckauf, *Treasurer*,

P. H. Harris, *Secretary*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 G. W. Hess, *Tyler*.

**Past Masters :**

R. C. Baker,

P. H. Harris,

T. Wells.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Billings, C.	Dalton, J.	Hope, J. P.	Simpson, A. G.
Brown, J. M.	England, J. T.	Marx, L.	Van Orden, R. T.
Crossette, G. W.	Gilkyson, J. W.	Shearer, W.	Wilson, J.—19.

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Brown, D. A.	Gloyd, D. P.	Jones, J.	Weistron, P. W.—7.
Buckley, G. W.	Jenkins, T. J.	Smith, L.	

*Initiated, 10. Passed, 3. Raised, 3.***St. John's Lodge, No. 37.****Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

J. D. Cosby, *W. Master*,  
 F. H. McKinney, *Sen. Warden*,  
 H. G. Ferris, *Jun. Warden*,  
 D. M. Davidson, *Treasurer*,

E. D. Byrne, *Secretary*,  
 J. Rhodes, *Sen. Deacon*,  
 A. J. Chapman, *Jun. Deacon*,  
 J. W. Fairchild, *Tyler*.

**MASTER MASONS:**

Batterton, W. D.	Dudley, J. S.	Jacks, M.	Ramsey, G. T.
Bernard, J.	Dunn, J. W.	Kitts, D. B.	Romanes, W. H.
Brown, H.	Dyer, J.	Livingston, F.	Smith, A. M. C.
Colton, D. D.	Ellis, J. F.	McCoy, S.	Steutz, H.
Connelly, J.	Green, J.	Nicholson, J. M.	Taylor, W. S. R.
Cowan, H. G.	Gridley, R. C.	Padon, W. H.	Wassen, G.
Cummins, J. L.	Hickman, J.	Poole, W. P.	Woods, H. A.—36.

**FELLOW-CRAFTS :**

Johnston, R. A.	Klink, G. W.	Sanbanch, J. W.	Turnoskie, J.—4.
-----------------	--------------	-----------------	------------------

**ENTERED APPRENTICES:**

Cohen, S.	Newton, H. H.	Strawbridge, J.	Wright, W.—7.
Lowry, D. H.	Slade, W. D.	Thornberry, C. N.	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Benedict, A. C.	Coffin, E.	Hyman, A.	Kane, J.—4.
-----------------	------------	-----------	-------------

*Initiated, 22. Passed, 15. Raised, 11. Affiliated, 6.*

## Santa Cruz Lodge, No. 38.

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

H. G. Blasdale, *W. Master*,  
A. Sinclair, *Sen. Warden*,  
N. H. Stockton, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. Brummet, *Treasurer*,

P. Tracey, *Secretary*,  
D. C. Stone, *Sen. Deacon*,  
O. K. Stamply, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. B. Arcan, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Baker, E. C.	Godchaux, L.	Milburn, D.	Shackleford, M. B.
Bradley, J. A.	Graham, I. W.	Parsons, J. F.	Sinclair, P.
Cannon, E. G.	Hitchcock, I.	Peck, H. W.	Tillery, J.
Davis, T. M.	Irwin, S. Q.	Sanbourn, L.	Tyus, J. B.
Frederick, J. L.	Manasco, C. G.	See, L. A.	Winterhelder, C.—29.
Gagnon, M.			

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Kitchen, J. W. McDonald, A. Thompson, M. Williams, E. L.—4.

*Initiated, 16. Passed, 12. Raised, 12. Affiliated, 3.*

## Yuba Lodge, No. 39.

Marysville, Yuba County.

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

A. Maurice, Jr., *W. Master*,  
E. Garst, *Sen. Warden*,  
T. J. Dickey, *Jun. Warden*,  
J. S. Walker, *Treasurer*,

A. Tuska, *Secretary*,  
C. E. Alvord, *Sen. Deacon*,  
C. Raish, *Jun. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

### Past Masters:

A. Maurice, Jr. J. B. Bope, D. G. Potter, L. Steinhart.

### MASTER MASONS:

Abbott, J. M.	Degolia, D.	Jackson, E.	Roberts, H. W.
Barman, J.	Donovan, T.	Keyser, P. W.	Ryman, H.
Bisset, T.	Fairfax, C.	Lewis, L.	Taylor, T. J.
Carroll, J. J.	Haskins, D. C.	McDuffie, J. Y.	Waits, A. E.
De Bell, J.	Hinman, J. M.	Reinhart, B.	Whitehill, J.—30.

### WITHDRAWN:

Bristow, J. H. Hays, S. M. Mason, C.—3.

*Initiated, 11. Passed, 11. Raised, 11. Affiliated, 13.*

## Sacramento Lodge, No. 40.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Meets first and third Fridays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. L. English, <i>W. Master,</i>	W. G. Burneman, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. A. Tutt, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	B. F. Crouch, <i>Chaplain,</i>
J. H. Gass, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	W. W. Stovall, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. Kohlman, <i>Treasurer,</i>	H. Greenbaum, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

### Past Masters:

J. A. Tutt, <i>P. G. M.</i>	I. Davis, <i>G. L.</i>
-----------------------------	------------------------

### MASTER MASONS:

Anthony, J.	Gardiner, T.	Meyer, A.	Rodgers, A. F.
Asher, A. B.	Heard, J.	Montgomery, J. F.	Steevens, D. St. C.
Bullard, J. H.	Henry, W. P.	Morse, J. F.	Wheeler, O. C.
Edwards, P. L.	Jacobi, H.	Pearis, R.	Wilcoxon, J.—26.
Ellis, R. B.			

### FELLOW CRAFT:

Millgate, T.—1.

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Reilly, W. T.	Spencer, D. C.—2.
<i>Initiated, 7. Passed, 5. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 1.</i>	

## Martinez Lodge, No. 41.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

R. N. Wood, <i>W. Master,</i>	J. S. Day, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Mitchell, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. Tucker, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
H. Mills, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	E. F. Weld, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
D. Small, <i>Treasurer,</i>	S. Russell, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Briggs, S. G.	Hooper, A.	Tuppin, J. T.	Watts, J. S.—12.
---------------	------------	---------------	------------------

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Johnson, H. W.	Mitchell, J. N. B.—2.
<i>Initiated, 2.</i>	

## Los Angeles Lodge, No. 42.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

H. P. Dorsey, <i>W. Master,</i>	Timothy Foster, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Elias, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	C. Shackno, <i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
Thomas Foster, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Rich, <i>Jun. Deacon.</i>
J. K. Barton, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. A. Smith, <i>Tyler.</i>



## MASTER MASON:

Clark, A. C.	Granger, L.	Jacobs, A.	Macy, O.
Goodman, M. L.	Hodges, A. P.	Lewis, J.	Rubottom, W. W.—16.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Brent, J. L.	Scott, J. R.	Wetherbee, J. H.—3.
--------------	--------------	---------------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Dumey, J. G.	Hereford, T. S.	Shore, J. W.	Wilson, B. D.—4.
--------------	-----------------	--------------	------------------

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 4. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 3.*

## Hiram Lodge, No. 43.

**Mud Springs, El Dorado County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

_____, <i>W. Master,</i>	_____, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Moss, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
O. B. Westcott, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
_____, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASON:

Anderson, R. C.	Davies, S. W.	Handy, S. A.	Morganstein, M.
Bates, B. F.	Enochs, E.	Jeffreys, G. W.	Phelps, M.
Bowden, J.	Ferris, J.	Liverage, A. S.	Simmons, J. E.
Boyd, C.	Foster, T.	Merritt, H. W.	Tebbs, M.—19.
Chase, D.			

