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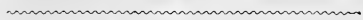


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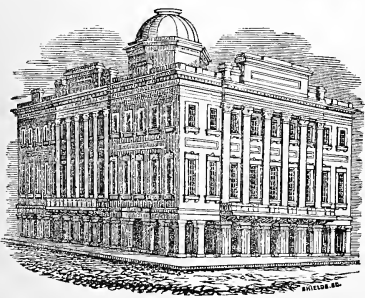
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EXTRACT from the Grand Master's Report, dated January 28th, 1851, page 306 :

"I would not be understood as urging upon you the suggestion which I am about to make, did I not seriously believe that the best interests of the Order, of which you are the acknowledged head, would be promoted by carrying it into execution. It is of considerable importance that your proceedings should be accessible to your members, and especially to the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges, a very large proportion of whom, I can assure you from personal observation, take unusually great interest in your proceedings, published from time to time; the earlier pamphlets of which, being now nearly out of print, and a republication will eventually be necessary. The present, I am inclined to think, an auspicious time to take the matter in hand, as sufficient material has accumulated for a volume of creditable size. I would, therefore, recommend, that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to prepare, as soon after the close of the present session as practicable, not only the proceedings of the present session, but all the previous published proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with index, etc., including all extraneous and irrelevant matter; and that the Committee on Printing be instructed to have at least one thousand copies printed and bound, in a neat but plain and substantial style. Should you see fit to concur with me in these views, I would also recommend, that the Grand Secretary should be allowed a reasonable compensation for the extra service thus imposed."

EXTRACT from the Report of the Special Committee, on the Grand Master's Report, in reference to the same; page — :

"That so much as refers to the expediency of preparing a volume of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with index, etc., be referred to the Committee on Finance."

EXTRACT from the Report and Resolution of the Committee on Finance, in reference to the same, which was read and adopted; page — :

"* * * * * That after a careful examination of all the points connected therewith, they cannot but warmly recommend the measure to your favorable consideration, as being not only practicable, but necessary to meet the wants and wishes of the Order in this jurisdiction. * * * * *"

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to contract with for the printing and binding of at least one thousand copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from December, 1846, to the end of the present session inclusive; provided the same does not exceed one thousand dollars, estimating the work at three hundred and fifty pages, and, if more or less, to be charged in proportion."

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On reverse of title page, after the words "index, etc.," *in* is used for *ex*—should read "excluding all" etc. Same page, in the first Extract, after the word "page" insert "319" —also, in the second Extract, after the word "page" insert "345."

Page 305, third paragraph, third line, should read *also* instead of "almost."

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }
New Orleans, December 22, 1846. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall this evening pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

W. H. RICE,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
W. HARRIS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
R. GRAHAM,	<i>R. W. G. Warden,</i>
FRANK HAYNES,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary,</i>
J. S. MEEKINS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer,</i>
J. CUNLIFFE,	<i>W. G. Conductor,</i>
J. D. STEWART,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>
G. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain,</i>

and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Minutes of last quarterly and special meetings read and adopted.

Certificate read from Crescent Lodge No. 8, that P. G. J. Yellot Dashiell is a member of good standing of that Lodge; the Past Grand being in waiting, and also P. G. Webb, of Washington Lodge, No. 3, whose certificate is on file, the G. L. and P. O. degrees were conferred on them.

On motion the reading of the Constitution was laid over.

The nominations for officers for the ensuing year were opened, when P. G. Dentzel was nominated for Grand Secretary, and P. G. H. Thomas, jr., for Chaplain; no other nominations being offered the same were closed, and the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

P. G. D. S. Gans was elected Grand Master ;
 “ “ J. D. Stewart “ “ D. Grand Master ;
 “ “ F. A. Dentzel “ “ G. Secretary ;
 “ “ J. S. Meekins “ “ G. Treasurer ;
 “ “ F. Thomas “ “ G. Warden ;
 “ “ G. Hooper “ “ G. Chaplain ;

after which the same were all duly installed into their respective offices by the M. W. Grand Master, except P. G. Stewart, who was absent.

The following bills were accepted and ordered to be paid :

I. Bridge, Iron Chest, - - - - -	\$ 33 00
Hopkins, Seal Press, - - - - -	40 00
R. Wood, Armoire, - - - - -	35 00
Bulletin, Advertising, - - - - -	1 00
Committee, for keys of box at Morgan's, - - - -	5 00

A report was read from the committee for fitting a box at Morgan's for the use of the Lodges, which was adopted, and committee discharged.

On motion, adjourned until the second Saturday in January, 1847.

FRED'K A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 9th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Reports from the following Lodges were read and accepted, viz :

LOUISIANA LODGE No. 1 — Initiated 16 ; total contributing members, 104 ; receipts, \$ 622 39 ; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$ 56 85.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3—Initiated, 10; contributing members, 78; receipts, \$579 26; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$39 98.

UNION LODGE, No. 6—Initiated, 20; contributing members, 150; receipts, \$673 58; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$61 65.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 9—Initiated, 5; contributing members, 21; receipts, \$166 98; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$15 61.

TEUTONIA LODGE, No. 10—Initiated, 14; contributing members, 36, receipts, \$270; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$25 92.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 12—Initiated, 33; contributing members, 55; receipts, \$673 02; per centage due to G. Lodge, \$64 87.

The certificates of P. Gs. E. A. Tyler, Reighart, Herman, Phelps, and Emerson, were read and accepted, and the P. Gs. being in waiting, the P. O. and G. L. degrees were conferred on them.

The D. G. M. J. D. Stewart was now installed into office by the M. W. G. M. D. S. Gans.

The Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee of Conference—P. Gs. Montgomery, Harris and Simms.

Committee of Accounts—P. Gs. Kirkland, Wheeler, Cunliffe, Brown and Brewer.

Committee of Correspondence—P. Gs. Dentzel, Haynes and Whitall.

Board of Managers—P. Gs. J. Wilcox, Williams, Natchtrib, Fosdick, Wood, Herman, Sykes and H. Thomas, Jr.

The nominations for Executive Committee were opened, as follows, viz :

Louisiana	No. 1,	- - - -	P. G. Rice.
Washington	" 3,	- - - -	" Webb.
Union,	" 6,	- - - -	" Waters.
Crescent	" 8,	- - - -	" Andrews.
Jefferson,	" 9,	- - - -	" Phelps.
Teutonia,	" 10,	- - - -	" Cohn.
Orleans,	" 11,	- - - -	" Simms.
Commercial,	" 12,	- - - -	" Emerson.

On motion of P. G. Williams, That this Lodge dispense with balloting and elect *viva voce*, there being but one candidate nominated from each Lodge. Whereupon P. Gs. Rice, Webb, Waters, Andrews, Phelps, Cohn, Simms and Emerson were declared duly elected.

On motion of P. G. Hillman, the consideration of the Constitution was deferred.

On motion of P. G. Hillman, the election of Hall Commissioners was postponed until next meeting.

Report of finance committee read and accepted showing that the G. Secretary had received from 1st January, 1846, to 22d December, 1846, and paid the same to the Treasurer,	- - - - -	\$ 1600 33
Received by J. S. Meekins from former Treasurer,	-	51 70
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		\$ 1652 03

The G. Treasurer has paid, viz :

For Gas, February 1st to November 7th, 1846,	\$ 229 95
11 months' rent,	- - - - - 165 00
Due bill to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1,	- - - - - 100 00
Due bill to Union Lodge, No. 6,	- - - - - 150 00
Orders,	- - - - - 591 30—\$1236 25
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Leaving in Treasury,	- - - - - \$415 78

Report of committee to settle accounts with the Grand Lodge of the United States, read, accepted, and committee discharged.

Report of committee to purchase notes of this Grand Lodge, read, adopted and committee discharged.

On motion of D. G. M. Stewart, the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the said committee and P. G. Emerson for their exertions in closing said business.

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

F. Thomas,	- - - - -	\$ 69 62
Committee of Arrangements,	- - - - -	159 36
J. B. Marks, Notary's fees,	- - - - -	15 50
Delta,	- - - - -	17 50

Communication from Washington Lodge, No. 3, read, in which was offered an amendment to the sixth article of their Constitution, for approval. On motion, the amendment, which was as follows, "and elect a permanent Secretary," was approved.

Communication from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, respecting publication of the proceedings of quarterly meetings and a reduction of the rent—referred to the executive committee.

The following resolutions were offered by P. G. F. Thomas, which were, on motion of P. G. Fosdick, postponed :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to digest and recommend a plan of operations with reference to the building of the Odd Fellows' Hall, and all matters connected therewith.

Resolved, That one Brother be added to said committee by each Lodge which has subscribed to the stock of said Hall, and that the committee be instructed to report within two weeks from this time, if practicable.

On motion, the G. Lodge adjourned until Saturday two weeks.

The G. Secretary acknowledges receipt of the following amounts :

Willey Encampment, No. 1,	rent,	-	-	-	\$ 6 00
Union Lodge,	" 6,	per	centage,	-	- 61 65
Commercial Lodge,	" 12,	"	"	-	- 64 87
Louisiana Lodge,	" 1,	"	"	-	- 56 57
Teutonia Lodge,	" 10,	"	"	-	- 25 92
Jefferson Lodge,	" 9,	"	"	-	- 15 60
Washington Lodge,	" 3,	"	"	-	- 39 98
					\$ 270 89

FRED'K A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 23d, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The following additional reports from Subordinate Lodges were read and accepted, viz :

DESOTO LODGE, No. 7—Initiated, 6; contributing members, 43; receipts, \$173 49; per centage, \$15 23.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 8—Initiated, 12; contributing members, 123; receipts, \$716 14; per centage, \$67 06.

ORLEANS LODGE, No. 11—Initiated, 15; contributing members, 53; receipts, \$278 93; per centage, \$26 05.

Certificates from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, of P. G. Gates, and Crescent Lodge, No. 8, of P. G. Charles H. Lee, were read, accepted, and the P. O. and G. L. degrees conferred on them.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the second section of a resolution passed 12th November, 1844, was repealed.

Certificates were read from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, that they had elected P. G. Tyler their Representative, and also from DeSoto, No. 7, that they had elected P. G. Gates a Representative from their respective Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge for the current year.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the consideration of the Constitution was deferred until a special meeting on Saturday three weeks.

On motion of P. G. Phelps,

Resolved, That whenever it becomes necessary to incur expenses for a funeral or other procession in which this Grand Lodge and the several Subordinate Lodges of New Orleans and vicinity may jointly participate, the proportion of the expenses thereof, which each Lodge shall pay, shall be calculated as follows: One-tenth part of the whole amount shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, and the remaining nine-tenths shall be paid by the Subordinate Lodges, each in proportion to the number of contributing members, as shown by report to this Grand Lodge next preceding the time of incurring said expenses.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to present new bills to the several Subordinate Lodges for the amount of their proportion of the expenses incurred on the 8th of January instant, in conformity with the foregoing resolution, on which he shall credit such amount as has been paid, if any.

An appeal from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, from a decision of the Grand Master, in reference to Mr. Dufroc—read and filed.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, in the matter of the appeal of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, in the case of Bro. Dufroc—

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the decision of the G. M., in this case, has been confirmed and sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, the appeal from that decision by DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, cannot, at this time, be entertained.

Communication read from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, asking approval of amendment to articles 7 and 8 of their Constitution. The amendments read thus: Article 8th to read—Every member of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, shall pay into its Treasury, for quarterly expenses, ten cents, weekly; that each member shall contribute to the Orphans' Fund ten cents, weekly. Article 7th to read—All officers of this Lodge shall be fined at roll call—elective officers, fifty cents, appointed officers, 25 cents, unless they are absent from the Parish or from sickness of self or families.

On motion permission was granted to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, to elect a permanent Secretary.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the resolutions offered by P. G. Thomas, at last meeting were taken up, and on motion adopted with the following amendment :

Resolved, That there be a committee to digest and recommend a plan of operations with reference to the building of the Odd Fellows' Hall and all matters therewith connected.

Resolved, That one Brother be added to said committee by each Lodge in the State, and that the committee be instructed to report at the next regular meeting, if practicable.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. F. Thomas, C. M. Emerson, and A. S. Phelps.

On motion of P. G. Harris, the Subordinate Lodges were instructed to report to the Chairman of the above committee the name of their Representative.

The Lodge adjourned until Saturday, the 13th February, 1847, after receiving

Per centage from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7,	- .	\$15 23
“ “ “ Crescent Lodge, “ 8,	- -	67 06
“ “ “ Orleans Lodge, “ 11,	- -	26 05
“ “ “ Howard Lodge, “ 13,	- -	11 29
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		\$119 63

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, Feb. 13th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Joseph Font, Concord Lodge, No. 12, Natchez, Miss., visited the G. Lodge, this evening.

A certificate was read from Howard Lodge, No. 13, stating that P. G. Hoover was entitled to a seat in the G. L. Also, one from Washington Lodge, No. 3, that P. G. Norcross was entitled to a seat in the G. L.

The P. Gs. being in waiting the P. O. and G. L. degrees were conferred on them.

The Constitution being in order, the Secretary proceeded to read article 10; an amendment was offered to strike out "thirty" and insert "fifty"—carried, and to insert after "quarter"—"except Widows and Orphans' Funds"—carried; the article being thus amended was adopted.

Article 11, adopted.

Article 12, section 1, adopted; section 2, insert "fifty" instead of "thirty"—adopted as amended; section 3, add after "officer," second line, "or some P. G."—adopted as amended; section 4, strike out "Grand Lodge" and insert "new Lodge"—adopted as amended; section 5, adopted; section 6, after "elected," second line, insert "signed by the N. G. and Secretary, with the Seal of the Lodge attached"—adopted as amended; section 7, adopted; P. G. Emerson offered the following as Sec. 8: "All communications and documents from Subordinate Lodges shall be signed by their respective Secretaries, and bear the Seals of the Lodges from which they respectively emanate"—adopted.

Article 13, strike out in third line "and reported to the Subordinate Lodges"—adopted as amended.

BY-LAWS.—Section 1, adopted; section 2, strike out in third line "installed" and insert "presiding"—adopted as amended; section 3, adopted; sec. 4, insert "Subordinate" after "no" in first line—adopted as amended; section 5, strike out the whole, and insert "no candidate for admission into any Subordinate Lodge, who has been rejected, shall be allowed to petition that or any other Lodge, until the expiration of one year from the time of his rejection, without a dispensation from the Grand Lodge"—which was adopted; section 6, add after "session," "and no alteration of the By-Laws shall be made, except by a vote of two-thirds"—adopted as amended.

RULES OF ORDER.—1st, strike out "thirty," first line, and insert "fifteen"—adopted as amended; 2d, adopted; 3d, add after "read," second line, unless dispensed with by a vote of the Lodge"—adopted as amended; 4th, after "Constitution," in second line, add "except those who are elected"—adopted as amended; 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, adopted; 22d, after "it," in second line, add "and three members shall suffice to call for the ayes and naves"—adopted as amended; 23d, adopted; 24th, added by P. G. McKinnell, "any member voting with the majority, and seconded by one in the majority, may call for a reconsideration"—adopted.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, it was resolved that the Constitution be laid on the table, to be read a second time at the next meeting.

The following amounts were received from the Subordinate Lodges :
from

Louisiana Lodge,	No. 1,	gas, etc.,	- -	\$47 78
Washington	" "	3, funeral expenses,	-	17 71
Union	" "	6, gas, etc.,	- -	58 18
Crescent	" "	8, funeral expenses,	-	27 83
Jefferson	" "	9, " " - -	.	4 75
Orleans	" "	11, " " - -	-	11 99
Commercial	" "	12, gas, etc.,	- -	36 65
				<u>\$204 89</u>

On motion, the G. Lodge adjourned to meet at the notice of the G. Master.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 17th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from the Subordinate Lodges.

A report from the Secretary of the Hall committee was read, and on motion of P. G. Rice, it was received and adopted.

P. G. Emerson offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with Bro. P. Irwin, for the purchase of the lot of land lying next west of the lot, now owned by this Grand Lodge, on Poydras street, at the price of five thousand three hundred dollars; two thousand thereof to be paid in cash, and the balance, in three equal instalments, payable at one, two and three years, with interest at six per cent. per annum. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary to execute three promissory notes, pledging the faith of this Grand Lodge for the payment of the said instalment, payable in one, two and three years, and to reserve, in the act of sale, a mortgage on the lot to be purchased, to secure the payment of the said notes at maturity.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the further consideration of that portion of the report, which relates to the purchase of some portion of the lot adjoining the one owned by this Grand Lodge, was laid on the table.

On motion of P. G. Rice, the G. Lodge adjourned.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 3, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from the Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Norcross, of Washington Lodge, No. 3, being in waiting, the P. O. and G. L. degrees were conferred on him.

The G. Master stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Hall Commissioners.

The report of the committee was then read and accepted.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the following resolutions, suggested by the committee, were considered *seriatem* :

1st. That the wants of the Odd Fellows in this city and State require a building which shall cover nearly the entire area of ground owned by the Grand Lodge.

2d. That said building, including the thickness of the walls, should be about ninety-six feet long by at least fifty-two feet in width, four stories high; that the basement be divided into two stores of equal width and not less than feet long, with a passage between them leading to the rear and second story of to feet wide, and a room on each side of the passage, of about to feet long, to be used in connection with the second story. That the second story be laid off into one room, to be fitted up as may hereafter be agreed, for concerts, balls, lectures, etc., reserving at each end of the rear corners a suitable retiring or dressing room, one of which to contain a flight of stairs, commencing the ascent to the story above; the third and fourth stories shall be divided into Lodge rooms, of equal width, with the necessary anti-rooms, etc.

3d. That the Lodges and anti-rooms be fitted up by and at the expense of the Lodges and Encampments which may select them, the cost to be applied to the rent. They also recommend, that each Lodge or Encampment, which designs to select a room in the new hall, should take up a weekly contribution towards defraying said expense.

4th. That the foregoing work, including the sum to be advanced on account of the lots, will require an outlay of forty thousand dollars, including what has been paid; to meet which, the committee recommend the creation of eleven hundred shares of stock (in ad-

dition to those already created,) at twenty-five dollars per share, to be paid for in four equal instalments: the first, on demand, and the others, at intervals of two months, commencing from the date of subscription.

5th. Should the plan recommended, be adopted—That a subscription book for stock be opened in each Lodge and Encampment, under the superintendence of three, to be designated by the Lodge or Encampment.

6th. That the concerns of the building be managed by a Board of three Directors, to be elected from among the Past Grands, and to be chosen annually, on the third Monday in January; the said Directors to continue in office until their successors are elected.

7th. That the Directors be elected by the stockholders and the Grand Lodge. Each stockholder to be entitled to one vote for every share up to eight shares, and one vote for every additional two shares. The Grand Lodge to be entitled to the number of votes indicated by the outlay by them made: namely, one vote for every twenty-five dollars of outlay up to two hundred dollars, and one vote for every fifty dollars beyond that sum. The votes of the Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to be cast by such person or persons as they, severally, may depute for that office.

8th. That the first election of Directors shall be held under the superintendence of the Grand Master at such place as he may select, as soon as six hundred share of stock shall be taken, and that a committee of three be then immediately elected by the Grand Lodge to carry the plans, to be submitted, into execution.

9th. That so soon as the ground and building shall be free from encumbrance, a semi-annual dividend of the nett proceeds, not exceeding eight per cent. on the nominal value of the stock and the outlay of the Grand Lodge, shall be declared.

10th. That the stock be transferrable only on the books of the stockholders, and prior to the transfer of any stock, notice thereof shall be given the Directors, and, in all cases of sale of stock, the Grand Lodge shall have the preference.

11th. That should any instalment of stock not be paid within ten days after maturity, a proper written notice shall be given to the holder, and if not paid within ten days after said notice, the said stock may be declared forfeited to the Subordinate Lodge of which the holder is a member, or, to the Grand Lodge, if the holder is not a member of the Order.

12th. That a strip of land lying next East of that owned by the Grand Lodge, from three to five feet in width, extending from front to rear, if possible, be purchased of the heirs of René Trudeau; and, if a strip cannot be obtained the whole depth, we recommend the purchase of the same width, extending from the rear towards the front, as far as may be obtained for a reasonable price.

13th. That all laws and regulations heretofore passed by this Grand Lodge, relative to the new Hall, and which are inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions, are hereby rescinded.

The basis of the calculation in the fourth resolution is, as follows:

Cost of land, say,	\$10,000
Erection of the building,	19,000
Ornamental front,	4,000
Ornaments, connected with the saloon,	3,000
Contingents,	4,000
TOTAL,	<u>\$40,000</u>
Stock—five hundred shares issued, (about one half sold)—amounts to	\$12,500
Eleven hundred shares—proposed—will amount to	27,500
TOTAL,	<u>\$40,000</u>

The first resolution was read, and adopted; second, adopted; third, adopted; fourth, amended, by inserting "*two months*" instead of three—as amended, adopted; five, six, seven, eight, adopted—on motion of P. G. Haynes, the blank was filled up with "*three*," adopted; ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth, adopted.

P. G. Emerson offered number thirteen, which was adopted.

A communication from joint committees of the Subordinate Lodges, on Procession—read, and accepted.

On motion of P. G. Harris—

Resolved, That a Procession, in full regalia, take place on the 26th April next, and that the corner stone of the new Hall be laid on that day.

On motion of P. G. Emerson—That the G. M. appoint a committee of three to make the necessary arrangements, and report at the next meeting.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. Emerson, McKinnell and Reigart.

On motion of P. G. McKinnell, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet on the 15th inst.

F. A DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 15, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick—

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements be, and are hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the approaching celebration of the Order, and to elect a Chief Marshal, to officiate on the occasion; and report to this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Rice moved a call of the Ayes and Nays, on the above resolution.

Which were ordered, and resulted as follows, viz:

AYES—Tyler, Sykes, Simms, Hooper, Hoover, Andrews, Kirkland, Whitall, Lee,

Moore, Vasconcellos, Phelps, Thompson, Armstrong, Wood, Buckner, Fosdick, Stewart—18 Ayes.

NAYS—Williams, Herman, Milliken, Rice, Waters, Chambers, Cohn, Meekins, Harris, Cable, Mondelli, Dentzel—12 Nays.

P. G. Emerson, McKinnell, Reigart, Coleman and Hillman, were excused from voting on said resolution.

P. G. Hillman offered his resignation, as Grand Marshal, which was not accepted.

On motion, the G. M. and D. G. M. were added to the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee extend invitations to the Odd Fellows in the adjoining States.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 23, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall on Tuesday evening, March 23, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., in Quarterly Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution; and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

D. S. GANS,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
J. D. STEWART,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
F. A. DENTZEL,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary,</i>
J. S. MEEKINS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer,</i>
D. WHEELER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden. pro. tem.</i>
H. H. HEDDEN,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>
O. E. WILCOX,	<i>W. G. Conductor,</i>
GEO. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain,</i>
G. HILLMAN,	<i>W. G. Marshal,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Poalk, of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, being in waiting, the P. O. and G. L. degrees were conferred on him.

Proceedings of the last regular and adjourned meetings read, and adopted.

Certificate was received from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, of the appointment of P. G. Mott as representative, *vice* McKinnell, resigned.

On motion of P. G. Rice—

Resolved, That the present Committee of Arrangements, for the Procession, be discharged.

On motion of P. G. Montgomery—That the G. M. appoint a committee of seven, and, that one be added from each of the Subordinates in the State, to make the necessary arrangements, and that the corner stone of the new Hall be laid on that day. Several amendments were offered, which were decided in the negative; the motion was decided in the affirmative.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. Montgomery, Hillman, Emerson, Poalk, Tyler, Herman and Moore.

On motion, the G. M. and D. G. M. were added to the committee.

A petition was read, from brothers T. O. Henderson, Henry Bier, H. G. Stetson, Thos. Cripps, E. W. Rodd, G. A. White, Geo. Rareshide, D. A. Bichel, and E. A. Flash, for a Charter for a Lodge, to be called Hope Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., to be located in this city.

Granted.

The following bills were ordered to be paid—

Gas, - - - - -	\$100 00
Printing, - - - - -	26 00
Freight, on books, - - - - -	1 05
	<u>\$127 05</u>
Received from Teutonia Lodge—for funeral expenses,	
gas and rent, - - - - -	\$31 69
Willey Encampment, gas and rent, - - - - -	9 15
	<u>\$40 84</u>

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until Wednesday next.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 31, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. D. Stewart, D. G. M., the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A petition was read, from brothers M. J. Reigart, D. I. Ricardo, J. R. George, F. H. E. Kneass, Jos. Hawes, Chas. T. Eslin and M. L. McJilton, for a Charter for a Lodge, to be styled Delta Lodge, No. 15.

Granted.

Communication was read from G. L. U. S. on the subject of Education. Laid over.

Communication from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, giving notice of the rejection of Mr. A. Taft.

Communication from P. G. Gates of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7.

Communication from Union Lodge, No. 6, giving notice of the rejection of L. Roca, D. Casas, A. T. Ezekial and P. Herlin. Also, a request for a copy of the By-Laws, etc., of this Grand Lodge; and, also, instructions to their representatives, in regard to the six months term of office.

Ordered to be filed.

Also, a communication from Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, for permission to repeal the eighth article of their By-Laws; and that all fines, for absence, be repealed.

On motion, the request of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, was granted, and the alteration ordered to be made.

The Constitution of the G. Lodge, being next under consideration, was read, and article six was amended, by adding "*Past Official Degrees.*"

Adopted.

A motion was made to adopt the Constitution, By-Laws, etc.:

As amended, carried, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Constitutions were read, from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1; Union Lodge, No. 6; and Teutonia Lodge, No. 10;

Which were referred to the following special committees, who were instructed to report at the next meeting:

No. 1—P. Gs. Andrews, Fosdick and Hoover ;

No. 6—P. Gs. Montgomery, Phelps and Hoover ;

No. 10—P. Gs. Emerson, Gunnagle and Armstrong.

The following resolutions were offered by P. G. Emerson, and were adopted.

Resolved, That the first instalment of the stock in the new Hall be called in as soon as seven hundred of the additional shares are taken, and not before.

Resolved, That so much of the resolutions lately passed by this Grand Lodge, with respect to said Hall, as limits the amount of the dividend, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with authority to borrow of the Subordinate Lodges, or, from other sources, if necessary, a sum equal to the instalment due on the land ; and that, if any sum or sums are thus loaned by Subordinate Lodges, they may, at the option of such Lodges, be considered as subscriptions to the stock in the new Hall, and that the committee pay, not more than ten per cent. per annum, for the sums so borrowed.

Committee—P. Gs. Emerson, Montgomery and Reigart.

Resolved; That a committee of three be appointed, to examine the books and accounts of the late Hall Commissioners, and to collect any amounts which may be due for old stock.

Committee—P. Gs. Williams, Fosdick and Poalk.

Received from Hope Lodge, No. 14, Charter, -	-	\$50 00
Do. " Delta " " 15, " -	-	50 00
Do. " Crescent " " 8, Cards, -	-	0 50
		<u>\$100 50</u>

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary*.

CALLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, April 5th, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock; pursuant to a Call, from the following Past Grands, viz :

Tyler, Rice, Montgomery, Fosdick, Macy, Hocver, Hillman and Milliken.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master stated that the meeting had been called for the

purpose of taking such action as it might see fit, relative to the proposed new Hall, etc.

P. G. Fosdick, Chairman of the Hall Commissioners, submitted a partial report on that subject; which was read, and accepted.

When, on motion of P. G. Montgomery, it was

Resolved, That the first instalment on the new stock be collected.

The Ayes and Nays being called for on said resolution, the following was the result:

AYES—P. Gs. Williams, Hillman, Rice, Waters, Thisted, McKeen, Hoover, Wood, Fosdick, Andrews, Montgomery, Mondelli, Nachtrib—13 Ayes.

NAYS—P. Gs. Macy, Coleman, Haynes—3 Nays.

Resolved, That the G. M., D. G. M., G. Secretary and P. G. Tyler be a committee to call in the first instalment on new stock.

The committee previously appointed on the above, were discharged.

P. G. Emerson tendered his resignation, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance. Accepted.

The following P. Gs. were appointed a Committee on the part of the G. L., in the proposed Convention of the Order:

Tyler, Rice, Montgomery, Wood, Macy and Hillman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to call on the Lodges, in the city and Lafayette, for the census to the first of April, instant.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed.

E. A. TYLER, G. Sec., pro. terr.

CALLLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, May 14, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to call.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master stated, that the Grand Lodge had been called together by a constitutional number of P. Grands, for the transaction of such business as might be brought before it, for the good of the Order.

The Committee on the Constitution of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, reported, which report was accepted, and the following alterations proposed :

In article 2, section 2, the names of the appointed officers are written out in full ; we recommend, the initials be substituted.

In section 4, of the same article, strike out the initials, " E. M.," and substitute, " P. G.," in lieu thereof.

In article 3, nineteenth line from the top, erase the word, " reception," and substitute, " election."

In the same article, sixth and ninth lines from the bottom, strike out the following words, viz : " his petition shall not be acted upon, and."

Article 12, section 1, twenty-fifth line from the top, after the word, " Lodge," add, " room," so as to read, " Lodge-room."

Article 19, strike out the whole of the last paragraph.

Article 2, section 10, strike out all after the words, " the officer, so elected," and add, " shall serve out the remnant of the term."

The amendments offered, were all approved by the Grand Lodge ; and the Constitution, as amended, adopted.

The committees on the Constitutions of Louisiana Lodge, No 1, and Union Lodge, No. 6, asked further time. Which was granted.

A communication was received from D. G. M. Stewart, acting Secretary of a general meeting of the Order, on 5th May last, with a copy of the resolutions adopted at said meeting. Filed.

A motion was made to receive and comply with the resolutions ; it was amended, by striking out, " comply with ;" and passed, as amended.

A motion was made, " that no action be taken on the resolutions ;" was amended, by striking out, " no ;" and passed, as amended.

A motion to reject the whole, was lost.

A motion was made to appoint ten delegates, to meet those from Subordinate Lodges, in the proposed Convention, was passed.

P. G. Coleman, desired to have his name recorded in the negative.

The G. M. appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Williams, Hillman, Phelps, Wilcox, Buckner, Cunliff, Milliken, Harris, Sykes, Hyde and Turner.

The Constitution of Hope Lodge, No. 14, was read ; and referred to P. Gs. Coleman, Wilcox and Fosdick.

P. G. Coleman, (at the request of Crescent Lodge, No. 8,) stated, that a person had applied to said Lodge, for admission, who had been

rejected in Union Lodge, No. 6, within one year; and asked, in behalf of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, instructions from the G. L., regarding the right said Lodge had to receive said applicant.

A motion was made, that Crescent Lodge, No. 8, be allowed to receive and act on said petition; *Provided*, the unanimous consent of Union Lodge, No. 6, be first obtained.

The G. M. decided said motion out of order.

P. G. Coleman appealed from said decision.

On the vote being taken the decision of the G. M. was sustained.

On motion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

A communication from Hope Lodge, No. 14, giving notice of the rejection of W. T. Ballister and N. A. Young.

A communication, also, from Union Lodge, No. 6, giving notice of the rejection of R. B. Davis.

A communication was read, from the Grand Sire, approving, *pro tem.*, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

The G. M. made a statement, in relation to a difficulty that had arisen between him and Commercial Lodge, No. 12; and presented a copy of resolutions, passed by said Lodge; which were read, as follows:

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 12, I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, May 5th, 1847. }

To the M. W. Grand Master of I. O. O. F., of the State of Louisiana:

In accordance with your request, asking for a copy of certain resolutions, adopted on the 7th and 14th of April last, in this Lodge, in regard to certain remarks made by you, of the same date; and as per resolution of this Lodge, passed this evening, I herewith transmit to you the same.

The resolution of the 7th reads as follows:

[*Copy.*] "On motion of P. G. Emerson, it was voted, that the N. G. be directed, through our Representatives in the R. W. Grand Lodge, to inquire of that body, whether the M. W. Grand Master, on visiting a Subordinate Lodge, has authority to set aside or suspend any article or provision of its Constitution or By-Laws, or, to issue any decree, or make any decision conflicting therewith."

The resolutions of the 14th, are as follows:

[*Copy.*] "Brother Emerson offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously carried.

"*Resolved*, That the Lodge listened with regret to the charge made this evening, in open Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master, that its proceedings were not characterized by harmony, good feeling and concord; but that, on the contrary, its proceedings were characterized by want of harmony and fraternal spirit, and by feelings hostile to Odd Fellowship.

"*Resolved*, As our deliberate declaration, that the proceedings of this Lodge have

uniformly been marked by harmony and good will, and that we are not conscious of having violated the great principles of our Order — friendship, love and truth.

“*Resolved*, That we consider the rebuke administered to us this evening, by the M.W. Grand Master, as wholly unmerited; and the stigma, attempted by him to be fixed upon us, is unjust and without foundation.”

Yours, in the bond of F. L. and T.,

L. L. BROWN,
Secretary of Commercial Lodge, No. 12.

The following resolution was adopted this evening :

Resolved, That considering the communication of the M. W. Grand Master, this evening read, as a request, and not as a demand, the Secretary be required to grant said request, and furnish the copies asked for, not admitting the right of the M. W. G. Master to demand copies of our records or of our proceedings.

Resolved, That the above resolution accompany said request.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

L. L. BROWN, *Secretary*.

P. G. Rice moved that a committee of three be elected, to wait on Commercial Lodge, No. 12, (if they deem it necessary,) and examine the books of said Lodge, and that said committee have power to call before them, the G. M. and officers of said Lodge, and any other member of the Order they may deem necessary; and, also, to order from said Lodge or the G. M. any books or papers they may deem necessary for a fair and impartial investigation of the whole matter.

Which motion was carried.

The G. L. proceeded to an election.

P. Gs. Stewart, Mondelli, Fosdick, Phelps, Montgomery and Coleman, were nominated.

On counting the ballots, P. Gs. Mondelli, Stewart and Phelps, were elected.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

W. H. RICE, *G. Sec.*, pro. tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, June 4th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to a call by a constitutional number of Past Grands.

Present — The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The G. M. stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of devising ways and means for the payment of the note due 18th inst.

On motion of P. G. Rice, the Grand Master be authorized to raise the money necessary to take up the note due 18th June, 1847.

Report of the Committee on the Constitution of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, was read, adopted, and the Constitution of said Lodge approved without amendment.

Report of the Committee on the Constitution of Union Lodge, No. 6, was read and adopted—the Constitution of said Lodge was adopted with these amendments: Strike out 4th By-Law, and insert six lines of section 1 of the By-Laws of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1.

Report of the Committee to examine into the difficulty of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, was read, accepted, and the Committee discharged. Report being as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to investigate the matter at issue between the M. W. Grand Master and Commercial Lodge, No. 12, Report

That the difficulty seems to have originated in misunderstanding. A question arose in Commercial Lodge as to whether an application for membership could be remanded to the committee of investigation after the Lodge had commenced balloting for the candidate, and before the result was known or even all the members had balloted.

The M. W. Grand Master being present, was asked for his opinion, and being given to understand that all had balloted, decided that the ballot was final.

A discussion ensued, which the committee are constrained to say was out of order and improper. The Lodge had the right to appeal from the decision of the M. W. G. M. to the Grand Lodge. The question of remanding was disposed of for the time being by the decision of the G. M., which was binding until reversed on appeal by the Grand Lodge; there was then no question before the Lodge, and the debate was out of order. And more than this, the G. M. being the head of the Order in the State, was entitled to more respect than to have his decision questioned before a Lodge.

The G. M. informed the Lodge that his decision must be considered as final, and that the debate was out of order; the question of their right to discuss a motion to remand an application was debated, which debate was also out of order, there being no legitimate question before the Lodge.

The committee are sincere in the belief that the M. W. G. M. has the good of the Order at heart—that he wishes to prevent innovations and to preserve order and harmony in his jurisdiction. Commercial Lodge, No. 12, we regard as an ornament to the Order in this city; it is composed of men whom we all respect for their intelligence, moral worth and for their activity in carrying out the principles of the Order. The committee can easily conceive a case in which it might be difficult to avoid or correct misunderstandings in a Lodge when there are many offering explanations, and with a view to prevent, if possible, such unpleasant occurrences and preserve harmony, beg to offer, for the consideration of the G. Lodge, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master has a right to decide all questions which may arise in Subordinate Lodges, which decisions shall be binding until reversed on appeal by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it is an act of insubordination to discuss the decisions of the G. M. in Subordinate Lodges, or to pass motions or resolutions censuring the G. M. or the G. Lodge.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. has a right to call for copies of any resolutions or proceedings of Subordinate Lodges, when he conceives that the good of the Order require it.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

by yours, in F., L. and T.,

JAMES D. STEWART,
A. MONDELLI,
AUGUSTUS S. PHELPS, } *Committee.*

On motion of P. G. Coleman, the resolutions suggested by said committee were rejected.

A petition was read from Brothers Charles E. Hall, N. Montross, Thomas W. Barrett, S. E. Belknap, John L. White, G. W. R. Bailey, H. Porter, Andrews, P. C. Wright, James Wilson, J. A. Edwards, and Harmon Doane, for the Charter of a Lodge, to be called Templar Lodge, No. 16, to hold their sessions in the Hall of Crescent Lodge, No. 8.

The G. M. decided that the petition could not be entertained. P. G. Coleman appealed from the decision of the Chair. When the vote being taken, the G. L. refused to sustain the decision of the G. Master.

On motion, the petition was granted.

The Constitution of Howard Lodge, No. 13, was submitted for approval. The G. M. appointed as a committee to examine the same, P. Gs. Rice, Dentzel and Hoover; also, Constitution of Delta Lodge, No. 15. The G. M. appointed as a committee, P. Gs. Reigart, Sykes and Phelps.

On motion of P. G. Rice the Lodge closed.

FRED'K A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

CALLED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, June 11th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to call.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call was read as follows :

NEW ORLEANS, June 9, 1847.

To the R. W. G. M. of the State of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:— You are requested to call a special meeting of the Grand Lodge on Friday evening next, at the Crescent Hall, on Camp street, at half past 7 o'clock.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

M. J. REIGART,	P. G.
H. WILLIAMS,	P. G.
J. L. TAYLOR,	P. G.
JOSIAH G. MACY,	P. G.
E. A. TYLER,	P. G.
J. D. STEWART,	D. G. M.
J. L. POALK,	P. G.

On motion of D. G. M. Stewart the call was approved.

A communication was read from Delta Lodge, No. 15, which was received, in reference to the election of officers for the ensuing term ; also, a letter from the G. Sire on the same subject, which was filed.

On motion of D. G. M. Stewart,

Resolved, That Delta Lodge, No. 15, be permitted to elect officers for the next term, at the termination of the present.

A communication was read from Delta Lodge, No. 15, praying for a dispensation to confer degrees on H. H. Dentzel — granted.

A communication from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, was read, asking for a dispensation to confer degrees on Mr. Cochran, an individual to be admitted a member of that Lodge — refused.

On motion of P. G. Gunnagle,

WHEREAS, It frequently occurs that much time and attention of this Grand Lodge is unprofitably occupied in considering, revising, amending and approving the Constitutions of Subordinate Lodges, that might be employed more advantageously ; be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge from among its members to draft a general Constitution for the Government of all the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, leaving to each Subordinate Lodge the right of adopting such By-Laws as will

not in any manner conflict with the general Constitution adopted by this G. Lodge, together with a code of parliamentary rules, which shall not be rescinded or suspended unless by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, in good standing, present.

Resolved, That from and after the first meeting of each Subordinate Lodge, (in the State of Louisiana,) in the year 1848, the Constitution and rules shall go in full force and effect.

On motion, these resolutions were laid on the table.

On motion, that the G. Lodge nominate a Grand Representative; P. Gs. McKinnell, F. Thomas, jr., and Emerson, were nominated.

On motion of P. G. Rice, That it is inexpedient to send a Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States this year. *Lost*.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect a Grand Representative; when, after balloting, P. G. McKinnell was elected Grand Representative for this term.

On motion, to reconsider the vote in reference to Commercial Lodge, No. 12. *Carried*.

Motion made to grant permission to Commercial Lodge, No. 12; to initiate Mr. Cochran and confer degrees. *Lost*.

Motion to permit Commercial Lodge, No. 12, to initiate Mr. Cochran on the night of his application. *Granted*.

P. G. Wilcox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no credentials be granted to any Grand Representative elected by this Grand Lodge on any night but that of a regular meeting, until the legality of such election shall have been decided by the Grand Sire of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to the Grand Sire, with the first section of article third of the Constitution.

On motion, was laid on the table.

On motion, the Lodge closed.

WM. H. RICE, *G. Secretary, pro tem.*

On Monday, the 14th day of June, 1847, in the Hall of the Crescent Lodge, No. 8, on Camp street, the M. W. G. M. D. S. Gans installed and opened Templar Lodge, No. 16, with the solemnity required by the occasion:

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

CALLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 17th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to call.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows, viz:

NEW ORLEANS, July 9th, 1847.

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, ask that a special meeting of that body be called on Saturday, the 17th of July, 1847, at Grand Lodge Hall, at 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of conferring the G. L. and side degrees on such candidates as may present themselves, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

To the Grand Master of Louisiana.

H. H. McCORRY,
J. H. BROWN,
P. B. BUCKNER,
W. H. WATERS,
CHAS. M. EMERSON,
JOHN HOOVER,
J. L. POALK.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the call was approved.

On motion of P. G. McKinnell, the proceedings of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion of P. G. Rice, That a certificate be granted to P. G. McKinnell as representative of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

A Communication was read from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, respecting holding a procession and dedicating their new Hall. Accepted and filed.

The G. M. stated that he had granted a dispensation to DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, to hold a procession on the 9th of August, 1847. The Grand Lodge confirmed the action of the G. Master, respecting DeSoto Lodge, No. 7.

On motion,

Resolved, That the G. Secretary notify the Subordinate Lodges of the same.

The G. Master stated, that in consequence of the sickness and absence

of the G. Secretary, Dentzel, he had appointed P. G. Haynes to act in his place. The G. L. confirmed the action of the G. M. respecting the same. On motion,

Resolved, That Commercial Lodge, No. 12, be permitted to reconsider their vote electing Mr. Parks and Mr. Glenn.

Bill of P. G. Cohn, of twenty-five dollars, for printing Constitution, was accepted and ordered to be paid.

On motion,

Resolved, That an order be drawn for seventy dollars, payment of expenses of celebration.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That the G. Secretary be ordered to certify to any communication from the General Relief Committee of the Subordinate Lodges in other States, advising them of relief extended to their members.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed after receiving

Per centage of Crescent Lodge, No. 8,	-	-	\$ 165	28
“ “ Delta Lodge, No. 15,	-	-	58	36
Sundries,	-	-	213	63
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			\$437	27

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 27, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened this evening, at their Hall, at half past 7 o'clock, in Quarterly Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

D. S. GANS,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
J. D. STEWART,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
FRANK HAYNES,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
M. J. REIGART,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
J. S. MEEKINS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer,</i>
J. COHN,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Reports from the following Lodges were read and accepted, viz :

LOUISIANA LODGE, No. 1—Initiated, 45; admitted by card, 6; rejected, 9; expended in relief, \$384; contributing members, 131; whole receipts, \$1500 77; per centage, \$139 44.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3—Initiated, 16; admitted by card, 2; rejected, 6; death, 1; withdrawn by card, 2; expended in relief, \$195 65; whole rec'pts, \$815 95; contributing members, 95; per centage, \$73 70.

DESOTO LODGE, No. 7—Initiated, 7; admitted by card, 4; contributing members, 54; expended in relief, \$10; withdrawn by card, 6; whole amount of receipts, \$420 20; per centage, \$29 41.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 8—Initiated 33; admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 14; rejected, 1; deaths, 2; contributing members, 143; amount of receipts, \$1791 47; per centage, \$165 25.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 9—Initiated, 33; admitted by card, 3; rejected, 2; contributing members, 35; expended in relief, \$10; whole amount of receipts, \$401 45; per centage, \$37 99.

TEUTONIA LODGE, No. 10—Initiated, 24; admitted by card, 2; rejected, 9; expended in relief, \$30 50; contributing members, 57; whole receipts, \$857; per centage, \$81 33.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 12—Initiated, 60; admitted by card, 13; reinstated, 1; rejected, 10; deaths, 1; withdrawn by card, 4; contributing members, 124; amount of receipts, \$1829 14; per centage, \$176 70.

HOPE LODGE, No. 14—Initiated, 36; admitted by card, 11; rejected, 3; contributing members, 48; receipts, \$1009 83; per centage, \$98 26.

DELTA LODGE, No. 15—Initiated, 29; admitted by card, 12; rejected, 4; withdrawn by card, 1; contributing members, 40; receipts, \$605 75; per centage, \$58 36.

Certificates of the following P. Gs. were read and accepted, viz : John Crickard, No. 1; J. Paisley, No. 3; H. V. Babin, No. 7; H. W. Olmstead, No. 8; W. W. Jourdan, No. 9; Brichta, No 10; N. B. Kneass, No. 12; T. Cripps, No. 14; D. I. Ricardo, No. 15, who being in waiting, the G. L. and P. O. degrees were conferred on them.

Proceedings of the regular and special meetings were read and adopted with the following amendment: In the proceedings of 23d of March, 1847, the words "Pelican Lodge" be erased, and "Hope Lodge" inserted in its place.

On motion of D. G. M. Stewart, That the G. Secretary insert on the minutes, the institution of all future Lodges.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, That the blank of Committee on Constitution be filled up with "three" — carried.

The G. M. appointed on said committee P. Gs. Andrews, Harris and Mott.

The following report of the M. W. Grand Master was read :

REPORT.

NEW ORLEANS, July 26th, 1847.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

Pursuant to the 4th article of your Constitution, I lay before your Honorable Body a report of my official acts since the last regular meeting, and the state of the Order under your jurisdiction.

We owe praise and gratitude to the beneficent Grand Master of the Universe for the uninterrupted health and various other blessings with which He has thought proper to bless our beloved Order in this State. And it is a matter of fact and true felicitation that in proportion to the number of Brethren in the city, very few have been subject to those evils which human flesh is heir to.

Let us, therefore, beseech and pray Him who does all for the best, to bestow the same blessings on the Brethren of the Order in time to come.

In regard to numbers, the Order in this city has been, since the last six months, that prosperous that there is nothing left to be wished for ; and the Lodges, with few exceptions, I am happy to say, have gone on harmoniously and peaceably, and distributed the blessings of Benevolence and Charity, I am persuaded to believe, to the extent of their abilities.

It is reasonable to suppose that the great addition of new members to the Order in so short a time, carries with itself the impossibility for these, at least the greatest part of them, to possess, so soon, the proper knowledge of Odd Fellowship, its laws, regulations, ancient customs and usages. And if it is already proverbial that many heads make many minds, so it must necessarily follow that occasional differences of opinion in the various Lodges must arise, leading, occasionally, to errors, which I sincerely believe do not proceed from the heart. But at the same time, and owing to the same cause, I must confess, it is connected with considerable difficulty to exercise that "supervision" over the Order, which is made the duty of the Grand Master by your Constitution and the general laws of the Order, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose to watch over and see that no encroachments are made on the laws of the State, as well as the general laws of the Order. It is left to your knowledge of all matters appertaining to Odd Fellowship, and your wise legislation to regulate the Order in this State, who really looks up to you for final information.

In reference to the action of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, and the action of this Grand Lodge upon it, in rejecting certain resolutions, proposed by a G. L. committee, which solely laid down, as I understood, the general law of the Order, I refer you to document No. I, a letter from the M. W. Grand Sire, whose opinion and decision I had solicited about the correctness or legality of the matter embodied in those resolutions. I also refer you to documents Nos. II and III, containing charges against Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and at the same time that I feel really and truly sorry that I am under the painful necessity to bring those charges, I am happy to say, that the action complained of was had in the absence of all the P. Gs. of Louisiana Lodge, the G. Lodge having held a meeting on the same evening.

On the 23d of April last I granted a dispensation to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, to reinstate Alexander Dimitry, a suspended member, for non-payment of dues, subject to your approval.

In regard to our two Lodges in the country, I refer you to the report of D. D. G. Master Wetzlar, accompanying this.

In pursuance of a resolution of the G. L., passed February 17th last, I paid \$2000 to Brother Irwin, as part payment for the lot bought of him, and furnished him, in connection with your R. W. G. Secretary, with three annual notes, each of \$1100. The first of which falls due the 1st January, 1848.

For the above purposes I received the following sums :

From your committee to call in the instalment due on the old shares,...	\$ 1712 50
From G. Treasurer Meekins.....	50 00
From Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, first instalment on ten shares.....	62 50
From Brother Wm. Young, of Teutonia.....	6 25
“ “ Wm. Rebentish, “	6 25
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	\$ 1837 50
Advanced by me.....	162 50
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	\$ 2000 00

For which I take the liberty of laying before you my bill to that effect.

On the 24th of last month I succeeded, in accordance with your resolution, dated June 4th, 1847, of prolonging the note of \$ 1240, for three months, instead of six, as before, being confident, that ere that time, such measures will be taken by you and the Order, generally, to insure the prompt payment of it in due time. The cost of prolonging it, \$ 82 50, I also received from the above mentioned committee.

Before concluding this report, allow me to direct your attention to the following recommendations :

1. To confer upon and make it the duty of the “General Relief Committee,” to take charge of transient sick Brothers, and superintend funerals of the same.

2. The existence of Degree Lodges, being recognized by the G. Lodge of U. S., I would recommend the establishment of such a one, for the purpose of bringing about a uniformity in giving the degrees, besides, saving a good deal of time to those who give the degrees at present.

3. To form an uniform or general Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction. Although this matter has been before brought before you, I think it deserves more consideration than it has received, having been proposed at a special meeting and disposed of without any debate. I need only refer you to the action of the G. Lodges of most all the other States, who have adopted such a Constitution, some of them the oldest in Odd Fellowship, to convince you that this subject has been well discussed and found highly convenient and proper for the Subordinate as well as the G. Lodges.

4. I have to direct your earnest attention to the plan of building a Hall, and particularly to devise means to meet promptly the payment of those notes, now in the hands of others against the Grand Lodge.

The plan proposed last February by the joint committee of the Lodges, and adopted by you, having in its operation failed to bring about the desired end, I would suggest to the G. L. the propriety of electing a Board of Hall Commissioners or Directors, for the purpose of superintending the sale of stock, furnish the shareholder with proper certificates, and other business appertaining to it, which you may think fit to charge them with.

There are two points yet which it would be well for you to decide. Firstly—If it requires a final Card for a Brother to join another Lodge? This has lately been doubted by some of the Lodges or Brothers; and secondly—If a Candidate, who has received, at the first

and second ballot, one black ball, has, at the meeting following, to be declared elected, in case the Brother thus balloting did not make his reasons known to the N. G.? or does it still take a third ballot?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

in the bonds of F., L. and T.,

D. S. GANS, G. M.

OFFICE OF GRAND SIRE, I. O. O. F., }
Cincinnati, June 22, 1847. }

Dr. D. S. Gans, Grand Master of Louisiana, New Orleans:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your favor of 8th inst., came to hand in due course of mail. I understand you to submit for my opinion, the legality of the opinions embodied in the resolutions of the committee of the G. L. of Louisiana, in relation to the course of Commercial Lodge. I consider, that during the recess of a State Grand Lodge the Grand Master has the right to decide all points of law, and that his decisions are binding until reversed by the action of his Grand Lodge. It is, in my opinion, improper in a Subordinate Lodge to censure a Grand Master or Grand Lodge of the same jurisdiction, but I would not deem it an act of insubordination. A Grand Master has the right to call for copies of resolutions or proceedings of Subordinate Lodges, whenever he may deem it proper to do so.

Yours, truly,

THOS. SHERLOCK, G. S.

NEW ORLEANS, July 26, 1847.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana:

BROTHERS:—I charge Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, of actions highly improper and illegal for a Subordinate Lodge.

First. For having assumed a power and authority solely vested in this R. W. G. Lodge, in investigating and judging the conduct and acts of a Grand officer.

Second. For censuring, by resolution spread on their minutes, the Chief officer of the Grand Lodge of the State.

Third. For grossly insulting the Grand Master, by charging him unjustly and contrary to truth, friendship and love, that he is not actuated by the principles of benevolence and charity.

Fourth. For insulting Bro. Gans, also, in his character as a private member of the Order, in denying to him the principles of benevolence and charity.

Fifth. For having not only spread on their minutes, the resolutions containing these unbrotherly and uncharitable feelings, but, also, for sending them to all the Subordinate Lodges in the city, instigating and tempting them to adopt the same.

Crescent Lodge, No. 8, having, in consequence of it, thought fit to concur in the feeling expressed in the referred to resolutions, I charge therefore, also, Crescent Lodge, No. 8, with the same, except the first specification.

You are respectfully referred to the accompanying documents, a certified copy of the action of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, referred to—as procured from her, for your perusal and consideration.

Leaving this affair to your wise and prompt action,

I have the honor to be,

Yours, in the bonds of F. L. and T.,

D. S. GANS, G. Master.

BAYOU SARA, July 21, 1847.

To D. S. Gans, Esq., M. W. G. Master, G. L., State of Louisiana:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:— In fulfilling my duty, to give you a report from the Lodges of my District, I regret that I must observe that Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, has not yet recovered from the downfall she received last year; there were new officers elected last term, but there was no election for this term, owing to the absence of so many members: there is not a quorum of members in our little village at present, and the country members have not been able to attend, on account of the water and weather, and must hope that in due season they may rally again.

Some of the members would prefer, if the M. W. Grand Lodge would grant them, a new Charter. Nevertheless, when the true principles of Odd Fellowship are in question, the brothers of F. L. will do their duty; few as they are now they have distributed, last term, \$40 for the relief of a widow. If my news from F. L. were of a gloomy cast, I am happy to say that those of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, are of the brightest nature. This Lodge is doing very well, always increasing, and numbers between fifty and sixty members. I have visited them twice, and, each time, it has afforded me great satisfaction.

Hoping soon to have the pleasure of seeing you in Baton Rouge,

I remain, yours,

In the bonds of F. L. and T.,

JOSEPH WETZLAR, D. D. G. M.

On motion of D. G. M. Stewart,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to distribute the subjects referred to in the report of the M. W. G. Master, to appropriate committees, with instructions to report this evening.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. Stewart, Mott and Phelps.

The committee on the G. M's. report, made the following report:

The committee appointed to allot the subjects referred to in the report of the M. W. G. M.,

REPORT:

1st, That they recommend, that so much of the report as relates to the communication of the R. W. G. Sire, be referred to a special committee of three.

2d, That the charges against Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent Lodge, No. 8, be referred to the Executive Committee.

3d, That so much as refers to Bro. Dimitry, be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

4th, That the bill of the G. M., for \$162 50, be referred to a committee on accounts; also, all that has reference to the renewal of a note of \$1240.

5th, That the recommendation, to make it the duty of the General Relief Committee to take charge of sick strangers and superintend their funerals, be referred to a special committee of three.

6th, That the recommendation to have a uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be referred to a special committee of three.

7th, That so much as relates to building a Hall, be referred to a special committee of three.

8th, That the questions, in relation to depositing of cards and balloting for candidates, be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

On motion of P. G. Hillman, the letter of the G. Sire, annexed to the report of the G. Master, was acknowledged, and received as an official document.

On motion, the G. Lodge proceeded to consider whether the charges brought against Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent Lodge, No. 8, were within their jurisdiction.

On a vote being taken, it was found that two-thirds of the members present, had voted in the affirmative. The said charges were, therefore, declared within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge now formed itself into a Committee of the Whole.

P. G. M. Rice in the Chair.

On motion of P. G. Gans, the action of the G. M., in reference to Bro. Dimitry, was confirmed.

On motion of P. G. Haynes,

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge, under this jurisdiction, shall admit a member by deposit of a visiting card.

On motion of P. G. Gans,

Resolved, That when an individual applying for Membership, receives one black ball, he shall be considered elected, if the brother who put in the black ball fails to make known his reasons to the N. G, by the next meeting night.

On motion, the committee rose.

On motion of P. G. Stewart, the report of the Committee of the Whole was adopted.

On motion of P. G. Hillman,

Resolved, That the first suggestion of the committee, on the G. Master's report, be rejected.

On motion of P. G. Hillman,

Resolved, That the second suggestion of the committee be adopted, and the subject referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of P. G. Stewart,

Resolved, That that part of the third suggestion of the committee, which refers to the account of the G. M. for \$ 162 50, be rejected; and the same ordered to be paid.

The G. M. appointed, as a Committee of Accounts, P. Gs. Ricardo, Reigart and Stewart.

On motion of P. G. Haynes that, that part of the third suggestion of the committee, which has reference to the note of \$ 1240, was adopted; and the same was referred to the Committee of Accounts, with full power to act, and draw on the Treasury.

The Lodge adjourned, until Saturday, the 31st July, 1847, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., after receiving :

Per centage from	Louisiana Lodge, No. 1,	- - -	\$139 44
" "	Washington Lodge, No. 3,	- - -	73 70
" "	DeSoto Lodge, No. 7,	- - -	29 41
" "	Jefferson Lodge, No. 9,	- - -	37 99
" "	Teutonia Lodge, No. 10,	- - -	81 33
" "	Commercial Lodge, No. 12,	- - -	176 70
" "	Hope Lodge, No. 14,	- - -	98 25
			\$ 636 92

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro. tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 31st, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from the Subordinate Lodges.

Report of Howard Lodge, No. 13, was read and accepted, showing—initiated 14, admitted by card 3, withdrawn by card 2, rejected 3, contributing members 57: amount of receipts \$1009 30, per centage \$97 92.

Certificate of P. G. Dolhonde from Howard Lodge, No. 13, was read and accepted, the P. G. being in waiting, the G. L. and P. O. degrees were conferred on him.

On motion of P. G. Rice,

Resolved, That extracts from the letter of the G. Sire, so much as refers to his decision, relative to the action of Subordinate Lodges, be sent to the Subordinate Lodges in this State.

The Ayes and Nays being called, resulted as follows, viz:

AYES — P. Gs. Stewart, Waters, Haynes, Reigart, Ricardo, Cripps, Kirkland, Crickard, Cohn, Hillman, Harris, Rice, Mondelli, Moore, and Vasconcellos — 15 Ayes.

NAYS — P. Gs. Brown, Buckner, Meekins and Wood—4 Nays.

On motion of P. G. M. Mondelli, it was

Resolved, That nominations be opened for Executive Committee,

When the following P. Gs. were nominated, viz: Mondelli, Hillman, Cohn, Cripps, Olmstead and Emerson.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to ballot, when the following P. Gs. were elected Executive Committee for the current year, viz:

P. Gs. Mondelli, Hillman, Cohn, Cripps and Emerson.

Certificate read from Delta Lodge, No. 15, of the appointment of P. Gs. Reigart and Ricardo as Representatives of that Lodge to the G. L.

Accepted and ordered to be filed.

Communication read, from Delta Lodge No. 15, asking a dispensation to confer degrees on Brothers Richardson and Maglone. Granted.

Communication read, from Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, for permission to hold meetings in their new Hall, until the same be dedicated.

On motion of P. G. Rice,

Resolved, That permission be granted to Jefferson Lodge No. 9, to hold meetings in their new room, if the G. M. or D. G. M., on examination, find the same proper.

The Lodge adjourned until Thursday the 5th August, 1847, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., after receiving per centage from Howard Lodge, No. 13—\$97 92.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, August 5, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this day, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. G. Rice,

Resolved, That the suggestion of the G. M. to establish a Degree Lodge, be not concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Rice,

Resolved, That the suggestion of the committee to refer the matter of framing a Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of subordinate Lodges in this State, to a committee of three, be adopted, and the committee appointed.

The G. M. appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Haynes, Ricardo and Emerson.

Report of Union Lodge, No. 6, was read and accepted, showing—Initiated 23, withdrawn by card 13, rejected 9, contributing members 171: amount of receipts \$1165—per centage \$105 53.

On motion of P. G. Stewart,

Resolved, That the suggestion of the committee, in reference to making it the duty of the General Relief Committee to attend and superintend the burial of strangers, be adopted, and the committee appointed.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. Stewart, Brichta and Wilcox.

On motion of P. G. Rice, the suggestion of the Committee in reference to building a Hall was adopted, and a committee appointed.

The G. M. appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Haynes, Reigart and Brichta.

Petition read from Bros. C. W. Whithall, Daniel Wheeler, R. C. Webb, J. Pasley, H. Burns, G. Andrews, D. B. Forbes, W. Lucas, T. A. Packard, and S. W. Wagganer, for the Charter of a Lodge, to be called Covenant Lodge, No, 17, to hold its sessions in the Third Municipality, New Orleans.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from the 22d of December, 1846, be published in a pamphlet form.

On motion of P. G. Rice,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend the publishing of such extracts from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as they may think proper, without submitting the same to the Grand Lodge.

The G. M. appointed on this committee, P. Gs. Stewart, Haynes and Hillman.

Report of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, read and accepted, showing—initiated 30, admitted by card 7, rejected 1, contributing members 86 : amount of receipts \$1231 61, per centage \$ 118 82.

Certificate from Orleans Lodge, No. 11, of P. G. R. C. Ogden ; read and filed.

P. G. Ogden being in waiting, the G. L. and P. O. degrees were conferred on him.

On motion of P. G. Brown, the committee to print proceedings of the G. Lodge, were ordered to have three hundred copies printed.

On motion of P. G. Hillman that twenty-five copies be printed in the German language. Motion lost.

A communication was read, from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, and filed, asking permission to keep their proceedings in the German language.

On motion of P. G. Brichta,

Resolved, That Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, be permitted to keep their proceedings in the German language; *Provided*, when extracts are required, that the same be translated into English.

A communication from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, for permission to ballot again for Mr. F. V. Bergen.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, it was referred to the Executive Committee ; to report at next meeting.

A communication from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, in reference to amendment of their Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion of P. G. Poalk, it was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

A communication was read, and filed, from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, respecting the rejection of Mr. Spearing; and, the ventilation of the Lodge-room.

On motion of P. G. Rice, the subject of Spearing was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of P. G. Haynes, the subject of ventilating the room, was referred to a committee of three, with power to act ; to report at next meeting.

A report was read from P. G. Mondelli, respecting the distribution of funds for Celebration. Report accepted and filed.

NEW ORLEANS, July 23, 1847.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana:

RESP. BROTHERS:— I beg leave to submit to your Hon. Body a statement of the expenses incurred in the Celebration of our Order on the 26th April, last, and paid in liquidation of the same, and the amount of money received from the Lodges, on said account, viz:—

PAID:	RECEIVED:
To four bands of music \$260 00	Of the R. W. Grand Lodge \$70 00
Advertising and printing 74 50	Louisiana Lodge 61 50
Adams, church sexton, 10 00	Washington Lodge 45 00
Hogan, cleaning the lot, 10 00	Union Lodge 80 50
Irwin, fencing the same, 20 00	Crescent Lodge 68 50
Corner Stone 20 00	Jefferson Lodge 14 50
Sibrecht, for Chief Marshal and aids, 85 00	Teutonia Lodge 23 50
Frankford, attendance on the Com- mittee, 6 00	Orleans Lodge 35 50
Sundry petty expenses 5 50	Commercial Lodge 46 00
	Howard Lodge 23 50
	Hope Lodge 12 50
	Delta Lodge 10 00
TOTAL EXPENSES \$491 00	TOTAL RECEIPTS \$491 00

Yours, in friendship, love and truth,

A. MONDELLI, P. G. M., *Chief Marshal.*

A report from the Hall Commissioners was read; and, on motion of P. G. Stewart, was referred back to the committee, with instructions to report the amount received from each Lodge or person.

A bill from Mrs. A. Brooks, for twenty dollars, for the use of Armory Hall. Read, and ordered to be paid.

A report of the committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of Delta Lodge, No. 15, was read, and accepted.

On motion of P. G. Ricardo, the Constitution and By-Laws of Delta Lodge, No. 15, were approved, with this amendment:

Section 6, reads thus: "Any Brother who has been a member of the Order one month, shall be entitled to receive the first degree; after two months, his second; after three months, his third; after four months, his fourth, after five months, his fifth; provided, however, that he is in good standing and clear of the book of the Lodge.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until August 19, 1847, after receiving

Per centage from Union Lodge, No. 6, - - -	\$105 93
“ “ “ Orleans Lodge, No. 11, - - -	118 82
Charter of Covenant Lodge, - - - - -	50 00
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	\$274 75

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

On Wednesday, the 11th day of August, 1847, at the Hall of Washington Lodge, No. 3, in the Third Municipality, New Orleans, the M. W. G. Master, assisted by the R. W. Grand Officers and several members of the G. L., instituted and opened Covenant Lodge, No. 17, in a solemn and appropriate manner.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, August 19th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. D. Stewart, D. G. Master, presiding, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A communication was read and filed, from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, asking permission to re-ballot for Mr. P. A. Breaux.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead,

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, to re-ballot for Mr. P. A. Breaux.

The Committee on the Hall asked for further time—granted.

The Executive Committee, in reference to charges against Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent Lodge, No. 8, reported progress.

The committee on formation of a Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, asked for further time—granted.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the difficulties existing in Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, ought to be adjusted, that the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the District Deputy Grand Master be hereby instructed to attempt a settlement of the difficulties, so that the said Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, may again commence operations.

A bill from J. C. Morgan for \$2 85, for stationery, read and ordered to be paid.

The report of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, read and adopted.*

* See Appendix

On motion of P. G. Olmstead,

Resolved, That an order be drawn for twenty dollars, for the annual dues to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the Lodge adjourned until Wednesday, 25th August, 1847, at 4 o'clock, P. M.



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, August 14, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. D. Stewart, R. W. D. G. M., presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion,

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master, or D. G. Master, be authorized to confer on P. Gs. entitled thereto, the P. O. degrees.

On motion,

Resolved, That the G. Secretary be instructed to place the papers of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, in the hands of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until September 8th, 1847, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

D. I. RICARDO, G: Secretary, *pro tem*.



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, September 8th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—P. G. Master Mondelli, presiding; and a due representation.

The Executive and Hall Committees reported progress, also the committee on ventilating the Grand Lodge Hall.

The committee on general Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, made the following report ; which was adopted and the committee discharged.

REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

BROTHERS:—The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the subject of preparing a Constitution, to be used in common by all the Lodges subordinate to this jurisdiction ; beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned to them, and recommend that such a Constitution for the use of the Subordinate Lodges of this State be prepared, and remitted to the several Lodges for their government.

FRANK HAYNES,
CHAS. W. EMERSON, } *Committee.*

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a Constitution, to be used in common by all the Lodges subordinate to this jurisdiction. The committee to report as soon as practicable.

The G. M. appointed on that committee, P. Gs. Haynes, Emerson and Crickard.

A petition was read from Brothers S. Locke, A. P. Rucker, H. N. Tower, C. A. Kelly, J. Bowler, P. Irwin, F. Downer, and Wm. McDuff, for the re-instatement of Perseverance Lodge, No. 2.

On motion of P. G. Haynes,

Resolved, That the above petition be referred to the Executive Committee, with full power to order the re-instatement of Perseverance Lodge, No. 2.

A petition was read from Brothers Joseph Font, F. Vasconcellos, A. R. Fuertes, Joseph Saliba and Charles F. Nash, for a Charter of a Lodge, to hold its sessions in New Orleans, to be called National Lodge, No. 18, the proceedings to be conducted in the Spanish language.

On motion of P. G. Haynes,

Resolved, That the application for a Lodge, to be called National Lodge, No. 18, be granted; *Provided,* the G. M. be satisfied that the brothers, who have made the application, are in good standing, and present their permanent cards.

The G. Secretary stated, he had received a communication from the G. Master ; wherein, that officer stated that he had granted a dispensation to the Subordinate Lodges, to adjourn until November next, or meet every two weeks, provided the Relief Committees were in full action.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the G. M., in granting his dispensation to Subordinate Lodges, to adjourn until next November.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to address a letter of condolence to the friends of P. G. Brown, formerly a member of this Grand Lodge, and that the members of this Grand Lodge wear mourning thirty days.

The G. M. appointed on this committee, P. Gs. Emerson, Kirkland and Cohn.

On motion of P. G. Haynes, the Grand Lodge closed.

Receipts—Charter of National Lodge, No. 18, - - - - \$50 00

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro. tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, Sept. 16th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to a call.

Present—The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master stated that the meeting was called to receive and act on a petition for a Charter of a Lodge, to be called Polar Star, No. 19, to work in the French language, and to hold its sessions in the First Municipality.

The petition was read, and signed by Charles Ammel, B. Lafose, E. Leguire, T. J. Durant, A. Derbes, J. Genois, F. Parent, J. J. B. Dolhonde, Thos. McKeon, T. Buissara, T. Bleau, E. Barnett, C. M. Guiranaud, R. de Armas, N. Dejarlais, and N. Fortier.

On motion of A. Mondelli, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

A petition was read from Bro. Gomez, to become a member of National Lodge, No. 18, and sign the petition for the Charter.

On motion P. G. Haynes it was granted.

The G. M. stated, that inasmuch as this Grand Lodge had under its jurisdiction 1040 members, it was entitled to two representatives, and must pay a tax of forty dollars. .

The bills of Municipality No. Two, against this Grand Lodge, were read; and,

On motion of P. G. M. Whithall, were referred to a committee of two composed of P. Gs. Emerson and Ricardo.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Commercial Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., be authorized to commence their meeting on next Wednesday evening, at half past six o'clock, if the N. G. thereof shall think advisable, for the purpose of giving the Grand Lodge an opportunity of instituting National Lodge.

Resolved, That, for the present, National Lodge, No. 18, be authorized, after its institution, to meet on such evening of the week, and at such hour as may be most convenient to them and the Lodges occupying this Hall.

An appeal, by Bro. F. Wild, from action of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, was received and read; and,

On motion of P. G. Haynes, the same was referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of P. G. Haynes, the Grand Lodge closed.

Receipts—Charter fee of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, - - \$50 00.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.

On Wednesday, the 22d September, 1847, at the Hall of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. G. Master and the G. Officers of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana, instituted National Lodge, No. 18, in a solemn and appropriate manner.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.

On Monday, the 27th September, 1847, at the Hall of Washington Lodge, No. 3, in the Third Municipality, the M. W. G. M. and the G. Officers of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana, instituted Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, in a solemn and appropriate manner.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 26th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall, on Tuesday evening, October 26th, 1847, at half past 7 o'clock, in Quarterly Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

D. S. GANS,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
J. D. STEWART,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
F. THOMAS,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
FRANK HAYNES,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
J. S. MEEKINS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer,</i>
J. CUNLIFFE,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
H. H. HEDDEN,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>
ROBT. MOTT,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Proceedings of former regular and special meetings read and adopted.

Certificate read, from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, that P. G. W. T. Yeomans, was entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

The same was referred to the Committee of Conference, who reported favorably ; when, the P. G. being in waiting the G. L. and P. O. degrees were conferred on him.

Certificates read from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, that P. G. Jno. Crickard was elected its Representative to the Grand Lodge ; from Hope Lodge, No. 14, that they had elected P. G. Cripps as Representative ; from Covenant Lodge, No. 17, that they had elected P. Gs. Whithall, Wheeler and Webb, as Representatives ; from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, that they had elected P. Gs. Dolhonde and Buessard ; from National Lodge, No. 18, that they had elected P. Gs. Vasconcellos and Fontas their Representatives.

Report of the M. W. G. Master was read, and ordered to be filed.

Application was read, for a Lodge to be held at Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be granted, as soon as the G. Master receive the card of the petitioners, and is satisfied with the same.

A petition—from Bros. Brichta, Willman, Fulda, Mayer, Fidler, Kruse, Wild and others, for a Lodge to hold its sessions in New Orleans, to be called Germania Lodge, No.,—was read.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, the application was ordered to lay over, until the difficulties now existing in Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, are settled.

A communication read from Bro. Rebontische, in reference to two shares of stock of Odd Fellows' Hall, which he held in conjunction with Bro. Young; that Bro. Young being dead, he asks the G. L. to purchase the same.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge purchase the two shares owned by Bro. Rebontische and the late Bro. Young, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer, for \$12 50, in payment of the same.

Report of the Executive Committee in reference to Mr. Spearing; read and adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, be permitted to re-ballot for Mr. Spearing for membership, should it think proper to do so.

Report of the Executive Committee in reference to Mr. Von Bergen, F. Scheufel and E. Sonnenberg, read and adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, be permitted to re-ballot on the applications of F. Von Bergen, F. Scheufel and E. Sonnenberg.

Report of the Executive Committee in reference to appeal of Bro. Wild; read and adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That the following part of the report of the Executive Committee, on appeal of Bro. Wild, to-wit: "Your committee therefore recommend, that strict inquiry be instituted into the proceedings, difficulties, and conduct of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, for the purpose of taking such action upon the matter as the result seems to demand," be referred back to the Executive Committee to make full inquiries, and with full power to act.

Report of Executive Committee, in reference to charges of the G. M. against Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent Lodge, No. 7, was read.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Saturday, the 30th October, 1847.

FRANK HAYNES, G. Sec. pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 30th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. D. Stewart, D. G. Master, presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Report of the Executive Committee now came up, in reference to Louisiana and Crescent Lodges.

On motion of P. G. Rice, it was

Resolved, That it be adopted, and that the G. Secretary send copies of the same to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and Crescent, No. 8.

A petition was read from Bro. Carl, of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, praying the G. Lodge to order Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, to grant him an appeal to this G. Lodge,

On motion,

Resolved, That the G. Secretary notify Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, that the application of Bro. Carl must be granted, and the papers sent to this G. Lodge.

Report of committee on bills of Municipality No. Two, for taxes, read and adopted.

Report of committee, in reference to payment of notes, read and adopted.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That the committee on fitting up room, be authorized to pay \$18 for a pall.

P. G. Crickard, chairman of committee on G. Lodge Hall, moved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for one hundred and seventy dollars, for fitting up Lodge room; subject to the order of the Committee on Repairs.

On motion of P. G. Dolhonde that Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, have permission to meet in the room, No. 116, Chartres street: *Provided*, the G. M. and D. G. M. be satisfied with the same.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, that as he voted for deferring the granting of a Charter to a new Lodge, to be called Germania, No. —, until the affairs of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, be settled, he moved a reconsideration of the same. Carried.

On motion of P. G. Brichta, that the Charter be granted. Lost.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, that the application be laid on the table, Carried.

The nominations for Officers for the ensuing year, were opened :

For Grand Master.

P. G. WATERSOF No. 6; P. G. STEWARTOF No. 1,

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. EMERSONOF No. 12; P. G. DENTZEL.....OF No. 1.

For Grand Warden.

P. G. WATERSOF No. 6; P. G. CRICKARDOF No. 1;

P. G. CRIPPSOF No. 14; P. G. ANDREWSOF No. 16;

P. G. RICARDO.....OF No. 15.

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. ANDREWSOF No. 16; P. G. RICARDOOF No. 15;

P. G. WILLIAMSOF No. 1; P. G. EMERSONOF No. 12.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. MEEKINS.....OF No. 3; P. G. SYKES.....OF No. 11;

P. G. KIRKLANDOF No. 1; P. G. OLMSTEADOF No. 8.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

FRANK HAYNES, *G. Sec.*, pro. tem,

CALLED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, Nov. 30th, 1847.

The Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock this afternoon pursuant to a call of the Grand Master.

Present — The Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand master stated that the Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of making some arrangements to co-operate with the citizens in the public reception of Gen. Z. Taylor. An invitation was read from Mr. R. Richardson on the above subject, which was received.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is inexpedient to accept the invitation just read, inasmuch as it is not in conformity with the laws and usages of the order, to join as Odd Fellows in processions in honor of those who are not Odd Fellows ;

Which was carried, and the Grand Secretary instructed to inform Mr. Richardson of the same.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, it was

Resolved, That the General Relief Committee take charge of the remains of our deceased Brothers Walker and Quarles, late of the U. S. Army, and any others which may arrive, and that the Order be requested to turn out, at any time "when ordered," in funeral procession. Carried.

On motion,

Resolved, That P. G. M. Rice be authorized to correspond with the family of our deceased Brother Walker, as to what steps should be taken with his remains.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned.

RECEIPTS.

From Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, Gas and Rent,	-	\$87 35
" Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Gas and Rent,	-	58 55
" Union Lodge, No. 6.	" "	87 35
" Teutonia Lodge, No. 10,	" "	31 00
" Commercial Lodge, No. 12,	" "	87 35
" Howard Lodge, No. 13,	" "	87 35
Miscellaneous,	- - - - -	5 80
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		\$444 75

FRED'K A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

CALLED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, December 15th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening at half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to call of the M. W. Grand Master.

Present—The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The G. M. stated that the Lodge had been called for the transaction of any business of a general nature that might legally be brought before it. He further stated, that for good and sufficient reasons, he had reluctantly been compelled to suspend the working of Teutonia Lodge No. 10, until the action of the Grand Lodge could be had thereon.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, that P. G. Brichta be allowed to address the Grand Lodge in behalf of Teutonia Lodge No. 10, and that the paper which had been presented be read. Lost.

On motion of P. G. Emerson,

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to investigate the whole proceedings and report to this Grand Lodge; and that the course of the G. Master be sustained. Carried.

On motion, that the committee consist of three, and that they be elected. Carried.

P. G. M. Rice and P. Gs. Kneass and Cunliffe, were accordingly elected.

On motion, that the G. Master convene the Grand Lodge when said committee are prepared to report. Carried.

A communication was received and read from DeSoto Lodge, No 7, concerning Mr. Dufroq. Referred to Executive Committee.

A communication from Crecent Lodge, No. 8, relating to changing an article of By-Laws. Approved.

A communication from National Lodge, No. 18, requesting permission to change their night of meeting from Wednesday to Friday. Approved.

From same, asking dispensation to confer degrees on certain members therein named. Refused.

From Polar Star Lodge No. 19, requesting permission to change price of degrees. Granted.

On motion of G. S. Dentzel, the application for a charter for Germani Lodge No. —, made to this Grand Lodge on the 26th October, 1847, was withdrawn.

A motion was made to add two to the committee on Constitutions of Subordinate Lodges. Carried.

P. Gs. F. Thomas and Waters were appointed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

FRED'K A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

CALLED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, December 30th, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to call of the Grand Master.

Present—The M. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The G. M. stated that the meeting was for the purpose of receiving the report of the special committee appointed at last meeting, and for any other constitutional business that may be brought forward.

P. G. M. Rice, chairman of special committee, made the following report:

To the Grand Master and Members, Grand Lodge La. I. O. O. F.

The committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10 which induced the G. M. to suspend said Lodge, beg leave to report that they have examined the books, and taken all evidence in the matter, from which we are led to believe that the matters which had occurred previous to the last meeting of the Lodge, were the principle causes which led to the suspension, and which matters they did not feel authorized to inquire into, the same having been previously referred to the Executive Committee.

From the investigation had by your committee, they recommend that the course of the G. M. in suspending said Lodge, be approved, and that the said suspension be continued until the Executive Committee make their report.

In the bonds of F., L. and T.,

W. H. RICE,
JAS. CUNLIFFE, } *Committee.*

DEC. 30th, 1847.

On motion, said report was received and adopted.

On motion, the G. M. was authorized to forward a Charter to Shreveport, for a Lodge to be styled Neith Lodge, No. 21, the cards, etc., of the applicants being in possession of the Grand Lodge.

A petition was received from Brothers W. C. Dwight, A. L. Fields, R. E. Talbott, Geo. N. Seagrave and Jos. H. Baldrige, for a Lodge to be established at Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, La., to be styled St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20.

The cards of the applicants being in possession of the Grand Lodge, the petition was granted, and a Charter authorized to be made out.

P. G. M. Mondelli, chairman of committee on restoration of Perseverance Lodge, No. 2, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS:—The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the petition to re-instate Perseverance Lodge, No. 2, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned, and recommend the granting of the petition.

A. MONDELLI, *Chairman.*

On motion, the whole subject was laid on the table till the regular meeting.

The Committee on Constitutions for Subordinates not being prepared to report, on motion of P. G. M. Rice, they were dismissed, and P. Gs, Emerson and Crickard appointed a committee for that purpose.

P. G. Emerson from the committee on the above, made the following report, accompanied with a draft of the Constitution.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS:—The undersigned, appointed a committee to draft a Constitution for the Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction, beg leave to report, and offers the accompanying articles as the result of their labors.

Submitted, in F. L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *Chairman*

The above report was received, and the articles of the Constitution were being read, when,

On motion, the further reading was dispensed with, and 200 copies ordered to be printed, under the supervision of P. G. Emerson.

A communication was received from P. G. M. Williams, on the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. Received and read.

On motion, a special committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for the settlement of a note of the Grand Lodge, due 1st January.

P. Gs. Emerson, Rice and Harris, were appointed.

A motion of P. G. Reigart, to sell the lot of ground on Poydras street, was, on motion laid on the table.

A motion of P. G. Thomas, that the G. Master be authorized to call a meeting of the stockholders of the new Hall, as soon as practicable; was, on motion laid on the table.

A card was presented by P. G. Ogden, for the decision of the Grand Lodge. The card had been presented to Orleans Lodge, No. 11, by Bro. Esinhart, hailing from Prince Albert Lodge, No. 3, Canada; it was countersigned by the G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and had an endorsement on the back, requesting any N. Grand to confer the A. T. P. W., on the holder of the same.

On motion, the G. Sec. was directed to correspond with the M. W. G. Sire, and obtain his opinion on the point submitted; and, also, to notify the Subordinate Lodges in this State to decline acting, until further advised.

On motion of P. G. Emerson, it was

Resolved, That Commercial Lodge, No. 12, be allowed to reconsider the vote, electing Mr. M. a member of said Lodge, good and satisfactory reasons being given.

The Constitution of Templar Lodge, No. 16, was presented; and, on motion, laid on the table.

A bill for stationary — amount \$ 1 12, was ordered to be paid.

Received from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, for Charter,	- - -	\$ 50 00
“ “ Neith Lodge, No. 21, “ “	- - -	50 00
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		\$100 00

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Secretary.*

SPECIAL MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, January 11th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met this evening at 6 o'clock, pursuant to call.

Present — The Grand Master, the D. G. Master, Officers, and a due representation from the Subordinate Lodges.

The call was read, as follows, viz:

To the M. W. G. M. of the State of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

SIR AND BROTHER:—That the undersigned respectfully request you will convene a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, for next Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at six o'clock, for the purpose of receiving an application for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be styled, Cypress Lodge, No. —.

Fraternally yours, etc.,

N. B. KNEASS,	P. G., No. 12.
D. I. RICARDO,	“ “ 15.
W. R. FOSDICK,	“ “ 8.
J. J. B. DOLHONDE,....	“ “ 19.
C. H. LEE,	“ “ 8.
THOS. CRIPPS,	“ “ 14.
H. P. ANDREWS,	“ “ 15.

N. O., January 6th, 1848.

On motion of P. G. Kneass, the call was approved.

A motion was made, to receive the petition, and grant the request of the petitioners. Lost.

On motion, the petition was laid on the table until the regular meeting.

The G. Master made a statement of the conduct of the G. C. and R. Sec. of the Grand Lodge, U. S., regarding the A. T. P. W. Some debate ensued, between the members of the Grand Lodge on the sub-

ject; when, the G. Sec., made a statement of his action on the above, which was received.

On motion, the conduct of the G. M., in bringing the subject before the Grand Lodge, was approved.

RECEIPTS :

From Howard Lodge,	No. 13, gas and rent,	- - - -	\$28 40
" Union Lodge,	" 6, " "	- - - -	28 40
" Wildey Encampment,	" 1, " "	- - - -	14 00
" Commercial Lodge,	" 12, " "	- - - -	28 40
			\$99 20

FRANKLIN, ST. MARY'S, Jan. 1848.

The M. W. Grand Master D. S. Gans, assisted by P. G. Phelps, as D. G. M., *pro tem.*, N. B. Kneass, as G. M., *pro tem.*, Geo. N. Seagrave, as G. S., *pro tem.*, regularly instuted St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, in due and ancient form.

G. N. SEAGRAVE, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 25th, 1848.

The R. W. G. Lodge of Louisiana convened this evening at 7 o'clock, in quarterly session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

D. S. GANS,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
J. D. STEWART,	<i>D. G. Master.</i>
H. W. WILLIAMS,	<i>G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
F. A. DENTZEL,	<i>G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
J. COHN,	<i>G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
H. H. HEDDEN,	<i>G. Guardian.</i>
N. B. KNEASS,	<i>G. Marshal.</i>

The proceedings of last quarterly, and of the various special meetings, were read and adopted.

Reports from the following Lodges were read and accepted:

LOUISIANA LODGE, No. 1—Initiated, 13; admitted by card, 6; withdrawn by card, 5; rejected, 8; suspended, for non-payment of dues, 17; deaths, 5; contributing members, 129; receipts, \$1224 64; per centage to G. Lodge, \$105 34.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 3—Initiated, 11; admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 13; rejected, 4; suspended, for non-payment of dues, 2; re-instated, 1; contributing members, 95; receipts, \$655 20; per centage to G. Lodge, \$55 80.

UNION LODGE, No. 6—Initiated, 18; admitted by card, 4; withdrawn by card, 10; rejected, 7; reinstated 2; deaths, 2; contributing members, 184; receipts, \$1154 33; per centage to G. Lodge, \$98 36.

DESOTO LODGE, No. 7—Initiated, 6; admitted by card, 1; withdrawn by card, 3; death, 1; Brothers relieved, 2; receipts, \$328 16; per centage to G. Lodge, \$28 27.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 8—Initiated, 10; admitted by card, 2; withdrawn by card, 3; rejected, 1; deaths, 3; Brothers relieved, 16; contributing members, 149; receipts, \$1180 03; per centage to G. Lodge, \$106 62.

JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 9—Initiated, 11; admitted by card, 1; rejected, 2; relieved, 11; contributing members, 44; receipts, \$440 55; per centage to G. Lodge, \$40 54.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, No. 12—Initiated, 22; admitted by card, 7; withdrawn by card, 5; rejected, 6; re-instated, 1; deaths, 5; Brothers relieved, 23; contributing members, 146; receipts, \$1485 05; per centage to G. Lodge, \$127 65.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 13—Initiated, 9; admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 12; rejected, 5; death, 1; contributing members, 59; receipts, \$571 26; per centage to G. Lodge, \$52 63.

HOPE LODGE, No. 14—Initiated, 23; admitted by card, 4; withdrawn by card, 4; rejected, 1; deaths, 2; Brother relieved, 1; contributing members, 70; receipts, \$1086 72; per centage to G. Lodge, \$104 87.

DELTA LODGE, No. 15—Initiated, 10; admitted by card, 5; withdrawn by card, 2; Brothers relieved, 2; contributing members, 59; receipts, \$535 46; per centage to G. Lodge, \$49 89.

TEMPLAR LODGE, No. 16—Initiated, 24; admitted by card, 5; withdrawn by card, 1; contributing members, 38; receipts, \$871; per centage to G. Lodge, \$83 60.

COVENANT LODGE, No. 17—Initiated, 10; admitted by card, 5; contributing members, 25; receipts, \$429 50; per centage to Grand Lodge, \$41 50.

NATIONAL LODGE, No. 18—Initiated, 14; admitted by card, 1; rejected, 1; contributing members, 23; receipts, \$370; per centage to G. Lodge, \$35 82.

POLAR STAR LODGE, No. 19—Initiated, 21; admitted by card, 2; rejected, 1; contributing members, 38; receipts, \$604 20; per centage to G. Lodge, \$45 31.

Certificates from the following Lodges were read and accepted :

From Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, That Bro. James Strawbridge had served as S., V. G. and N. G. That P. G. J. C. Brady is a member of Louisiana Lodge No. 1. That P. G. John Southwell is a member of Louisiana Lodge No. 1.

From Washington Lodge, No. 3, That Brother R. Trippitt had served as V. G. and N. G.

From Union Lodge, No. 6, That Brother Thomas H. Shields had served as V. G. and N. G.

From Crescent Lodge, No. 8, That Brother J. O. Nixon had served as S., V. G. and N. G. That P. G. Thomas G. Thurston is a member of Crescent Lodge No. 8.

From Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, That Brother W. W. Vaught had served as S., V. G. and N. G.

From Commercial Lodge, No. 12, That Brother G. N. Morison had served as S., V. G. and N. G.

From Howard Lodge, No. 13, That Brother D. B. Crowley had served as V. G. and N. G.

From Hope Lodge, No. 14, That Brother H. G. Stetson had served as V. G. and N. G.

From Templar Lodge, No. 16, That Bro. S. E. Belknap had served as N. G., and was entitled to all the degrees.

From Covenant Lodge, No. 17, That Bro. H. Burns had served as N. G., and was entitled to all the degrees.

From National Lodge, No. 18, That Bro. A. R. Fuertes had served as N. G., and was entitled to all the degrees.

From Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, That Bro. T. S. Durant had served as N. G., and was entitled to all the degrees.

From Union Lodge, No. 6, That Bro. D. B. Crowley had served as Secretary in that Lodge.

Certificate of election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge, to serve for the present year, were presented from the following Lodges, viz :

Washington Lodge,	No. 3,	P. Gs. Hooper, Moore and Wilcox.
Union Lodge,	No. 6,	P. Gs. Harris, Cunliffe, Taylor and Hillman.
Jefferson Lodge,	No. 9,	P. Gs. Wood, Phelps and Vaught.
Hope Lodge,	No. 14,	P. Gs. Cripps and Stetson.
National Lodge,	No. 18,	P. Gs. Font, Vasconcellos and Fuertes.

Whereupon, the P. Gs. in waiting were introduced and duly qualified to take their seats.

The G. M. presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

The year just past has been one of unprecedented success in the annals of Odd Fellowship ; so much so, that it can be said without fear of contradiction, that the Order in this State can compare with any other in the Union, and is here now established on a firm and solid basis. Particularly gratifying and happy for the future welfare of the Order in this State, is the fact that the Order here is composed generally of what may be called the better class of society. Many standing high on account of their great intellectual and moral worth, and most all having joined the Order without any selfish motives, but solely for the purpose of being enabled to practice Benevolence and Charity, and carry out the philanthropic principles which our institution inculcates, better and more fully than it is possible for single individuals, without association, to accomplish.

There have been chartered during the past year eight Lodges, almost half the number of Subordinate Lodges in the State ; about a thousand members have been admitted into the Order, a good many applications have been rejected, and although this is a proof of the care of Brothers in admitting candidates, I fear that it does not always proceed from the best of motives. During the whole twelve months only a few suspensions and expulsions have taken place.

On the 12th of this month I proceeded in company with P. G. Phelps, of Jefferson, and Kneass, of Commercial Lodge, to Franklin, to open St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20.

We were cordially received by the Brothers who petitioned for that Lodge, and by their zeal shown, by their standing in society, as well as by the favorable opinion which the inhabitants of that part of the State seem to entertain for our Order, I am assured that St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, will prosper and become an ornament to our Order.

After instituting the Lodge, we installed the following Brothers as officers : Field, N. G. ; Talbot, Secretary ; Dwight, Treasurer. The V. G. elect, Brother Cook, was absent. On no previous occasion have I witnessed such great desire on the part of the uninitiated to enter our Order. The time of our stay was very limited, yet we initiated out of double that number ten candidates, and conferred on nine of them the first degree. We gave the Lodge as much information as time would permit. I am indebted to the above mentioned P. Gs. for their valuable services in assisting me to open the Lodge.

On account of the low state of Red River, the Lodge to be established in Shreveport has not yet been instituted; but I hope that my successor will, as soon as possible, take measures to have it opened, as the Brothers there are very anxious to commence the work of Odd Fellowship.

The other Lodges respectively prosper, and work as harmoniously, and carry out the principles of the Order as fully as their age in Odd Fellowship, collectively and individually, can lead us to expect. Difference of opinion will naturally arise, but there are various circumstances which create, if not disturbances, at least differences more frequent than otherwise it would.

An accumulation of members, for instance, from a small to a large number, in so short a time, is of course associated with a comparative small degree of knowledge of Odd Fellowship. If the moral principles of the Order are even well understood by the new members; if they are even highly intelligent men, yet a knowledge of the laws, regulations, etc., of the Order can only be acquired by age, experience and much reading. The establishment of new Lodges under such circumstances leads necessarily to the election of too young members of the Order to offices to which they, in reference to Odd Fellowship, are hardly qualified; as the harmony and good condition of a Lodge depends principally upon the degree of knowledge possessed by the N. G., his firmness and promptitude in making decisions; upon his ability to reconcile members to their different views upon certain topics, and preventing thus the rising up of parties or factions in their respective Lodges. I sincerely believe that a law defining and lengthening the time a Brother must be in the Order to make him eligible to the principle chairs, would be very beneficial and prevent many difficulties.

My time of service having nearly expired, I return you, P. Gs., my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred upon me, for the indulgence shown to me in the discharge of my arduous duties as chief officer of the Order under your jurisdiction, and for the advice received from officers and past officers.

To the Order here, generally, I would say, that in all my actions, I left personal considerations out of view, that I acted solely according to what, in my opinion, was promotive of the interests of the Order; and if I should have offended any one, or vice versa, I proclaim let it be forgotten and forgiven. If, P. Gs., in the discharge of my official duties, I have committed any errors, I have the consolation of knowing that all my actions proceeded from pure motives, and were eye single to the welfare of the Order under your jurisdiction, and to the dignity of the honorable body over which I had the honor to preside.

Praying the Almighty Giver of all good for your personal welfare, and the prosperity of the Order, I assure you that I shall still exert my energies, together with you, in promoting the interest and carrying out the philanthropic principles of our beloved Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In F., L. and T.,

D. S. GANS, G. M.

NEW ORLEANS, January 25, 1848.

On motion, the report was accepted, and ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes.

A report was read from D. D. G. M. Wetzler, which, on motion, was received and filed.

The Executive Committee made the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Master and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

BROTHERS—The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the affairs of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, beg leave to report, that after a laborious and severe investigation of the

books of said Lodge, and a thorough examination of a large number of members of that and other Lodges, the committee would recommend that the Lodge be reinstated in her former rights and privileges, and that a special committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge, to visit said Lodge, and in the name of the Grand Lodge reprimand the Lodge and its members for the manner in which the affairs of the Lodge have been conducted, and the ill feeling existing between the members in consequence of the wrong course pursued towards each other.

In the matter of Bro. Carl against Bro. Wild, the committee find that both Brothers acted very wrong and improperly; Bro. Carl in bringing charges against Bro. Wild, which charges he did not substantiate, and refused to give any witness or evidence; and Bro. Wild in ill-treating Bro. Carl in the ante-room, using improper language; and they also find the Lodge acted very wrong in these matters. Therefore, the committee recommend that Bros. Carl and Wild be suspended from the Order six months, from the night of the suspension of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, and that said Lodge be severely reprimanded, particularly on this matter.

The committee recommend that the special committee appointed for that purpose, be instructed to inform said Lodge, that in future the books must be kept in a more satisfactory manner, and that all reports of committees and communications of importance, must be spread in full in the record book, which your committee finds has not been done.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

A. MONDELLI, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, the report and recommendations of the Executive Committee were accepted; and the D. G. M. appointed P. G. M. Hillman and P. Gs. Sykes and Kneass as such special committee, to convey the decision of the Grand Lodge to Teutonia Lodge, No. 10.

The following report from the Executive Committee came up in due order of business:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Member of the R. W. Grand Lodge of La :

BROTHERS :— The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of DeSoto Lodge No 7, beg leave to report, that they find the same appeal to have been acted upon by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and the course of the then G. M. approved. The Executive Committee recommend, however, for the honor of the Order, (as Bro. Dufrocq was innocent of any wrong himself in the matter, and was initiated and received a degree in good faith on his part, and that the blame is attached principally to the Lodge and those members who took part in his election, illegally and unconstitutional,) that Bro. Dufrocq be acknowledged as an Odd Fellow, and that DeSoto Lodge No. 7, be directed to receive and acknowledge him as a member of said Lodge in good standing.

The committee also recommend that said DeSoto Lodge be severely reprimanded for the course pursued in this matter, entirely unconstitutional and contrary to the rules of the Order, and, informed, that a repetition of such like offence will forfeit their Charter.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

A. MONDELLI, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report and recommendations of the committee, were accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations for officers, for the present year; when

P. G. M. Rice nominated P. G. Wm. R. Fosdick, for G. M.; P. Gs. Waters, Phelps, Simms and Hooper, for D. G. M.; P. Gs. Hooper, Phelps, Andrews, Crickard and Ricardo, for G. W.; P. G. Williams, for G. T.; P. Gs. Hillman, Mondelli, Gans, Mott, Kneass, Crickard and Whithall, for Executive Committee.

The nominations being closed, P. Gs. Andrews, Crickard, and Ricardo declined their nominations for G. W., and the Lodge proceeded to election, which resulted in the choice of the following:

P. G. Jas. D. Stewart,	- - -	Grand Master.
" " A. S. Phelps,	- - -	D. Grand Master.
" " W. H. Waters,	- - -	Grand Warden.
" " H. Porter Andrews	- - -	Grand Secretary.
" " H. Williams,	- - -	Grand Treasurer.

On motion, the election of Executive Committee was deferred to next meeting.

The Officers elect, having been regularly installed, the G. M. made the following appointments of Subordinate Officers:

P. G. M. Wm. H. Rice,	- -	Grand Marshal.
" " " Rev. C. W. Whithall,	-	Grand Chaplain.
P. G. Thos. H. Shields,	- -	Grand Guardian.
" " John Pasley,	- - -	Grand Conductor.

The following resolution was offered, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Sec. notify Teutonia Lodge. No. 10, to call a meeting on Tuesday night next, to receive the instructions of the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer, for balance due on note.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer, for \$ 129.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer, for amount of tax due on lots.

When the G. Lodge, according to resolution, adjourned to Saturday, 29th instant.

RECEIPTS :

From Union Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	\$98 35
“ Louisiana Lodge,	gas and rent,	-	-	28 40
“ Covenant Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	41 50
“ Polar Star Lodge,	per centage, (note,)	-	-	45 31
“ DeSoto Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	28 27
“ National Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	35 82
“ Howard Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	52 63
“ Hope Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	104 85
“ Jefferson Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	40 54
“ Delta Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	49 89
“ Washington Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	55 80
“ Crescent Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	106 62
“ Templar Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	83 60
“ Commercial Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	127 65
“ Louisiana Lodge,	per centage,	-	-	105 34
				\$1004 57

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }
Saturday Evening, Jan. 29, 1848. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>G. Warden, pro tem.,</i>
H. P. ANDREWS,	<i>G. Secretary,</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>G. Guardian,</i>
J. PASLEY,	<i>G. Conductor.</i>

P. Gs. Cripps, Brichta, Kneass, Crowley, Emerson, Ricardo, Dentzel, Rice, Hillman, Dashiell, Gans, Milliken, Forbes, Crickard, Cohn, Cun-

liffe, Vaught, Strawbridge, Morison, Hoover, Meekins, Stetson, Kirkland, Wood, Fosdick, Buckner, Nixon, Southwell, and a due representation.

On motion, the petition for the reinstatement of Perseverance Lodge, No. 2, was taken up and read.

A motion to lay the petition on the table until next meeting of the G. Lodge was not concurred in.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, it was

Resolved, To refer the petition to a special committee, to ascertain the standing of the petitioners, which committee to be empowered to examine such books, papers and individuals, as may be necessary for the purpose.

The G. M. appointed as such committee, P. Gs. Rice, Strawbridge and Cunliffe.

On motion, the petition for a Lodge, to be known as Cypress Lodge, No. 22, was taken up and read.

Also, a petition praying that the word "Magnolia" might be substituted for "Cypress;" when,

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

On motion of P. G. M. Williams, it was

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer, for balance on note due by this Grand Lodge; and also for the amount due P. G. M. Gans.

A petition was read from Delta Lodge, No. 15, praying permission to re-ballot for Mr. J. McC.

On motion, said petition was granted.

Communications were read from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, and National Lodge, No. 18, asking the Grand Lodge to allow them six months to pay the per centage due this Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Rice moved to remit the amount due by said Lodges, which was not concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, and National Lodge, No. 18, be granted six months to make their payment, and that no notes be required.

A bill for printing the proceeding of this Grand Lodge, for P. G. Cohn, for \$75, and also a bill for printing Constitution, for \$15, were read, and

On, motion, an order was directed to be drawn on the G. Treasurer for the amounts.

A communication was read from Bro. H. Bier, as Chairman of Cemetery Committee, asking the Grand Lodge to take the title to the lot purchased for the "Odd Fellows' Rest," in the name of the Grand Lodge, as an incorporated institution.

P. G. M. Mondelli, moved that the matter be referred to a special committee, to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, which was not concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, it was

Resolved, That the application from the Cemetery Committee of the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, to put the title of the piece of ground, recently purchased on the Metairie Ridge, in the name of this Grand Lodge, be granted: *Provided,* one delegate to the Board of Managers of said Cemetery be elected annually by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceed to ballot for Executive Committee, when the following P. Gs., having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected the Executive Committee for the present year:

Mondelli, Crickard, Whithall, Kneass and Mott.

The G. M. appointed the following committees:

Committee of Conference — P. Gs. Olmstead, Cripps and Vaught.

Committee of Accounts — P. Gs. Ricardo, Jourdain and Strawbridge.

Committee of Correspondence — P. Gs. Fosdick, Sykes and Dentzel.

Committee on By-Laws — P. Gs. Nixon, Morison and Milliken.

On motion, the Constitution for Subordinates was taken up and ordered to be read.

On motion, it was

Resolved, To take up said Constitution, section by section.

Carried.

Section 1st was amended by inserting after "I. O. O. F." the words "under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge," and adopted as amended.

Article 2 — section 1, adopted as read. Section 2, insert "also" after the word "and" in the second line; strike out "any meeting may be adjourned," and insert "public notice of such meetings shall be given in one or more of the public journals, should one be published in the place of meeting. Section 3, adopted as read. Section 4, adopted.

Article 3 — Section 1, adopted as read. Section 2, insert after the word "election," in the second line, "and on the night of election;" strike out "or when the nominees decline." Sec. 3, adopted as read. Section 4, strike out "after which, should ten unsuccessful ballotings result in no choice, the N. G. shall decide the election." Section 5, adopted as read. Section 6, adopted as read.

Article 4—Section 1, adopted as read. Section 2, strike out “provided, that No. P. G. shall be nominated for the offices of N. G., V. G., S. or W., if there are other eligible members who will serve and”; and also strike out “further,” after the word “provided”; the section was adopted as amended. P. Gs. Fosdick and Strawbridge desiring that their names might be recorded as voting in the negative.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the further consideration of the Constitution was suspended, and

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Friendship Hall on the 3d proximo.

RECEIPTS :

Cash from Union Lodge, No. 6, on Stock,	-	-	\$250 00
“ “ Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, for Charter,	-	-	50 06
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In F., L. and T.,

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*



INSTITUTION OF MAGNOLIA LODGE, NO. 22.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 2, 1848.

The M. W. G. M. J. D. Stewart, assisted by A. S. Phelps, D. G. M., H. Porter Andrews, G. S., H. Williams, G. T., N. B. Kneass, G. W. pro tem., T. H. Shields, G. G., J. Strawbridge, G. C. pro tem., A. Mondelli, G. Marshall, pro tem., and P. Gs. Cripps, Brichta, Durant, Southwell and Crickard, duly instituted Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, and the said Lodge having elected their officers, they were regularly installed.

In F., L. and T.,

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, February 3d, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—J. D. Stewart, M. G. Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Certificates were read, from Delta Lodge, No. 15, that Jno. R. George had passed the Chairs in that Lodge; and, from Union Lodge, No. 6, that E. D. Lewis had passed the Chairs in that Lodge.

The Brothers being in waiting, were introduced and qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge then proceeded to resume the consideration of the Constitution for Subordinates.

Article 5, section 1, was read and adopted.

Pending which, a motion was made, to amend, by making sickness an excuse; which was not concurred in.

P. G. Fosdick moved to reconsider the vote, adopting section 2, article 4, which was decided in the affirmative.

P. G. Fosdick then offered the following amendment, which was adopted;

Strike out, after "that of V. G.," commencing with, "he must have served," and ending with, "provided, further," and insert, in place thereof, "or Secretary, he must have served one term in some elective or appointed office: for that of Permanent Secretary or Treasurer, he must have attained the scarlet degree, provided."

The article was then adopted as amended.

Article 5—section 1, adopted as read; section 2, adopted as read.

Article 6—section 1, adopted as read.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, it was

Resolved, That the following Section be inserted, as section 2 of article 6.

"In the absence of the N. G., the V. G's Chair must be filled by a P. G., or, if none be present, by any N. G., V. G., or P. V. G. of any other Lodge. In the absence of the N. G. and V. G., the Chairs must be filled by P. Gs. if present; but, should there be no P. G. present, the Chairs must be filled by qualified Officers, of any other Lodge."

Section 2, changed to section 3, and so adopted as read; section 3, changed to section 4, and so adopted as read; section 4, changed to section 5, and so adopted as read.

Article 7—section 1, adopted as read; section 2, P. G. M. Rice moved to strike out the words, “been assumed by the Secretary, or;” which was carried.

P. G. Strawbridge moved, further to amend, by inserting after the words, “second stated meeting thereafter,”—“and no committee shall be discharged till they have reported;” and, striking out, “unless,” and substitute, in lieu thereof, “but;” which was carried, and the section adopted as thus amended. Section 3, P. G. Brichta moved to amend, by inserting after, “the next stated meeting,” in the sixth line, “and in the interval, it shall be the duty of the person casting the black ball to make his reasons known, privately, to the N. G., who, at the next stated meeting, shall make these reasons known to the Lodge, concealing the name of his informant.” Which amendment was not concurred in. P. G. Fosdick moved to amend, by substituting, “may” for “shall,” in seventh line, so as to read, “may be declared elected;” which was not concurred in, and the section was adopted as read. Section 4, adopted as read. Section 5, P. G. M. Whithall moved to amend, by inserting, “unless” in place of, “not even, if,” which was not concurred in, so the section was adopted as read. Section 6, adopted as read. Section 7, P. G. M. Whithall moved to amend, by striking out “may,” in the second line, and substituting therefor, “it shall be his duty to;” which was adopted, and the section adopted as amended. Section 8, adopted as read.

Article 8—section 1, P. G. M. Williams moved the following, as a substitute for the whole section: “Any member, who is clear of the books and under no charge, shall be entitled to receive his first degree, one month after his initiation; his second degree, two months after his initiation; his third degree, three months after his initiation; his fourth degree, four months after his initiation; and his fifth degree, five months after his initiation.” Which was rejected. P. G. Dentzel moved the following, as a substitute: “Any Brother, who has been a member of this Lodge for five months, shall be entitled to receive his degrees; *Provided*, he is duly qualified;” which was not received. P. G. Stetson moved to substitute, “four weeks,” for “one month,” where it occurs in the second and third line; which was carried. P. G. Stetson moved further to amend, by substituting “granting,” in lieu of “conferring;”

which was not concurred in. P. G. Fosdick moved to amend, by inserting, "be elected to," before the word, "receive;" which was carried, and the section adopted as amended. Section 2, adopted as read; section 3, adopted as read.

Article 9—Amended, by striking out, "assumed by the Secretary or;" and adopted as amended.

Article 10—section 1, amended by striking out "unless excused therefrom by vote," and adopted as amended. Section 2, P. G. Shields moved to strike out "or refuse" and "may be suspended by vote of the Lodge," and insert "shall be suspended," which was not concurred in, and the section was adopted as read. Section 3, P. G. Southwell offered the following substitute for the section, which was not concurred in: "Every member in good standing, who has been advanced to the scarlet degree, or has been a member nine months, shall, in case of disability to follow his ordinary occupation, be entitled to a weekly allowance of dollars; Brothers of the scarlet degree, admitted by card, shall be immediately entitled to benefits." This section was adopted as read. Section 4, P. G. Fosdick moved to amend by striking out all after "expenses," which was carried, and the section adopted as amended. On motion of P. G. Emerson, it was resolved to fill the first blank by inserting "not less than two," and the second by inserting "not less than five."

On motion of P. G. Stetson, the further consideration of the Constitution was suspended for the evening.

P. G. M. Whithall, offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, At the annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge on the 25th January last, certain P. Gs., members of National Lodge, No. 18, and Poplar Star Lodge, No. 19, were allowed to take seats and to vote in this R. W. Body, in violation of section 3d of article 2d of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which section requires that the "Revenue" due to this Grand Lodge by its subordinates, shall accompany the report for the term during which such Past Grands presided as N. G., before they can be admitted as members of this R. W. Body; and whereas, it appears by the records of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, that this constitutional qualification for membership has been violated and disregarded, and that said P. Gs. were disqualified from voting or taking part in the proceedings at the aforesaid meeting: therefore,

Resolved, That so much of the proceedings of the annual meeting on the 25th January last, as transpired after the unconstitutional admissions of the aforesaid P. Gs., and in which they voted, be and the same are hereby declared unconstitutional and void.

P. G. Emerson moved that the resolution be rejected.

The ayes and nays being called for, appeared as follows:

AYES—Mondelli, Waters, Williams, Shields, Crickard, Crowley, Kirkland, Emerson, Southwell, Dentzel, Morrison, George, Meekins, Cunliffe, Strawbridge, Brady, Wood—17.
 NAYS—Stetson, Cripps, Nixon, Ogden, Belknap, Olmstead, Yeomans, Brichta, Reigart, Fosdick, Andrews—11.

So the resolution was rejected.

P. G. Nixon gave notice of his intention to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, so far as concerns the matter of Polar Star Lodge.

On motion, the appeal was granted.

P. G. Emerson asked permission to withdraw the application for the reinstatement of Perseverance Lodge, No. 2 ;

Which, on motion, was granted.

Report of the committee appointed to fit up the Grand Lodge Hall, was read, and an order ordered to be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for amount of balance due on account.

On motion of P. G. M. Williams, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master petition the Legislature, and also the Second Municipal Council, to exempt the Grand Lodge from payment of taxes on lots, now due or hereafter accruing.

A bill for four dollars, was read from P. G. T. Meekins, being for rent of box in post office, for the year ending 3d December, 1847 ; ordered to be paid by draft on Grand Treasurer.

On motion of P. G. Kirkland, it was

Resolved, That the G. M. and G. S. be authorized to sell to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, twenty-eight shares of Hall stock, and to receive in part payment the amount of debt due Louisiana Lodge No. 1, with interest, and the balance cash.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Friendship Hall, Tuesday evening, 8th inst., at 7 o'clock.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, February 8th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. D. Stewart M. W. G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the consideration of the Constitution for subordinates, was suspended, for the consideration of other matters by the Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Rice offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid upon the table, indefinitely.

WHEREAS, A large number of the members of this Grand Lodge are of the opinion that the proceedings of this R. W. Body, at the last annual communication, held on the evening of the 25th January last, were irregular, and that the election of Grand Officers, which took place at said meeting, were not in conformity to sections 1st and 3d of article 2d of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge; And

WHEREAS, It is requisite for the good of the Order, the dignity of this body, and the efficiency of its officers, that all doubts on this subject should be removed, and the legality of the election of the present Grand Officers fully established; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, on the 25th January last, particularly the election of the Grand Officers, be referred for investigation to the Executive Committee, with instructions to make full inquiry into the same, and report at the next meeting of this body.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have full power to summon witnesses to appear before them, and especially the last and present Grand Secretary.

The Lodge then went into consideration of the Constitution.

Article 11 — section 1, adopted as read. Section 2, adopted as read. Section 3, adopted as read. P. G. Haynes moved to amend section 4, by striking out “and their opinions as to the result,” which was carried, and the section was adopted as amended. P. G. M. Mondelli moved to amend section 5, by inserting “three” in the place of “six,” which was carried, and the section was adopted as amended. Section 6, adopted as read.

Article 12 — P. G. Fosdick moved to amend section 1, by striking out “one-fourth,” and inserting “not less than one-sixth,” which was not concurred in, and the section was adopted as read. Section 2, was adopted as read.

Article 13 — adopted as read.

Article 14 — P. G. M. Rice moved to amend section 1st, by inserting after the words “contingent expenses of the Lodge,” “for assistance to sister Lodges,” which was carried, and the section was adopted as amended. Section 2, adopted as read.

Article 15 — P. G. M. Mondelli moved to amend section 1, by inserting “in good standing,” after the words “five resident members,” which was carried, and the section was adopted as amended.

On motion, the vote adopting section 2, article 7, was reconsidered, and,

On motion, the amendment made at a previous meeting, “*and no committee shall be discharged till they have reported*,” was stricken out.

P. G. Fosdick offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the institution of Degree Lodges having been recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana will grant Charters without charge, to a limited number of Degree Lodges, to be instituted under her jurisdiction, provided qualified and competent members of the Order petition for the same, reserving to itself the right of deciding upon the qualifications and competency of the petitioners, when their petition comes before this body.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, a copy of the above resolution was ordered to be sent to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

P. G. F. Thomas moved, that the R. W. Grand Representative be directed to make his report forthwith.

P. G. Emerson moved to amend, by substituting "requested" for "directed," and "at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge," for "forthwith."

The motion was adopted as amended.

P. G. Durant asked for a dispensation to confer Degrees on Bro. Diones, which, on motion, was granted.

The report of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, having been handed in, and it having been ascertained, that an order on the Treasurer of that Lodge accompanied the report, as payment of the per centage due by that Lodge, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge receive said order as cash, and the Report be read.

Report of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, for the second term of 1847.—Initiated, 11; admitted by card, 6; deaths, 3; relieved, 8; withdrawn by card, 3; contributing members, 95; receipts, \$661 70; per centage, \$60 15.

P. G. Durant, asked for a dispensation for Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, to confer on the following Brothers, the degrees opposite their names, which was granted, viz :

Brother Lee, First, Second and Third; Bros. Monseaux, Wagner, A. Chapella, Vassereau, and A. Larose, Second, Third and Fourth; Bros. H. Ducatel, F. Lanfranc, L. Gerard, and Bunce, Third, Fourth and Fifth; and Bro. H. Delagrave, Fourth and Fifth.

The following communication from the M. W. Grand Sire was read, and, on motion of P. G. M. Whithall, ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

I. O. O. F., OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE, }
Philadelphia, January 21, 1848. }

F. A. Dentzel, Esq., G. S. of the G. L. of Louisiana :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo, informing me that, by a Resolution of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana, you were directed to communicate with me, and request my opinion as to the legality of Cards issued by the G. L. of Canada, countersigned by J. Cushing, Grand Secretary of the same; and, as to the propriety of a N. G. of a Lodge under its jurisdiction conferring the A. T. P. W. on a brother holding a card granted by a Lodge under the jurisdiction of Canada.

By reference to the printed proceedings of the G. L. of the U. S., session 1847, page 22, you will find that the Committee on the State of the Order reported that, when a Brother is called suddenly from home, a practice has grown up of accompanying the Card, when forwarded, by a letter from the N. G. of the Lodge granting it, to the N. G. of some Lodge in the place where the travelling brother is temporarily resident; and, as that practice had

originated in the necessity of the case it should be sanctioned, as it was, by the adoption of that report.

This being the practice throughout the Union, I can see no reason why it should not be extended to cases where brothers have left Canada, and are travelling in the States.

Truly and fraternally yours,

HORN. R. KNEASS, *Grand Sire.*

P. G. M. Rice, offered the following resolution, which was not concurred in :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate with the M. W. Grand Sire, and ascertain whether the law of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. requiring all Cards to be countersigned by the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, does not apply to Cards emanating from the Grand Lodge of Canada.

P. G. Fosdick offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid upon the table till next meeting :

Resolved, That it is irregular for N. Gs. of Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction to communicate the A. T. P. W. to visiting brethren, unless they present a letter, signed by the N. G. and attested by the seal of the Lodge to which the visiting brother belongs, requesting said A. T. P. W. to be communicated.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock, at Friendship Hall.

RECEIPTS.—Orleans Lodge, No. 11, per centage, - - \$60 15.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *Grand Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, Feb. 15th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—J. D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A petition was received from P. Gs. William R. Fosdick, J. O. Nixon, H. Porter Andrews, S. E. Belknap, Henry W. Olmstead, H. G. Stetson, Thomas Cripps, and R. W. Ogden; George C. Lawrason, N. G.; H. D. Ogden, V. G.; P. C. Wright, N. G.; G. W. R. Bailey, V. G.; Henry Bier, N. G.; E. W. Rodd, V. G. John S. Wallis, N. G.; R. C. Faulkner, V. G.; C. T. Estlin, N. G.; M. L. McJilton, V. G.; Richard Swain, Harmon Doane, Dudley Chase, E. V. Church, Thomas W. Barrett, A. B. Bein, Charles Doane, Thomas Kervan, C. C. Newell, F. W. Hart,

William H. Slack, F. H. Barbot, John Frankford, Bernard Maglone, and J. N. Carrigan, for a charter for a Degree Lodge, to be called "Crescent City Degree Lodge. No. —." When, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the blank filled with "2."

A similar petition was received from William H. Rice, P. G. M.; Jas. Strawbridge, P. G.; George Hillman, P. G. M.; from P. Gs. S. W. Kirkland, J. Crickard, J. Southwell, N. B. Kneass, G. N. Morrison, T. H. Shields, F. A. Dentzel, E. L. Milliken, E. D. Lewis, and D. B. Crowley; W. W. Herbert, F. Downer, J. T. Hammond, V. G.; John Leslie, jr., C. Collins, J. Sidney Relf, G. W. Shaw, N. G., and J. G. Dunlop, for a charter for a Degree Lodge, to be called "Harmony Degree Lodge, No. —." When, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the blank filled with "3."

A communication was received from Rodney Lodge, No. 26, Rodney, Mississippi, asking permission to initiate persons residing in Louisiana.

P. G. McKinnell moved that the request be granted. P. G. Nixon moved to amend by giving permission to initiate Mr. E. S. F. P. G. Cunliffe moved further to amend, by requiring the names of applicants to be made known to this body. So the resolution was adopted with the amendments.

Report of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, for the second term of 1847.— Initiated, 3; admitted by card, 1; withdrawn by card, 13; rejected, 4; deaths, 4; suspended, 2; relieved, 12; receipts, \$265 40; per centage, \$19 98.

P. G. Olf being present, and having submitted the proper credentials, was duly qualified to take his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the consideration of the Constitution for Subordinates was laid over till the next meeting.

The Committee of Accounts submitted a report upon the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, exhibiting a balance against P. G. Secretary Dentzel of \$—.

On motion, the report was referred to a special committee of three. The Grand Master appointed P. Gs. Cunliffe, Shields and George, as such committee.

P. G. M. Rice moved to reconsider the last resolution, which was carried.

P. G. Gates moved to discharge P. G. Secretary Dentzel from the balance shown against him; which was not concurred in.

P. G. M. Rice moved, to refer the report to a special committee of three,

with authority to send for books, papers and individuals, which was adopted.

The G. M. appointed P. Gs. Nixon, Olmstead and George, such committee.

Grand Representative McKinnell made the following report, which was ordered to be spread upon the record.

NEW ORLEANS, February 15th, 1848.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—You having honored me with the appointment of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I attended the Sessions of that Body at Baltimore, commencing on Monday, the 20th September, last year. Its proceedings were conducted with great dignity, harmony and decorum. Much important business was transacted; to recapitulate which, would make this report uselessly voluminous; and, to obviate which, I present to you a journal of the proceedings. The Grand Secretary will, in due time, furnish you copies of it for your own use, and, for distribution among the Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction. A committee was appointed at the Session of 1846, to prepare a Digest of the Laws of the Order, which was faithfully and well done, and accepted by the Grand Lodge, as combining and condensing in a small space the laws of the Order, for its government and rule of action. The only business, immediately concerning your jurisdiction, was the passage of a resolution offered by myself, to have the work of the Order translated into the French and Spanish languages. I was authorized to have such translations made; and to have two hundred copies of each printed, at the expense of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Not willing myself to undertake a responsibility which, I believe, should be under the control of your body, I, therefore, relinquish it, and give my powers to you. I found, by the returns transmitted to the Grand Secretary, that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was entitled to two Representatives; and, believing that the interest and dignity of your body required its full legal representation, I paid the usual fee for a second representative, and was, in consequence, entitled to two votes, in that body, which, I trust, were given to your entire satisfaction.

I have the honor to be, in F., L. and T.,

HENRY MCKINNELL, *G. Representative.*

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge procure the work to be translated, and published in the French and Spanish languages, as authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of same,

P. Gs. Durant, Fuertes and Mondelli, were appointed a committee to ascertain the probable cost of such publication, to report at next meeting.

P. G. Strawbridge, moved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for amount due Grand Representative; also, for the amount of Representative tax, \$20, paid by him. Carried.

P. G. Durant asked for information as to whether the creation of Degree Lodges deprived the subordinates from conferring degrees, and offered

the following resolution as a test of the sense of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the creation of Degree Lodges does not take away from working Lodges the right of conferring degrees.

P. G. Crickard moved, that the Grand Lodge go into election of a delegate to the Cemetery Committee, which was carried, and resulted in the election of P. G. Cripps.

A communication was read from the Grand Treasurer, showing the state of the finances of this Grand Lodge, which was ordered on file.

Grand Treasurer Williams, moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow \$500.

P. G. Cunliffe moved to amend, by adding "for a time not to exceed six months.

P. G. Nixon, moved further to amend, by adding "at not a greater rate of interest than one per cent. per month.

So the resolution was adopted as amended.

P. G. M. Mondelli moved, that a committee be appointed to confer with the Building Committee of "Friendship Hall," to ascertain upon what terms this body could have use of said Hall.

Which resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet again at this Hall, on the 22d instant, at 7 o'clock.

RECEIPTS.—Teutonia Lodge No. 10, per centage, - - \$19 98.

In F., L. and T.,

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, February 22d, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—J. D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and a due representation from subordinate Lodges.

The Constitution for Subordinates was taken up and read as amended.

P. G. M. Rice, moved that it be adopted as read, pending which,

P. G. Montgomery, moved to amend section 5 of article 7, by inserting after "petition," "any Lodge under this jurisdiction," which was carried.

P. G. Fosdick moved to amend section 3 of Article 10, by inserting after "initiation," the words "or election," and strike out all after "disability," which was carried.

P. G. Fosdick moved to strike out section 2 of article 14, which was not concurred in. P. G. M. Rice, moved to expunge the same section, and insert as a substitute, the following, which the G. M. decided to be out of order: "The monetary affairs of the Lodge shall be regulated by the By-Laws." P. G. Montgomery, moved to strike out "two-thirds vote," and insert "vote of the Lodge," which was not concurred in. P. G. M. Rice, moved to strike out all after "money," the first word, and add, "of the Lodge shall be disposed of in manner specified by the By-Laws," which was not concurred in. P. G. Kneass moved to lay on the table until next meeting, which was lost.

P. G. Strawbridge moved to reject the whole Constitution, which was not concurred in.

The question recurring on the final adoption of the Constitution, P. G. Nixon, moved it be referred to a committee of three.

The G. M. decided the motion out of order.

P. G. Durant, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question on the appeal having been taken, the decision of the Chair was reversed. The question recurring, on motion, to re-commit, the resolution was not concurred in.

P. G. Fosdick moved to amend section 1, article 12, by striking out "one-fourth" and inserting "one-sixth," which was not concurred in.

The question then recurred upon the final adoption of the Constitution, when the motion to adopt was lost. P. Gs. Whithall and Kneass desiring their names recorded as voting in the negative.

P. G. M. Rice moved to reconsider, which motion was carried, when on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

H. PORTER ANDREWS, G. Sec.

CALLED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, March 23d, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
A. MONDELLI,	<i>G. Warden, pro tem.,</i>
H. P. ANDREWS,	<i>G. Secretary,</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>G. Guardian,</i>
J. PASLEY,	<i>G. Conductor.</i>

P. Gs. Cohn, Vasconcellos, Font, Thompson, Brichta, J. Wilcox, Olff, Dolhonde, Southwell, Cripps, Milliken, Fuertes, Ogden, Strawbridge, Crowley, Kneass, Trippett, Buissard, Durant, Hedden, and a due representation.

The call for the meeting was read, which was for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of translating and printing the work of the Order into French and Spanish.

The committee made an informal report, in which was specified proposals for translating, printing and binding, as follows :

Translating—each language—\$100	- - -	\$200
Printing two hundred copes—each language—\$240	-	480
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Making a total cost of	- - -	\$680.

On motion of P. G. Dolhonde, it was

Resolved, To accept the proposal for translating.

On motion of the same, it was

Resolved, That action on the printing be suspended, and that the Grand Secretary correspond with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and ascertain whether this Grand Lodge is fully authorized to have such translating and publishing done—

On motion of P. G. Kneass, it was

Resolved, That the translators be paid, only after approval by the Grand Lodge of the United States, if such approval be required, or after approval by this Grand Lodge, if the approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States is not required.

On motion of D. G. M. Phelps, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary also inquire of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, if it is necessary to transmit a copy of translations for the examination and approval of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of P. G. M. Mondelli, the Grand Lodge closed.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Secretary.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, April 25th, 1848.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
W. H. WATERS,	<i>R. W. G. Marshal.</i>
H. P. ANDREWS,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
E. L. MILLIKEN,	<i>G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>
Rev. C. W. WHITHALL,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>

P. Gs. Belknap, Ricardo, Crowley, Dentzel, Kneass, George, Rice, McKinnell, Mott, Nixon, Yeomans, Olmstead, Cunliffe, Mondelli, Kirkland, Stetson, Cripps, Fosdick, Crickard, Wood, Vaught, Strawbridge, and a due representation.

The minutes of the last regular and intervening meetings were read and approved.

The following report of the Grand Master was received, read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

I herewith submit, as my first quarterly report, a summary of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, and of my official acts during the past three months.

It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure, that I tender my congratulations to the Grand Lodge, on the prosperity of the Order in this State—on the harmony that has prevailed since the commencement of this year, and on the uniformity of the work of the several Lodges.

The officers of the Subordinate Lodges for the present term, have proved themselves worthy of the trust reposed in them, and the deportment of the members has been in keeping with the high reputation they have long enjoyed for benevolent actions and charitable and kindly feelings, and all, from their devotion to the Order, and their prompt execution of the commands of our laws, seem to be imbued with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship.

I appointed P. G. Alfred Gates, of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, D. D. G. M. of the district, comprising within its limits, Lodges No. 4 and 7, and gave him jurisdiction over St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, until a new district could be created. I have the happiness to say, that he has proved himself an able and efficient representative of the Grand Lodge.

On the 22d February, I instituted Magnolia Lodge, No. 22. It is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and the officers and members are zealous in the good cause of Odd Fellowship.

On the 19th February Crescent City Degree Lodge, No. 2, was instituted, by P. G. M. Wm. H. Rice, to whom I here tender my thanks, for his valuable services.

On the 26th February, I instituted Harmony Degree Lodge, No. 3, and am happy to say, that the work of these two Degree Lodges is highly satisfactory, and their utility is acknowledged by all.

On the 23d March, Neith Lodge, No. 21, was instituted, at Shreveport, by P. G. John R. George, who performed the duty assigned him in an able and efficient manner. The Lodge

commenced under favorable auspices, and will no doubt prove an ornament to the order. I granted them a dispensation to have a public procession on the 26th instant.

It will be seen from the report of D. D. G. M. Gates, herewith submitted, that DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, is steadily progressing, and that St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, is in a highly prosperous condition. I have taken no action on the recommendation of Bro. Gates, to reclaim the Charter and effects of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, and submit the matter to your decision.

In compliance with your instructions, I petitioned the Legislature of this State, and the Council of the Second Municipality of this city, to exempt the property owned by this Grand Lodge from taxation. An act was passed by the Legislature, exempting all property owned by Lodges of our Order in this State, from taxation. The Council of the Second Municipality deferred the matter until after the action of the Legislature, and have not yet acted upon it finally.

Permit me to urge upon your consideration, the importance of final action on the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges. Some of them have deferred printing their Constitution for some time, and have experienced much inconvenience from want of printed copies.

I would call your attention to the fact that the Lodges working in French and Spanish, keep their minutes only in their own language. I find the following in the digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States: "A Lodge working in a foreign language, may keep a record of its proceedings in the language in which it works, but it is bound, also, to keep a record in the English language."

In conclusion, permit me to hope, that all your deliberations and enactments may tend to promote the welfare and harmony of our beloved Order.

I tender you my most sincere and hearty thanks, for the courteous and kind treatment I have received at your hands, and for the cheerful aid rendered me in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES D. STEWART, *Grand Master.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, To refer the above report to a Special Committee, to make such suggestions thereon as may be deemed necessary.

P. Gs. Whithall, Nixon and Kneass, were appointed such committee. The following report of D. D. G. M. Gates was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes;

I. O. O. F., BATON ROUGE, April 12, 1848.

To James D. Stewart, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—According to the fifth section of Article 5th of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I do hereby transmit to you a report of the condition of the Order in my district, to wit:

That Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, at Bayou Sara, *has not held a meeting since the 4th of October last.* The last election of officers was held on the 23d of August last, Bro. C. B. Collins was elected N. G., Wm. McCombs, V. G., J. H. Hand, Secretary, A. Lanna, Treasurer, and from the Secretary's journal of proceedings, no report appears to have been made to the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding there seems to be plenty of the best material for constituting a good Lodge; yet from some cause its members display a great deal of apathy, showing no disposition to continue the work, under the present state of things with their Lodge. I visited them in my official capacity on the 10th and 11th instant, and found the Lodge in such a perfect state of chaos, (as it were) that it would be my advice, and I do so recommend to the Grand Master, that he do immediately reclaim their Charter, according to the first section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and that he take possession of the funds, books, property, and effects of all kinds belonging to the Lodge, according to the second section of the same By-Laws.

DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, at Baton Rouge, is in a flourishing condition, and its members appear to take a deep and abiding interest in the prosperity of the Order.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, at Franklin, I find in a state of prosperity, unexampled in the history of our Order, in this State. It was instituted about the middle of January, and ten days ago, (when I was there) numbered upwards of sixty members, all of whom appear to take a lively interest in the prosperity of the Order.

Such is the first report I make to you, and in relation to Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, I hope and believe that there are a few of its members who will petition to have the charter reinstated. There are some good and worthy brothers belonging to that Lodge, who, if they were disposed to exert themselves, might raise their Lodge to a standard not to be surpassed by any country Lodge. With sincere respect, I remain,

In the bonds of F., L. and T.,

ALFRED GATES, *D. D. G. Master.*

On motion, the above report was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

I herewith present you my cash statement for the first quarter of 1848, showing the amount of moneys received by me, since entering upon the duties of my office, specifying the sources from which they were derived and of their disposition.

CASH STATEMENT.

1848.					
Jan. 25.	Per centage of Union Lodge,	No. 6..	\$98 35		
"	"	Covenant Lodge, No. 17..	41 50		
"	"	Poplar Star Lodge, No. 19..	45 31		
"	"	De Soto Lodge, No. 7..	28 27		
"	"	National Lodge, No. 18..	35 82		
"	"	Howard Lodge, No. 13..	52 63		
"	"	Hope Lodge, No. 14..	104 85		
"	"	Jefferson Lodge, No. 9..	40 54		
"	"	Delta Lodge, No. 15..	49 89		
"	"	Washington Lodge, No. 3..	55 80		
"	"	Crescent Lodge, No. 8..	106 62		
"	"	Templar Lodge, No. 16..	83 60		
"	"	Commercial Lodge, No. 12..	127 65		
"	"	Louisiana Lodge, No. 1..	105 34		
Feb. 8.	"	Teutonia Lodge, No. 10..	19 98		
"	"	Orleans Lodge, No. 11..	60 15		
		Total, for per centage.....		\$1056 30	
Jan. 25.	Gas and rent	Louisiana Lodge, No. 1..	28 40		
		Total for Gas and Rent.....		28 40	
Jan. 29.	Stock in Hall,	Union Lodge, No. 6..	250 00		
		Total for stock.....		250 00	
	Charter of	Magnolia Lodge, No. 22..	50 00		
		Total for Charter.....		50 00	
Jan. 25.	This amount paid	Grand Treasurer, as per			
		Receipt Book.....		\$975 95	
Jan. 29.	This amount paid	G. Treasurer, as per do..		300 00	
Feb. 15.	"	"		80 15	
April 18	"	"		28 60	
		Total paid Treasurer.....			\$1384 70
			\$1384 70	\$1384 70	\$1384 70
				\$1384 70	\$1384 70

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Secretary.*

The following report of the Grand Treasurer was received, and ordered to be spread on the minutes :

NEW ORLEANS, April 22, 1848.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE.

1848.			
Jan. 25.	To Cash received of P. G. Treasurer, J. R. Meekins	\$113 22	
"	" " Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, old gas and rent bill	56 85	
"	" " Grand Secretary Andrews, to date	1384 50	
"	" " the five Lodges and Camp rent to March 1	66 00	
"	" " the five Lodges and Camp Gas to April 1	84 50	
	By eleven orders paid as per resolution of Grand Lodge		\$1747 98
"	paid two months rent of Grand Lodge rooms		30 00
"	paid three months gas, to April 1		84 50
"	paid for locks and keys, etc., as per Wilson's bill		9 75
"	paid two orders (not yet paid)—Dameron, \$94 03—Sebright, \$29 20		123 23
		\$1705 07	\$1995 46

Showing a balance due Grand Treasurer of \$290 39.

In F., L. and T.,

HENRY WILLIAMS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Certificates were read, from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, setting forth that Bro. G. N. Seagrave was a P. G., and a member of that Lodge, and from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, that Bro. George Purvis was a P. G. and a member of that Lodge. Having been referred to the Committee on Credentials, the Committee reported P. G. George Purvis in waiting and correct, whereupon the brother was introduced by the G. C.

A communication was read from the Grand Master of Texas, which was received and ordered on file.

A communication was read from J. L. Ridgley, R. W. G. Secretary of G. L. of the U. S., in regard to translating the work into French and Spanish, which was received and on file.

A communication was received from the Secretary of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, informing this Grand Lodge of the expulsion of E. R. Beach.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Past Secretary and Treasurer, made a report, showing a balance due P. G. Secretary Dentzel, of \$40 56.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

P. G. Stetson moved to draw an order on the Treasurer for \$40 56, balance due P. G. Secretary Dentzel.

P. G. Fosdick moved to amend, by adding \$50 00 in addition to the salary of the Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. Rice, moved further to amend, by allowing the sum of \$50 00, as compensation to P. G. Haynes, for services as Grand Secretary, during the absence of Grand Secretary Dentzel.

P. G. Vaught, moved to lay both amendments on the table, which was concurred in.

The question recurring on the original motion, it was adopted.

A communication was received from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, containing amendments to the By-Laws and Constitution, which were referred to the proper committee.

A communication was received from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, enclosing draft of Constitution and By-Laws, which were referred to the proper committee.

Nominations for Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, were opened, and the following nominations made :

P. G. M. Rice nominated P. Gs. Kneass and Mott.

P. G. Crickard nominated P. G. M. Whithall.

P. G. Stetson nominated P. G. Strawbridge.

P. G. Vaught nominated P. G. Fosdick.

P. G. Olmstead nominated P. G. Ricardo.

P. G. Stetson nominated P. G. Kirkland.

P. G. Kirkland nominated P. G. Crickard.

When the Lodge went into election for one representative, which resulted in the choice of P. G. Kneass ; P. Gs. Strawbridge, Kirkland and Fosdick having previously declined being candidates.

On Motion of P. G. M. Whithall.

Resolved, That whereas, P. G. McKinnell having been elected Grand Representative, by this Grand Lodge, for the term of one year, that his term is now expired, and he be now acknowledged as Past Grand Representative, and entitled to all its privileges.

Whereupon, the Lodge went into an election for a second representative, which resulted in the choice of P. G. Mott.

P. G. R. McKinnell offered the following resolutions, which were laid upon the table.

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge approves the Constitution and By-laws of a Subordinate Lodge, it cannot remove a clause or article, nor annul said Constitution, without the consent of the Subordinate ; provided, said Constitution and By-Laws do not conflict with the fundamental rules of the Order.

Resolved, That no Constitution passed by this Grand Lodge for the government of Subordinates, shall be binding on a Lodge, unless submitted for approval and accepted by the Lodge.

Several bills were received and referred to Committee on Accounts.

When the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in this Hall on Tuesday evening, May 2d, at half-past 7 o'clock.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, May 2, 1848.

Present—James D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, reported in favor of the approval of the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, whereupon,

On motion, the same were approved.

A communication was received from Natchez Lodge, No. 28, Natchez, Mississippi, asking permission to initiate a person resident in this jurisdiction.

On motion, the request was granted.

The following communication was received from Crescent Lodge, No. 8:

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 8, I. O. O. F.

Extract from the Minutes of the Lodge of the eighth meeting, held on the 2d of March, 1848.

“Bro. Past Grand Mott offered the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the members of this Lodge, held on the 24th February, the “Order of Business,” and “Rules of Order,” reported to the Lodge by a committee specially appointed for that purpose, were then adopted by the Lodge.

“Resolved, That this Lodge do no longer approve of the same, and that the same be, and are hereby annulled.

“Resolved, That the “Order of Business” and “Rules of Order,” by which this Lodge has heretofore been guided, and by which it has been heretofore governed, be, and the same are hereby revived, and be considered as in full force and effect.”

Extract from the Minutes of the Lodge, of the tenth meeting, held on the 16th of March, 1848.

“The resolutions offered by Bro. P. G. Mott, were taken up, and after discussion, on motion, the vote of the Lodge being called for, stood fifteen for adopting, nine against; whereupon the N. G. decided that the said resolutions were adopted by the Lodge, that the new “Order of Business” and “Rules of Order,” were annulled, and the old rules revived. The N. G. stated that he based his decision on the 14th article of the new “Rules of Order. From this decision Bro. P. G. Fosdick appealed to the Lodge. The Lodge sustained the decision of the N. G. Whereupon Bro. P. G. Fosdick rose and gave the following notice to the Lodge:

“I appeal from the decision of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to the Grand Lodge, on the ground that the said Lodge has violated article 14, of the new “Rules of Order,” in deciding that a bare majority is sufficient to repeal the new “Rules of Order,” and “Order of Business” and revive the old ones.

March 16, 1848.

WILLIAM R. FOSDICK.

“On this notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge, the N. G. decided that the whole matter was suspended, and that the Lodge must be governed by the new “Rules of Order” and

"Order of Business," until the subject was acted upon by the Grand Lodge. From this last decision of the N. G., Bro. P. G. Mott appealed to the Lodge. The Lodge again sustained the decision of the N. G.

"I hereby certify the foregoing to be true extracts from the minutes of the Lodge.

"In faith whereof, I hereunto affix my name and the seal of the Lodge."

NEW ORLEANS, April 28, 1848.

GEORGE W. CHRISTY, *Secretary.*

On motion, the appeal was referred to a special committee. The Chair appointed as such committee P. Gs. Shields, Crickard and Morrison.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, it was

Resolved, To consider the resolution offered at a previous meeting by P. G. McKinnell.

P. G. Crickard moved that they be laid on the table, which was not concurred in.

On motion, the consideration of the resolutions was postponed until next meeting.

On motion of P. G. Kneass, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, 9th instant, at Friendship Hall, at 7 o'clock.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *Grand Secretary*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, May 9th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—W. H. Rice, Grand Master, pro tem., presiding; assisted by A. S. Phelps, Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges

The committee on the appeal of P. G. Fosdick, from the action of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal to the Grand Lodge, by P. G. Fosdick, from the action of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, in relation to "Rules of Order," etc., on the evening of the 16th March last, state that they have given the subject a careful examination, and report: that by reference to the 14th section of the new "Rules of Order," of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, they cannot understand that the Lodge has violated said section, in deciding that a bare majority vote is sufficient to repeal the new "Rules of Order" and "Order of Business," (as charged in P. G. Fosdick's appeal) they believing the same to be a legal action.

Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do sustain the action of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, against the appeal of P. G. W. R. Fosdick, which charges the Lodge with having violated the 14th article of her new "Rules of Order."

In F. L. and T.,

T. H. SHIELDS,
G. N. MORRISON,
J. CRICKARD.

On motion of P. G. Mott, the report was received and the committee discharged.

P. G. McKinnell moved that the resolution offered by the committee be adopted; which was not concurred in.

P. G. Nixon moved to sustain the appeal of P. G. Fosdick.

P. G. McKinnell proceeded to remark upon the resolution, when P. G. F. Thomas called him to order.

The Chair decided P. G. McKinnell to be in order.

P. G. Thomas appealed from the decision of the Chair, when the Grand Lodge sustained the Chair in its decision.

The question recurring on the resolution of P. G. Nixon, it was adopted.

P. G. Thomas moved to reconsider, which was carried.

The question again recurring on the resolution of P. G. Nixon, the ayes and nays were called for, and resulted as follows :

AYES—Nixon, Waters, Thomas, Dentzel, Cunliffe, Stetson, Phelps, Rice, Emerson, Andrews—10.

NAYS—Mott, Crickard, Yeomans, McKinnell, Shields—5.

P. G. Mondelli and Fort, excused from voting.

So the appeal of P. G. Fosdick was sustained.

P. G. Thomas gave notice of a protest against the election of Grand Representatives.

P. G. Emerson moved to take up the Constitution for Subordinates, which was not concurred in.

P. G. Stetson moved, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it is at the call of the Grand Secretary, at such place as he may select, for the purpose of taking decisive action upon the Constitution for Subordinates, which was adopted.

On motion, the resolutions of P. G. McKinnell, offered in the meeting of the 25th ultimo, were taken up and considered.

P. G. Nixon moved that the resolutions be adopted. The ayes and nays were called for and resulted as follows :

AYES—Nixon, McKinnell, Purvis—3.

NAYS—Mott, Crickard, Yeomans, Waters, Shields, Thomas, Dentzel, Cunliffe, Stetson, Phelps, Rice, Emerson, Mondelli, Fort, Andrews, Cripps, Fosdick—17.

So the resolutions were not concurred in.

P. G. Fort asked permission for National Lodge, No. 18, to keep a journal of proceedings only in the Spanish language.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to inform No. 18, and No. 19, of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States on the subject, requiring a record in all cases to be kept in the English language.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, May 16th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to a call, and was opened in due form.

Present—J. D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master, presiding; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited by P. G. S. Rogers, of Eagle Lodge, No. 94, Brooklyn New York.

The Constitution for Subordinates was taken up and read.

P. G. Cunliffe moved to strike out in section 3, article 10, "not less than five dollars," and insert "not less than seven dollars," which was not concurred in. P. G. Emerson moved to strike out in same section "or election," and reinstate the proviso appearing in the original drafts—making a brother admitted by card immediately entitled to benefits, which was carried.

P. G. Emerson moved to amend section 7, article 7, so as to read, "It shall be the duty of any member of a sister Lodge, knowing aught derogatory to the character or qualifications of a candidate for admission into this Lodge, to reveal the same to the N. G.," etc., which was carried.

P. G. Cunliffe, moved to insert in section 1, article 12, after the word "vote," the words "of the Lodge," which was carried. P. G. Crickard moved to strike out in section 1, article 12, "one-fourth," and insert "one-fifth," which was carried.

P. G. Crickard moved to adopt the Constitution as amended. The ayes and nays being called for on this resolution, resulted as follows :

AYES—Stetson, Vasconcellos, Dentzel, Brichta, Morrison, Cunliffe, Olf, Crickard, Cohn, Fosdick, Emerson, Southwell, Kneass, Shields, Crowley, Wood, Cripps — 17.

NAYS—Nixon, Olmstead, Williams, McKinnell, Purvis, Andrews — 6.

So the Constitution was adopted.

P. G. Emerson moved to reconsider, which was not concurred in.

P. G. Fosdick moved that the Constitution take effect upon the 1st of July next, and from and after that date, be the legal Constitution of each and every subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, which was carried.

P. G. Emerson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That three hundred copies be printed under the supervision of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and that ten copies of the same be sent to each Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Which was adopted.

P. G. Cunliffe, asked for information, as to whether the section in the Constitution just adopted, giving Subordinates power to enact their own By-Laws, did, or did not require such By-Laws to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval.

The G. M. decided that all By-Laws hereafter adopted by Subordinates, must be submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval.

P. G. Cunliffe appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Grand Lodge sustained the decision of the Chair.

P. G. Emerson, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it is to meet on Tuesday evening next, at Friendship Hall, for the purpose of conferring the P. O. degrees, which was concurred in.

P. G. Stetson, moved that a committee of three be appointed, to procure a room for the Grand Lodge to hold its meetings in, such committee to act with a like committee on the part of the Grand Encampment, which was carried.

The Grand Master appointed P. Gs. Stetson, Shields and Brichta, such committee.

A communication was received from Washington Lodge, No. 3, notifying the Grand Lodge of the suspension of P. G. William Thompson, for six months, from April 13, for misconduct.

When the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Friendship Hall, 23d inst., at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, May 23d, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. D. Stewart M. W. G. Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master stated that the business first in order would be the conferring of the P. O. degrees.

When several P. Gs. received the P. V. G. and P. S. degree.

The committee appointed at the last meeting, to look for a Hall, made a verbal report.

P. G. Stetson moved that the committees be allowed to expend the sum of \$75 for that purpose, which was carried.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Alabama was read ;

I. O. O. F., GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA, }
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, Mobile, May 13, 1848. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

BRETHREN :— I herewith transmit a copy of preamble and resolutions, unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, on the 21st April, 1848, with a request that action may be had on the same by your R. W. Body.

I am fraternally yours,

SAMUEL PENNY, *Grand Secretary.*

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge views, with deep regret, the spirit of discord and want of harmony at present existing in some of our sister Grand Lodges, which state of feeling we believe to have grown out of the organization of those R. W. bodies ; and believing as we do, that under the present system, our Grand Lodges must eventually fall to pieces of their own cumbrous weight, and believing, therefore, that a re-organization of our Grand Lodges, would tend in a great measure, to restore that unity, harmony, and concert of action so necessary to the prosperity of our Order, and the success of our philanthropic designs ; Be it therefore

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge, now convened as P. Gs. and Representatives, are willing, and do consent to yield our individual privileges and private vested rights for the public good of the Order.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will petition, and does hereby petition, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to change the organization of the State Grand Lodges, throughout her jurisdiction.

Resolved, That we most respectfully suggest as a basis of a re-organization, the restriction of the number of P. Gs. as Representatives from the Subordinates, to such a number as each

Subordinate Lodge may be entitled to, in a just ratio, in proportion to numerical strength, reserving to P. Gs. only, the right to the Grand Lodge degree, eligibility as representatives, and privileges to seats in the Grand Lodge, without privilege to vote in any case.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have these resolutions printed in the form of a circular, and that he be instructed to forward the same to the several State Grand Lodges throughout the Union, with the request that they shall take action thereon.

P. G. Gunnagle, moved to lay the communication on the table, which was not concurred in.

P. G. Kneass, moved to refer the same to a special committee, which was carried.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Kneass, Emerson and Mott, as said committee.

Bill of "Delta" office, for advertising to October 1, 1848, \$10, being approved by the Finance Committee, was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

In F., L. and T.,

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *Grand Secretary*.

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 25, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to the Constitution, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>G. Master.</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>D. G. Master.</i>
W. H. WATERS,	<i>G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSEAD.	<i>G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>G. Treasurer.</i>
J. O. NIXON,	<i>G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
E. A. TYLER,	<i>G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>
C. W. WHITHALL,	<i>G. Chaplain.</i>

P. Gs. Belknap, Crickard, Kirkland, Stetson, Thomas, Yeomans, Vaught, Strawbridge, Southwell, Wilcox, Emerson, Cripps, Fuertes, Wood, Brichta, Vasconcellos, Purvis, Hooper, Thisted, Ogden, Cunliffe, Fort, Buissard, Webb, Pickett, Olf, and a due representation.

The proceedings of the last Quarterly and Special sessions, were read and approved.

Semi-annual reports from the following Lodges, were read and accepted* viz :

Louisiana Lodge, - -	No. 1	}	Hope Lodge, - -	No. 14
DeSoto Lodge, - -	No. 7		Templar Lodge, - -	No. 16
Crescent Lodge, - -	No. 8		Covenant Lodge, - -	No. 17
Jefferson Lodge, - -	No. 9		National Lodge, - -	No. 18
Teutonia Lodge, - -	No. 10		Neith Lodge, - -	No. 21
Orleans Lodge, - -	No. 11		Magnolia Lodge, - .	No. 22

Reports from the following Lodges being informal, were, on motion of the G. Sec., referred back to their respective Lodges for correction, viz :—

Washington Lodge, - -	No. 3	}	Howard Lodge, - -	No. 13
Union Lodge, - -	No. 6		Delta Lodge, - -	No. 15
Commercial Lodge, - -	No. 12			

Annual reports were received from Crescent Lodge, No. 8; Hope Lodge, No. 14; and Templar Lodge, No. 16.

The G. M. decided that the junior P. Gs. from the Lodges whose reports were informal, could not be admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Conference reported that the credentials of the following P. Gs. were correct; the P. Gs. being in waiting, were introduced and qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :—

U. Tyson, - -	Louisiana Lodge, - -	No. 1
G. C. Lawrason, - -	Crescent Lodge, - -	No. 8
Thos. Cook, - -	Jefferson Lodge, - -	No. 9
P. Willman, - -	Teutonia Lodge, - -	No. 10
J. S. Wallis, - -	Orleans Lodge, - -	No. 11
H. Bier, - -	Hope Lodge, - -	No. 14
P. C. Wright, - -	Templar Lodge, - -	No. 16
J. Saliba, - -	National Lodge, - -	No. 18
R. N. Wood, - -	Neith Lodge, - -	No. 21
Wm. Emerson, - -	Magnolia Lodge, - -	No. 22

The P. O. degrees were conferred on several P. Gs., by the G. W.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report; which was read, and,

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, referred to a committee of three to report appropriate committees upon the several subjects therein referred to.

* See Appendix.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Ogden, Strawbridge and Wilcox said committee.

REPORT:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

You are again assembled to legislate for the welfare of our Order in this jurisdiction, and to receive and examine the reports of the work of Subordinate Lodges for the past six months.

It must be gratifying to you to learn, as it is for me to report, that the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Peace and harmony continue to pervade every department, and its present attitude is such as to fill the breast of every Odd Fellow with the liveliest emotions of happiness, and with pleasing anticipations of its future well-being and proud position.

It has been my good fortune to mingle much with the Brethren: to make their acquaintance, and to attend the meetings of some of the Lodges. With pride and pleasure I bear testimony to the worth of the men who compose our Order in this State. They have kind hearts and sympathizing natures: are ready at a moment's warning to fulfil the duties of visiting the sick, relieving the distressed, of burying the dead, and educating the orphan. The uniformity of the work in the Lodges I have visited, and, as I learn, in all our Lodges, shows that they are composed of men who love our Institution.

In my last report, I suggested some action by the Grand Lodge, in reference to Feliciana Lodge, No. 4. Nothing has as yet been done. D. D. G. M. Gates will doubtless lay before you his report of the condition of the Lodges in his district, including Feliciana, No. 4. I also took occasion to call your attention to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in reference to Lodges working in a foreign language, and would again respectfully remind you of the subject.

The new Constitution for Subordinate Lodges took effect on the 1st instant. Many of the Lodges have prepared their By-Laws, which will be submitted to you at the present session. I would recommend prompt action on them, as they are very much needed.

My attention has been called to section 1, article 12, of the Constitution which reads "of the dues paid into the Treasury, one-fifth shall be set apart," etc. I am of opinion that it was your intention it should read, "not less than one-fifth, etc." Section 1st of article 8, requires that at least four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of each of the degrees. The Degree Lodges are working under a Constitution of their own, which has no such provision. It will be necessary to have them correspond with each other.

I would respectfully recommend a more frequent reference of important subjects to committees; it would greatly facilitate business, and we would have much more information, and be better prepared to vote. It has been suggested, and it appears so to me, that it would be well for this Grand Lodge to adjourn from day to day—to sit from 4 to half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., until the business of the session is finished. This would enable the members from a distance to be present during the entire session.

It appears to me, that the time has arrived when it has become important that the Lodges meeting in this city, should have a hall of their own, which would be an ornament to the city and a credit to the Order. I have conversed with many members on the subject, and have become convinced that it is not only practicable, but that it is the general wish that an effort should be made to build. I should be rejoiced to see the Grand Lodge engaged in forwarding this most laudable and important undertaking, and hope that some plan will be originated which will meet with support. All that the members want to induce them to lend a helping hand is, to be assured that whatever plan may be adopted will be vigorously prosecuted to a successful termination.

I have the painful duty to perform, before closing this report, of announcing to you the death of our esteemed brother, Past Grand Daniel B. Crowley, a member of Howard Lodge, No. 13, and of this Grand Lodge. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him, for his modest deportment, his kindness of heart, and his devotion to the principles of our Order.

In conclusion, permit me to hope that all your enactments may tend to promote the welfare of our Order, and that in legislating for the city you will not forget the country Lodges.

Very respectfully,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAS. D. STEWART, *G. Master.*

D. D. G. M. Alfred Gates submitted the following report, which was read and accepted :

BATON ROUGE, LA., July 20, 1848.

To the M. W. G. M. and Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

In making my statement of the condition of the Order, in my district, I have but to repeat what I said in my former report, that Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, is completely broken up—her books and papers, furniture and paraphernalia scattered about among her members—no fraternal feeling among the brothers, and no disposition to meet each other on the broad platform of Friendship, Love and Truth. I therefore, again recommend that the charter be taken from them, and give those brothers who are good and true Odd Fellows, a chance to establish a new Lodge.

DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, at Baton Rouge, is doing well, and her members appear to take that interest in the Order which is calculated to insure success.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, at Franklin, is still increasing, and numbers about seventy members, and from all I can learn, is in a fair way of being one of the first and best Lodges in the State.

ALFRED GATES, D. D. G. M.

On motion of P. G. M. Whithall,

The D. D. G. M. was instructed to reclaim the charter, books, papers, etc., of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4.

P. G. Charles M. Emerson, from Special Committee, appointed at the last session, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the circular of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, I. O. O. F., with the resolutions accompanying, most respectfully report :

That they have attentively considered the preamble and resolutions, and do not concur therein. Your Committee are not aware that a "spirit of discord and want of harmony" exists to an alarming extent in our State Grand Lodges, generally, nor, if such unfortunately should be the case, in one or two instances, do they consider it attributable to the organization of State Grand Lodges. The true cause must be searched for in another direction. That all of the members should fail to view a given subject in the same light, is not surprising. To err is human, and an honest difference of opinion must be accorded to Odd Fellows, as well as to others, while the expression of opinions honestly entertained, however dissimilar,

is no evidence of discord, and is by no means inconsistent with right feelings and a fraternal spirit. Nor can we understand how the mere organization of State Grand Lodges contributes to their dissolution, "by their own cumbrous weight." A large majority of those bodies are comparatively small. It often happens that scarcely more than a bare quorum assembles for the transaction of business, and if the entire number attended punctually, they could hardly be termed cumbrous, and no reasonable objections could be urged to their numerical strength.

Your Committee would be as ready as others to make personal sacrifices for the good of the Order; nevertheless, they believe the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, would not deprive members of the Order of their "individual privileges and private vested rights," if they could, and they could not if they would. Hence, no danger can be apprehended from that source.