## WITHDRAWN:

Blackwell, W.	Godchaux, J.	Hall, C.	Jackman, J. L.—4.
---------------	--------------	----------	-------------------

## DIED:

F. Smoot.—1.

*Initiated, 6. Passed, 6. Raised, 6. Affiliated, 7.*

## Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44.

**San Francisco, San Francisco County.**

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

P. W. Shephard, <i>W. Master,</i>	B. D. Hyam, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
O. B. Tyler, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	S. Marks, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
C. R. Saunders, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	M. H. N. Kendig, <i>Marshal,</i>
B. F. Moses, <i>Treasurer,</i>	W. B. Turner, <i>{ Stewards,</i>
C. T. Wilson, <i>Secretary,</i>	G. Gates, <i>{</i>
J. Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

## Past Masters:

B. D. Hyam, <i>P.G.M.</i>	J. Shannon,	E. A. Theller,	C. T. Wilson.
---------------------------	-------------	----------------	---------------

## MASTER MASONS:

Abrahamson, P.	Devoe, J. B.	Kewen, E. J. C.	Parker, G. F.
Abrams, J. M.	Ferguson, J.	Lawrie, J. R.	Phillips, F.
Bourne, J. B.	Friedlander, A.	Lipman, I.	Randolph, W. C.
Bowen, T. H.	Hawley, C. A.	Mayer, S.	Selover, A. A.
Clark, E. Z.	Holladay, S. W.	Meyers, L.	Silverthorn, W. H.
Coffee, G. W.	Jacobs, J.	Moses, A.	Tewksbury, J. M.
Cohn, M.	Jacobs, S.	McCrellish, F.	Theller, E. R.
Davies, J. S.	Joseph, R.	Owner, H.	Willett, E. W.—45.
Dessau, J. H.			

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Brooks, R. C.	Humphreys, L.	Steen, E. T.—3.
---------------	---------------	-----------------

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Chipman, C.	Hickox, G. C.	Torrence, J.—5.
Fobes, C. P.	Martin, W.	

## WITHDRAWN:

Friedman, S.—1.

## DIED:

Joseph P. Dickson.—1.

*Initiated, 22. Passed, 18. Raised, 16. Affiliated, 2.*

**Crescent Lodge, No. 45.**

**Crescent City, Klamath County.**

*Meets first and third Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

D. C. Lewis, <i>W. Master,</i>	S. H. Grubler, <i>Secretary,</i>
C. L. Farrington, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	E. Y. Naylor, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
G. T. Lawton, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	S. Hahn, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
S. Honigsberger, <i>Treasurer,</i>	N. E. Morey, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Fletcher, E. P.	Olds, R. P.	Salomon, L.	Thorp, D. W.
Gilkey, L. B.	Parker, R. A.	Terry, J. K.	Wall, J. G.—16.

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Wilt, J. A.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Block, A. J.	Gilmore, T. B.	Hoover, D.—3.
--------------	----------------	---------------

*Initiated, 8. Passed, 5. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 5.*

**Texas Lodge, No. 46.**

**San Juan, Monterey County.**

*Meets Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

E. L. Story, <i>W. Master,</i>	N. B. Johnson, <i>Secretary,</i>
R. L. Matthews, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	—————, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
L. Strode, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	—————, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
—————, <i>Treasurer,</i>	—————, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Abbey, T.  
Ashley, D. R.  
Chism, J. E.

Coxe, J. T.  
Fulghman, G. F.  
Hubbard, W. G.  
Johnson, J. S.

Merritt, J.  
Tichenal, W. H.  
Walker, G. W.—14.

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Dolin, L.

Overton, J. T.—2.

*Initiated, 2. Affiliated, 1.*

**Michigan City Lodge, No. 47.**

**Michigan City, Placer County.**

*Meets first and third Thursdays in each Month.*

**OFFICERS:**

B. T. Buckley, *W. Master*,  
W. W. Wixon, *Sen. Warden*,  
D. Johnson, *Jun. Warden*,  
H. B. Carr, *Treasurer*,

P. Stoner, *Secretary*,  
L. Stanford, *Sen. Deacon*,  
S. S. Coburn, *Jun. Deacon*,  
D. L. Whiting, *Tyler*.

## MASTER MASONS:

Adams, J. Q.  
Adolph, P.  
Baker, J. H.  
Bates, J.

Bonnett, B.  
Burrows, D.  
Calloway, J.

Halligan, M.  
Herzberg, J.  
Johnson, T. D.

Leet, S. T.  
Mason, A. A.  
McAllister, S. F.  
McCollum, J. S.—22.

## FELLOW CRAFTS:

Blake, C. T.

Hutchinson, J.

Lowe, C. A.

Webster, G. G.—4.

*Initiated, 7. Passed, 7. Raised, 3. Affiliated, 9.*

**Grass Valley Lodge, No. 48.**

**Grass Valley, Nevada County.**

*Meets second and fourth Fridays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

J. Walsh, *W. Master*,  
J. Phelps, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. Blackford, *Jun. Warden*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Treasurer*,

J. P. Bause, *Secretary*,  
J. W. McClure, *Sen. Deacon*,  
J. Fisher, *Jun. Deacon*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Tyler*.

## MASTER MASONS:

Bean, M.  
Carlise, J.

Chalenor, F.  
Denzer, C.

Erwin, T.  
Johns, T. M.

Seyton, C. S.  
Wilson, J.—14.

## FELLOW CRAFT:

Kemler, C.—1.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Crossett, W. C.—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Coleman, G.—1.

*Initiated, 4. Passed, 3. Raised, 2. Affiliated, 2.*



## Lebanon Lodge, No. 49.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Meets fourth Thursday in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. F. Damon, <i>W. Master,</i>	L. C. Owen, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. Mayer, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	B. Hagan, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
F. Chichester, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	C. Cook, <i>Marshal,</i>
H. M. Lewis, <i>Treasurer,</i>	J. Lehman, } <i>Stewards,</i>
M. Oppenheim, <i>Secretary,</i>	L. Lazard, }
J. Noah, (of Occidental Lodge,) <i>Tyler.</i>	

### MASTER MASONS:

Abrahams, H.	Fisher, B.	Mayer, S.	Wertheimer, L.
Block, H. F.	Godchaux, L.	Sutro, G.	Wolf, D.—20.
Cohen, L. M.	Hardie, D.		

### ENTERED APPRENTICE:

Moch, J.—1.

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 4. Raised, 4. Affiliated, 1.*

## Forbestown Lodge, No. 50.

Forbestown, Butte County.

*Meets second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

H. Sprague, <i>W. Master,</i>	A. Walker, <i>Secretary,</i>
E. Feller, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
E. B. Spark, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	_____, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
_____, <i>Treasurer,</i>	_____, <i>Tyler.</i>

### MASTER MASONS:

Bloomfield, L.	Byler, E. M.	Vance, J. R.	Wilson, H. W.—10.
Brown, H. W.	Kring, J. M.		

*Initiated, 1. Passed, 1. Raised, 1. Affiliated, 2.*

## Illinoistown Lodge, No. 51.

Illinoistown, Placer County.

*Meets first Saturday in each Month.*

### OFFICERS:

J. Jones, <i>W. Master,</i>	B. F. Moore, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. M. Collier, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. M. Cook, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
J. T. Burge, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	J. Bigham, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
E. J. Brickell, <i>Treasurer,</i>	M. Fritch, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Applegate, G. W.	Cate, J. K.	Everhart, G.	Quirk, W.
Baldwin, J. W.	Cheesbro, A.	Hill, J. T.	Rice, C.
Brown, J. K.			Thompson, J. W.—18

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Brickell, B.	Ryan, J. M.	Stewart, W. M.—3.
--------------	-------------	-------------------

*Initiated, 5. Passed, 2. Raised, 2. Affiliated, 5.*

## Rough and Ready Lodge. No. 52.

**Rough and Ready, Nevada County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

A. C. Kean, <i>W. Master,</i>	F. W. Roberts, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. Heritage, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	W. Brown, <i>Chaplain.</i>
J. L. Moose, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	A. E. Callaway, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. H. Buchanan, <i>Treasurer,</i>	G. F. Smith, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
L. McCumber, <i>Tyler.</i>	

## MASTER MASONS:

Black, S. F.	Harper, D. E.	Pearl, W. M.	Smock, H.
Ford, D. M.	Jackson, S. P.	Sheldon, H. A.	Taylor, C. O.—20.
Harmon, T. L.	McCharles, H.	Smith, J. L. P.	

## ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Ault, W. C.	Coffee, W. R.	Scott, W. C.	Wolf, C.—7.
Black, J. M.	Hamlin, G. A.	Smith, J. K.	

*Initiated, 7.*

## Franklin Lodge, No. 53.

**Sacramento, Sacramento County.**

*Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

W. Shoemaker, <i>W. Master,</i>	C. Palmer, <i>Secretary,</i>
J. E. Montgomery, <i>Sen. Warden,</i>	J. S. Bowles, <i>Sen. Deacon,</i>
W. B. Arnold, <i>Jun. Warden,</i>	H. C. Rudolph, <i>Jun. Deacon,</i>
W. W. Price, <i>Treasurer,</i>	———, <i>Tyler.</i>

## MASTER MASONS:

Barnett, H. A.	Chapman, O.	Reed, M. D.	Waldauer, J.
Bird, S. W.	Hobrecker, T.	Robinson, P.	Whitesides, W. B.
Brooks, H.	Hunter, A. C.	Ryan, J.	Willis, J. F.
Brown, J.	Morgan, E. S.	Shaber, J. F.	Zacharias, P.—26.
Caldwell, J.	Putnam, G. A.	Starr, H.	

## Pacific Lodge, U. D.

**Valparaiso, Chile.**

*Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

E. W. Sartori, *W. Master*,  
T. Mahegan, *Sen. Warden*,  
J. S. Priest, *Jun Warden*,  
————, *Treasurer*,

C. T. Ward, Jr., *Secretary*,  
J. Hayward, *Sen. Déacon*,  
T. B. Adams, *Jun. Deacon*,  
J. Mollett, *Tyler*.

### MASTER MASONS:

Davis, W.	Kendall, G. H.	Pearson, J. H.	Robertson, J. P.
Grove, R. T.	Lyon, J. R.	Pettigrew, H. J.	Stevenson, J. S.
Hobson, W. L.	Mason, J.	Rattray, J.	Walker, W.—22.
Jones, H. G.	Oswald, P.	Richardson, F. A.	

### FELLOW CRAFTS:

Andrews, A.	Cleeman, F. V.	Osman, L. R.	Waichter, C.—4.
-------------	----------------	--------------	-----------------

### ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Cood, G.	Osman, L.	Rugg, C. J.	Stevenson, M.—4.
----------	-----------	-------------	------------------

*Initiated, 15. Passed, 12. Raised, 8. Affiliated, 3.*

## RECAPITULATION.

Total number of Lodges,.....	50
Lodges from which returns have been received,.....	50
Total number of Master Masons reported,.....	1833
Total number of Fellow Crafts “ .....	82
Total number of Entered Apprentices reported,.....	188
Total number initiated, as reported,.....	592
Total number passed, “ “ .....	517
Total number raised, “ “ .....	470
Total number affiliated, “ “ .....	306
Total number withdrawn, “ “ .....	191
Total number died,.....	13
Total number expelled,.....	3
Stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues,.....	45



# LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN COMMUNICATION WITH

## THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCES.
ALABAMA,.....	AMAND P. PFISTER,.....	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,.....	T. D. MERRICK,.....	Little Rock.
CONNECTICUT,.....	E. G. STORER,.....	New Haven.
DELAWARE,.....	GEO. W. CHAYTOR,.....	Wilmington.
FLORIDA,.....	JOHN B. TAYLOR,.....	Tallahassee.
GEORGIA,.....	SIMRI ROSE,.....	Macon.
ILLINOIS,.....	HARMON G. REYNOLDS,.....	Knoxville.
INDIANA,.....	FRANCIS KING,.....	Indianapolis.
IOWA,.....	ANSEL HUMPHREYS,.....	Muscatine.
KENTUCKY,.....	PHILIP SWIGERT,.....	Frankfort.
LOUISIANA,.....	SAM'L. G. RISK,.....	New Orleans.
MAINE,.....	CHAS. B. SMITH,.....	Portland.
MARYLAND,.....	JOSEPH ROBINSON,.....	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,.....	CHAS. W. MOORE,.....	Boston.
MISSISSIPPI,.....	WM. P. MELLEN,.....	Natchez.
MISSOURI,.....	A. O'SULLIVAN,.....	St. Louis.
NEW YORK,.....	JAMES M. AUSTIN,.....	New York.
NEW JERSEY,.....	JOS. HOUGH,.....	Trenton.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,.....	M. W. TAPPAN,.....	Bradford.
NORTH CAROLINA,.....	W. T. BAIN,.....	Raleigh.
OHIO,.....	B. F. SMITH,.....	Mount Vernon.
OREGON,.....	BENJ. STARK,.....	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,.....	WM. H. ADAMS,.....	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,.....	JAMES HUTCHINSON,.....	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA,.....	ALBERT G. MACKEY,.....	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,.....	CHAS. A. FULLER,.....	Nashville.
TEXAS,.....	A. S. RUTHVEN,.....	Houston.
VERMONT,.....	JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,.....	Burlington.
VIRGINIA,.....	JOHN DOVE,.....	Richmond.
WISCONSIN,.....	W. R. SMITH,.....	Mineral Point.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,...	CHAS. S. FRAILEY,.....	Washington.

### FOREIGN.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE,....	ADOLPHE PERIER,.....	Paris.
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,	{ FRANCIS RICHARDSON,.....	Toronto.
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONTREAL AND WM. HENRY,		
	{ GRANT POWELL,.....	Montreal.

## LIST OF LODGES INSTITUTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA,

With a Summary of their Returns from their organization to May, A. L. 5854.