Possibly the organization of the State Grand Lodges is imperfect, still we believe it to be just, fair and equal in its operations, as under the circumstances it well can be. It is founded upon the principle, that power and authority emanate from the higher body, and not from the lower, and that they are vested in the P. Gs., who form the higher body. With what justice then, would you strip the larger portion of the P. Gs. of their authority and vest it in a few? With respect to the representative system suggested by our brothers of Alabama, the Grand Lodge of the United States has left that matter to the discretion of the State Grand Lodges. It is a mere question of convenience and expediency, which each Grand Lodge can decide for itself. If the P. Gs. of any State become so numerous as to make their body unwieldy, and impede the fair and speedy transaction of business, the remedy is in their own hands. Under a change in their Constitution they may divest themselves of certain of their rights, and place them in the keeping of representatives. In many of the States, where the Subordinate Lodges are located at distances remote from the place of meeting of their Grand Lodge, the representative system would be attended with great inconvenience, inasmuch as it would sometimes be almost impossible to get a quorum together, and thus important affairs would be left unattended to.

If the number of P. Gs. is really a grievance, that grievance can only be felt by a very few of the Grand Lodges, and if the large bodies do not complain, we see no reason why the smaller ones should.

On the whole, your Committee seeing no evidence that "the spirit of discord" exists in the State Grand Lodges generally, and no grievance being pointed out in the resolutions, which the State Grand Lodges cannot themselves remove, recommend that this Grand Lodge take no action upon the subject.

Submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

CHARLES M. EMERSON.

On motion of P. G. Whithall, the report was accepted and adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward a copy of the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama.

P. G. Nixon, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

The Committee to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, beg leave respectfully, to report the same back to the Grand Lodge, as the action of this body has left nothing for the Committee to do in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. O. NIXON, *Chairman.*

P. G. Stetson, from Committee on Room, reported progress.

On motion, the committee on the report of the G. M., at the last Quarterly Session, in April, were granted further time.

P. G. M. Whithall, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it shall be to meet to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, and continue to meet at the same hour from day to day, until all business before the Grand Lodge is disposed of.

Which motion was agreed to.

By-Laws were received from the following Lodges, viz :

Louisiana, No. 1 ; Union, No. 6 ; Orleans, No. 11 ; Commercial, No. 12 ; Hope, No. 14 ; Covenant, No. 17 ; Neith, No. 21 ; Magnolia, No. 22 ; and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A memorial was received from E. R. Beach, an expelled member from Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, complaining of the action of said Lodge in his case.

On motion, the G. S. was instructed to advise E. R. Beach of the proper mode of appeal.

On motion of P. G. C. M. Emerson, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary pro tem., were added to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, and that the Committee have power to approve of such By-Laws as may be presented, and return the same.

A communication was received from Col. Charles A. Labuzan, Grand Marshal for the occasion of the reception of Gen. P. F. Smith, inviting the Order to participate in the ceremonies on that occasion.

On motion of P. G. Wilcox, the G. S. was authorized to answer the communication.

Certificates of election of representatives from various Lodges, were received and accepted, viz :

P. G. G. C. Lawrason,	-	Crescent Lodge,	-	No. 8
P. G. Philip Willman,	-	Teutonia Lodge,	-	No. 10
P. G. Henry Bier,	- -	Hope Lodge,	- -	No. 14
P. G. R. N. Wood,	- -	Neith Lodge,	- -	No. 21
P. G. Wm. Emerson,	-	Magnolia Lodge,	- -	No. 22

The following sums were received from various Lodges, viz :

Per centage from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1,	- - -	\$107 43
“ “ “ Washington Lodge, No. 3,	- - -	65 40
“ “ “ Union Lodge, No. 6,	- - -	96 34
“ “ “ DeSoto Lodge, No. 7,	- - -	23 50
“ “ “ Crescent Lodge, No. 8,	- - -	66 89

	Amount brought forward,	.	\$359	56
Per centage from	Jefferson Lodge, No. 9,	-	63	70
"	" " " " Cards,	1	50—65	20
"	" Teutonia Lodge, No. 10,	-	-	42 65
"	" Orleans Lodge, No. 11,	-	-	61 61
"	" Commercial Lodge, No. 12,	-	-	134 47
"	" Howard Lodge, No. 13,	-	-	59 09
"	" Hope Lodge, No. 14,	-	-	120 44
"	" Delta Lodge, No. 15,	-	-	42 20
"	" Templar Lodge, No. 16,	-	-	57 31
"	" Covenant Lodge, No. 17,	-	-	54 86
"	" Polar Star Lodge, No. 19,	-	-	96 84
"	" St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20,	-	-	118 10
"	" Neith Lodge, No. 21,	-	-	85 44
"	" Magnolia Lodge, No. 22,	-	-	46 06
	Total,	-	-	\$1343 65

On motion, the R. W. Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.* pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, JULY 26, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Reports* from Union Lodge, No. 6, and Howard Lodge, No 13, were read and accepted.

The Committee of Conference, reported as correct, the credentials of the following P. Gs., who were then introduced, and qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

T. S. Goodwyn,	-	Louisiana Lodge,	-	-	No. 1
Geo. W. Shaw,	-	Union Lodge,	-	-	No. 6
F. W. Delesdernier,	-	Howard Lodge,	-	-	No. 13

* See Appendix.

P. G. R. N. Wood, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to inquire into and report at the next annual session, the propriety of amending section 1, article 8, of the Constitution, by striking out the words, "April and October," and inserting after the words, "seven members," "upon twenty days public notice being given."

The Chair appointed on said committee P. Gs. R. N. Wood, W. Emerson, Cripps, Bier and Lawrason.

Communications were received from National Lodge, No. 18; Polar Star Lodge, No. 19; and Magnolia Lodge, No. 22; requesting dispensations from the Grand Lodge, to meet but semi-monthly from this time until the 1st of November next.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the dispensations were granted.

A communication was received from National Lodge, No. 18, asking for a postponement of the payment of the per centage due by said Lodge, until the end of the next term; also, soliciting Diplomas for P. Gs. A. R. Fuertes, and J. Saliba, at the expense of their Lodge.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved to refer the communication to a committee.

P. G. Olmsted moved to amend, by extending the time of payment as requested. Which was concurred in.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved that the request of National Lodge, No. 18, for Diplomas, be granted, and that a Diploma be furnished to each P. G., at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Whithall moved to lay the whole subject of Diplomas on the table. Which was concurred in.

P. G. Lawrason moved to reconsider the resolution offered by P. G. R. N. Wood, in regard to amending the Constitution. Which was carried.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the resolution was laid upon the table.

A communication was read from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, containing a preamble and resolutions adopted by that Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. M. Whithall, said communication was ordered on file.

The following communication was read ;

ALLENTOWN, PA, June 15, 1848.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—By the enclosed circular, (a copy of which has been sent to each Lodge in your jurisdiction,) you will perceive that we have been compelled to invoke the aid of our Brethren abroad, under circumstances the most appalling. We did not (when it was prepared) call to mind that regulation of the Grand Lodge of the United

States which makes the approbation of the State Grand Lodge indispensable in such cases ; nor did we ever wait for it when similarly appealed to.

Anxious, however, to comply with every letter of the law, we appeal to you brethren, by the love which you bear to the Order and its members, to have the necessary certificates prepared and forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction, the costs and expenses of which will be promptly remitted to you, upon the receipt of the bill, unless your Grand Lodge should see proper to make us a donation to that amount.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

R. E. WRIGHT,
A. J. RITZ,
E. WEISS,
J. D. LAWALL,
J. M. LINE,
M. HAMMOND,
A. J. CLIFTON,
E. J. SEAGER,
D. SCHWARTZ,
A. J. HARK,

Joint Committee.

The undersigned, on behalf the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, cordially unite in the above request on behalf of our afflicted brethren of Allentown, Pa.

DANIEL BAKER, *G. Master.*

W. CURTISS, *G. Secretary.*

Accompanying was a circular from Unity Encampment, No. 12 ; Lehigh Lodge, No. 83 ; and Allen Lodge, No. 71, of Allentown, Pa. ; containing an appeal for relief of brothers who were sufferers by the late fire at that place.

P. G. Nixon, moved to lay the communication on the table. Lost.

P. G. M. Whithall moved that the communication be accepted, and the sum of ten dollars be donated for the relief of said Lodges.

P. G. R. N. Wood, moved as an amendment, that the sum of one hundred dollars be donated. Lost.

The question recurring, on the motion of P. G. Whithall, it was agreed to.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, leave was granted to the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, to contribute such an amount as they may see fit.

D. G. M. Phelps offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter all advertisements of meetings of this Grand Lodge, shall be published only in the papers with whose publishers an arrangement has been made to advertise annually.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the resolution was referred to a committee of three, with power to act. P. Gs. Lawrason, Shaw, and Desdernier, were appointed by the Chair.

P. G. Nixon asked permission to withdraw the appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, made by him at the session of February 3, 1848. Granted.

P. G. Lawrason moved to reconsider the vote appointing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary *pro tem*, on the Committee on By-Laws, and giving said committee power to approve such By-Laws as might be presented to them. Carried.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary *pro tem*., were added to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following bills, having been approved by the Finance Committee, were ordered to be paid, viz :

Poplar Star and National Lodges, for Gas,	-	\$ 21 00
New Orleans Gas Light Company,	- - -	149 50
Stewart & Yeomans, for Printing,	- - -	36 50
Commercial Times, for Advertising,	- - -	3 50
H. Williams, for Repairs,	- - . -	9 75
McDuff & Flint, " - - - -	- - - -	2 00
		\$222 25

A bill from the Picayune Office, for advertising, was read and referred to the Special Committee on D. G. M. Phelps' resolution.

On motion, the R. W. Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, July 27th, 1848.

The Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. D. Stewart, M. W. G. Master; Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was read and accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the semi-annual report of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

That in relation to Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, the action of this body on the night of our Quarterly meeting, renders it unnecessary for us to make a report. The Lodges working in a foreign language, we find, have for their own use and convenience made translations of the work of the Order, under which their business is conducted, without any legal authority from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is true the matter was left with this G. L. to be disposed of in their wisdom, and in consequence, translations of the ordinary work of—— have been made in the French and Spanish languages, by members of Subordinate Lodges, for which the price of \$— each was asked. The R. W. G. Corresponding Secretary considered this sum as far too great, and declined accepting the same. We, therefore, consider this Grand Lodge to have omitted nothing so far as their duty is concerned towards the Lodges under her jurisdiction. This translation concerns the whole of our Order throughout the world, and if made at all, should be well made, by competent persons. It must be remembered that it cannot be placed in the hands of any professional translator, but in the hands of one who is a member of the Order, and has attained the Scarlet Degree. We therefore, recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to urge the acceptance of the translations already offered, at the rate of —, to include all the work of a Subordinate Lodge.

In regard to the meaning of the section 1, article 12, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, your Committee recommend that the Subordinates be directed to insert the words "not less than," between the words "treasury" and "one-fifth," on the first line of said section, from the fact that such was really the amendment in the original.

To prevent confusion, your Committee deem the suggestion of the G. M. absolutely necessary to be complied with, relative to the Degree Lodges, and recommend action in accordance therewith, and the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the words "not less than" be inserted on the first line of the first section of the twelfth article of the general Constitution for Subordinates, and that notice to this effect be given to Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the Degree Lodges be required to have their Constitutions in conformity with those of Subordinate Lodges, so far as conferring Degrees is concerned.

The recommendation of the Grand Master, in relation to the more frequent reference of important subjects to committees, the Special Committee deem invaluable, but suggest that *that* is a matter to be proceeded in by motion at the time such subjects are brought before the Grand Lodge. Your Committee join heartily in the recommendation, believing it conducive to the best results.

We now approach the subject of the building of a Hall for the Odd Fellows of this city. We would, for the short period in which we have to make such a report, and its great importance, suggest some plan, if only for the purpose of producing action ; but feeling how crude and undigested it must be, after only a few hours study, we offer for your consideration the annexed resolutions :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five P. Gs. be appointed, to offer to this Grand Lodge a plan for building a Hall suitable for the Order in this city ; said plan to contain estimates of the cost, and manner of raising the funds, and suggestions as to the disposition of our present lots, should they be deemed unsuitable.

Resolved, That the Committee report at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that Brothers of the Order, generally, be invited to hand in plans to the Chairman of said Committee, in order to aid in the report.

Resolved, That the Representatives and P. Gs. of the different Lodges be requested to report to their various Lodges, the passage of these resolutions, and the names of the Committee appointed in furtherance of this object.

The eloquent eulogy pronounced by our excellent Grand Master, on our respected brother, D. B. Crowley, lately deceased, leaves the Committee nothing to add. They simply offer the following :

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge, in token of respect for the memory of our deceased brother, D. B. Cowley, wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the Charter of the Grand Lodge be hung with mourning for the same period.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Howard Lodge, No. 13, under the seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully submit this their report.

In F. L. and T.,

R. W. OGDEN,
JAMES STRAWBRIDGE,
O. E. WILCOX.

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, the first resolution was adopted.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the second and third resolutions were adopted, with the amendment that the word "dues" should be placed in the first line of section 1, article 12, of the Constitution of Subordinates, in lieu of "duties."

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the fourth, fifth and sixth resolutions were adopted, and the Chair appointed as Special Committee under these resolutions, P. Gs. J. Strawbridge, of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1 ; G. W. Shaw, of Union Lodge, No. 6 ; G. C. Lawrason, of Crescent Lodge, No. 8 ; F. W. Delesdernier, of Howard Lodge, No. 13 ; Henry Bier, of Hope Lodge, No. 14.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Master was added to the same committee.

On motion of G. T. Williams, the seventh and eighth resolutions were adopted.

The semi-annual report of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, was read and accepted.

The semi-annual report of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, was read, ordered to be corrected by the G. S., and accepted.

The committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the G. S. ordered to notify the various Lodges of the approval of the By-Laws submitted by them :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of various Lodges for examination,

Report, That they have examined the By-Laws of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1 ; Union Lodge, No. 6 ; Orleans Lodge, No. 11 ; Commercial Lodge No. 12 ; Covenant Lodge

No. 17; Neith Lodge, No. 21; Magnolia Lodge, No. 22; and that they find nothing therein that conflicts with law or usage; they therefore recommend the approval of the same. All of which is submitted.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART.

The Committee on By-Laws, also made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the Grand Secretary directed to notify Hope Lodge, No. 14, in conformity therewith :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Hope Lodge, No. 14,

Report, That they have examined, and find them in conformity to law, with the exception of section 2, of article 13, which gives the N. G. power to grant a travelling Card for three months. This power your Committee believe conflicts with sec. 2, art. 7, division 2, of the Digest. They therefore recommend the substitution of the following: "Any brother wishing a travelling Card, must apply for the same in open Lodge, either in person or by proxy, when if free from charges, and a majority agree thereto, it shall be granted, upon the payment of dues up to the end of the time the Card has to run.

Submitted, in F., L. and T.,

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART.

P. G. Lawrason, from Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by R. W. D. G. M. A. S. Phelps, relative to the advertising of the Grand Lodge, report, that a contract was made and is now in force with the proprietors of the Delta, for the insertion of notices. The Subordinates and Encampments, as well as the Grand Lodge, are parties to the contract, each of which pay ten dollars per annum.

A contract was made on the 30th of October last, by Grand Secretary Haynes, with the proprietors of the Picayune, for the insertion of notices of the Grand Lodge at twenty dollars per annum. We respectfully urge its immediate ratification and payment, and recommend its renewal, as it is agreed that the G. L. is to pay at the cheapest rate of advertising, only for the notices inserted, and if the amount exceeds twenty dollars in a year, we are to pay only that amount.

A contract similar to the one made with the Delta, could be effected with the Mercury or National.

We report for your consideration, the following resolutions :

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for twenty dollars, in favor of the proprietors of the Picayune, for amount of contract for advertising, made by P. G. Secretary Haynes.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to renew the contract with the proprietors of the Picayune, for one year, at its expiration, on the same terms and conditions.

G. C. LAWRASON,
G. W. SHAW.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of same, the G. S. was authorized to contract with the proprietors of the Evening Mercury, and Evening National, for advertising the notices of the Grand Lodge, for one year, for the sum of ten dollars, each.

The following communication from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, was read :

Extract from the Minutes of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, held on July 13, 1848.

"Pending the discussion of the Rules of Order, a motion was made to adjourn.

"The N. G. decided said motion to be out of order.

"An appeal being taken from the decision of the N. G., the Lodge sustained the decision of the Chair.

"Whereupon, Brother P. G. Olmstead respectfully appealed from the decision of the Lodge, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana."

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy from the Minutes of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, at a regular meeting, held July 13, 1848.

THOMAS J. DIX, *Secretary.*

NEW ORLEANS, July 27, 1848.

P. G. Olmstead moved to refer the appeal to the Executive Committee.

P. G. Cripps moved to amend, by referring the same to a Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, upon the appeal.

P. G. Nixon, in the Chair.

P. G. Olmstead, moved that Crescent Lodge, No. 8, be instructed that a motion to adjourn was in order.

P. G. Haynes, moved as an amendment, that a motion to adjourn to a stated time before the next regular meeting, would be in order.

D. D. G. M. Gates, moved as a substitute, that the appeal of P. G. Olmstead, be sustained, which was carried.

On motion, the Committee rose and reported by their Chairman.

D. D. G. M. Gates, moved the adoption of the report, and that the G. S. be instructed to notify Crescent Lodge, No. 8, of the action had by this Grand Lodge.

The yeas and nays being called for, were ordered, and resulted as follows :

YEAS — P. Gs. Belknap, Kirkland, Haynes, Nixon, W. Emerson, Bier, Goodwyn, Whithall, Gates, Olmstead — 10.

NAYS — P. Gs. Cripps, Williams, Lawrason, Shaw, R. N. Wood, Crickard, Tyson and Phelps — 8.

So the motion of D. D. G. M. Gates was adopted.

The following communication from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, was received and read :

Extract from the Minutes of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, June 1st, 1848.

“The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Brother P. G. Nixon, were adopted by a vote of twenty-two to four.

“WHEREAS, the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, has adopted a Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges within her jurisdiction, and requires of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to surrender the Constitution she is now working under, and to receive and be governed, from and after the 1st of July next, by the Constitution adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge; and, *Whereas*, Crescent Lodge, No. 8, is now working under a Constitution duly and regularly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which Constitution, it is not pretended, does in any way conflict with, or is contrary to the very letter of the law of the Grand Lodge of the State under whose jurisdiction she exists, nor of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor of any of the usages of the Order; Therefore,

“*Resolved*, That Crescent Lodge, No. 8, respectfully appeals from the action had by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, on the ground that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana has no right to take from this Lodge, without her consent, a Constitution regularly adopted by this Lodge, and duly approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge, unless said Constitution conflicts with the laws or general usages of the Order.”

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the Minutes of Crescent [Seal.] Lodge, No. 8, of June 1, 1848.

THOMAS J. DIX, *Secretary*.

NEW ORLEANS, July 27, 1848.

On motion, the appeal of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, was granted.

The following communication from Templar Lodge, No. 16, was received and read.

Extract from the Minutes of Templar Lodge, No. 16, at a regular meeting held June 30, 1848.

“In relation to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, adopted by the Grand Lodge, the following resolution was passed:

“*Resolved*, That our representatives in the Grand Lodge be instructed respectfully to ask from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, an appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.”

Attest.

[Seal.]

DUDLEY CHASE, *Secretary*.

On motion, the appeal of Templar Lodge, No. 16, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, was granted.

P. G. Haynes offered the following resolution, which, on motion of P. G. Lawrason, was indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That no member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be admitted into his Lodge, without the semi-annual P. W., unless he be vouched for by the W.

P. G. M. Whithall offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That at the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to instruct the representatives in Grand Lodge assembled, in all the unwritten work of the five degrees of the Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Lawrason offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all amendments to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, shall be submitted in writing, and if any objection be made, the amendment shall lie over until the next regular meeting.

A communication from the Committee of Invitation of the General and Municipal Councils, requesting the Grand Lodge to take part in the ceremonies of the reception of Gen. P. F. Smith, was received, and the G. S. authorized to reply to the same.

P. G. Lawrason moved the following amendment to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which was agreed to :

In article 4, section 2, add to the qualifications of N. G. and Secretary, "must have attained the Scarlet degree."

P. G. Bier moved an amendment to article 7, section 3, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which, on motion, was laid on the table, and the representatives were instructed to inform their respective Lodges, that white and black balls must be used for balloting.

P. G. M. Whithall, moved that a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, to report to-morrow afternoon, which was agreed to, and the Chair appointed P. G. Master Whithall, and P. Gs. Lawrason and R. N. Wood, said committee.

D. D. G. M. Gates moved that a committee of three be appointed to supervise the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the past year, and including the present session, which was agreed to, and P. Gs. Crickard, Belknap and W. Emerson, were appointed said Committee.

P. G. R. N. Wood appealed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States from the decision of this Grand Lodge, sustaining the appeal of P. G. Olmstead from the decision of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, upon a motion of adjournment.

On motion, the appeal was granted.

On motion of P. G. M. Williams the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, July 28th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. D. Stewart, Grand Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

Semi-annual reports* from Washington Lodge, No. 3, and Delta Lodge, No. 15, were read and accepted.

Certificates of the following P. Gs. were reported correct by the Committee of Conference, viz :

E. Maunsell, Washington Lodge, No. 3; C. T. Estlin, Delta Lodge, No. 15; F. Parent, Polar Star Lodge, No. 19.

Certificate from Howard Lodge, No. 13, of the election of P. G. Delesdernier as representative to this Grand Lodge, in place of P. G. D. B. Crowley, deceased, was read.

P. Gs. E. Maunsell, of Washington Lodge, No. 3; and C. T. Estlin, of Delta Lodge, No. 15; being in waiting, were introduced and qualified to take their seats as members of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Lawrason, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of correcting typographical errors, and the phraseology, where needed, report, that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and now present a copy so corrected, for the consideration of your worthy body, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to have — copies of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, as altered and corrected, printed, and when finished, to hand the same to the R. W. Grand Secretary, for distribution among the Subordinate Lodges of this State.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

GEORGE C. LAWRASON,
C. W. WHITHALL.

On motion, the blank was filled with the number of five hundred, and the same committee were authorized to have that number printed.

* See Appendix.

P. G. Lawrason offered the following amendment to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which was ordered to lie over, under the rule :

Resolved, That the word "must" in the fifth line of article 6, section 2, be erased, and the word "may" substituted therefor.

P. G. R. N. Wood offered the following amendments of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which were ordered to lie over, under the rule :

To amend article 10, section 2, by inserting after the word "paying" the words "double amount."

To amend article 7, section 3, by making it the duty of a brother casting one black ball, to call upon the N. G., and state his reasons for so doing, which reasons shall be made known to the Lodge by the N. G., he carefully concealing the name of the brother casting the black ball.

P. G. M. Whithall offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the future Quarterly Meetings of this Grand Lodge shall be commenced at 4 o'clock, P. M., and be continued from day to day until the business of the session shall be completed.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved to reconsider the above resolution, which was not concurred in.

P. G. R. N. Wood offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That Neith Lodge, No. 21, be and is hereby authorized to purchase a lot in the town of Shreveport, and build such Hall as by a vote of said Lodge may be directed.

A communication from Howard Lodge, No. 13, transmitting a copy of By-Laws adopted by that Lodge, was read and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

P. G. Crickard submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed in a neat and tasteful form, on fine letter paper, with a copy of the seal of this Grand Lodge, one ream of blank Cards for Wives and Widows of members of the Order, of the form adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, contained in volume 2, page 210, of the Journal of Proceedings of that body, and that he be further authorized to furnish the same to subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, at the same rate as other cards.

The Chair decided the resolution to be out of order.

P. G. R. N. Wood appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge," it was resolved in the negative.

On motion, the resolution was amended, by adding the following

words, "provided that the foregoing does not conflict with any law of the Grand Lodge of the U. S."

The question recurring upon the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

A communication was received from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, transmitting papers relative to the appeal of brother A. Thierry, from the action of the Lodge in his case. Read, and referred with accompanying documents to the Executive Committee.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. O. E. Wilcox and W. Emerson, on the Executive Committee, as substitutes for P. G. Mott and Kneass, absent from the city.

A communication purporting to be from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, addressed to brother John U. Dohn, and signed "Benj. J. Pentz," covering a certificate from said Grand Lodge, dated May 16, 1848—that brother John U. Dohn was formerly a member of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 26, now suspended, and had by a vote of said Grand Lodge been restored to fellowship in the Order; also containing a request to the N. G. of any Lodge in the city of New Orleans, to communicate to brother Dohn, the A. T. P. W., was read and referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to report on the same to-morrow.

The Executive Committee having obtained leave, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother A. Thierry, who was suspended by Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, upon the examination of the papers submitted to them, beg leave to report the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the action of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, in the suspension of brother A. Thierry, was incorrect, they not complying with section 3, of article 11, of the Constitution.

Resolved, That Polar Star Lodge, No., 19, be instructed to order a new trial in the case of brother A. Thierry.

C. W. WHITHALL,
J. CRICKARD,
W. EMERSON.

On motion, the report was accepted, resolutions adopted, and the G. Secretary instructed to notify Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, of the action had by this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, July 29th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master, presiding; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved that a standing committee of three be appointed, to be styled the "Committee on the State of the Order;" which was not concurred in.

P. G. Nixon, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was adopted; and the Grand Secretary instructed to transmit to Howard Lodge, No. 13, the By-Laws as approved.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Howard Lodge, No. 13, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find them in conformity to existing law.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

J. O. NIXON, *Chairman.*

A communication was received from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, transmitting papers relative to the appeal of P. G. M. Williams from the action of that Lodge, in the case of Bro. P. G. A. Menzies.

Read, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee asked for further time to report upon the case of John U. Dohn; which was granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at 7½ o'clock, P. M., at the Hall of the Grand Lodge.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING—*Evening Session.*

GRAND LODGE HALL, JULY 29th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this evening, pursuant to adjournment, at 7½ o'clock.

Present—J. D. Stewart, M. W. G. Master; Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A communication was received from Louisiana Lodge No. 1, submitting Sec. 13 of Art. 11, of their By-Laws for approval. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee reported, approving the same.

On motion, the report was adopted.

P. G. M. Mondelli, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. Williams from the action of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, in the case of Bro. A. Menzies, Report, that upon a careful examination of the documents submitted to them, they are unable to find any thing to justify them in advising this Grand Lodge to order new proceedings in the case. They would therefore respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, be authorized to appoint a new committee on the application of Bro. A. Menzies, and to re-ballot for him if it should see proper to do so.

A. MONDELLI,
J. CRICKARD,
W. EMERSON.

P. G. M. Mondelli, from the same committee, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred certain documents emanating from a body professing to be the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, have not been able to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion on the subject, and would respectfully ask for further time, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master of this State be respectfully requested to enter into correspondence with the proper functionaries of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in order to ascertain, if possible, which of the two bodies now professing to be the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, we should recognize as such.

A. MONDELLI,
J. CRICKARD,
W. EMERSON.

P. G. Kirkland, moved to reconsider the vote taken at the afternoon session upon the motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, to appoint a committee on the state of the Order; which was not concurred in.

On motion, the G. M. and G. S. were added to the committee authorized to print the proceedings.

On motion of P. G. M. Williams,

Said committee were empowered to employ assistance in preparing the proceedings for the printer.

P. G. Crickard, moved that the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing for this Grand Lodge, an interest in the "Odd Fellows' Cemetery," which was agreed to.

Bill of Bro. Wm. Wilson was read, for services as Host, \$13 50.

D. D. G. M. Gates, moved that the bill be paid.

P. G. Crickard, moved to amend by adding a donation to Bro. John Frankford, Host at Crescent Hall, \$10, for services rendered to the Grand Lodge, which was concurred in.

The question recurring upon the motion of D. D. G. M. Gates, as amended, it was agreed to.

P. G. Cripps, moved that the Host be discharged; lost.

P. G. Crickard, moved that a committee of three be appointed, who shall have supervision of the Hall of the Grand Lodge, and that they be authorized to discharge or employ a Host at their discretion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Chair appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Crickard, Shaw and Bier.

On motion of D. D. G. M. Gates,

The Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.* pro tem.



To the M. W. Grand Master of I. O. O. F., of the State of Louisiana:

JAMES D. STEWART, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In obedience to instructions from the R. W. Grand Lodge, at its session held on the 25th inst., I proceeded immediately to Bayou Sara, and demanded by authority of said Grand Lodge, all the books, papers, charter, seal, funds, furniture and effects from Feliciana Lodge No. 4, all of which I did in the name of the Grand Lodge take possession of and forward to you, as now the property of the said Grand Lodge of this State.

ALFRED GATES, *D. D. G. M.*

July 31st, 1848.

REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 24th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in due form by the R. W. D. Grand Master.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
F. A. DENTZEL,	<i>R. W. G. W. pro tem.</i>
H. W. OLMSTEAD,	<i>R. W. G. S. pro tem.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
J. PASLEY,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>
J. O. NIXON,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report, which was read, and, on motion of P. G. Olmstead, referred to a committee of three to report thereon. The Chair appointed P. Gs. Nixon, Ricardo, and Southwell, said committee.

REPORT :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

It again becomes my duty to report to you upon the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction.

As no reports are made by the Subordinate Lodges at this season of the year, you cannot be informed of its precise condition. All that I can say is, that the same harmony exists ; the same unflinching zeal is manifested, and the same success attends the operation of our Lodges, as when their condition was last laid before you in detail.

My official duties for the past three months have consisted principally in granting dispensations where emergencies required, and in deciding questions which subordinates did me the honor to refer to for solution. The important ones I will enumerate, in order that you may sanction or reverse my decisions. The *first* was submitted to me by Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, and was in substance as follows :

“If a committee appointed under Section 2d of Article 7 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, fails to report at the end of two weeks, can it be discharged and a new one appointed, and if this is done, must the new committee also have two weeks?”

I decided that there was nothing in the Constitution which could be construed as prohibiting a Lodge from appointing a new committee, if the one first appointed failed in the discharge of its duties, and of requiring a report forthwith, or at the end of one or two weeks, as the pleasure of the Lodge might be. There is no mention in the section referred to, of a second committee, and I think it was the intention of the framers of the section, after providing that the first committee should have two weeks, that the matter

should then be left to the decision of the Lodge, and every Lodge is capable, I think, and should have the privilege, of deciding whether there should be a new committee, and when that committee should report.

The *second* question submitted to me was the following: "Does the words 'past dues' in Section 2d of Article 10th of the same Constitution, refer to the amount due at the time of suspension, or does it include the amount that accrues during suspension?"

I have decided that they can only refer to the amount due at the time of suspension, unless in the case of suspension as a means of punishment. I do not think that it is the usage, or that it is right, to charge a member with dues while he is under suspension for non-payment.

The *third* question upon which I have decided was: "Whether a member in arrears, and not under suspension, is entitled to benefits?"

My decision in this case was, that as the Constitution and By-Laws provided for the suspension of members who neglect or refuse to pay their dues, all members not under suspension were entitled to benefits, no matter what amount of dues they might owe.

The above three, are the most important of the questions referred to me, and in consideration of their *great* importance, I would respectfully urge a careful examination of them, and either a sanction or reversal of my decisions, the present session. In view of the necessities of the case, I approved, "subject to your sanction," of the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 10, 15, 16, and 20. They were thoroughly examined, and conform to the Constitution.

Since you last met together, two members of this R. W. Grand Lodge have been called from their work on earth. P. G. E. L. Milliken died in this city recently, and P. G. E. D. Lewis, at Nice, Italy, whither he had gone with the hope of recovering his health. Both were active and efficient members of Union Lodge, No. 6, and fulfilled the duties which devolved upon them as members of our Order with alacrity. May our loss be their everlasting gain.

Respectfully submitted,
In Friendship, Love and Truth,
JAS. D. STEWART, *G. Master.*

D. D. G. M. Alfred Gates submitted the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on the report of the G. Master.

FRANKLIN, October 16, 1848.

James D. Stewart, Esq., M. W. G. Master R. W. G. L. I. O. O. F. of La.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It becomes my duty to again report to you my official acts as your Deputy for this District, upon all matters connected with the Order, that are not contained in the semi-annual reports from the different Lodges.

At the beginning of the present term, I installed the officers elect to serve in the Lodges under my charge, namely: DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, and St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, in due form.

By directions as per resolution of the G. L. of Louisiana in July last, I proceeded to Bayou Sara and demanded the charter, books and papers of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, which was promptly acceded, and forwarded to your address. I have since, by your directions, rented the room to the Sons of Temperance, the amount of rent to be stipulated by them.

The Lodges under my charge are still progressing, and command the respect for Friendship, Love and Truth which the Order so eminently demands.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,
ALFRED GATES, *D. D. G. Master.*

The Grand Secretary submitted his Quarterly Report as follows :

NEW ORLEANS, October 24th, 1848.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

I herewith submit a statement of cash received by the Grand Secretary during the past three months, and the disposition thereof:

[1848.]

July 25. To cash received from sundry Lodges for semi-annual dues and cards,
as per journal.....\$1,343 65

July 26. By cash paid Grand Treasurer as per receipt..... 1.343 65

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec'y* pro tem.

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee of Conference reported that the credentials of P. G. W. Cunningham, of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, and P. G. L. L. Brown, of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, were correct, and being in waiting, they were introduced and duly qualified as members of the Grand Lodge.

A petition from F. Brichta, P. G., P. Willman, P. G., Bros. J. D. Kamper, J. Gerlach, N. Fulda, J. F. Mayer, C. C. Weingart was received, and, on motion, referred to a special committee of P. Gs. Lawra-son, Jourdan and J. B. Wilcox.

The By-Laws of Jefferson Lodge. No. 9, and National Lodge, No. 18, were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New York, and on motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

OFFICE OF THE G. SEC. G. LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, I. O. O. F., }
Odd Fellows' Hall, City of New York, October 5th, 1848. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:— You are hereby notified, that at this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, among other proceedings, the following was had :

Resolved, That Hope Lodge, No. 3, of Albany, Good Intent Lodge, No. 6, Stockport, Columbia county; Rensselaer Lodge, No. 53, Troy, Rensselaer county; and Allen Lodge, No. 92, Hudson, Columbia county, be reinstated into membership in the Order.

You will, therefore, admit to visit and recognize brothers hailing from said Lodges.

Resolved, That the Order at large be notified that no card purporting to be issued within this jurisdiction, after this date, is regular, unless countersigned by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

Yours, fraternally,

BENJAMIN J. PENTZ, *G. Secretary*.

A communication was received from Orleans Lodge, No. 11, advising of the expulsion of P. G. James L. Poalk from that Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Ricardo, the Grand Secretary was directed to notify the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the same.

Certificate was received from Delta Lodge, No. 15, that P. Gs. M. J. Reigart, J. Bensadon, and C. T. Estlin, had been duly elected representatives to the Grand Lodge.

A communication from Delta Lodge, No. 15, to the Grand Master, was read, containing resolutions adopted by that Lodge, approving of the course pursued by the Grand Sire elect, in refusing to address a political assemblage.

On motion, it was referred to a special committee of P. Gs. Lawrason, Ricardo and Jourdan.

A communication was received from Delta Lodge, No. 15, asking the Grand Lodge to devise some uniform mode of work for the Subordinate and Degree Lodges. Read and referred to the Executive Committee.

The following cases of appeal were referred to the Executive Committee, viz :

P. G. R. N. Wood, from	- - -	Neith Lodge,	-	No. 21
Bro. E. R. Beach, from	- - -	Jefferson Lodge,	-	No. 9
P. G. J. Font, from	- - -	National Lodge,	-	No. 18
Bro. J. Fulda,	}	from -	Teutonia Lodge,	- No. 10
“ F. Brichta,				
“ F. M. Koch, and				
“ A. W. Solomon,				

A communication was received from Neith Lodge, No. 21, advising of the appointment of proxies, in the absence of their representatives in the Grand Lodge, as follows :

P. G. Crickard, proxy for	- - -	P. G. R. N. Wood.
P. G. G. C. Lawrason, proxy for	- - -	P. G. W. H. Glass.
P. G. W. Emerson, proxy for	- - -	P. G. J. W. Robb.

On motion of P. G. Cripps, the P. Gs. named were recognized as proxy representatives of Neith Lodge, No. 21.

P. G. Crickard offered the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, Believing that a Magazine of proper character to advance the interests and welfare of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the South and West, would meet the approbation of the Order generally; and, *Whereas*, Bro. W. Van Benthuyzen proposes to publish such a Magazine, monthly, in the city of New Orleans; be it therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge cordially approves the undertaking, and earnestly recommends said publication, “The Magnolia,” to all good Odd Fellows, and requests their exertions in its behalf.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to Bro. Van Benthuyzen an attested copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, and that he be permitted to use the same in aid of procuring a circulation for said Magazine, should he think proper so to do.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

P. G. Dentzel, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, By a recent decree of Providence, our worthy brother, P. G. E. D. Lewis, has been removed from our midst, while travelling in a foreign land in search of health ; and, Whereas, in all his social relations to his fellow-man, he has always acted on the principle of the "Golden Rule," to "do unto others as he would that others should do unto him." Be it therefore

Resolved, That the officers and members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, sincerely regret the event which has removed our late worthy brother P. G. E. D. Lewis, from our midst.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the young widow and family, of our deceased brother, and will, as far as in our power, perform for her all that is enjoined upon us by the laws of our Order.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, that the officers and members of this G. L. wear the usual badge of mourning, and decorate the Charter of the Grand Lodge with the same, for the space of three months.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be attested by the G. Master and G. Secretary, and be forwarded to the widow and family of our deceased brother, and to the Lodge of which he was a member.

The Chair appointed P. G. Bier on the Committee on By-Laws, in the place of E. L. Milliken, deceased. The amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, offered by P. G. Lawrason, at the session in July, was taken up and discussed.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, it was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

On motion, the Committee appointed on the Grand Master's report, at the April session, were discharged.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, it was ordered, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet at Crescent Hall, to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M. Carried.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, were offered by P. G. R. N. Wood :

Article 8, section 1. Strike out "quarterly," and insert "semi-annual;" also "fourth," and insert "second;" also strike out "April and October," so that the section will read, "The stated meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of January and July," etc.

Article 3, section 1. Strike out all after "United States."

Article 4, section 4. Add after "Grand Secretary," "He shall at the close of each official year, prepare a copy of the proceedings for publication, ending with the January session." Strike out "\$100;" and insert "\$250;" so that it will read, "He shall receive for the faithful performance of his duties, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum payable at the close of each session."

That the R. W. Grand Representatives be elected as provided in article 8, section 2.

Nominations of Officers for the ensuing year were then declared in order, and the following P. Gs. were duly nominated :

For Grand Master.

P. G. A. S. PHELPS....of No. 9 P. G. W. R. FOSDICK...of No. 8
 P. G. C. M. EMERSON.....of No. 12
 P. Gs. Crickard, Nixon, Jourdan, Cripps, and Ricardo, declined.

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. J. CRICKARD.....of No. 1 P. G. J. SOUTHWELL....of No. 1
 P. Gs. Vaught, Pasley, O. E. Wilcox and J. O. Nixon, declined.

For Grand Warden.

P. G. H. BIER.....of No. 14 P. G. T. CRIPPS.....of No. 14
 P. G. G. STETSON.....of No. 14 P. G. H. WEBB... :.....of No. 17
 P. Gs. Lawrason and Shields, declined.

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. J. STRAWBRIDGE.of No. 1 P. G. H. W. OLMSTEAD.of No. 8
 P. G. H. P. ANDREWS.....of No. 16
 P. Gs. Ricardo and Crickard, declined.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. M. H. WILLIAMS.of No. 1 P. G. W. H. RICE.....of No. 1
 P. G. D. S. GANS.....of No. P. G. Southwell, declined.

On motion, the nominations were closed.

On motion of P. G. Ricardo, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

HENRY W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec. pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, October 25th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — J. D. Stewart, M. W. Grand Master; the D. G. Master, Grand Officers, and a due representation from the Subordinate Lodges.

The following communication from the M. W. Grand Master, was received and read :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

Several amendments to the Constitution of this Lodge have been offered, many others have been suggested, and will doubtless be offered at this, or the next session.

The present Constitution is very defective, and some of its provisions embarrass the operations of the G. Lodge. Article 7, provides for the appointment at the annual session, of five Standing Committees. At a succeeding session, it is very rare that a majority of any of them is present. It certainly would be better to have these Committees appointed at each session, to serve during the session.

There is no provision for two or three necessary Committees, viz: Committee on Petitions; Committee on Appeals; Committee on Returns; Committee on State of the Order, etc. Appeals are, from necessity, referred to the Executive Committee, who are generally burthened with too much business. I think that the welfare of the Order in this jurisdiction, requires that article 8, should also be revised. We have now three Subordinates in the country, and we may reasonably expect that there will be a number more in the course of a year or two. Their P. Gs. cannot be expected to attend very frequent meetings of this body; two sessions in a year, it seems to me would be amply sufficient, and at these all of the country Lodges could be represented.

I believe that called sessions should not be held unless great emergency requires them. At the close of the two regular sessions suggested, the proceedings should be published and immediately placed in the hands of Subordinates.

Believing that the welfare of the Order and of this body requires the above mentioned alteration, together with others which it is not necessary to enumerate here, I most respectfully recommend the appointment of a Committee of Revision, to report at the next session.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. L. and T.,

JAS. D STEWART, *G. Master.*

P. G. Nixon moved to adopt the recommendation of the Grand Master, which was unanimously agreed to. The Chair appointed as Committee, P. Gs. Nixon, Dentzel, and O. E. Wilcox.

P. G. Nixon, from the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, and National Lodge, No. 18, respectfully report: That, after due examination, they recommend them to the R. W. Grand Lodge for approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. O. NIXON,

H. BIER.

P. G. Lawrason from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Brother P. G. Brichta and others, from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, praying for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be styled "Independence Lodge, No. 23," to work in the German language, beg leave to report: that although your Committee are much opposed to the increase of Lodges, where the utmost necessity is not apparent, upon a careful investigation of the prayer of the petitioners, they are made to believe that the interest of our beloved Order may be materially advanced by granting the prayer of said petitioners, and under that belief they would most respectfully recommend the following resolution to the favorable consideration of your worthy body.

GEO. C. LAWRASON,
AUG. W. JOURDAN,
JOHN B. WILCOX.

Resolved, That the prayer of brothers Brichta, Willmann and others, asking for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be styled "Independence Lodge, No. 23," to work in the German language, and to be instituted the first of next term, be, and the same is hereby granted.

P. G. Lawrason from Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the communication from Delta Lodge, No. 15, containing resolutions highly commendatory of R. H. Griffin, the M. W. G. Sire, elect, for refusing to address a political meeting, in consequence of certain political papers in the city of Baltimore, having announced as an additional inducement for attendance, "that R. H. Griffin, Esqr., had been recently elected Grand Sire of the I. O. O. F., and requesting the Grand Master to procure the assent of the Grand Lodge of this State to said resolution, and immediately forward the same to Grand Sire Griffin," beg leave to report: That Delta Lodge has the right to forward to the Grand Sire elect, said preamble and resolutions, without the consent of your worthy body, and if your worthy body deem it necessary to express the commendation which all must feel for the course pursued by our M. W. Grand Sire, elect, on the occasion above referred to, your committee believe it should originate in the Grand Lodge, and go forth as the action of the representatives of our beloved Order in Louisiana. Your Committee would therefore recommend the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to inform Delta Lodge, No. 15, that they have the right to forward said preamble and resolutions without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

In F, L. and T.,

GEO. C. LAWRASON,
AUG. W. JOURDAN,
D. I. RICARDO.

P. G. Cripps, Director of the Cemetery from the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was received and read, and on motion of P. G. Olmstead, was ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

I deem it my duty to report upon the progress making in the Cemetery (Odd Fellows' Rest) which is about being established by our beloved Order. The site is upon the Metairie

Ridge, fronting upon the Metairie Road, on one side, and Canal street on the opposite, and acknowledged to be handsomely situated.

A contract has been entered into with Brother H. Mitchell, for building sixty vaults, which are nearly finished, with marble fronts; to fence in the whole property, level and lay out the ground, white-wash the fences, etc., all of which is in a forward state.

A desire having been expressed by many members of the several Lodges to obtain from Brother Mitchell, that portion owned and occupied by him, steps are being taken to accomplish this object, by purchasing from the Canal Bank, a small portion of ground next adjoining the Cypress Grove Cemetery, and removing his house upon it. The expense will be small in comparison to the great advantages and beauty which the addition of this portion will be to the appearance and general character of the whole.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In F., L. and T.,

THOMAS CRIPPS.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the quarterly reports of the M. W. Grand Master, and D. D. G. M. Gates, have had the same under consideration. They beg leave to report a resolution confirming the *first* point decided by the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That when a committee appointed agreeably to article 7, section 2, of the Constitution of Subordinates, fails to report at the end of two weeks, the Lodge is competent to discharge said committee, and to appoint a new one to report at such time as the Lodge may determine.

With regard to the second point decided by the Grand Master, the Committee are reluctantly compelled to differ with him, as in their opinion, a suspended member is liable for dues during such suspension, unless his Lodge should see fit to remit said dues. They submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That when a brother is suspended by his Lodge, his dues still accrue during such suspension.

With regard to the third point, they are of the opinion that the Grand Master's decision is in conformity with article 10, sections 1 and 2, of Constitution for Subordinates, although they cannot but believe it was the design of said article and sections to leave the question open for the Subordinate Lodges to settle by their By-Laws, as in fact many of the Lodges have already done.

The report of D. D. G. M. Gates presents matter that your Committee are unable to obtain any information of, and they are consequently unable to act upon it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In F., L. and T.,

J. O. NIXON,
D. I. RICARDO,
JOHN SOUTHWELL.

A certificate was presented from Hope Lodge, No. 14, that P. G. Geo. A. Pickett was a member in good standing, of that Lodge.

A communication from Mrs. E. M. Wetzlar was read, and on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of P. Gs. Bier, Cripps and Tyson, with power to act.

The Grand Master appointed the following members of the Executive Committee as substitutes, viz :

P. G. J. B. Wilcox,	in place of	P. G. M. Whithall.
P. G. Jourdan,	“	P. G. Mott.
P. G. Wm. Emerson,	“	P. G. Kneass.
P. G. H. G. Stetson,	“	P. G. Mondelli.

P. G. Strawbridge, from the Special Committee on the Hall, made a verbal report, and asked for further time.

On motion, the request was granted, and the Grand Master was desired to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, whenever the committee were ready to report.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the Special Committee on the Hall were requested to ascertain what the property on Poydras street, owned by the G. L., would sell for.

The Committee on Accounts submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and on motion, the bills were ordered to be paid :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom were referred the accompanying bills, beg leave to report that they are found to be correct, and request that the same be paid.

For taxes	\$ 13 00
Cook, Young & Co., for printing	172 00
Stewart & Yeomans, “ “	18 00
J. H. Bechtel, “ Book.....	1 00
D. Felt & Co., “ Books.....	19 25
T. H. Shields, “ Wood cut	6 00
Repairs in Hall	4 00
New Orleans Gas Company.....	23 00
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	\$256 25

The committee also report favorably on the Secretary's account, and recommend the reception of the same.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

D. I. RICARDO,
AUG. W. JOURDAN.

P. G. Olmstead offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Sobordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, to forward the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports required by article 6, sections 4 and 5 of the

Constitution, to the Grand Secretary, within ten days after the close of the term, under a penalty of ten dollars to any Lodge neglecting to comply with this resolution.

P. G. Crickard offered the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge :

Art. 6. sec. 1. Add, "and to be eligible to the office of Grand Warden or Grand Secretary, he must have attained all the past official degrees."

The following amendments were proposed to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and laid over, under the rule.

By P. G. Dentzel :

Art. 10, sec. 3. Strike out all after the word "card," in the fifth line, and insert "and a member of this Lodge for six months, and in good standing, shall be entitled to benefits."

By P. G. Yeomans :

Art. 8, sec. 1. "Brothers entitled to advancement, and who have been members of the Order four weeks, shall be entitled to receive the First Degree; after eight weeks they shall be entitled to receive the Second Degree; after twelve weeks their Third Degree; after sixteen weeks their Fourth Degree; and after twenty weeks they shall be entitled to receive their Fifth Degree: Provided, that on the exhibition of a dispensation from the proper authority, the above delays may be dispensed with.

By P. G. Bier :

Art. 7. sec. 2, first line—strike out "by initiation." Sec. 3, second line—after "membership," insert "by initiation." Sec. 5, second line—after "candidate," insert "for initiation." Sec. 6, fifth line—after "Article," insert "when, if two-thirds of the members present agree thereto, they shall be admitted; but if not, they shall not be allowed to petition any Lodge under this jurisdiction again, for the space of one year."

On motion of P. G. M. Williams, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.* pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, October 26th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—J. D. Stewart, Grand Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which was read and accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, found on page 107 of the Journal of last session, respectfully report the accompanying resolutions as embodying their views in the premises.

Submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. O. NIXON, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge concur in the proposed amendment to art. 6, sec. 2, as offered by P. G. Lawrason.

Resolved, That the Lodge reject the proposed amendment to art. 10. sec. 2, as offered by P. G. R. N. Wood.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to art. 7, sec. 3, as offered by P. G. Wood, and that the section, as amended, shall read as follows: "Elections for membership shall in all cases be held with ball ballots; should all of the balls cast be white, the candidate shall be declared duly elected, after an inspection of the ballot-box by the N. G. and his R. and L. S. Should one black ball be cast, the Lodge shall forthwith, and without debate, proceed to a second trial; and if that be attended by the same result, the application shall lie over till the next stated meeting; and in the meantime the brother voting the black ball shall privately state to the N. G. his reasons of his opposition to the applicant. At the ensuing meeting, the N. G. shall, without giving the name of the informant, state the reasons to the Lodge, whereupon a ballot shall again be entered into, and if only one black ball appear, the candidate shall be declared elected."

P. G. Bier moved to reject the first resolution. Carried.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the second and third resolutions were adopted.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the resolution of P. G. M. Whithall, adopted at the last session, in reference to the Grand Lodge meeting at 4 o'clock, from day to day, was repealed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Grand Lodge being called to order, P. G. Crickard, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother P. G. R. N. Wood, of Neith Lodge, No. 21, relative to the decision of the N. G. of that Lodge, on a vote for a resolution to pay the O. G. a compensation for his services, report: That the decision of the N. G. was correct, as the resolution, without having the blank filled up, was merely the form of a resolution, and only required a majority vote; also, that filling the blank with a certain sum, required only a majority, and if the resolution, as thus completed, was then passed by a two-third svote, the proceedings were correct. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

JOHN CRICKARD,
A. W. JOURDAN,
W. EMERSON.

Resolved, That the decision of the N. G. of Neith Lodge, No. 21, referred to in the accompanying report, was correct, and that the appeal be dismissed.

P. G. Crickard, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother P. G. J. Font, from a decision of National Lodge, No. 18, report ;

That upon due deliberation, they consider that the spirit of article 10, section 3, of the Constitution of Subordinates Lodges, and the general usage of the order, implies nothing less than weekly benefits, and that, requiring that a brother be confined to his bed, to entitle him to benefits, is contrary to the true principles of benevolence.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

J. CRICKARD,
A. W. JOURDAN,
W. EMERSON.

Resolved, That the decision of the N. G. of National Lodge, No. 18, in the case of the present appeal, is erroneous, and that if brother Past Grand J. Font, was incapable of attending to his ordinary business by reason of sickness and the effect thereof, for the space of one week, he be entitled to benefits as provided for in article 10, section 3, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and of the By-Laws of the Lodge.

P. G. Crickard, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolutions adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, under date of October 5, 1848, notifying of the reinstatement of certain Lodges, offer the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption by this Grand Lodge.

J. CRICKARD,
A. W. JOURDAN,
W. EMERSON.

Resolved, That the members of Hope Lodge, No. 3, Albany, Albany county ; Good Intent Lodge, No. 6, Stockport : Rensselaer Lodge, No. 53, Troy ; and Allen Lodge, No. 92, Hudson, be recognized as in good standing in the Order.

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be notified that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York will consider no Card issued after the 5th of October, 1848, as *regular*, unless countersigned by Benjamin J. Pentz, Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge, meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of New York.

P. G. Crickard, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolutions concurred in :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Delta Lodge, No. 15, requesting the Grand Lodge to devise a uniform mode of work, for the Subordinate and Degree Lodges, in the matter of conferring Degrees, report :

That the Committee consider the subject of great importance, and unless modified, may

eventually lead to great confusion ; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

J. CRICKARD,
A. W. JOURDAN,
W. EMERSON.

Resolved, That as soon as our Grand Representatives return and communicate the necessary information, that the Grand Master cause each Degree and Subordinate Lodge in the State, to be instructed in a uniform method of conferring Degrees.

Resolved, That whenever necessary expenses are incurred by the person appointed as Instructor, in visiting any Lodge for the purpose of instruction, said expense shall be borne by the Lodge for whose benefit such expenses became necessary.

The Executive Committee reported upon the cases of appeal of brother E. R. Beach, of Jefferson Lodge, No 9, and of brothers Fulda, Brichta, and others, from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the reports were referred *back* to the Committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Crescent Hall, tomorrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, October 27th, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. D. Stewart, M. W. G. Master ; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Olmstead moved that two members be added to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to, and P. Gs. Crickard and Vaught were appointed by the Chair.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, all amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, were referred to the Special Committee.

On motion, the committee were authorized to have two hundred copies of the Constitution (as revised) printed for the use of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Secretary was authorized to countersign the cards for Wives and Widows of Odd Fellows.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, of the amendments to their Constitution.

P. G. Crickard from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the Card of Brother John E. Dohm, report that the evidence of brother John E. Dohm's good standing in the Order, is sufficient to entitle him to the privileges of the Order, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

J. CRICKARD,
C. WHITHALL,
R. MOTT,
W. EMERSON,
H. G. STETSON.

Resolved, That any Subordinate Lodge of the State of Louisiana, is hereby authorized to elect brother John E. Dohm, to full membership therein, after compliance with the laws of the Order, and the By-Laws of such Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to furnish brother Dohm with a copy of the above resolution, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge were proposed, and referred to the Special Committee.

By P. G. Cripps :

Article 7, section 1. Strike out "every regular annual session," and insert "the commencement of every session."

By P. G. Nixon :

To repeal article 12.

On motion of P. G. Stetson, it was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the Grand Lodge, that he was entitled to all the P. O. Degrees.

On motion of P. G. Cripps, the appeal of brothers Fulda, Brichta and others, from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, was recalled from the hands of the Executive Committee, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, D. G. M. Phelps in the Chair.

On motion of Grand Master Stewart, the appeal was declared to be sustained.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Committee rose and reported by their Chairman.

On motion P. G. Cripps, the report was adopted.

On motion of P. G. M. Whithall, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, to refund to brothers Julius Fulda, F. Brichta, F. M. Koch and A. M. Solomon, money advanced by them for procuring their Charter.

R. W. G. Representative Mott, asked to be excused from making a report, until the return of his colleague, Representative Kneass. Granted.

On motion of P. G. Stetson, the Special Committee on procuring an eligible and suitable Lodge room, were discharged.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the sum of five dollars was donated to brother John Frankford, for services as host, during this session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Grand Representative Mott, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.* pro tem.

CALLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, December 19th, 1848.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master,</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master,</i>
W. H. WATERS,	<i>R. W. G. Warden,</i>
H. P. ANDREWS,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary,</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
ROBERT MOTT,	<i>R. W. G. Representative.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.,</i>
J. SOUTHWELL,	<i>W. G. Chaplain, pro tem.</i>

P. Gs. Yeomans, Hedden, Nixon, Cunliffe, C. M. Emerson, W. Emerson, Kneass, Bier, Rice, Backus, Parent, Brown, Shaw, Dentzel, Brandt, Stetson, Harris, Olmstead, Tyson, Hooper, Hoover, Jourdan, Mondelli, R. N. Wood.

The Grand Master stated that the meeting had been called to provide for the payment of a note for \$2,000, due by the Grand Lodge, in payment of the Poydras street property, and for such other business as might be brought before it.

A communication was read from Grand Treasurer Williams, in reference to said note.

P. G. Bier moved that an application be addressed to the several Lodges in the city, asking a loan to meet the same.

P. G. Olmstead moved to amend, by adding that a committee of three be appointed, of which committee the Grand Master be Chairman, with power to borrow \$1,000, for a time not to exceed one month, at 8 per cent. per annum, which amendment was concurred in.

P. G. W. Emerson moved to amend, so as to give the committee sixty days, which was concurred in, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed P. Gs. Bier, Shaw, and W. Emerson such committee.

The committee having in hand sundry repairs of Grand Lodge Hall, made a report, and presented a bill for the same, which was, on motion, accepted, and a draft ordered to be drawn on the Treasury for the amount of the same.

P. G. Bier stated that the committee on the construction of the Hall had no report in readiness for this meeting, and

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, it was

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be granted till the regular annual session to make their report.

The following appeals were received and read :

The appeal of Bro. S. S. Searight from the action of Commercial Lodge. Referred to the Executive Committee.

The appeal of Bro. J. L. Van Bokkelen from the decision of Delta Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Kneass, it was

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. J. L. Van Bokkelen be returned to him with the information, that previous to an appeal to the Grand Lodge being in order, an appeal must first be taken from the decision of the N. G., when, if the Lodge sustain the decision of the N. G., the brother may appeal to the Grand Lodge.

An application was received from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, to confer several Degrees upon brothers of that Lodge. P. G. Parent stated that a dispensation was the object of the application to the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Mott moved that the Grand Master be authorized to grant a

dispensation to confer degrees upon those members whose avocations render it difficult for them to attend every meeting of the Lodge, and thus obtain their degrees at the stated lawful intervals.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved to grant the dispensation as originally applied for, which amendment was concurred in.

P. G. Rice moved, as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the Grand Master, with direction to act as he deemed expedient.

The ayes and nays being called for on the substitute, resulted as follows :

AYES — P. Gs. Backus, Cunliffe, C. M. Emerson, W. Emerson, Hedden, Kneass, Mondelli, Shields, Southwell, Rice, Stetson, Shaw — 12.

NAYS — P. Gs. Andrews, Bier, Brown, Brandt, Crickard, Dentzel, Harris, Hooper, Hoover Jourdan, Mott, Nixon, Olmstead, Phelps, Parent, Tyson, R. N. Wood, Waters, Yeomans — 19.

So the substitute was rejected.

P. G. Rice moved to lay the amendment of P. G. Wood upon the table.

The ayes and nays were called for on this motion, and the chair decided the call to be in order, when an appeal was taken from the decision of the chair, on the ground that it was too late to call for the ayes and nays after the resolution had been stated to the Lodge.

The decision of the chair was sustained, so the ayes and nays were taken, and resulted as follows :

AYES — P. Gs. Hedden, Kneass, Brandt, Harris, Mondelli, Stetson, Shaw, Southwell, Rice, Shields, Waters — 11.

NAYS — P. Gs. Andrews, Backus, Brown, Bier, Crickard, Cunliffe, Dentzel, C. M. Emerson, W. Emerson, Hooper, Hoover, Jourdan, Mott, Nixon, Olmstead, Phelps, Parent, Tyson, Wood, Yeomans — 20.

So the motion to lay on the table was lost.

The main question was then called for, and the ayes and nays being called, resulted as follows :

AYES — P. Gs. Andrews, Backus, Brown, Bier, Crickard, Brandt, Dentzel, C. M. Emerson, W. Emerson, Hooper, Hoover, Jourdan, Mott, Nixon, Olmstead, Phelps, Parent, Tyson, Wood, Yeomans — 30.

NAYS — P. Gs. Hedden, Kneass, Harris, Mondelli, Stetson, Shaw, Cunliffe, Southwell, Rice, Shields, Waters — 11.

So the motion was adopted.

R. W. Grand Representatives Mott and Kneass, presented the following report, which was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

To the R. W. Officers and Member of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report, that they attended the regular annual session held in September, 1848, and

presented the two appeals taken from the decision of this Grand Lodge, which were considered, and the decisions appealed from, sustained.

Various questions of grave import were discussed, considered and settled in accordance with the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. But one question presenting any serious difficulty, and the majority in favor of the action had, being a large one, it is hoped that the parties interested will be induced to yield obedience to the mandate of the predominate power of the Order, though the undersigned are sorry to say that opinions derogatory to the recognized power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, had been expressed with such violence as to induce great fears for the continuance of that fraternal Love so necessary to the existence of the Order; but as right has always triumphed when not oppressed by force, it is to be hoped that the true source of our extended greatness, will in time act so beneficially as to induce the refractory members to yield individual preferences, and supposed personal grievances, to the good of the Order.

It is necessary to inform you that a committee was appointed to draft a general Constitution for the use and governance of all the State Grand Lodges, and the vote upon the adoption of the resolution for that purpose was such as to indicate the adoption of the report of the committee when made.

There were other proceedings of vast importance to the Order in general, but we know of none necessary to be particularized further, than by a reference to the proceedings of that body, a copy of which has been furnished our M. W. Grand Master, and a compilation and digest of which will, with your consent, be furnished at a future meeting of the G. Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

R. MOTT,
N. B. KNEASS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19, 1848.

After which report the Grand Representatives instructed the Lodge in the work of the Order.

The certificate of P. G. Philips, from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, entitling him to a seat in this Grand Lodge, was read and accepted, and ordered to be filed.

P. G. Nixon offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That a charter for a Degree Lodge be and is hereby granted to the members in good standing of Crescent City Degree Lodge, No. 2, and Harmony Degree Lodge, No. 3, under the name, style and title of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1.

Resolved, That Crescent City Degree Lodge, No. 2, and Harmony Degree Lodge, No. 3, be and are hereby authorized to surrender their charters to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, be and is hereby invested with all funds, books, and papers and effects of all kinds, heretofore belonging to Crescent City Degree Lodge, No. 2, and Harmony Degree Lodge, No. 3, and the proper officers of said Lodges are hereby authorized to deliver such effects to the first N. G. of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1.

Which were adopted.

The Grand Master stated that he had been called upon by Col. Turnbull, who requested that the Order should join in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Custom-house.

P. G. Shields moved that the invitation be respectfully declined, which was concurred in.

P. G. Olmstead moved that permission be given the Lodges in this jurisdiction, to have a procession in full regalia, within two months from this date, for the purpose of dedicating "Odd Fellows' Rest" Cemetery.

P. G. Cunliffe moved to amend by striking out "two months," which was concurred in.

P. G. C. M. Emerson, moved further to amend, by permitting the procession to be had at any time, at the call of the Grand Master, which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted as amended.

Several questions of law, and the usage of the Order, were submitted by members of Orleans Lodge, which, on motion, were referred to a Special Committee of three, to report at the annual session.

The Grand Master appointed as the committee, P. Gs. Mott, C. M. Emerson, and Phelps.

P. G. Shields stated that a member of this Grand Lodge had made improper use of certain emblems of the Order, when on motion, the matter was referred to a committee of three, to investigate and report at the next annual session.

The Grand Master named as the committee, P. Gs. Shields, Stetson, and Dentzel.

On motion of P. G. C. M. Emerson, the Secretary of Commercial Lodge was required to furnish the Executive Committee with all the papers in the case of brother S. S. Searight.

When, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

INSTALLATION OF INDEPENDENCE LODGE.

INDEPENDENCE HALL, January 22d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened for the purpose of Installing Independence Lodge, No. 23.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
W. H. WATERS,	<i>R. W. G. Warden,</i>
H. PORTER ANDREWS,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
W. H. RICE,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>

P. Gs. Crickard, Olmstead, C. M. Emerson, Dentzel, Brown, Shaw, Southwell, Morrison, and Bier.

The Lodge was duly instituted, in accordance with the usual forms, and the officers installed to serve the balance of the term.

H. PORTER ANDREWS, *G. Sec.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 23d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened at 4 o'clock, p. m., and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

J. D. STEWART,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
A. S. PHELPS,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
W. H. WATERS,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. PORTER ANDREWS,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
N. B. KNEASS,	<i>R. W. G. Representative.</i>
J. PASLEY,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
C. W. WHITHALL,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
W. H. RICE,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges,

The proceedings of the last Quarterly Session, and of the Special Session of December 19th, 1848, were read and approved.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his annual report, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Olmstead, referred to a committee of three, to report upon matters suggested therein.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Rice, Stetson, and Kneass, on said committee.

REPORT:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

It becomes my pleasant duty to inform you, in this my last official report, that the work of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, for the past three months, has been characterized by the same zeal and spirit of harmony that existed during the previous months of the year.

The semi-annual reports of the past term show a considerable increase of valuable members, while we have lost but few by the ravages of death, although our city has been visited by pestilence. Expulsion and suspension, as a means of punishment, I am gratified to say, are of rare occurrence. The number suspended for non-payment of dues is large, but will, no doubt, have a happy effect in prompting members to be more punctual. I caused the instructions received through our R. W. Grand Representative to be communicated to the Lodges in this city and Lafayette, at the time of the installation of their officers. I was unable to engage a P. G. to visit the country Lodges, and my engagements were such as to prevent me from attending them; the duty of having them instructed will therefore devolve upon my successor.

On the 6th instant I installed the officers of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, chartered at your last meeting, and instructed the R. W. Grand Secretary to take possession of the charters surrendered by Crescent City Degree Lodge, No. 2, and Harmony Lodge, No. 3; the books, funds, etc., were delivered to Eagle Lodge, No. 1. It is my earnest hope that this Lodge will meet the expectations of the Order. It may be made highly useful, if conducted right. I commend it to the fostering care and supervision of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

On the 22d instant, I instituted Independence Lodge, No. 23. The character of our German brethren to whom the Charter was committed, is a sure guarantee that it will be successful.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, I am happy to say, has surmounted all her difficulties, and is now working harmoniously. The only Lodge not entirely prosperous, is National Lodge, No. 18. She is involved to a considerable extent, and I would respectfully recommend an investigation of her condition.

Great credit is due to the worthy P. G., who conceived the beautiful and appropriate idea of establishing a Cemetery. This, I consider, one of the most important operations of the past year; the location is an eligible one, at the junction of Canal street and Metairie road. An addition has recently been purchased which should be sanctioned by you, as the property is held in the name of this Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Henry Bier, to whom we are so largely indebted, for first proposing the establishment of a Cemetery, and for his indefatigable exertions, in carrying out the undertaking, can give you all necessary information.

The period for which I was chosen as Grand Master, has now expired. I wish to bear testimony before retiring, to your kind indulgence in my imperfections as your presiding officer, and to the uniform courtesy which has been extended to me by yourselves, as well as by the Lodges you respectively represent. I shall always cherish in grateful remembrance the endearing friendships I have formed among you, and shall ever feel bound to co-operate with you here and elsewhere, in your works of benevolence.

Yours, fraternally,

JAS. D. STEWART, *G. Master.*

The semi-annual reports* from the following Lodges, were read and accepted, viz :

Louisiana Lodge, -	No. 1	}	Hope Lodge, - -	No. 14
Washington Lodge, -	No. 3		Delta Lodge, - -	No. 15
Union Lodge, - -	No. 6		Templar Lodge, - -	No. 16
DeSoto Lodge - -	No. 7		Covenant Lodge, - -	No. 17
Crescent Lodge, - -	No. 8		National Lodge, - -	No. 18
Jefferson Lodge, - -	No. 9		Poplar Star Lodge, -	No. 19
Teutonia Lodge, - -	No. 10		St. Mary's Lodge, -	No. 20
Orleans Lodge, - -	No. 11		Neith Lodge, - -	No. 21
Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12		Magnolia Lodge, - -	No. 22
Howard Lodge, - -	No. 13			

The Committee of Conference, reported that the credentials of the following P. Gs. were correct, and being in waiting, they were introduced and qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

J. T. Hammond, -	Louisiana Lodge, -	No. 1
J. S. Maunsell, -	Washington, Lodge, -	No. 3
H. D. Ogden, -	Crescent Lodge, -	No. 8
Walter Carswell, -	Crescent Lodge, -	No. 8
E. Hiestand, - -	Jefferson Lodge, -	No. 9
Julius Fulda, - -	Teutonia Lodge, -	No. 10
W. Winant, - -	Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12
J. R. George, - -	Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12
Thomas Murray, -	Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12
Morton Taintor, -	Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12
W. H. Foster, - -	Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12
J. C. Larue, - -	Howard Lodge, -	No. 13
E. W. Rodd, - -	Hope Lodge, - -	No. 14
M. L. McJilton, -	Delta Lodge, - -	No. 15
G. W. R. Bailey, -	Templar Lodge, - -	No. 16
D. B. Forbes, - -	Covenant Lodge, -	No. 17
T. A. Packard, - -	Covenant Lodge, -	No. 17
E. J. Gomez, - -	National Lodge, - -	No. 18
H. C. Cook, - -	St. Mary's Lodge, -	No. 20
A. L. Fields, - -	St. Mary's Lodge, -	No. 20
W. W. W. Wood, -	Neith Lodge, - -	No. 21
V. Boullemet, - -	Magnolia Lodge, - -	No. 22

* See Appendix.

A Certificate was also received and accepted, from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, that P. G. John Crickard had served as Secretary of that Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess of one hour.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the business of the Grand Lodge was resumed, and on motion, the nominations for officers for the present year were declared in order, and the following P. Gs. were nominated :

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. Gs. Southwell, Sykes, and Olmstead, declined.

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. HAYNES.....OF No. 13
P. Gs. Andrews and Strawbridge, declined.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. C. H. LEE.....OF No. 9
P. Gs. Emerson, Bier, Willmann, Morrison and Sykes, declined.

For Executive Committee.

P. G. RICE.....OF No. 1 P. G. LARUE.....OF No. 13
P. G. WM. EMERSON..OF No. 22 P. G. FOSTER.....OF No. 12
P. G. PHELPS.....OF No. 9

For Director in the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Rest."

P. G. T. H. SHIELDS.....OF No. 6

The nominations being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election which resulted in the choice of the following officers :

P. G. C. M. Emerson,	of No. 12,	M. W. G. Master,
P. G. J. Crickard,	of No. 1,	R. W. D. G. Master.
P. G. Henry Bier,	of No. 14,	R. W. G. Warden.
P. G. H. W. Olmstead,	of No. 8,	R. W. G. Secretary.
P. G. H. Williams,	of No. 1,	R. W. G. Treasurer.

Executive Committee. — P. Gs. Rice, Larue, Wm. Emerson, Foster, and Phelps.

Director in the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Rest."—P. G. Shields.

The officers elect having been regularly installed, the Grand Master made the following appointments of subordinate officers :

P. G. T. H. Shields,	-	-	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
P. G. George Hooper,	-	-	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
P. G. William Emerson,	-	-	<i>Grand Conductor.</i>
P. G. D. B. Forbes,	-	-	<i>Grand Guardian.</i>

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the appointment of the various standing committees was deferred until the report of the Committee on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge should be received.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday at 4 o'clock, P. M., to meet at Grand Lodge Hall.

HENRY W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 24, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — C. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, the Grand Lodge proceeded to reconsider the vote of yesterday, upon the resolution deferring the appointment of Standing Committees, until the reception of the report of the Committee on the Constitution; when the resolution was laid on the table.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:

Committee on Conference — P. Gs. R. W. Ogden, Delesdernier and Brichta.

Committee on Accounts — P. Gs. Strawbridge, Nixon, Paisley.

Committee on Correspondence — P. Gs. Lawrason, Morrison, and Larue.

Committee on By-Laws — P. G. Stewart, Fosdick and Harris.

P. G. M. Stewart offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to district the State.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as the committee, P. G. Master Stewart, P. Gs. Stetson, and Dashiell.

P. G. Crickard from the Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of brother E. R. Beach from the action of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, made the following report* which was read, when, on motion, the report and recommendation were adopted, and the Grand Secretary requested to notify Jefferson Lodge of the action of this Grand Lodge.

* The Report has been lost or mislaid by the G. Secretary.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

NEW ORLEANS, January 23d, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Master, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that the Representatives to this Grand Lodge be required to instruct their respective Subordinate Lodges in the actual work, and such matters necessary to the same, and also to give such instructions to the proper officers of said Lodges, in the work, when requested to do so by such officers ; that so much of the report as relates to National Lodge, No. 18, be referred to a special committee of three ; that so much as relates to the additional purchase made by the Cemetery Committee, be acted on by approving the purchase.

In conclusion, they beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to P. G. M. James D. Stewart, for the very able and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the sessions of this Grand Lodge during his administration, and for his active and efficient exertions for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. KNEASS,
W. H. RICE,
H. G. STETSON.

On motion, the recommendations and accompanying resolution were taken up separately.

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the first recommendation was laid on the table.

On motion, the second recommendation was referred to a committee of three, consisting of P. Gs. Stewart, Williams, and Buissard.

On motion, the third recommendation was adopted.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to P. G. M. Stewart.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the vote referring the second recommendation to a committee of three was reconsidered, and the resolution was amended by adding to the committee P. Gs. Strawbridge and Foster.

The special committee to whom was referred the questions propounded by members of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, made the following report :

NEW ORLEANS, January 24, 1849.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :

BROTHERS—The undersigned committee, to whom were referred the questions propounded by members of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., beg leave respectfully to report as follows, viz :

The first question was, whether a member who had paid for his Fourth and Fifth Degrees, but who was in arrears for nine months' dues, was entitled to the degrees?

Article 10th, section 1st of the uniform Constitution, requires that every member shall once in three months, pay into the treasury, the sum of not less than two dollars. The dues are therefore payable at least once every quarter.

Article 8th, section 1st of the Constitution, says that "Brothers entitled to advancement, may, on application made in open Lodge, be elected to receive" their degrees, etc. And article 4th, section 1st, says, "that no member shall be eligible to office, or to advancement in the Order, unless he is in good standing and clear of the books." This, we think, is decisive of the question, for a member cannot be said to be clear of the books who owes three quarters' dues. He is not, therefore, entitled to the degrees.

The second question embraces the case of an officer, who had received leave of absence, and who did not attend the next stated meeting after his return. One brother maintained, that the office held by the absent officer might be declared vacant; and another, that that step could not be taken, unless the officer failed to attend for three successive stated meetings after his leave of absence had expired. We think the latter opinion to be the correct one. Absence under leave, is absence voted by the Lodge, of which no advantage can be taken, inasmuch as the Lodge could not punish as an offence, what she herself had sanctioned. So far forth as the penalty established in section 1st, article 4th of the Constitution is concerned, viz: of being liable to be removed from office—the stated meetings held during the leave granted to the officer, cannot be counted against him.

In conclusion, we beg to offer the following resolutions:

1st. That no brother, whose dues are in arrears for more than one quarter, is entitled to degrees.

2d. That when a Subordinate Lodge has granted leave of absence to an officer, it cannot declare his office vacant, unless he is absent or refuses to serve, for three successive stated meetings after his leave of absence has expired.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

ROB. MOTT,
CHAS. M. EMERSON, } *Committee.*
AUG. S. PHELPS,

P. G. M. Rice moved to accept the report and discharge the committee.

P. G. Shields moved to re-commit the report.

The previous question being called for, was sustained, and the main question was then put and carried, and the report accepted and the committee discharged.

P. G. M. Rice moved to adopt the resolutions accompanying the report.

P. G. Shields moved to lay the report and accompanying resolutions upon the table, which was lost.

On motion, the resolutions were taken up separately, and adopted.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge reconsidered the vote adopting the report of the Executive Committee, upon the appeal of E. R. Beach.

P. G. R. N. Wood, moved to recommit the report to the same committee, which was concurred in.

The following protest was ordered to be entered upon the minutes :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The undersigned Past Grands, believing the decision of the Grand Lodge, on the report of the special committee to whom was referred certain questions propounded by members of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, to be virtually an alteration and amendment of article 4, section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, because said decision has the effect of extending the period of good standing from the time a brother is clear of the books, to a period of three months. They beg leave, therefore, to enter this their protest against the adoption of said report, as contrary to said law, as existing in the Constitution of Subordinates.

J. STRAWBRIDGE,	P. G. No. 1.
R. N. WOOD,	P. G. No. 21.
G. W. SHAW,	P. G. No. 6.
T. H. SHIELDS,	P. G. No. 6.

P. G. Crickard, from the Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. S. S. Searight, of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. S. S. Searight, from the decision of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, report that they have examined the question, with all the testimony submitted to them, as follows, viz :

1st. The report of the committee appointed by Commercial Lodge to examine into and report all the facts of the case to the Lodge.

2d. The letters and medical certificates of Brother Searight; and thirdly, the testimony of some of the members of that Lodge; all of which, joined with the knowledge of the members of your committee, authorize them in reporting as follows, viz :

That Brother Searight was, at the time of his initiation into the Order of Odd Fellows, afflicted with a disease of the lungs, which had at one time caused a hemorrhage. That he had consulted with an eminent physician of this city, who had informed him that one of his lungs had been partly destroyed, and that subsequently, he had also consulted with eminent physicians in Europe, who advised him that his lungs were affected with tubercles. That at the time of his initiation into Commercial Lodge, he was using medicines to prevent the violence of some disease of the chest, which it has been shown that Brother Searight said was to alleviate a recent cold; all which testimony leads irresistably to the conclusion, that at the time of Brother Searight's application for membership, and consequently at the time of his initiation, he was affected with a pulmonary complaint. But while your committee recognize the truth of the accusation of Commercial Lodge before them, they have great hesitancy in coming to the conclusion that Brother Searight was aware of the existence of an incurable disease, or one that would prevent him from attending to his avocations, not from the want of belief of the existence of the disease, but from a knowledge of human nature, and the proneness of persons similarly affected to resist the belief that they are on the eve of departure to another world; for it is an acknowledged fact, that the victims of this most insidious of all diseases, linger from month to month, in the hope of a speedy recovery, and die in the expectation of a speedy restoration to health. Altogether, the weight of the testimony offered in the case, inclined your committee to the opinion, that Brother Searight is not entitled to the claim for benefits, and therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Your committee cannot close the subject without expressing the belief that Brother Searight was initiated at a time when Commercial Lodge was anxious to obtain members, and like many other Lodges in a state of infancy, they were anxious to increase the number of their members, without due regard to their proper qualifications for membership.

C. W. WHITHALL,
ROBERT MOTT,
JNO. CRICKARD,
N. B. KNEASS.

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Searight be dismissed.

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, relative to the building of a Hall for the use of the Order in this city, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged :

To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana :

BROTHERS — The special committee to whom was referred that portion of our W. G. Master's semi-annual report, in regard to building an Odd Fellows' Hall in this city, for the use of our Order, having had the same under consideration, beg leave respectfully to report :

That such a building, suited to our comfort and convenience, is highly desirable, and the practicability of its erection, in our present advanced state, is beyond a doubt. One step towards the desired end has long since been made ; but as your committee believe this step, made in haste and without due reflection and consideration, was a false one, and should be retraced. Your committee alludes to the purchase of the lots on Poydras, near Carondelet street, on which the corner stone of an intended building was some time ago laid. They believe this location to be entirely unsuited to the purpose. The front is too small for the general use of the Order, and the depth barely sufficient. It is surrounded by high buildings overlooking it, and from that fact alone, unsuited, because of its publicity. To open windows in the sides, it will be necessary to build off of our line, leaving a space between the adjoining buildings and ourselves, diminishing the width of the lots to the same extent, without obtaining a corresponding value by ventilation, or obtaining more light. Your committee show, that this property, since its purchase, has greatly increased in value, and should the Order deem proper to part with it, it can be disposed of to great advantage.

In place of this site, the committee, in seeking another, have selected that at the corner of Lafayette and Camp streets, measuring over ninety feet front on Camp street and Lafayette Square, by one hundred and eighty-five feet in depth and front on Lafayette street. The advantages of this position are obvious, as also its superiority in regard to size and room. It can be overlooked from one side only, having in front the square, and on the side Lafayette street. It is a corner lot, and is susceptible of great ventilation in the summer months, with perfect light. From its size, four Lodge rooms on the upper floor, forty feet wide by eighty feet in length, can with ease be constructed ; thus accommodating twenty different Lodges, and leaving one night in each week for the meetings of Encampments, Degree Lodges, and the R. W. G. Lodge. The ground floor divided into stores, will yield a handsome revenue, as the room on the second floor will also do, if suitably constructed for a concert room, exhibition, or lecture room, and serve also for meetings of the Order at large. In addition to these, there will be ample room for an ante-chamber, and places for regalia. We annex hereto, an estimate of the revenues of such a building.

As regards the cost. From information indirectly received from the owners of this property, we understand it can be purchased for the sum of about forty thousand dollars.

At first blush, this seems to be a sum entirely too great for the resources of the Order, but your committee, after considering the position and extent of this lot, and not less the amount of rent to be derived from the lower stories, deem it best to allow a little over its market value, than to lose the opportunity of securing to ourselves so valuable a spot in every view. It must also be remembered, that of this forty thousand dollars, full twelve thousand dollars in cash, now stands in real estate, on Poydras street, which can easily be exchanged, or sold without loss, to meet the cash payment, and a portion of the first payment on time. The estimate of the committee for the erection of the Hall, on this lot amounts to another sum of forty thousand dollars; so that in all, the sum of eighty thousand dollars is to be found to carry out this plan, so much wished for by every Odd Fellow in this jurisdiction, in a manner reflecting credit and honor upon themselves and their Institution.

Before entering into any explanation as to the means of raising so large a sum, or rather as forming a portion of the explanation, which is here offered, your committee beg leave to report, that the desire of seeing a Hall built for our accommodation, no longer exists in the bodies of Lodges alone. Individual members now look forward to it, anxious to lend their mite in the undertaking; some as an investment, others with the simple motive of assisting in its erection, for their comfort and that of their Lodges. This is evidenced by the daily applications to the committee, for information, by all classes of members. Your committee further find that the continual and varying legislation, upon which no dependence could be placed, from one day to another, on matters touching the proposed new Hall, has of itself been sufficient to clog the undertaking and dampen the energies of its best friends. Individuals will not and cannot justly be called upon to furnish their means to unstable views; to views in maturing which, they have had no part or voice. We, therefore, recommend that this matter be not held under the sole control of the Grand Lodge, but that individuals holding certain amounts of shares in the various Lodges and the Subordinate Lodges themselves, be admitted to participate in the regulations and deliberations concerning the proposed new building, acting always under the name and authority of the Grand Lodge. Having then an immediate and appreciable interest, their plan cannot fail in success, their feelings being enlisted with their own offspring. In order to place it within the means and reach of every member of the Order, to contribute and remove the dread obstacle, caused by the former large rates of subscription to stock, it is proposed now to raise the necessary funds somewhat as follows:

By issuing eight thousand shares of stock at \$10 per share—\$80,000. Of this amount, we have the Poydras street lot already paid; leaving the actual balance to be raised, say \$40,000.

This amount, we believe, can be raised by the city members alone, without great difficulty, on a proper statement. We have at any rate, strong inducements to believe that a large portion of this required amount can be had among our Northern brethren, who are desirous of investing their funds at a rate of from six to eight per cent. per annum.

In making their estimates, the committee have debited the Order with the highest sums to be paid out, either for interest or other expenditures, and in crediting, have allowed but a low rate of rents, etc., leaving still, as will be seen, a handsome profit, thus:

	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To interest, 10 per cent. on \$80,000—borrowed.....	\$8,000	
By rent of six stores on Camp and Lafayette streets.....		\$8,000
By rent of Concert Ball room.....		4,000
By rent of twenty Lodge rooms, at \$75 per Lodge.....		1,500
Making.....		\$13,500
From which deduct interest as above.....		8,000
Leaving nett profits of (per annum).....		\$5,500

By this statement it will be seen, that the whole sum of eighty thousand dollars is considered as borrowed at an exorbitant rate of interest, neither the cash value of the Poydras street property, or the amount of stock subscribed and paid for by city members being included, although the two cannot be calculated at less than half the amount sought for, and therefore the sum of \$4,000 is to be deducted from the debtor side to be added to the creditor.

In collecting the stock subscriptions, we recommend that they be made payable, one-fourth cash, and the balance at six and twelve months. Thus enabling those of our brothers with limited means, to enter into the undertaking without fear of being called upon for sums, which might prove inconvenient, and a burden to them; and allowing those who wish to contribute large sums, an unlimited margin. The number of those who will take one or two shares is great, and many would be deterred altogether should the stock be placed at a high rate, or made payable at short time.

We annex hereto a series of resolutions for your consideration, unanimously concurred in by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES STRAWBRIDGE,
JAS. D. STEWART,
GEO. C. LAWASON,
HENRY BIER.
F. W. DELESDEMIER,
T. H. SHIELDS.

On motion, the consideration of the report was made the special order of the day, for to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the case of brother ———, charged with making improper use of the emblems of the Order, was read, and the resolutions accompanying the report, adopted, as follows :

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, I O. O. F. :

BROTHERS: — The committee appointed to take into consideration the matter arising out of the statement made in this Lodge, that one of the members of the Order in this city had made use of the Emblems appertaining to Odd Fellowship in connection with a public newspaper advertisement, with a view to enhancing his personal interest with the public at large — beg leave to report :

That while they refrain from expressing their disapprobation of the offence in question, (presuming the same to have been the result of ignorance, rather than design in the premises,) would submit a *resolution*, which they trust will be a salutary caution to the members of the Order within this jurisdiction, to avoid in future an offence so calculated to foster the prejudice already existing against this institution.

Submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

THOS. H. SHIELDS,
H. G. STETSON,
F. A. DENTZEL.

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., that the use of any of the Emblems belonging to the Order, in connection with any advertisement or of other public display, not directly pertaining to the wants of the Order, is a violation of the spirit and meaning of this Institution, and contrary to its character and interests; and any member of the Order, within this jurisdiction, so offending, by making use of the same for his own advantage, shall be liable to suspension, or expulsion, as the Lodge to which he belongs may determine. And it shall be the duty of said Lodge to take cognizance of, and enforce the spirit and meaning of this resolution.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the Subordinate Lodges in the State.

A communication was received from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, relating to the disappearance of brother Wetzlar, which, on motion, was referred to the Special Committee appointed at the last term, with instructions to report to-morrow.

P. G. Fosdick, offered the resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That nothing contained in articles 10 and 11 of the Constitution for Subordinates, under this jurisdiction, shall be so construed as to prevent Subordinates from suspending members, for nine months and over arrearages for dues, without the formality of preferring charges, and trial of members thereon.

A communication was received from Independence Lodge, No. 23, asking permission to insert in the charter of said Lodge, the name of Brother Henry Clason, in the place of Brother Jacob Schorsch.

On motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The appeal of Brother P. G. Fosdick from certain action of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, was received and read, and on motion, the Appellant was allowed to withdraw the same.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Independence Lodge, No. 23, was submitted for approval.

On motion of P. G. Brichta, they were referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Heistand, Cohn, and Hermann, said committee.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 25, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—C. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, January 26th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred section 8, article 7, of the Constitution of Subordinates, report : That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States decided at its last session, that applications for membership may be withdrawn before the report of the Committee is presented, but not subsequently ; and that if the report is recommitted to the committee, it is then too late to withdraw the name of the candidate.

We recommend that the section be altered so as to read : " No application for membership shall be withdrawn after it has been reported on by the Committee of Investigation."

JAS. D. STEWART,
WM. R. FOSDICK.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the Subordinate Lodges, under this jurisdiction, of the decision of the G. Lodge of the U. S. in the above matter.

The Special Committee appointed to district the State, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the committee discharged :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee appointed to district the State, report : That as there is a large number of Parishes in which no Lodge exists, they would recommend the establishment of only the three following districts, composed of Parishes in which Lodges exist, and adjoining Parishes in which it is contemplated to establish Lodges at an early day.

Baton Rouge District, No. 3, to be composed of the Parishes of East and West Baton Rouge, Feliciana, and Point Coupée. St. Mary's District, No. 2, to be composed of the Parishes of St. Mary's, St. Martin's and Lafayette. Caddo District, No. 1, to be composed of the Parishes of Caddo, DeSoto, Bossier, Claiborne, Natchitoches, and Rapides.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES D. STEWART.
H. G. STETSON.

On motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, the report was amended by adding to District No. 1, the Parishes of Bienville, Union, Jackson, Ouachita, and Sabine; and to District No. 2, the Parish of St. Landry.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments of D. D. G. Masters, which were concurred in.

District No. 1,	-	-	-	-	P. G. R. N. Wood.
District No. 2,	-	-	-	-	P. G. H. C. Cook.
District No. 3,	-	-	-	-	P. G. G. S. Lacey.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Hall, (being the special order of the day) was taken up, and

On motion of P. G. Larue, was referred to a special committee of five, to digest a plan to carry out the views of the former committee.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Crickard, Larue, Rice, Phelps, and R. N. Wood.

On motion, the Grand Master was added to the committee.

On motion of P. G. W. W. W. Wood, it was ordered, that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it be until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

A communication was received from Neith Lodge, No. 21, asking for permission to re-ballot upon the application for membership of Brother Leopold Levy.

P. G. R. N. Wood moved that permission be granted.

P. G. Forbes called for the ayes and nays upon the question, which were ordered and resulted as follows:

YEAS — P. Gs. Dentzel, Cboke, Shields, Larue, Stewart, Titus, Thomas, Vaught, Boullemet, Phelps, Fosdick, Shaw, Bier, Forbes, Webb, Cohen, R. N. Wood, Morrison, Feurtes, R. Wood, Cripps, L. L. Brown, Nixon, Brady, Delesdernier, W. W. W. Wood, Belknap, Andrews, Crickard, Olmstead, Strawbridge — 31.

NAYS — P. Gs. Rice, Packard, Emerson, Waters, Foster, Backus, Ogden, Cunliffe, and Williams — 9.

So the request of the Lodge was granted.

P. G. Forbes offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Executive Committee:

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. be, and he is hereby required to transmit quarterly, instead of semi-annually as heretofore, a P. W. to each Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

The Committee of Conference, reported that the certificates of the following Past Grands, as Representatives, were correct, viz :

P. Gs. Rice, Strawbridge, Kirkland and Southwell,	No. 1
P. Gs. Hooper, Moore, and E. Maunsell,	- - No. 3
P. Gs. Shaw, Shields, Leeke and Taylor,	- - No. 6
P. Gs. Ogden, Olmstead, Nixon and Lawrason,	- No. 8
P. Gs. Olf and Fulda,	- - - - No. 10
P. Gs. R. W. Ogden, Sykes and Faulkner,	- - No. 11
P. Gs. C. M. Emerson, Foster, Morrison,	- - No. 12
P. Gs. Stetson, Bier and Rodd,	- - - - No. 14
P. Gs. Belknap, Bailey and Wright,	- - - No. 16
P. Gs. R. C. Webb, Burns and Forbes,	- - No. 17
P. Gs. Gomez and Fuertes,	- - - - No. 18 ⁶
P. Gs. H. C. Cook, A. L. Fields and H. G. Stetson,	No. 20
P. Gs. R. N. Wood, Robb and W. W. W. Wood,	- No. 21
P. Gs. W. Emerson and Boullemet,	- - - No. 22

The Special Committee appointed to obtain a loan, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, appointed to effect a loan of twelve hundred dollars, from the Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of paying a property note, (on lots in Poydras street,) due the 4th instant, beg to report, that they obtained promptly the amount, from the following Lodges :

Louisiana Lodge, No. 1,.....	\$350
Union Lodge, No. 6,	250
Commercial Lodge, No. 12,.....	300
Howard Lodge, No. 13,.....	100
Hope Lodge, No. 14,.....	250
Total,.....	\$1,250

The Committee would here remark, that Louisiana Lodge, No. 1; Union Lodge, No. 6; and Howard Lodge, No. 13; made their respective loans free of interest; while with Commercial Lodge, No. 12; and Hope Lodge, No. 14; an interest of 8 per cent. per annum is charged. An assurance was given to the several Lodges making the loan, that they would be refunded from the receipts of the per centages of the Subordinate Lodges, in January 1849.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In F., L. and T.,

H. BIER,
G. W. SHAW.

January 24th, 1849.

P. G. M. Stewart, moved that orders be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts loaned to this Grand Lodge — which was concurred in.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the case of brother J. Wetzlar, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25th, 1849.

To the M. W. G. M., Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Mrs. Wetzlar, to P. G. M. Rice, and subsequently, the letter from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, Baton Rouge, to brother H. W. Olmstead, Grand Secretary, making inquiry after brother Wetzlar, respectfully beg to report, that they did attend to the business upon the first letter, and were unable to obtain any information ; and that since that time, no intelligence has been received of brother Wetzlar. Regretting that it is not in our power to alleviate the anxiety of his family and friends, and with the assurance that any information which may be received will be communicated.

We remain in Friendship, Love and Truth,

HENRY BIER,
THOMAS CRIPPS.

P. G. Crickard, from the Committee on the Hall, made the following report, which was read, and on motion, laid upon the table, subject to call :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee on Grand Lodge Hall, beg leave to report, that they have employed P. G. M. H. Williams, as Grand Herald for the current year, and have placed all the property belonging to your R. W. body, appertaining to the Hall, under his especial charge and safe keeping ; and in view of the duties and responsibilities connected with that office, they have agreed to allow him the sum of fifty dollars per annum, payable semi-annually, at the close of each term.

J. CRICKARD,
G. W. SHAW,
HENRY BIER.

January 25th, 1849.

P. G. Nixon, from the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, January 24, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The undersigned, a Special Committee appointed at the last session to revise the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and, in view of the probable action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their next session, they propose to the Grand Lodge only those alterations and amendments which they conceive to be required for facilitating the business of your R. W. body.

They beg leave to recommend :

First. Article 3, section 1. Strike out in ninth line, "April," and substitute "January." Strike out all after "Grand Masters" in fifteenth line.

Second. Article 4, section 4. Insert after the word "Master," in the seventeenth line, "He shall, at the close of each regular session, prepare a copy of the proceedings of the G. L., for publication." Strike out eighteenth line of same section, and insert, "For the faith-

ful discharge of the duties of his office, he shall be allowed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, payable semi-annually."

Third. Article 6. Strike out the whole article, and insert as follows :

SEC. 1.—To be eligible to the office of G. M., or D. G. M., the candidate must have received all the P. O. Degrees, and have been a member of this Grand Lodge one year.

SEC. 2.—To be eligible to the office of G. Representative, the candidate must have attained the R. P. Degree, and have received all the P. O. Degrees.

SEC. 3.—Candidates for all other offices, whether elective or appointed, must have received all the P. O. Degrees.

Fourth. Article 7. Strike out the whole article, and insert as follows :

SEC. 1.—There shall be appointed at every regular session the following Standing Committees, to consist of three each, viz :

On Elections and Returns.	On Petitions and Appeals.
On Constitutions and By-Laws.	On Finance,
On Correspondence.	On the state of the Order.
On Printing.	

SEC. 2.—The Committee on Elections and Returns, shall examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the returns of subordinates, and the election and eligibility of Representatives from Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 3.—The Committee on Petitions and Appeals, shall examine and report on all petitions and appeals coming from Subordinate Lodges, or members thereof.

SEC. 4.—The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, shall examine and report on all matters of this nature referred to them.

SEC. 5.—The Committee on Finance, shall examine all claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to their being paid. Immediately after their appointment, they shall examine the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6.—The Committee on Correspondence, shall examine and report on all correspondence of the G. L. that may be referred to them.

SEC. 7.—The Committee on the state of the Order, shall carefully investigate all questions of usage or custom referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 8.—The Committee on Printing shall superintend all printing, *which may be ordered*, and have authority to contract therefor, except such as may be otherwise hereinafter provided.

Fifth. Article 8, section 1, first line, strike out "quarterly," and insert "semi-annual." In second line, strike out "April and October," so that the section will commence thus : "The stated semi-annual meetings, shall be held on the fourth Tuesdays in January and April."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
W. W. VAUGHT,
J. CRICKARD,
F. A. DENTZEL.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMS'HEAD, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, Januray 26, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as reported by the Special Committee, were taken up and discussed.

On motion of P. G. R. N. Wood, the first clause of the amendment to article 3, section 1, was adopted.

On motion, the second clause of said amendment was rejected.

On motion of P. G. W. W. Wood, the amendment to article 4, section 4, of the amendment of the Special Committee, was amended by substituting "quarterly," instead of "semi-annually," and the section was adopted.

After some discussion, section 3 of the same article was laid upon the table.

The substitute for article 7th, as reported by the committee, was adopted.

The amendment to article 8, section 1, was adopted.

On motion of P. G. M. Stewart, the Grand Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the amendments, as adopted, to the M. W. Grand Sire for approval.

P. G. Shields offered the following resolution, which was laid over under the rule :

Resolved, That the election of the officers of this Grand Lodge be held on the second day of the Annual Session, in January of each year.

P. G. R. W. Ogden moved that the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, just adopted go into full force at once.

The Chair decided the motion not to be in order.

P. G. R. N. Wood appealed from this decision, and the question being put, the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of a former committee, on the subject of building a new Hall, submitted the follow-

ing report, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Lawrason, the report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The special committee to whom was referred the report and resolutions of a committee offered on the subject of building an Odd Fellows' Hall, report, that they have maturely considered the subject, and approve said report, in all its parts, except the proposed manner of organizing, and would respectfully recommend that an organization be formed, under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, approved the 30th day of April, 1847, the form and manner of which organization will be understood by referring to the annexed form of an act of incorporation, which the committee respectfully submit for consideration.

AUG. S. PHELPS,
JOHN C. LARUE,
JOHN CRICKARD,
W. H. RICE,
C. M. EMERSON,
R. N. WOOD.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Parish of Orleans.

Whereas, By an act of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved by the Governor, on the 30th day of April, 1847, entitled "An act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State," it is, among other things, provided and enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of said State, that "whenever any number of persons, exceeding six, may desire to associate themselves for any literary, scientific, religious or charitable purpose, and to assume and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law, it shall and may be lawful for such persons to prepare an instrument in writing, wherein they shall specify the purposes and objects of said association, and the name, style or title thereof;" that the same may be exhibited to the District Attorney of the District wherein such applicants, or a majority of them may reside, for such action as is contemplated and directed by the provisions of said act.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, ——— ———, residents of the Parish of Orleans, and State aforesaid, do by this instrument of writing, declare our desire to form ourselves into a charitable association, the same to continue in our associates and successors, under the provisions contained in the act before mentioned; and do specify as the purposes and objects of said association, the "aid and relief of distressed persons, according to the customs and usages of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to build a Hall, to be principally appropriated for the meetings of the members of said Order;" and the undersigned further declare their desire and intention to be known and designated as "ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION," and by that name and designation they do declare their desire to acquire and enjoy the immunities of a corporation or body politic in law; and that they, their associates and successors, by the name and title aforesaid, shall be capable of suing and being sued, to plead and be impleaded in all courts of Louisiana, as well as elsewhere, and in any and all manner of causes and actions, capable of being heard and being represented by agents and attorneys at law; of contracting, receiving, holding, leasing, purchasing and conveying, any and all property, real and personal; provided the value thereof shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars; and of compromising, arbitrating, and transacting in regard thereto; and shall have authority to adopt a common seal, and the same to alter and change at their pleasure; to adopt Rules, Regulations and By-Laws, and do every other

act, and have every other advantage and benefit under the provisions of the act before mentioned, as though they and each of them were herein specially set forth and mentioned.

They further declare, as fundamental rules and regulations of this Incorporation :

I. That the capital stock shall be \$100,000, to be divided into 10,000 shares of \$10 each, which stock may be subscribed for and held by the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana, the Grand Encampment of the State of Louisiana, the Grand Lodges or Encampments of any of the States of the United States or of Canada ; and any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or individual member, of the I. O. O. F. in the United States or Canada.

II. The shares shall be subscribed, paid for, and made transferrable, in such manner as shall be directed by the first Board of Directors chosen.

III. The proprietors and shareholders of the lots at present held for the purpose of erecting a Hall in the city of New Orleans, or such of them as see fit, shall be shareholders, to the value of their interest in said lots, and shall choose the first Board of Directors, under the direction of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, as soon as practicable, which Board of Directors shall remain in office up to the first Monday of May, 1849, and shall do no other business than to receive subscriptions to stock, and make such by-laws and regulations as may be necessary for the organization of the business of the corporation.

IV. The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a President and Board of twelve Directors, who shall be chosen by the stockholders on the first Monday of May in each year, and shall hold their office for the term of one year. Each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock which he may hold, up to five share, one vote for each ten shares he may hold over five ; but no shareholder shall be entitled to more than fifty votes in the election of such Board of Directors ; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana shall be entitled to appoint three of said Directors, one of whom shall be the Grand Master, for the time being, which said Grand Master shall be *ex officio* President of the Board of Directors.

V. The capital subscribed shall be devoted to the purchase of land, and the erection of a Hall, as contemplated in the purposes for which this corporation is formed. When the said Hall shall be finished, the different parts thereof shall be rented, for the purposes to which they are adapted, and the annual income therefrom, after paying necessary expenses, shall be the profits of the corporation, and shall be divided annually among the shareholders, in the proportion of their respective shares, after deducting therefrom one-fourth of all such profits as may exceed ten per cent., to be devoted to the education of the orphans of Odd Fellows, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ; but in the renting and general disposition of said Hall, it is stipulated and agreed, that the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana shall forever have the power of saying by whom and for what purpose it may be occupied, provided they direct no other disposition of it than designed by the purposes for which the corporation is formed, as above expressed.

And it is further declared, that the property, chattels, goods and effects of said Charitable Association, shall not be liable in any manner for the debts or liabilities of individuals or corporations, which may be members of said Association, nor shall any member or members of said Association, at any time, be held liable to any debts or liabilities of said Association, in a greater amount than the original value of the stock he or they may own.

On motion of P. G. Vaught, the recommendations of the committee were adopted.

P. G. Vaught offered the following resolution, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this Grand Lodge to carry into effect the resolutions and recommendations relative to the subject of building a Hall, of which committee the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary shall be members.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. Stewart and P. G. Nixon on said committee.

On motion of P. G. Shields, three hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the new Hall, were ordered to be printed, for the use of the Subordinate Lodges and the stockholders in the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," to aid the committee in procuring their assent to the transfer proposed, and to give them a full understanding of the plan and action contemplated.

On motion, the Special Committee of five was ordered to superintend the publication of the above proceedings.

P. G. Crickard moved that substitutes be appointed in place of absentees, on the committee on the appeal of brother E. R. Beach, which was concurred in, and P. G. M. Stewart, P. Gs. R. N. Wood and R. W. Ogden, were appointed.

P. G. M. Rice, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry of P. G. Forbes, respecting the change of time of giving the P. W., respectfully report: That after duly considering the matter, they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to make the change suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. RICE, *Chairman.*

P. G. R. N. Wood moved to lay the report on the table, which was not concurred in.

On motion, the original resolution, as offered by P. G. Forbes, was substituted in place of the report, and adopted.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was ordered to notify the Subordinate Lodges of the action had in the above matter.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY W. OLMSTEAD, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 27th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — J. Crickard, R. W. D. G. Master, presiding; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The following communication was read:

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, January 13, 1849.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I am instructed by Far West Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at this place, to inform you that John H. Robinson, who hails from this place, and who, as Far West Lodge has learned, is in the habit of visiting Lodges in your city, is a suspended member of "Far West Lodge," by operation of law; and further to advise you, that said Robinson has placed himself beyond the hope or possibility of ever regaining a membership here, by certain acts of outrageous conduct, which it is deemed unnecessary at present to specify.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. L. and T.,

JNO. M. BUTLER,

Secretary of Far West Lodge, No. 1.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Subordinates of the purport of the above communication.

P. G. Olmstead moved to take up the report of Committee on Grand Lodge Hall, which was concurred in.

Thereupon the said report was taken up, read, and on motion of P. G. Olmstead, adopted.

D. G. M. Crickard from the Executive Committee made the following report, which on motion, of P. G. Olmstead, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred back their report on the appeal of brother E. R. Beach, from the action of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, report: That they see no reason to authorize any change in their former report, except to strike out the words, "and impartial."

J. CRICKARD,
J. D. STEWART,
W. EMERSON,
WM. H. RICE.

NEW ORLEANS, January 27th, 1849.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, of the action had on the case.

The Finance Committee made the following report, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and orders drawn upon the Treasurer for the various amounts.

NEW ORLEANS, January 27th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, having examined the following bills, recommend they be paid :

Bill of H. P. Andrews, Grand Secretary, for salary, postage, etc.,.....	\$ 61 50
Bill of Gas Company, for gas,.....	111 60
Bill of Second Municipality, for taxes on property for years 1846 and 1847,	120 00
Bill of H. W. Olmstead, Grand Secretary, pro tem., for amount for printing, etc., etc.....	12 00
Bill of William Wilson, for services as Host,.....	15 30

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES STRAWBRIDGE,
J. O. NIXON.

P. G. Olmstead offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were taken up, acted upon separately, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to open a complete set of books for the Grand Lodge, commencing with January 1st, 1848 ; and without having any reference to the old books, except so far as relates to the cash, treasury, property and note accounts.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed, such blanks as are necessary for his office, and for the office of the Grand Master ; and that the Grand Master be authorized to issue an order upon the Grand Treasurer, for payment of all necessary expenses incurred under these resolutions.

The amendments to the Constitution of Subordinates, offered at the October session, and laid over under the rule, were called up, whereupon the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, P. G. Larue in the Chair. The amendments were taken up and considered, *seriatim* ; when the Committee rose and reported by its Chairman, that they had laid all the amendments upon the table.

P. G. Olmstead moved to adopt the report of the committee, excepting so far as concerned article 7, section 6, which was concurred in.

P. G. Olmstead moved to adopt the amendments. The ayes and nays^s being called for resulted as follows :

YEAS — Bailey, Crickard, Forbes, Nixon, Olmstead, R. N. Wood — 6.

NAYS — Andrews, Brady, L. L. Brown, Belknap, Cripps, Cook, Cunliffe, Cohen, Dentzel, W. Emerson, Fosdick, Foster, Heistand, Kneass, Larue, Morrison, Phelps, Rice, Stewart, Vaught, Williams, W. W. W. Wood, Strawbridge — 28.

So the motion to adopt was rejected.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, it was resolved, that the Grand Lodge con-

our in the action of the Committee of the Whole, as refers to the report on article 7, section 6.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the Grand Secretary was instructed to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of the Order generally, at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, to attend the funeral of brother Gillett, late of Neith Lodge, No. 21.

P. G. W. Wood offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie over under the rule.

Constitution of Subordinates. — To amend article 7, section 6, by inserting after the word "Article," "when if four-fifths of the members present agree thereto, they shall be admitted, but if not, they shall not be allowed to petition any Lodge under this jurisdiction, again, for the space of one year."

On motion, the Grand Secretary was desired to notify the Subordinates under this jurisdiction, of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as embodied and set forth on page 116, of the printed journal of proceedings of that body, as follows :

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Subordinate Encampment, to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge, a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment; and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe within a reasonable time, of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member."

P. G. Kneass offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That any alterations or amendments to the Constitution for Subordinates, shall be presented to this Grand Lodge, approved by at least two Subordinate Lodges, who shall state the reasons for desiring the same to be passed.

The yeas and nays being called for on its adoption, resulted as follows :

YEAS — Cunliffe, Foster, W. Emerson, Kneass, Nixon, Phelps, Strawbridge, and Larue — 8.

NAYS — Andrews, Bailey, Belknap, L. L. Brown, Brady, Cooke, Crickard, Dentzel, Fosdick, Forbes, Heistand, Hooper, Morrison, Olmstead, Rice, Stewart, R. N. Wood, W. W. Wood, Williams — 19.

So the resolution was not concurred in.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was, on motion adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, January 27th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Finance Committee, in the discharge of their duty, have examined the books of the

Grand Secretary and Treasurer. From the books of the Grand Secretary, we find the receipts of the year from ordinary sources, to amount to \$2,728 35.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer, as follows:

Balance from Ex-Treasurer.....	\$ 113 22
From Grand Secretaries, Andrews and Olmstead.....	2,728 35
For rent of lots on Poydras street.....	75 00
From Lodges, for rent of Grand Lodge Hall, and Gas.....	680 00
Borrowed from sundry Lodges.....	1,250 00
	—————\$4,846 57

He has paid out—

Sundry orders, No. 1 to 43	\$2,955 20
Rent of Hall, and Gas Company's bills.....	464 00
Paid note for lots on Poydras street.....	1,232 00
	—————\$4,651 20

Balance in the Treasury at the commencement of the year...	\$195 37
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All of which is submitted.

JAMES STRAWBRIDGE,
J. O. NIXON.

In the matter of the application of Brother F. E. Mayo, a member of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, now suspended, for a card of re-instatement from the Grand Lodge—

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Grand Master, to report after examining the books, etc., of Feliciana Lodge, and seeking evidence of good standing—with power to grant the necessary certificate.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary supply each Lodge in this jurisdiction with one copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That four hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be printed, provided the expense does not exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be authorized to draw a draft on this Grand Lodge, in favor of P. G. Nixon, for thirty dollars.

On motion of P. G. Olmstead, the Grand Secretary was instructed to inform the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, that they are prohibited from using any copies of the odes, except those prepared by the G. L. of the U. S.; and, also, that every Subordinate Lodge is required to furnish itself with a set of working jewels.

P. G. Shields offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That every member of the Order is entitled to all the rights and privileges arising therefrom, until he is suspended or expelled by the Lodge to which he belongs.

P. G. M. Rice moved to lay the motion on the table, which was concurred in.

P. G. Kneass offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is hereby recommended to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, the enactment of such By-Laws as will insure the establishment of a sinking fund, for the formation of a library for the use of the Order—say half-a-dime per month from each member.

P. G. M. Rice move that the Grand Lodge adjourn, which was concurred in, and the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W OLMSTED, *G. Secretary*.

CALLED MEETING.

INDEPENDENCE HALL, February 19th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at the Hall of Independence Lodge, No. 23, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of a call from the M. W. Grand Master.

Present — Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. G. Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call of the M. W. Grand Master was then read and approved, as follows, viz :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER R. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, February 15th, 1849. }

The R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., will please call a special meeting of said Lodge, to be holden at Independence Hall, No. 4, Front Levee, on Monday, the 19th instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the following objects, viz :

1st. To take into consideration the subject of transferring to the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, about to be organized, the stock and share of the Lodge in the lots now owned by the Lodge, and all matters relating thereto, and to take action thereon.

2d. To direct in what manner, and by whom, the votes of the Lodge shall be cast in the election of Directors of said Association, and to appoint three Directors of said Board.

3d. To decide whether the Grand Lodge, as a distinct body, will participate in the cere-

mony of consecrating the Cemetery, and if so, in what manner and under what rules; and to take into consideration any matter relating to said ceremony.

4th. To receive and act upon an invitation to assist in laying the corner-stone of the new Custom-house, on the 22d instant.

5th. To receive and act upon the reports of any committees ready to report.

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *G. M.*

The Act of Incorporation, reported by a former committee, was on motion, taken up and re-considered, and after being amended, was adopted as follows:

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION.

The undersigned, principally residents of the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, to wit: Charles M. Emerson, Henry Bier, Henry W. Olmsted, Henry Williams, George Hooper, William Emerson, D. B. Forbes, George S. Lacy, James D. Stewart, and Augustus S. Phelps, being desirous of associating themselves for charitable purposes, and for the building of a Hall; and in order to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation and body politic, in law, under an act of the Legislature of the said State, entitled, "An act providing for the organization of certain Corporations in this State," approved on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1847, do by this instrument declare and agree as follows, to wit:

I. That they hereby form themselves into an Association or Corporation, to be located in the said city of New Orleans, and to be known, styled and designated as "ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION;" by that name, style and title to have continuance in the associates and successors of the undersigned; by that name, style and title to make, have and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall deem proper, and the same to break, alter and change at their pleasure; to be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any Court or Courts, before any Judge, Judges or Justice of the Peace, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever; to make contracts; to receive, hold, purchase, lease, sell, transfer, convey and exchange, any and all kinds of property, real and personal, up to the value of three hundred thousand dollars, and to compromise, arbitrate and transact in relation thereto; to make, adopt, alter and amend any and all rules, by-laws and ordinances; and do every thing needful for the good government, preservation and support of this Corporation and its property: *Provided*, that said rules, by-laws and ordinances be not inconsistent with the laws, usages and customs of the I. O. O. F., nor repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, nor to the Constitution and laws of this State, nor to this instrument; and generally to do every other act, and exercise every other right and privilege, under the act of the Legislature aforesaid, as fully as though they were herein specially set forth.

II. That the objects and purposes of this Corporation are declared to be the following: viz: the aid and relief of widows, orphans, and distressed persons, according to the usages and customs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the building, furnishing, management and preservation of a Hall, to be principally appropriated to the use and meetings of the members and Lodges of said Order.

III. That the capital stock shall be one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into ten thousand shares, of ten dollars each; which stock may be subscribed for and held by any Grand or subordinate Lodge or Encampment, I. O. O. F., of any of the United States or of Canada, or by any member of said Order in the United States or Canada. The shares shall

be subscribed and paid for in such manner and at such times as the first Board of Directors may ordain ; and shall be transferable under such rules as may be established by the Board of Directors.

IV. That the proprietors and shareholders of the lots of ground at present held by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Hall, in the city of New Orleans, or such of them as may see fit, shall be stockholders in this Corporation, to the extent of their interest respectively in said lots ; and they shall choose the first Board of Directors, under the direction of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, as soon as practicable ; which Board of Directors shall remain in office up to the first Monday of May, 1849, and shall do no other business than to make provision for and receive subscriptions to the capital stock, and make such regulations as may be necessary for the organization of the business of the Corporation.

V. That the business of this Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of thirteen Directors, to continue in office for the term of one year, and until their successors are chosen ; of which Board, ten shall be chosen by the stockholders at large, on the first Monday in May of each year, and three shall be appointed by the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, of whom the Grand Master, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, for the time being, shall be one, and he shall be *ex officio* President of the Board. At all elections for Directors, the candidates who receive a plurality of the votes cast, shall be declared elected ; and the said Board of Directors shall have power to ordain the rules, by-laws and ordinances before mentioned.

VI. That each shareholder, in the election of Directors, shall be entitled to one vote for every share of stock he may hold, up to five shares, and one vote for every five shares he may hold over five shares ; but no shareholder shall be entitled to more than fifty votes in any election of Directors.

VII. That the capital subscribed shall be devoted to the purchase of land, and the erection, furnishing and finishing of a Hall, as contemplated in the purposes for which this Corporation is formed. Dividends, arising from the income and profits of the Corporation, shall be made at such times, and in such amounts, as the Directors may ordain, first reserving from said income one-fourth of the excess over ten per cent. per annum, to be expended under the direction of said Grand Lodge of Louisiana, for the education of the orphans of Odd Fellows ; and it is expressly stipulated and agreed, that the said Grand Lodge of Louisiana shall forever have the power of directing by whom, and for what purposes, the said Hall shall be occupied, and shall have the police of it : *Provided*, they direct no other disposition of it than that designed by the purposes for which this Corporation was formed.

VIII. That the shareholders shall be liable individually for the debts and liabilities of this Corporation only to the value and extent of the stock by them respectively owned, and according to the laws in such cases provided.

(Signed)	CHAS. M. EMERSON,	HENRY BIER,
	HENRY W. OLMSTED,	HENRY WILLIAMS,
	W. EMERSON,	D. B. FORBES,
	GEORGE HOOPER,	JAMES. D. STEWART,
	GEORGE S. LACEY,	AUG. S. PHELPS.

On motion, the interest of the Grand Lodge in the lots on Poydras street, was ordered to be invested in the new incorporation ; and

On motion, the Grand Master was instructed to carry out the designs of the Grand Lodge in the matter.

On motion, nominations were opened for two Directors on the part of the Grand Lodge, in the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association." P. G. M.

Stewart, P. Gs. Larue, Kneass, Phelps and Bier, were nominated. P. G. M. Williams declined.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to election, which resulted in the choice of P. G. M. Stewart and P. G. Larue.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, to cast the votes of the Grand Lodge, at the election to be held for Directors.

P. Gs. Olmsted, Bier and Morrison were appointed by the Chair.

An invitation from the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Rest," to participate in the ceremonies, on the occasion of the consecration of the Cemetery, was read and accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved to join the procession in full regalia.

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Marshal be authorized to expend an amount, not exceeding thirty dollars, to make the necessary preparations for the occasion.

P. G. Kneass offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it would be detrimental to the interests of the Order, to join as a body in any parade or public display, on the Sabbath.

An invitation to join in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Custom-house, was read.

On motion of P. G. Dentzel, the Grand Secretary was directed to respectfully decline the same, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and state the reasons therefor.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the By-Laws of Independence Lodge, No. 23, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged.

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L., State of La :

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Independence Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F., of this city, most respectfully beg leave to report: That they have examined the By-Laws submitted to them, and find nothing therein which, in their opinion, conflicts with the rules of the Order.

Your committee would, however, recommend, that the amount to be allowed for the interment of the deceased wife of a brother, should be fixed at a certain sum. (See article 11, section 3, of manuscript.)

Your committee would further remark, that they have some doubts as to the powers conferred on the Finance Committee, by article 24, which is, that the Finance Committee may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members, be authorized to loan the funds of the Lodge, (after retaining \$100 in the treasury) to brothers, at 8 per cent. interest, for six months, on notes to be endorsed by brothers. The committee are of opinion, that the funds of this Order should never be placed in such a situation as to be liable to the contingencies of trade, or

the solvency of individuals, when the same can be avoided ; while at the same time your committee see no good reason why the surplus funds of a Lodge should not be profitably invested, if the same can be done in such a manner as to render them absolutely secure.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In F., L. and T.,

EZRA HEISTAND,
JOSEPH COHN,
P. HERMAN.

On motion, the By-Laws of said Lodge, as submitted to the Grand Lodge, were approved.

On motion, the N. G. of Independence Lodge, No. 23, was required to furnish the Grand Lodge with a copy of the By-Laws of that Lodge, in English.

A communication from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, requesting information on certain points, was referred to the Executive Committee.

The By-Laws of the same Lodge were submitted, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

CALLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 3d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call, and was opened in due form.

Present — C. M. Emerson, M. W. G. Master ; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows :

To the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, have to request you to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., on Saturday, the 3d day of March, at 4 o'clock, P. M., at the Hall of the Grand Lodge, to take action upon any motion or resolution that may be brought before said G. L., upon the subject of Hall stock, and to receive and act upon communications from Subordinate Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

S. W. KIRKLAND,
J. STRAWBRIDGE,
J. T. HAMMOND,
H. G. STETSON,
R. W. OGDEN,
H. THOMAS, Jr.,
T. H. SHIELDS.

March 1, 1849.

On motion the call was approved.

A communication was received from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, advising of their removal to Friendship Hall.

On motion of P. G. Bier, the action of the Lodge was approved.

A communication was received from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, asking for permission to re-ballot upon the application of _____, for membership.

On motion of P. G. Cripps, the request was granted.

P. G. Kirkland moved that the Grand Master be authorized to transfer to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, fourteen shares of the stock in the old "Hall Association," owned by the Grand Lodge, and to Hope Lodge, No. 14, ten shares, in payment for money borrowed from said Lodges.

P. G. Shaw, offered the following resolution as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow \$——, for six months, from Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of returning the money borrowed in December last.

The previous question being called for, was sustained, and the original motion of P. G. Kirkland adopted :

P. G. Kneass offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the unissued shares of stock be disposed of at par value, to any of the Lodges desirous of purchasing the same.

P. G. Forbes moved to amend, by adding "to the amount of fifteen shares, and that the same be paid for in cash."

On motion of P. G. Crickard, the whole subject was laid on the table.

P. G. Stetson offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Executive Committee :

Resolved, That the action of Hope Lodge, No. 14, on the evening of February 21st, in balloting a third time for a candidate, having balloted for the same candidate twice on a preceding evening, is hereby approved, notwithstanding the brother casting the black ball did not communicate with the N. G. of said Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

CALLED MEETING

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 20, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call from the Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

NEW ORLEANS, March 17th, 1849.

To Chas. M. Emerson, Esq, M. W. G. M of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned respectfully ask, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be called in special session, on Tuesday evening next, the 20th instant, at 7 o'clock, on business connected with the "New Hall Association," and the disposition of the lots on Poydras street, standing in the name of the Grand Lodge; also, to receive and act upon any communication that may be presented.

J. CRICKARD,
S. W. KIRKLAND,
HENRY BIER,
B. COHEN,
D. B. FORBES,
J. C. BRADY,
F. A. DENTZEL.
THOS. H. SHIELDS,

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, the call was approved.

P. G. Shaw, moved that a committee of three be appointed, to dispose of the property on Poydras street, standing in the name of the Grand Lodge, on the best terms—the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to have full power to convey the same to the purchaser.

P. G. Shields moved to amend, by limiting the price for which the property should be sold, to the sum of twelve thousand dollars, which was not concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Cunliffe, the committee were restricted to the price of six thousand dollars per lot, if sold at private sale.

The previous question being called for, was sustained, and the original motion as amended by P. G. Cunliffe, adopted.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Crickard, F. Thomas and Stetson, said Committee.

On motion of P. G. Larue, the Grand Secretary and G. Treasurer were requested to furnish a list of the stockholders in the old "Hall Association."

A communication was received from brothers Jas. L. Sterling, J. H. Hand, Chas. B. Collins, G. Long, A. A. Latham, A. Lartigue, James Ashworth and Oscar Pillet, formerly members of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, praying that the charter of said Lodge might be returned to them, with authority to hold their meetings at St. Francisville, in the Parish of West Feliciana.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the subject was referred to the Grand Master with power to grant the request, upon receiving the application in form.

A communication was received from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, which, being informal, was, on motion of P. G. Olmsted, returned for correction, and the Grand Master authorized to grant their request when properly presented.

Certificate of L. L. Brown, as Representative from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, was read and accepted.

The following communication was read, and on motion of P. G. Nixon, referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Nixon, Rice and Larue on said committee.

OFFICE OF THE G. SEC. R. W. GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F. OF KENTUCKY, }
Louisville, February 20th, 1849. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

BRETHREN — In obedience to the directions of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the subjoined copy of preamble and resolutions, unanimously adopted by that body at its semi-annual session, January 19, 1849.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. M. JONES, *Grand Secretary.*

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS :

WHEREAS, The powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the Grand Sire, have not been clearly defined and generally understood ; and, *Whereas*, powers have been claimed and exercised, which are not granted by the Constitution, or recognized by any written law, but sustained alone upon the authority of "ancient usage ;" and, *Whereas*,

the authority of "ancient usage," is of all others the most doubtful, uncertain and dangerous, depending too often upon the wishes rather than the judgment of individuals; Therefore,

Resolved, That it is expedient that the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, should be fully and clearly defined, specifying the subjects of legitimate legislation by that body, and limiting said Grand Lodge in its legislative and judicial powers, in such a manner as to prevent an unwarrantable interference with the rights and powers of State Grand Lodges — securing to them that independence and freedom of action, essential to their usefulness and existence.

Resolved, That the powers of the Grand Sire are strictly executive, and to be found only in the Constitution of his Grand Lodge, and that to exercise other powers than those expressly granted in the Constitution, or directed by his Grand Lodge, is an usurpation dangerous to the best interests of the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of Kentucky to the Grand Lodge of the U. States, be, and they are hereby instructed to endeavor to have the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States and her officers, clearly defined and properly limited.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of Kentucky be directed to submit a copy of the above preamble and resolutions to sister Grand Lodges.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary*.

REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, April 23d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened at half-past seven o'clock, pursuant to the Constitution, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

C. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>
W. TYSON,	<i>W. G. Herald.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the reading of the proceedings of the last quarterly and subsequent sessions, was dispensed with.

D. D. G. Sire, F. C. Kendall, of Arkansas, visited the Grand Lodge, being introduced by P. G. Representative Kneass.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Olmsted, referred to a Special Committee of three, to report upon matters suggested therein.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. Stewart, P. Gs. Stetson and Dentzel, on said committee.

REPORT:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

PAST GRANDS:— Since your last quarterly session, but little has transpired which requires an especial notice—I shall therefore, tax your patience with only a recapitulation.

Soon after the installation of the Grand Officers, accompanied by them, and by one of the Grand Representatives, I visited all of the Subordinate Lodges in this part of our jurisdiction, and the instructions commanded by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., were communicated and explained, so far as the Subordinates were entitled to receive them. We found the Lodges working in appropriate manner, and giving evidence of proficiency in the principles, laws and ceremonies of the Order. It is a subject of complaint, however, that for some time past, the regular meetings of some of the Lodges have been thinly attended. This result, probably, may be traced to a variety of causes. A leading cause may doubtless be found in the want of interest manifested by many of the P. Gs., for if those who have been advanced, and whom the members have a right to look for good counsel and example, abandon the Lodge room, or rarely attend the meetings, how can a better state of things be expected from those of a lower grade? Probably, no coercive remedy can be applied to the evil; nevertheless, I have deemed it my duty to lay the matter before you, for such comment or action as you may consider advisable.

Under your resolution of January 25th, 1849, the quarterly P. W. has been transmitted to the several Lodges in the State. As some of them are located at a distance from the place of your meetings, it is often difficult to forward the P. W. in season for the commencement of the quarter, and if no ***** is in the possession of the P. G officers, I would recommend that one be adopted, in which event, the delays incident to a communication with distant Lodges would be avoided.

On the 27th of January last, you adopted a resolution requiring the G. M. to examine the books of Feliciana Lodge, then suspended, and to give brother F. E. Mayo a card, if found to have been in good standing. This duty has become unnecessary by the revival of that Lodge.

At your called meeting of February 19th, your interest in the lots on Poydras street, was ordered to be invested by me, in the stock of the Hall Association. I have not yet complied with this injunction, in consequence of the failure to sell one of the lots, but at the next election of Directors of that Association, the G. L. will be allowed to vote on the amount of its interest in the lots. It will be necessary, therefore, for you to appoint proxies to vote in your behalf.

At your called meeting of March 3d, you ordered fourteen shares of the old Hall Association to be transferred to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, and ten shares to Hope Lodge, No. 14, in payment for borrowed money. This duty has been fulfilled.

At your special meeting of March 20th, a committee was raised with authority to sell the lots on Poydras street, under certain restrictions. Under this authority, the committee sold one of the lots at auction, to Mr. E. W. Sewell, for the sum of \$5,900. The terms will be made known to you by the report of the committee. The other lot has not been sold, but is advertised for sale on Saturday next. The deed conveying the lot sold to Mr. Sewell has been duly executed by the officers designated in the vote to sell.

At the same meeting, a petition was received from sundry brothers of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, for the reinstatement of that Lodge, and the subject was referred to me, with power to act, on receiving an application in due form. A few days afterwards such an application came to hand, and I lost no time in desiring our R. W. D. G. M. to carry into effect the prayer of the petitioners. This request he acceded to with alacrity, and on the 29th of March last, reinstated the Lodge and installed its officers. My thanks are due and tendered to him, for the prompt and efficient manner in which he attended to the duties imposed upon him. His report is herewith submitted.

A communication was laid before you at the same meeting, from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, asking your approval of certain alterations in their By-Laws. Being informal, it was referred to me, with power to approve the alterations as soon as application should be made, duly sealed and certified. A formal communication was afterwards forwarded, and I then approved of the changes indicated.

On the 4th instant, I received a letter from Feliciana Lodge, in which the following interrogatories were propounded, viz :

1st. Is the hour of meeting fixed in the Constitution obligatory? This I answered in the affirmative.

2d. Can a permanent Secretary be dispensed with? Which I also answered in the affirmative.

3d. Their N. G. being District Judge, and therefore necessarily obliged sometimes to be absent more than three consecutive stated meetings, were they obliged to declare his office vacant? To which I replied in the negative.

4th. Were they compelled to adopt the minimum fees specified in the Constitution, and were they at liberty to charge less? I answered that they could charge more, but not less.

On your table are two petitions from brothers of the Order for new Lodges, one to be located at Algiers, and the other at Opelousas.

I submit an official quarterly report from the worthy D. D. G. M. for District No. 1. I have received an unofficial report from the Deputy of the Second District, and none from the Third, and am therefore unable to state the condition of the Order in that part of our jurisdiction, but from private sources, I believe it to be prosperous.

The election of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, to serve for one year, will be held on the first Monday of May next. Two of them are to be appointed by this body, and it is essential to appoint them at this session.

Submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth,

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *Grand Master.*

The following reports from Deputy G. M. Crickard, and D. D. G. M. Wood, were read and referred to the Committee on the report of the Grand Master :

NEW ORLEANS, April 4th, 1849.

To C. M. Emerson, Esq., M. W. Grand Master I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have the honor to report, that by virtue of your commission to me directed, under date of 27th March, 1849, and agreeable to your instructions, I visited St. Francisville, Parish of West Feliciana, on Thursday, the 29th, when, after dedicating a temporary hall—dispensing with so much of the ceremonies as were inapplicable to the circumstances—I reinstated Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, to all the rights and privileges of the Order, and delivered to the following Brothers, (petitioners for the same,) to wit: James L. Sterling, A. Lartigue, A. A. Latham, Oscar Pillet, James Ashworth, George Long, and Charles B. Collins, the charter, books, papers, and other property, reclaimed from

said Lodge by D. D. G. M. Gates, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge, in July last. After which, the following officers, having been duly elected, were installed into their respective chairs, and instructed in the work of the Order, viz: J. L. Sterling, N. G.; C. B. Collins, V. G.; A. Lartigue, Sec'y; A. A. Latham, T. I granted a dispensation to the Lodge to ballot for the following Brothers as Ancient Odd Fellows, on the same evening of their application for membership, to wit: Wm. McCombs, A. Lanna, Wm. Ball, F. Miller, and F. E. Mayo. Also to confer on Bro. J. Ashworth the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Degrees, all on the same evening.

From the interest and zeal manifested by the brethren now constituting that Lodge, its highly favored *locale*, and their highly intellectual and moral worth, I feel confident that the trust confided to their hands is safe, and that their Lodge must soon rank among the best, if not the strongest, in the jurisdiction.

To Brothers P. Gs. Charles B. Collins and James L. Sterling, I am greatly indebted for the ready and valuable assistance rendered me on that occasion.

In conclusion, it affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the uniform courtesy and hospitality which the brethren have been pleased to extend to me during my brief visit among them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CRICKARD, *Deputy Grand Master.*

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. M. OF DISTRICT No. ONE, }
Shreveport, La., March 28, 1849. }

To C. M. Emerson, Esq., *M. W. G. Master:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER— I beg leave herewith to submit my report for the current quarter, and exceedingly regret my inability to report a more satisfactory and encouraging state of affairs in my District. On my return from the annual session of the Grand Lodge, I installed the officers elect of Neith Lodge, No. 21. That Lodge is again in a prosperous and flourishing condition; a more lively interest being evinced by the members, and harmony and concord appearing in all their acts.

I deemed it proper, on application of Brother Lamerick, to grant a dispensation for him to receive all the degrees on one and the same evening, he being about to leave the State. I also conferred same favor on Brothers W. B. Means and Joshua G. Jones, to receive the Fourth and Fifth Degrees for Brother Means, he being one of the Brothers organizing a new Lodge in DeSoto, and to Brother Jones, he being a resident remote from the Lodge. In fact, applicants to Neith Lodge from the surrounding country necessarily require a fostering care, and extension of those favors which, properly and judiciously dispensed, lead to favorable results. It would be gratifying to know that the cardinal principles of Friendship, Love and Truth were widely extended, reaching to every hamlet, town and village, all under the benign influence of Odd Fellowship. This great object may be measurably attained by freely extending our membership (to those who are worthy) in remote neighborhoods; and as the mountain snows, drift by drift, accumulate into mighty pyramids, so may these brothers unite, create, form, and organize new Lodges, and thus give a wide scope to the influence of our Order. I have aroused our brethren of DeSoto to a true sense of duty, and in a short time will have the pleasure of forwarding application for dispensation for a new Lodge in that Parish, at Mansfield. Indeed, I have received from them an informal application, accompanied with three cards only, and advised them fully as to the course necessary to pursue, etc. In due time they will unfurl their banner, and much good may be looked for in that quarter, as the material who compose that Lodge are such as reflects credit on our Order. It is not improbable that a Lodge may also be organized at Minden, Claiborne Parish. My every energy shall be used for the diffusion of our principles in that

quarter. I hear it frequently regretted that the Grand Lodge did not deem it proper to amend our Constitution, as to the number of ballots necessary to reject an applicant on cards; the only subject which has in any manner marred the social feeling of Neith Lodge, arises alone from this source. A distinction, I am confident, between a candidate and a member, should be made. Much good would result from it.

I am, dear sir, yours, etc., in F., L. and T.,

R. N. WOOD, *D. D. G. M., District No. One.*

The Grand Secretary submitted his quarterly report, which was read and accepted:

NEW ORLEANS, April 24th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

I have the honor to report, that the directions of the Grand Lodge, so far as found on pages 29, 35, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, and 57, of the printed proceedings of this body, have been complied with. The resolution of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the Grand Secretary to open a complete set of books, commencing with January, 1848, etc., has not been completed as yet; a pressure of business having compelled me to defer that intricate and laborious task until the dullness of the summer season, would allow time for the purpose. The resolution to be found on page 58, "requesting the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer," to furnish a list of the stockholders in the old "Hall Association," has been complied with, so far as the knowledge and capabilities of the two officers named, extend. The resolution of the Grand Lodge, directing that four hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings should be printed, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars, was supposed by the Grand Secretary, to be a virtual interdiction of the printing thereof, as the expense must necessarily exceed that amount; but having been solicited by numerous members of the Grand Lodge to have the same done, it was undertaken at a late hour, and the result is before you. The amount of cash received by the Grand Secretary, during the last quarter, is \$1013 57, which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

A petition, accompanied by certificates of membership in good standing, was received from brothers James Martin, P. Gs. Peter Neidal, Edward John Dohm, William Sarazin, and Michael McMahon, asking for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge to be located at Algiers, Parish of Orleans, and to be known and hailed as "Columbus Lodge, No. —."

P. G. Cripps moved that the petition be granted. After some discussion, the previous question was called for and sustained, and the main question being put, was carried, and the charter granted.

On motion, the blank was filled with 24.

A petition was received from Brothers John G. Pratt, D. D. Rogers, Jas. M. Porter, Wm. S. Read, C. Peven, Geo. W. Scranton and J. Campbell, asking for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located in the town of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, and to be known and hailed as "Plaisance Lodge, No. —."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the applicants that their petition was informal, and that the Grand Master be authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners, upon receiving evidence of their good standing in the Order.

A communication was received from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, asking permission to re-ballot upon the application for membership of Bro. — .

P. G. Rep. Kneass moved that the request be granted.

P. G. M. Rice moved to refer the same to the Executive Committee.

The previous question was called for and sustained, and the question recurring upon the motion of P. G. Rep. Kneass, it was concurred in.

A communication from Covenant Lodge, No. 17, asking permission to re-ballot upon the application for membership of — , was read, and on motion of P. G. Fosdick, laid on the table subject to call.

P. G. Olmsted moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of a Grand Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing two years, which was agreed to, and the following nominations were made :

P. G. Rep. Kneass ; P. G. Strawbridge.

P. Gs. Fosdick, Bier, Forbes, Simms, Lawrason and Shaw, declined.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. Stewart and P. G. Fosdick as tellers.

Upon the first ballot, P. G. Rep. Kneass received 25 votes ; P. G. Strawbridge received 25 votes.

There being no election, the Lodge proceeded to a second ballot, which resulted as follows :

P. G. Strawbridge received 26 votes ; P. G. Rep. Kneass received 24 votes.

Whereupon, P. G. James Strawbridge, of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, was declared duly elected Grand Representative, for the term of two years.

On motion P. G. Olmsted, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of two Directors in the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," and the following nominations were made :

P. G. Ms. Rice and Mondelli, and P. Gs. Forbes and Larue.

P. Gs. Fosdick, Kneass, Shaw, Stewart, Vaught, Crickard, Shields, Titus Boullemet, Yeomans, Bier, Simms, Cunliffe and Morrison, declined.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge entered upon a ballot, which resulted in the election of P. G. M. Wm. H. Rice, and P. G. John C. Larue, as Directors in the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," on the part of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Forbes, nominations were opened for three proxies, to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, at the ensuing election of Directors, by the stockholders of the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," and the following nominations were made :

P. Gs. Forbes, Kneass and Shaw.

P. Gs. Cripps, Rodd, Shields, Hammond, Ogden, Lawrason, Olmsted, Bier and Crickard, declined.

The nominations were closed, and there being only three candidates in nomination,

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the rules were dispensed with, and P. Gs. Forbes, Kneass and Shaw were declared duly elected said proxies.

D. G. M. Crickard, from the Special Committee appointed to dispose of the lots on Poydras street, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the journal :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, appointed at a special meeting of your R. W. body, convened on the 20th ultimo, to dispose of two lots of ground on Poydras street, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report, viz :

Your committee, finding themselves unable to effect an advantageous sale in private, as originally contemplated, they placed said lots— with the plan of the same, and adjacent property, kindly loaned them by J. B. Marks, Esq., Notary Public—in the hands of Messrs. Beard, Calhoun & Co., auctioneers, who very kindly tendered their services, free of commission, and after due notice, disposed of lot No. 2, (purchased of Mr. P. Irwin, in January, 1847,) to Mr. E. W. Sewell, for the sum of fifty-nine hundred dollars, on the terms specified in the notices of sale, to-wit : One-fourth cash, and the balance in three equal payments, at six, twelve and eighteen months.

Your committee subsequently found it expedient to propose a slight alteration in the terms, with a view of inducing Mr. Sewell to assume the payment of the last note due on said lot, which, with the interest at maturity, say on the 4th day of January next, will amount to twelve hundred and ninety-eight dollars. Mr. S. also agreeing to pay in cash one hundred and seventy-seven dollars, (being the difference between the note and interest) and the first, or six months' note, which he would otherwise have been required to furnish.

This done, the sale was closed forthwith, and the act passed before J. B. Marks, Esq., Notary Public, under date, 19th instant, the proceeds composing cash and notes, have been paid into the hands of P. G. M. J. D. Stewart, Treasurer of the new Association, as follows, viz : Cash, \$1,652—less paid expenses of sale, State duty or per centage on sale, advertising, notarial and mortgage fees, \$101 50, as per accompanying vouchers, Nos. 1 and 2, and two notes drawn by E. W. Sewell to his own order, with special mortgage, etc., for the sum of \$1,475 each, at twelve and eighteen months.

Upon the sale of the other lot, which the committee entertain the hope will be made by the same gentlemen, on the 5th of May next, the pro rata can be made, and the nett proceeds of both lots, passed to the credit of the several stockholders, on the books of the new Corporation, and stock certificates issued in accordance therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CRICKARD,
H. G. STETSON,
FRANCIS THOMAS.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23d, 1849.

P. G. Fosdick, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, which was read and accepted :

NEW ORLEANS, April 24th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on By-Laws, for Subordinate Lodges, have had under examination, the By-Laws of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, and beg leave to report the following amendment :

Section 3d, of Law 5th, which requires candidates for office to retire from the Lodge room, during the time of balloting for them, *to be stricken out*; your committee being of the opinion, that brothers in good standing cannot be disfranchised, even though they may be candidates for election.

Your committee would further report, that they have been handed with the By-Laws of DeSoto Lodge, Rules of Order for the government of said Lodge, but being of the opinion that Subordinate Lodges have the right to adopt such rules for their own government, as may be found necessary and beneficial, without the approval of your R. W. body. Your committee, therefore, have not deemed it necessary to examine the same. In conclusion, your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. FOSDICK.

Resolved, That section 3, of law 5, in the By-Laws of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, be stricken out, and with this amendment said By-Laws be, and are hereby approved.

Resolved, That DeSoto Lodge be authorized to adopt such Rules of Order for her government, as she may find necessary, without referring same for approval to this R. W. G. Lodge, provided such rules do not conflict with the fundamental principles and usages of the Order.

A motion was made to adopt the first resolution, accompanying the report, which was not concurred in.

On motion, the second resolution was adopted.

On motion of P. G. Fosdick, the By-Laws of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, as originally submitted, were approved.

A communication was received from Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, asking for a dispensation for that Lodge, to enable them to admit "Ancient Odd Fellows" as members, for the sum of five dollars—said dispensation to continue in force until the last day of May, 1849.

Deputy G. M. Crickard moved that the dispensation be granted.

After much discussion, the previous question was called for and sustained, and the main question being put, the motion of D. G. M. Crickard was lost.

P. G. Forbes offered the following resolution, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That the sum of seventy dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, to pay the second assessment due by this body to the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Rest."

The By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, with accompanying papers in the case of the appeal of brother S. S. Searight, was received, and on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed as said committee, P. Gs. Stetson, Lawrason and Shields.

Sundry bills were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Crescent Hall, to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, April 25th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Master, D. G. M. and D. D. G. M. Wood, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the Committee discharged.

NEW ORLEANS, April 25th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana :

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, report : That they have given careful attention to the matters contained in said report requiring the action of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee concur in opinion with the M. W. G. Master, that the want of interest manifested by many P. Gs., is a leading cause of the thin attendance at some of the Lodges. The attendance of P. Gs. at their Lodges cannot be coerced, but your committee would urge upon their consideration the importance of being present to counsel and advise, for it is to be presumed that they are infinitely better acquainted with law and usage, than younger members of the Order.

Your committee would recommend that so much as relates to the transmission of the Q. P. W. be referred to a Special Committee of three.

That the action of the M. W. G. Master in regard to transfers of stock, the re-instatement of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, and his approval of the By-Laws of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, be confirmed.

We also recommend your approval of the following decisions :

First — That the hour of meeting fixed in the Constitution is obligatory.

Second — That a Lodge may dispense with a permanent Secretary.

Third — That a Lodge is not obliged to declare the office of N. G. vacant, because the incumbent is absent three successive meetings.

Fourth — That the fees fixed in the Constitution are the minimum rate, and the Lodge can charge more, but not less.

The provision in the Constitution to which D. D. G. M. Wood refers, viz: That two black balls shall suffice to reject a candidate for admission, (whether by card or initiation,) has worked well in this jurisdiction for several years, and your committee are of opinion that it would be injudicious to change it. Other matters contained in the report, were acted upon by you last evening.

Respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. D. STEWART,

H. G. STETSON.

On motion, the recommendations of the Committee were taken up *seriatim*.

The first and second recommendations were adopted, and the Chair appointed P. G. M. Stewart, P. Gs. Olmsted and Dentzel, Special Committee, on the first recommendation.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the report of the committee approving the *third* decision of the G. Master, was amended by adding "unless the By-Laws of the Lodge make it imperative."

Whereupon, all the decisions of the Grand Master were approved.

P. G. Lawrason moved that action upon the opinion of the Committee, relating to the number of black balls required to reject a candidate for admission, be postponed ; which was concurred in.

A remonstrance from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, against the appointment of P. G. George S. Lacy, as D. D. G. M. of District, No. 3, was received and read.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the subject was referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Nixon, Bier and Kneass.

A communication from brother Van Benthuyzen, a member of Delta Lodge, No. 15, complaining of certain action of that Lodge, was received and read, and on motion of D. G. M. Crickard, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee of Conference submitted the following report, which was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Committee of Conference beg most respectfully to report, that they have examined the certificate of brother P. G. James Martin, granted by Covenant Lodge, No. 17, and

also the certificate of Joseph Font, granted by Commercial Lodge, No. 12, and find them correct.

We have also examined the certificate from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1 appointing P. G. U. Tyson, their representative to the Grand Lodge of La., in place of P. G. Master William H. Rice withdrawn. Also, the certificate from Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, appointing P. G. M. Wm. H. Rice, their representative to this Grand Lodge. Also, the certificate from Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, appointing brothers P. G. Charles B. Collins, John H. Hand, and Alonzo A. Latham, their representatives to this Grand Lodge. Also, the certificate of Howard Lodge, No. 13, of the election of P. Gs. Larue, Haynes and Delesdernier, as representatives of that Lodge to this Grand Lodge. All of which they find correct.

The committee further report, that they find written upon the bottom of the certificate from Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, a transfer by Charles B. Collins, of his office and duties, appointing brother P. G. John C. Brady, his substitute or proxy, which the committee consider informal, and therefore report against such act.

In F. L. and T.,

R. W. OGDEN,
F. BRICHTA.

NEW ORLEANS, April, 25th, 1849.

P. G. Olmsted moved to adopt the report, with the exception of the last clause, which was agreed to.

P. G. Olmsted moved to reject the last clause of the report.

P. G. Representative Kneass moved to lay the motion on the table indefinitely, which was concurred in.

On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

The communication from Covenant Lodge, No. 17, asking permission to re-ballot, etc, was called up, and on motion, P. G. Forbes was permitted to withdraw the same on the part of the Lodge.

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, was received and read :

OFFICE OF THE G. S., GRAND LODGE, STATE OF N. Y., I. O. O. F., }
Odd Fellows' Hall, Corner Grand and Centre Streets. }

NEW YORK, April 6, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

You are respectfully invited to unite with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary, on Monday the 4th day of June next, in the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of New York. It is contemplated to have a procession in full regalia, an oration and other appropriate exercises, programmes of which will be transmitted to you at the earliest possible moment.

The Grand Lodge of the State of New York confidently expects a large attendance from the Grand Lodges and Encampments of sister States ; and trusts that invitations will be extended by your R. W. body, to the Subordinates in your jurisdiction, requesting them to unite with us upon this interesting occasion.

Information as to the probable number that will attend from your jurisdiction, would materially aid the committee in making the necessary arrangements for reception.

JOSEPH D. STEWART,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
E. H. HOWELL,		
JAMES BERGEN,		
S. S. GUY,		
A. LEWECK.		

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

E. H. HOWELL, *Secretary.*

On motion of P. G. Shields, the invitation was accepted.

P. G. Lawrason, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother S. S. Searight, submitted the following majority report :

NEW ORLEANS, April 25th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Searight from the decision of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, (of which he was a member,) expelling him therefrom, beg leave to report : That after a careful perusal and examination of the documentary evidence submitted in the case, are of the opinion that the only question at issue between Brother Searight and Commercial Lodge, is contained in the first specification of the charges preferred against him, which alleges that he falsely represented the condition of his health when he applied for admission in said Lodge. In regard to said first specification, which charges him with false representation as to the state of his health, your committee are of opinion that said charge is not sustained. The evidence submitted shows that eminent physicians differed in opinion as to the character of his disease ; his friends who had known him intimately for years certify to his general good (although not robust) health, and experience teaches us, that all who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with that insidious disease, consumption, delude themselves with the hope of recovery until they approach the verge of eternity.

Your committee are therefore decidedly of opinion that although Brother Searight appears to have been in feeble and unsound health when initiated, yet they do not think that he was conscious of his actual condition, or aware that his indisposition would result in serious or protracted illness. If there were any impropriety in the admission of Brother Searight into Commercial Lodge, the blame should attach to the brothers who recommended him, to the investigating committee who reported favorably upon his application, and to the Lodge itself, who initiated him into the Order, after he had stated in the ante-room to the O. C. that he had a cough and felt unwell. The fact of his subscribing himself in the affirmative the sixth interrogatory propounded by the O. C. after making this statement, and being informed that it was proper for him to do so, notwithstanding his then indisposition, does not make him guilty of any premeditated design to misrepresent the state of his health.

In view of all the facts of the case elicited from the documentary evidence before them, and beyond which they cannot go, your committee are of opinion that Commercial Lodge, in her anxiety for members, has received this brother with sufficient knowledge of the risk she incurred of being called on for sick benefits, and having so received him, is bound to grant him all the privileges of a member, and would recommend the passage of the following resolution.

H. G. STETSON,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
GEO. C. LAWRASON,		

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Searight, of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, from a decision of said Lodge expelling him from the Order, be and the same is hereby sustained, and that Commercial Lodge, No. 12, be ordered to reinstate him with all his rights and privileges, the same as if such expulsion had not taken place.

P. G. Shields, from the same committee, made the following minority report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, one of the Special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother S. S. Searight from the action of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, in the matter of his expulsion from said Lodge, begs leave to report: That he feels constrained to differ with the majority of the committee in their conclusions, from the documentary evidence submitted to them, and would recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. SHIELDS.

Resolved, That the action of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, in the expulsion of Brother S. S. Searight, be approved by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Kneass, the reports were accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, upon the reports—P. G. Henry D. Ogden in the chair.

After discussion, the committee rose, and by their chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Kneass, the request was granted, and the subject was made the special order of the day at 5 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Crescent Hall, at 4 o'clock, P. M., April 26.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, April 26th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Sudordinate Lodges

P. G. Fosdick, from the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, April 26th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The Committee on By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges, have examined the By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, and beg leave to report that they find nothing objectionable in either of them. The following resolution is therefore respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. FOSDICK.

Resolved, That the By-Laws submitted by Crescent Lodge, No. 8, and Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, be, and the same are hereby approved.

P. G. Nixon, from the Special Committee on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, April 24th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, appointed at a called meeting on the 28th March last, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions from the R. W. G. L. of Kentucky, have had the same under consideration, and although not *perfectly* agreeing with the *tenor* of the same, still think the object had in view a good one; they therefore report the accompanying preamble and resolutions.

All of which is submitted in F., L. and T.,

J. O. NIXON.

J. C. LARUE.

WHEREAS, The powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States and of the Grand Sire are not clearly defined and generally understood; and whereas, authority is claimed and exercised under the sanction of "ancient usage"—an authority necessarily vague and uncertain—and whereas, believing it practicable and expedient that the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be fully defined—specifying the subjects of legitimate legislation by that body; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of Louisiana to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and are hereby instructed, to endeavor to have the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States and her officers clearly defined and properly limited.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify sister Grand Lodges of the passage of the above preamble and resolutions.

P. G. Larue moved to insert "requested" in place of "instructed," in the first resolution, which was concurred in.

On motion, the preamble and resolutions were adopted, as amended.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was read and accepted :

NEW ORLEANS, April 25th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance have examined the following bills, and recommend they be paid, viz :

The Picayune, for advertising for one year, as per contract made.....\$20 00

The Delta, do. do. do. do. 10 00

The Evening Mercury, for advertising six months, as per contract..... 5 00

The bill rendered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, they beg leave to return, and recommend that further action upon it be deferred until the July session.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

J. STRAWBRIDGE,

J. O. NIXON.

D. G. M. Crickard moved that the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted, and that orders be drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts ; which was agreed to.

The hour of five having arrived, the special order of the day was taken up, being the consideration of the reports of the Special Committee on the appeal of Bro. S. S. Searight from Commercial Lodge, No. 12 ; and, on motion, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole — P. G. Larue in the Chair.

After a full and complete hearing of the facts and evidence in the case, the committee rose and reported by their Chairman, "that they recommend, in the case of the appeal of brother Searight from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, that the judgment of said Lodge be reversed, and the whole matter be returned to the Lodge for a new trial, on the ground of new evidence having been discovered."

On motion the report was accepted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the matter.

P. G. H. D. Ogden moved that the Grand Lodge adopt the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

P. G. Forbes offered, as a substitute for the recommendation of the committee, "that the case be remanded to Commercial Lodge, No. 12, with instructions for a new trial, on the ground of the discovery of new evidence." Which was concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Stetson, the Executive Committee were instructed to report upon all business that may be in their hands.

On motion of P. G. Rep. Kneass, it was ordered that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it be to meet at Crescent Hall, at 4, P. M., to-morrow.

P. G. M. Williams, Treasurer of the old "Hall Association," requested through the Grand Secretary, that he might be permitted to surrender all the books and papers of his office, and that a committee be appointed to examine the same.

On motion, the request was granted, and the Chair appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Foster, Rodd and Belknap.

A communication from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, asking permission to re-ballot upon the application for membership of —, was read, and,

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the request was granted.

P. G. Bier offered the following resolution, and moved the adoption of the same :

Resolved, That all persons making application for admission into the Order of Odd Fellowship, within the limits of this State, whether by card or initiation, shall, when making their application, give the names of at least two respectable persons, (in the city or town wherein the application is made,) as referees, in regard to character, etc.

Objection to the resolution were made, on the ground that it was an amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates, and therefore must lie over under the rule.

P. G. Hammond moved to amend, by recommending the same to the Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Forbes, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was concurred in.

P. G. Nixon, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, April 26th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the remonstrance of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, against the appointment of P. G. G. S. Lacy, as D. D. G. M., of District No. 3, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that they would not be able to arrive at a thorough investigation during the present session. As the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge have power to sit during the recess of the Grand Lodge, we would recommend that it be referred to them.

All of which is submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. O. NIXON,
N. B. KNEASS,
H. BIER.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, the recommendation was adopted.

Certificates were received from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, that P. G. N. B. Kneass had been duly elected a representative from that Lodge ; also, that P. G. W. Winant was a member in good standing of that Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, the certificates were accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, April 27th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment and was opened in due form.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Representative Kneass offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to submit to that body, at its next annual communication, the following questions, viz:

1—If an application for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, by deposit of card, be made and rejected, have the Lodge or Camp the power to keep possession of the card, or must it be returned again to the applicant as when deposited?

2—If a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, applies for one or more degrees, and should be black-balled, what probation is necessary before he can again apply for the same?

3—If a person desiring membership, does not wish to join a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in the same County or Parish in which he resides; can he apply to a Lodge or Encampment in an adjoining Parish or County, if it be nearer to his residence than the Lodge or Encampment in his own Parish or County, and if both Counties or Parishes be in the same District, and under the supervision of the same officer of the Grand Lodge?

4—To define fully the laws of the Order in relation to Degree Lodges.

First—The titles of the officers.

Second—Which offices must be filled by P. Gs.

Third—Eligibility of members for offices.

Fourth—Any other matter relating to governance of Degree Lodges.

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next annual communication, be requested to endeavor to procure the passage of a general law for the Order, defining the number of black-balls necessary to reject a candidate for admission by initiation; and also, the number necessary to reject a candidate for admission by deposit of card, or as an ancient Odd Fellow.

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, the amendment to the Constitution of Subordinates, offered by P. G. W. W. Wood, at the annual session, in January, (see page of proceedings,) was taken up and discussed, and on motion, the amendment was rejected.

On motion of P. G. Forbes, the Grand Lodge re-considered the vote, rejecting the petition of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, for a dispensation to admit former members of that Lodge, for the sum of five dollars, until the last day of May, 1849; and on motion of D. G. Crickard, the dis-

pensation so far as regards former members of that Lodge, was granted unanimously.

The following report from D. D. G. M. Lacy, was received and read, and referred to the Executive Committee :

To the M. W. Grand Master of the I O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana :

The undersigned D. D. G. M. for District No. 3, reports ; That on his return from the Supreme Court in New Orleans, in the month of March last, he found awaiting his arrival, the commission which you had caused to be forwarded ; and that it was not until that time, that the undersigned was invested with the power, and possessed the necessary credentials to act as your Deputy. From that period to the present moment he has been too busily engaged in actual attendance upon Court, to be able to obtain sufficient information upon which, to base a reliable report ; it is his intention, however, during the approaching summer, and as soon as his business will permit, to devote a considerable part of his time and much of his attention to the faithful discharge of his duties. If it be true that you are in possession * * * * can be transmitted, it is a matter of some importance, that the same should be placed in the possession of those in the country who are authorized to receive them — as by that means, much delay in the transmission of the Q. P. W. will be avoided. Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, coming within my jurisdiction. I will make it a point soon to visit her, and inquire into her wants, condition, and prospects. From the character of the officers who now have charge of the Lodge, I have no doubt but that she will soon be one of the most flourishing branches of the Order in the State.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

GEORGE S. LACY, *D. D. G. M. Dis. No. 3.*

April 22d, 1849.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it be to meet at Friendship Hall, to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

P. G. Shields moved, that P. G. A. Read, of No. 7, be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, without producing the certificate required by the Constitution.