NAMES OF LODGES.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHARTER WAS ORDERED.	Initiated .....	Passed.....	Raised.....	Joined.....	Withdrawn.....	Stricken from Roll.....	Suspended.....	Expelled.....	Died.....	Rejected.....	F. Apprentices	Fellow Crafts.	Mast. Masons.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.														
CALIFORNIA, .....	San Francisco, .....	San Francisco, .....	April 19, 1850.	112	97	93	63	39	10	..	..	2	15	7	3	143
WESTERN STAR, ..	Shasta, .....	Shasta, .....	" " " "	20	19	16	25	7	6	..	..	4	4	1	2	31
TEHAMA, .....	Sacramento, .....	Sacramento, .....	" " " "	78	60	58	43	29	15	..	..	4	3	15	4	94
JENNINGS, .....	Sacramento, .....	Sacramento, .....	" " " "	24	21	22	21	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
BENICIA, .....	Benicia, .....	Solano, .....	" " " "	20	18	22	12	11	1	..	..	1	..	3	1	25
SUTTER, .....	Sacramento, .....	Sacramento, .....	May 8, " "	9	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
SAN FRANCISCO, ..	San Francisco, .....	San Francisco, .....	Nov. 27, " "	72	70	64	33	18	..	..	..	5	7	2	3	77
TUOLUMNE, .....	Tuolumne, .....	Tuolumne, .....	" " " "	66	59	57	15	37	2	..	4	2	1	..	..	52
MARYSVILLE, .....	Yuba, .....	Yuba, .....	" " " "	43	39	37	31	39	13	..	..	1	..	2	..	50
SAN JOSE, .....	Santa Clara, .....	Santa Clara, .....	" " " "	32	23	23	17	21	1	..	..	2	..	7	1	36
WILLAMETTE, .....	Oregon Territory, ..	Oregon Territory, ..	" " " "	25	21	18	12	10	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
YOUNT, .....	Napa, .....	Napa, .....	May 6, 1851.	19	14	10	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	6	2	23
NEVADA, .....	Nevada, .....	Nevada, .....	" " " "	112	90	81	32	61	29	..	1	1	9	24	8	67
TEMPLE, .....	Sonoma, .....	Sonoma, .....	" " " "	40	42	41	8	15	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	30
LA FAYETTE, .....	Oregon Territory, ..	Oregon Territory, ..	" 9, " "	4	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
EUREKA, .....	Auburn, .....	Auburn, .....	Nov. 7, " "	37	33	31	27	32	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	29
PARFAITE UNION, ..	San Francisco, .....	San Francisco, .....	May 5, 1852.	21	16	21	14	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MOUNTAIN SHADE, ..	Sierra, .....	Sierra, .....	" " " "	47	32	32	27	15	..	..	1	..	8	9	1	41
SAN JOAQUIN, .....	Stockton, .....	San Joaquin, .....	" " " "	56	48	42	35	12	..	..	1	4	12	1	1	66
WASHINGTON, .....	Sacramento, .....	Sacramento, .....	" " " "	42	36	33	31	14	..	1	..	..	..	4	3	94
HAWAIIAN, .....	Honolulu, .....	Hawaiian Islands, ..	" " " "	34	31	32	12	4	..	..	..	1	6	3	1	36
OCCIDENTAL, .....	San Francisco, .....	San Francisco, .....	" 8, " "	56	48	42	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	7	68
MADISON, .....	Grass Valley, .....	Nevada, .....	May 5, 1853.	34	25	24	18	..	9	..	..	1	..	9	2	40
MARIPOSA, .....	Mariposa, .....	Mariposa, .....	" " " "	37	34	26	21	7	3	..	..	..	..	4	4	36
GEORGETOWN, .....	El Dorado, .....	El Dorado, .....	" " " "	20	18	15	14	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	41
EL DORADO, .....	Placerville, .....	El Dorado, .....	" 6, " "	10	10	8	20	10	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	25
TRINITY, .....	Weaverville, .....	Trinity, .....	" 5, " "	46	42	40	9	8	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	45
COLUMBIA, .....	Columbia, .....	Tuolumne, .....	" " " "	29	29	29	30	8	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	45
DIAMOND, .....	Diamond Springs, ..	El Dorado, .....	" " " "	17	16	17	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	32

GOLDEN GATE,....	30	San Francisco,....	San Francisco,....	May 5, 1853.	29	25	24	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	32
MOKELUMNE,....	31	Mokelumne Hill,...	Calaveras,....	" " " "	44	25	21	9	4	..	..	..	..	2	17	2	41
GOLD HILL,....	32	Gold Hill,....	Placer,....	" " " "	16	14	13	5	9	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	25
OPHIR,....	33	Murphy's Camp,...	Calaveras,....	" " " "	14	13	19	17	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
SANTA CLARA,....	34	Santa Clara,....	Santa Clara,....	" " " "	8	7	6	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	19
SAN DIEGO,....	35	San Diego,....	San Diego,....	" " " "	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	22
BUTTE,....	36	Bidwell's Bar, ....	Butte,....	May 3, 1854.	10	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
ST. JOHN'S,....	37	Yreka,....	Siskiyou,....	" " " "	22	15	11	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	36
SANTA CRUZ,....	38	Santa Cruz,....	Santa Cruz,....	" " " "	16	12	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	4	4
YUBA,....	39	Marysville,....	Yuba,....	" " " "	11	11	11	13	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	29
SACRAMENTO,....	40	Sacramento,....	Sacramento,....	" " " "	7	5	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
MARTINEZ,....	41	Martinez,....	Contra Costa,....	" " " "	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	26
LOS ANGELES,....	42	Los Angeles,....	Los Angeles,....	" 5, " "	8	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	12
HIRAM,....	43	Mud Springs,....	El Dorado,....	" 3, " "	6	6	7	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	16
MOUNT MORIAH,...	44	San Francisco,....	San Francisco,....	" " " "	22	18	16	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	19
CRESCENT,....	45	Crescent City,....	Klamath,....	" " " "	8	5	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
TEXAS,....	46	San Juan,....	Monterey,....	" 4, " "	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	16
MICHIGAN CITY,...	47	Michigan City,....	Placer,....	" 3, " "	7	7	3	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	14
GRASS VALLEY,...	48	Grass Valley,....	Nevada,....	" " " "	4	3	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	22
LEBANON,....	49	San Francisco,....	Butte,....	" " " "	5	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
FORBESTOWN,....	50	Forbestown,....	Illinoistown,....	" " " "	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	20
ILLINOISTOWN,....	51	Rough and Ready,...	Nevada,....	" " " "	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
ROUGH AND READY	52	Sacramento, ....	Sacramento,....	" " " "	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	18
FRANKLIN,....	53	Nashville,....	El Dorado,....	" " " "	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
NASHVILLE,....	UD	Valparaiso, (Chile,)	.....	.....	15	12	8	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	26
PACIFIC,....	"	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					1440	1197	1099	711	498	85	1	8	41	100	188	82	1833



# GRAND OFFICERS,

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Lodge of California.

## 1850.

---

JONATHAN D. STEVENSON,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
JOHN A. TUTT,	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
CALEB FENNER,	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>
SASCHEL WOODS,	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
*BERRYMAN JENNINGS,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEVI STOWELL,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
JOHN H. GIBON,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

## 1851.

JOHN A. TUTT,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
B. D. HYAM,	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
E. F. W. ELLIS,	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>
B. S. OLDS,	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
T. A. THOMAS,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEVI STOWELL,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

## 1852.

B. D. HYAM,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
A. HOLLUB,	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>
J. R. McCONNELL,	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
ADDISON MARTIN,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEVI STOWELL,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

## 1853.

CHAS. M. RADCLIFF,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
T. A. THOMAS,	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
J. R. CRANDALL,	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>
R. F. KNOTT,	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
ADDISON MARTIN,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEVI STOWELL,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

## 1854.

WM. H. HOWARD,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
N. GREENE CURTIS,	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
R. E. COLE,	<i>Sen. Grand Warden.</i>
R. N. WOOD,	<i>Jun. Grand Warden.</i>
ADDISON MARTIN,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
LEVI STOWELL,	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

---

\* Resigned, and Levi Stowell elected.

## EXPULSIONS.

---

BARRY, RICHARD C.,...by	<i>Tuolumne</i>	-	Lodge, No. 8,.....	Nov. —, 1851.
CLAXTON, G. W.,.....	"	"	" " ".....	Mch. 27, 1852.
HOPKINS, ROBERT,.....	"	<i>Temple</i>	" " 14,.....	1854.
MANN, J. S.,.....	"	<i>Nevada</i>	" " 13,.....	Sep. 21, 1853.
MEHEN, PETER,.....	"	<i>Tuolumne</i>	" " 8,.....	Mch. 27, 1852.
MURPHY, JAMES,.....	"	<i>Mountain Shade</i>	" " 18,.....	Nov. 6, 1852.
WALSINGHAM, F. L.,... "	<i>Tuolumne</i>	"	" " 8,.....	Mch. 27, 1852.

---

### STRICKEN FROM ROLL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

*See Returns of Lodges.*

NOTE.—No Expulsions or Suspensions are given except in those cases confirmed by the Grand Lodge, or where no appeal was taken.

# FORM OF RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

*Semi-Annual Return of the Officers and Members of* \_\_\_\_\_ *Lodge, No. —, held in the* \_\_\_\_\_ *of* \_\_\_\_\_ *State*  
*of California, for the half-year ending* \_\_\_\_\_ *A. L. 585—, Date of Charter,* \_\_\_\_\_.

No.	NAMES.	Rank.	Profession.	Age.	Date of Initiation.	Date of Passing.	Date of Raising.	Date of Affiliation.	Date of Withdrawal.	Name of Lodge where last a member.	Date of Rejection.	Date of Suspension.	Date of Expulsion.	Date of Death.	Dues to G. L.	Remarks.
	Officers.	W. M. S. W. J. W. Treas. Sec. S. D. J. D. Tyler.														
	Master Masons.	M. M. " " " "														
	Fellow Crafts.	F. C. " " " "														
	Entered Apprentices.	E. A. " " " "														
	Applicants.															

The stated meetings of this Lodge are held on \_\_\_\_\_ in each month.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct return of the members and of all things required to be reported to the Grand Lodge.  
 [Seal of the Lodge.]

Attest — \_\_\_\_\_, SECRETARY. \_\_\_\_\_, W. M.



# INDEX.

## A

PAGES.

ADDRESSES—Of the Grand Master,.....	28, 36, 63, 146, 228, 298
Of the Deputy Grand Master,.....	92, 148, 235
Reports of Committees on,.....	40, 100, 179, 184, 238, 245, 249, 306
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION—Proposed,.....	32, 44, 68, 122, 194, 268, 337
Adopted or Rejected,.....	41, 68, 74, 114, 180, 197, 244, 253, 274, 304
APPEALS—None permitted from decisions of Master or Grand Master,.....	108
Of J. P. Couch and Joel Ball from action of Lodges,.....	240
APPOINTMENTS—Of Grand Officers,.....	32, 77, 123, 196, 271, 336
APPROPRIATIONS—For compensation, donations, &c.,.....	76, 187, 268, 329, 333

## B

BALL, JOEL—Case of remanded to Washington Lodge, .....	252
BALLOTING—Relative to on applications,.....	108, 331
BARRY, R. C.—Expulsion of confirmed,.....	117
BENICIA LODGE—Petition for Charter—Report on—Charter ordered,.....	22, 23, 28
Permission given to reduce monthly dues,.....	178, 240
BERRYMAN LODGE—Petition for Charter—Report on—Charter ordered, .....	22, 23, 24, 28
Name of changed to Jennings Lodge,.....	32
BLACK-BOOK—To be provided by each Lodge to record Expulsions, &c.,.....	330
BRISTOW, JAS. H.—Donations to for “moral lectures,” &c., .....	329, 333
BUTTE LODGE—Charter ordered,.....	304
BY-LAWS OF LODGES—Reports of Committees on—[See Committees reported.]	
Copies of to be filed in Grand Secretary’s Office, .....	74, 116
To be approved by the Grand Lodge,.....	253
Lodges permitted to amend,.....	331
BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE—Relative to,.....	73, 119, 130, 330, 347

## C

CALIFORNIA LODGE—Original Charter endorsed—Report of Secretary of,....	23, 29
Extract from records of relative to Grand Master Hyam,.....	215
Report on above communication from,.....	217
Resolution relative to part of Address concerning,.....	239
CHARTERS—Ordered, 23, 24, 28, 30, 40, 42, 44, 61, 78, 120, 179, 192, 193, 244, 246, 302	
	304, 306, 311
COLUMBIA LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, .....	237, 244
COMMITTEES APPOINTED—	
On By-Laws of Lodges,.....	76, 115, 156, 237, 297
On Credentials,.....	11, 27, 37, 47, 59, 91, 146, 214, 226, 296
On Dispensations and Charters,.....	38, 60, 99, 156, 237, 297
On Education,.....	100, 179, 308

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED —

PAGES.

On Finance and Accounts, .....	38, 47, 101, 156, 303
On Foreign Correspondence, .....	47, 76, 156, 273, 336
On Grievances, .....	47, 96, 156, 238, 303
On Masonic Jurisprudence, .....	304
On Returns of Lodges, .....	43, 96, 156, 297
On Unfinished Business, .....	47, 96, 297
On preparation and revision of Constitution, .....	14, 38, 62, 267
On petitions of New Jersey and Benicia Lodges, .....	23
On procuring Seal for the Grand Lodge, .....	23, 111
On Addresses of the Grand and Dep. Grand Masters, .....	37, 96, 156, 237, 241, 301
On donation of land by Bro. A. M. Winn, &c., .....	42, 313, 334
On Sacramento Hospital Affairs, .....	45, 78
On Uniformity of Work, .....	45, 65, 179, 244, 309, 329
On By-Laws for the Grand Lodge, .....	73, 330
On Regalia for the Grand Lodge, .....	75, 101, 115
On procuring Jewel for Past Grand Master J. D. Stevenson, .....	76
On examination of visiting brethren, .....	96
On subject of Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, .....	100
On selection of Text Books for the Lodges, .....	101
On procuring Stone for the National Washington Monument, .....	111
On communication relative to Pacific Lodge, at Long's Bar, .....	113
On affairs of Sutter Lodge, .....	119
On communications from Lodges in Oregon, .....	121
On memorial of Bro. J. R. Crandall, .....	178
On communication from California Lodge, .....	216
On subject of non-affiliated Masons, .....	244
On questions from Temple Lodge, .....	253
On petition of W. H. Hubbard, .....	301
On petition of Bro. J. D. Stevenson, .....	308
On proposal to district the State, .....	309
On permanent location of the Grand Lodge, .....	310

## COMMITTEES REPORTED —

On By-Laws of Lodges, .....	67, 68, 72, 117, 118, 184, 183, 191, 254, 324
On Credentials, 12, 38, 39, 43, 60, 65, 66, 96, 146, 180, 181, 183, 192, 214, 215, 217, 226, 240, 252, 296, 302, 304, 305, 310, 311, 318	
On Dispensations and Charters, 40, 42, 44, 61, 120, 179, 182, 192, 244, 248, 302, 304, 306, 311	
On Education, .....	183
On Finance and Accounts, 67, 75, 118, 122, 193, 246, 264, 268, 272, 318, 327	
On Foreign Correspondence, .....	101, 110, 157, 257, 315
On Grievances, .....	116, 193, 247, 252, 305, 309, 319, 331
On Masonic Jurisprudence, .....	331, 332
On Returns of Lodges, .....	47, 101, 113, 179, 187, 246, 252, 304, 310
On preparation and revision of the Constitution, .....	14, 15, 40, 68, 319
On petitions of New Jersey and Benicia Lodges, .....	23
On procuring Seal for the Grand Lodge, .....	29, 38
On Addresses of the Grand and Dept. Grand Masters, 40, 160, 179, 184, 238, 245, 249, 306	
On Sacramento Hospital affairs, .....	45, 98
On donation of land by Bro. A. M. Winn, .....	46, 313
On Uniformity of Work, .....	73, 256, 329, 331

COMMITTEES REPORTED —

PAGES.