The G. M. decided the motion to be out of order.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the papers referred to the Executive Committee were taken out of their hands, and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

P. G. Representative Kneass offered the following resolution, and moved to adopt the same :

Resolved, That it is hereby recommended to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, to enact such By-Laws as will ensure the establishment of a fund for the formation of a Library, for the use of the members of the Order — say half a dime per month.

P. G. Shields moved to lay the resolution on the table, subject to call.

The previous question was called for and sustained, and the main question being put, the resolution was adopted.

P. G. Forbes offered the following as an addition to section 1, article 4, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was laid over under the rules :

“That all acts of the M. W. Grand Master, dispensing with the requirements of sections 2, 5 and 6, of article 7, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, shall be reported by him to this body, at the regular session ensuing, with the reasons therefor.”

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole, on motion of D. G. M. Crickard, upon the matters referred to the Executive Committee. P. G. Larue in the Chair.

On motion, the Committee rose and reported by their Chairman, that the committee had under consideration the resolution offered by P. G. Stetson, at the annual session in January last, and referred the same back to the Grand Lodge for further consideration.

On motion, the report was adopted.

P. G. William Emerson tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, it was not accepted.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, sundry papers were referred back to the Executive Committee, with the exception of the resolution of P. G. Stetson.

The bill of Yeomans & Fitch, for printing the proceedings, amounting to one hundred and twenty dollars, was read and ordered to be paid.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

FRIENDSHIP HALL, April 28th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — C. M. Emerson, M. W. G. Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the books and papers of the Treasurer of the Commissioners of the old “Hall Association,”

made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the books and accounts of the Treasurer of "Grand Lodge Committee on Old Hall Stock" for examination, and to report thereon, beg leave to report: That they have faithfully examined the Treasurer's books and accounts accompanying, and find by the Treasurer's book that there is yet due to "Grand Lodge Committee" on subscriptions for "Old Hall Stock," the amount of \$1273 04. They also find a balance sheet of the Treasurer, embracing a period of two years, from April, 1847, to April, 1849, in which he stands charged with receipts from sundry persons, to the amount of \$2964 50, and credited to the amount of \$2894, leaving a balance due by Treasurer of \$70 50, all which we *suppose* to be correct, but find no vouchers which will enable us to verify the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. FOSTER,
E. W. RODD.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28th, 1849.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the report was adopted, and the subject referred to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Board of Directors of the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," to lay the same before the Board, with power to settle with the Treasurer, as per report.

D. G. M. Crickard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be, and they are hereby authorized, to endeavor to obtain a translation in French, of the work of the Order, a correct MS. copy of which will be cheerfully furnished them for that purpose, by Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, who are much in want of said translation.

On motion, a Special Committee of three was appointed to procure an advance from Subordinate Lodges on their per centage for the present term, to pay current expenses of the Grand Lodge.

P. Gs. Nixon, Kneass and Dentzel were appointed.

P. G. Larue, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

The Executive Committee, to which was referred the remonstrance of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, to the appointment of P. G. George S. Lacy, as D. D. Grand Master of District No. 3, beg leave to report that they cannot concede to DeSoto Lodge the right to remonstrate against the action of this Grand Lodge. They find no authority for such a proceeding in the nature, constitution and usages of the Order. The complaints made against D. D. Grand Master Lacy are too vague, general, and indefinite, both as to acts, omissions and neglect of duty, to justify any proceedings on the part of this Grand Lodge. If there be any charges against D. D. Grand Master Lacy, as a member of the Order, they should have been preferred to and tried before his Lodge; but while he continues to be a member

of that Lodge in good standing, the committee deem any communication against him, not specifying any dereliction of duty in his office, as improper and objectionable. They therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the remonstrance be returned to DeSoto Lodge, No. 7.

J. C. LARUE,
W. H. FOSTER,
W. EMERSON.

P. G. Larue, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred a communication from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, after having given the same due consideration, would respectfully report, that in their opinion, the first question, viz: "What action can this Lodge take with delinquents who refuse to pay their dues?" is fully answered by the 2d section of article 10th of the Constitution furnished by this Lodge to Subordinates.

As regards the second question: "Whether Ancient Odd Fellows, or Odd Fellows holding Permanent Cards, not expired, who have presented their Cards for deposit, in a Lodge under this jurisdiction, and been rejected, can be permitted to join in funeral or other processions, wearing the regalia or insignia of this Order, the same as if they were members in good standing?" Your committee deem that the laws, regarding what constitutes "good standing" in the Order, have been well defined, and would consider any officer deserving of censure, who would permit any proceeding of the kind.

J. C. LARUE,
W. H. FOSTER,
W. EMERSON.

P. G. Larue, from the same committee, made the following report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Executive Committee, to which was referred the communication of Brother W. Van Benthuyzen, of Delta Lodge, No. 15, have had the same under consideration, and report that there is nothing in the said communication which calls for any action on their part, except the representation of the brother that Delta Lodge had refused him an appeal, to which the committee think he was entitled, and upon which, when it comes up, the various matters involved in the communication can be inquired into. They therefore beg to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Delta Lodge, No. 15, be directed to grant Brother W. Van Benthuyzen the appeal prayed for by him, at the meeting of that Lodge known as the third meeting of the first term of 1849.

J. C. LARUE,
W. H. FOSTER,
W. EMERSON.

On motion of P. G. Olmsted, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, upon the resolution offered by P. G. Stetson, approving certain action of Hope Lodge, No. 14. — P. Larue in the Chair.

On motion, the committee rose and reported by their Chairman, that they recommend that the resolution be rejected.

On motion, the report was accepted.

P. G. Foster moved to lay the whole subject upon the table, which was not concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Representative Kneass, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

So the resolution of P. G. Stetson was rejected.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a member of the Executive Committee.

P. G. M. Rice being the only nominee, on motion of P. G. Lawrason, the rules were dispensed with, and P. G. M. Rice was declared duly elected *viva-voce*.

D. G. M. Crickard offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Nixon, was adopted.

WHEREAS, Rumors are current, of numerous difficulties at present existing among the members of National Lodge, No. 18; and whereas, it is right and proper that this Grand Lodge should be correctly informed on the subject, both in justice to the Lodge and its members, be it therefore

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to examine into the nature and character of the same, and report to the M. W. Grand Master as early as practicable.

The Chair appointed P. G. Ms. Mondelli, Stewart, and P. G. Morrison.

P. G. Foster submitted the following resolution, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Nixon, adopted :

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction be instructed that the construction put upon article 7, section 3 of the Constitution be, that when the brother who may have deposited a black ball against a candidate for admission, fails to make his objection known to the N. G., at the succeeding meeting the candidate shall be declared elected without any further formality.

D. G. M. Crickard offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously :

Resolved. That an order be drawn on the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, in favor of Messrs. R. Hall & Co., for twenty-five dollars, being for a frame furnished by them for the portrait of P. G. M. Williams, which the subscribers to the same design presenting to the R. W. Grand Lodge, to be placed in the new Hall.

Resolved, That the sum of six dollars be donated to Brother John Frankford, Host, for services rendered the Grand Lodge, during its recent sessions at Crescent Hall.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Crescent Lodge, No. 8, for the use of their Hall, during the recent sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proper officers of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized, to draw upon the Treasurer for printing the proceedings of the present session, provided the amount does not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Resolved, That the proper officers of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized, to draw upon the Treasurer for the sum of six dollars and fifty cents, in favor of the Committee of Arrangements of this (Friendship) Hall, for the use of the present session of the Grand Lodge.

The amendment offered by P. G. Shields, at the Annual Session in January, (see page 147,) was, on motion, taken up and adopted unanimously.

On motion of P. G. Larue,

The Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary*.

INSTALLATION OF COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 24.

MAY 18, 1849.

The M. W. Grand Master, Chas. M. Emerson, Esq., assisted by the R. W. Grand Officers, of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, instituted Columbus Lodge, No. 24, at Algiers, in the Parish of Orleans, and installed the Officers thereof, with the customary rites and ceremonies in ample form.

SPECIAL MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, May 22d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
J. SOUTHWELL,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call of the meeting was read, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, OF I. O. O. F., }
R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana. }

NEW ORLEANS, May 21, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Secretary will please call a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., to be held on the 22d instant, at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the sale of the lot now owned by said Lodge, and all matters and things appertaining thereto ; and to receive communications.

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *G. Master.*

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the call was approved.

P. G. Stetson, from the Special Committee on the sale of lots on Poydras street, made a verbal report as to the progress thus far, and moved that discretionary power be given to the Committee, to dispose of the remaining lot to the best advantage, at a sum not less than five thousand dollars ; which motion was carried.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which, on motion of P. G. Olmsted, was referred to a Special Committee of three.

P. Gs. Phelps, Southwell and Kneass, were appointed by the Chair.

A certificate was received from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, of the election of P. G. Master Stewart, as representative of that Lodge, to this Grand Lodge, in place of P. G. Kirkland, resigned ; and from Neith Lodge, No. 21, appointing the following proxies, which were read, and on motion, accepted, viz :

D. G. M. J. Crickard, for	-	P. G. R. N. Wood.
P. G. G. C. Lawrason, for	-	P. G. W. W. W. Wood.
P. G. S. E. Belknap, for	- -	P. G. J. W. Robb.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure a sufficient number of Charge and Degree books from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 24, 1849.

The Grand Lodge met at their Hall on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to constitutional provision.

PRESENT :

C. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
ROBT. MOTT,	} <i>R. W. G. Reprs.</i>
JAS. STRAWBRIDGE,	
G. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
J. CUNLIFFE,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Lodge was opened with prayer by the W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, (the same being printed for the use of members,) and on motion, the minutes of the special sessions of May were read and approved.

The semi-annual reports of the following Subordinate Lodges were read and accepted :

Louisiana Lodge, - - No. 1	Howard Lodge, - - No. 13
Washington Lodge, - - No. 3	Hope Lodge, - - No. 14
Feliciana Lodge, - - No. 4	Delta Lodge, - - No. 15
Union Lodge, - - No. 6	Templar Lodge, - - No. 16
DeSoto Lodge, - - No. 7	Covenant Lodge, - - No. 17
Crescent Lodge, - - No. 8	National Lodge, - - No. 18
Jefferson Lodge, - - No. 9	Polar Star Lodge, - - No. 19
Teutonia Lodge, - - No. 10	St. Mary's Lodge, - - No. 20
Orleans Lodge, - - No. 11	Magnolia Lodge, - - No. 22
Commercial Lodge, - - No. 12	Independence Lodge, - - No. 23

The Committee of Conference, appointed to examine the credentials of Past Grands for admission into the Grand Lodge, reported the following brothers as having passed the chairs of N. G., V. G. and Secretary :

J. H. Bechtel,	-	Louisiana Lodge,	-	No. 1
John Hayman,	-	Washington Lodge,	-	No. 3
J. Sidney Relf,	-	Union Lodge,	-	No. 6
Geo. W. Christy,	-	Crescent Lodge,	-	No. 8
S. S. Burdett,	-	Jefferson Lodge,	-	No. 9
J. G. Dunlap,	-	Howard Lodge,	-	No. 13
A. B. Bein,	-	Hope Lodge,	-	No. 14
B. Maglone,	-	Delta Lodge,	-	No. 15
H. Doane,	-	Templar Lodge,	-	No. 16
J. Dirmeyer,	-	Covenant Lodge,	-	No. 17
R. DeArmas,	-	Polar Star Lodge,	-	No. 19

The following as having only passed the chairs of N. G. and V. G. :

J. E. Reuter,	-	Teutonia Lodge,	-	No. 10
Jos. Etter,	-	Orleans Lodge,	-	No. 11
J. F. Wilson,	-	Magnolia Lodge,	-	No. 22

The committee also reported that Brother P. G. Thos. H. Shields has served one term as Secretary.

The Past Grands in waiting were introduced and qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, all Lodges having failed to make their reports within ten days after the close of the preceding term, were ordered to be fined.

The annual reports from the various Subordinate Lodges were, on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Phelps, Dentzel and Cohen said committee.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report, which was read :

REPORT :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

PAST GRANDS : — The quarterly returns from the various Lodges within your jurisdiction, will show better than I can describe, their continued high state of prosperity, and the interest generally manifested by the members, while the reports of our worthy D. D. G. Masters, herewith submitted, will advise you of the extent to which the principles of our Order, are on the eve of being disseminated in the interior of the State.

Since your last regular communication, I have, with the assistance of the Grand officers organized Columbus Lodge, No. 24, installed its officers and dedicated their Hall.

I have granted a dispensation to open a new Lodge, which bears the title of Wood Lodge, No. 26, to brothers residing at Mansfield, in the Parish of DeSoto, and it is now in full and successful operation. It is for you to decide whether a Charter shall be granted to them.

From the brothers who petitioned for a new Lodge at Opelousas, I have received no intelligence since your action upon their application, but I learn that they expect to be in readiness to organize, during the current summer.

On your table will be found a petition to establish a Lodge at Clinton, in the Parish of East Feliciana; also, a petition for another Lodge, to be located in this city, and to work in the German language.

At your meeting on the 25th of January last, three Districts were organized. I would recommend that the First District be enlarged, so as to include the Parish of Rapides, and the Third District, so as to include East and West Feliciana, and the Parish of Iberville. As at present organized, Feliciana is designated, without specifying which of the two Parishes was intended.

By the report of the committee appointed to sell the lots standing in the name of the Grand Lodge, it will be perceived, that the second lot has been disposed of for the sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. The act of sale has been executed in due form.

The following questions have been propounded to me for solution, viz :

Pending the trial of an accused brother before his Lodge, have any of its members a right to express an opinion in debate, as to the guilt or innocence of the party on trial, except the accused himself? I held, that as any member in good standing had a right to debate any question, which was not expressly excepted by law, and in such debate, to argue for or against the accused, he could not be precluded from expressing an opinion.

Can a brother be permitted to join a Lodge by depositing his Card, unless he is in possession of the T. P. W.? Considering the articles of the Digest on the subject, and especially article 6, section 1, page 34; article 7, section 6, page 36; and article 8, sections 2 and 4, page 28, I decided this question in the negative, believing that if there was any necessity for disclosing the P. W., when applying for admission as a visitor, that necessity was increased, when the brother applied for admission as a member.

Our brethren of DeSoto* Lodge, No. 7, applied to me last month, for a dispensation to enable them to have a procession on the 4th of July, which I declined giving, believing I had no authority to grant it. Article 3, section 1, page 31, of the Digest, prohibits such procession, unless permission is given by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; and section 11, page 45, requires Grand Lodges to enact laws restricting public displays, in regalia, while section 4, of the By-Laws of this body, prohibits them, without permission from the Grand Lodge. It seemed to me, therefore, that under this section, I was without authority to grant the request.

At the late election held by Washington Lodge, No. 3, a brother who had been that evening initiated, voted for Treasurer, who was elected by a majority of one, and my opinion was asked as to the legality of the election. I desired the worthy P. G. Master who installed the officers, to inquire into the matter, and if he found on examination, that the newly initiated brother voted for the successful candidate, I authorized the installing officer to declare the election null; but if on the contrary, the vote was cast for the opposite candidate, to declare the election valid, inasmuch as by deducting the illegal vote, the majority would be increased.

Inquiry has been made of me, whether the side degrees of this body can be conferred by deputation, and in any other place than the Lodge room or its adjoining rooms. The practice, I believe, has been to allow these degrees to be conferred by deputation, and a

restriction of the practice would lead to much inconvenience, since it is not always practicable for the P. Gs. who reside in the interior, to attend your meetings. There being some doubt on the subject, I refer the matter to your decision, and desire you to determine what, and how many of these degrees may be conferred, if any, by deputation, and elsewhere than at your place of meeting.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a * * * * * having failed to report, I adopted one, which I submit.

Trusting that your deliberations will tend to the promotion of our noble cause, I submit the foregoing.

In F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *G. Master.*

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the report was referred to a Special Committee of three; and P. G. Masters Rice and Gans, and P. G. Southwell were appointed by the Chair.

D. D. G. Master R. N. Wood, submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion, referred to the committee on the report of the Grand Master.

OFFICE OF D. D. G. M. DISTRICT, No. 1, }
Shreveport, La., July 9, 1849. }

To C. M. Emerson, Esq, M. W. G. M.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In making this my quarterly report, I am sensible of the growing importance of our Order in the interior districts. I have the pleasure to inform you that I duly instituted Wood Lodge, No. 26, at Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, and installed the officers elect, on the 21st of June last; and on the 23d of the same month, dedicated their Hall. In discharging these duties, I was placed under many obligations by the obliging kindness of P. G. Wm. W. W. Wood, R. A. Walker, V. G. Samuel Van Bibber, Secretary J. J. Kline, of Neith Lodge, and brother Samuel Bennett, of St. John's Lodge, Massachusetts, who, forsaking their vocations and business for the time, accompanied me to DeSoto, and rendered me efficient aid. While I here take occasion to pay a tribute of merit to the officers and members of Wood Lodge, for their attentions and considerations, lavished on us during our stay, with an amiability, frankness and brotherly love, so eminently calculated to cement undying friendships. I send herewith, a rough abstract of proceedings had at that Lodge, to which I invite your attention.

The original members of Wood Lodge, live at remote distances from each other, with the exception of two, who reside in Mansfield; and from the remoteness of residence of many of those applicants for membership from Mansfield, I was induced to grant the dispensations you see embodied in the accompanying documents. This, with the two additional reasons:—

First—That as the members live at distances of from fifteen to thirty-seven miles from the Lodge, it would be necessary to have a sufficient number instructed, that the Lodge would at all times, have the necessary material to work with.

Second—In the creation of a new Lodge, a heavy expense would naturally be incurred, and in the case of Wood Lodge, it has proved no exception to the general rule. These reasons induced me to pursue the course I adopted, which, from being present, and cognizable of all the facts, I considered ample justification. Wood Lodge bids fair to rival her sister Lodge. (Neith) in this Parish.

It will be gratifying to know, that the very serious obstacles and inconveniences to which Neith Lodge, for some months has been made to feel, for want of a proper and suitable Hall, no longer exists; on the contrary, the brethren, with commendable zeal, have secured the use of a Hall in the second story of a brick building, seventy-five feet by twenty-six, which is fitted up and furnished as well as could be desired; and on the 4th of July, I granted a dispensation to said Lodge; for a procession, and also dedicated their Hall. Herein I was again placed under obligations by brothers P. Gs. Wood, Glass, Walker, and brother Means, of Wood Lodge, and brothers Mitchell, Wells and Hall, of Neith Lodge, who rendered me invaluable services.

There is now on the *tapis*, the creation of a new Lodge, in Bossier Parish, and I hope in a few days to forward their application. I also learn this day, that an application will be made for a new Lodge in Shreveport, to be known as Job Lodge. Thus, the fact is evident, that the principles of our Order are becoming diffused and properly appreciated.

The quarterly P. W. has been duly transmitted to the officers of Neith and Wood Lodges.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

R. N. WOOD, *D. D. G. M. District No. 1.*

I had neglected to say that the officers of Neith Lodge will be installed on the 11th inst.

The following reports from D. D. Grand Masters G. S. Lacy and H. C. Cook, were read and referred to the Committee on the report of the Grand Master:

OFFICE OF D. D. G. M. DISTRICT No. 2. }
Franklin, La., June 12, 1849. }

To C. M. Emerson, Esq., M. W. G. M.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The state of the Order under my jurisdiction is highly gratifying. St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, continues to increase in numbers, and by the zeal and deep interest manifested by the members, we are convinced of the sincerity of their professions and high appreciation of the principles of our beloved Order. The high stand taken by this Lodge, in society, assures us that much good may be expected from this source.

I have had but few occasions to act in my official capacity. Brothers Yancy and Roberts being about to leave for California, received all five of the Degrees; so also, the fourth and fifth degrees were conferred on brothers John Garret, and Thomas L. Sawyer; the first being anxious to advance, and living at an inconvenient distance, the latter wishing to leave the State. On the 5th of June, brother G. N. Seagrave was installed as Treasurer, and brother G. B. Shepherd as Permanent Secretary, to fill out the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of brothers Dartigue and Tuttle.

The O. F. Union Hall now being erected in this place, bids fair to become an ornament to the town, and speaks well for the Order.

It will be remembered, that St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, is the only Lodge in District No. 2; it is gratifying to note, however, that several worthy members from St. Martinsville, have joined this Lodge, and the petition of others are now before it, with the intention of establishing a Lodge. I have also good reasons to believe that a Lodge will soon be established at Opelousas.

I cannot doubt but that several Lodges may be advantageously established in this District, and sincerely hope that the day is not distant, when the principles of the Order will be more widely disseminated.

Yours sincerely,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

H. C. COOK, *D. D. G. M. District No. 2.*

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. M. OF DISTRICT No. 3, }
 Baton Rouge, La., July 12, 1849. }

To C. M. Emerson, Esq., M. W. G. Master :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The report of the undersigned, your Deputy for this District, respectfully shows: That immediately upon the receipt of your communication, bearing date the 15th May last, the construction placed upon article 7, section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this State, was at your request particularly noted, and the attention of the Lodges working under my jurisdiction at once called to the same.

On the same day, a correspondence was opened by me with John McVary, George McClelland, and Preston Pond, Esqs., the latter residing at Clinton, and the two former in Jackson, Parish of East Feliciana, with a view of inducing those persons to become interested in the diffusion, through our Order, of the principles of Benevolence and Charity, and thereby to procure the establishment of a Lodge in the Parish above mentioned. None of these gentlemen, with the exception of the latter, have promised to lend their assistance; but fortunately for us, the good work can be advanced, in the absence of their aid and countenance.

On the 15th May, 1849, I wrote to the officers and members of Feliciana Lodge, notifying them of my intention to interest myself in their behalf, and requesting them to notify me of such steps as may be needed to promote the usefulness and prosperity of their Lodge; I at the same time desired them "to communicate with me relative to their condition and prospects, and to place me in possession of all information not necessarily communicated to the Grand Lodge, by the regular reports." To this communication I have not received a written reply, but verbal statements made by the former N. G. and V. G., enable me to report to you the satisfactory progress of Feliciana Lodge. I also wrote, in the above mentioned communication, as follows: "At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held April 27th, 1849, it was recommended to the Subordinate Lodges to enact such By-Laws as will insure a fund for the formation of a library, for the use of the members of the Order, say half-a-dime per month. This is not authority, but simply an expression of opinion from the Grand Lodge. I trust, nevertheless, it may receive at your hands due consideration."

On the 16th of May last, the same views relative to the formation of a library, were communicated to DeSoto Lodge; and at the same time, the following written: "A practice has long prevailed in DeSoto Lodge, of leaving the first door, during the sitting of the Lodge, insecure; and as that practice is contrary to the rules and work of the Order, it ought to be stopped. The N. G. will hereafter see, that during the time the Lodge is in session, the outside door is kept fastened, and that no one enters thereby, unless according to the rules of the Order."

May, 1849.—Visited Brother Poole, in Clinton, and ascertained from him that there, with himself, five Odd Fellows in that town, viz: Brothers Winans, Downs, Farquar and Dooley; saw those brothers and induced them to take an interest in the Order. A foundation was thus laid, upon which a Lodge in Clinton will soon be commenced.

I visited the N. G. and V. G. of Feliciana Lodge, and ascertained from them that this Lodge was doing well; not making a great number of members, but at times introducing and initiating a member who is calculated to reflect credit upon the Order, and who will carry out the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

I visited Port Hudson, and saw and conversed with several who seemed to be much interested in the Order. I found a very flattering prospect for instituting a Lodge at that place, by the middle of the approaching winter.

July 10, 1849.—I forwarded to the Grand Master an application for a Dispensation or Charter to establish a Lodge at Clinton, East Feliciana, to be known by the name of ——— Lodge, No. —. If this application be granted, a Lodge, with a flattering prospect, will be set in motion at or before the commencement of the next month. This Lodge, when fairly

started, will, I doubt not, render a good account of itself to the Grand Lodge of this State.

The last quarter has improved the prospects of DeSoto Lodge, and she, as well as Magnolia Encampment, is at present in a flourishing condition. I am informed that several initiations will take place in the latter, at the next meeting. The sickness of members and the sickly season has somewhat retarded them in their onward progress.

Upon the whole, I think you and the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, may be well satisfied with the condition of the Order in this District.

All of which is submitted, in F., L. and T.,

GEO. S. LACY, *D. D. G. M., District No. 3.*

D. G. M. Crickard, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the disposition of the lots on Poydras street, standing in the name of the G. Lodge, submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion of P. G. Shields, accepted, and the committee discharged.

REPORT:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, appointed to dispose of the Poydras street property, etc., report: That, failing to sell the remaining lot referred to in their previous report, (see proceedings of April session last,) at any thing like the nominally stipulated price, they withdrew the same and referred it back to the R. W. Grand Lodge; and at a called meeting of that body, held on the 22d of May last, the subject was again referred to them, "with discretionary powers to sell, etc.," provided, at a sum not less than \$5,000.

In obedience to which, your committee cheerfully undertook the task, and are most happy in being enabled to report the sale of said lot, on the 7th instant, to Mr. Paul E. Layet, for account of Mr. J. U. Lavillebeuvre, for the sum of \$5,250, on the following terms, viz: one-fourth cash, and the balance in two equal payments, at twelve and twenty-four months, for notes, secured by mortgage, until final payment, as per act before Theo. Guyol, Esq., Notary Public, under date 11th instant, and the proceeds (less expenses paid brokerage, advertising, and mortgage fees, \$111 50,) have been placed in the hands of P. G. Stetson, Treasurer of the Association.

In order to facilitate the final settlement with the old subscribers, which it is desirable should be made at as early a day as possible, the committee beg to hand herewith, a statement (for the preparation of which they are mainly indebted to Brother T. W. Van Wyck, Secretary of the Hall Association,) compiled from data furnished them by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, showing the comparative cost and nett proceeds of both lots; the payments of stock by Lodges and individuals; nett profit on lots, say \$273 54, or 2 99-100 per cent., divided among the stockholders, agreeably to their respective interests paid, together with the number of shares in the new stock that the subscribers will be entitled to, upon the payment of the fractional sums appearing opposite the name of each, in order to make even amounts and whole shares.

In view also of the difficulties that are likely to arise in the contemplated settlement with individuals, in consequence of the fractional part of shares, amounting in all to \$239, the committee would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge, the propriety of purchasing (from those who may desire to dispose of the same,) these small amounts, and receive new stock for the same.

Having now disposed of the somewhat important trust confided to them, with an eye single to the interests of all parties they had on this occasion the honor to represent, your committee would respectfully submit this their final report, and ask to be discharged.

J. CRICKARD,

H. G. STETSON.

July 24, 1849.

PAYMENTS OF STOCK—AVERAGE DUE 1ST JANUARY, 1850.

Nett proceeds of Lots on Poydras street, average due May 30, 1850.....	\$9,749 50
Less 150 days discount, to make the payments equal to those of stockholders...	324 96
	<u>\$9,414 54</u>
Cost of Lots on Poydras street	\$10,400
Less note of Grand Lodge (assumed by E. W. Sewell) held by Commercial Lodge, to 1st Jan., 1851, including interest.....	1,298
	<u>\$9,102</u>
Expenses, stationery, etc.....	39
	<u>\$9,141 00</u>
Nett profits on Lots.....	\$273 54

STOCKHOLDERS.	AMOUNT.	INTEREST.
Louisiana Lodge, No. 1.....	\$2050 00.....	\$61 30
Washington Lodge, No. 3.....	250 00.....	7 48
Union Lodge, No. 6.....	2500 00.....	74 81
Hope Lodge, No. 14.....	250 00.....	7 48
Teutonia Lodge, No. 10.....	62 50.....	1 88
Willey Encampment, No. 1.....	750 00.....	22 44
J. R. Meekins	50 00.....	1 50
J. Saliba.....	50 00.....	1 50
A. Costa.....	50 00.....	1 50
J. Titus.....	50 00.....	1 50
W. Harris.....	25 00.....	75
J. S. Meekins	50 00.....	1 50
N. W. Brown.....	25 00.....	75
H. Williams.....	50 00.....	1 50
P. Brandt.....	50 00.....	1 50
C. M. Emerson.....	25 00.....	75
R. Wood.....	50 00.....	1 50
J. Ledoux.....	13 00.....	39
R. H. Stehn.....	17 50.....	51
John Frost	13 00.....	39
M. Brown.....	8 00.....	25
R. H. Montgomery.....	11 00.....	33
W. R. Fosdick.....	19 50.....	60
H. H. Hedden.....	44 50.....	1 35
H. Benedick	17 00.....	50
J. C. Morgan.....	34 00.....	1 02
G. P. Van Vechten.....	17 00.....	50
J. Bentford.....	5 00.....	16
W. A. Chambers.....	39 50.....	1 20
	<u>\$6,576 50</u>	<u>\$196 84</u>
Grand Lodge.....	2,564 50.....	76 70
	<u>\$9,141 00</u>	<u>\$273 54</u>

Total amount paid including profit.	Balance due to entitle each to	No. Shares.
Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, .. \$2,111 30	\$8 70	212
Wash'ton Lodge, No. 3, .. 257 48	2 52	26
Union Lodge, No. 6, .. 2,574 81	5 19	258
Hope Lodge, No. 14, .. 257 48	2 52	26
Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, .. 64 38	5 62	7
Willey Encampment, " 1, .. 772 44	7 56	78
J. R. Meekins,.....	8 50	6
J. Saliba,.....	8 50	6
A. Costa,.....	8 50	6
J. Titus,.....	8 50	6
W. Harris.....	4 25	3
J. S. Meekins,.....	8 50	6
N. W. Brown,.....	4 25	3
H. Williams,.....	8 50	6
P. Brandt.....	8 50	6
C. M. Emerson,.....	4 25	3
R. Wood,.....	8 50	6
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	\$6,527 14	\$112 86
		664
Fractions,..... 239 00	}	2 60
Profit,..... 7 20		
Grand Lodge,..... 2,641 20		
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	\$9,530 00	Equal
		953

On motion, the report, so far as it relates to the sale of the property, was adopted.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Lodge was tendered to the committee for the faithful manner in which they had discharged their arduous duties.

The committee to whom was referred the annual reports from Subordinate Lodges reported as correct, the following :

Louisiana Lodge, - - - No. 1	}	Hope Lodge, - - - No. 14
Union Lodge, - - - No. 6		Delta Lodge, - - - No. 15
Crescent Lodge, - - - No. 8		Templar Lodge, - - - No. 16
Jefferson Lodge, - - - No. 9		Poplar Star Lodge, - - - No. 19
Orleans Lodge, - - - No. 11		Magnolia, Lodge, - - - No. 22
Commercial Lodge, - - - No. 12		

The committee also reported the following as incorrect, viz :

DeSoto Lodge, No. 7. Every item wanting, except the number of members.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 10. The list of members omitted.

Howard Lodge, No. 13. The number of deaths, names of brothers deceased, and names of brothers relieved, all omitted.

Independence Lodge, No 23. No seal of the Lodge.

From the following Lodges there were no reports, viz :

Washington, No. 3 ; Feliciana No. 4 ; National, No. 18 ; St. Mary's, No. 20 ; Neith, No. 21 ; Columbus, No. 24 ; ———, No. 25 ; and Wood, No. 26.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to notify the delinquent Lodges to forward their reports as early as practicable.

An application was received for a Charter for a Lodge, to be Held at Clinton, La., to be known as Clinton Lodge, No. —. The application was in due form, and signed by brothers C. C. Tuttle, F. C. Lalier, Thomas B R. Hatch, F. Bretzand, H. F. Babin.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at Crescent Hall, tomorrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, July 25th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master ; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The annual report of Neith Lodge, No. 21, was read and accepted, and on motion, the Grand Secretary was requested to instruct that Lodge as to the correct method of making its reports.

On motion, the annual report of Independence Lodge, No. 23, was returned to that Lodge for correction.

On motion of P. G. Haynes, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure the printing of a sufficient number of blank returns, to be distributed among the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

An application was presented for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be established in this city, and to work in the German language.

P. G. Haynes moved that the Charter be granted.

P. G. M. Rice moved to lay the application on the table, which motion was carried.

An application for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, and to be known and hailed as Wood Lodge, No. —, signed by William B. Means, R. T. Gibbs, J. M. N. Arrington, B. R. Hogan and M. T. J. Alston, was received, and on motion, the Charter was granted.

An application for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at Shreveport, signed by John B. Mereta, Adolphus L. Heine, Leopold Levy, W. Rose, H. F. Beckman, Albert McDaniel, Wm. H. Glass and A. F. Alfred, was received, and on motion, referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Shields, Bier and Phelps.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a committee to whom was referred a communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, dated Charleston, April, 1849, report :

That in the opinion of your committee, the subject of said communication is therein so fully, fairly and ably discussed, as to require from your committee no further action in the premises, than to recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge coincide in opinion with the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, as expressed in the report and resolutions unanimously adopted by said Grand Lodge, contained in a circular letter, dated 26th April, 1849; and which relate to the "New York difficulties."

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, be instructed to forward a copy of the foregoing, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; to each of the State Grand Lodges, and to each of our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

AUG. S. PHELPS, }
JOHN SOUTHWELL, } *Committee.*

On motion of P. G. Christy, the report was laid on the table until tomorrow.

A communication from Delta Lodge, No. 15, relative to the appeal of brother Van Benthuyzen from various decisions of that Lodge, was read, and on motion of P. G. Olmsted, referred to the Executive Committee.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of National Lodge, No. 18, made the following report, which, on motion of P. G. Haynes, was read and accepted, and the committee discharged :

To the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, appointed to investigate the condition of National Lodge, No. 18, report :

That they attended that Lodge last evening, and made full and careful inquiry into her

affairs, and take great pleasure in saying that the Lodge is in good condition, and that the disposition manifested by the members, with the exception of one or two, is highly favorable for the future prosperity of the Lodge.

They find that their proportion of the expense of fitting up the Hall and the purchase of Regalia, amount to about \$2,200. They have paid some \$1,692, leaving a balance due, of about \$508. Orders have been drawn for \$125, which will reduce the debt to \$383. In addition to this, they owe about \$205. The expenses of the Lodge from the 1st instant to 31st of October, will be \$190, making their liabilities to that time \$778.

The receipts of the past four months have averaged about \$140 per month; there is good prospect of an increase for the next six months, which will put the Lodge nearly or quite out of debt. The Lodge numbers forty-nine members; only six have withdrawn since its institution; three of them within the three past months, and two of these have expressed a wish to return. The Lodge has had many difficulties to contend with; there has been much sickness among the members, and the Lodge has buried one member and the wife of another, during the present term. Your committee are surprised that with so many difficulties to encounter, the Lodge is in so prosperous a condition. Much credit is due to P. Gs. Fuertes and Gomez, and the present officers of the Lodge.

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The appeal of brother Dennett from the decision of St. Mary's Lodge, on charges preferred against brother D. D. G. M. Cook, was received and read, and on motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication from Howard Lodge, No. 13, relative to the appointment of Host, by that Lodge, was received and read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Communications were received from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19; Orleans Lodge, No. 11; and Neith Lodge, No. 21; asking the consent of the Grand Lodge, to their holding meetings only each alternate week, until the first of November next.

On motion of P. G. Shields, the requests were refused.

A communication was received from P. G. M. Williams, requesting the Grand Lodge to purchase five dozen regalias for the use of its members; which on motion, was laid on the table.

An application was received from Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, for the use of the Hall of the Grand Lodge, on Tuesday evenings, which was rejected.

P. G. M. Williams asked permission of the Grand Lodge, to loan to the Directors of the Hall Association, such properties as the Directors may require, belonging to the Grand Lodge, and which are in his possession for safe keeping.

On motion, the request was granted.

On motion of P. G. Maccory, the Grand Lodge reconsidered its vote of yesterday, fining all Subordinate Lodges which had not complied with the laws in relation to making their returns in due time.

P. G. Shields moved that the fines be remitted, which motion was lost.

On motion of Past Grand Stetson, the Grand Secretary was instructed to inform delinquent Lodges, that they had been fined ten dollars each.

P. G. Shields offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to a Special Committee of three.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to ascertain from that body, the law regulating the eligibility to office in Degree Lodges, and if it be true that none others than P. Gs. are competent to fill the Chairs, in Degree Lodges, that they be requested to use their best exertions to have such a law passed, as will render eligible to the same, any member of the Scarlet Degree—restricting the N. Gs. and V. Gs. only, of said Lodges, to such past duties as observed in Subordinate Lodges; and that each past N. G. of said Degree Lodges, be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge of their respective jurisdictions, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of P. Gs. of Subordinate Lodges.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Etter, Shields, and P. G. M. Gans, the committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at Crescent Hall, to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, July 26th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

An application was presented for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at the Balize, and to be known and hailed as Nautilus Lodge, No. 38.

On motion of P. G. Kirkland, the Grand Master was authorized to grant the Charter applied for, whenever the necessary formalities were complied with.

On motion of P. G. Stetson, it was ordered that David Johnson and Joseph E. Dunham be recognized as charter members of said Lodge, whenever they shall present to this Grand Lodge or to the Grand Master, the proper certificates or cards.

On motion, it was ordered that B. P. Poole be recognized as charter member of Clinton Lodge, No. 27.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid :

Bill of H. Williams, as G. Herald,	- - -	\$26 50
“ R. Horton, for repairing G. Lodge room,	- - -	2 25
“ “ Crescent,” for advertising,	- - -	3 00
“ Grand Secretary, for stationery, etc.,	- - -	21 50
“ Grand Lodge of the United States, balance,	- - -	154 00
“ Hyde & Goodrich,	- - - - -	4 29

The Special Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at its last session, to procure advances from Subordinate Lodges, made the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned, one of the committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to procure from Subordinate Lodges an advance on their per centage, due June 30, 1849, in the absence of his associates, begs leave to make the following report :

That they procured from

Union Lodge, No. 6.....	\$50 00	} Hope Lodge, No. 14.....	\$50 00	
Crescent Lodge, No. 8..	50 00		} Delta Lodge, No. 15.....	25 00
Orleans Lodge, No. 11.....	25 00			} Templar Lodge, No. 16.....	50 00
Commercial Lodge, No. 12.....	50 00		Covenant Lodge, No. 17.....		50 00

Making an amount of.....\$350 09

Which is recommended to be placed to the credit of the several Subordinate Lodges, in settlement of their per centage; and having performed all the duties assigned them, beg leave to be discharged.

F. A. DENTZEL.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the report of the committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, (laid on the table yesterday,) was taken up.

P. G. Haynes moved to lay the report on the table, which motion was lost.

On motion of P. G. Cripps, the report was received, and the committee discharged.

P. G. Olmsted moved to adopt the report of the committee.

P. G. M. Gans moved, as an amendment, the adoption of the third resolution accompanying the communication from the South Carolina Grand Lodge.

P. G. Rice moved, as an amendment, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, a copy of the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge, in reference to the address and resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as the action of this Grand Lodge; which amendment was carried.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. G. Master, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, and those of the R. W. D. Deputies, beg leave to submit the following:

I. The establishment of several Lodges in the country makes it necessary that the State should be newly districted, and we therefore offer the recommendation of our M. W. Grand Master, as a resolution, viz:

Resolved, That District No. 1 shall include the Parish of Rapides, and District No. 3, the Parishes of East and West Feliciana and the Parish of Iberville.

II. Every member of a Lodge has a right to participate in debate on the trial of an accused brother, and he may speak either for or against the accused.

III. A brother who wishes to deposit his Card in a Lodge, must be in possession of the A. T. P. W. of the year in which his Card is dated.

IV. By the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master has no authority to grant a dispensation for a public procession of the Order in regalia.

V. In reference to the case of Washington Lodge, No. 3, your committee are of the opinion that a new election should have been entered into; as the fact of the newly initiated member having voted for the successful candidate, could not alter the illegal vote thus cast, and consequently not the illegality of the election.

VI. The side degrees of the Grand Lodge must be conferred in the room or adjoining rooms of the Grand Lodge. The mere possession of these side degrees cannot benefit a brother P. G., as long as he does not ask for admission into a Grand Lodge; but after admission, he can at all times and under all circumstances, receive them.

VII. The * * * * * adopted by the M. W. G. Master, we recommend to be adopted by the Grand Lodge.

VIII. In reference to the reports of the D. D. G. Masters, we have nothing to observe, but that those officers have no authority to grant dispensations for processions of the Order in regalia, in their respective districts.

All of which is fraternally submitted is F., L. and T.,

WM. H. RICE,
D. S. GANS,
J. SOUTHWELL.

On motion, the recommendations and resolutions were taken up separately.

On motion, the first recommendation, relating to the extension of the first and third districts, was adopted.

On motion, the second recommendation, referring to certain rights in

debate, was adopted, as was also the recommendation in reference to the deposit of Cards.

The fourth recommendation, declaring the Grand Master has no power to grant dispensations for public processions of the Order, was, on motion, adopted.

So much of the report of the committee as refers to the election in Washington Lodge, No 3, was rejected, and on motion of P. G. Dunlap, the views of Grand Master, as embodied in his report, were sustained.

The recommendations of the committee in relation to conferring the side degrees, were adopted: as was also their recommendation in relation to ***** P. G. Haynes dissenting from the latter.

The last recommendation of the committee, defining the powers of D. D. G. Masters, in relation to their granting dispensations for processions, was adopted.

P. G. M. Rice, from the Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Dennett, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Dennett, of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, after having given the same due consideration, beg leave to offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

WM. H. RICE,
AUG. S. PHELPS,
WM. EMERSON.

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Dennett, from the decision of St. Mary's Lodge, be sustained.

On motion, the report and accompanying resolution were adopted.

P. G. M. Rice, from the same committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Van Benthuyzen, from the decisions of Delta Lodge, No. 15, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Van Benthuyzen, from the decisions and action of Delta Lodge, No. 15, beg leave to report, that from the record furnished the committee, they are unable to form an opinion upon the case, and ask power to examine the minutes of the Lodge, and also, if necessary, to examine any member of said Lodge, in order to arrive at a full knowledge of the matter.

WM. H. RICE,
AUG. S. PHELPS,
WM. EMERSON,

P. G. Etter, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the resolutions of P. G. Shields, relative to Degree Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read :

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the subject of eligibility to office in Degree Lodges, beg leave respectfully to report :

That inasmuch as the subject is one of great importance, and entirely new in its every feature, your committee are unprepared to give it either their entire sanction or disapproval. To enable the Grand Lodge, however, to arrive at some understanding of the subject, they have carefully searched for any matter which might have, or seem to have, a bearing on the subject. Though their researches have proved almost fruitless, such as they have, they lay before you.

In the Digest, page 52, article 4, section 1, we find the following : "The legality of Degree Lodges is recognized by the Grand Lodge of the United States." This, we believe, is the only place in the Digest where Degree Lodges are named ; and for the rules under which they work, and the laws governing their transactions, we have to look to other sources. We find by article 1, section 4, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States "has exclusive power to create Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Grand and Subordinate Encampments," and by section 3, "that it has exclusive power to make, alter and regulate the work, language and regalia of the Order ; to pass general laws, etc., and to declare the usages of the Order." We find also, under the third division, page 43, article 1, section 5, that "each Grand Lodge consists of all the Past Grands in good standing ;" and section 7 explains the article, by saying that a Past Grand is one who has "performed the duties of Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge," and that the Grand Lodge Degree shall be conferred on no other person.

In view of these facts, it is apparent that the officers of Degree Lodges have never been contemplated as performing duties which would entitle them to seats in Grand Lodges.

But aware that the duties performed by the officers of Degree Lodges are very onerous, and believing that some law should be passed, by which they might hope for advancement in the Order as a reward for meretorious service, your committee would respectfully recommend, that so much of the resolution as asks for definition of law, etc., be unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to ascertain from that body, the law regulating eligibility to office in Degree Lodges ; and if it be true, that none others than P. Gs. are competent to fill the Chairs in said Degree Lodges, that they be requested to use their best exertions to have such a law passed as will render eligible to the same, any member of the Scarlet Degree, restricting the N. Gs. and V. Gs., only of said Lodges, to such past duties as are observed in Subordinate Lodges."

To the last recommendation in the resolution of P. G. Shields, viz :

"That each Past Noble Grand of said Degree Lodges be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge of their respective jurisdictions, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of P. Gs. of Subordinate Lodges."

We recommend that our Representatives be requested to lay said resolution before the Grand Lodge of the United States, to elicit information on the subject, and that they be left free to exercise their judgments and votes by the lights that are there laid before them.

Before concluding, your Committee would respectfully suggest, that the subject being new and important, it would be well, if the Grand Lodge of the United States do not think

proper to admit the P. Gs. of Degree Lodges, "with all the rights, privileges and immunities of P. Gs. of Subordinate Lodges," to inquire into the expediency of admitting them as sitting members, with all those privileges except the right to vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth.

JOSEPH ETTER,
T. H. SHIELDS,
D. S. GANS.

P. G. Master Rice moved to lay the report on the table, which motion was lost.

On motion, the report was adopted.

P. G. Shields from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the application for a new Lodge at Shreveport, submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion, adopted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom was referred the application for a Charter to establish a new Lodge at the town of Shreveport, La., have had the matter under consideration, and beg leave to report unfavorably to the application, for the reasons that one of the applicants for said Charter, sought to deposit his Card in Neith Lodge, No. 21, in said town of Shreveport, *within the past twelve months*, and was *rejected*. And further, that the establishment, at this time, of another Lodge at Shreveport, is unnecessary.

Submitted in Friendship Love and Truth,

T. H. SHIELDS,
H. BIER,
AUG. S. PHELPS.

On motion of P. G. Belknap, the application for the Charter of a new Lodge to be established in this city, to be known and hailed as Germania Lodge, No. —, and to work in the German language, was taken up.

P. G. Olmsted moved that the Charter be granted.

The yeas and nays being called for on the resolution, resulted as follows :

YEAS — P. Gs. Brown, Belknap, Cohen, Christy, Cripps, Dunlap, Dentzel, Harris, Haynes, Nixon, Olmsted, Phelps and Shields — 13.

NAYS — Bier, Crickard, Doane, Etter, Emerson, Goodwin, Gans, Kirkland, Maccory, Reuter, Rice, Stetson, Southwell, Williams, Wilson, Wellman — 16.

So the application was rejected.

On motion of P. G. Stetson, the Grand Lodge granted permission to St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, to have a public procession, in full regalia, at the dedication of their new Hall, at such time as they may select, previous to January 1st, 1850.

P. G. Phelps arose and said, it was his painful duty to announce to the Grand Lodge, the decease of one of its members since the last regular session. P. G. Thomas Cook, late a member of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, and also, a member of Lafayette Encampment, No. 7, died of Cholera, in the town of Independence, Mo., on the 6th of May last. Brother Cook was a zealous and efficient member of the Order, and a worthy and highly respected citizen ; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge, wear, during the next thirty days, the usual badge of mourning.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

P. G. Master Crickard offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized, to call in the certificates of the old stock, and issue to the respective holders thereof, a certificate, under seal of the Grand Lodge, specifying, in writing, the number of shares that each may be entitled to, upon the basis or scale reported by the committee on the sale of the Poydras street property, and otherwise transfer all the old to the new organization.

On motion of P. G. Lawrason, so much of the report of the committee of last April session, to whom was referred the reports of the M. W. G. Master and D. D. G. Masters of that session, as refers to the number of black balls requisite to reject a candidate, was taken up, and on motion, laid on the table indefinitely.

The following resolution, offered by P. G. Bier, at the last April session, was taken up, and on motion, it was indefinitely postponed :

Resolved, That all persons making application for admission into the Order of Odd Fellowship within the limits of this State, whether by card or initiation, shall, when making their application, give the names of at least two respectable persons, in the city or town wherein the application is made, as referees in regard to character, etc.

On motion, the following amendment to section 1 of article 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, offered by P. G. Forbes at the last session, and laid over under the rules, was taken up, and on motion, it was laid over to the next regular meeting :

“That all acts of the M. W. Grand Master, dispensing with the requirements of sections 2, 5 and 6, of article 7 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, shall be reported by him to this body, at the regular session ensuing, with the reasons therefor.”

P. G. M. Gans offered the following, as an amendment to section 3 of article 1 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which was laid over to the next regular session, under the rule :

"Accusations for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, shall be handed to the N. G. in writing, who shall carefully conceal the name of the accuser, until it shall be proven by trial or otherwise, that the charges were brought for malicious motives. They shall be referred to a committee of not less than three, for investigation, etc."

On motion of P. G. Kirkland, the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure the printing of the proceedings of this session, and to draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

INSTITUTION OF NAUTILUS LODGE, NO. 28.

August 27, 1849.

The Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., convened at Balize, for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge, to be known and hailed as "Nautilus Lodge, No. 28."

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
S. W. KIRKLAND,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master, pro tem.</i>
G. W. CHRISTY,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
JOHN SOUTHWELL,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal</i>
E. HEISTAND,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
A. W. JOURDAN,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

P. G. Ms. Rice and Hillman, P. D. G. M. Phelps, and P. G. Cripps.

The Lodge was duly instituted, and the officers elect installed into their Chairs in ample form.

JOHN SOUTHWELL, *G. Sec, pro tem.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, September 4, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

C. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
HERY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
G. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
A. W. JOURDAN,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
JAS. CUNLIFFE,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

To C. M. Emerson, Esq, M. W. G. M. of the R. W. G. L., State of La.:

SIR:—The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, respectfully request you to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, as provided in article 8 of the Constitution, to be held on some day most convenient, next week, for the purpose of taking into consideration a petition which will be then presented to charter a German Lodge, to be located in the city of Lafayette; also, to receive and act upon any other communication that may be presented.

Yours, fraternally,

AUG. S. PHELPS,	W. W. VAUGHT,
JAS. CUNLIFFE,	A. W. JOURDAN,
WM. H. WATERS,	THOS. G. THURSTON,
J. CRICKARD,	FRANK HAYNES,
J. G. DUNLAP,	BERNARD MAGLONE,
JNO. SOUTHWELL,	P. HERMAN.
	H. W. OLMSTED.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the call was approved.

A petition for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at Lafayette, Parish of Jefferson, and to be known and hailed as "Germania Lodge, No. —," signed by brothers Charles Geheeb, J. A. Goldman, Peter Daniel, H. Oertling, Aaron Frank, S. Seibert, T. Linden, Chas. F. Burner, M. Mischler, Geo. Rohleter, P. Beckman, C. Gelbke.

G. Damron, S. P. Cockrill, Wm. Kalle, C. Louis Gehrs, John Deniger, Daniel Nafe, and J. R. Borgstede, was received and read.

D. G. M. Crickard moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

P. G. Hooper called for the yeas and nays upon the question, which being ordered, resulted as follows :

YEAS — P. Gs. L. L. Brown, Crickard, Cunliffe, Cohen, Dunlap, Wm. Emerson, Hooper, Harris, Haynes, Hermann, Jourdan, Kirkland, Maglone, Olmsted, Shaw, Tyson, Vaught, and Yeomans — 18

NAYS — P. Gs. Bier, Brichta, Reuter, Whitall and Wilson — 5.

So the application for the Charter was granted, and the blank filled with the No. "29."

A communication was received from Howard Lodge, No. 13, submitting an impression of the new seal of the Lodge; also, a copy of their By-Laws, for the approval of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the seal was approved.

The By-Laws were referred to the Committee on By Laws.

A bill was presented by D. I. Ricardo, for notarial fees, \$27; referred to the Finance Committee.

P. G. Etter presented a certificate from Columbia Lodge, No. 10, Washington, D. C., of his having passed the chair of Secretary, which was read and accepted.

On motion of P. G. Vaught, the Grand Lodge approved the decision of the Grand Master, that "an officer of the Grand Lodge cannot exercise the functions of his office while under charges."

On motion of D. G. Master Crickard, the subject of the translation of the work of the Order into the French language, was referred to the Grand Master, with power to draw an order on the Treasurer for payment of the same.

On motion of D. G. Master Crickard, the Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a new seal for the Grand Lodge, with the present device.

On motion of P. G. Yeomans, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

INSTITUTION OF GERMANIA LODGE, NO. 29.

September, 18, 1849.

The Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana met at Jefferson Hall, city of Lafayette, to institute a new Lodge, to work in the German language, and to be known and hailed as "Germania Lodge, No. 29."

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
GEO. W. SHAW,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer, pro tem.</i>
J. SOUTHWELL,	<i>W. G. Chaplain, pro tem.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
P. HERMAN,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
E. HEISTAND,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

P. Gs. Bein, Cunliffe, Phelps and Pickett.

The Lodge was instituted, and the officers elect installed, in ample form.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

CRESCENT HALL, October 17th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

Present — C. M. Emerson, M. W. G. Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE G. MASTER, G. LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, October 16th, 1849. }

To the R. W. Grand Secretary :

You will please call a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, to be held to-morrow, the 17th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at Crescent Hall, for the

purpose of acting upon the proposed amendment to the Act of Incorporation of the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association;" to choose a proxy or proxies to vote thereon on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and to act upon such other matters as may be brought before the Lodge.

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *Grand Master*.

On motion of G. Sec. Olmsted, the call was approved.

A circular from the Board of Directors of the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association" was read, as follows:

To the Stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association:

The Board of Directors have advised an amendment to the Act of Incorporation, in order to enable persons who are not members of the Order to subscribe for a limited number of shares. The whole number of shares is ten thousand, and at present the subscription is confined to our Fraternity. Less than five thousand shares have been taken up.

Article III. of the Act of Incorporation reads as follows:

"That the capital stock shall be \$100,000—to be divided into 10,000 shares; which stock may be subscribed for and held by any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment in the United States or Canada, or by any member of said Order in the United States or Canada."

It is believed that the work will progress more rapidly if the article should be made less exclusive. It is therefore proposed to amend it, by adding after the clause, "or by any member of said Order in the United States or Canada," the following provision, viz:

"And any number of shares, not exceeding thirty-five hundred, may be subscribed for by persons who are not members of said Order."

A meeting of the Stockholders is notified to be held on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at the office of the Board, No. 13. Camp street, third story, immediately under "Crescent Hall," for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment.

The polls will be open from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 3 o'clock, P. M. A general attendance is requested. By order of the Board.

THOMAS W. VAN WYCK, *Secretary*.

P. G. Kneass moved that the Grand Lodge concur with the Board of Directors in the amendment, which was agreed to.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Master was authorized to cast the votes of the Grand Lodge, upon the amendment.

A communication from Neith Lodge, No. 21, containing a resolution of that Lodge, was read and ordered on file.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 23d, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at their Hall on Tuesday, October 23d, 1849, at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to constitutional provision, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
WM. H. RICE,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
ROBT. MOTT,	} <i>R. W. G. Reprs.</i>
JAS. STRAWBRIDGE,	
GEO. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The minutes of the proceedings relative to the institution of Columbus Lodge, No. 28, the Called Session, September 4th, the institution of Germania Lodge, No. 29, and the Special Session, held 18th inst., were read and approved.

P. G. Delesdernier, from the Committee on Conference, made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Conference, to whom was referred the certificates of Brother V. Aleman, of National Lodge, No. 18, and Brother C. C. Tuttle, of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, have examined the same and find them correct.

Your committee respectfully submit the same.

F. W. DELESDERNIER,
J. D. STEWART,
AUG. W. JOURDAN.

The following Past Grands being in waiting, were introduced and duly qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

C. C. Tuttle, of	- -	DeSoto Lodge,	- -	No. 7
V. Aleman, of	- -	National Lodge,	- -	No. 18
J. H. Bechtel, of	- -	Louisiana Lodge,	- -	No. 1
T. N. Blake, of	- -	Commercial Lodge,	- -	No. 12

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the subjoined report, which was read, and on motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, was referred to a Special Committee of three, to allot the subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. Stewart, P. Gs. Dentzel and Nixon said committee.

REPORT:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

PAST GRANDS — Since my last report, three Subordinate Lodges have been organized within this jurisdiction, and their officers duly installed, viz: Clinton Lodge, No. 27, at Clinton, in the Parish of East Feliciana; Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, at the Balize, and Germania Lodge, No. 29, at Lafayette, Parish of Jefferson.

At your April session I was authorized to grant a charter to certain brothers who petitioned for a new Lodge, to be located at Opelousas, on the production of the necessary documents. Up to this time no intelligence has reached me from the petitioners, and I am not advised whether or not they have abandoned their desire for a new Lodge.

I am informed, from a reliable source, that the present N. G. of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, has never passed the V. G.'s chair. In the year 1839, he was promoted directly from the Secretary's chair to that of N. G., without having filled the intermediate one. This was done in good faith, and under the belief that the step was legal. When the Lodge was reinstated in March last, the brother in question participated in the measure as P. G. Under these circumstances, it would, perhaps, be inadvisable to make some provision to legalize the acts of the Lodge, from the commencement of the present term, unless in your opinion the N. G., having received a certificate as P. G. is entitled to a seat in this body.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has left it to the legislation of State Grand Lodges to determine what probation, if any, is necessary when application for degrees in Subordinate Lodges have been rejected. I recommend some action upon this subject.

At your special session, held on the 4th ultimo, a resolution was passed authorizing me to draw an order on the Treasury to indemnify the brother who had translated the work of the Order into the French language. The translation has been referred to two brothers who are fully competent to examine it and pass upon its merits. As soon as their report is made I shall be ready to act under the resolution, unless the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States render it unnecessary for me to draw the order.

The change effected at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the mode of paying the Representatives to that body, may render some further legislation on your part necessary. I call your attention to the matter.

It has recently been held by some of the Subordinate Lodges within your jurisdiction, that in order to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, a two-thirds vote by ballot is necessary; and by others, that the suspension can be effected by a mere majority and without a ballot. As the practice is not uniform, it would be well to settle the question at once by giving a construction to the article in the Constitution of Subordinates which provides for such suspension.

In compliance with your resolution passed at the special session held on the 17th instant, the vote of this body was given in favor of the amendment to the Charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, and I have to report that the amendment was sanctioned by a majority of the stockholders.

I have received no reports for this quarter from our worthy D. D. G. Masters, and I am, therefore, unable to furnish any official information respecting the condition of the Order in the interior of the State; but from a variety of sources, I derive the intelligence that the Lodges are prosperous and the good work steadily progressing.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *G. M.*

P. G. Nixon, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, October 23d, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

The undersigned, Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the bill of D. I. Ricardo, for notarial fees, have had the same under consideration, and find the second and fourth items were for account of the Cemetery Committee. The first and third items, amounting to \$11, being for account of the property of the Grand Lodge on Poydras street, they would recommend an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

J. STRAWBRIDGE,
J. O. NIXON.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee on the report of the Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom we referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, for the purpose of allotting the subjects referred to therein to appropriate committees, report that they recommend so much as relates to the N. G. of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, be referred to the Executive Committee; that so much as relates to the probation necessary when applications for degrees are rejected, be referred to a Special Committee; that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in regard to the translation of the work into the French language, be approved; that so much as relates to the paying of the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be referred to the Finance Committee; that so much as relates to the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, be referred to a Special Committee. The above are all the subjects requiring the action of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
F. A. DENTZEL,
J. O. NIXON.

October 23d, 1849.

The Chair appointed Special Committees, as follows:

Upon so much of the report of the Grand Master as relates to applications for degrees—P. G. Master Stewart, and P. Gs. Phelps, and Cohen.

Upon so much as relates to the suspension of members for the non-payment of dues — D. G. Master Crickard, and P. Gs. Blake and Rice.

A communication was received from National Lodge, No. 18, asking permission to re-ballot upon the application of brother ——, for membership in that Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Master Rice, the request was granted.

The By-Laws of Germania Lodge, No. 29, were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, offered by P. G. Forbes at the Quarterly Session in April, was taken up and adopted :

To amend article 4, section 1, by adding —

“That all acts of the M. W. Grand Master, dispensing with the requirements of section 2, 5, and 6, of article 7 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, shall be reported by him to this body, at the regular session ensuing, with the reasons therefor.”

The amendment of article 11, section 3, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, offered by P. G. Master Gans, at the quarterly session in July, was taken up.

P. G. M. Rice moved to reject the amendment.

P. G. Dentzel moved that the amendment be laid on the table, subject to call, which was concurred in.

P. G. Shaw moved that it be declared the sense of this Grand Lodge, that, it is sufficient for a brother visiting a sister Lodge during the first week in a new quarter, to give the Q. P. W. of the preceding term.

P. G. M. Rice moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Executive Committee were granted further time to report upon the appeal of brother Van Benthuyzen from Delta Lodge, No. 15.

Grand Representative Mott asked for further time to enable the Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to make their report. Granted.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Phelps and Heistand on the Committee on By-Laws, in place of P. Gs. Fosdick and Harris, absent ; P. G. M. Stewart and P. G. Jourdan, on the Committee of Conference, in place of P. Gs. R. W. Ogden and Brichta ; and P. G. Whithall on the Finance Committee, in place of P. G. Pasley.

The nomination of the Grand officers for the ensuing year being in order, were declared open, and the following nominations made, viz :

For Grand Master.

D. G. M. J^{NO.} CRICKARD. OF No 1 P. G. T. H. SHIELDS... OF No. 6
P. G. REP. N. B. KNEASS..... OF No. 12

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. D. B. FORBES..... OF No. 17 P. G. H. P. ANDREWS... OF No. 16
P. Gs. Shields, Wm. Emerson, Delesdernier, Mott, Kneass, Kirkland, Dunlap, Ricardo,
and W. W. W. Wood, declined.

For Grand Warden.

P. G. H. G. STETSON..... OF No. 14
P. Gs. Belknap, Southwell and W. Emerson, declined.

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. H. W. OLMSTED..... OF No. 8
P. Gs. Belknap, Baily, Rice, and Lee, declined.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. M. H. WILLIAMS. OF No. 4 P. G. M. W. H. RICE.... OF No. 22
P. G. C. H. LEE..... OF No. 8
P. Gs. Kirkland, Southwell, Hooper, and P. G. M. C. W. Whithall, declined.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet on Tuesday evening, October 30, at 7 o'clock.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 30th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment and was opened in due form.

Present — Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The credentials of P. G. R. C. Faulkner, certifying that he had passed the Chairs of Secretary, V. G., and N. G., of Orleans Lodge, No. 11,

were read and accepted, and P. G. Faulkner being in waiting, was introduced and duly qualified as a member of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were accepted and the committee discharged :

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Master, as related to the probation necessary when applications for degrees are rejected, report, by recommending for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That when an application for a degree is rejected, the applicant shall not again be balloted for, until the fourth meeting thereafter.

Your committee also recommend for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That two black-balls shall suffice to reject an application for a degree.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
AUG. S. PHELPS,
BERNARD COHEN.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred the accompanying sections added to the By-Laws of Howard Lodge, No. 13, report :—

That they recommend their approval, with the following alterations, viz: In section 6, strike out "only sufficient," and insert "there is only one;" strike out "to fill," and insert "for;" strike out "are before the Lodge;" strike out "usual sign," and insert "ayes and nays." In section 7, strike out "his," and "on the Secretary's books." Section 10, strike out the whole section. The first part of this section requires certain By-Laws to be read at the first meeting of each quarter; there is a regulation requiring the whole of the By-Laws to be read at the first meeting of each quarter; the balance of the section requires the Secretary to present to the Lodge a statement of a deceased brother's account, previously to taking a vote on the amount of his funeral benefits; if the brother is entitled to funeral benefits, no vote can be taken, as the Constitution and By-Laws require that such benefits shall be paid; and we do not believe that the Lodge has a right to deduct from the funeral benefits of a deceased brother, "entitled to them," the amount of his account. Section 11, strike out "having the," and insert "with." Section 12, strike out "such," and insert "a."

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
AUG. S. PHELPS.

P. G. Hiestand, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Germania Lodge, No. 29, beg leave to report that they recommend that the said By-Laws be referred back to the said Lodge for further consideration, because the same contain and repeat the duty of the

officers of the Lodge as being down in the charges of the order, which the committee deem wholly useless. Further, because the English copy is defective in this, that article 5, of the German copy, relating to sickness and relief, is entirely omitted from the English copy; and that article 6th of the German, is called article 5th of the English, and the next is called article 7th, and there is no article 6th in the English. Further, that the committee find the language of the English defective in its construction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
E. HIESTAND,
AUG. S. PHELPS.

The Finance Committee offered the subjoined recommendation, which was read and laid over under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Finance Committee recommend that the words "and the sum of \$150 shall be appropriated for his services," being the last clause of section 9, of article 4, of the Constitution, be stricken out; the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session having provided for the payment of Grand Representatives.

All of which is submitted,

J. STRAWBRIDGE,
J. O. NIXON.

D. G. M. Crickard, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as was referred to them, respecting the Constitutional vote required to suspend for the non-payment of dues, etc.; have had the same under consideration, and report :—

That they regard the elucidation of the question submitted to them as being so simple and plain, as to make it a matter of surprise, that any difference of opinion should have arisen in reference to it; nevertheless, as it is one of much importance, as a governing principle, involving the highest and most sacred rights of every member of the Order, when its true interpretation has been called into question. The only safe rule, in the opinion of your committee, for the guidance of the Subordinate Lodges, in the solution of such questions, is to examine and consider all parts of the Constitution which relates to the same subject; for it certainly never was intended by the framers of that instrument, that one portion of it should conflict or contradict another portion of the same question.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolutions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. CRICKARD,
T. N. BLAKE.

Resolved. That the true and proper construction of the second section of article 10 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be, "That no brother should be suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds, present—the same that it requires to reinstate—and the vote shall be taken by ball ballots, in accordance with the express provisions of sections 2 and 5, of article 11, of said Constitution."

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary be required to furnish each of the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

P. G. M. Rice, from the same committee, submitted a minority report, as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Masters report, relating to the suspension of members of Subordinate Lodges, for the non-payment of dues, beg leave to report :

That although in the opinion of your committee, the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges is clear and explicit on the subject, still, as doubts have arisen, they would recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

It has been argued in some of the Lodges, that no member can be suspended for non-payment of dues, except by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge; this argument is founded on section 5 of article 11, which says: "No brother shall be suspended or expelled, unless by a vote of two-thirds present, and the vote shall be taken by ballot," etc. Your committee, however, cannot think that this section of the article refers to suspension for non-payment of dues, as we must take the whole article together, and the first section defines the offences for which the succeeding sections provide a punishment, which is habitual drunkenness, grossly immoral, or scandalous conduct, or of any crime accounted infamous. The same article requires accusations to be brought in writing, to be declared cognizable by the rules of the Order by a two-thirds vote, to be referred to a committee of three, etc., etc. Your committee cannot believe the Grand Lodge, in forming the Constitution for their Subordinates, intended this article to apply to members who were in arrears for non-payment of dues, thereby virtually accusing such members of infamous crime, and almost putting it out of the power of any Lodge to suspend a member for non-payment of his dues, who, if not duly suspended (though he may have never paid dues,) is fully entitled to all the benefits due to sick members, as he is in good standing, until legally suspended.

Your committee, however, on referring to article 10, of dues and benefits, find that section 2 reads as follows: Members, who being in arrears in nine months, shall neglect or refuse to cancel the same, *may* be suspended, by *vote of the Lodge*. This section, we believe, is conclusive as to the intentions of the Grand Lodge, in framing the Constitution; it is left to the Lodge to suspend, or not, as they may think for the good of the Lodge and the Order. If a majority (which your committee believe is the correct interpretation of "the vote of the Lodge,") think he should be suspended, they may do so, without any other form than a motion to that effect. The same section provides that, by applying for re-installment, and paying their past dues, a member *may* be re-instated, by a vote of two thirds, which clearly shows the difference between a vote of the Lodge and a two-third, or any other vote.

Believing this to be the true meaning and intent of the Constitution, and the best and most consistent construction of it, your Committee beg leave to offer the subjoined resolutions, and to be discharged.

WM. H. RICE.

Resolved, That article 11 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges does not apply to suspension of members for non-payment of dues.

Resolved, That section 2d of article 10 must govern Subordinates in suspending members for non-payment of dues, and that a majority of the Lodge is only necessary to suspend a member for non-payment of dues.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary send a copy of the above resolution to each Subordinate Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted :

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 24th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States report :

That they attended the last Annual Session of that body, and participated in its deliberations, which were characterized by harmony and a spirit of conciliation worthy of the high objects of the Order.

Prominent among the subjects considered, was the state of the Order in the jurisdiction of New York. A committee was appointed, consisting of three members, to take the subject under consideration. In due season, they reported in favor of re-organizing the new Constitution party, as already organized as the Grand Lodge of Northern New York giving it jurisdiction over that portion of the State comprised in the Northern Judicial District, as defined by Act of Congress, for the United States Courts, and confining the jurisdiction of the recognized Grand Lodge of New York to the Southern Judicial District, as defined by the same law, giving the Subordinate Lodges in existence within the territorial jurisdiction of each, for a limited period, the right of selecting under which Grand Lodge they would hold their charters. The same recommendations were made as to the Grand Encampments. The report was in substance adopted, after a prolonged discussion, conducted with spirit, but controlled with urbanity and courtesy. The necessity for some immediate and final action for this vexed question was very great, as it threatened serious consequences to the continued unity of the Order, from the large number of brothers in other States who were disposed to support the disaffected in the State of New York. The resolutions required and received a vote of two-thirds of the Grand Lodge to carry them.

The proposition which had been submitted at the preceding session to amend the Constitution, etc., so as to require the Grand Lodge to pay its members mileage and per diem, was entertained and adopted. The bodies of the several States are to be assessed for this purpose, according to the number of their respective Subordinates. The Representative tax of twenty dollars, paid for each Representative, is to be applied to this fund—90, 193, and 116, Daily Journal. By this change, the Grand Bodies of those States which the Grand Lodge of the U. S. may meet, are compelled to contribute to the payment of the expenses of all the Grand Representatives ; and the more remote and proper Grand Bodies are assured a voice in the Head of the Order, without being taxed beyond their means and revenues.

It was determined that the next Annual Session shall be held at Cincinnati. The present Grand Lodge of the United States adjourned to meet in that city on the second Monday of September, 1850, for the single purpose of taking into consideration the present Constitution of that body, to digest and report on the same, with such alterations and amendments as may be deemed advisable, which being agreed upon, are to be entered on the minutes as proposed amendments to the Constitution, to be considered at the next Annual Session—pages 93 and 104.

As amendments to the Constitution must be proposed one session before they can be acted on, it was necessary to have an adjourned meeting, at which the amendments could be proposed.

It was decided that the present members of the Grand Lodge of the United States will compose that body, at the meeting on the 2d of September next, and the members to be elected being entitled to take their seats only on the third Monday of September, at the Annual Session of the Lodge. See page 111, Daily Journal.

The Committee of P. G. Sires, appointed at the session of 1848 to report uniform Constitutions for State Grand Lodges and Encampments, made a report, with accompanying

Constitutions, the consideration of which was indefinitely postponed, by such a vote as to indicate a very strong feeling against the measure.

A Special Committee was appointed, with instructions to report, at the next regular session, a form for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and for the installation of their officers.

The same committee was instructed to report, at the same time, appropriate actions to be given in conferring the past official degrees. 88, Daily Journal.

A committee was appointed to procure a suitable block of marble or other suitable stone, to be contributed on the part of the Order to the monument being constructed at the capital, in honor of the immortal Washington.

We early turned our attention to the requests you had done us the honor to make, and obtained the following opinions and decisions :

That the question of, whether other than P. Gs. can fill chairs of Degree Lodges? is subject for local legislation.

If an applicant to deposit a card is rejected, the card, being the property of the applicant, must be returned to him as when deposited.

The probation necessary, before he can apply again, for a brother who has been black balled, when an applicant for degrees, is subject to local legislation, or the By-Laws of Subordinates.

A person desirous to join the Order, or a brother to deposit his card, should apply to the Lodge nearest his residence, irrespective of parochial limits. 39 and 40, Daily Journal.

Ancient Odd Fellows, or Odd Fellows holding unexpired permanent cards, whether they have applied for admission and been rejected, or not, have no right to join in procession of the Order, without first obtaining the consent of the Lodge in procession. 14, 62, 79, 95, and 107, Daily Journal.

On the last day of the session, the following very important resolutions were passed :

“*Resolved*, That there shall be made a uniform translation of the work of the Order, for the use of the French and Spanish Lodges in this jurisdiction; provided that all such Lodges shall continue to keep one copy of their minutes in the English language.”

“*Resolved*, That the Representatives of Louisiana be appointed to supervise the translation of the work of Subordinate Lodges in the French and Spanish languages, respectively, and that they have the same printed; provided, the cost of each translation does not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars for each language.”

We are glad to be able to inform you that the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States are in a prosperous condition, and that the reports of the Past Grand Sire, and the Grand Corresponding Secretary, show a rapid increase of the Order, joined with great prosperity, and show that the question that disturbed the harmony of the entire Order has been settled to the apparent satisfaction of the parties most interested. We have every reason to believe that nothing will retard our onward course in prosperity, and doing good.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

ROBERT MOTT,
JAMES STRAWBRIDGE, } *G. Representatives.*

On motion of P. G. Phelps, so much of the Grand Representatives' report as referred to applications for membership, within certain limits, was referred to a special committee of three. The Chair appointed P. Gs. Phelps, Mott and Kneass, on said committee.

On motion of P. G. Shields, so much of said report as relates to Degree Lodges was referred to a special committee of three.

P. Gs. Shields, Stewart and Nixon were appointed by the Chair.

D. G. Master Crickard offered the subjoined resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, 1st, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge, so as to conform with the recent amendments of the Constitution, approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its late session.

Resolved, 2d, That the same committee be instructed to draft "A Course or Order of Business," for the better regulation and facilitation of the business of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, 3d, That the same committee be also instructed to draft the following named "Forms" or Certificates, vix : 1st, of a Past Grand ; 2d, of a Representative ; 3d, of a Proxy Representative, for the guidance and formation of Subordinate Lodges, agreeably to the provision of section 6, article 11 of the Constitution.

Resolved, 4th, That the same committee be instructed to draft a Form of Petition for a Subordinate Charter ; also, a Form of Procession to be used by the Grand and Subordinate Lodges at celebrations, etc.

Resolved, 5th, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it does so to meet at this Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 27th proximo, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of acting upon the various subjects referred to in the foregoing resolutions, agreeably to the provisions of the 6th section of the By-Laws.

D. G. M. Crickard, and P. Gs. Stetson and Mott were appointed a committee under the above resolutions.

P. G. Shaw offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the "Hall Committee" be authorized to have the furniture and fixtures in the Hall of the Grand Lodge cleaned, and such repairs made to the same as they may deem necessary.

A communication was received from Messrs. Bonner & Smith, in relation to the property on Poydras street, lately owned by the Grand Lodge, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee of P. Gs. Shaw, Mott, Crickard and Stetson.

The following report, from D. D. G. M. Lacy, was received and read :

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. M. OF DISTRICT No. 3, }
Baton Rouge, La., October 29, 1849. }

To C. M. Emerson, Esq., M. W. G. Master, of I. O. C. F., of State of La.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — The undersigned, your Deputy for this District, begs leave to report :

That on the 21st day of July 1849, I granted a dispensation to DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, to dispense with the time usually required to confer degrees ; and to proceed and make brother J. B. P. Poole (provided he was elected thereto) a member of the Fifth or Scarlet Degree. The object of this dispensation was to enable the brother to become a qualified applicant for a Charter of Clinton Lodge, No. 27, then soon to be instituted.

September 22d, 1849. — Instituted Clinton Lodge, No. 27, and installed the following brethren : C. C. Tuttle, N. G., J. B. P. Pool, V. G., and B. R. Hatch, Secretary. None of the applicants being willing to act as Treasurer, the chair was filled pro tem. The O-

B. N. appertaining to the institution of a new Lodge has been administered to brothers Tuttle, Poole, Hatch, Babin and Lalier, five of the petitioners for the charter. The same day I granted a dispensation to admit upon card, without the usual delays, brothers Farquar Winans and Dooley; and a further dispensation to confer upon brothers Winans and Farquar the 3d, 4th, and 5th degrees; and upon brother Dooley, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th. The Degrees were conferred by myself, assisted by brother Slack, of Hope Lodge, whose thorough acquaintance with the degrees, whose able assistance and untiring zeal, rendered his presence on the occasion a great desideratum. The office of Treasurer being vacant, and brother Hatch having resigned as Secretary, these offices were filled, after due proceedings had, by brothers Winans and Farquar, who were duly installed into office by myself, assisted by brothers Matta, Barbee and others, of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7.

Granted a dispensation to initiate R. C. Carman and Geo. A. Mafis, and to confer upon each of them the first degree.

On the afternoon of the same day above referred to, I dedicated, in the name of F., L. and T., the Lodge-room of Clinton Lodge, No. 27, and in due form set it apart as a channel through which to disseminate the principles of benevolence and charity.

On this interesting occasion, I was fortunate in having the assistance of brothers P. G. Ricardo, Matta, Barbee, Hatch, Bradford, and the R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge. The R. W. G. Secretary and brother Ricardo, subjected themselves to much inconvenience in being present, and their zeal and proficiency in the entire workings of the Order, entitle them to high commendation at the hands of its members.

I have great hopes of Clinton Lodge; and I trust that time will evidence the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in granting her a charter.

Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, is, I understand, doing as well as might, under the circumstances which press upon her, be expected. It is my intention soon to visit this Lodge, and I will communicate to the M. W. Grand Master any information which I may consider important for him to know. The material of the Feliciana Lodge is of the best kind, and I would not be surprised if she should soon, among her sister Lodges, become No. 1.

DeSoto Lodge is now working admirably; and I can assure you, the great and benevolent Order to which we are attached, has no cause of regret on account of her representative in this place. The members of DeSoto seem to be truly mindful of the obligations which they have all taken, and, by their conduct, exhibit proper regard for them.

The *** has been placed in the possession of the N. Gs. of Feliciana and Clinton Lodges, and these officers cautioned to preserve and strictly guard, etc. The Q. P. W. is regularly transmitted as soon as received.

All of which is submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

GEO. S. LACY, *D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 3.*

The Annual Report of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, (due July 1, 1849,) was received, and being informal, the Grand Secretary was instructed to return the same for correction.

An appeal of P. G. Maccory, from the decision of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

A communication was received from Hope Lodge, No. 14, asking permission to re-ballot upon the application of Mr. —, for membership in that Lodge.

On motion, the permission was granted.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, the fine imposed upon Columbus Lodge, No. 24, for non compliance with the law, relating to returns, was remitted.

Grand Sec. Olmstead moved to reconsider the vote, referring that portion of the Grand Master's report, relating to the N. G. of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, which was concurred in.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole upon that subject. G. Representative Mott in the Chair.

After deliberation, the committee rose and reported by their Chairman, that it was the sense of the committee, that the N. G. of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, was not qualified to act as such.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the report was received.

On motion of P. G. Phelps, the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee of three, which was concurred in.

P. Gs. Phelps, Stewart and Rice were appointed.

On motion of D. G. M. Crickard, an order was drawn on the Treasurer for six dollars, in favor of Bro. John Frankford, for services as Host at the session in July.

On motion, the nominations for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, were declared open, and the following additional nominations were made, viz:

For R. W. Grand Representative—P. Gs. Mott, Kneass and Shaw.

P. G. Ms. Stewart and Williams, G. M. Chas. M. Emerson, P. Gs. Phelps, Forbes and McGinnis, declined.

P. G. Kneass declined the nomination for Grand Master, made at the last meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, November 27th, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

D. G. M. Crickard, from the Special Committee on the revision of the By-Laws, etc., submitted the following report, which was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered at the quarterly communication, relative to the revision of the By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Order of Business, form of Processions, and form of Certificates, etc., beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and herewith present the result of their labors; they have divided the Rules of Order into Rules of Order and Order of Business, believing the division conducive of facility in transacting the business of the Grand Lodge.

The necessary examination of the Constitution, in performing their duties, has wrought the conviction that that instrument could be amended in many particulars, with great propriety; and that the formation of a new Constitution would be productive of great good,—the march of improvement having left us far behind the age.

Your committee have in view the Constitutions of some sister Grand Lodges, which could easily be altered to suit all our wants, and should the matter be referred to them, they will cheerfully undertake the duty of proposing and reporting a form for adoption, at the next regular meeting of your R. W. Body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CRICKARD,
H. G. STETSON,
R. MOTT.

November 27, 1849.

On motion, the report, with accompanying documents, was re-committed, with instructions to the committee to submit a printed report, including Constitutions, Forms, etc., as revised and amended.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the rank of brother Hinch, now N. G. of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, report that upon examination of the records, they find that at a session, held on the 25th of April, 1840, brother Henry Hinch, of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, presented a certificate, and was admitted as a member of this Grand Lodge. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

“Resolved, That brother Henry Hinch, of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, be recognized as a P. G. and member of this Grand Lodge.”

J. D. STEWART,
WM. H. RICE.

On motion, the above resolution was adopted in regard to the case of P. G. Titus, and any other Past Grand situated in like manner.

P. G. Shaw, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted.

NEW ORLEANS, November 27th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication and claim of Messrs. Bonner and Smith, on account of property on Poydras street, sold by the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined into the matter, and find that Messrs. J. U. Lavillebeuvre and E. W. Sewell, the purchasers of the above named property, will pay nothing additional in consideration of the improvements and material which were placed upon it by Messrs. Bonner and Smith, as they look upon them as a portion of their original purchase; your committee have made enquiry of builders and others, and from the best evidence, of which they have been able to possess themselves, they are of opinion that all the effects upon said property at the time the sale was made, belonging to Bonner and Smith, was not worth, for removing, more than from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars.

Messrs. Bonner and Smith have expressed their willingness to accept two hundred dollars, as compensation in full for their claim, and thus settle the matter; and with a view to an amicable and speedy settlement, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to settle with Messrs. Bonner & Smith, on the best terms possible, provided that the amount paid them shall not exceed \$150.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration; and your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Yours, Fraternaly,

G. W. SHAW,	} Committee.
J. CRICKARD,	
H. G. STETSON,	

On motion, the report was re-committed, and the committee empowered to act, and to draw on the Treasurer for an amount sufficient to settle said claim.

P. G. M. Rice, from the Executive Committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the appeal from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, by P. G. Maccory, beg leave to report, that they find that Brother Washburn was convicted of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, after regular charges had been preferred, referred to a committee, and all the formalities required by the Constitution legally gone through with, his sentence was a reprimand from the N. G. The N. G., before the vote was taken, stated that it required a two-thirds vote by ballot, to punish the brother. Bro. Maccory appeals from that decision. Your committee believing the decision a correct one, recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. RICE,
W. EMERSON,

P. G. M. Rice, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Van Benthuysen from the action of Delta Lodge, and also his charges against the Lodge, beg leave to report, that on his appeal from the appropriation of \$70 for the purchase of "Odd Fellows's Rest," they

believe the Lodge had a constitutional right to appropriate said money, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed. On the appeal from the decision of the Lodge annulling his election to the "Cemetery Committee," we find that on the night Brother Van Benthuyzen was declared elected, the N. G. of the Lodge, Brother McJilton, voted after the ballots had been counted and declared. The By-Laws of the Lodge say the N. G. shall have the casting vote in all cases, except in case of the vote being taken by ballot. In taking the vote by ballot, the N. G. has the same right as any other member of the Lodge, and may cast his vote at any time previous to counting the ballots; but your committee cannot see the propriety or justice of the N. G. counting the votes, declaring the result, and then voting; this would be giving him a privilege that is not accorded to any other member. It has also been asserted that the N. G., in case of the vote being taken by ballot, has a right to vote as a member of the Lodge, and in case of a tie, to give the casting vote as N. G.; this your committee believe to be an error—the N. G. cannot vote twice on any question. The election of Brother Van Benthuyzen was, at a subsequent meeting, declared null and void, in consequence of the N. G. having voted as above stated, and a new election held. Your committee, believing the Lodge acted correctly in the matter, recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

On his appeal from the decision of the Lodge, in refusing to enter his protest on the minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, and the charges preferred by him against the Lodge.

Your committee, having examined the minutes, find that there was no entry showing that brother McCord applied for his card, but the evidence of the then N. G. and other members of the Lodge proves that brother McCord did apply for his card, and that the same was granted; and although he never took it, still, according to the laws of the Order, he ceased to be a member of the Lodge from the time of his card being granted, and consequently had no right to vote on any question before the Lodge. From the minutes it appears the vote on the motion to spread brother Van B's protest on the minutes was taken by yeas and nays, and that brother McCord (not then a member of the Lodge) voted in the negative; if he had not voted, the vote would have been a tie, and the N. G., brother Maglone, would have given the casting vote in favor of the protest being spread upon the minutes, as he stated in his evidence before your committee.

Your committee recommend that this appeal and charges, No. 1 and 2, be sustained, and that the vote should have been declared in favor of the motion to enter brother Van B's protest on the minutes, and the same ought to have been entered accordingly;—also, that brother McCord, having been granted a permanent card, is not a member of Delta Lodge.

As regards charge 3d, your committee find that the Secretary in making his entry on the minutes, uses the word protest, but not appeal; as the protest and appeal was all together on one sheet of paper, the Secretary took it to be a protest and entered it as such; believing this was a mere oversight, we recommend that this charge be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. RICE,
W. EMERSON.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to forward copies of the above reports to the respective Lodges interested therein.

P. G. Phelps, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Representatives' report relating to the admission of members in a Subordinate Lodge, remote from the resi-

dence of the applicant, when another Lodge is located near the residence of said applicant, respectfully report: The committee have carefully examined the matter, and find the law upon the subject is as follows, viz:

"A Subordinate Lodge is not allowed to initiate a person at a place remote from his residence, if a Lodge be located in his immediate neighborhood." Digest, page 49.

"A person desiring to join the Order, or a brother to deposit his card, should apply to the Lodge nearest his residence, irrespective of parochial limits." See journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, page 39 and 40.

Such is the written law upon the subject, and a rigid compliance with this law is of manifest propriety, if we would avoid the admission into the Order of improper persons.

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Your committee, therefore, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, with instructions to the Grand Secretary to transmit a copy thereof, to each Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, without delay.

AUG. S. PHELPS,
N. B. KNEASS.

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, shall elect or initiate any person who resides one mile or more nearer to the location of some other Lodge, without first having obtained the consent of said nearer Lodge, and afterwards the dispensation of this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

P. G. Larue tendered his resignation as Director of the "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," on behalf of the Grand Lodge; also, as a member of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the resignation were accepted.

The nominations being declared open, the following were made, viz:

For Director in "Odd Fellows' Hall association," P. Gs. Blake and Etter. For Executive Committee, P. G. A. B. Bein.

Upon balloting for Director, P. G. Blake was declared elected.

There being but one nominee to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee, on motion, P. G. Bein was elected by acclamation.

The annual report of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, (due July 1st, 1849,) was read and accepted.

A communication from the proprietor of the "True Delta," proposing to advertise for the Grand Lodge for ten dollars per year, was read, and the proposition accepted.

D. G. M. Crickard moved, that the Subordinate Lodges in the city be recommended to adopt the proposition of the "True Delta," which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, December 11, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

C. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
W. H. RICE,	<i>R. W. G. Warden, pro tem.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
N. B. KNEASS,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
J. O. NIXON,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited by P. G. B. F. Holcomb, of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, of I. O. O. F., of Grand Lodge of Canada.

P. G. Shields, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted and the committee discharged :

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L., State of La :

BROTHERS:— Your committee to whom was referred the resolution, that a committee should be appointed to devise a plan for the better regulation of Degree Lodges, and to define the rank of officers, eligibility to the same, etc., beg leave to report :

That inasmuch as at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the subject of Degree Lodges was brought before that body, and referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report a plan for the better government of the same, at the next regular communication. Your committee deem it inexpedient to legislate upon the subject at the present time, further than in the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That any member of the Scarlet Degree shall be eligible to either of the offices of a Degree Lodge within this jurisdiction ; providing he be a member of the same in good standing.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

T. H. SHIELDS,
J. O. NIXON.

D. G. Master Crickard moved to postpone the whole subject for the present, which was not concurred in.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the report and resolution was adopted.

A communication was received from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, asking permission to change their time of meeting from Monday to Saturday.

On motion, the request was granted.

A communication was received from Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, appointing P. G. M. Rice and P. G. Shields as proxy Representatives for that Lodge; read and ordered to be filed.

A communication from the Washington National Monument Association was read, and referred to a Special Committee of P. Gs. Nixon, Cohen and Kneass.

On motion, the resolution passed at the quarterly session in April, 1849, naming the second day of the annual session in January, for the election of Grand Officers, was rescinded, unanimously.

The Grand Secretary submitted a device for a new seal, which was approved, and referred to a committee of P. Gs. Olmsted, Rice and Shields.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee on parochial limits, submitted by P. G. Phelps, at the last meeting, was taken up.

On motion of Past Grand Nixon, the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion of P. G. Shields, the further consideration of the report was postponed until the annual session in January next.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

CRESCENT HALL, January 8th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, OF I. O. O. F. }
R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana. }

The R. W. Grand Secretary will please call a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, to assemble on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at 5 o'clock, at Crescent Hall, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon an application from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., to parade in regalia on same day during this month.

New Orleans, Jan. 5th, 1850.

CHAS. M. EMERSON, *G. Master.*

On motion, the call was approved.

A communication from St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, asking permission to appear in procession in full regalia, on the 16th January, was received and read.

On motion, the permission was granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 22d, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened at 7 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of Constitutional provision, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT :

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
J. CRICKARD,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
ROBT. MOTT,	} <i>R. W. G. Reps.</i>
JAS. STRAWBRIDGE,	
GEO. HOOPER,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
WM. EMERSON,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
D. B. FORBES,	<i>W. G. Guardian,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited by Grand Master James M. Danley, of the State of Arkansas.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the reading of the minutes of the last quarterly and subsequent meetings was dispensed with, printed copies of the same being on the table, for the use of members.

The semi-annual returns from Subordinate Lodges were, on motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Fosdick, Hooper, and P. G. M. Stewart.

The credentials of P. Gs., for admission into the Grand Lodge were referred to the Committee of Conference.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his annual report, accompanied by the report from the D. D. Grand Masters, which were read, and on motion of P. G. Secretary Olmsted, referred to a special committee of three, to report on subjects referred to therein.

The Chair appointed P. G. Masters Stewart and Hillman, and P. G. Fosdick, said committee.

REPORT:

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F.:

PAST GRANDS — At the commencement of another year it is proper briefly to review the history and progress of the Order within our own jurisdiction; and in doing so, we may congratulate ourselves upon the steady advancement which Odd Fellowship has made; upon its healthy condition; upon the high regard paid to its principles and objects; and upon the strict observance of its laws manifested by our subordinates. Within the year, five new Subordinate Lodges have been organized, which are now in full and successful operation, viz: Columbus, No. 24; Wood, No. 26; Clinton, No. 27; Nautilus, No. 28; and Germania, No. 29; Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, has also been re-instated. Most if not all of our Lodges are active, vigorous, and increasing in numbers, some of them rapidly: while all, without exception, seem moved by right impulses, and give ample testimonials of their devotion to our noble cause. My information from the interior, derived as well from private sources as from reports of our worthy D. D. Grand Masters, herewith submitted, shows that the Order is respected and honored wherever it has established an outpost, and that public attention is more and more awakened to the benefits to be reaped from an affiliation with it. But a few years can elapse before the home of the Odd Fellow, with its accompanying blessings, may be found in every village in the State.

Within the year, also, the Lodges of this city have dedicated, with solemn ceremonies, a Cemetery, where in peace may repose the remains of departed brothers. The praiseworthy example set by the projectors of this enterprise, is about to be followed by our brethren of several other States of the Union, and we may look forward to the day when the temples and monuments of our Order will furnish subjects of interest and admiration to the traveller.

On the 9th of November last, assisted by our R. W. D. Grand Master, by the Worthy D. D. Grand Master of District No. 2, and several Past Grands, I officiated at Franklin in the dedication of a new Hall, erected by our brothers of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20. The building is the largest in that place, and the Hall is at once spacious, convenient and elegant, and does honor to the spirit and munificence of the Lodge.

The foundation of the new Hall in this city is now being laid, and when completed, the edifice will be an ornament to the Fraternity, and to our city and State. I trust that we shall all, both individually and collectively, put our hands with energy to the glorious work, and that we shall not permit ourselves to rest until the last stroke has been given to it.

The Grand Lodge is now nearly, if not quite, free from debt, and the per centage at present required from the Subordinate Lodges, will soon be more than sufficient to meet the expenses of this body. Under these circumstances, I recommend that the per centage be reduced, or that our surplus revenue, for a limited time hereafter, be applied to the purchase of stock in the Odd Fellows' Hall of New Orleans.

During the past three months, but one question has been submitted to me which was not clearly and expressly answered by the Digest or by our Constitutions. A brother petitioned Hope Lodge for admission as an Ancient Odd Fellow, but he had either forgotten the T. P. W. for the year on which his card bore date, or had never received it. It was contended that he could not be admitted without it. The N. G. thought differently; and on referring the matter to me, I coincided in his opinion. I considered the applicant's case a very different one from that of a brother who seeks admission by depositing his card. In the latter case, the brother stands upon the card itself and upon his qualifications, and he may visit, for the space of one year, if in possession of the P. W. The P. W. is a necessary attendant of the card, and with it its efficacy expires. The holder of a permanent card is entitled to certain benefits and privileges which cease as soon as his certificate is out of date; and these benefits and privileges he can attain only through the medium both of the P. W. and card. The object of the P. W. is to enable brothers to visit, and the Lodges to guard against imposition. Neither of these events can happen when the card is out of date; and it seemed to me that if a brother could not visit by its aid, the P. W. must necessarily be useless to him, and could not be required. It is evident that a line of distinction must be drawn somewhere, and that any rule which can be devised to govern the subject, must apply to all cards out of date, or to none, to include those one month, as well as those twenty years too old; and who, whether he be visitor or examiner, can be supposed to remember a P. W. twenty years back, and with what propriety can the officers of any Lodge be presumed to be in possession of such a one?

During the ceremony of installing the officers of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, objections were interposed to the installation of the V. G. and the two Secretaries, and a written protest presented. The post of N. G. and Treasurer not having been contested, I proceed to install these officers. The protest substantially charged that a caucus had been held which nominated a full ticket, and that by means of that combination the election of the nominees had been effected. The charge of a caucus and a combination to influence the election, I deemed very serious, inasmuch as such instruments might be productive of the most unhappy consequences, and I thought it due to all, and more especially to the members of Louisiana Lodge, that imputations of so grave a character should be investigated. The brothers who offered the protest were not prepared that evening to enter upon the examination, and my other official duties and engagements, together with a desire that the result should be free from any suspicion of bias or partiality, forbade my conducting the enquiry in person. I therefore deferred installing the officers objected to, and appointed a committee who, I doubted not, would make a full, fair and careful investigation, and report to me the facts as they existed. The committee entered upon the discharge of the duty assigned to them, and devoted two evenings to its accomplishment. It resulted in eliciting no evidence to sustain the charge of a caucus. Satisfied with the doings of the committee and their recommendation, I proceeded, at the next stated meeting of Louisiana Lodge, to install the balance of the officers. Herewith I submit for your consideration the report of the committee, and the evidence taken by them. The course pursued by me in this affair has been the subject of much discussion. It is for you to decide whether it was correct and judicious.

A hall having been fitted up for the meetings of Lodges, at the corner of Camp and Natchez streets, application was made to me on the part of Commercial Lodge, No. 12,

and Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, for permission to hold their meetings there. By personal inspection I found the hall to be convenient and sufficiently private. A committee to whom I referred the matter were of the same opinion. I therefore granted the application.

In taking leave of the high and honorable station which for the past year I have occupied in this body, permit me to express my thanks for the uniform courtesy and indulgence I have received at your hands. With justice and impartiality, and to the utmost of my ability, I have striven to fulfil the duties incident to my office. In nothing am I conscious of having intentionally erred; and if at any time, or on any occasion, I have given offence, or interpreted our laws incorrectly, I pray you impute the error to the failure of judgment, and not to a wrong intention.

Accept for yourselves, individually and collectively, my sincere wishes for your prosperity now and hereafter. God bless you all, and our noble institution.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

CHAS. M. EMERSON.

P. G. Fosdick, from the Special Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the returns from Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report, that semi-annual reports* have been received from all the Subordinates in this jurisdiction, viz:

Louisiana Lodge No. 1	Templar Lodge No. 16
Washington Lodge No. 3	Covenant Lodge No. 17
Feliciana Lodge No. 4	National Lodge No. 18
Union Lodge No. 6	Polar Star Lodge No. 19
DeSoto Lodge No. 7	St. Mary's Lodge No. 20
Crescent Lodge No. 8	Neith Lodge No. 21
Jefferson Lodge No. 9	Magnolia Lodge No. 22
Teutonia Lodge No. 10	Independence Lodge No. 23
Orleans Lodge No. 11	Columbus Lodge No. 24
Commercial Lodge No. 12	Wood Lodge No. 26
Howard Lodge No. 13	Clinton Lodge No. 27
Hope Lodge No. 14	Nautilus Lodge No. 28
Delta Lodge No. 15	Germania Lodge No. 29

All of which they have examined and find correct.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

W. R. FOSDICK,
JAS. D. STEWART,
GEORGE HOOPER.

P. G. Delesdernier, from the Committee of Conference, made the following report, which was read and accepted:

* For Table of Reports, see Appendix.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee of Conference have duly examined the credentials of P. Gs. for admission into the Grand Lodge, and beg leave to report: that the certificates of the following brothers having filled the offices as named, are correct, viz:

S. Hopkins, jr., N. G. and V. G.....	of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1
John Southwell Secretary.....	of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1
Charles B. Collins, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4
W. W. Herbert, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Union Lodge, No. 6
Thos. L. Dix, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Crescent Lodge, No. 8
Chas. F. Burner, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9
Philip Boevet, N. G. and V. G.....	of Teutonia Lodge, No. 10
J. A. Amelung, N. G. and V. G.....	of Orleans Lodge, No. 11
M. C. Edwards, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Orleans Lodge, No. 11
George W. Race, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Commercial Lodge No. 12
W. H. Hutchings, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Hope Lodge, No. 14
J. S. McIntyre, N. G. and V. G.	of Delta Lodge, No. 15
T. W. Van Wyck, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Covenant Lodge, No. 17
A. Gonzales Vigil, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of National Lodge, No. 18
Edward Barnett, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19
R. A. Walker, N. G. and V. G.	of Neith Lodge, No. 21
S. Van Bibber, N. G. and V. G.....	of Neith Lodge, No. 21
W. H. Watson, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22
R. T. Gibbs, N. G. (first term).....	of Wood Lodge, No. 26
Jos. E. Dunham, N. G. (first term).....	of Nautilus Lodge, No. 28
Charles Geheb, N. G. (first term).....	of Germania Lodge, No. 29

Also, that the certificates of membership, of the following P. Gs. are correct, viz:

P. G. A. C. Hilbert,.....	from Union Lodge, No. 6
P. G. J. M. Sheed,.....	from Union Lodge, No. 6
P. G. M. Henry Williams,.....	from Commercial Lodge, No. 12
P. G. J. S. Williams,.....	from Commercial Lodge, No. 12
P. G. C. C. Delacroix,.....	from Commercial Lodge, No. 12

All of which is respectfully submitted, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

F. BRICHTA,
A. MONDELLI,
F. W. DELESDEMIER.

The following P. Gs. being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor, and duly qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz:

S. Hopkins, jr., Louisiana Lodge,	- - -	No. 1
Chas. B. Collins, Feliciana Lodge,	- - -	No. 4
Wm. W. Herbert, Union Lodge,	- - -	No. 6
Thos. I. Dix, Crescent Lodge,	- - -	No. 8
Chas. F. Burner, Jefferson Lodge,	- - -	No. 9
Philip Boevet, Teutonia Lodge,	- - -	No. 10
J. A. Amelung, Orleans Lodge,	- - -	No. 11
G. W. Race, Commercial Lodge,	- - -	No. 12
John S. McIntyre, Delta Lodge,	- - -	No. 15
Thos. W. Van Wyck, Covenant Lodge,	- - -	No. 17
A. Gonzales Vigil, National Lodge,	- - -	No. 18
Edward Barnett, Polar Star Lodge,	- - -	No. 19
Wm. H. Watson, Magnolia Lodge,	- - -	No. 22
R. T. Gibbs, Wood Lodge,	- - -	No. 26
Joseph E. Dunham, Nautilus Lodge,	- - -	No. 28
Charles Geheb, Germania Lodge,	- - -	No. 29

After which the Past Official Degrees were conferred upon P. Gs. qualified to receive the same, by the R. W. G. Warden.

P. G. Shaw, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, January 22d, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication and claim of Messrs. Bonner and Smith, beg leave to report :

That they have given the matter their careful attention, and have settled with Messrs. Bonner and Smith, by paying them one hundred and fifty dollars, and taking their receipt for all demands against the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

G. W. SHAW,
ROB. MOTT,
J. CRICKARD,
H. G. STETSON.

On motion, the nominations for Grand Officers for the current year, were declared in order, and the following additional nominations made :

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. STETSONOF No. 14
P. G. Henry Bier, declined.

For Grand Warden.

P. G. G. N. MORRISON.OF No. 12 P. G. T. CRIPPS.....OF No. 14
P. G. R. C. FAULKNER.....OF No. 11
P. G. Stetson, declined.

For Grand Representative.

P. G. ROBT. MOTT.....OF No. 8 P. G. N. B. KNEASS.....OF No. 12
P. G. J. C. LARUE.....OF No. 13
P. G. Ms. Whithall, Rice, Stewart, Emerson, and P. Gs. Fosdick, Nixon, H. D. Ogden, Sykes and Ricardo, declined.

For Directors of Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

P. G. M. WHITHALL..OF No. 17 P. G. J. ETTER.....OF No. 11
P. G. C. M. EMERSON..OF No. 12 P. G. F. THOMAS.....OF No.
P. G. Ms. Hillman and Rice, and P. Gs. Fosdick, Blake, Shaw, Kneass, Amelung, Bier, Race, and W. Emerson, declined.

For Director of "Odd Fellows' Rest."

P. G. J. DUNLAP.....OF No. 14 P. G. THOS. CRIPPS...OF No. 13
P. G. F. W. DELESDEMIER.....OF No. 13
P. Gs. Bier, Etter, Tyson, Shields and Lawrason, declined.

The nominations being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election. P. G. M. Mondelli and P. G. Kirkland, were appointed Tellers.

The Tellers having canvassed the votes given for the respective candidates, the following was the result, viz :

For Grand Master.

Whole number of votes cast, 124 ; necessary to a choice, 63.

P. D. G. M. John Crickard, received	-	-	-	-	67
P. G. Thos. H. Shields,	-	-	-	-	56
Blank,	-	-	-	-	1

For Deputy Grand Master. — First Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 118 ; necessary to a choice, 60.

P. G. D. B. Forbes, received	-	-	-	-	46
P. G. H. G. Stetson, received	-	-	-	-	43
P. G. H. P. Andrews, received	-	-	-	-	28
Blank,	-	-	-	-	1

P. G. H. P. Andrews declined being a candidate.

Second Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 112 ; necessary to a choice, 57.

P. G. H. G. Stetson, received	-	-	-	-	63
P. G. D. B. Forbes, received	-	-	-	-	48
Blank,	-	-	-	-	1

For Grand Warden.

Whole number of votes cast, 76 ; necessary to a choice, 39.

P. G. G. N. Morrison, received	-	-	-	-	50
P. G. Thomas Cripps, received	-	-	-	-	16
P. G. R. C. Faulkner, received	-	-	-	-	9
Blank,	-	-	-	-	1

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. H. W. Olmsted being the only candidate in nomination, on motion, the vote was taken *viva voce*, and P. G. Olmsted declared duly elected by acclamation.

For Grand Treasurer.

Whole number of votes cast, 85 ; necessary to a choice, 43.

P. G. Chas. H. Lee, received	-	-	-	-	43
P. G. M. Henry Williams, received	-	-	-	-	40
Blank,	-	-	-	-	2

For Grand Representative.

Whole number of votes cast, 86 ; necessary to a choice, 44.

P. G. Rep. Robert Mott, received	-	-	-	-	51
P. G. Rep. N. B. Kneass, received	-	-	-	-	31
P. G. J. C. Larue, received	-	-	-	-	4

Whereupon, the Grand Master declared the following officers duly elected, viz :

P. D. G. M. John Crickard, of No. 1,	M. W. G. Master.
P. G. H. G. Stetson, of No. 14,	- R. W. D. G. Master.
P. G. G. N. Morrison, of No. 12,	- R. W. G. Warden.
P. G. Sec. H. W. Olmsted, of No. 8,	- R. W. G. Secretary.
P. G. Chas. H. Lee, of No. 8,	- R. W. G. Treasurer.
P. G. Rep. Robt. Mott, of No. 8,	- R. W. G. Repre'tive.

On motion, the further election of officers was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 23d, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment and was opened in due form.

Present — Chas. M. Emerson, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The first business in order being the election of two Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," and one Director of "Odd Fellows' Rest," on motion, the nominations were re-opened, and P. G. J. G. Dunlap was nominated a Director of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association."

P. G. M. Emerson declined.

The nominations being closed, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election, which resulted as follows :

For Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association."

Whole number of votes cast, 31 ; necessary to a choice, 16.

P. G. Joseph Etter, received	- - - - -	29
P. G. J. G. Dunlap, "	- - - - -	29
P. G. F. Thomas, "	- - - - -	2
P. G. M. Whithall, "	- - - - -	1

Whereupon the Grand Master declared Past Grands Etter and J. G. Dunlap duly elected, on the part of the Grand Lodge, Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," for one year from the first Monday in May, 1850.

For Director in "Odd Fellows' Rest."—First Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 34; necessary to a choice, 18.

P. G. J. Dunlap, received	-	-	-	-	-	15
P. G. F. W. Delesdernier, received	-	-	-	-	-	13
P. G. Thomas Cripps,	"	-	-	-	-	5
Blank,	-	-	-	-	-	1

Second Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 37; necessary to a choice, 19.

P. G. J. G. Dunlap, received	-	-	-	-	23
P. G. F. W. Delesdernier, "	-	-	-	-	12
P. G. Thomas Cripps, "	-	-	-	-	2

Whereupon, the Grand Master declared Past Grand James G. Dunlap, duly elected on the part of the Grand Lodge, a Director of "Odd Fellows' Rest," for one year.

The installation of Grand Officers being in order, Past Grand Master Charles M. Emerson proceeded to install into the office of Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Louisiana, P. Deputy G. M. John Crickard, of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, who was formally conducted to the Chair.

The Grand Master installed the remaining Grand Officers into their respective offices, as follows, viz:

P. G. Henry G. Stetson, of Hope Lodge, No. 14, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. G. N. Morrison, of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, R. W. Grand Warden.

P. G. Secretary Henry W. Olmstead, of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, R. W. Grand Secretary.

P. G. Charles H. Lee, of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following appointed officers, and Standing Committees:

P. G. S. S. Burdett, of No. 9.	-	-	W. G. Chaplain.
P. G. S. E. Belknap, of No. 16,	-	-	W. G. Marshal.
P. G. T. W. Van Wyck, of No. 17,	-	-	W. G. Conductor.
P. G. Thomas Murray, of No. 12,	-	-	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. U. Tyson, of No. 1,	-	-	W. G. Herald.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Elections and Returns—P. Gs. Van Wyck, Delesdernier and Dentzel.

Committee on Petitions and Appeals—P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, P. Gs. W. Emerson and Etter.

Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws—P. Gs. Nixon, Stewart and Blake.

Committee on Finance—P. Gs. Amelung, Stetson and Doane.

Committee on Correspondence—P. Gs. Wm. W. W. Wood, Foster and Vaught.

Committee on the State of the Order—P. Gs. Forbes, Lawrason and Southwell.

Committee on Printing—Grand Secretary Olmsted, P. Gs. Bechtel and McIntire.

The credentials of P. G. E. A. F. Mitchell, from Washington Lodge, No. 3, were read and accepted, and the Past Grand being in waiting, was introduced and duly qualified as a member of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, permission was granted to Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, to have a procession in regalia, and any other appropriate ceremonies, on the occasion of dedicating their Tomb, and celebrating their anniversary, on the 19th February next.

P. G. Nixon, from Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and the Committee discharged :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the circular from the "Washington National Monument Society," requesting periodical contributions towards erecting the Monument, have had the same under consideration.

Your Committee believing that the erection of a Monument to Washington, such as is designed, is a work dear to the heart of every friend of humanity, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, recommend to all Subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction to assess their members in the sum of 10 cents per term, as a contribution from the Odd Fellows of Louisiana, to the Washington Monument, and that the amount of said assessment be included in their report to the Grand Lodge, at the end of each term.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have the foregoing printed and a copy forwarded to each Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

All of which is submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
N. B. KNEASS,
BERNARD COHEN.

January 22, 1850.

P. G. Dunlap offered the following resolution as a substitute for the one reported by the committee, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge feels a lively interest in the prosecution to completion, of the Monument to the Father of our Country, it cannot recommend to its Subordinates the taxation of their members for any purpose other than that of Odd Fellowship.

P. D. G. M. Crickard, from the Special Committee, to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following report, accompanied by printed copies of the Constitution ,

NEW ORLEANS, January 22, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee charged with the preparation of a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, beg to report :

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and herewith return the result of their labors.

After a somewhat extended examination of the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodges of other States, they came to the determination of placing all the provisions for the government of the Order under the control of the Grand Lodge, in the Constitution, and of placing all matters pertaining to the mode of conducting our own proceedings in the Rules of Order ; such having been the course pursued in forming Constitutions which we thought best adapted to the wants of the Order : thus obviating the necessity of having any By-Laws.

All matters pertaining to the order generally, whether fundamental principles, duties, or the mode of performing them, should be of the highest order of organic law ; while those, directory of the course of our deliberations, etc., should not be of such binding force as to require so united a will to alter them.

We have also prepared, as immediately connected with our labors, a form of procession, and all the necessary forms to be used in certificates, the returns of Subordinates, etc.

The whole has been printed for distribution, so that the members of your R. W. body may examine, and at an early day be prepared to consider and adopt, as they see proper, or amend the Constitution submitted.

In view of the benefits to be derived from an early distribution among the Subordinates, if it be adopted, it is recommended that the consideration of the Report and its accompaniments be specially assigned for Thursday, the 24th inst., fifteen minutes after the opening of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CRICKARD,
R. MOTT,
H. G. STETSON.

On motion, the report was accepted.

An application for a charter for a new Lodge at Lake Providence, to be known and hailed as "Carroll Lodge, No. —," and signed by Brothers Jesse P. Prescott, B. H. Bowman, Adolph Bernd, John T. Fortson, James Y. Christmas, and Hercules Hillman, was received and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

A communication from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, asking permission to apply for corporate powers, was read and referred to the same Committee.

The credentials of Representatives from Subordinate Lodges received by the Grand Secretary, were referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns.

By-Laws were submitted for approval, from Columbus Lodge, No. 24, Clinton, No. 27, and Nautilus, No. 28. Referred to Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

Sundry bills were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of P. G. Kneass, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, at Commercial Hall, corner of Camp and Natchez streets.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, corner Camp and Natchez sts., }
January 25th, 1850. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Nixon from the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was read, accepted and adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana:

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, have examined the By-Laws of Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, and recommend their approval with the following amendments, viz:

1st. That the Lodge be directed so to amend article 8, section 2, as to make the Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund elective at the stated elections of officers, and their term of service to be but six months.

2d. Insert in article 9, section 1, after the word "order," in sixth line, the following: "and declared cognizable under the rules of the Order, by a vote of two-thirds present."

3d. Article 11, sections 4 and 5, they refer to the R. W. Grand Lodge for direct action.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART,
T. N. BLAKE.

The yeas and nays being called for, on a motion to approve sections 4 and 5 of article 11, were ordered, and resulted as follows, viz :

YEAS — P. Gs. L. L. Brown, Dunham, Dunlap, C. M. Emerson, Fosdick, Geheeb, Hopkins, Hermann, Lee, Mott, Morrison, McIntire, Nixon, Olmsted, Phelps, Race, Stetson, Shields, Strawbridge, Southwell, Tyson, Vaught, and Robert Wood — 23.

NAYS — P. Gs. Blake, Cunliffe, Etter, Forbes, Kneass, H. D. Ogden, and Van Wyck — 7.

So article 11 was approved as submitted.

The order of business for the evening was called up, being the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of G. Rep. Mott, the Rules of the Order were adopted temporarily, for the government of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was ordered that any section not objected to, should be considered adopted as read.

A. G. Blake moved to strike out sections 3, 4 and 5 of article 2.

P. G. Nixon called the previous question, which was sustained, and the question recurring upon the motion of P. G. Blake, it was lost.

P. G. Kneass moved to strike out the words "shall send in a certificate of services from the Subordinate in which such services have been actually performed," in section 3, article 2.

G. Rep. Mott moved to reject the amendment, which was concurred in.

P. G. Forbes moved to adopt section 3, as read, and called the previous question, which was sustained; and the main question being put, was carried.

P. G. Vaught moved to strike out the following words in section 4, article 2: "a letter of request from the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he was promoted, authorizing this Grand Lodge to confer upon him the Grand Lodge Degree, and such of the Side Degrees as he may be entitled to;" which was agreed to.

P. G. Kneass moved to amend article 2, section 6, so that it shall read as follows:

"If the report of the committee is favorable, the applicants shall be introduced by the Grand Warden into the Grand Lodge, and shall be instructed according to law, in the degrees to which they may be entitled." Carried.

P. G. Blake moved to strike out the words, "except the presiding officer," in section 7, article 2.

P. G. Nixon called the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question being put, the section was adopted as read.

On motion of G. S. Olmsted, the further consideration of the Constitution was postponed until the next meeting.

P. G. Etter moved to adjourn, and the question being put, the Chair declared the motion lost.

P. G. Etter called for a division of the Lodge. The Chair decided the call not in order.

P. G. Etter appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being put, "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?" it was decided in the affirmative.

P. G. Fosdick, from the Special Committee on the Report of the Grand Master, submitted a minority report, which, on motion, was referred back to the committee.

On motion of P. G. Etter, the Committee were instructed to report resolutions of thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge for the past year, as customary.

P. G. Van Wyck, from the Committee on Elections and Returns, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The undersigned, Committee on Elections and Returns, to whom was referred the credentials of Representatives from the various Lodges, beg leave to report, as correct, the following:

Louisiana Lodge, No. 1—P. G. M. J. D. Stewart, P. Gs. A. A. Maginnis, James Strawbridge, J. H. Bechtel.

Feliciana Lodge, No. 4—P. G. Charles Collins.

Crescent Lodge, No. 8—P. Gs. H. W. Olmsted, J. O. Nixon, Thos. I. Dix, H. D. Ogden.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 9—P. Gs. A. S. Phelps, W. W. Vaught, S. S. Burdett.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 10—P. Gs. J. Olff, Julius Fulda, John E. Renter.

Orleans Lodge, No. 11—P. Gs. Joseph Etter, R. C. Faulkner, J. A. Amelung.

Commercial Lodge, No. 12—P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, P. Gs. Geo. W. Race, T. Murray.

Hope Lodge, No. 14—P. Gs. W. H. Hutchings, Henry Bier, H. G. Stetson.

Delta Lodge, No. 15—P. Gs. B. Maglone, J. Bensadon, J. S. McIntire.

Templar Lodge, No. 16—P. Gs. P. C. Wright, H. Doane, S. E. Belknap.

Covenant Lodge, No. 17—P. Gs. J. Dirmeyer, D. B. Forbes, Thos. W. Van Wyck.

National Lodge, No. 18—P. Gs. F. Vasconsellos, V. Aleman, J. Saliba.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 19—P. Gs. Chas. Ammel, R. DeArmas, Edward Barnett.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20—P. Gs. A. L. Fields, G. N. Seagrave, J. W. Lyman.

Neith Lodge, No. 21—P. Gs. R. N. Wood, R. A. Walker, Samuel Van Bibber.

Magnolia Lodge, No. 22—P. Gs. Wm. Emerson, V. Boulemet, P. G. M. W. H. Rice.

Columbus Lodge, No. 24—P. G. James Martin.

Wood Lodge, No. 26—P. G. R. T. Gibbs.

Germania Lodge No. 29—P. Gs. Peter Hermann, Charles Geheeb.

From the following there are no certificates :

Washington Lodge	No. 3	} Independence Lodge	No. 23	
Union Lodge	No. 6		Clinton Lodge	No. 27
De Soto Lodge	No. 7		Nautilus Lodge	No. 28
Howard Lodge	No. 13			

We also find correct the certificates for the following proxies, viz :

From St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20 — P. G. H. G. Stetson.

From Neith Lodge, No. 21 — P. G. W. W. Wood, for Samuel Van Bibber ; S. E. Belknap, for R. A. Walker ; G. C. Lawrason, for R. N. Wood.

All of which is submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

THOS. W. VAN WYCK,

F. A. DENTZEL.

January 25th, 1850.

P. G. Amelung, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, January 25th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned Finance Committee, to whom was referred sundry accounts, beg leave to report, that upon due examination, they find the following bills correct, and recommend that orders be drawn upon the Treasurer for their respective amounts, viz :

John Breen, for glazing in Grand Lodge Hall.....	\$ 5 50
Peter Munson, for whitewashing, cleaning, etc., in Grand Lodge Hall....	15 50
R. W. G. Secretary, for printing, postage, post-office rent, etc.....	25 00
H. Williams, for services as G. Herald.....	27 00
Office of the "Picayune," for advertising one year.....	20 00
Corson & Armstrong, for stationery.....	19 25

Total.....\$112 25

The committee, not having been furnished with the Treasurer's report complete, ask further time to report thereon.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

J. A. AMELUNG,

H. DOANE,

H. G. STETSON.

P. G. M. Emerson, from the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, submitted the subjoined report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Petitions and Appeals, to whom was referred the application of De Soto Lodge, No. 7, praying for permission to ask for and enjoy corporate privileges under the laws of this State, beg leave to report, that an act of incorporation would, in many respects, prove a benefit to the Lodge, while it would not conflict with the laws and privileges of this body or of the Order. They therefore recommend that the application be granted.

CHAS. M. EMERSON,

JOSEPH ETTER.

P. G. M. Emerson, from the same committee, made the following report, which was received, and with the accompanying resolution, adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Petitions and Appeals, to whom was referred the petition of six brothers, praying for the establishment of a Subordinate Lodge at Lake Providence, in the Parish of Carroll, in this State, beg leave to report, that they find no objections to granting

the prayer of the petition ; but as the petitioners are not certified to have attained the Scarlet Degree, and no evidence was offered to your committee on the subject, they recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to grant and prepare, in the name of this Grand Lodge, the Charter prayed for, whenever a sufficient number of the petitioners shall prove to his satisfaction that they are legally qualified to receive and act under it.

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
JOSEPH ETTER.

P. G. Nixon from the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws have examined the By-Laws of Columbus Lodge, No. 24, and recommend them to the Grand Lodge for approval, with the following amendments, viz :

1st. Article 6, section 1. Strike out the section and insert the original section appearing in the manuscript.

2d. Order the Lodge to provide in their By-Laws for the election of three Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, at the stated elections for officers.

Your committee have also examined the By-Laws of Clinton Lodge, No. 27, and recommend their approval, with the following amendments, viz :

1st. Strike out section 3 of law 5.

2d. Law 14, section 1. Insert after the word "writing," in the fourth line, "and if declared cognizable under the rules of the Order, by a vote of two-thirds present, they—"

3d. Law 18, section 2. Strike out the last clause, reading "apply under six months," and insert "be balloted for until the fourth meeting thereafter."

4th. Law 5, section 2, they refer to the Grand Lodge for direct action.

All of which is submitted.

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART,
T. N. BLAKE.

A motion being made to strike out the 2d section of law 5, P. G. Forbes called the previous question, which was sustained, and the main question being put, the section was stricken out.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at this Hall to-morrow (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, cor. Camp and Natchez sts. }
January 26, 1850. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Wm. H. Hutchings, of Hope Lodge, No. 14, (certificate received Jan. 22d,) was introduced by the Grand Conductor, and duly qualified as a member of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Nixon moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, adopting section 7, article 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

P. G. Nixon moved to amend the section, by striking out the words, "except the presiding officer," and to add at the close of the section, "provided the presiding officer shall not vote, except in case of vote by ballot;" which was concurred in.

On motion of P. G. W. W. Wood, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the report of the Special Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge — P. G. Nixon in the Chair.

On motion, the committee rose, and by their Chairman, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

On motion, the report was accepted, and leave granted.

P. G. Nixon moved that the action of the Committee, as far as progressed, be approved; which was not concurred in.

The following communications from P. G. Etter, were received and read:

NEW ORLEANS, January 26th, 1850.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana:

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to resign his seat as a member of the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

JOSEPH ETTER.

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to resign into your hands, the office to which you elected him, as a member of the Board of Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

JOSEPH ETTER.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the resignations were accepted.

Grand Secretary Olmsted offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a new District be established as District No. 4, composed of the Parishes of Plaquemine and St. Bernard.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as follows:

P. G. R. N. Wood, D. D. G. M.,	-	District No. 1.
P. G. A. L. Fields, D. D. G. M.,	-	District No. 2.
P. G. Andrew Matta, D. D. G. M.,	-	District No. 3.
P. G. J. E. Dunham, D. D. G. M.,	-	District No. 4.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the appointments were confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

G. Secretary Olmsted offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to procure a complete sett of Regalia and Jewels for the Officers of the Grand Lodge, and one hundred setts of Regalia for the use of the members.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be empowered to draw upon the R. W. Grand Treasurer for the payment of all expenses incurred under the above resolution.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at their Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 29th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Nixon, from the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred the amendments to the By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 6, have examined the same and recommend them to the Grand Lodge for approval.

January 29, 1850.

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART.

P. G. Amelung, from the Committee on Finance, made the subjoined Report, which was received and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following accounts, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, find them correct, and recommend that orders be drawn on the Treasurer for their payment.

J. T. Hammond, for engraving Seal, etc.....\$40 00
Crittenden & Dameron, for floor and oil cloth,.....12 25

January 29, 1850.

J. A. AMELUNG,
H. G. STETSON.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Shields, on the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, *vice* P. G. Etter, resigned.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the election of a Director in "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," was made the special order of business for the next meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, having in consideration the new Constitution—Deputy Grand Master Stetson in the Chair.

After deliberation and discussion, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

On motion of P. G. Kneass, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, February 5, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*



ADJOURNED MEEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 5th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master ; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. D. G. M. Phelps, a dispensation was granted to Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, to ballot for, and if elected thereto, to confer the following degrees upon the brothers named, all on the same evening, viz :

B. Barre,	-	-	-	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
W. W. Lambertson,	-	-	-	2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
A. J. Williams,	-	-	-	2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
Geo. Merriman,	-	-	-	2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
Charles Rice,	-	-	-	2d, 3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
Thomas Tucker,	-	-	-	3d, 4th, 5th Degrees.
J. B. Fitch,	-	-	-	4th, 5th Degrees.
Harlow Lamb,	-	-	-	4th, 5th Degrees.
Simon Newbourger,	-	-	-	4th, 5th Degrees.

P. G. Amelung, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned Committee on Finance, respectfully report, that upon due examination of the R. W. Grand Treasurer's report hereto annexed, compared with his vouchers, they find the same correct, showing a balance in his hands on the 21st day of January, 1850, of the sum of one hundred and fifty six ninety-two-hundredths (156 92) dollars, which amount they have received from him, and given a receipt therefor, and paid the same to the present R. W. Grand Treasurer, whose receipt is also annexed.

Heretofore there has been no fixed rule adopted as to the amount to be charged to such Subordinate Lodges and Encampments as occupy the Hall of the Grand Lodge ; they deem it would be more satisfactory to all parties, to have a fixed rate established to cover rent and gas ; and to effect this, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That from and after the first day of January, 1850, the following rates be charged the Lodges and Encampments now occupying Grand Lodge Hall, in full, for rent and gas, viz :

Grand Encampment,.....	per annum,	\$ 25 00
Willey Encampment.....	per annum,	75 00
Louisiana Lodge,.....	per annum,	150 00
Union Lodge,.....	per annum,	150 00
Howard Lodge,.....	per annum,	150 00

And that it be the duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary, to collect the same quarterly, and that he be also authorized to pay the rent and gas bills at same periods, upon the approval of the Finance Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. AMELUNG,
H. G. STETSON,
H. DOANE.

February 5th, 1850.

H. WILLIAMS, GRAND TREASURER,

In Account (Rent and Gas,) with the R. W. G. Lodge of Louisiana.

	Dr.		Cr.
To cash paid Rovira, 1 years' rent } to 1st Jan'y, 1850, as per rec'pt }	\$180 00	By cash rec'd of the following Lodges and Encampments, viz :	
To cash paid Gas Com., as per re- ceipt book, to Jan. 1, 1850.... }	175 00	Willey Encamp't to 1st Jan. 1850,	\$ 54 05
To balance carried to general ac- count of Treasurer..... }	158 25	Louisiana Lodge, do do	109 60
		Commercial Lodge, do do	109 60
		Union Lodge, do do	109 60
		Howard Lodge, do do	109 60
	\$513 25	Teutonia Lodge, to March 1, 1849,	20 80
			<hr/> \$513 25

H. WILLIAMS, *Grand Treasurer.*

NEW ORLEANS, January 21, 1850.

H. WILLIAMS, GRAND TREASURER,

In Account with the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

1849.		Dr.	1849.		Cr.
Jan. 25—	To balance on hand, as		Feb. 3—	By Gas Co. bill to 1 Jan. 1849, voucher No. 1....	\$ 111 50
	per Report,.....	\$ 195 17		Note to Howard L. vo. 2,	100 00
	Cash received of G. Sec.	1000 00		Note and interest Com'l	302 00
	Do. do. do.	13 57		Lodge, voucher 3.....	
May 22—	Do. do. do.	150 00		W. Wilson, host, for ser-	15 30
Aug. 6—	Do. do. do.	500 00		vids and ice. voucher 4	
Oct. 8—	Do. do. do.	867 33		2d M'y tax, 1846-7, vou. 5,	120 00
			Feb. 24—	Note to Union L. vou. 6,	250 00
1850.				H. P. Andrews, services	61 58
Jan. 21—	To do. do. do.	300 00		G. S. sundries, vouch. 7,	12 00
	Balance from Rent and	} 158 25		H. W. Olmsted, conting't	
	Gas account as per state-			expenses of G. S. vou. 8,	
	ment herewith rendered,		Mch 10—	By T. H. Shields, expen-	19 50
				ses as A. Marshal, Feb.	
				19, voucher 9,.....	120 00
				T. H. Shields, expenses	36 00
				procession, Feb. 19, vo 10	
				Yeomans & Fitch, bill	30 00
				printing, voucher 11,....	
			May 4—	Grand Lodge U. S. order	5 00
				for Nixon, voucher 12,..	10 00
			May 8—	By Evening Mercury, ad-	70 00
				vertising, voucher 13,..	20 00
				Delta, adver., vouch. 14,	154 00
			May 19—	By O. Fs.' Rest, vo 15,	150 00
			May 28—	By Picayune, advt. 1 yr.	
				to Dec. 1849, vouch. 16,	28 75
			Aug. 30—	By G. L. U. S. vou. 17,	
				G. R. Strawbridge, vo. 18,	120 00
			Oct. 8—	By H. W. Williams, host,	
				\$ 26 50, vo. 19; R. Hor-	50 00
				ton, repairs, \$ 2 25,....	62 50
				Yeomans & Fitch, print-	25 00
				etc., voucher 20,.....	6 00
				Yeomans & Fitch, pub'g	115 00
				proceedings, voucher 21,	125 00
				H. W. Olmsted G. S. sal-	21 50
				ary to April 1, vouch. 22,	3 00
				R. Hall, frame to portrait	300 00
				P. G. M. Williams, vo. 23,	
				John Frankford, services	4 27
				as host, voucher 24,....	
				Yeomans & Fitch, print-	150 00
				ing, etc., voucher 25,....	6 00
				H. W. Olmsted, G. S.	
				salary to Oct., vo. 26,..	11 00
				H. W. Olmsted, sndrs vo 26	
			Oct. 9—	Crescent, advert. vo. 27,	150 00
				R. Mott, G. R. vouch. 28,	6 00
			Oct. 10—	By Hyde & Goodrich, bill	
				for Stars, voucher 29,..	150 00
			Oct. 20—	By G. R. N. B. Kneass, vo. 30	11 00
			Oct. 30—	By J. Frankford, host, vo. 31	
			Nov. 2—	By D. I. Ricardo notarial	62 50
				1850] fees, voucher 32,.....	
			Jan. 1—	By H. W. Olmsted, G. S.	350 00
				salary, voucher 33,....	156 92
				Note to La. L. No 1, vo. 34	
			Jan. 21—	Balance,.....	\$ 3,184 32
					\$ 3,184 32

\$3,184 32

Balance as per contra.... \$ 156 92

E. and O. E.
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21, 1850.

H. WILLIAMS, Grand Treasurer.

The special order of business for this evening being announced, the Grand Lodge went into nomination and election of a Director of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," in place of P. G. Etter, resigned.

P. G. G. W. Shaw being the only nominee, on motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the vote was taken *viva voce*, and P. G. Geo. W. Shaw, of Union Lodge, No. 6, was declared duly elected a Director of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," for one year from the first Monday in May, 1850.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the new Constitution, Deputy G. Master Stetson in the Chair.

After discussion, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

The Grand Lodge was this evening visited by P. G. Isaiah Forbes, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 18, St. Louis, Mo.*

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, February 12, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary*,

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 12, 1849.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The following communication from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was received and read:

OFFICE OF THE RECORDING AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, }
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. }

To the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER — In obedience to the resolutions of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, adopted at the session of 1849, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary have made the assessment for defraying the expenses of the approaching adjourned and regular communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. The assessment is six and one-fourth cents for each member, the basis of calculation being the returns made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the years 1848-9.

The assessment on your Grand Lodge therefore amounts to \$113 18.

I am directed by the Grand Sire to communicate the above information to you, and to request that your Grand Body will respond by forwarding the amount of your assessment to this office, at the earliest practicable moment.

Herewith I send a copy from the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the proceedings above referred to.

In the bonds of our Order, yours, etc.,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Secretary.*

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F.

The following, among other proceedings, was had at the September session, 1849 :

Resolved, That the pay of Representatives to, and officers of, this body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) shall be three dollars per diem, during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and officers shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences, to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

And be it further resolved, That the said per diem allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

And be it further resolved, That to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to be estimated pro rata upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Bodies respectively.

On motion of P. G. Shields, an order was directed to be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the assessment, \$113 19.

A communication from Mrs. J. C. Downer, in regard to property on Poydras street, was received and read.

On motion of P. G. Hammond, the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed D. G. M. Stetson, P. Gs. Shaw and Hammond said committee.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the further consideration of the new Constitution was postponed until the next meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, February 19, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 19, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

An appeal of brother W. K. McIntosh, from a decision of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

A communication from Wood Lodge, No. 26, was received and read, asking permission to have a procession and appropriate ceremonies, on the occasion of the anniversary of the introduction of our Order into the United States.

On motion, permission was granted.

On motion, a dispensation was granted to Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, to ballot for, and if elected thereto, to confer the following Degrees upon brothers named, viz :

Jesse Gilmore,	- -	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
G. E. Medino,	-	1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
Benjamin Campbell,	- -	2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
Baptiste Dougart,	- - -	3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
J. B. G. Arnoult,	- -	3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
L. W. Craig,	- - - -	3d, 4th and 5th Degrees.
Geo. Kaiser,	- - - -	4th and 5th Degrees.
J. S. Burke,	- - - -	4th and 5th Degrees.
Philip Plitt.	- - - -	4th and 5th Degrees.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, were submitted for approval, and referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

On motion, the consideration of the new Constitution was postponed until the first Tuesday in April.

On motion of D. G. M. Stetson, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 2d, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

CALLED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 27th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of a call from the M. W. Grand Master.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
T. W. VAN WYCK,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
U. TYSON,	<i>W. G. Herald.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows :

NEW ORLEANS, February 22d, 1850.

To J. Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. Master, of I. O. O. F.:

You are requested to call a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, 27th instant, to receive and act upon a communication from the Board of Directors of Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Yours, Fraternally,

H. G. STETSON,	J. H. BECHTEL,
AUG. S. PHELPS,	GEO. PURVIS,
T. N. BLAKE,	HENRY BIER,
J. A. AMELUNG,	HENRY W. OLMSTED,
T. H. SHIELDS,	THOS. W. VAN WYCK.

To H. W. Olmsted, Esq., Grand Secretary :

Please call a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, at the Hall of the Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, the 27th inst., at 7 o'clock, in compliance with the above request.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the call was approved.

The subjoined communication was received and read :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF O. F. HALL ASSOCIATION, }
No. 13, Camp Street, N. O., Februray 23d, 1850. }

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L., State of La :

BROTHERS :— At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Odd Fellows' Hall Association, held on the 22d instant, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Friday the 26th day of April next, be selected for laying the corner stone of Odd Fellows' Hall, and that permission be asked of the Grand Lodge to have a procession of the Order, in full regalia, on that occasion.

Yours fraternally,

THOS. W. VAN WYCK, *Secretary.*

P. G. Shields moved that permission be granted, and that a general procession of the Order take place on the day named.

Carried unanimously.

P. G. Shields moved that the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," be empowered to arrange all the necessary details of the celebration, and that a Special Committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the Grand Lodge, with authority to expend the sum of one hundred dollars; which motion was concurred in.

The Chair appointed D. G. M. Stetson, P. Gs. Shields and Kneass, said committee.

Deputy G. M. Stetson moved that the Grand Lodge request Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, to place their Emblems at the disposal of the Committee for this occasion; which was agreed to.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

CRESCENT HALL, March 18th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 6 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; H. G. Stetson, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

NEW ORLEANS, March 11th, 1850.

To the M. W. Grand Master, of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The undersigned, P. Gs. of this jurisdiction, respectfully request, that you will call a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a petition for a new Lodge, of I. O. O. F., to be located at Covington, in this State.

CHAS. M. EMERSON,	T. N. BLAKE,
F. C. KENDALL,	T. H. SHIELDS,
JNO. HAYMAN,	JNO. R. GEORGE,
N. B. KNEASS,	G. W. RACE,
GEO. W. SHAW,	JOSEPH FONT,
J. G. DUNLAP,	G. N. MORRISON,
HENRY BIER,	H. WILIAMS,
F. A. DENTZEL,	HENRY W. OLMSTED.

To *H. W. Olmsted, Esq., Grand Secretary :*

You will please to call a Special Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, at Crescent Hall, on Monday, the 18th inst., at 6 o'clock, P. M., in compliance with the above request.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

New Orleans, March 15, 1850.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the call was approved.

An application for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at Covington, and to be known and hailed as St. Tammany Lodge, No. —, signed by P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, P. Gs. Thomas H. Shields, C. C. Delacroix, Brothers W. L. Cushing, W. O. Whitman and Wm McDuff, was received and read.

G. Sec. Olmsted moved that the petition for the Charter be granted, and the blank filled with No. 31, which was carried unanimously.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

SPECIAL MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, March 22d, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 6 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call of the Grand Master.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
ROBERT MOTT,	<i>R. W. G. Representative.</i>
S. E. BELKNAP,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
U. TYSON,	<i>W. G. Herald.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

To *John Crickard, Esq., M. W. Grand Master I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — We the undersigned, Past Grands of the Order, in good standing, respectfully request you to call a meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, on Friday evening, the 22d inst., at 6 o'clock, P. M., at Crescent Hall, for the purpose of acting on a

motion for re-considering the vote granting a charter to St. Tammany Lodge, and for such other business as may be brought before it.

This call is asked for in pursuance of section 1, article 8 of our Constitution.

N. B. KNEASS,	THOMAS MURRAY,
G. N. MORRISON,	JOHN R. GEORGE,
CHAS. M. EMERSON,	HENRY W. OLMSTED,
W. H. FOSTER,	FRANCIS THOMAS,
	G. W. RACE.

March 20, 1850.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, R. W. G. LODGE OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, March 20, 1850. }

SIR — You will please call a Special Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, on Friday evening, the 22d instant, at 6 o'clock, in accordance with the accompanying request.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

To HENRY W. OLMSTED, ESQ., Grand Secretary.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the call was approved.

P. G. Rep. Kneass moved to re-consider the vote granting a charter for a new Lodge, to be known as St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, passed at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, held March 18, 1850, which motion was concurred in.

P. G. Forbes moved to postpone the consideration of the application until the next regular session. The motion was lost.

P. G. Shields moved that the application for the charter be granted.

The Grand Master stated, that entertaining doubts as to the legality of the motion, he would like to hear it discussed, but before the question was taken, he should reserve to himself the right to decide upon it.

The motion was discussed by P. G. Ms. Williams and Emerson, P. Gs. Mott, Kneass and Etter.

After which, the Grand Master decided that the motion to grant the application for the charter was not in order, and submitted the following grounds for his decision, viz :

“That four or five of the petitioners reside (and intend so to do) in the city of New Orleans, and being satisfied from the laws of the Order, that they cannot be members of a Lodge, much less applicants for a new one, *remote* from the place of their residence, he considers the action of the Grand Lodge, in granting the Charter, as illegal, and therefore, declares the same null and void, and all action taken, or attempted to be taken in its present shape, out of order.

J. CRICKARD, *G. M.*”

P. G. M. Emerson appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being put, “will the Grand Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?” it was decided in the negative.

G. Rep. Mott asked permission to appeal from the decision of the G. L., overruling the decision of the Grand Master, to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the appeal was granted, unanimously.

The question recurring upon the motion of P. G. Shields, to grant the application for the charter.

P. G. M. Emerson called the previous question, which was sustained.

P. G. Rep. Kneass called for the yeas and nays on the main question, which were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, viz :

YEAS — P. G. M. Emerson, P. Gs. Blake, Brichta, Boulemet, Brandt, Backus, George, Kneass, Morrison, Olmsted, Purvis, Race, Shields, Shaw, Tyson and Yeomans.—16.

NAYS — P. Gs. Amelung, Bier, Belknap, Doane, Dunlap, Wm. Emerson, Etter, Forbes, Mott, H. D. Ogden, Stetson, Wilson and Wright.—13

So the Charter was granted.

P. G. Rep. Kneass moved that the Grand Master be instructed to carry out the views of the Grand Lodge, by instituting the new Lodge, either in person or by deputy ; which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, April 2, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master ; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. Nixon from the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, April 2, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, to whom was referred the Laws of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, have examined the same and recommend them to the Grand Lodge for approval.

J. O. NIXON,
T. N. BLAKE.

The following communication was received and read :

ODD FELLOWS' HALL ASSOCIATION, }
NEW ORLEANS, March, 8, 1850. }

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F. :

BROTHERS : — The great work of building a Hall suitable for the wants of the Order in this city, having so far progressed as to be ready for laying the corner stone, the Board of Directors, with the permission of the R. W. Grand Lodge, have thought proper to celebrate that event by a grand procession of all the Lodges and Encampments belonging to this jurisdiction, and others who may feel disposed to join with us, on the 26th day of April next, the Anniversary of the Order in this State.

We, therefore, beg leave to submit the subject to your notice and consideration, and invite you to join with us in the proposed celebration. In the which, should you see proper to concur, you will please notify the same to the Secretary of the Board, Thos. W. Van Wyck, No. 13, Camp street, as early as practicable.

Inasmuch as the object is one which concerns the Order generally, it has been decided that the expenses of the procession should be borne by the respective Lodges and Encampments in this city, in the same manner as similar processions have been arranged heretofore, and which, it is intended, shall be as light as may be consistent with the dignity of the occasion.

J. A. AMELUNG,	} Committee of Arrangements.
THOS. H. SHIELDS,	
T. N. BLAKE,	
J. H. BECHTEL,	
J. D. BIEN,	

Deputy G. M. Stetson moved that the invitation be accepted, and that the Grand Lodge agree to pay ten per cent. of the expenses incurred on the occasion ; which motion was carried unanimously.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Encampment of New York, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

An application was received from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, for a dispensation to confer degrees upon certain brothers named therein.

P. G. Wm. Emerson moved to lay the communication on the table, which was not concurred in.

Grand Secretary Olmsted moved to grant the dispensation, and called the previous question, which was sustained.

The main question being put, the motion was lost ; ayes 7, nays 8.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, of the action of the Grand Lodge on the subject.

P. D. G. Master Phelps offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That dispensations be granted to each of the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, to confer such degrees on their members as they may see proper, up to the 26th instant : *provided*, however, that it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present to act under this dispensation, and the usual vote upon the application for the degree.

P. D. G. M. Phelps called for the yeas and nays, on the motion to adopt the resolution, and they were ordered, and resulted as follows, viz :

YEAS — P. Gs. Bier, Maglone, Mondelli, Olmsted, Phelps and Reuter — 6.

NAYS — P. Gs. Belknap, Cohen, Dunlap, Wm. Emerson, Martin, Morrison, Shields, Stetson and Turner — 9.

So the resolution was not concurred in.

A bill of the "True Delta," for advertising to January 1, 1851, \$10, was read and ordered to be paid.

On motion of P. G. Bier, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at their Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 9, at half-past 7 o'clock.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, April 9, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—John Crickard, M. Worthy Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, was received and read, and, on motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, referred to a Special Committee of three.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. H. D. Ogden, Barnett and Shields.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Report, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the M. W. G. Master, report:

That they have examined it, and will herein mention such matters as require your special action. It is recommended to reduce the per centage of the Grand Lodge. We would suggest that that be deferred at least until the July session, as the receipts of the Annual session have been barely sufficient to pay off the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, and the expenses for six months, including the procession to take place in April, will be fully as much as the income in July will amount to. In regard to Ancient Odd Fellows having or not having the T. P. W. we fully concur with the M. W. G. M., and recommend the approval of his decision, that an *Ancient* Odd Fellow may be admitted to membership by card, without the T. P. W.

Your committee are of opinion that the M. W. Grand Master acted wisely and judiciously in deferring the installation of certain officers of Louisiana Lodge No. 1, and taking time to investigate the charge that was made, and recommend that his acts in this matter be approved.

In conclusion, we would offer for your consideration the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to Past Grand Master Charles M. Emerson for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, and for his untiring efforts to promote the harmony and welfare of our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

On motion of P. G. Yeomans, the resolution and recommendations of the committee were adopted.

The Grand Master asked the opinion of the Grand Lodge, on the following matter, viz :

"Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, applied to the Grand Master for a dispensation to initiate a candidate, over the legal age prescribed by the Constitution, said Lodge having received the application and referred the same to a committee who had reported favorably thereon.

"The Grand Master refused the dispensation, on the ground that it should have been obtained previous to any action on the part of the Lodge."

On motion of P. G. Amelung, the opinion of the Grand Master was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary Olmsted, moved that the Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole on the new Constitution.

Past Grand Amelung, moved to adjourn, to meet at Crescent Hall, on Wednesday, 17th instant, at 5 o'clock, P. M., which was carried, and the Grand Lodge adjourned.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, April 16th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of D. G. M. Stetson, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination and election of a committee of three to cast the votes of the Grand Lodge, at the election of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," to be held on the first Monday in May next.

P. Gs. Dunlap, Stetson and Kneass were nominated.

On motion of P. G. Amelung, the election was taken *viva voce*, and the nominees were declared duly elected by acclamation.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was received and read, and on motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, referred to the Special Committee on the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion of P. G. Amelung, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the new Constitution: D. G. Master Stetson in the chair.

After deliberation, the Committee rose, and by their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening, at 5 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

CRESCENT HALL, April 18th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 5 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the new Constitution, D. G. M. Stetson in the chair.

After deliberation, the Committee rose, and reported by their Chairman that they had amended the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, as reported by the Special Committee, and recommended the adoption thereof, as amended.

On motion, the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole were adopted.

On motion of P. G. Amelung, the Constitution, etc., as amended, was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to have three hundred copies printed for the use of the Grand Lodge, at its semi-annual session in July.

On motion of P. G. Amelung, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have prepared on parchment, a copy of the Charter of the Grand Lodge,

signed by the Grand Officers, to be deposited in the corner-stone of "Odd Fellows' Hall."

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer, for the payment of printing the proceedings from August 1st, 1849, to May 1st, 1850; for the pro rata of expenses of the celebration of laying the corner-stone of "Odd Fellows' Hall;" and for \$5 in favor of Brother John Frankford, for his services as Host, during this session of the Grand Lodge, at Crescent Hall.

On motion, the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge was declared adjourned, *sine die*

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July, 23d, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall, on Tuesday, July 23d, 1850, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., in Semi-Annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
CHARLES H. LEE,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
S. S. BURDETT,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
J. O. NIXON,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.</i>
W. H. HUTCHINGS,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
L. L. BROWN,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the reading of the Minutes of the annual and subsequent sessions, was dispensed with — printed copies of the same being on the table for the use of the members.

Semi-annual reports * were received from the following Lodges, which were read and accepted, viz :

* For table of reports see Appendix.

Louisiana Lodge, -	No. 1	} National Lodge, -	-	No. 18
Union Lodge, -	No. 6	} Polar Star Lodge, -	-	No. 19
Crescent Lodge, -	No. 8	} St. Mary's Lodge, -	-	No. 20
Jefferson Lodge, -	No. 9	} Neith Lodge, -	-	No. 21
Teutonia Lodge, -	No. 10	} Magnolia Lodge, -	-	No. 22
Orleans Lodge, -	No. 11	} Independence Lodge, -	-	No. 23
Commercial Lodge, -	No. 12	} Columbus Lodge, -	-	No. 24
Howard Lodge, -	No. 13	} Nautilus Lodge, -	-	No. 28
Hope Lodge, -	No. 14	} Germania Lodge, -	-	No. 29
Delta Lodge, -	No. 15	} St. Tamany Lodge, -	-	No. 31
Templar Lodge, -	No. 16	}		

The reports from the following Lodges were informal, viz :

Washington Lodge, -	No. 3	} Covenant Lodge, -	-	No. 17
DeSoto Lodge, -	No. 7	} Wood Lodge, -	-	No. 26

No reports were received from

Feliciana Lodge, -	No. 4	} Carroll Lodge, -	-	No. 30
Clinton Lodge, -	No. 27	}		

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the annual reports and the credentials of Representatives, were referred to the Committee on Election and Returns.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Elections and Returns—P. Gs. Race, Delesdenier and Dentzel.

Committee on Petitions and Appeals—P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, P. Gs. Dunlap and Hopkins.

Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws—P. Gs. Nixon, Bier and Dentzel.

Committee on Finance—D. G. M. Stetson P. Gs. Doane and Hopkins.

Committee on Correspondence—P. Gs. Larue, Shaw and William Emerson.

Committee on the State of the Order—P. Gs. H. D. Ogden, Phelps and Shields.

Committee on Printing—Grand Secretary, P. Gs. Etter and Stockton.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his semi-annual report, with accompanying documents, which was read, as follows :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

It affords me peculiar pleasure to meet the members of the Grand Lodge, and exchange congratulations with them, on the continued increase and unexampled prosperity of the Order

throughout our jurisdiction, for which we have abundant reason to be deeply thankful, and to acknowledge with devout gratitude the blessings with which our efforts have been crowned, by that Being whose greatness and goodness are so constantly impressing upon our minds the solemn teachings of our Institution. Brilliant and remarkable as were the triumphs achieved by the Order in its infancy and early youth, the fruits of its maturity have more than realized the fondest expectations of its friends. With what unaffected pleasure do we see, from day to day, all classes and descriptions of men—of almost every grade of intellectual excellencies—join in harmonious efforts to promote the interests, and spread still farther and wider the principles of universal charity, which are the unceasing lessons of Odd Fellowship. At no former period since its introduction in this State, it is believed, has the Order exhibited a more healthy or prosperous condition, or been more firmly fixed in the confidence of a community, or the affections of the members, than at present.

The number of Lodges has not increased, though it is represented that applications would be made at your present session for the establishment of two or more in the interior.

The returns of the several Lodges, for the term ending 30th June, on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, exhibit a constant and gratifying increase in the number of initiations, as also of those by deposit of Card from other jurisdictions.

At a called meeting of your R. W. Body, held on the 18th of March last, a Charter was granted to six qualified brothers for the establishment of a Lodge in the town of Covington, Parish of St. Tammany. Subsequently, upon examination of the general law on the subject, I was impressed with the belief that it could not be legally instituted, and hence the refusal of my assent to the Charter, and immediately referred the subject back to the Grand Lodge. I subsequently received a communication, signed by the requisite number of Past Grands, asking me to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge on the evening of the 22d, to reconsider the vote granting the Charter in question. The call was made, in compliance with said request. The Grand Lodge met, and on motion, the call was approved. A motion was next made to re-consider, which was concurred in; for further action had on this subject, I refer you to pp. 256, 257, Journal of Proceedings—the legality or illegality of which, I will only add, is still a question to be determined by the Supreme Legislature, at its approaching session, to be held at Cincinnati, in September next.

In obedience to a resolution adopted at the same session, I authorized our R. W. Deputy Grand Master to proceed to Covington and institute said Lodge and install its officers, which I am happy to add, was as promptly acceded to as it was ably and efficiently performed, as it will be seen by his report, herewith submitted.

Brother J. P. Prescott and five others, to whom a Charter had been granted in January last, for a Lodge to be located in the town of Providence, Carroll Parish, having proved themselves duly qualified—accompanied by Brother W. H. Slack, of Hope, No. 14, to whom my thanks are justly due, and are hereby tendered, for the prompt and valuable assistance rendered me—I proceeded to that place, and on the 3th day of March—assisted also by P. G. B. H. Bowman, one of the petitioners—duly instituted Carroll Lodge, No. 30, and installed the following officers, to wit: Brothers J. P. Prescott, N. G.; J. T. Fortson, V. G.; J. Y. Christmas, Secretary; and Adolph Bernd, Treasurer. I am most happy in being able to state of my own knowledge, that from the well known good character and influence of the warm hearted brethren forming this Lodge, I have entire confidence in its future success, and of its producing a beneficial effect on the interests of the Order, in that portion of our State.

My correspondence with the Lodges relates generally to points of law, easily determined by reference to the laws themselves, rules and general regulations, not defined by law or usage, chiefly governing applications for Dispensations, etc., which were invariably required to have the sanction of the Lodge, when the case would admit of it, and otherwise by the

N. G., over his official signature—setting forth the reasons in full, in order to guide and govern me, before dispensing with any of the constitutional requirements.

I would state for your information, that up to the present time, eighty-two applications have been made for Dispensations, by the several Lodges in this district, chiefly for the conferring of degrees; a few only to initiate applicants for membership over the age limited by law, of which number seventy-two have been granted, for reasons set forth in said applications, now on file, which were deemed satisfactory.

On the 5th day of June, I received a communication from DeSoto, No. 7, submitting questions for decision, which were duly answered by the return mail, addressed to the Worthy D. D. Grand Master, requesting him to communicate the same to the Lodge; also the following instructions to the several Lodges in his District, viz: "That Subordinate Lodges shall, in all questions of dispute or doubt, first consult the D. D. G. M., and should his decision not prove satisfactory, then they may address the G. Lodge or G. Master; and all communications desiring information or instructions in the Work of the Order, are required to pass through the hands of that officer, (except in cases of sickness or absence,) who is for the time being the agent or representative of the G. Master."

The reasons for this are twofold: 1st, That two of the three questions submitted were answered by the law to which they refer; 2d, That there was a seeming want of courtesy manifested by the Lodge—though such may not have been intended—towards the officer in question, who, it appears, was present, though not in the Lodge at the time.

I deem it necessary to call your attention to the propriety of amending section 1, article 8, of the Constitution for Subordinates; and I do so from the fact, that instances of my own knowledge have occurred, where this law has either been *evaded* or *construed* (mild terms for violation,) in such manner as to subvert the views and ends of one class of brothers—ardent, ambitious and unscrupulous—and another, who regard it as the greatest hardship to require of them a compliance with the probationary feature of said law.

The officers of the various Subordinate Lodges in the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson were duly installed on the first regular meeting of the current term. In the performance of these interesting and important duties, as on every other occasion when his assistance has been required, it affords me unfeigned pleasure to notice the untiring energy and persevering zeal displayed by our R. W. D. Grand Master, readily seconding my best efforts for the good of the Order, entitle him to the confidence and esteem of every friend of the cause; it also affords me pleasure, in this connection, to acknowledge the ready and efficient aid rendered by brother P. G. P. Herman, in installing the officers of the three Lodges at present working in the German language, and which now forms a most important and interesting portion of the Order in this city.

The officers of National, No. 18, were installed, at my request, by P. G. A. R. Fuertes, of that Lodge, in an able and satisfactory manner; and, for which, I proffer him my sincere thanks.

On the 1st instant, at the installation of the officers of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, a grave but singular case was presented, and one which, if not promptly rebuked, would form a precedent, dangerous to the interests of the Order. The circumstances were these: a Protest was handed to me, signed by five members of that Lodge, which substantially charged that brother Phineas Janney, the Secretary elect, had received the third, fourth and fifth Degrees on the 15th, 18th and 20th of June; and that the conferring of the same was a direct violation of section 1, article 8, of the Constitution for Subordinates—which expressly declares that "at least four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of each of the Degrees," etc.; which charge was fully sustained, by the production of two certificates—one from Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, that brother Janney had received the third Degree in said Lodge, on the 15th of June, and the other, that the fifth Degree had been conferred by

Howard, No. 13, on the same brother on the 20th. In view of the facts just stated, it only remained for me to annul his election, upon the grounds that he had been illegally qualified; and therefore ordered a new one forthwith — as provided by the Charge Book — which was accordingly done, and resulted in the choice of brother H. Spencer. After which, the officers were duly installed.

On the following evening, at the installation of the officers of Orleans, No. 11, my attention was directed to a note, signed officially by the Secretary, appended to the minutes of the previous meeting, the substance of which was, that after the Lodge had regularly closed, a number of brethren — three or four of whom, I regret to say, are members of your R. W. body — resolved themselves into Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, and, in that character — without the presence of an officer of that Lodge or shadow of authority from them for so acting, as will be seen by the action said Degree Lodge had at its last meeting, herewith submitted — proceeded to instruct brother P. Janney in the *fourth Degree*, when it has already been clearly shown that he received the *third* at its regular meeting, three days previous, and the *fifth*, at Howard, No. 13, two days thereafter.

The charge, then, it will be seen, is fully sustained against brother Janney, who, it cannot be argued, was ignorant of the existence and force of the law, from the steps taken to evade it. The P. Gs. who, it is represented, advised or assisted brother Janney in this affair, will no doubt, receive at your hands that consideration which their extraordinary conduct entitles them. Orleans, No. 11, and Howard, No. 13, are, in my opinion, more or less implicated in the matter; the former, for having adopted the note or record of the affair perpetrated in the name of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1; and the latter, for persisting in conferring the Degree on brother Janney, after having been warned by a prominent P. G. of that Lodge, of the impropriety if not illegality of such a step. During the latter part of May, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I paid an official visit to the Lodges in this city and Lafayette, for the purpose of giving them such instructions in the work of the Order as they might require; and it affords me much gratification to inform you that I found them all conducting their business in a practical and creditable manner.