On procuring Jewel for Past Grand Master J. D. Stevenson,.....	97
On Text-Books for the Lodges,.....	110
On Regalia for the Grand Lodge,.....	114, 115, 187, 242
On By-Laws for the Grand Lodge,.....	119
On affairs of Sutter Lodge,.....	121, 182, 241
On proposal to district the State,.....	123
On memorial of Bro. J. R. Crandall,.....	178
On affairs of Pacific Lodge, at Long's Bar,.....	183
On procuring Stone for the National Washington Monument,....	187, 328
On communication from California Lodge,.....	217
On questions from [Temple Lodge,.....	256
On communication from Hawaiian Lodge,.....	312
On petition of Bro. W. H. Hubbard,.....	319
On permanent location of the Grand Lodge,.....	326
On the subject of non-affiliated Masons,.....	327
CONSTITUTION — Committee to draft appointed—Reported—Adopted,.....	14, 15
Amendments to proposed,.....	32, 44, 68, 122, 194, 268, 337
Amendments to adopted or rejected,....	41, 68, 74, 114, 180, 197, 244 253, 274, 304
As revised and adopted, November, 1851,.....	125
As revised and presented, May, 1854,.....	336
CONVENTION — To form Grand Lodge assembled,.....	11
CORBITT, A. H. — Donation to widow of,.....	329
COUCH, J. P. — Case of remanded to San Joaquin Lodge,.....	247
CRANDALL, J. R. — Resolution commendatory of,.....	243
CREDENTIALS — Reports of Committees on. — [See Committees reported.]	
CRESCENT LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302
CROSS, JEREMY L. — Communication from respecting "Freemason's Monitor,"....	37

D

DAVY CROCKETT LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	36, 40
Permission given to re-ballot on application,.....	62
Relative to proxy of Senior Warden of,.....	177
Name of changed to San Francisco Lodge,.....	217
DEAL, WM. G. — Relative to Sacramento Hospital,.....	44
DEFINITIONS — Of Masonic Terms,.....	348
DEPT. GRAND MASTER—Reports and Addresses of, 29, 66, 92, 97, 148, 155, 235, 237, 301	
DIAMOND LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	234, 244
DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS — Reports of Committees on. [See Committees Reported.]	
DISTRICTING THE STATE — Committee on reported,.....	123
DUELING — Resolutions in regard to,.....	313

E

EDUCATION — Relative to subject of,.....	108, 183
EL DORADO LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	234, 246
ELECTIONS — Of Grand Officers,.....	21, 24, 32, 47, 74, 196, 270, 335
EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES — Resolution relative to,.....	176
EXPENSES — Of Elective Grand Officers to be paid,.....	194
EXPULSIONS — List of to 1854,.....	383
EUREKA LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	66, 72, 120



## F

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS — Reports of Committees on. — [See Committees Reported.]	
FORBESTOWN LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE — Reports of Committees on,.....	101, 110, 157, 257, 315
FRANKLIN LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	301, 304

## G

GENERAL GRAND LODGE — Resolution in favor of.....	330
GEORGETOWN LODGE — Dispensation ordered—Charter ordered, .....	193, 244
GILMAN, CHARLES — President of Convention to form Grand Lodge,.....	11
GOLDEN GATE LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	234, 244
GOLD HILL LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, .....	234, 244
GOULEY, ROBERT — Action on expulsion of postponed,.....	331
GRAND LECTURERS — Reports of.....	116, 176, 181
Relative to appointments and duties of.....	47, 73, 116, 266
GRAND LODGE — Convention to form assembled—First opened,.....	11, 22
GRAND LODGES — List of in correspondence with.....	379
GRAND MASTERS — Addresses of.....	28, 36, 63, 146, 228, 298
Relative to powers of.....	264
GRAND OFFICERS — Hierarchies of.....	21, 24, 32, 47, 74, 196, 270, 335
Appointments of.....	32, 77, 123, 196, 271, 336,
Relative to salaries of.....	47, 76, 123, 187, 268
Signatures of to be sent to Grand Lodges.....	77
List of since organization of Grand Lodge,.....	382
GRAND SECRETARY — Reports of,.....	31, 40, 64, 79, 111, 188, 194, 249, 272, 319, 334
Appropriations to, .....	47, 76, 187, 268
GRAND TREASURER — Reports of.....	43, 66, 112, 190, 251, 323
Resignation of.....	26
GRASS VALLEY LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302,
GRIEVANCES — Reports of Committees on—Case of M. Green,.....	116
Cases of R. C. Barry and Peter Mahen,.....	117, 193
Cases of J. P. Couch, T. W. Brotherton, and Joel Ball,.....	247, 252
Cases of T. W. Brotherton, Jesse Morrill, and Yount Lodge,.....	305
Cases of J. H. Murphy and Edward Willis,.....	309
Cases of A. A. Bennett and Robert Gouley,.....	319, 331

## H

HAMBURG — Relative to Grand Lodge of.....	108
HAWAIIAN LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	155, 179
Relative to Election of Officers irregularly,.....	312
HIRAM LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	301, 304
HOSPITAL AT SACRAMENTO — Relative to affairs of,.....	44, 45, 46, 78, 266
Resolution to issue Circular respecting—Circular,.....	78, 80
HUBBARD, W. H. — Petition of, and Report of Committee on,.....	301, 319
HYAM, B. D. — Conduct as Grand Master censured,.....	221, 222

## I

ILLINOISTOWN LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302
INCORPORATION — Resolution to apply for Act of,.....	46

## J

JENNINGS LODGE — Name of Berryman changed to.....	32
---	----

	PAGES.
JENNINGS LODGE — Dues of remitted — Permitted to amend By-Laws,.....	78, 113
Charter surrendered, and Lodge dissolved,.....	248
JEWELS AND CLOTHING — Relative to,.....	75, 114, 115, 187, 192, 242

## L

LA FAYETTE LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	64, 78
Withdrawn from this Jurisdiction,.....	122
LEBANON LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302
LECTURES — Resolutions relative to,.....	192, 331
LIBRARY — Resolutions relative to,.....	254, 313, 330
LODGE NUMBERS — Ordered to be given,.....	31, 44, 78, 124, 195, 271, 336
LODGES ORGANIZED — List of and statistics,.....	380
LOS ANGELES LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 311
LOUISIANA — Resolutions outlawing certain Lodges in,.....	176

## M

MADISON LODGE — Dispensation ordered—Charter ordered,.....	182, 244
MARIPOSA LODGE — Dispensation issued—Continued—Charter ordered,.....	155, 234, 244
Dues of remitted,.....	309
MARTINEZ LODGE — Dispensation ordered—Continued—Charter ordered,....	237, 269, 300, 302
MARYSVILLE LODGE — Charter ordered,.....	42
Part of Dues and Charter Fee of remitted,.....	42
Relative to non-payment of Dues,.....	119
Relative to failure to make Returns to Grand Lodge of Illinois,....	177, 242
Relative to a Special Election—To appointment of Senior Warden, 181,	239
MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE — Reports of Committees on,.....	331, 332
MEHEN, PETER — Relative to — Case of remanded to Tuolumne Lodge,.....	191, 193
MICHIGAN CITY LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302
MOKELUMNE LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	237, 244
MORRILL, JESSE — Case of remanded to Washington Lodge,.....	305
MOUNTAIN SHADE LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	155, 179
Amount paid for second dispensation refunded to,.....	188
Resolution relative to part of Address concerning,.....	239
Fees received by Grand Master Hyam ordered paid to,.....	267
MOUNT MORIAH LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	301, 302
MURPHY, J. H. — Expulsion of confirmed,.....	309