In obedience to a resolution, adopted at a meeting held on the 26th of January last, the Finance Committee, in pursuance of the duty assigned them, forwarded an order to brother John Osborne, New York, for a complete set of regalia and jewels for the use of your officers, and seventy sets for the use of the members, all of which were furnished in due time at a comparatively moderate cost, say \$809, exclusive of freight and drayage; which amount was promptly remitted, in compliance with said resolution.

A vacancy having occurred in District No. 1, by the departure of R. N. Wood, D. D. G. M., for California, early in May last, I appointed brother P. G. R. A. Walker, of Neith, No. 21, to that office, *pro tem.*, who, it had been represented to me, was eminently qualified for the important duties devolving on him.

I recommend to your early attention, the further consideration of the new Constitution, reported by the committee at the commencement of your last session, which was taken up and considered at the several adjourned meetings until the close of the same, and was finally adopted as amended, and referred back to the committee, with instructions to have three hundred copies printed for the use of the members at your present session.

The establishment of Carroll Lodge, No. 30, at Providence, renders the formation of another district necessary, and I would recommend that such an one be formed, to include to the Parish of Madison.

The reports from D. D. Grand Masters, Walker, Fields, Matta, Dunham and Bowman, which accompany this, it will be seen, all indicate a healthy and prosperous condition of the Order in the interior. The increase of membership is comparatively large, and I am gratified at the promises of stability and permanency evinced throughout the jurisdiction.

A considerable amount of business will be laid before you by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and will claim your attention.

You are referred to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the details of receipts and disbursements for the past six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

NEW ORLEANS, July 23d, 1850.

NEW ORLEANS, March 26th, 1850.

To John Crickard, Esq, M. W. G. M. of the R. W. G. L., I. O. O. F. of La.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Agreeable to instructions received over your official signature, bearing date March 23, 1850, I repaired to the town of Covington, in this State, for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge, installing its officers, and transacting such other business as the good of the Order and the welfare of said new Lodge might require.

On the evening of March 23, 1850, after having carefully examined all present, and proving them correct in the work of the Order, I proceeded to organize a meeting for the purpose above mentioned, and called to my assistance P. G. M. Chas. M. Emerson, P. G. Thos. H. Shields, P. G. C. C. Delacroix, together with several brothers of the Scarlet Degree; when the following brothers, applicants for the Charter of St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, were presented to me, with their Cards in proper form; and after a careful examination, they were found to be good and true brothers, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order—P. G. M. Chas. M. Emerson, P. G. Thos. H. Shields, P. G. C. C. Delacroix, and Brothers W. L. Cushing, Wm. M. McDuff, and Wm. O. Whitman.

I therefore proceeded to constitute the Lodge, by administering the requisite O. B. N. to the above named brothers and performing such other duties as the law in such cases require.

And in the name of the R. W. G. Lodge of Louisiana, and by the authority of the same, did proclaim St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, to be a duly constituted Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to hold its meetings in the town of Covington, in this jurisdiction, on each and every Saturday evening, at usual hours.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the present term, and the following named brothers were declared duly elected, viz: W. L. Cushing, N. G.; William M. McDuff, V. G.; C. C. Delacroix, Secretary; Wm. O. Whitman, Treasurer.

Assisted by P. G. M. Chas. M. Emerson, P. G. Thos. H. Shields, I installed the officers elect into their respective chairs, and delivered into their keeping the Charge Books, P. W., and such instruction as the law requires

Upon application to me, by vote of the Lodge, I granted a Dispensation to enable them to receive the applications for membership, to ballot for, and, if elected, to initiate, all on the same evening, the following named persons—Wm. H. Dunica, Jonathan Arthur, James Brown, Jr., W. B. Hosmer, Stephen D. Hess, G. P. Dunnica, D. D. Warren, J. J. Mortee, and J. W. Thompson—who were balloted for, elected and initiated into the rites and mysteries of our beloved Order; and, upon application in legal manner, I granted a further Dispensation to the Lodge, to confer the First and Second Degrees upon the nine named brothers, at this present meeting, and also to confer the Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees upon any or all of them, on or after the fourth meeting from this present.

The above comprises all of the official duty performed by me, under instructions above referred to; and will conclude, by remarking that every thing connected with the prosperity and success of the Lodge is of the most flattering character: the members admitted are such as move and have standing in society of the first respectability, and are men of education and general intelligence, and will, in my opinion, assist in forming one of the best Lodges

in the State, and such as will reflect credit upon themselves and be an ornament to the Order at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In F., L. and T.,

H. G. STETSON, *D. G. M.*

OFFICE OF D. D. G. M., OF DISTRICT No. 1, }
Shreveport, La., July 13, 1850. }

John Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. M.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — I have the honor to submit the following report to you, of my official acts as your Deputy for this district.

At the beginning of the present term, I installed the officers elect of Neith Lodge, No. 21, in due form, except the Treasurer, who was sick; at the next regular meeting thereafter, I installed the Treasurer. I also installed the officers elect of Wood Lodge, No. 26, in due form, at the first regular meeting of said Lodge in the present term.

In compliance with your request, I have carefully examined the books of Neith Lodge, for the last twelve months past, and find them properly kept for the last term, and the work of the Lodge regular. For the term prior to the last, I find that the meetings of the Lodge were irregular — many nights there were no meetings, no quorum being present, and the minutes appear to have been recorded in an imperfect manner. I also find that during that term, L. D. Nash was expelled, from which decision he prayed an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which was granted, but from some strange mistake or neglect, the Secretary failed to transmit the papers to the Grand Lodge; at the same time leaving the officers of the Lodge under the belief they had been sent.

In conclusion, I will say, that I entertain hopes of yet seeing Neith one of the most flourishing Lodges in the State. I have the gratification of reporting Wood Lodge in a very flourishing condition.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

RICHARD A. WALKER, *D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 1.*

OFFICE OF D. D. G. MASTER, OF DISTRICT No. 2, }
Franklin, St. Mary, July 1, 1850. }

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — In accordance with one of the duties attached to my station as your Deputy for District No. 2, of I. O. of O. F., in Louisiana, I tender you the following report of my official acts during the last semi annual term, ending this day.

I have granted, on the application of St. Mary's Lodge, Dispensations in the following cases:

Feb. 16, 1850,	for brother H. W. Johns to receive his	- - -	Fifth Degree.
Mar. 16, 1850,	for brother J. L. Brent, to receive his	-	Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees.
" "	for brother J. J. Caffery, to receive his	-	First and Second Degrees.
June 29, 1850,	for brother John Moore, to receive his	- -	Fourth and Fifth Degrees.
" "	for brother Fred. Gates, to receive his	Third,	Fourth and Fifth Degrees.
" "	for brother T. C. Nicholls to " his	Second,	Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees.
" "	for brother J. H. Heard, to receive his	Third,	Fourth and Fifth Degrees.

Dispensations were also granted by my predecessor, brother H. C. Cook, subsequent to his last report, and previous to receipt of my appointment, to wit:

Jan. 12, 1850,	brother J. D. Arial, to receive his	-	Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees.
" "	brother J. N. Lewis, to receive his	- -	Fourth and Fifth Degrees.

The frequent occurrence of these cases has been in consequence of the inability of the parties to attend the meetings of the Lodge, by reason of the remoteness of their residence ; which I have thought, and presume you will consider, a sufficient ground for the exercise of this power.

I have also granted a Dispensation, March 16, on the application of St. Mary's Lodge, in favor of the re-application — within the constitutional probationary term — of a rejected petitioner for membership, on the open avowal of the parties instrumental in his rejection, that they were in error, and were desirous of obtaining an opportunity of correcting an act which would prove unjust in its operation.

In a recent conversation with several members, residents of Opelousas, I was informed that active exertions were making, preliminary to opening a Lodge in that town, where the popular sentiment is quite favorable, and which ere long, I sincerely hope to see consummated.

In closing this brief statement, I cannot forego the pleasure of announcing the continued success of Odd Fellowship in St. Mary. The scion so recently severed from the parent stock, is already a noble tree, dispensing throughout our community its fruits — Friendship, Love and Truth.

I am, with sentiments of fraternal esteem,

Your obedient servant,

A. L. FIELDS, *D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 2.*

JOHN CRICKARD, *M. W. G. M.,* New Orleans.

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. M. OF DISTRICT No. 3, }
Baton Rouge, La., July 8th, 1850. }

To John Crickard, Esq., *M. W. G. Master, of I. O. O. F., of State of La. :*

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER — It becomes my duty, as your Deputy, to submit to you a report of my acts during the term ending the 30th June last, and flatter myself that it will meet with your approbation.

On the 13th April last, I granted a Dispensation to Clinton Lodge, No. 27, to dispense with the time required to confer degrees, and to confer the Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees on Brother W. A. Steadman. The Lodge having been recently instituted, required Scarlet Members to carry on the Work.

The Noble Grand of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, reported to me that, by some miscalculation or oversight, section 1, article 8 of the Constitution, had not been strictly complied with in the cases of Brothers A. W. Norris and R. Hoffman, the balloting for their degrees having taken place at the expiration of three, in place of four weeks.

The four weeks having expired, and no protest entered against the premature balloting, I authorized the N. G. to confer the degrees.

I have granted several Dispensations, to dispense with section 3, article 8 of the Constitution, and authorized the N. G. to furnish Visiting Cards to brothers in good standing who were not able to make their application in open Lodge.

On the 3d instant, I visited Clinton Lodge, No. 27, and installed the officers for second term, 1850, and gave such instruction and information to the brothers as they required. It affords me great gratification to state, that although this Lodge counts but a limited number of working members, yet this small, but noble band, carries out the principles of our motto, F., L. and T., to its fullest extent; and I entertain no doubt that within a short period it will take rank amongst the best Lodges of this State.

The officers of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, were installed by my Worthy Brother Past Grand Oscar Barbee. This Lodge is entitled to the greatest encomium for her workings. Nothing is omitted nor overdone—increasing in members of the very best material, and her finances in a sound and prosperous condition.

I am not able to make a report respecting Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, but as soon as I can make it convenient, will visit said Lodge, and make my report.

I have communicated the Q. P. W. to the Noble Grands of the Lodges under my jurisdiction.

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor dated 19th June, defining the duties of D. D. G. Ms. With its injunctions I promise a strict compliance.

I remain, with the highest respect, yours, in F., L. and T.,

A. MATTA, *D. D. G. M., District No. 3.*

OFFICE OF D. D. G. MASTER OF DISTRICT No. 4, }
Balize, July 19, 1850.

To John Crickard, Esq., *M. W. G. M.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I, as D. D. G. Master, have the pleasure of making to you my report of the proceedings of Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., for the term commencing January 1st, and ending June 30th, 1850, during which I have granted two Dispersions, the one for Brother William T. Smith, at the request of the Lodge, to take his Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees, he being immediately to be absent for some time; the next for Oscar Arroyo, to be initiated. At the request of the Lodge, I granted him a Dispensation.

Dear Brother—I must inform you of our installation, which being done in regular form, Past Grand Master Emerson as Grand Marshal, Past Grand Master Rice as Grand Warden, Past Grand Yeomans as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, assisted; and the following officers were installed: Cyrus Morgan, N. G.; James B. Williams, V. G.; James B. Hayes, Secretary; Joseph Shephard, Treasurer.

After the installation, Oscar Arroyo, after being elected a member of the said Lodge, was initiated in due form. The Lodge then closed in F., L. and T.

Brother Shields arrived here to-day, being too late to assist at our installation, whose absence we very much regretted.

We should be very happy to greet you among us at any leisure time; should you give us a little notice, your presence here would be a source of pleasure for us, inasmuch as we never had the pleasure of welcoming you here.

I remain, sincerely and truly, your friend and brother,

J. E. DUNHAM, *D. D. G. M., District No. 4.*

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. MASTER OF DISTRICT No. 5, }
Lake Providence, La., July 15, 1850.

To John Crickard, Esq., *M. W. G. M.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Carroll Lodge, No. 30, (the only Lodge within my jurisdiction,) as you are aware, has been but recently established, and has had many embarrassing circumstances to contend with. This is comparatively a new country, and but little has been known here of Odd Fellowship.

The petitioners for this Lodge were made, one in Tennessee, one in Mississippi, one in Pennsylvania, one in North Carolina, one in Texas, and one in Kentucky. They had all cast their lots here, and were comparative strangers; but they met as friends and brothers, and feeling the importance of union, determined to make an effort to establish a Lodge at this place. In this they finally succeeded; and after encountering innumerable obstacles, Carroll Lodge now bids fair to be an ornament to the Order, and to take a high stand among

her sister Lodges and in this community. There is the best feeling existing among the brothers, and the Order is rapidly gaining friends in this community. There is good material here, and the Lodge has shown a disposition to work on none other.

Since I was honored with the appointment of D. D., I have had but few occasions to act in my official capacity; your Dispensation was received by the Lodge too late to have the degrees conferred as stipulated by you, and fulfil the objects for which it was requested. I was satisfied that it was not contemplated by you, and therefore authorized the Lodge to confer the Fourth and Fifth Degrees immediately after conferring the others, instead of waiting a week, as directed.

The officers have been elected, installed, (except the V. G., who is necessarily absent—will be installed, I presume, at the next meeting,) and all is moving on in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Fraternally, yours,

BEN. H. BOWMAN, *D. D. G. M., District No. 5.*

On motion of P. G. Larue, so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to the conferring of degrees by Howard and Orleans Lodges, was referred to a Special Committee of five.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Larue, C. M. Emerson, Hopkins, Shaw and Nixon.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Report of the Grand Master and accompanying documents, (with the foregoing exception) were referred to a Special Committee of three, to distribute the subjects therein referred to, to appropriate Committees.

P. Gs. Nixon, Doane and Shaw were appointed said Committee.

The following Reports from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were received and read, and on motion of D. G. M. Stetson, referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW ORLEANS, July 23, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

Herewith I beg to submit a statement of Cash received during the past six months, and the disposal thereof, viz:

Per centages from Subordinate Lodges, at the Annual Session in January, as per journal,.....	\$ 1,516 58
Charter fee of Carroll Lodge, No. 30.....	50 00
“ St. Tammany, No. 31.....	50 00
Books, Cards, etc.....	18 00
Rents—Louisiana, No. 1, - April.....	\$ 37 50
“ Howard, No. 13, “.....	37 50
“ Wildey Encampment, No. 1, “.....	18 75
“ Grand Encampment—6ms., “.....	12 00
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Total amount Receipts.....	\$ 1,740 33

Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts.

The Resolutions and instructions of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Session, have been complied with by the Grand Secretary to the best of his ability.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. F. OF LOUISIANA,

In account current with CHARLES H. LEE, Grand Treasurer.

1850.		DR.	CR.
March	To paid order favor Corson & Armstrong, voucher No. 1....	\$ 19 25	
March	“ “ “ P. Munson..... “ “ 2....	21 90	
March	“ “ “ H. W. Olmsted, G. Sec. “ “ 3....	25 00	
March	“ “ “ H. Williams..... “ “ 4....	27 00	
March	“ “ “ Picayune Office..... “ “ 5....	20 00	
March	“ “ “ Bonner & Smith.... “ “ 6....	140 00	
March	“ “ “ Chittenden & Dameron “ “ 7....	12 25	
March	“ “ “ J. T. Hammond.... “ “ 8....	40 00	
March 21,	“ “ “ N. O. Gas Light Co. “ “ 9....	33 50	
April 8,	“ “ “ U. Tyson, G. Herald “ “ 10....	12 50	
April 13,	“ “ “ H. W. Olmsted.... “ “ 11....	62 50	
April 13,	“ “ “ True Delta Office... “ “ 12....	10 00	
May 1,	“ “ “ H. G. Stetson, Ch'n. “ “ 13....	527 00	
May 21,	“ “ “ N. O. Gas Light Co. “ “ 14....	27 00	
May 21,	“ “ “ H. G. Stetson, Treas. “ “ 15....	87 18	
May 21,	“ “ “ John Frankford.... “ “ 16....	5 00	
June 10,	“ “ “ Jos. Etter..... “ “ 17....	100 00	
June 25,	“ “ “ W. T. Yeomans.... “ “ 18....	222 00	
	To balance on hand.....	272 35	

\$ 1,673 53

Feb'y 2,	By rec'd from J. A. Amelung, Ch'n Fin. Com., bal. from late Treasurer, as per report.....	\$ 156 92
“ 7,	By rec'd from H. W. Olmsted, G. Sec'y.....	1,000 00
March 26,	“ “ H. W. Olmsted, G. Sec'y.....	516 61

\$ 1,673 53

By balance, Cash on hand,.....\$ 272 35

CHAS. H. LEE, *Grand Treasurer.*

New Orleans, July 23, 1850.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNT.

1850.		DR.	CR.
	By amount brought forward.....	\$ 272 35	
July 23,	Rec'd from H. W. Olmsted, G. Sec'y.....	223 72	
			\$ 496 07
July 23,	Topaid per order fav. H. G. Stetson, Ch'n, voucher No. 19,	\$ 303 50	
	Being balance Cash on hand.....		\$ 192 57

CHAS. H. LEE, *Grand Treasurer.*

New Orleans, July 23, 1850.

P. G. Race, from the Committee on Elections and Returns, submitted the following Reports, which were read and accepted, viz :

NEW ORLEANS, July 23, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Elections and Returns beg leave to Report :

That the Certificates of the following Past Grands as Representatives to this Grand Lodge are correct, viz :

Union Lodge, No. 6 — P. Gs. J. S. Relf, Jas. Cunliff, A. M. Turner and Robt. Wood.

Howard Lodge, No. 13 — P. Gs. Frank Haynes, F. W. Delesdernier, and James Furneaux.

Independence Lodge, No. 23 — P. G. P. Willmann.

St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31 — P. G. M. C. M. Emerson and P. G. Wm. L. Cushing.

Crescent Lodge, No. 8 — P. G. Richard Swain, *vice* P. G. H. W. Olmsted, resigned.

Nautilus Lodge, No. 28 — P. G. M. Wm. H. Rice and P. G. T. H. Shields, proxies.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

[Signed,]

G. W. RACE,
F. W. DELESDEBNIER,
F. A. DENTZEL.

NEW ORLEANS, July 23, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Elections and returns have duly examined the credentials of Past Grands for admission into the Grand Lodge, and beg leave to report :

That the Certificates of the following Brothers are correct, as having passed the several chairs named, viz :

John W. Crockett,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry of No. 1	
Charles Toucher,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 3
Richard Swain,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 8
W. P. Sunderland,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 9
Christian J. Young,.....	N. G. and V. G. Sec'ry	" 10
James Stockton,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 12
L. A. Levy, Jr.,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 13
James Furneaux,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 13
George Rareshide,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 14
John A. Mitchell,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 15
Selim Magner,	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 19
W. T. Benedict,..	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 22
J. F. Mayer,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 22
J. D. Kamper,.....	N. G. and V. G.	" 23
E. J. Dohm,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 24
B. H. Bowman,.....	N. G., V. G. and Sec'ry	" 30
Wm. L. Cushing,.....	N. G. (first term),	" 31

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

[Signed,]

G. W. RACE,
F. W. DELESDENIER,
F. A. DENTZEL.

The following P. Gs. being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor, and duly qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

Richard Swain,	- -	Crescent Lodge,	No. 8
W. P. Sunderland,	- -	Jefferson Lodge,	No. 9
C. J. Young,	- -	Teutonia Lodge,	No. 10
James Stockton,	- -	Commercial Lodge,	No. 12
James Furneaux,	- -	Howard Lodge,	No. 13
George Rareshide,	- -	Hope Lodge,	No. 14
J. A. Mitchell,	- -	Delta Lodge,	No. 15
S. Magner,	- -	Polar Star Lodge,	No. 19
Wm. T. Benedict,	- -	Magnolia Lodge,	No. 22
J. F. Mayer,	- -	Independence Lodge,	No. 23
J. D. Kamper,	- -	Independence Lodge,	No. 23
Wm. L. Cushing,	- -	St. Tamany Lodge,	No. 31

The Past Official Degrees were conferred upon P. Gs. qualified to receive the same, by the R. W. Grand Warden.

By-Laws were submitted for approval from Germania Lodge, No. 29, and were referred to a Special Committee of P. Gs. Hiestand, Brichta and Reuter.

By-Laws from St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, were referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

The following appeals were referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, viz :

Independence Lodge, No. 23, from a decision of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1.

John Beaumont, from a decision of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9.

P. G. E. A. F. Mitchell, from a decision of Washington Lodge, No. 3.

An application for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, to be known and hailed as "St. Landry Lodge, No. —," signed by brothers John G. Pratt, Benj. R. Rogers, J. Campbell, James M. Porter and Wm. S. Read, was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

A communication from St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, was received and read, asking permission to have a procession, oration, etc., at such time in the month of August, as the Lodge might determine.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the request was granted.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Massachusetts

and District of Columbia were received, and referred to the Special Committee upon the communications from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Sundry bills were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Special Committee on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was taken up, and laid on the table, subject to call.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, July 30, at half-past 7 o'clock, at this hall.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 30, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A certificate from National Lodge, No. 18, that brother P. Casanas had passed the Chairs of Secretary, V. G., and N. G., was received and read.

A certificate from Hope Lodge, No. 14, that P. G. John W. Belcher is in good standing in that Lodge, accompanied by a certificate from Excelsior Lodge, No. 67, State of Maryland, that brother John W. Belcher had served as N. G. of that Lodge, was received and read.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the certificates of P. Gs. Casanas and Belcher, were accepted.

The following P. Gs. being in waiting, were introduced by the Grand Conductor, and duly qualified to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz :

John W. Crockett,	-	-	Louisiana Lodge, No. 1
John W. Belcher,	-	-	Hope Lodge, No. 14
P. Casanas,	-	-	National Lodge, No. 18
Edward J. Dohm,	-	-	Columbus Lodge, No. 24

D. G. M. Stetson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, July 26th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports, books and vouchers of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report, that having carefully examined all submitted to them, find them correct in every particular, and recommend that the same be approved and spread upon the minutes.

We have also examined the following bills, against the R. W. Grand Lodge, and find them correct in every particular, and recommend that orders be drawn on the Treasury for their payment :

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.....	\$260 18
H. W. Olmsted, Grand Secretary, for sundry expenses,.....	30 00
David Felt & Co., for stationery,.....	16 00
A. Rovira, for six months rent of Hall,.....	90 00
Peter Munson, for attendance and ice,.....	3 00
Bulletin, advertising,.....	1 00
Total,.....	\$400 18

We find that the following Lodges and Encampments are indebted to the Grand Lodge for rent, as follows :— and we recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to collect the same —

Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, one quarter,.....	\$ 37 00
Union Lodge, No. 6, two quarters,.....	75 00
Howard * Lodge, No. 13, one quarter,.....	37 50
Willey Encampment, No. 1, one quarter,.....	18 75
Grand Encampment, No. 1, one quarter,.....	6 25
Total,.....	\$175 00

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.,

H. G. STETSON,
S. HOPKINS, Jr., } *Finance Committee.*
H. DOANE,

P. G. Nixon, from the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, July 29, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31, beg leave to recommend them for approval.

J. O. NIXON,
H. BIER,
F. A. DENTZEL. } *Committee.*

* Since paid.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, July 24th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Elections and Returns, to whom was referred the returns from Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report, that correct semi-annual reports have been received from the following subordinates in this jurisdiction, viz :

Louisiana Lodge	No. 1
Union Lodge	No. 6
Crescent Lodge.....	No. 8
Jefferson Lodge.....	No. 9
Teutonia Lodge.....	No. 10
Orleans Lodge.....	No. 11
Commercial Lodge.....	No. 12
Howard Lodge.....	No. 13
Hope Lodge.....	No. 14
Delta Lodge.....	No. 15
National Lodge.....	No. 18
Polar Star Lodge.....	No. 19
St. Mary's Lodge.....	No. 20
Neith Lodge.....	No. 21
Magnolia Lodge.....	No. 22
Independence Lodge.....	No. 23
Columbus Lodge.....	No. 24
Nautilus Lodge.....	No. 28
Germania Lodge.....	No. 29
St. Tammany Lodge.....	No. 31

Also, that correct annual reports have been received from the following Lodges, viz :

Louisiana Lodge.....	No. 1
Washington Lodge.....	No. 3
Union Lodge.....	No. 6
Crescent Lodge.....	No. 8
Jefferson Lodge.....	No. 9
Teutonia Lodge.....	No. 10
Orleans Lodge.....	No. 11
Commercial Lodge.....	No. 12
Howard Lodge.....	No. 13
Hope Lodge.....	No. 14
Delta Lodge.....	No. 15
Templar Lodge.....	No. 16
National Lodge.....	No. 18
Polar Star Lodge.....	No. 19
St. Mary's Lodge.....	No. 20
Neith Lodge.....	No. 21
Magnolia Lodge.....	No. 22
Independence Lodge.....	No. 23
Columbus Lodge.....	No. 24
Wood Lodge.....	No. 25
Nautilus Lodge.....	No. 28
Germania Lodge.....	No. 29
St. Tammany Lodge.....	No. 31

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

G. W. RACE,
F. W. DELESDERNIER, } Committee.
F. A. DENTZEL,

P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, from the Committee on Pétitions and Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the resolution passed :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Shepherd from a decision of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, suspending him for six months, for failing to pay over, when required, certain funds of the Lodge which had been collected by him as Permanent Secretary, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have carefully reviewed the facts and circumstances, as detailed in the papers submitted. It appears that the accused did not pay over the funds at the times required, having loaned them to a brother member on his promise to return them on demand, which promise the said brother failed to fulfil. The fact that Brother Shepherd did not appropriate the money to his own use, palliates in some degree the offence committed. Nevertheless, he had no right to loan the funds to any person. As Permanent Secretary, it was his duty to hand them over as soon as possible to the Treasurer. We would not, therefore, advise a reversal of the decision complained of, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
J. G. DUNLAP,
S. HOPKINS, JR., } Committee.

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother G. B. Shepherd from the decision of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 20, suspending him for the period of six months, be dismissed.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother McIntosh, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, advising this body that he had appealed from a decision of his Lodge, by which he was denied a Visiting Card, beg leave to report, that the communication was not accompanied by a transcript of the proceedings complained of, nor by a certificate of any officer of Magnolia Lodge. Of the importance of the question involved, and of the facts stated by Brother McIntosh, we have no doubt; and had this come before us in proper form, we should have given them our earnest attention. As the matter stands, we do not consider ourselves authorized to give an opinion, and therefore pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
S. HOPKINS, JR., } Committee.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the resolution passed :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Independence Lodge, No. 23, from the decision of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, in the matter of the charges brought against Brother J. W. Andrews, beg leave to report, that Louisiana Lodge, after a full examination of the charges and the evidence, dismissed the charges as being entirely without foundation; and in this opinion your committee entirely concur. The evidence furnished nothing whatever

derogatory to Brother Andrews' character as a merchant, a man or an Odd Fellow. We therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution :

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
J. G. DUNLAP,
S. HOPKINS, JR., } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the decision of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, in the matter above mentioned, be affirmed.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the resolution passed :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of John Beaumont from the decision of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, by which he was expelled from said Lodge, beg leave to report : That they took the case into consideration, and although some new testimony was produced, tending to ameliorate the severity of the charges, nevertheless on mature examination of the evidence, and the declarations of the accused, failed to convince us that injustice had been meted out to him.

We, therefore, recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
J. G. DUNLAP,
S. HOPKINS, JR. } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the appeal taken by John Beaumont from the decision of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, be dismissed.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the resolution passed :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Mitchell, from the decision of Washington Lodge, No. 3, suspending him for the period of six months, beg leave to report : That brother Mitchell was charged with having failed to pay over in season to brother Erhart, of his Lodge, a week's sick benefits, which had been drawn from the Treasury. It did not appear from the evidence, whether the failure proceeded from intention, or was negligence. Believing, however, that negligence in such cases is censurable, and considering that the period of the sentence has nearly expired, the committee came to the conclusion that the decision ought not to be disturbed. We, therefore, recommend the following resolution :

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
J. G. DUNLAP,
S. HOPKINS, JR., } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the appeal of brother Past Grand Mitchell be dismissed.

The same committee submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the resolution passed :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of five brothers, praying for the establishment of a Subordinate Lodge in the town of Opelousas, beg leave to report : That they have taken the matter into consideration, and recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution. With respect to the name and number of the Lodge, your committee make no suggestion, preferring to leave that subject in the hands of the Grand Lodge. More than a year since, several brothers from Opelousas and vicinity petitioned for the organization of a Lodge in that place, under the name of Plaisance Lodge ; it was referred to the G. Master, with power to grant the prayer of the petition on the production of the necessary vouchers and certificates, and the number twenty-five was appropriated to the new Lodge. Under that resolution, nothing hitherto has been done, and the number mentioned remains vacant.

We remark that one or more of the present petitioners, also petitioned for Plaisance Lodge, No. 25. Whether that name and number shall be assigned to them, or that of St. Landry, the name designated in the petition, with the number twenty-five, or the name of St. Landry, No. 32, is for you to decide.

Yours, in F., L. and T.

CHAS. M. EMERSON, }
J. G. DUNLAP, } *Committee.*
S. HOPKINS, Jr., }

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue a Charter, on the production to him of the necessary vouchers and certificates, to John G. Pratt and others, for the organization of a new Lodge, in the town of Opelousas, to be known and hailed as _____ Lodge, No. ____.

Grand Secretary Olmsted moved to fill the blanks with "St. Landry," and "25."

A division of the question was called for, and the question being put, it was carried to fill the first blank with "St. Landry."

The motion to fill the second blank with "25," was adopted.

P. G. Nixon requested that his vote should be recorded in the negative on the last question.

The Special Committee on the report of the Grand Master submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, July 30, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend :

That so much as refers to section 1, article 8, of Constitution of Subordinates, be referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.

That the appointment of R. A. Walker, D. D. G. Master, *pro tem*, of District No. 1, be approved.

That a new district be established, to consist of the Parishes of Carroll and Madison, to be styled Carroll District, No. 5.

That the instructions to D. D. G. Master, of Baton Rouge District, No. 3, be approved.

That the communication from M. T. J. Alston, propounding several questions, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That the communication from H. Hinch be referred to the M. W. G. Master, with full power to act.

All of which is submitted,

J. O. NIXON, }
H. DOANE, } *Committee.*
G. W. SHAW. }

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the Special Committee to whom was referred several communications from State Grand bodies, submitted the following report, which was read and laid on the table, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communications of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Maryland, beg leave to report :

The communications treat of the following subjects :

1— The new system of taxation imposed upon the State Grand Lodges, for the purpose of defraying the mileage and other expenses of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2— The course adopted in relation to the Order in New York.

3— The mode proposed of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

4— The removal of that body from Maryland.

Your committee deeming it unwise and impolitic to take action at present on the second and third, have confined their attention to the first and last propositions.

NEW SYSTEM OF TAXATION.

The strength and stability of our beloved Order depends upon the unity of its actions and the harmony of its operations. One law must govern and guide every Lodge and every member, otherwise different usages and customs would prevail in different places ; dissatisfaction would follow, confusion and at last dismemberment be the natural consequences. Hence there must be a Head, a superior authority, vested with sufficient powers to make general laws "to bind the Order the more effectually in a common and indissoluble Union." This we have in the Grand Lodge of the United States. That body is composed of Representatives sent by the State Grand Lodges ; the duties of these Representatives are, to provide for the best interests of what ? Of their respective State Grand Lodges ? No— but for the best interests of the whole Order. They legislate for the whole Order ; their field of action is extended over the whole country, and not restricted by any sectional line ; they cease to belong to any particular district, and do belong to the whole brotherhood. Each and every Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States derives an equal proportion of benefit and advantage from the labor of each and every Representative. It is therefore just and equitable that each and every member be assessed for his proportion of the expenses of each and every Representative.

It is urged that there is no necessity to pay the expenses of the Representatives ; that the imposition of the additional tax is uncalled for ; "that the office of Representative is a highly

distinguished and honorable one, and competent persons could at all times readily be found who were willing and anxious to serve." We are fully conscious of the truth of the assertion, and are assured that every and any member would appreciate and esteem the appointment as a great and distinguished honor. But who can accept the office? Can the man who depends upon his daily toil for his daily sustenance do so? Would not this system virtually prohibit the advancement of the brother, however honest, zealous, capable and anxious he may be, if fortune has frowned upon him? One of the objects to be attained is the removal of this invidious impediment. Your committee therefore warmly approves of the amendment, and ardently hope that it may soon be legally engrafted in our laws. They regret that it was not passed in the manner prescribed by the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The powers of the Grand Lodge are not absolute, but limited—limited, defined and clearly marked by its Constitution—and as "subordination in every inferior department of the government of our Order is essential to its existence," so also is a due and strict observance, in the superior department, to the provisions of the Constitution, the safeguards against the encroachments of power, absolutely necessary.

Heretofore there was no provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the payment of the expenses of the Representatives. In 1848 the following amendment was proposed:

1st. That the expenses of mileage and attendance should be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2d. That this total expense should be assessed on the State Grand Bodies, in proportion to their respective constituencies.

The amendment consisted of the two propositions: first, the payment by the Grand Lodge of the United States; second, the mode of assessing the State Grand Lodges.

We see (Journal 1849, page 332,) that this amendment was not acted upon as proposed. The question was divided. The division of a question is an amendment. Without discussing the point whether an amendment to a proposed amendment of the Constitution be in order, your committee will merely refer to vol. 11, p. 259, and pass to the other objections.

The second portion of the proposed amendment provides a new source of revenue.

Article 12 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States reads: "The revenues of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

"1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment Charter, \$30.

"2d. Fees for Charter for Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30.

"3d. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments holding warrants from this Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts.

"4th. Dues from State District or Territorial Grand Lodges or Encampments, \$20 per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge."

Hence the addition of any new source of revenue is clearly an alteration or amendment of the Constitution.

Article 18 reads: "Any alteration or amendment of this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Lodge in writing at a stated meeting, and if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes. At the next stated meeting the amendment may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution."

The vote was taken on the first part of the amendment, and it was carried by 53 to 25, (Journal 1849, page 332.) The second portion of the amendment was laid on the table. Subsequently a resolution was offered, embodying the provisions of that portion of the amendment which had been laid on the table. (Journal 49, page 368.) In the first place, should not this resolution have been considered as a new proposition, and, consequently,

should it have been acted upon before the next stated meeting? It was acted upon at the same meeting, and the vote stood 46 to 25. (Journal 49, page 388.) Admitting, therefore, that inasmuch as the resolution embodied the same provisions as the amendment already proposed and laid on the table, it could have been considered at the same meeting, still it required the assent of two-thirds of the votes given. Although offered in the form of a resolution, it was still providing a new source of revenue, and therefore an amendment to the Constitution.

This point was raised by Brother P. G. S. Kneass, and the Chair decided "that article 12 of the present Constitution having been amended at the present communication, so as to require the payment of the expenses of Representatives by the Grand Lodge, any law necessary to carry that amendment into effect, may be considered *as a law*, and not a Constitutional amendment; the amendment having been made to the revenue article pre-supposes further action in the way of law."

Your committee have been unable to ascertain by what reasoning this conclusion has been attained: they presume it is the extension of the principle now ceded in the construction of Constitutions in our political State governments, viz: that in the interpretation of a power, all the ordinary and appropriate means to execute it are to be deemed a part of the power itself. But the principle never was extended to mean that these ordinary means, when the same subject matter has been treated of in the same Constitution, should be exercised and employed in a manner different from that prescribed in the instrument itself. The present question differs widely from those wherein the above principle has been applied. In those cases the doubt was not how a power which was ceded was to be exercised, but, whether it really existed. Here, the power is not denied, it can be attained; and the question is, simply, how should it be attained? The portion of the amendment adopted, only refers to the payment by the Grand Lodge; and article 12 of the Constitution treated only "of the revenue of the Grand Lodge," and referred to no disbursement. The only part, therefore, of the whole amendment which could appropriately come under the head of amendment to article 12, is that portion which is considered *as a law*, not a constitutional amendment. Article 12 would, then, remain unaltered; specifying that the Grand Lodge should have only four sources of revenue, and the law would introduce a fifth and totally different one. If "an amendment pre-supposes further action in the way of law," and that law affects the Constitution, your committee would suggest that the proper mode of proceeding would be, first to amend the Constitution; and until the Constitution be so amended, any law contrary to its provisions must be unconstitutional. To urge the contrary would be to assert that that which could not be attained directly, could be achieved by a subterfuge. It would be a palpable evasion of the spirit of the Constitution, an instrument which every true Odd Fellow, with Friendship, Love and Truth as his motto, should ever be zealous in maintaining.

The resolution not having obtained two-thirds of the votes given, was not adopted in the manner prescribed by the Constitution.

THE REMOVAL OF THAT BODY FROM MARYLAND.

Our Order was established in the United States by a Warrant granted in October, 1820, by the Duke of York's Lodge, to a number of brothers residing in Baltimore. The Warrant is in these words: "No. 1, Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of "the United States of America of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, to all whom "it may concern—This Warrant or Dispensation is a free gift from the Duke of York's "Lodge, of the I. O. of O. F. holden at Preston, in the county of Lancaster, in Old Eng- "land, to a number of brothers residing in the city of Baltimore, to establish a Lodge at "the house of Brother Thomas Woodward, in South Frederick street, in the said city"

“hailed by the title of ‘No. 1, Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America;’ the said Lodge being the first established in the United States, hath power to grant a Warrant or Dispensation to a number of I. O. O. F. into any State of the Union, for the encouragement and support of brothers of said Order on travel or otherwise,” etc. Washington Lodge ceded to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in 1821. Here, then, we find the Grand Lodge of Maryland vested with power and authority as the Grand Lodge of the United States, but itself amenable to the body which created it.

In 1825 the Grand Lodge of Maryland ceded its authority as Grand Lodge of the United States, and the present Grand Lodge of the United States was formed. Some of the terms upon which the Grand Lodge of Maryland ceded its high powers, were:

First — “That we highly approve of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, as the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being central in situation as well as senior in order.

Second — That the Grand Charter of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the P. Gs. of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Grand Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claim or title to or from it, other than common with the other Grand Lodges; which said Grand Charter shall have and contain in the engrossing thereof, a clause representing the said investment and condition; and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland doth give the said Charter on *condition that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland.*” Journal 1821, page 26.

The first of these resolutions is merely recommendatory. The second is imperative. The condition that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland, is a part of the compact, as binding as any other part. Without it Maryland might not have ceded her authority. The Charter was accepted with and under that condition; to violate this condition would be an act of bad faith. The condition cannot be rescinded without the consent of both parties to the contract.

In 1826, the following Dispensation was received: “This Dispensation, granted by consent of the Grand Master, and past and present officers from various Lodges connected with the Manchester Unity, assembled in Grand Committee; in consideration of the Charter formerly granted by the Duke of York’s Lodge, Preston, to certain officers and brothers of the I. O. O. F., in Baltimore, in the United States of America: — We the undersigned respectively, Officers of the I. O. O. F., in Great Britain, do ratify, grant and confirm such Charter, and also hereby grant, authorize and empower the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Representatives and proxies of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to conduct the business of Odd Fellowship, without the interference of any other country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd Fellowship.”

Your committee is of opinion that the above Dispensation is a simple confirmation of the Charter already granted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, with the additional authority of “conducting the business of the Order without the interference of any other country.” If it be only a confirmation of the original charter, the conditions originally attached to the same, remain in full force and effect, and the removal of the Grand Lodge of the United State from Maryland cannot honorably be effected without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

In conclusion, your Committee would submit the following resolutions to the consideration and for the approval of this R. W. Grand body

H. D. OGDEN,
EDWARD BARNETT, } *Committee.*
THOS. H. SHIELDS, }

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge considers that the law relative to the taxation imposed upon the State Grand Lodges, for the purpose of defraying the mileage and other expenses of the eight Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not constitutionally adopted.

Resolved, That to ensure harmony, and without admitting the constitutionality of said law, we approve of the payment by the Grand Treasurer to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the sum of —, being the amount of the assessment imposed upon this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to use their influence to procure the passage of an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the payment by the Grand Lodge of the United States of, and the levying a direct tax in the State Grand bodies, to defray the mileage and other expenses of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot be held at any other place than in the State of Maryland, without the assent of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the Grand Lodge proceeded to open the nominations for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were made, viz :

For Grand Master.

P. G. THOS. H. SHIELDS, . . . OF No. 6 D. G. M. H. G. STETSON, . . . OF No. 14

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. HENRY BIER, OF No. 14

For Grand Warden.

P. G. A. A. MAGINNIS, OF No. 1

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. SEC. H. W. OLMSTED, OF No. 8

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. M. H. WILLIAMS, . . . OF No. 12 G. T. CHAS. H. LEE, OF No. 8

For Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of United States.

P. G. SHAW, OF No. 6 P. G. M. C. M. EMERSON, . . . OF No. 12

P. G. PHELPS, OF No. 9 P. G. REP. KNEASS, OF No. 12

P. G. RACE, OF No. 12

For Directors of Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

P. G. SHAW, OF No. 6 P. G. DUNLAP, OF No. 13

For Director of "Odd Fellows' Rest."

P. G. SWAIN, OF No. 8 P. G. DUNLAP, OF No. 13

P. G. CRIPPS, OF No. 14

P. G. Shaw moved that the seat of Grand Representative Strawbridge, be declared vacant, and that an election be held, or a substitute appointed, to fill the vacancy.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

P. G. Shaw appealed from the decision of the Chair.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the appeal was laid on the table, subject to call.

P. G. Shields moved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, to be loaned to —.

P. G. Dunlap, moved as an amendment, that a donation be made of the amount.

Grand Secretary Olmsted called the previous question, which was sustained, and the question recurring upon the motion of P. G. Shields, it was carried.

Communications from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of New York were received, and referred to the Special Committee on similar communications.

A communication from the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," with accompanying correspondence, was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Semi-Annual and Annual reports were read and accepted from

Washington Lodge, - - - - -	No. 3
Wood Lodge, - - - - -	No. 26
Carroll Lodge, - - - - -	No. 30

The Grand Master announced the appointment of P. G. B. H. Bowman, as D. D. G. Master for District No. 5, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow, (Wednesday evening,) at 6 o'clock.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*



ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, July 31, 1850.

The Grand Lodge met at 6 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A certificate from Orleans Lodge, No. 11, that brother J. A. Ferris had passed the Chairs of Secretary, V. G. and N. G. of that Lodge, was read and accepted.

P. G. J. A. Ferris, of Orleans Lodge, No. 11, being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Conductor, duly qualified, and took his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee upon the communications from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, (laid on the table yesterday,) was taken up, and the resolutions read.

On motion of P. G. Larue, the resolutions were taken up *seriatim*.

First Resolution—On motion of P. G. Race, was adopted.

Second Resolution—On motion of P. G. Larue, was indefinitely postponed.

Third Resolution—Was adopted.

Fourth Resolution—Was adopted.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the committee was discharged.

P. G. Larue, from the Special Committee on a portion of the Grand Master's report, submitted the following report, which was read, and with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, July 31st, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's report which referred to the action of Magnolia, Orleans and Howard Lodges and others, relative to brother Janney, beg leave respectfully to report :

1st—That they have carefully examined all the testimony in the case, a transcript of which they herewith submit.

2d—That in their opinion brother Janney has been illegally admitted to his fourth and fifth degrees, and is not entitled to any of the privileges, honors or benefits therefrom.

3d—That the testimony shows that Orleans Lodge conferred the fourth degree, and Howard Lodge conferred the fifth Degree, illegally.

4th—That both of said Lodges were misled in conferring said Degrees, by the action of Magnolia Lodge, in balloting for the third, fourth and fifth Degrees of brother Janney on the same evening, and by the representations of Past Grand William Emerson, of Magnolia Lodge.

5th—That while Orleans and Howard Lodges acted illegally, they did so in ignorance, and from a misconception of the Constitution.

6th—That P. Grand William Emerson, in his representations to Orleans and Howard Lodges, misled them and caused them to err, but that he did so by a misconstruction of the law; we therefore find that he did not intend to do wrong.

7th—That the M. W. Grand Master was right in the proceedings which he took relative to the installation of brother Janney, as Secretary of Magnolia Lodge.

8th — In order to prevent the recurrence of the irregularities made manifest by the testimony in this case, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

JOHN C. LARUE, GEO. W. SHAW, S. HOPKINS, Jr., CHAS. M. EMERSON,	}	Committee.
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I concur with the report of the committee, with the exception of the third resolution

J. O. NIXON.

First — Resolved, That the conferring of the fourth and fifth Degrees upon brother Janney, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22, on the evenings of the 18th and 20th June last, was illegal, inasmuch as the brother was not entitled to the same, and that we approve of the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in annulling the election of said brother as Secretary of Magnolia Lodge.

Second — Resolved, That it is illegal for a Subordinate Lodge to confer a Degree upon a member of another Lodge, unless the latter has by vote requested the former to confer the Degree.

Third — Resolved, That it shall be irregular to elect any brother to a Degree which he is not legally entitled to receive at the time of the election; and that four weeks should pass from the time of conferring one Degree, before a ballot can be had for another, unless in cases of Dispensation.

Fourth — Resolved, That all Subordinate bodies, (whether Degree or Subordinate Lodges,) shall, on conferring a Degree, give the brother upon whom the Degree is conferred a certificate therefor: and in all cases a brother asking to receive a Degree shall produce the certificate for the previous Degree.

P. G. Nixon requested the following protest to be entered on the minutes, which was ordered:

"I protest against the vote of the Grand Lodge in adopting the *third* resolution, on the ground that the said resolution is, in my opinion, an amendment to section 1, article 8 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges—the law requiring amendments to the Constitution of subordinates to lay over one session."

J. O. NIXON.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the Special Committee of five was discharged.

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the communication from Brother Alston, propounding certain interrogatories, beg leave to report, in reply to the same:

First interrogatory. "What is an Ancient Odd Fellow?"

An Ancient Odd Fellow is one who has allowed his permanent or withdrawal card to expire, without depositing it in any other Lodge.

Second interrogatory. "Has a brother, or have we the right to permit a brother, who has a withdrawal card that has expired, to visit our Lodge?"

No.

Third interrogatory. "How many times ought we to allow a brother with a withdrawal card in date to visit our Lodge, the card being from another State; or have we the right to give the brother the Q. P. W.?"

He has the right to visit as often as he pleases, so long as the card is within date; but the Q. P. W. cannot be given under any circumstances.

Fourth interrogatory. "Have we the right to admit a brother, though he may prove himself such, from another State, without a card or T. P. W., in a procession?"

It would be irregular to do so.

Fifth interrogatory. "Have we the right to elect a Representative to the Grand Lodge, when there is a vacancy to fill, at any other meeting than the one specified in the Constitution?"

Yes—at any time.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN, *Chairman.*

P. G. Hiestand, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged:

NEW ORLEANS, July 31, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Germania Lodge, No. 29, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find in them nothing contrary to the laws, rules and regulations of the Order, and therefore recommend the same be approved.

E. HIESTAND, } *Committee.*
JOHN E. REUTER, }

Communications were received from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, and National Lodge, No. 18, stating that on account of the destruction, by fire, of Friendship Hall, Chartres street, they requested permission to meet at Independence Hall, No. 4 Front Levee; also requesting the Grand Lodge to furnish them with new Charters, and the necessary books and papers, which were destroyed.

On motion of P. G. Larue, the Lodges formerly meeting in Friendship Hall were allowed to meet temporarily in any Hall that may suit their convenience, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish said Lodges with new Charters, and such books, papers, etc., as they may require.

A communication was received from Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, stating that P. G. M. D. S. Gans had been suspended for six months, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

A communication was received from National Lodge, No. 18, requesting the signatures of the Grand Officers to a Diploma granted by the Lodge to P. G. V. Aleman.

On motion, the request was granted.

A certificate from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, that P. G. Jas. Stockton had been duly elected a Representative from that Lodge, in place

of P. G. M. Chas. M. Emerson, withdrawn from the Lodge, was read and accepted.

On motion, the appeal of P. G. Shaw from the decision of the Chair, (laid on the table subject to call, last evening,) was taken up, and the question being put, "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?" it was lost by a vote of 6 affirmative to 16 negative — so the decision of the Chair was overruled.

On motion of P. G. Shields, a Special Committee of three were appointed to make some necessary repairs to the principal chair, and the committee were authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount required for that purpose.

On motion of Grand Treasurer Lee, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at this Hall on Tuesday evening, August 6th, at 7 o'clock.

HENRY W. OLMSTED *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, August 6th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — G. N. Morrison, Grand Warden, in the Chair; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The following communication from the Grand Master was read, and on motion of P. G. Shields, was referred to a Special Committee of three, to report this evening.

The Chair appointed P. G. M. Rice, P. Gs. Shields and Doane.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The destruction of Friendship Hall by fire, on the 1st inst., which had but recently been fitted up in the most elegant and appropriate style, and the consequent loss sustained by the Lodges meeting therein, admonish us of the propriety of effecting insurance on the Furniture, Regalia, Jewels, and other property of the Grand Lodge.

Intending to bring this subject to your notice at your present meeting, and anticipating that you would most probably take some action in regard to it, I advised a committee from Howard Lodge, No. 13, appointed to take measures to secure the same end, in reference to the property of that Lodge, to have a correct inventory made out, and certified to by the N. G. and Secretary, and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, preparatory to being submitted to the Grand Lodge. Subsequently, similar advice was communicated to Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, Union, No. 6, and Wildey Encampment, No. 1, all meeting in Grand

Lodge Hall. In case these recommendations should be followed by said Lodges and Encampment, I would recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized and instructed to take out a policy for the whole, each paying a *pro rata* amount of the premium, according to an assessment of the value of the property owned, and each to have an endorsement on the policy of the amount insured for them respectively.

I herewith submit for your consideration two applications from Hope Lodge, No. 14, for Dispensations to confer the five subordinate degrees on Brother A. Morris, who, it is stated, has been a member about five weeks; and to confer the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees on Brother H. Franko, who is represented to have been a member about seven or eight weeks. I refused to grant the same, on the ground that it was irregular for the Lodge to have voted on the application of these brethren for their degrees before the constitutional restriction had been removed. The cases are regarded as somewhat analogous to that from Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, to be found on page 186 of last printed proceedings.

In view of the benefit to be derived from an early distribution of your proceedings at the present session, among the Subordinate Lodges, I recommend that the appropriate committee be instructed to prepare the same for the press, and have them published with the least possible delay.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master*.

New Orleans, August 3d, 1850.

A communication was received from Hope Lodge, No. 14, asking for a Dispensation to confer upon Brother A. Morris the five degrees, and upon Brother H. Franko the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Degrees, all on the same evening, the brothers intending to leave the city.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Special Committee on the communication from the Grand Master.

A communication was received from Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, asking for a Dispensation to receive the application of Mr. R. Johnson for membership, he being over the age prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the Dispensation was granted.

A communication was received from Howard Lodge, No. 13, asking the Grand Lodge to insure their property in Grand Lodge Hall.

On motion of P. G. Larue, the property of Howard Lodge, No. 13, was ordered to be insured in the name of the Grand Lodge.

A communication was received from Hope Lodge, No. 14, propounding the following question: "Is a ball ballot required to reinstate suspended members?"

On motion of P. G. Larue, the question was answered "No."

A communication was received from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, asking permission to change their night of meeting from Wednesday to Thursday.

On motion of P. G. Larue, the request was granted.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, August 6th, 1850.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Correspondence, to which was referred the communication from "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," dated July 29, 1850, with the accompanying documents, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of the committee, there is nothing in said communication or documents that calls for, or can properly elicit, an opinion from this Grand Lodge.

J. C. LARUE, *Chairman.*

P. G. M. Rice, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was read, and on motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the report was adopted and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Master, recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Master, as regards insurance of the property belonging to the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges meeting in this Hall, be adopted. They further recommend that a committee of three (of which the Host shall be one) be appointed to take an inventory of all the property belonging to the Grand Lodge, and that the same be insured, as recommended by the Grand Master.

The committee fully approve of the course of the Grand Master, in refusing Dispensations to Hope Lodge, to confer degrees upon Brothers Morris and Franko, believing his reasons for said refusal to be correct; they, however, recommend that the Grand Lodge grant the Dispensation asked for by Hope Lodge, the case appearing to be one where the interest of the Order may be promoted, and coming particularly under the province of the Grand Lodge.

The committee recommend that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be printed and distributed as soon after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge as practicable.

WM. H. RICE, T. H. SHIELDS, H. DOANE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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New Orleans, August 6th, 1850.

On motion of G. Secretary Olmsted, the Dispensations asked for by Hope Lodge, No. 14, were granted.

On motion of P. G. Magner, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Hope Lodge, No. 14, of the approval of the decision of the Grand Master.

The Chair appointed P. Gs. Shields, Dentzel and Robert Wood, a committee to value the Furniture, Regalia and Jewels of the Grand Lodge, for insurance.

On motion of P. G. Dunlap, the Grand Secretary was authorized to forward to P. G. L. A. Levy, Jr., of Howard Lodge, No. 13, a certificate to enable him to obtain the G. L. and P. O. Degrees.

On motion of P. G. Yeomans, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, August 20, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall on Tuesday, August 20, 1850, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to a call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. G. Master.</i>
HENRY BIER,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master, pro tem.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
F. A. DENTZEL,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary, pro tem.</i>
S. S. BURDETT,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
C. T. ESTLIN,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
CHARLES GEHEEB,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>
ROBERT WOOD,	<i>W. G. Herald,</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, G. L. OF LA., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, August 17, 1850. }

SIR — You will please call a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, of I. O. O. F., to be held on Tuesday evening, 20th instant, at half-past 7 o'clock, at Grand Lodge Hall, to receive and act upon a report from the Committee on Finance ; also, to act upon such other matters as may be brought before the Grand Lodge.

JOHN CRICKARD, *G. Master.*

To HENRY W. OLMSTED, Esq., *G. Sec.*

On motion of P. G. Magner, the call was approved.

The Grand Master made a verbal report relative to the condition of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, and referred the matter to the Grand Lodge for their action.

On motion of P. G. Magner, the Lodge was authorized to continue its meetings, if the present officers will engage to perform their respective duties to the end of the present term.

P. G. Shields offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the restrictions governing the conferring of Degrees within this jurisdiction, shall not be construed to apply to brothers from a sister State, in regard to limitation.

P. G. H. D. Ogden moved to amend, by striking out the word "not."

The question being on the passage of the amendment, a division was called, and the vote of the Grand Lodge stood, 10 affirmative and 10 negative — the Grand Master giving his casting vote in favor of the amendment, it was carried.

P. G. H. D. Ogden moved that the resolution as amended, be adopted.

A division being called, the vote stood, 10 affirmative and 10 negative. The Grand Master giving his casting vote in favor of the motion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

P. G. Hopkins, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was read, and with the accompanying resolution, was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The undersigned to whom was referred the inventory of property of this R. W. body, together with the inventories of property of sundry Subordinate bodies, (contained in this Hall,) for the purpose of having the same insured at the earliest practicable opportunity, report — Have insured, as per policy herewith submitted, in the Crescent Mutual Insurance Company's Office, as follows, viz :

R. W. Grand Lodge.....	\$2000....at 1 per cent.....	Policy, 30c..	\$20 30
Louisiana Lodge, No. 1....	1360....at 1 per cent.....	Policy, 30c..	13 90
Union Lodge, No 6....	931....at 1 per cent.....	Policy, 30c..	9 61
Howard Lodge, No. 13....	1009....at 1 per cent.....	Policy, 30c..	10 39
Willey Encamp't No. 1....	700....at 1 per cent.....	Policy, 30c..	7 30
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	\$6000....at 1 per cent.....	\$1 50	\$61 50

The pro rata for each Lodge being extended against the amount insured.

Having performed the duty assigned, would offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

S. HOPKINS, Jr. *Chairman.*

New Orleans, August 20, 1850.

Resolved, That the Policy (accompanying this resolution) be placed in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and an order be drawn on him for the amount of premium and policy — sixty-one dollars and fifty cents.

On motion of P. G. Shields, the Grand Secretary was authorized to draw on the several Lodges and the Encampment, for their *pro rata* of premium for insurance.

On motion of Grand Warden Morrison, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in ample form.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

CRESCENT HALL, August 30th, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, met at Crescent Hall, on Friday, August 30th, 1850, at 6 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of a call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in ample form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE G. MASTER, G. L. OF LA., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, August, 29, 1850. }

To Henry W. Olmsted, Esq., Grand Secretary :

SIR — You will please call a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, to be held to-morrow evening, the 30th inst., at 6 o'clock, at Crescent Hall, for the purpose of electing a representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in place of Robert Mott, resigned, and for such other business as may be brought before the Grand Lodge.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the call was approved.

The following communication from Grand Representative Mott, was received and read :

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana :

BROTHERS — Finding that circumstances prevent my attending the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I think it but just I should resign the office which your kindness bestowed upon me. I therefore resign the office of Grand Representative, to which I was elected for two years from the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

ROB. MOTT.

New Orleans, August 28, 1850.

On motion of P. G. Cripps, the resignation of Grand Representative Mott was accepted :

On motion of P. G. Master Rice, the Grand Lodge went into nominations and election for a Grand Representative to fill the vacancy.

P. G. John C. Larue was nominated. There being but one nominee, on motion of P. G. Shields, the rules were dispensed with, and the vote taken by acclamation; whereupon P. G. John C. Larue, of Howard Lodge, No. 13, was declared unanimously elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Grand Rep. Mott.

P. G. M. Rice offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 13 to 6 :

Resolved, That the office of Grand Representative, held by P. G. James Strawbridge, be declared vacant on account of his absence from the State.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominations and election to fill the vacancy, and the following nominations were made ;

P. G. M. WM. H. RICE....of No. 22 P. G. REP. N. B. KNEASS...of No. 12
P. Gs. Etter, Shields, H. D. Ogden, Foster and Shaw, declined.

P. Gs. Shields and Bier were appointed tellers.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, which resulted as follows :

First Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 22 ; necessary to a choice 12.

P. G. Rep. Kneass, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
P. G. M. Rice, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Blank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Second Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 25 ; necessary to a choice, 13.

P. G. Rep. Kneass, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
P. G. M. Rice, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Blank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

Third Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 26 ; necessary to a choice, 14.

P. G. M. Rice, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
P. G. Rep. Kneass, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Blank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Fourth Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast, 27 ; necessary to a choice, 14.

P. G. M. Rice, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
P. G. Rep. Kneass, received	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Blank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Whereupon P. G. Master Wm. H. Rice, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 22,

was declared duly elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of P. G. Strawbridge from the State.

A communication was received from P. G. W. P. Sunderland, complaining of certain action of Jefferson Lodge, No. 9.

On motion P. G. M. Rice, the communication was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, and the Grand Secretary instructed to order Jefferson Lodge, No. 9, to send in the papers connected therewith as soon as practicable.

An appeal of brother F. Strasser, from a decision of Germania Lodge, No. 29, was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

The following communication from Neith Lodge, 21, was read and ordered to the spread on the minutes :

SHREVEPORT, August 14, 1850.

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — In pursuance of a resolution of Neith Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., at Shreveport, La., I write you this communication. The resolution is as follows, to wit :

“ *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Lodge inform the Grand Lodge, by a communication to the Grand Secretary, of the death of our beloved brother and District Deputy Grand Master, Richard A. Walker.”

Brother Walker died on the 1st inst., after an illness of only ten days. To our Lodge, to the community, and to our beloved Order especially, the brightest gem is gone.

Yours, in F., L. and T.

W. W. BROWN, *Sec. Neith Lodge, No. 21.*

On motion of P. G. Master Rice, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in ample form.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, October 23d, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana met at their Hall on Wednesday, October 23d, 1850, at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to a call from the R. W. Grand Master, and was opened in ample form.

Prayer by the Rev. S. S. Burdett, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
HENRY W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
CHARLES H. LEE,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
REV. S. S. BURDETT,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
EDWARD BARNETT,	<i>W. G. Conductor.</i>
THOS. H. SHIELDS,	<i>W. G. Marshal, pro tem.</i>
J. G. DUNLAP,	<i>W. G. Guardian, pro tem.</i>
ROBERT WOOD,	<i>W. G. Herald.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read as follows :

OFFICE OF THE G. MASTER, G. LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, October 18th, 1850.

To *H. W. Olmsted, Esq., Grand Secretary :*

SIR— You will please call a Special Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday evening, 23d inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Hall, corner of Poydras and Tchoupitoulas streets, for the purpose of receiving the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to act upon such other matters as may be legally brought before it.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the call was approved.

P. G. C. Toucher, of Washington Lodge, No. 3, (certificate received July 23, 1850,) being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Conductor, and duly qualified to take his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge, and the P. O. Degrees were conferred upon him.

The Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be recorded on the Journal :

To the *R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :*

The undersigned, Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the United States, beg leave most respectfully to report :

That they proceeded to Cincinnati immediately after their appointment. They arrived there on Friday, the 13th of September, four days after the adjourned session was called, but before any quorum was present to transact business. On the morning of their arrival, a quorum appeared, and the Grand Lodge was organized; but believing the purposes for which it was called were not such as were in accordance with the Constitution, the undersigned took no part in the session, except to make an unavailing effort to prevent any proceedings. The amendments offered to the Constitution, and the mode in which they were offered, will appear from the printed proceedings. See Journal of the Session, pp. 227, 448.

At the regular session of the Grand Lodge, one of the first questions for consideration, was upon the amendments proposed at the adjourned session. Some of these amendments were really good; many of them were calculated to change radically the organization of the Order, and others were of a character really ridiculous. Your Representatives voted against the consideration of any of them, from the belief, that whether good, bad or indifferent, they had been proposed in a manner that was not contemplated by the letter or spirit of the Constitution, that they had not been proposed at a *stated* meeting, within the true intent of that Constitution; and that the Grand Lodges and Encampments had not been given the time nor opportunity to examine their nature, and decide upon their necessity or expediency. This view finally prevailed in the Grand Lodge of the United States; none of the amendments offered at the adjourned session were adopted, but the whole were referred to a committee, to report upon them at the next session of the Grand Lodge, preparatory to their consideration at the session succeeding it.

An amendment to the Constitution, however, proposed at the September term of 1849, to which the objections above stated were not applicable, was taken up and adopted by the requisite majority. The effect of this amendment is to deprive the Past Grand Sires, hereafter, of a vote in the Grand Lodge of the United States. The undersigned voted against that amendment, for reasons which to them seemed sufficient, and which they would willingly lay before your body, if desired. The proceedings in relation to this subject may be found on page 488 of the Journal—(amendment to 8th article of the Constitution, G. L. U. S., page 400, Journal 1849.)

The great question before the Grand Lodge—the one which really threatened the harmony if not existence of the Order, as a national body—arose out of the law imposing a tax upon State Grand Lodges and Encampments, to defray the expenses of the Grand Representatives, according to the Constitution as amended in 1849. Some of the Lodges and Encampments had absolutely refused to pay, on the ground that the tax was unequal and oppressive; others had paid under protest, and not a few, our own Grand Lodge among the number, had expressed the opinion that the tax was unconstitutionally imposed. The law was repealed by a large majority, other means of raising revenue, within the intentment of the Constitution, were adopted, and a resolution was passed, excluding hereafter all Grand Lodges and Encampments from a representation, unless they paid the assessment already made, and all other amounts due to the Grand Lodge. The action, in the end, seemed to meet with general approbation, and there is no doubt that its effect will be to restore quiet and harmony to the Order.

There was only one matter immediately coming from this Grand Lodge, which your Representatives were required to lay before the Grand Lodge of the United States. This was the appeal taken by P. G. Rep. Mott, from the action of this Lodge relative to the establishment of the Lodge at Covington, in the Parish of St. Tammany. The appeal was presented as it appeared on your printed proceedings. The Committee on Appeals made thereon the report to be found on pages 513 and 514 of the Journal; which report the undersigned saw no reason to oppose, and it was unanimously adopted.

At the close of the session, it was determined to hold the next session of the Grand Lodge in the city of Baltimore, but at the same time it was deemed proper to express the opinion, that the claim set up by the State of Maryland, that the permanent place of meeting of the Lodge, should be in that State, was unfounded in law or fact.

In conclusion, the undersigned beg leave to say, that so far as they are able to judge from the returns to the Grand Lodge, and from the feeling manifested by the members of that body, that the Order is at present in a most flourishing condition, and give promise of a long career of increasing prosperity and usefulness. They feel it their duty, however, to state that there are many evidences of a laxity in the discipline of the Order, so far as relates to

the work of the Subordinate Lodges ; and that they have been specially charged to require of this Grand Lodge, to enforce rigidly the laws within its jurisdiction.

(Signed.)

JOHN C. LARUE,
WM. H. RICE.

Grand Representatives Larue and Rice, then proceeded to give instructions in the work of the Order.

A communication from Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, in regard to the withdrawal of an application for membership, was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The By-Laws of Carroll Lodge, No. 30, were received and referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws, with instructions to report to the Grand Master, who was authorized to approve the same.

A communication was received from Independence Lodge, No. 23, making application to rent the Hall of the Grand Lodge, on Wednesday evenings, at the same rate as other Lodges.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the request was granted.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Texas, was read, and on motion of Grand Representative Larue, was ordered to be spread on the minutes, and the Subordinate Lodges interested therein, to be notified :

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., STATE OF TEXAS, }
Galveston, September 23, 1850. }

To John Crickard Esq., M. W. G. Master of G. L., State of La., New Orleans :

DEAR SIR — I have the pleasure, (herewith accompanying,) to forward your Grand Lodge, a copy of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge, a copy of our circular, etc. By reference to our proceedings, you will observe, that in consequence of the establishment of four new Lodges in Eastern Texas, it is made my duty to inform you that the permission granted by this Grand Lodge to Lodges under your jurisdiction, to initiate persons from this State, is withdrawn ; and you are consequently requested to notify said Lodges of that fact, so that no further initiations of persons from this State take place. It was considered by this Grand Lodge, that we could do no less, in justice to the new Lodges in Eastern Texas, as it was for the benefit of your Lodges, on the border of our State, that permission was first granted.

Very respectfully yours,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

E. P. HUNT, *G. Secretary.*

A communication soliciting donations in aid of erecting a Hall at Galveston, Texas, was read, and on motion of Grand Representative Larue, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, with instructions to reply to the same.

Sundry Bills were read and referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

On motion, an order was directed to be drawn on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of the Grand Representatives, for the sum of thirty dollars, to pay for two Regalias for Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 10, National Lodge, No. 18, and Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, applied for permission to change their night of meeting, for the term of six weeks, which was referred to the Grand Master with power to act.

The Grand Master stated, that if it met the approbation of the Grand Lodge, he should, on Monday next, commence visiting the several Subordinate Lodges, in the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, for the purpose of instructing them fully in the work of the Order, and requested the Grand Officers and Representatives to meet him at Crescent Hall, on that evening, at half-past 7 o'clock.

The Grand Master extended an invitation to as many members of this Grand body as desired, or could make it convenient to accompany them.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, January 28th, 1851.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana convened at their Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, 1851, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in Annual Session, as provided by the Constitution, and was opened in ample form.

Prayer by the Rev. S. S. Burdett, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT :

JOHN CRICKARD,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
H. G. STETSON,	<i>R. W. D. G. Master.</i>
G. N. MORRISON,	<i>R. W. G. Warden.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED,	<i>R. W. G. Secretary.</i>
CHAS. H. LEE,	<i>R. W. G. Treasurer.</i>
WM. H. RICE,	<i>R. W. G. Representative.</i>
REV. S. S. BURDETT,	<i>W. G. Chaplain.</i>
RICHARD SWAIN,	<i>W. G. Conductor, pro tem.</i>
S. E. BELKNAP,	<i>W. G. Marshal.</i>
THOMAS MURRAY,	<i>W. G. Guardian.</i>
ROBERT WOOD,	<i>W. G. Herald.</i>

And a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited by Past Grands P. G. Smith and Chas. R. Hainsford, of Montgomery Lodge, No. 6, of Montgomery, Ala.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the Semi-Annual and subsequent sessions, was dispensed with—printed copies of the same being on the table for the use of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his Annual Report, with accompanying documents, which, on motion of P. G. Nixon, were referred to a Special Committee of three, to distribute the subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair appointed P. G. Nixon, P. G. Ms. Emerson and Stewart, said committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

In submitting to you the last report upon the state of the Order under your jurisdiction, which it will be incumbent on me to make, permit me before entering into detail, to offer you my most sincere congratulations, upon the flattering indications of prosperity and the healthy increase of the Order throughout the State, which I am happy to add, still continues to occupy, a proud and elevated position in the estimation of society at large, while the most untiring efforts of its members are everywhere directed to a faithful performance of duty, and the constant ministration of its chief attributes, Benevolence and Charity.

The number of working Lodges within the jurisdiction at this time, is twenty-eight, being an increase of but three, during the past year ; three being now regarded as defunct, viz : Nos. 2, 4 and 5, and one (No. 18) under suspension, thus making our entire number thirty-two, which will, in all probability, ere the close of another year, be increased nearly one-third, judging from the steps already taken to that end.

On the 17th of October last, it was brought to my notice, that one of our city Lodges had notified its sister Lodges in Orleans and Jefferson parishes, of the withdrawal of an application for membership ; which, not being warranted by either law or usage, besides being of opinion that no possible good could be attained from a continuance of it, I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify the said Lodges that the same was *irregular*.

On the 6th of November, I granted a dispensation to P. G. S. K. McMasters and nine other brethren, to open a Lodge in the town of Trinity, parish of Catahoula, to be known and hailed as Trinity Lodge, No. 32, and authorized P. G. M. William Dale, late of our sister jurisdiction, Mississippi, to institute the same, and instal its officers, which was duly executed, on the 20th, as will be seen by his report herewith submitted, marked A, and would respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to said Lodge, in accordance with the regulations in relation thereto.

On the 28th ult., I received through P. G. M. J. D. Stewart, an application from a sufficient number of brethren, for a Lodge, to be located at Vernon, Jackson parish ; and upon examination of their withdrawal cards, I found that most of them had expired, and immediately notified Brother Stewart of the same, as also of my inability to act in consequence thereof, but in courtesy, however, to him, who is still impressed with the belief that it is not necessary to hold unexpired cards in certain cases, I would refer the matter to you, with the remark made to him, that it had always been the custom in this jurisdiction, to require applicants for a new Lodge, to be in *good standing*, in obedience to the general law. See Digest of Laws, pp. 24, 48 and 49. The petition cards, etc., in question accompanying this, marked B.

Early in November, I received an application for a dispensation, from a committee duly authorised by Nautilus Lodge, No. 27, to enable it to receive and act upon an application for membership, from a person who was represented to be sixty-six years of age; to which I replied—addressed to the W. D. D. Grand Master, chairman of said committee—declining to act on the subject farther than to refer the matter to you, for the reasons, that inasmuch as he did not see fit to exercise the authority vested in him, who was personally acquainted with all the circumstances in the case, I did not see how I could do so upon the mere representation of others, and particularly owing to the unusual age of the applicant, concluding with the expression of my opinion, that it would be establishing a precedent that might hereafter prove troublesome, notwithstanding the extenuating circumstances in the case of the applicant in question. Herewith I hand the papers referred to, marked C, for your examination.

On the 14th of December, the Grand Secretary reported to me that a farther supply of books, cards, etc., was necessary, and in accordance with a law enacted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, doubling the price of each on what is termed "supplies," and that the same could only be furnished for cash; I instructed that officer to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer, for \$240—the cost of the articles estimated for, at the increased rates—and transmit a check, with the order, to the Grand Cor. and R. Secretary, with the request to forward the same to his address, with the least possible delay; the receipt of which has been duly acknowledged, and are advised of their shipment under date of the 6th instant, together with the official proceedings of the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, neither of which have yet come to hand.

On the 16th ultimo a paper was handed to me by the Secretary of National Lodge, No. 18, purporting to be an appeal by V. G. Rabasa, from the action of said Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, in the matter of the expulsion of one of its members, at its regular meeting held on the third; a perusal of which showed that the Lodge had lost sight of both law and justice, in the indecent haste with which it had expelled a brother, simply upon the motion of a member, and that, too, by the mere casting vote of the N. G.; such conduct evincing, on the part of the officers of said Lodge, unprecedented ignorance of the Laws, or a wanton disregard of the same, as in either case to demand my prompt interference; and accordingly I issued an order, (a copy of which, with the appeal referred to, accompanies this, marked D) addressed to the N. G., requiring the Lodge to reinstate the brother forthwith, and notify all its sister Lodges (previously notified of his expulsion) of the same. Subsequently, it was represented to me that certain proceedings had taken place in that Lodge, of such a character as to require further notice at my hands; and accordingly, on the 4th instant, I appointed a committee, consisting of the Grand Secretary and Grand Conductor, to examine the nature and extent of the proceedings in question, and report to me in writing on or before the evening of the 6th—the time appointed for the installation of its officers. On that evening, accompanied by a portion of the Grand Officers and several highly respected Past Grands, I visited that Lodge for the purpose stated, when the report (which also accompanies this, marked E,) was handed to me, and proved even more flagrant in its character than had been previously represented; in view of which I felt that I should be wanting in duty to you to proceed with the installation of officers, some of whom, it will be seen, have been the principal actors in the scenes alluded to; and consequently, in your name I suspended it, placing the charter, books, moneys and effects, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and now beg to refer the whole subject to you, for your action.

During my term of office, I have issued various dispensations, under the regulations and usages of the Order, as exigencies seemed to warrant, and my judgment approved; but do not deem it necessary to allude to them in detail, as I have handed the applications for the same to the Grand Secretary, endorsed and numbered from 1 to 108, together with copies

of all correspondence in relation thereto, as also on all other matters connected with Lodges, and officers of Lodges, Grand and Subordinate ; and respectfully request that the same be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge, as the authority and grounds of my official acts, during the period of said term.

In view of the onerous duties at present devolving on the Grand Master, and the widely extended district placed under his immediate supervision, it has occurred to me that it would materially relieve that officer, and enable him to discharge the varied and important duties incumbent upon him, to much better advantage and thereby avoid the perplexing delays, to which many of the Lodges and members have been subjected—especially at the semi-annual installations and quarterly visitations under the present system ; and therefore beg to recommend that at least *two* additional districts be established therefrom, and placed under the charge of deputies, to wit : the Lodges located in the parish of Jefferson, to constitute one ; and those in the Third Municipality, embracing Columbus, No. 24, on the opposite side of the river, and St. Tammany, No. 31, at Covington, the other : or create a separate district for the latter, including what is called the Florida parishes, to wit : St. Tammany, Washington, Livingston and St. Helena.

In the event of a charter being granted to Trinity Lodge, No. 32, as recommended, it will also be necessary to create an additional district ; for, from its peculiar location, it could not well be attached to either of those already established in the northwestern part of the State. I feel it to be my duty to state, in this connection, that P. G. M. Wm. Dale, having become a member of said Lodge, soon after its institution, and whose eminent services and experience in the Order, entitled him to the office of D. D. Grand Master, and hence his appointment, *pro tem.*, to that office.

In an interview with our R. W. Grand Representatives, soon after their return from the Grand Lodge, of the United States, I was presented with a synopsis of a report which they had prepared, and was almost made acquainted with the oral instructions with which they were charged. I considered them of sufficient importance to require a special meeting of your R. W. body, and ordered the same to be convened on the 23d of October, when the very able report of the Representatives was presented, read and accepted, and full instructions in the entire work of the Order, communicated by them to the members present. Subsequently, in accordance with your expressed wish, accompanied by the R. W. Grand Officers and Representatives, I visited all the Subordinate Lodges in the Parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and caused them to be fully instructed in the work of the Order, by the Grand Representatives, as prescribed by the M. W. Grand Sire, sanctioned by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and it gives me great pleasure to add, that it has produced a most beneficial effect. The officers and members of Subordinates, seemed to have comprehended with an unusual degree of accuracy and clearness, the instructions imparted to them, and continue to work with exceeding harmony and regularity. It is also but just and proper to add, that the ready and cheerful compliance with which the R. W. Grand Representatives acceded to your request, and the zeal and ability displayed in the performance of the highly important and responsible task confided to them, entitles them to the profound thanks of this body, and the Order in general.

Patient experience has proved the utter inadequacy of the existing laws, for the proper government of this Grand body, and the necessary "Forms," which it is required to furnish Subordinates, in their communications with it ; and you have acknowledged the evil, by sanctioning the appointment of a committee, to prepare and report a complete code, etc., prior to your last communication. That committee discharged the responsible task assigned them, to the satisfaction of the entire body. The subsequent action had thereon, I pass over, as it is a matter of record. Suffice it to say, that after a great deal of discussion, the whole was finally adopted as amended, and referred back a second time, with the expense of another printing saddled upon it, for the use of the members at your last session ; but at

which, for reasons best known to a portion of them, the question was defeated by the body refusing to take it up, when it was admitted on all hands, that it had been so far perfected, that it only required another reading, and perhaps a few slight amendments: thereby depriving it, for another year, of the means of properly directing the harmonious action, of its moral energies. I do, therefore, again respectfully and earnestly recommend the subject to you for final action, preparatory to sending a portion of it (the Constitution) to the Supreme authority, for its sanction, as required by the general law.