## N

NASHVILLE LODGE — Dispensation issued—Continued,.....	155, 192
NEVADA LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	66, 61
Dues of remitted—Relative to work of under old Charter,.....	61, 67
NEW JERSEY LODGE — Petition for Charter—Chartered as Berryman Lodge,...	22, 23
NEW JERUSALEM — Map of presented by Bro. A. M. Winn,.....	61
NEW YORK — Recognition of the Grand Lodge of,.....	108, 318
NON-AFFILIATED MASONS — Relative to,.....	176, 181, 186, 192, 327

## O

OCCIDENTAL LODGE — Petition for Charter—Charter ordered,.....	193
OPHIR LODGE — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	237, 244
ORDER — For Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge,.....	212
OREGON — Grand Lodge of recognized,.....	176

## P

	PAGE.
PACIFIC LODGE AT VALPARAISO — Dispensation ordered,.....	244
Resolutions relative to,.....	324
PARFAITE UNION LODGE — Dispensation issued—Continued—Charter ordered, ..	112,
120, 179	
Permitted to change By-Laws—Dues of remitted,.....	188, 324
PENMAN, JOHN — Appropriation to for services as Grand Secretary,.....	76
PETITIONS — Of New Jersey and Benicia Lodges for Charters,.....	22
Of Marysville Lodge, to hold Special Election,.....	181
For Charter for Occidental Lodge,.....	193
PETITIONS — Of Davy Crockett Lodge, to change its name,.....	216
Of T. W. Brotherton—Of Yount Lodge,.....	303
Of Nevada, Washington, Western Star, and Madison Lodges,.....	303
Of candidates — Not to be withdrawn,.....	308
Of J. D. Stevenson—Of A. A. Bennett,.....	308, 314
PREFACE — To the Fraternity,.....	5
PROVISIONAL ARTICLE — Of the Constitution,.....	20
PROXIES — Relative to,.....	121, 331

## R

REGALIA OF GRAND LODGE — Relative to,.....	75, 114, 115, 192
REGULATIONS FOR TRIALS — In subordinate Lodges,.....	332
REPORTS — Of Committees. — [See Committees reported.]	
Of the Deputy Grand Master,.....	29, 66, 97, 155, 237, 301
Of the Secretary of California Lodge,.....	29
Of the Grand Secretary,....	31, 49, 64, 79, 111, 183, 194, 249, 272, 319, 334
Of the Grand Treasurer,.....	43, 66, 112, 190, 251, 323
Of the Grand Lecturers,.....	116, 176, 181
RESOLUTIONS — Relative to organization of the Grand Lodge,.....	11, 13, 14
Adopting a Constitution for the Grand Lodge,.....	15
To open Grand Lodge and elect Grand Officers, .....	20, 21
Appointing a Committee to procure a Seal for Grand Lodge,.....	23, 111
To endorse original Charters of California, Western Star and Tehama Lodges, .....	23
Granting Charter to Berryman Lodge, &c.,.....	24, 29
To elect Grand Treasurer,.....	24
To print proceedings,.....	24, 51, 76, 77, 78, 120, 194, 222, 269
To grant Charter to Sutter Lodge,.....	30
Changing name of Berryman Lodge to Jennings Lodge,.....	32
Approving act of Grand Master in postponing meeting, .....	36
To appoint Committee to alter Article IX. of Constitution,.....	38
Relative to dues and Charter fee of Marysville Lodge, .....	42
To remit dues of Benicia Lodge, (lost),.....	42
To refer Reports from Lodges to a special Committee, &c.,.....	43
Relative to providing a uniform system of work,.....	45, 309, 329
Granting Charters to Tuolumne and San José Lodges,.....	44
Relative to Sacramento Hospital,.....	46, 78, 266
Appointing Trustees to hold property of Grand Lodge,.....	46
To apply for Charter of Incorporation for Grand Lodge,.....	46
To elect a Grand Lecturer, and defining his duties,.....	47
Fixing salaries of Grand Officers,.....	47



	PAGES.
<b>RESOLUTIONS — To remit dues and Charter fee of Nevada Lodge, .....</b>	<b>61</b>
To issue new Charter to Western Star Lodge, .....	62
To appoint Special Committee to revise Constitution, .....	62, 267
Authorizing Davy Crockett Lodge to re-ballot, .....	62
Permitting Nevada Lodge to finish certain work, .....	67
To appoint Committee to prepare By-Laws for Grand Lodge, .....	73, 330
Requiring Lodges to send By-Laws to Grand Secretary, .....	74, 116
Defining Constitution relative to voting, .....	74
Remitting dues of Western Star Lodge, .....	75
Regulating Regalia of the Grand Lodge, .....	75
To procure jewel for Past Grand Master J. D. Stevenson, .....	76
Requiring proceedings and circulars to be read in Lodges, .....	77
Concerning signatures of Grand Officers, .....	77
Requiring Masters to record deaths of members, &c., .....	77
Of thanks to C. W. Moore for "Trestle Board," .....	77
Authorizing Grand Master to issue Charter to La Fayette Lodge, .....	78
Remitting dues of Jennings Lodge, .....	78
Permitting Western Star Lodge to remove to Shasta, .....	78
Requiring votes by ayes and noes, (repealed,) .....	97, 180
Recognizing the Grand Lodge of New York, .....	108, 318
Relative to improper action of Grand Lodge of Hamburg, .....	108
Acknowledging power of Grand Master to make Masons at sight, .....	108
Declaring no appeal from decision of a Master or Grand Master, .....	108
Requiring that a ballot shall not be divulged, .....	108
Requiring a separate ballot in each degree — repealed, .....	108, 331
Relative to physical deformities of candidates, (lost,) .....	108
Concerning permanent fund for educational purposes, .....	108
Regarding qualifications of candidates, .....	109, 331
Recommending the "Masonic Text Book," &c., .....	110
Requiring each Lodge to have and use a Seal, &c., .....	111, 243
Relative to procuring a Stone for National Washington Monument, .....	111, 323
Relative to jewels, furniture and clothing for Grand Lodge, .....	115
Concerning the duty of the Grand Lecturers, &c., .....	116, 266
Authorizing Grand Secretary to subscribe for certain periodicals, .....	117
Relative to delinquency of Marysville Lodge, .....	119, 242
Authorizing the appointment of a Deputy Grand Secretary, .....	120
Relative to the legality of degrees conferred in certain cases, .....	121
Concerning representation of Lodges, and proxies, .....	121, 331
Fixing compensation of Grand Tyler, .....	123
Of thanks to the author of the "Mystic Circle," .....	176
Recognizing the Grand Lodge of Oregon, .....	176
Relative to powers of Grand Lodges, .....	176
Declaring certain Lodges in Louisiana irregular, .....	176
Discountenancing withdrawals, and non-affiliated Masons, .....	176, 181, 327
Requiring examination in open Lodge before advancement, .....	176
Relative to rights of Wardens of Lodges, .....	177
Acknowledging Masons made in Pacific Lodge, at Long's Bar, .....	183
Appropriating extra compensation to Grand Secretary, .....	187
Prohibiting lectures except by those duly authorized, .....	192
Directing Lodges to make semi-annual returns, .....	192, 271
Authorizing Grand Master to issue Charter to San Diego Lodge, .....	192
Requiring Grand Secretary to take charge of Jewels, Clothing, etc., .....	192

	PAGE.
RESOLUTIONS — Remanding case of P. Mehen to Tuolumne Lodge,.....	193
Relative to Expenses of Officers, and Seal of Grand Lodge,.....	194
Changing name of Davy Crockett Lodge to San Francisco,.....	217
Recommending celebration of Washington Centennial Anniversary,...	217
Censuring conduct of Grand Master Hyam, .....	221
Requesting Lodges to pay no moneys to Grand Master Hyam, .....	222
Levying Special Tax of one dollar for each member,.....	222
Relative to Senior Warden of Marysville Lodge,.....	228, 239
Relative to part of Grand Master's Address, (ruled out of order,).....	239
Declaring business of Grand Lodge completed, (ruled out of order,) .....	239
Of thanks to Robert Macoy, for copy of "True Masonic Guide,".....	241
Prohibiting certain uses of Lodge Funds,.....	241
Of thanks to J. W. Powell, Grand Secretary of New York,.....	242
Complimentary to J. R. Crandall,.....	243
Permitting Representatives of new Lodges to take seats,.....	245
Relative to Circular issued by El Dorado Lodge,.....	246
Concerning difficulties with Grand Master Hyam, .....	249
Requiring that By-Laws of Lodges be approved by the Grand Lodge, .....	253
Relative to a Grand Lodge Library,.....	254, 313, 330
That the Grand Lodge may try the Grand Master, etc.,.....	264
Directing portion of "Relief Fund" to be paid to Tehama Lodge,....	266
Defining mode of payment of moneys in Treasury,.....	266
Permitting members of Lodges elsewhere, to be members here also, .....	267
Directing moneys received by Grand Master Hyam to be paid to Moun- tain Shade Lodge,.....	267
Increasing Compensation of the Grand Secretary,.....	268
Authorizing Grand Sec. to procure office in a fire-proof building,.....	268
Refunding certain moneys to Temple Lodge,.....	269
Authorizing the Grand Master to continue Dispensation to Martinez Lodge,.....	269
That the Grand Secretary notify all Lodges in arrears,.....	270
That no books, etc, be taken from the Library except by Grand Officers, .....	270
That all Grand Officers be furnished with a Certificate,.....	270
Requiring Committee of Foreign Correspondence to report on second day of session,.....	302
Appointing Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence—On Education, .....	303, 307
Prohibiting the withdrawal of Petitions,.....	308, 312
Relative to the establishment of new Lodges,.....	308, 313, 314
Requiring business to be transacted at stated meetings only.....	308
That Lodges U. D. pay no dues for membership, (lost,).....	309
That no member speak more than five minutes,.....	310
Legalizing certain action of Hawaiian Lodge,.....	312
Relative to Land Donation by Bro. A. M. Winn,.....	313
Punishing Dueling by expulsion, .....	313
Discountenancing use of Masonic Emblems on sign-boards,.....	314
Relative to Lodges not held under lawful authority,.....	318
Relative to claim of W. H. Hubbard,.....	319
Concerning Pacific Lodge, U. D., at Valparaiso,.....	324
Declaring San Francisco permanent seat of Grand Lodge, (lost,).....	326
That city Lodges give notice of Applications,.....	327
Making donation to Mt. Vernon Orphan Asylum,.....	328
Relative to procuring Anderson's Constitutions,.....	328

	PAGES.
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b> — Making donations to Bro. J. H. Bristow, Grand Chaplain, . . .	329, 333
Making donation to widow of Bro. A. H. Corbitt, . . . . .	329
Requiring Lodges to procure a Black Book, . . . . .	330
Relative to representation in National Masonic Convention, . . . . .	330
Referring case of R. Gouley to next Annual Communication, . . . . .	331
Requiring Lectures always to be given with Degrees, . . . . .	331
Directing Lodges to hold but one Stated Meeting in each month, . . . . .	331
Declaring the practicability of "stern morality," . . . . .	332
Regulating Trials in Lodges, . . . . .	332
Appropriating a portion of "Relief Fund" to Bro. A. M. Winn, . . . . .	333
<b>RESOLUTIONS, STANDING</b> — As collected, . . . . .	131, 343
<b>RETURNS OF LODGES</b> — As corrected, . . . . .	52, 82, 133, 198, 275, 349
Committees on reported, . . . . .	101, 113, 179, 187, 246, 252, 304, 310
Resolutions relative to, . . . . .	192, 271
Form of for use of Lodges, . . . . .	384
<b>REVISED CONSTITUTION</b> — As proposed, May, 1854, . . . . .	337
<b>REVISION OF CONSTITUTION</b> — Relative to, . . . . .	32, 62, 68, 267, 319
<b>ROUGH AND READY LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	300, 302

## S

<b>SACRAMENTO LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	301, 302
<b>SACRAMENTO RELIEF FUND</b> — Relative to, . . . . .	44, 45, 46, 78, 266
<b>SALARIES</b> — Relative to, . . . . .	47, 76, 123, 187, 268
<b>SAN DIEGO LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Continued—Charter ordered, 97, 113, 192, 234, 266	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO LODGE</b> — Name of Davy Crockett changed to, . . . . .	217
Permission given to re-ballot on petition, . . . . .	243
<b>SAN JOAQUIN LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	155, 179
<b>SAN JOSE LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	36, 44
<b>SANTA CLARA LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	237, 244
<b>SANTA CRUZ LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	300, 302
<b>SEALS</b> — Of Grand and Subordinate Lodges—Relative to, . . . . .	23, 38, 111, 194, 243
<b>SPECIAL TAX</b> — Levied in 1852, for extra session, . . . . .	222
<b>STANDING RESOLUTIONS</b> — As collected, . . . . .	131, 343
<b>STATED MEETINGS</b> — Of Lodges—Relative to, . . . . .	308, 331
<b>STEVENSON, J. D.</b> — Relative to P. G. M. Jewel for, . . . . .	76, 98
Petition of, . . . . .	308
<b>ST. JAMES LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Continued, . . . . .	300, 306
<b>ST. JOHN'S LODGE</b> — Charter ordered, . . . . .	304
<b>SUISUN LODGE</b> — Dispensation ordered, . . . . .	306
<b>SUTTER LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	29, 30
Reports of committees on — Lodge dissolved, . . . . .	121, 182, 241, 246

## T

<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b> , . . . . .	7
<b>TEHAMA LODGE</b> — Original Charter of endorsed, . . . . .	23
Relative to dues of to Grand Lodge of Connecticut, . . . . .	182
Permission given to re-ballot on application, . . . . .	319
<b>TEMPLE LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued — Charter ordered, . . . . .	64, 61
<b>TEXAS LODGE</b> — Dispensation issued—Charter ordered, . . . . .	300, 306
<b>TEXT BOOKS</b> — For Lodges—Relative to, . . . . .	77, 110, 176, 241
<b>TRIALS</b> — Regulations for adopted, . . . . .	332



	PAGES.
TRINITY LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	237, 244
Dues of remitted,.....	324
TRUSTEES—For property of Grand Lodge appointed,.....	46
TUOLUMNE LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	36, 44
Dues of remitted,.....	324

## U

UNIFORMITY OF WORK—Relative to,.....	45, 73, 184, 256, 266, 309, 329, 331
--------------------------------------	--------------------------------------

## V

VOTING—Relative to mode of in Grand Lodge,.....	74, 97, 180, 253
---	------------------

## W

WASHINGTON LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	155, 179
WASHINGTON MONUMENT—Relative to Stone for,.....	111, 187, 247, 269, 328
WESTERN STAR LODGE—Original Charter endorsed—New Charter ordered, ..	23, 62
Dues of remitted—Removal authorized,.....	75, 78
Dues of remitted—Donation to,.....	303, 318
WILLAMETTE LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	36, 40
Withdrawal from this Jurisdiction,.....	121, 122
WILLIS, EDWARD—Case of remanded to Nevada Lodge,.....	309
WINN, A. M.—Donations from and to, etc.,.....	41, 46, 61, 253, 313, 334
WITHDRAWALS—Resolution discountenancing,.....	176

## Y

YOUNT LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	64, 61
Permission given to re-ballot on Petition,.....	305
YUBA LODGE—Dispensation issued—Charter ordered,.....	300, 302