I would not be understood as urging upon you the suggestion which I am about to make, did I not seriously believe that the best interests of the Order, of which you are the acknowledged head, would be promoted by carrying it into execution. It is of considerable importance that your proceedings should be accessible to your members, and especially to the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges, a very large proportion of whom, I can assure you from personal observation, take unusually great interest in your proceeding, published from time to time; the earlier pamphlets of which, being now nearly out of print, and a republication will eventually be necessary. The present, I am inclined to think an auspicious time to take the matter in hand, as sufficient material has accumulated for a volume of creditable size. I would therefore recommend, that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to prepare, as soon after the close of the present session as practicable, not only the proceedings of the present session, but all the previous published proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with index, etc., excluding all extraneous or irrelevant matter; and that the committee on printing be instructed to have at least one thousand copies printed and bound, in a neat but plain and substantial style. Should you see fit to concur with me in these views, I would also recommend, that the Grand Secretary should be allowed a reasonable compensation for the extra service thus imposed. It is also proper for me here to observe, that the duties of that office have become quite onerous; that I submit with deference, whether justice to its incumbent, and the interests of the Order, will not be subserved by raising the remuneration to an amount approaching more nearly an equivalent for the services rendered, and the time necessarily occupied in the performance of its obligations.

I regret to be compelled to inform you, that Felician Lodge, No. 4, has been unable, by reason of the lethargy which has for a considerable period actuated a portion of its members to recover her position; and accordingly, on the 28th ultimo, I addressed an order to that worthy Past Grand, Charles B. Collins, at St. Francisville, in whose charge its entire effects had been confided, requiring a return of its charter, books, moneys and effects, and presume in a short time they will be forthcoming; upon the receipt of which, and a proper examination of its books, I would recommend that the Grand Secretary issue certificates to such of the members as may desire them—*of good standing*—in order to enable them to attach themselves to other Lodges.

I have the pleasure to report, that that great work, the New Hall, intended for the accommodation of the Order, as also for public purposes, is now in active progress. The massive granite pilasters and entablature, together with the party walls of the first story, are set and laid complete, and the brickwork of the second story has reached the height of the third scaffolding, or about fifteen feet, and steadily advancing. The contracts for raising and closing in the edifice, are all fully entered into, and I trust ere long, that we shall be able to point with pride to the finished structure, as not less an ornament to our city, than a monument of the energy and perseverance of our Order, and the taste and talents of our highly accomplished architect, brother P. G. George Purvis, who is charged with its superintendence.

I cannot permit the occasion to pass, without repeating my large indebtedness to Past Grand. P. Herman, for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duty imposed on him, of

again installing the officers of the several German Lodges in this city and Lafayette; and of communicating to them full instructions in the work of the Order, in their native tongue. The high reputation and esteem in which he is deservedly held by his brethren, rendered him peculiarly well fitted for the discharge of that important duty.

From the reports of the D. D. G. M's, herewith submitted, you will be pleased to find strong evidence of zeal and ability in the discharge of their duties, and those beneficial results, which must ever attend an energetic supervision of the Order, in their respective jurisdictions.

Soon after the loss, by fire, of Friendship Hall, on the 1st of August last, the officers and members of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, with a zeal and energy worthy of all commendation, immediately procured an eligible location, on St. Louis street, opposite the Exchange Hotel, and fitted it up in a manner worthy of themselves; which on examination was found to be in strict accordance with the regulations of the Order, and on the 4th ult., accompanied by the Grand Officers and other respected members of your R. W. Body, I proceeded to dedicate the same, with the solemn ceremonies of the Order; and it affords me pleasure to add, was rendered peculiarly imposing by the arrangements previously made by the brethren of that Lodge, heightened in no small degree, by the presence of a large concourse of the fair daughters of our noble State.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, will put you in possession of the healthy and prosperous condition of your finances.

Since your last communication, three members of this Grand Lodge have been removed by death, from this, the favorite scene of their labors, viz; our well beloved Brother, Richard A. Walker, of Shreveport, late a D. D. G. M., of District No. 1, and a respected P. G., of Neith, No. 21; Jas. McKeen, of Union, No. 6, one of the pioneers of the Order in this State, much esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, for the amiable qualities which adorned his character; and Francis Thomas, of Louisiana, No. 1, who at your last session was active in the discharge of his duties, ever zealous and vigilant for the welfare of our Order. Thus like them may we so endeavor to live among our brethren and friends, that those who survive us, shall feel a desire to dwell often and tenderly upon our memory, and find in each returning year, increased love and enjoyment in recalling to mind their associations with us. It now remains for you to testify your respect for their memory, by such acts as you may deem proper and suitable.

I deem it my duty to report, that soon after the official notification of the untimely death of Brother Walker, above referred to, I appointed P. G. Benjamin Wells, Jr., of Neith, No. 21, ad interim, to fill said vacancy.

I cannot close this report, without the expression of my unfeigned thanks, for the ready and valuable assistance which has at all times been afforded me, by the other Grand Officers, and the declaration of my entire satisfaction with their conduct and deportment, in their several offices.

With yourselves, as individuals, my official intercourse has been extremely pleasant; and I would be ungrateful if I did not on this occasion, acknowledge that the invariable correctness of your deportment on this floor, has made my seat agreeable, and my duties as your presiding officer light and easy. And now, invoking the blessing of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe upon your councils, that he will in the plenitude of his infinite power and wisdom, continue to preside over your deliberations, to a successful issue, I restore to your keeping the charge with which you honored me.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

New Orleans, Jan. 28th, 1851.

OFFICE OF D. D. G. M., OF DISTRICT No. 1, }
 Trinity La., January 2d, 1851. }

To John Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. M., I. O. O. F. of La.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to inform you, that Trinity Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana, was organized in due form on the 20th November, 1850, by authority and under warrant granted by you, dated Nov. 6th, 1850, for that purpose; after which the Lodge went into election of officers, which resulted as follows: P. G., S. K. McMasters, N. G.; Joseph Guss, V. G.; Joshua Finnermore, Secretary, and Andrew Beck, Treasurer; all of whom being present, were duly installed into their respective offices.

The By-Laws of Hope Lodge, No. 14, were adopted for the present, with such exceptions, and alterations as were necessary, not conflicting with the Constitution ordained by the R. W. G. L., for the government of Subordinate Lodges.

The Lodge applied to me for a dispensation, to initiate and confer the degrees on John A. Newell and P. Hoovey, if elected, which was granted. A similar request was made by the Lodge, in favor of V. B. Penny, J. S. Alexander and Lewis Lehman, which being granted, they were accordingly initiated, and received the 1st, 2d, 3rd, 4th and 5th degrees. Four others requested dispensations for degrees, which were refused, on the grounds that the good of the Order did not now require a departure from the usual and regular rules.

A dispensation was also granted, on request of the Lodge, to initiate J. M. Phillips, who was three months over forty-five years of age, also for Elias Carter, whose residence was about forty miles distant from the Lodge.

Trinity Lodge is held in the town of Trinity, Catahoula Parish, La., meeting nights on Saturday. The Lodge Room is well fitted for its purposes. There are twenty-nine members: six of the original petitioners, three admitted on cards, and twenty by initiation; and we hope by the end of the term, to make a still more favorable report.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

WILLIAM DALE.

OFFICE OF D. D. G. MASTER, OF DISTRICT No. 2, }
 Franklin, St. Mary, January 19, 1850. }

To John Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. of La.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In the discharge of the duty devolving upon me, as your Deputy from District No. 2, I transmit you the following report of my official acts for the term ending 31st December, 1850:

On the 6th July last, I granted a dispensation to enable brother J. D. Shaw to take his third, fourth and fifth degrees, within the constitutional interval, and on the 30th of November, I granted the application of St. Mary's Lodge, to ballot for the admission of Dr. Thomas Dwyer, he being over the age of forty-five.

The above comprises all my official operations since I had the pleasure of transmitting you my last semi-annual report. I have the pleasure, in conclusion, to assure you of the continued prosperity of our Order in the District, and with great respect, I am very truly, your friend and brother,

A. L. FIELDS, D. D. G. M., District No. 2.

OFFICE OF THE D. D. G. M. OF DISTRICT No. 3, }
Baton Rouge, La., January 8th, 1850. }

To *John Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. Master, of I. O. O. F., of State of La. :*

RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER :— Since my last report, made upon the 8th of July last, I have been called upon to perform but few acts appertaining to my office, as your Deputy, and consequently have but little to report at the present term.

I have distributed the copies of proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to October 1st, to the Lodges under my jurisdiction, and communicated the quarterly P. W.

On the 22d instant, I authorized P. G. J. B. Poole, to instal the officers elect of Clinton Lodge, No. 27, to serve during the first term, 1851.

On the 2d instant, I installed the officers of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7.

Although I promised in my last report to visit Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, I was prevented from doing so, by circumstances beyond my control, and hope that you will receive flattering reports from said Lodge.

Clinton Lodge, No. 27, is, I have been informed, doing as well as can be expected. It is composed of worthy members, who will never permit the foundation of their Lodge to sink into oblivion.

Of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, I will only say that all goes right and nothing wrong.

This closes my official duties as your Deputy. Allow me again to thank you for the honor conferred on me, assuring you that I have endeavored to perform my duties, but if I have erred I feel confident that you will judge me with brotherly feeling.

I remain yours, with the highest respect,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

A. MATTA, *D. D. G. M. District No. 3.*

OFFICE OF D. D. G. MASTER OF DISTRICT No. 4, }
Balize, January 8, 1851. }

To *John Crickard, Esq., M. W. G. M. :*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER— In accordance with the duty attached to my station as D. D. G. M., I herewith tender you a statement of my official acts. As respects Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F. the only one under my jurisdiction during the past term, I granted at the request of the Lodge, on the 11th of September last, a dispensation to confer on brother Oscar Arago, the five Subordinate degrees, if elected. The applicant resides some fifty miles from the location of the Lodge, which was my reason for granting it.

The Lodge, also, on the 30th of October last, applied for and obtained a dispensation to initiate Octave S. Rousseau, on the evening of his application. And again on the evening of the 25th December last, obtained another, to confer on him the five Subordinate degrees. Brother Octave S. Rousseau is a resident of the Parish of St. Bernard, and consequently lives at a considerable distance from the Balize, which induced me to grant the dispensation.

The above cases are the only ones in which I have used the power invested in me, by you, and hope they will not deserve your disapprobation.

I would also beg to inform you, that I have, with the assistance of a few brothers, particularly of P. G. R. H. Minister, of Commercial Lodge, No. 12, duly installed the officers elect to serve the present term, viz: James B. Williams, N. G. ; Joseph C. Wilson, V. G. ; James B. Hayes, Secretary ; William Y. Pittee, Treasurer.

In conclusion, I would respectfully say, that I have no faults to report respecting the working and business transactions of Nautilus Lodge at present, and hope the time will be as far distant as that in which I shall cease to be yours, in

Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. E. DUNHAM, *D. D. G. Master, District No. 4.*

NOTE.— No reports have been received from District No, 5.

The following Reports from the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, were received and read, and on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

In conformity with the custom observed by me heretofore, I beg leave to submit herewith, a semi-annual statement of the receipts, the disposal thereof, and the general work of this office.

The cash receipts, for the term ending fourth Tuesday in January, 1851, are as follows :
 Per-centage from Subordinate Lodges, at the Semi-Annual Session, in July, as per Journal, p. 237,..... \$ 1697 48

RENTS FROM GRAND LODGE HALL, VIZ :

Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, ... three quarters,.....	112 50
Union Lodge, No. 6,..... one year,.....	150 00
Howard Lodge, No. 13, ... three quarters,.....	112 50
Independence Lodge, No. 23, two months,.....	25 00
Willey Encampment, No. 1, three quarters,.....	56 25
Grand Encampment,..... two quarters,.....	12 50
Books and Cards to Trinity Lodge, No. 32,.....	7 50
Cards, Sundries,.....	7 25
Insurance from No. 1,.....	\$13 90
Insurance from No. 6,.....	9 61
Insurance from No. 13,.....	10 39
Insurance from Willey Camp,.....	7 30—\$41 20
Trinity Lodge, No. 32, in advance, for Charter,.....	50 00
Total Receipts,.....	\$2,272 18

Which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts.

Respectfully submitted, In F. L. and T.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

January 28th, 1851.

NEW ORLEANS, January, 28th, 1851.

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L., State of La :

BROTHERS—I have the honor to present herewith my Semi-Annual report of the Treasury, from 23d July last to the present date ; which, after paying all demands upon it, shows a balance in my hands of \$994 70. The receipts from the various sources of its revenue, have amounted to \$2,272 18, the disbursements to \$1,470 68 ; and during the whole period of my administration, the income has been \$4,012 51—the expenditure \$3,175 36.

In presenting you with this flattering statement of the department over which you called me to preside during the past year, I cannot but congratulate you upon the good report in which our Order is held, in consequence of the punctuality with which its obligations have been discharged. With a jealous regard towards this object, I have made it my duty to satisfy all legally attested orders, as soon as presented.

Before closing this official communication, I must take occasion to thank you for the kind partiality you manifested towards me at the last election ; and which I feel the quiet

Louisiana Lodge, - - No. 1	Covenant Lodge, - - No. 17
Washington Lodge, - - No. 3	National Lodge, - - No. 18
Union Lodge, - - No. 6	Polar Star Lodge, - - No. 19
DeSoto Lodge, - - No. 7	St. Mary's Lodge, - - No. 20
Crescent Lodge, - - No. 8	Neith Lodge, - - No. 21
Jefferson Lodge, - - No. 9	Magnolia Lodge, - - No. 22
Teutonia Lodge, - - No. 10	Independence Lodge, - - No. 23
Orleans Lodge, - - No. 11	Columbus Lodge, - - No. 24
Commercial Lodge, - - No. 12	Wood Lodge, - - No. 26
Howard Lodge, - - No. 13	Nautilus Lodge, - - No. 28
Hope Lodge, - - No. 14	Germania Lodge, - - No. 29
Delta Lodge, - - No. 15	Carroll Lodge, - - No. 30
Templar Lodge, - - No. 16	St. Tammany Lodge, - - No. 31

P. G. Race, from the Committee on Elections and Returns, submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz :

NEW ORLEANS, January 28th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Elections and Returns, have duly examined the credentials of Past Grands for admission into the Grand Lodge, and beg leave to report, that the certificates of the following brothers are correct, as having passed the several chairs named, viz :

W. B. Lindsay, N. G. and V. G.	of No. 1
F. Lewis, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 3
Maxwell Armstrong, N. G. and V. G.....	of No. 6
Henry Jones, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 7
Richard M. Ellis, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 9
P. Schneider, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 10
T. H. Jackson, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 11
R. H. Minister, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 12
J. E. Allison, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 13
Wm. H. Slack, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 14
Joseph S. Sloan, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 15
Edward Pilsbury, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 16
E. A. Patterson, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 16
Wm. Bosworth, N. G. and V. G.....	of No. 17
H. J. Whitney, N. G. and V. G.....	of No. 17
A. Chiapella, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 19
D. E. Crossland, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 20
J. H. Whitney, N. G., V. G. and Secretary.....	of No. 22
J. Gerlach, N. G. and V. G.....	of No. 23
Peter Daniel, N. G. and V. G.....	of No. 29
J. P. Prescott, N. G. (new Lodge).....	of No. 30
Wm. McDuff, N. G. (new Lodge).....	of No. 31

Also, that the certificates of membership of the following Past Grands are correct, viz :

P. G. P. Herman.....	from No. 1
P. G. M. James Curry.....	from No. 6
P. G. Thomas H. Shields.....	from No. 6
P. G. F. Vasconcellos.....	from No. 6
P. G. D. E. Crosland	from No. 14
P. G. Charles Geheeb.....	from No. 23

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

G. W. RACE,	} Committee.
F. W. DELESDEMIER,	
F. A. DENTZEL,	

The following P. Gs. being in waiting, were introduced and duly instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, viz :

W. B. Lindsay, of	- No. 1	} Jos. S. Sloan, of	- No. 15
F. Lewis, of	- No. 3	} E. A. Patterson, of	- No. 16
Maxwell Armstrong, of	No. 6	} Wm. Bosworth, of	- No. 17
Henry Jones, of	- No. 7	} H. J. Whitney, of	- No. 17
R. M. Ellis, of	- No. 9	} A. Chiapella, of	- No. 19
P. Schneider, of	- No. 10	} J. H. Whitney, of	- No. 22
T. H. Jackson, of	- No. 11	} J. Gerlach, of	- No. 23
R. H. Minister, of	- No. 12	} Peter Daniel, of	- No. 29
J. E. Allison, of	- No. 13	} J. P. Prescott, of	- No. 30
Wm. H. Slack, of	- No. 14	} Wm. McDuff, of	- No. 31
D. E. Crosland, of	- No. 14		

The Past Official Degrees were conferred upon Past Grands entitled to receive the same, by the R. W. Grand Warden.

The following note, from P. G. Gomez, was read :

To the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

P. G. E. J. Gomez, of National Lodge, No. 18, now suspended, demands admission. January 18th, 1851.

Whereupon the Grand Master decided that he could not be admitted, and referred the same to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the decision of the Grand Master, in refusing admission to P. G. Gomez—as a member of a Lodge under suspension—be sustained; and the motion being seconded, was put and carried unanimously.

The Grand Master presented the following supplemental report, and copy of a letter therein referred to, relative to the Grand Secretary, which was read, and on motion of P. G. M. Rice, it was referred to a committee of three.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed on said committee, P. G. M. Emerson and P. Gs. Dunlap and Kirkland.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

BRETHREN :— Circumstances having in my judgment rendered it expedient and necessary, that, on Saturday the 25th inst., I should suspend your Grand Secretary from the functions of his office, and also required of him the property in his official keeping, the discharge of this truly painful task, being alone prompted by a solemn view of the responsibility of my official obligations, in consequence of the irregularity of his habits, and continued absence from his office, and consequent neglect of official duty, which is detailed more at length in a letter which I felt it my duty, under the circumstances, to address him, on the 25th inst., a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The statement which accompanies the G. Treasurer's Report, will show that a large balance, remaining in the hands of the G. Sec. since July last, has at length been paid to the Treasurer, and by him duly acknowledged.

I have also to report, that the Grand Secretary is in receipt of the Semi-Annual Reports from the Subordinate Lodges, (with one or two exceptions) together with the per centage due the Grand Lodge, and has been charged with the duty of presenting the same to the Grand Lodge, this evening. His *suspension* having been raised for that purpose, as also to give him an opportunity to make such explanation in regard to the subject matters at issue, that he may desire.

Upon an examination of the Annual Report of the Grand Cor. and R. Secretary of the G. L. U. S. for the year ending September last, (for which I am indebted to the kindness of G. Rep. Larue,) I perceive that there has yet been no acknowledgement, by that able and efficient officer, of the amount contributed by the several Lodges in this city, to what is termed the "Willey Fund," and "Willey Annuity," which I am informed had been placed in the hands of the G. Secretary, for remission, about a year and a half since; and would therefore call your attention to the subject, in justice to the contributors, which I have reason to believe, have been as *liberal* as that of any of our sister jurisdictions.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 28th, 1851.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, G. L. OF LA., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, January 25th, 1851. }

SIR :— Finding that you have again failed to keep the appointment with me, at your office at 9 o'clock this morning— named by yourself yesterday— I called a *second* and a *third* time, and I may add that I have done so every day during the past week, in the hope of meeting you on business connected with our respective offices, in view of the approaching session of the Grand Lodge, and of receiving some explanation which might possibly tend to mitigate the chagrin and mortification to which I have felt myself subjected, by the failure on your part to meet me on the occasions referred to. Prompted therefore by self respect, and the discharge of my official duty, I feel myself compelled, reluctantly, to suspend you in your official capacity, and at the same time to demand of you the keys of the office assigned to you, together with all *Books, Papers, Moneys* and other property in your keeping, as Grand Secretary, in order that the interests of the Order may no longer suffer from your neglect of duty.

In conclusion, I have to request that you will meet Deputy Grand Master Stetson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and Grand Treasurer Lee, at your office, at 5 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of handing over to them the property above indicated.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Grand Master.*

To H. W. OLMSTED, ESQ., *Grand Secretary, Present.*

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, P. G. Dentzel was requested to act as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, until the election and installation of a Grand Secretary. Carried.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the current year, and the following nominations were made, viz :

For Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. HENRY D. OGDEN,.....OF No. 8

For Grand Warden.

P. G. B. MAGLONE.....OF No. 15 P. G. S. E. BELKNAP.....OF No. 16
P. G. Maginnis, declined.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. G. N. MORRISON,.....OF No. 12

For Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of United States.

G. M. JOHN CRICKARD.....OF No. 1
P. G. M. Emerson, and P. Gs. Kneass and Race, declined.

For Directors of Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

P. G. RICHARD SWAIN.....OF No. 8

The nominations were then closed.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the election of Grand Secretary was deferred until the next meeting.

P. G. M. Rice and P. G. Nixon were appointed tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the election of the following officers, viz :

P. G. Thos. H. Shields, of No. 6,	-	R. W. Grand Master.
P. G. Henry Bier, of No. 14,	-	R. W. D. Grand Master.
P. G. Bernard Maglone, of No. 15,	-	R. W. Grand Warden.
P. G. M. Henry Williams, of No. 12,		R. W. Grand Treasurer.
P. G. Geo. W. Shaw, of No. 6,	-	R. W. G. Representative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Commercial Hall, corner of Camp and Natchez streets, on Thursday evening, January 30, at 7 o'clock.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, corner Camp and Natchez sts., }
 January 30th, 1851. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — John Crickard, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. R. M. Ellis, of No. 9, being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Conductor, duly qualified, and took his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Emerson, from the Committee on the Supplemental Report of the Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read.

P. G. Dunlap moved that the same be received and adopted.

An amendment was offered, that the report and accompanying documents be again read; lost.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, called for a division of the question, which was put and carried. So the report only was read, and the original motion adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana:

PAST GRANDS:— The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Master, relating to the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the matters alluded to in the communication. It appears that during the week prior to the present Annual Session, the Grand Secretary was absent from his office most of the time, and consequently his duties, always requiring punctuality and strict attention, more especially then, were neglected without any explanation as to the causes of that neglect, the Grand Master very properly took the steps indicated in his communication.

It was however fully shown by the testimony, herewith submitted, that during the week mentioned, and indeed for a longer period, the Grand Secretary was suffering from severe illness and pain, and for several days was confined to his room. While, therefore, no blame can be imputed to the Grand Master for his course in the premises, we believe the evidence fully exonerates the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
 J. G. DUNLAP,
 S. W. KIRKLAND.

P. G. T. Lee moved for a suspension of the rules, to enable him to offer the following resolution, which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the G. Secretary of this R. W. Body, be required to furnish a

joint and several Bond, with two securities to the satisfaction of this G. Lodge, in the full sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties, and that the G. Treasurer, be required to furnish a Bond, in like manner to be given, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

P. G. M. Emerson moved that the suspension of the Grand Secretary be now removed, which was agreed to.

The G. M. elect moved that the nomination for Grand Secretary be now opened, and there being no objection, the motion was agreed to.

P. Gs. Olmsted, Emerson, Nixon and Dentzel were nominated.

P. Gs. Emerson, Nixon and Dentzel, declined.

There being but one candidate in nomination, on motion, the rules were dispensed with, and P. G. H. W. Olmsted, of No. 8, was declared duly elected to the office of Grand Secretary for the usual term.

Nominations for two Directors, on the part of the Grand Lodge, to Odd Fellows' Hall Association, were opened, and P. G. M. Mondelli and P. Gs. Swain, Dunlap and Shaw were nominated. P. Gs. Stockton, Race, Cunliffe and Cripps were also nominated, and declined.

Nominations for one Director to "Odd Fellows' Rest" were opened, and P. G. Dunlap was nominated.

It was here represented to the Chair that P. G. M. Wm. Dale was in waiting, and desired admittance as a member of a Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the same having been denied him, except as a visitor, at the last meeting, upon the ground that his Lodge was only working under a Dispensation from the Grand Master, and not yet acted upon by the Grand Lodge; whereupon,

P. G. M. Emerson moved for a dispensation of the rules, in order to offer the following resolution, which motion was agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That P. G. M. Dale and P. G. McMasters, at present members of Trinity Lodge, No. 32, working under a Dispensation from the Grand Master, be now admitted to seats and all the rights and privileges of other members of this Grand Lodge.

Which was also agreed to, and P. G. M. Dale was accordingly admitted.

Grand Rep. Larue, the rules being still under suspension, offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That in any other case than in that specified by the fifth section, page 43, of the Digest, none but Representatives of the different Lodges shall vote.

P. G. M. Emerson offered the following, as a substitute, viz :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, every member thereof has a right to vote in all elections, and on all questions in which he has no personal interest.

P. G. Nixon moved that both resolutions be referred to a Special Committee of three.

P. G. M. Whithall moved to lay the whole subject on the table indefinitely.

P. G. M. Mondelli moved an adjournment. Put and lost.

Grand Rep. Larue called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and resulted as follows :

YEAS — Cohen, Sloan, Relf, Prescott, Titus, McCorry, Casanas, Daniels, Font, Wood, Bachus, Minister, Whithall, Cunliffe, Williams, Stockton, Whitney, Dentzel, and Stetson — 19.

NAYS — Shaw, P. G. M. Emerson, Furneaux, Allison, Blake, Lindsay, Belcher, Race, Crosland, Murray, Slack, Shields, Dale, Swain, Lee, Nixon, Hooper, Boullemet, Cushing, Larue, Rice, Benedict, Patterson, Armstong, Ogden, Mondelli, Bier, Magner, Dunlap, and Morrison — 29.

So the motion was declared lost.

The question recurring on the motion of P. G. Nixon, it was put and carried.

The Chair appointed on said committee, P. Gs. Nixon, Rice and Race.

P. G. M. Rice moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed with the election of two Directors to the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, and one to the "Rest."

G. Rep. Larue moved an adjournment. Lost.

The same brother moved to lay P. G. M. Rice's motion on the table. Lost.

P. G. Nixon offered, as a substitute to that of P. G. M. Rice, viz: to postpone the election of Directors till next meeting. Carried.

P. D. G. M. Stetson moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to instal the officers elect, which was concurred in.

The Grand Master elect having been presented by P. G. Ms. Emerson and Mondelli, Past Grand Master, John Crickard, proceeded to instal into the office of Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Louisiana, Past Grand Thomas H. Shields, of Union Lodge, No. 6, who was formally conducted to the Chair.

The M. W. Grand Master then installed Past Grand Warden Henry Bier, of Hope Lodge, No. 14, Deputy Grand Master. The other officers elect not being present, their installation was consequently deferred.

P. G. Nixon, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's report, presented the following report, which was read, and, on motion, adopted, and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, January 30th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, special committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, beg leave respectfully to recommend.

1.— That the action of the G. M., in granting a dispensation for Trinity Lodge, No. 32, be approved, and that a charter be issued to said Lodge.

2.— That the application for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Vernon, Jackson Parish, be referred to the committee on Petitions and Appeals.— (Documents marked B.)

3.— That the applications by Nautilus Lodge, No. 27, for a dispensation to receive and act upon an application for membership, from a person represented to be 66 years of age, be referred to the committee on Petitions and Appeals.— (Documents marked C.)

4.— That the action of the G. M., in directing the G. Sec. to draw an order on the G. Treasurer for \$240, to pay for a further supply of Books, Cards, etc. be approved.

5.— That so much as refers to National Lodge. No. 18, be referred to a special committee. (Documents D and E.)

6.— That so much as refers to various dispensations granted, be approved.

7.— That so much as refers to the new districts recommended, be referred to a special committee.

8.— That so much as refers to the expediency of preparing a volume of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. with index, etc. and of increasing the compensation of the Grand Sec. be referred to the Finance Committee.

9.— That the action of the G. M., in the matter of Feliciana Lodge, No. 4, be approved.

10.— That the appointment of B. Wells, Jr., D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, ad interim, be approved.

11.— That some night be selected during the present session to take up and act upon the subject of the Constitution, Laws, Forms, etc. etc.

All of which is submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
J. D. STEWART,
CHAS. M. EMERSON.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at this (Commercial) Hall, to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

F. A. DENTZEL, G. Sec., pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, corner Camp and Natchez sts., }
January 31, 1851. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — T. H. Shields, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The securities of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were read and accepted.

The Grand Master then proceeded to instal the remaining Grand Officers into to their respective chairs. viz :

P. G. B. Maglone, of No. 15, - - R. W. G. Warden,
 P. G. M. H. Williams, of No. 12, - R. W. G. Treasurer,
 P. G. Sec. H. W. Olmsted, of No. 8, - R. W. G. Secretary.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following appointed officers and Standing Committees, viz :

P. G. M. C. W. Whithall, of No. 17, - W. G. Chaplain.
 P. G. T. N. Blake, of No. 12, - - W. G. Marshal.
 P. G. V. Boullemet, of No. 22, - - W. G. Conductor.
 P. G. J. Fulda, of No. 10, - - - W. G. Guardian.
 P. G. P. Casanas, of No. 12, - - - W. G. Herald.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

P. G. B. Wells, Jr., of No. 21, District No. 1, Shreveport.
 P. G. J. W. Lyman, " 20, " " 2, Franklin.
 P. G. A. Matta, " 7, " " 3, Baton Rouge.
 P. G. J. E. Dunham, " 28, " " 4, Balize.
 P. G. J. P. Prescott, " 30, " " 5, Lake Providence.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance—P. G. M. John Crickard, of No. 1 ; P. Gs. F. W. Delesdernier, of No. 13 ; Daniel Wheeler, of No. 17.

Committee on the State of the Order—P. G. Ms. J. D. Stewart, of No. 1 ; Chas. M. Emerson, of No. 12 ; Wm. H. Rice, of No. 22.

Committee on Correspondence—P. Gs. G. W. Race, of No. 12 ; F. Brichta, of No. 23 ; J. C. Norcross, of No. 3.

Committee on Petitions and Appeals—P. Gs. Henry D. Ogden, of No. 8 ; P. Herman, of No. 1 ; S. E. Belknap, of No. 16.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—P. Gs. J. O. Nixon, of No. 8 ; James Martin, of No. 24 ; J. W. Belcher, of No. 14.

Committee on Elections and Returns—P. Gs. A. W. Jourdan, of No. 9 ; S. Magner, of No. 19 ; R. Brown, of No. 1.

Committee on Printing—P. Gs. H. W. Olmsted, of No. 8 ; Joseph Etter, of No. 11 ; Wm. H. Slack, of No. 14.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the appointment of D. D. Grand Masters were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed on the committee, as recommended by the Special Committee on the Grand Master's report, relative to National Lodge, No. 18, P. G. Ms. Rice and Curry, and P. G. John Hayman.

The Chair appointed on the Committee on new Districts, as recommended by the Special Committee, P. G. Ms. Stewart and Crickard, and P. G. Swain.

P. G. Nixon moved to proceed with the election of Directors to "Odd Fellows' Hall Association" and "Odd Fellows's Rest," which was concurred in.

G. Marshal Blake moved for a dispensation of the rules, and that the nominations be re-opened. Carried.

On motion, the nominations made at the preceding meeting were read, and P. G. M. Mondelli, and P. Gs. Morrison, Hayman and Swain, declined.

P. Gs. Nixon and Rice were appointed tellers; when, on counting the votes, it appeared that P. Gs. Shaw and Dunlap had received a majority of the votes cast, and were consequently declared duly elected Directors, on the part of the Grand Lodge, to "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," for one year from the first Monday of May next.

On motion of P. G. M. Rice, the rules were dispensed with, and P. G. Dunlap being the only nominee, was declared elected by acclamation, a Director, on the part of the Grand Lodge, to "Odd Fellows' Rest," for one year from the first Wednesday in February next.

A petition for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge (fee, accompanying), to be located at Jefferson City, Parish of Jefferson, and to be known and hailed as "Pacific Lodge, No. —," signed by Brothers F. N. Keller, H. H. Williams, James Pigrau, Chester Bisbee, W. H. Virgin, Daniel Nafe, Thomas G. Noel, F. W. Fuller, Samuel Dealy, B. L. Mann, and Aug. W. Jourdan, was received and read, and on motion of Rep. Dunlap, it was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

The following communication from Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, was read and referred to to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals:

EAGLE DEGREE LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F. }
New Orleans, Nov. 16, 1850. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana:

SIRS AND BROTHERS—At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held at Crescent Hall this evening, the undersigned was instructed to communicate to you the following proceedings. had at said meeting, together with the following certificate from Commercial Lodge, No. 12, authorizing the conferring of the Second and Third Degrees on Brother H. Fox, of that Lodge.

“The N. G. having refused to confer more than one degree on the brother, without the Dispensation from the Grand Master accompanying the certificates; whereupon P. G. Shields asked for and obtained an appeal to your R. W. Body, in the words following, viz :

“I hereby appeal from the decision of the N. G. of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, whereby he refused to confer more than one degree upon a brother on the same evening—who had previously received a Dispensation from the M. W. G. Master, authorizing the conferring of two degrees—unless the Dispensation accompanied the certificates.

(Signed)

“T. H. SHIELDS.”

A true copy from the minutes.

[SEAL.]

P. G. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary.*

The following communication from Delta Lodge, No. 15, was read and referred to the same committee :

NEW ORLEANS, January 6th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

I submit herewith the following Extract from the minutes of Delta Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., held at a regular meeting, October 25th, 1850.

Bro. Horner offered the following resolution, viz :

1.—That it is the opinion of this Lodge, that no Brother in good standing should be hindered in his advancement and prevented from taking the Degrees, *unless for good cause.*

2.—That it is the opinion of this Lodge, that the true interests of the Order in general, and of this Lodge, in particular require, that as many Brothers as possible take *all* the Degrees without any exception.

3.—That it is the opinion of this Lodge, that the repeated refusals of sometimes one and sometimes two Brothers to a candidate taking the degrees, *without good cause, or for no shown cause,* violates the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship.

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The N. G. declared the above resolution to be out of order, whereupon Brother Horner appealed to the Lodge from the decision of the Chair; upon a vote being taken, the Lodge sustained the decision of the chair, and said resolutions were therefore declared to be out of order.

Bro. Horner protests from the above decision and gave notice to the Lodge, that he should ask for an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which was granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In F. L. and T.

[SEAL.]

P. N. STRONG, *Secretary.*

An Appeal from Bro. Louchs from the action of DeSoto Lodge, No. 7, was read and referred to the same committee.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following Report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Carroll Lodge, No. 30, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that sec. 3, of art. 7, reading “The Junior Past Grand shall act as the Host of the Lodge,” be stricken out, as your committee are of opinion the Lodge is not competent to impose such duties upon its Jr. P. G.

In other respects the laws conform to the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and your committee recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
F. A. DENTZEL.

New Orleans, January 24th, 1851.

P. G. M. Emerson from the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, presented the following Report and resolution which was received and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother F. Strausser, beg leave to report, that he was expelled by Germania Lodge, No. 29, for alleged ill treatment of his wife. Your committee have attentively examined the evidence, and having been told by the aggrieved party that she merited the treatment she received from her husband, we came to the conclusion that the punishment awarded to Bro. Strausser, may have been too severe. Under the circumstances we believe he should have the benefit of a revision of his case, and recommend the passage of the annexed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. EMERSON,
S. HOPKINS, JR.
J. G. DUNLAP.

Resolved, That the decision of Germania Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., expelling Bro. F. Strausser, be reversed, and that the case be remanded to said Lodge for a new trial.

P. G. Shields from the Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was received and read.

To the G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L. of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

BROTHERS:—The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolutions adopted by Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, asking the decision of the Grand Lodge concerning the *construction* to be given to the article of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, in relation to the withdrawal of applications for membership prior to the vote of the Lodge, viz: whether the *vote* of the Lodge, is *required* to withdraw the name of a candidate for membership, and what is meant by *before* the report of the Committee of Investigation is presented, and whether the report of the committee is considered *presented* when laid on the table of the Secretary: Respectfully report that the article referred to does not appear in the Constitution governing Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, but was received by the Grand Secretary, *as a law* of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by him transmitted to the Subordinates.

Your committee infer however, and express the opinion, that *it is* necessary to obtain the consent of a Lodge, to withdraw the name of an applicant for membership after the same has been properly referred, and that the report is not properly presented until read by the Secretary in open Lodge.

In F. L. and T.

T. H. SHIELDS,
H. D. OGDEN.

New Orleans, January, 24th, 1851.

A division of the question was called for and sustained, and on motion of P. G. M. Emerson, the report was referred back to the committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Race, of No. 12, from the Committee on Elections and Returns, presented the following report, relative to Reps. to the Grand Lodge, which was, on motion of P. G. M. Rice, received and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, Committee on Elections and Returns, beg leave to report, that they have examined the certificates of the following Past Grands, as Representatives to this G. Lodge, and find them to be in strict accordance with the laws on that subject, viz :

Louisiana Lodge, No. 1—P. G. Ms. John Crickard, J. D. Stewart and P. G. S. Hopkins, Junior.

Washington Lodge, No. 3—P. G. Geo. Hooper.

Union Lodge, No. 6—P. Gs. T. H. Shields, G. W. Shaw, B. Cohen and S. Head.

DeSoto Lodge, No. 7—P. G. H. Jones.

Crescent Lodge, No. 8—P. Gs. R. Swain, C. H. Lee, H. W. Olmsted and J. O. Nixon.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 9—P. Gs. A. S. Phelps, W. P. Sunderland and S. S. Burdette.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 10—P. Gs. J. Fulda, J. E. Reuter and T. Young.

Orleans Lodge, No. 11—P. Gs. Joseph Etter, J. A. Ferris and T. H. Jackson.

Commercial Lodge, No. 12—P. Gs. G. W. Race, Thos. Murray, T. N. Blake and R. H. Minister.

Hope Lodge, No. 14—P. Gs. H. Bier, J. W. Belcher and W. H. Slack.

Delta Lodge, No. 15—P. Gs. Jos. Bensadon, J. S. Sloan and J. A. Mitchell.

Templar Lodge, No. 16—P. G. E. A. Patterson.

Covenant Lodge, No. 17—P. G. Jno. Paisley.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 19—P. Gs. A. Chiapella, E. Barnett, S. Magner and J. Buessard.

Magnolia Lodge, No. 22—P. Gs. J. H. Whitney, W. T. Benedict.

Independence Lodge, No. 23—P. Gs. Charles Geheebe, F. Brichta.

Columbus Lodge, No. 24—P. Gs. J. Martin, E. J. Dohm and W. Sarazin.

Wood Lodge, No. 26—P. G. M. John Crickard, proxy.

Nautilus Lodge, No. 28—P. Gs. J. E. Dunham, R. H. Minister, proxy.

Germania Lodge, No. 29—P. Gs. P. Herman and P. Daniel.

Carroll Lodge, No. 30—P. G. J. P. Prescott.

St. Tammany Lodge, No. 31—P. G. M. C. M. Emerson, W. L. Cushing and C. C. Delacroix.

Trinity Lodge, No. 32—P. G. S. K. McMasters.

The committee report that they find no certificates of Reps. from Nos. 13, 20, 21 and 27.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. DELESDEMIER,
G. W. RACE,
F. A. DENTZEL.

The following report from P. G. Dunlap, Delegate from the Grand Lodge, to the "O. F. Rest," was read and ordered to be spread on the minutes, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS:—The undersigned, Delegate to the Board of Directors of "Odd Fellows' Rest," respectfully submits to the R. W. Grand Lodge, a brief statement of the present condition of the "Rest," and the transactions of the past year.

In consequence of the purchase of an additional piece of ground, and the liberal donation of another piece, by the Firemen's Charitable Association, it became necessary to lay out the ground anew, and arrange a different plan. This has been done, and a large plan made for the Board of Directors, which is now in their office. An engraving of the same has been made, and copies furnished to the different Lodges.

To perfect the new plan, it was necessary to remove the vaults first erected in the "Rest;" and the reception Tomb, which stood near the centre. The Reception Tomb has been permanently placed on Lot, No. 82, adjoining the main entrance on the Metairie Road, and the vaults pulled down. The bodies contained in the old vaults have been placed in vaults prepared for that purpose, on the side line of the "Rest," with the Numbers, Marks, Tablets, etc., that previously distinguished them.

During the year there has been erected, and now in the course of erection, one hundred and sixty four vaults, sixty of these have been used for the bodies removed, leaving one hundred and four for general interment, of which, sixty two were unoccupied on the 18th inst.

A contract has been made for the opening out, grading, curbing and finishing the walks. Part of this work has been done, and the remainder will be completed at an early period.

The stock holding Lodges have selected their Lots, and others have been sold to individuals, who have begun to improve them.

Much of the difficulty that impeded the progress of the "Rest" in the first instance, has been overcome, and your Delegate congratulates the R. W. Grand Lodge, and the order generally, on its present favorable condition, flattering as its future prospects appear, there yet remains much to be done, requiring the active co-operation of all concerned, before we can place it in the position so much desired.

In a work like this, in which all are interested, the stock holding Lodges and members must remember, that it is an undertaking peculiarly their own, and should give to the Board prompt and efficient aid in all their judicious plans, and sustain their efforts by every means in their power to bring the work to a speedy completion.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. L. and T.

J. G. DUNLAP.

January 28th 1851.

P. G. Dentzel offered the following amendment to article 10, sec. 2, of the Constitution, for Subordinates, viz: add after the word "thereafter" "*this shall also apply to Brothers of the Lodge who may be suspended for cause.*" Referred to Committee on By-Laws.

P. G. W. W. Wood, offered the following resolution, which was on motion referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That a report on a matter referred to a committee *is presented* when delivered into the hands of the Secretary.

The same brother offered the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are justly due, and are hereby tendered, to P. G. Master John Crickard, and the other Grand Officers, for the very able and satisfactory discharge of their official duties during the past year.

A communication from Messrs. John Maginnis & Co., proprietors of the "True Delta," was read, proposing to publish a list or directory of officers, and notices of meetings, on the same terms as that of the past year; and,

On motion of P. G. M. Crickard, said proposition was accepted, and the Grand Secretary directed to notify the proprietors of the same.

G. Mar. Blake moved to adjourn until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, at this Hall, for the especial purpose of taking up and acting on the new Constitution, as reported by the committee at the July session last. Carried.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, corner Camp and Natchez sts., }
February 1st, 1851. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Present — T. H. Shields, M. W. Grand Master; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. M. Crickard moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Constitution, etc., for the Grand Lodge, as reported by the Special Committee at the July session of 1850, in accordance with the express conditions of its adjournment last evening. Carried.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, in the Chair; and after due deliberation, the Committee rose and reported by their Chairman, that they had amended the Constitution in full.

On motion of Rep. Etter, the report of the committee was received and adopted.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, moved to reconsider the vote adopting the Constitution. Lost.

On motion of Rep. Etter, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the "Rules of Order," Forms, etc., submitted by the same Special Committee, at the July session last, Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, in the Chair; when, after due consideration,

the Committee rose and reported by their Chairman, that they had approved the Rules of Order and Order of Business, and all the necessary "Forms" and Order of Processions.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the report was accepted and adopted.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, moved to reconsider the vote to accept, which was put and lost.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the Special Committee was now discharged.

On motion of Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, it was ordered that the Constitution, Rules of Order and Forms be spread on the minutes at the close this meeting, and that the same be printed with the proceedings of the present session.

On motion of Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, it was ordered that our Grand Representatives were instructed to present the Constitution to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, for its approval, as required by law.

On motion of Grand Secretary Olmsted, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at Grand Lodge Hall, on Thursday evening, February 11th, at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

CONSTITUTION.

The R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, exercises its functions by virtue of a Charter granted by the *R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America*, and bearing date, March 5th, 1833.

ARTICLE I.

Style, Composition, and Powers of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 1. The style of this Grand Lodge shall be the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Louisiana.

SEC. 2. It shall be composed of Grand Officers, formally installed; Past Grands, properly certified; and Representatives, duly accredited by Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. It is the legislative head, ruling authority, and supreme tribunal of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the State of Louisiana. It has power to enact any law, not contravening the customs and usages of the Order, as, from time to time, declared by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, not altering the work of the Order, or any of the several degrees belonging thereto, not derogating from the constitutional authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, or violating any of the enactments in pursuance thereof, and not conflicting with the laws of the land. It has power to grant Charters for Subordinate Lodges, to be located within its jurisdiction. No Subordinate Lodge can be created within its jurisdiction by any other authority, and none can continue to exist without its sanction. It exercises a general supervision over its Subordinates, and has power to correct their errors in work by summary proceedings. It has power to try and finally determine all controversies between Lodges under its jurisdiction, to hear and decide appeals from the judgments of any of its Subordinates, to try the Subordinates themselves, and to inflict thereon the punishments of suspension of their functions, and forfeiture of their Charters. It may permit a Subordinate to appeal from its judgment to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, but no such appeal will lie without its consent, except in case of expulsion of a Lodge, when the Lodge expelled may, after having delivered up its effects, appeal without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

SECTION 1. All regularly promoted Past Grands, who are members in good standing of Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, and unattached to any other State Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge and no others shall be admitted or retained membership.

SEC. 2. A Past Grand, seeking admission into the Grand Lodge, shall send to the Grand Secretary a certificate from the Subordinate to which he may be attached, setting forth the offices which he has passed, and his standing in said Subordinate.

SEC. 3. A Past Grand, promoted in a Subordinate other than that of which he may be a member when applying for admission into the Grand Lodge, shall send in a certificate of services from the Subordinate in which such services may have been actually performed, and a certificate of standing from the Subordinate of which he may be a member.

SEC. 4. A Past Grand, promoted in a Subordinate out of this State, shall send in a certificate of service from such Subordinate, and a certificate of standing from the Subordinate of which he may be a member.

SEC. 5. A Past Grand, who has been a member of another State Grand Lodge, shall send in a certificate of that fact, and of standing, from such Grand Lodge, and a further certificate of standing Subordinate of which he may be a member.

SEC. 6. If the report of the committee is favorable, the applicants shall be introduced by the Grand Conductor into the Grand Lodge, and shall be instructed according to law, in the degrees to which they may be entitled.

SEC. 7. Every member of the Grand Lodge, in good standing, shall be entitled to a vote at all elections in the Grand Lodge, and on all questions before it, except when a vote by Lodges shall be ordered, provided the presiding officer shall not vote except in case of vote by ballot.

ARTICLE III.

Representation of Subordinates.

SECTION 1. Every Subordinate shall be entitled to *one* Representative, every Subordinate having fifty members, shall be entitled to *two* Representatives, and *one* additional Representative for every additional fifty members.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be elected by each Subordinate from among its Past Grands in good standing. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast, shall be necessary to elect. The Representatives shall retain their seats until the election and reception of their successors. Elections to fill vacancies may take place at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancies.

SEC. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge prevented by any circumstance from sending a delegation from among its own Past Grands, may accredit a proxy or proxies, according to the number of Representatives to which it may be entitled, to serve for one year, except when Representatives shall be present. Elections for proxy Representatives may be held whenever occasion shall require, but must take place at a regular meeting. None but members of the Grand Lodge shall be chosen proxy Representatives.

SEC. 4. No member of this Grand Lodge, sitting as a Representative of his own Subordinate Lodge, shall be recognized as the proxy Representative of any other Subordinate, nor shall any member hold a proxy from more than one Subordinate at the same time.

SEC. 5. Representatives and proxy Representatives shall present certificates of their election, which shall be referred to a standing committee hereinafter designated. If the certificates are reported correct by the committee, the members presenting the same shall be admitted to their seats.

SEC. 6. Five Subordinates, in good standing, may, through their Representatives, demand a vote by Lodges, on any question except an election; and whenever a vote shall be so taken, each Subordinate, in good standing, shall be entitled to as many votes as it can send Representatives under section 1 of this article. Whenever a vote shall be taken by Lodges, none but Representatives, or proxy Representatives, shall be allowed to vote, except where the Grand Lodge may be equally divided, when the presiding officer, as usual, shall have the casting vote. In all cases of votes by Lodges, the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

ARTICLE IV.

Grand Officers.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer and R. W. Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall be elected annually on the first day of the regular Communication.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be the W. Grand Chaplain, W. Grand Marshal, W. Grand Conductor, W. Grand Guardian, W. Grand Herald and as many District Deputy Grand Masters as the interests of the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, require. They shall be appointed annually, by the Grand Master, immediately after his Installation but their appointments must be confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Any appointed officer may be re-appointed.

SEC. 3. The nomination and election of each elective officer shall take place separately, in the order of enumeration in section 1 of this article.

SEC. 4. Nominations shall be made immediately before the election. No member shall be nominated unless he is in good standing and at-

tached to a Subordinate in good standing. No member shall be nominated for any elective office, unless he has been a member of the Grand Lodge for twelve months, provided that none but members who have received the R. P. degree, shall be eligible for Grand Representatives. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden, shall not be nominated for re-election to the office past, until after the lapse of one full term, unless all other members nominated should previously decline. All other elective officers may be nominated for re-election.

SEC. 5. Elections shall always be by ballot, whenever there is more than one candidate for an office, and a majority of all the votes polled shall be necessary to a choice. Ballots for any person not in nomination shall be considered as blanks if on any ballot there be a failure to elect, by reason of blanks, additional nominations may be received, on motion, for that purpose, and thereafter no blanks shall be counted. If more than two members be in nomination and the election fail, the lowest candidate shall be dropped before the renewal of the ballot. Should there, at any time, be more votes cast than members present, the election shall be void, and the balloting shall recommence.

SEC. 6. At every election the Grand Master shall appoint two Tellers, who shall have charge of the ballot box and count the votes, under his supervision. The Grand Secretary shall call the roll, beginning with the presiding officer, and shall proceed according to enumeration in sections 1 and 2 of this article. The P. G. Masters shall next be called, according to seniority; the Lodges shall then be called, beginning with No. 1, passing regularly down to the youngest Lodge. As the name of each Lodge is called, the members thereof shall deposite their votes in the ballot box.

SEC. 7. The installation of Grand Officers shall take place at such time during the regular Communication in January as the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, direct, and shall be conducted by the sitting Grand Master, or a Past Grand Master. All officers shall be installed for one year, and until the installation of their successors.

SEC. 8. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, enforce its laws, and preserve order. He shall give the casting vote in all cases of equal division of the Grand Lodge, except in cases of elections; appoint committees when necessary, unless the Grand Lodge should order otherwise; fill vacancies occurring among the appointed Grand Officers in the recess of the Grand Lodge, by special appointment; grant dispensations for opening new Lodges, under the restrictions hereafter provided, and cause such Lodges to be instituted in proper form; and select the password of the term, and cause the same to be communicated to the proper officers of the several Subordinates. In the intervals between the Communications of the Grand Lodge, he shall exercise its supervising power over Subordinates, correct their errors, and, in doubtful cases, declare the usages and laws of the Order, both general and local. An appeal will lie from his decisions to the Grand Lodge, but they shall be binding until reversed. He shall visit, officially, at least once in every

term, either personally or by deputy, each Subordinate under his jurisdiction, and investigate its standing and condition. When visiting Subordinates officially, he and his deputies shall be received with the honors of the Order. He shall be charged generally with the enforcement of the laws of the Order in the recess of the Grand Lodge. He shall make a report of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction at every regular Communication. He may, in his discretion, order special Communications of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. The Deputy Grand Master shall assist the Grand Master in the performance of his duties. In case of the temporary absence, sickness, or suspension of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside over the Grand Lodge, and discharge the other duties of Grand Master, and in the event of a vacancy, occasioned by the resignation, death, or removal from office of the former, the latter shall become Grand Master, *pro tem.*, and all the powers, duties, and responsibilities of that office shall devolve upon him pending such vacancy.

SEC. 10. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in the preservation of order; shall have special charge of the inner door, subject to the control of the Grand Master; and shall confer, personally, or by deputy, the Grand Lodge or Side Degrees upon all applicants duly qualified. Should the case provided for in section 9 occur, and the office of Deputy Grand Master be vacant, the Grand Warden shall assume the office of Grand Master, temporarily.

SEC. 11. The Grand Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; receive all communications, documents, letters, papers, etc., and submit the same to the Grand Lodge when in session, and in its recess, to the Grand Master; write all necessary communications, and conduct the official correspondence of the Grand Lodge. He shall prepare all certificates, reports, etc., required from this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. He shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinates, receive all dues and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer without unnecessary delay. He shall, at the close of every regular session, prepare a copy of the proceedings for publication, and shall superintend, under the Grand Master and Chairman of the Finance Committee, all printing, and provide necessary stationery. His books and papers shall always be kept ready for the inspection of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Finance Committee. He shall render a full report to the Grand Lodge, of the business of his office, at the expiration of his term, and shall give bond in the sum of two thousand dollars, satisfactory to the Grand Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 12. The Grand Treasurer shall be in charge of the money and assets of the Grand Lodge. He shall deposit the same (whenever the amount exceeds one hundred dollars) in some Bank of the city of New Orleans. He shall keep his accounts in as simple and plain a form as possible, and shall be ready at all times to submit his books and papers to the inspection of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Fi-

nance Committee. He shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge of the business of his office, at the expiration of his term. He shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, satisfactory to the Grand Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the Grand Master shall retain possession thereof.

SEC. 13. The Grand Representatives shall attend the sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. They shall, at the first session of this body after their return from the Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, report in writing as to the legislation of that body, and shall, at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, instruct fully in the unpublished and other work of the Order. They shall be furnished with the certificate required by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of their office.

SEC. 14. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious exercises of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor shall assist in the business and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, under the control and direction of the presiding officer. The Grand Marshal shall take charge of all processions ordered by the Grand Lodge, and on such occasions may depute assistants. The Grand Guardian shall keep the inner door of the Grand Lodge, under the immediate control of the Grand Warden.

SEC. 15. The Grand Herald shall have charge of the property of the Grand Lodge, appertaining to the Hall, take an inventory of the same, and transmit it to the Grand Lodge at the end of his term, and take charge of the outer door and ante-room.

SEC. 16. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the agents of the Grand Master, to supervise and visit the Subordinates within their respective Districts, and to instal their officers. As Deputies of the Grand Master, they shall be vested with his power to correct errors and expound the laws. An appeal will lie from any of their decisions to the Grand Master, but, pending the appeal, such decisions shall be binding. The authority of each shall be confined to the district for which he may be appointed.

SEC. 17. Any officer may resign his office during the session of the the Grand Lodge, and all officers, except the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, may resign during its recess, addressing their letters of resignation to the Grand Master.

SEC. 18. Vacancies occurring in the elective offices during any communication of the Grand Lodge, shall be filled at such communication, in the mode pointed out in this article for the regular elections. Vacancies occurring in the recess, shall be temporarily filled by the Grand Master, and at the next communication, the Grand Lodge shall elect in the mode already prescribed.

SEC. 19. Vacancies occurring at any time among the appointed officers, shall be filled by the Grand Master.

SEC. 20. Should a vacancy occur during the recess in the office of Grand Master, it shall be the duty of the highest remaining officer to order a special Communication of the Grand Lodge within two weeks, to fill such vacancy, and until such Communication, the powers and duties of Grand Master shall devolve upon him.

SEC. 21. In addition to the duties laid down in this article, all Grand Officers shall perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

SEC. 22. Any elective or appointed officer neglecting to attend three consecutive meetings of this Grand Lodge, whether special or otherwise, without some excuse deemed satisfactory by the Grand Lodge, shall forfeit such office, and the same be declared vacant.

SEC. 23. The Grand Secretary and Grand Herald shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may provide.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

SECTION 1. There shall be seven Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge styled respectively, State of the Order, Judicial, Petitions and Appeals, Legislative, Finance, Constitution and By-Laws, and Credentials. Each shall be composed of three members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, as soon after his installation as practicable.

SEC. 2. The Committee on the State of the Order shall have referred to it all questions of law and usage which may be brought before the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Judicial Committee shall be charged with the preparation of all business which may come before the Grand Lodge in its character of Supreme Tribunal. Controversies between Subordinates; and charges against Subordinates, or Grand Officers, or members of the Grand Lodge, not of its own number, shall undergo a preliminary investigation by this Committee, and shall not be open to debate in the Grand Lodge, until the reception of a report.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Petitions and Appeals shall have referred to them all petitions for charters for Subordinate Lodges, all appeals from the judgments of Subordinate Lodges, and appeals from the decisions of the Grand or acting Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. The Legislative Committee shall be charged with the preparation of all business touching the alteration or passage of laws by the Grand Lodge. Every proposition or motion for such a purpose, which may not originate with the Committee, shall be referred to it for consideration, and no debate shall be allowed thereon, until a report shall be received. All communications not merely formal, shall be referred to this committee.

SEC. 6. The Finance Committee shall supervise the finances of the Grand Lodge, and when necessary, devise ways and means for the sup-

port thereof. It shall audit all accounts, and examine the books and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. All bills against the Grand Lodge shall go before this committee, and all motions involving the payment of money, or questions of finance, shall be referred to it.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall have referred to it all proposed amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 8. The Committee on Credentials shall be charged with the examination of reports of Subordinate Lodges, and certificates of applicants for membership in, and of representatives to, this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. It shall be competent to the Grand Lodge, when referring business to these Committees, to designate the time when reports shall be made thereon, which time may be extended in its discretion; but when no other time shall be fixed, the reports shall be due at the first regular meeting next after the reference.

SEC. 10. Vacancies occurring in any of these Committees shall be filled immediately by the Grand Master.

SEC. 11. These Committees shall be authorized to sit in the intervals between the Communications of the Grand Lodge. The Judicial Committee and Committee on Appeals shall have power to require the attendance of any member of the Order, actually in the Parish where such Committee may be in session, and to demand any books, papers or records of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, necessary in the discharge of their duties. An appeal will lie from their orders to the Grand Lodge, when in session, or the Grand Master in recess; but a new appeal may be taken from the decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication.

ARTICLE VI.

Subordinate and Degree Lodges.

SECTION 1. On the written petition of at least five members of the Order, of the Scarlet Degree, accompanied by their withdrawal cards, or certificates of good standing from their Subordinates Lodges, or a certificate from the Deputy Grand Master, or one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that the same have been deposited with such officer and are in due form, the Grand Lodge, if in session, may grant a Subordinate Charter, and in its recess the Grand Master may issue his dispensation for opening a new Lodge; *provided*, that no such dispensation shall be issued if protested against by any Subordinate under this jurisdiction in good standing, but the petition and protest in such case shall be submitted by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication. Dispensations granted by the Grand Master shall be of force until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge thereafter, when a Charter in due form must be obtained; failing which, every Lodge working under such dispensation shall become extinct.

SEC. 2. New Lodges shall be instituted by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, or some member of the Grand Lodge specially deputed by the Grand Master for that purpose, to whom the final cards of the applicants for the Charter shall be delivered. The necessary expenses of the instituting officers shall be borne by the new Lodge.

SEC. 3. No person shall hold membership in two Subordinates under this jurisdiction, at the same time, nor shall any Subordinate confer honorary membership.

SEC. 4. The Grand Lodge shall prescribe a Constitution for the Subordinates under its jurisdiction, which shall declare the general laws regulating such bodies, and insure uniformity so far as necessary, but which shall not deprive such Subordinates of their inherent right to regulate their private affairs. The Constitution so prescribed, shall be binding upon the Subordinates until altered. The power of altering the same shall belong to the Grand Lodge, and shall not be delegated.

SEC. 5. The Grand Lodge may, at any time, pass laws for the establishment of Degree Lodges, and ordain a Constitution for their government.

SEC. 6. Members of a Subordinate in good standing at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid all their arrearages to the Grand Lodge, may, on application to the Grand Secretary receive certificates under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall entitle them to apply for admission into another Subordinate Lodge. No member of an extinct Lodge shall be received as a visitor or member of any Lodge without such certificate: *Provided*, that no certificate shall be issued to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, without the permission of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. No public lecture or address on Odd Fellowship shall be delivered, or processions of Lodges or members of the Order in this jurisdiction be permitted, except on funeral occasions, without the consent of the Grand Lodge. Nor shall any member of this Grand Lodge or member of any Subordinate Lodge be permitted to use unlawfully, any of its symbols, for his own personal interest.

ARTICLE VII.

Penalties.

SECTION 1. Every member of the Grand Lodge guilty of a violation of any law of the Order of force in this jurisdiction, shall be suspended or expelled, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, but such suspension or expulsion shall only affect his standing in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Every Subordinate which may violate its Charter or Constitution, or any law of the Order of force in this jurisdiction, shall be punished by suspension of its functions, or forfeiture of its Charter, in the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Charges under the two sections next preceding the present, shall be referred to the Judicial Committee immediately on their coming before the Grand Lodge, except when a member of that committee shall be implicated, or in any way concerned, and then they shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

SEC. 4. Loss of standing or membership in any Subordinate under this jurisdiction, shall destroy standing or membership in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. While charges are pending in the Grand Lodge, in the case of any Grand Officer, or member of a Standing Committee, such Officer or member of Committee shall be incapable of exercising the functions of his station. The temporary vacancy so occasioned shall be filled in the mode hereinbefore fixed.

SEC. 6. The Past Grands, Representatives, and proxy Representatives of all Subordinates, who may neglect for two terms to make such reports and pay such dues as the Grand Lodge may require, shall lose the privilege of speaking and voting in their respective capacities, until the standing of such Subordinates shall be restored by full compliance with the laws.

SEC. 7. In all cases of forfeiture of Charter of a Subordinate, the funds, books and effects of all kinds, shall revert and belong to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers of such Lodge, to deliver the same without delay to the Grand Master, or some one deputed to receive them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Revenue.

SECTION 1. The fee for a Charter or Dispensation for a new Lodge, shall be at least fifty dollars, and shall, in all cases, be paid before the installation and delivery of the Charter or Dispensation.

SEC. 2. Every Subordinate under this jurisdiction, shall pay semi-annually for the support of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on its entire receipts, except such as may be derived from the W. and O. fund, and invested funds and donations.

SEC. 3. In cases of emergency, the Grand Lodge may increase the Charter fees and dues, prescribed in sections 1 and 2 of this article, or levy a contribution upon its Subordinates; but, unless the vote by Lodges is ordered, a majority of three-fourths of the members in good standing present, shall be necessary to pass a law for such purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

Communications.

SECTION 1. The regular Communications of this Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of New-Orleans on the fourth Tuesdays of January and July.

SEC. 2. Special Communications of the Grand Lodge may be held on the call of the Grand Master, or any other officer vested with authority for that purpose, and on its own adjournment; and, on the written request of ten members in good standing, presented to the Grand Master, he shall call a Special Communication. No business shall be laid before the Grand Lodge at a special Communication, except such as the order for such communication may specify.

SEC. 3. The Grand Lodge shall not be opened, or continue open, unless there are at least seven Lodges represented.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

All amendments or alterations of this Constitution must be proposed at a regular Communication by at least three Past Grands, and shall lie on the table until the next regular Communication thereafter. No such proposition shall take effect, unless carried by a majority of two-thirds.

RULES OF ORDER.

I — ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. The Presiding Officer having taken his station, the officers and members shall take their appropriate seats, and, at the sound of the gavel, there shall be general silence.

2d. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

3d. The roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.

4th. The Minutes shall be read and disposed of.

5th. Certificates and Reports of Subordinate Lodges shall be read, and referred to the proper Standing Committees for immediate action.

6th. New members admitted.

7th. The Grand Lodge and Side Degrees shall be conferred upon qualified applicants.

8th. Reports of Grand Officers shall be read, and referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

- 9th. Communications shall be read, and referred to the proper Standing Committees.
- 10th. Appeals shall be presented, and referred to the proper Standing Committee.
- 11th. The Subordinate Lodges shall be called in their order; and each may, through its Representatives, present any business, which shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.
- 12th. The Standing Committees shall report in their order.
- 13th. The Special Committees shall report.
- 14th. Unfinished business.
- 15th. New business.
- 16th. The Grand Lodge shall be closed in due form.
- 17th. The reports of the Committee on Credentials are privileged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of; but the reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.
- [*Note.*—The Order of Business, as here arranged, may at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with, by a vote of the Lodge.]

II — OF DECORUM.

- 18th. While the Presiding Officer is putting a question or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of nor across the room, nor entertain private discourse.
- 19th. No member shall speak to another, nor otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, nor refuse to obey the Chair.
- 20th. Every officer and member shall be designated, in debate or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.
- 21st. No member shall be permitted to vote nor speak, unless clothed in Regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III — OF THE CHAIR.

- 22d. Before putting a question, the Presiding Officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" and, if no member rise to speak, the question shall be put.
- 23d. All committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise ordered.
- 24th. The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no one rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and, after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the subject, he invites it; and he shall have the privilege only of speaking on such questions from the chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

IV — OF DEBATE.

- 25th. Every member, when he wishes to speak or offer a resolution or motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Presiding Officer.
- 26th. Members, when speaking, shall confine themselves to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as any reflections upon the Order, or the constituted authorities of the Grand Lodge.
- 27th. Should a member be called to order, while speaking, he shall resume his seat until the question of order shall be decided; when, if the decision be in his favor, he may again proceed.

28th. Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt nor disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

29th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless by unanimous consent of the Lodge.

V — OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

30th. Should the decision of a question be doubtful, the Presiding Officer or any member may call for a division thereon.

31st. On the call of one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

32d. A motion to reconsider, must be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority; such motion must be made at the same, or the next succeeding meeting of the session, with the point objected to; and the vote, on the reconsideration, shall be final.

33d. Any member may call for a division of the question, where the sense will admit of it.

34th. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed; in all other cases, the consideration of amendments shall begin with the last and end with the first.

35th. Whenever a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be raised, unless it be to adjourn—to refer—the previous question—to lay on the table—to postpone, indefinitely—to postpone to a certain time—or, to amend. The motions first enumerated shall take precedence, in order of enumeration; the first four shall be decided without debate.

36th. When a motion or resolution has been once negatived or indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again brought forward at the same session; but a motion to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, shall, nevertheless, be in order.

37th. The previous question may be called for by five members, and if seconded by a majority, shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If carried, all amendments not already adopted, shall be precluded, and the main question taken, without debate.

38th. When any petition, memorial, or communication, is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair; should the reading of it be called for, and objected to by a member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge, without debate.

39th. Every member present shall, if required, vote on every question before the Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Lodge.

FORMS.

NO. I—CERTIFICATE OF A PAST GRAND.

..... Lodge, No. ..., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, (or), 185-. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana:

This will certify that Past Grand is a member in good standing of Lodge, No. ..., and has regularly passed through the following offices, to-wit:, Vice Grand and Noble Grand; and recommend him to a seat in your R. W. Body.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my official signature, and have caused the Seal of [SEAL.] said Lodge to be affixed thereto, this day of, A. D. 185-.

ATTEST: N. G.

....., *Secretary.*

NO. II—CERTIFICATE OF A REPRESENTATIVE.

..... Lodge, No. ..., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, (or), 185-. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana:

This will certify that Past Grand, a member in good standing of Lodge, No. ..., was at a regular meeting of said Lodge, held, A. D. 185-, duly elected a Representative to your R. W. Grand Body, for the term of one year from the above date, and until the election and reception of his successor.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my official signature, and have caused the Seal of [SEAL.] said Lodge to be affixed thereto, this day of, A. D. 185-.

ATTEST: N. G.

....., *Secretary.*

[When the Representative is elected to fill a vacancy, the Certificate shall be as follows, beginning as above: "to fill a vacancy occasioned by the of Past Grand" Conclusion same as previous Form.]

NO. III—CERTIFICATE OF A PROXY REPRESENTATIVE.

..... Lodge No. ..., I. O. O. F., }
New Orleans, (or), 185-. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana:

This will certify that Past Grand, of, was, at a regular meeting of Lodge, No. ..., held day of, A. D. 185-, duly elected a Proxy Representative of said Lodge (or any of its Representa-

tives) in your R. W. Body; the duties and powers of said Proxy (or Proxies) to cease whenever a regular Representative, or Representatives, shall be present, and received by your R. W. Body.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my official signature, and have caused the Seal of [SEAL.] said Lodge to be affixed thereto, this day of, A. D. 185-

ATTEST:, N. G.
, Secretary.

NO. IV — PETITION FOR A SUBORDINATE CHARTER.

NEW ORLEANS, (or), 185-

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of Louisiana :

The undersigned, residents of the State of Louisiana, respectfully represent that they are members, in good standing, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, (the evidence whereof is herewith presented,) and that they believe the interests of the Order will be promoted by the establishment of a Lodge in, Parish of: Whereof, they pray that a Charter may be granted, empowering them to work under the name and style of Lodge, No. —.

[Signatures, with rank or degree.]

Dated at, this day of, A. D. 185-

The Petition and Charter Fee must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lode, I. O. O. F., of Louisiana, accompanied by the Withdrawal Cards of the petitioners, or certificates of good standing from their Subordinate Lodges, or the following certificate, to-wit:

I,, D. G. M., (or D. D. G. M.,) do hereby certify that the Withdrawal Cards (or certificates of good standing, from their respective Lodges,) of the applicants for a Charter for a new Lodge, to be located at, and to be hailed Lodge, No. .., are in my possession, and that the same are in due form.

Witness my official signature, at, this day of, A. D. 185-

....., D. G. M. (or D. D. G. M.)

ORDER OF PROCESSIONS.

1. All Grand Processions of Lodges of the I. O. O. F., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, shall be in an order inverse to the seniority of Lodges; that is to say, the junior Lodges shall lead and the Grand Lodge close the Procession.

2. Grand Processions shall be under the entire direction and control of the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge assisted by the Marshals of Subordinate Lodges; who shall each, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, be particularly charged with forming, ordering and conducting their respective Lodges.

3. In all Grand Processions, the Subordinate or Grand Lodges from foreign jurisdictions, or invited guests or visitors, who are not Past Grands nor of the Patriarchal order, will be in the rear of the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and in front of the Patriarchal order.

4. If the Patriarchal order be present, it shall take position in front of the Grand Lodge of the State, in the same order assigned to Subordinate and Grand Lodges as in clause 1.

5. When a Grand Procession has arrived at its destination, the Grand Marshal will halt it and open the rear, at least four paces, directing them to face inwards; he will then pass down the open ranks conducting the Grand Lodge through to the head of the Procession; the Patriarchal order will follow, and then, in succession, the foreign Lodges, visitors and guests, and the Subordinate Lodges according to Seniority. During this portion of the ceremony all the brethren will be uncovered.

6. The Music, if any, will be located in the Procession at the discretion of the Grand Marshal.

7. The internal arrangements of the Subordinate and Grand Lodges will be as follows, to-wit:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

1. The Outside Guardian, with drawn sword.
2. The Banner, supported by two members of the Scarlet Degree.
3. The Inside Guardian, with drawn sword.
4. A Scarlet Degree member, bearing the Charter, (or a roll representing the same,) supported by two Scarlet Degree members.
5. The Scene Supporters, with their rods of office.
6. Brothers, Initiated — two abreast.
7. Brothers of the White Degree — two abreast.
8. Brothers of the Pink or Covenant — two abreast.
9. Brothers of the Royal Blue — two abreast.
10. Brothers of the Green or Remembrance — two abreast.
11. Brothers of the Fifth or Scarlet — two abreast.
12. The Warden and Conductor, with their respective emblems of office.
13. The Treasurer, supported by two members of the Remembrance Degree.
14. The Recording and Permanent Secretaries, each bearing rolls.
15. The Vice Grand, with gavel; supported by his right and left Supporters, with their rods of office crossed.

16. The Noble Grand, with gavel; and supported by his right and left Supporters with rods of office crossed.

[NOTE. — The Marshal, bearing baton of office, will be with his Lodge, or, wheresoever his discretion may direct.]

GRAND LODGE.

1. W. Grand Herald.
2. W. Grand Guardian.
3. Banner, borne by a Past Grand, and supported by two Past Grands.
4. Past Grands inversely, according to seniority — two abreast.
5. Past Grand Masters, according to seniority — two abreast.
6. W. Grand Conductor, supported by two Past Grands.
7. R. W. Grand Treasurer, supported by two Past Grands.
8. R. W. Grand Secretary, supported by two Past Grands.
9. R. W. Grand Warden, supported by two Past Grands.
10. Grand Chaplain, with Bible — supported by two Past Grands. (If the occasion requires an Orator he will be the Chaplain, and the Supporters will be dispensed with.)
11. R. W. Grand Representatives.
12. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
13. The M. W. Grand Master.
14. The Past Grands of other jurisdictions will be in front of the P. Grands of this State.
15. The Grand Marshal, with his baton of office, will be wheresoever his discretion may direct.

If there be a Committee of Arrangements, they will wear some badge to distinguish them, and be with their respective Lodges; or, if members of the Grand Lodge, they will be with that body.

In all Processions, consisting of Subordinate Lodges only, the relative position and conduct of Lodges will be as has been prescribed; except that the Lodge, at whose request and for whose particular benefit the Procession is ordered, will take the post of honor by closing the Procession. Such Procession will be under the entire direction and control of the Lodge which holds the post of honor, and will be assisted by Marshals of other Lodges.

If the occasion requires an Orator, he will be with the Chaplain of the Lodge, holding the post of honor. In which case the Supporters of the Chaplain will be dispensed with.

The Past Grands will be with their respective Lodges, preceding the N. G.

With these modifications, the internal arrangements of each Subordinate Lodge shall be as has been prescribed.

If there be foreign Subordinate Lodges, visitors or guests present, they will precede the Lodge which holds the post of honor.

Whenever the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana is present in a Procession, it will be considered a *Grand Procession*; and the order for the Grand Procession, as has been prescribed, shall be observed, with this one exception, that, if the Procession be at the request and for the benefit of any one individual Lodge, that Lodge shall be placed in the rear of all the other Subordinate Lodges present in the Procession.

Whenever any Lodges, within this jurisdiction, are in Procession, except on Funeral occasions, all the Insignia of office and of the Order shall be used; and no departure from what is herein strictly prescribed shall in any case whatever be permitted, except by special action of the Grand Lodge of the State.

H. W. OLMSTED, *Grand Secretary*.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 11, 1851.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — Henry Bier, R. W. D. Grand Master, presiding; the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

P. G. M. Crickard, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report and resolutions, which, on motion of P. G. H. D. Ogden, were received and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to publishing, in one volume, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, from December, 1846, to the close of the present session, report:

That after a careful examination of all the points connected therewith, they cannot but warmly recommend the measure to your favorable consideration, as being not only practicable, but necessary to meet the wants and wishes of the Order in this jurisdiction. From the estimates furnished through the Grand Secretary, (Chairman of the Committee on Printing,) your committee are enabled to report, that the work can be handsomely executed on good paper, including binding, etc., for the sum of one thousand dollars, or one dollar per copy—estimating the work at 350 pages. The cost of compiling and preparing a correct Index, etc., cannot be computed until the work be printed and the amount of labor ascertained.

In order to cover, in part, this seeming great outlay, the committee would suggest to the Representatives from the several Subordinate Lodges to this body, the propriety of opening subscription lists in their respective Lodges, for such members as may desire to possess a copy, which lists should be returned to the Grand Secretary prior to the work going to press. when, if the number of subscribers would justify it—as we have good reason to believe it would—a larger number might then be issued.

In conclusion, the committee offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption.

JOHN CRICKARD,
F. W. DELESDESNIER.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed to contract with for the printing and binding of at least one thousand copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, say from December, 1846, to the end of the present session: provided the same does not exceed one dollar per copy, estimated at 350 pages, and provided the number of pages should be more or less, to be charged in proportion.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized and requested to present a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States and to each State Grand Lodge under its jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized and requested to cause the several Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, to be furnished with two copies each, with the name and number of the Lodge and the initials N. G. and V. G. lettered thereon.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, from the Special Committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and the committee discharged :

NEW ORLEANS, February 4th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned, a Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of G. Rep. Larue, and a substitute offered by P. G. M. Emerson, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient to legislate upon the subject. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

All of which is submitted,

J. O. NIXON,
WH. H. RICE,
G. W. RACE.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Brother P. G. Dunham and others, members of Nautilus Lodge, No. 28, praying for a Dispensation to receive and act upon an application for membership, from a person who was represented to be sixty-six years of age, respectfully report, that they appreciate the motive which dictated the course pursued by the M. W. Grand Master, but from the high testimonials which they have of the standing and worth of the applicant, Mr., your committee would recommend that the Dispensation be granted.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom were referred certain papers from DeSoto Lodge, No. 7; in relation to certain charges against a brother, and the action of the Lodge held thereon, beg leave to report ; That they have carefully perused the papers and find no petition or any thing in the transcript showing that any appeal was ever taken or granted in the premises by said Lodge. Your committee would therefore suggest that the same be returned to the said Lodge with the reasons for so doing, and your committee further prays to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

In F. L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the same committee made the following report, which was read, and on motion of P. G. M. Stewart, was referred back to the same committee, for further examination with instructions, that, if the report be favorable, the Grand Master be authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the application of a number of Brethren to establish a new Lodge to be located at Vernon, Jackson Parish, respectfully suggest that they have examined said application, and that there are not a sufficient number of applicants "in good standing," the cards of the greater number having expired. Your committee therefore approve of the course pursued by the Grand Master and for the reasons by him given in his report would recommend the refusal of the application.

In F. L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and adopted, and on motion the blank was filled with "33."

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of a sufficient number of Brothers in good standing praying for the establishment of a Lodge in the City of Jefferson, Parish of Jefferson, under the name and style of Pacific Lodge, No. — beg leave to report that they see no objection to the same and recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution.

In F. L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. M. be authorized and requested to issue a Charter, on the production to him of the necessary vouchers, to F. N. Keller and others for the organization of a new Lodge in the City of Jefferson, Parish of Jefferson, to be known and hailed as Pacific Lodge, No.—

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the same committee made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. P. G. Thos. H. Shields from the decision of the N. G. of Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, viz: "refusing to confer more than one degree on a brother on the same evening without the dispensation for conferring the same accompanying the certificates of election to the said degrees," beg leave to report, that in their opinion the appeal should be sustained.

By our laws it requires four weeks to elapse between the receiving of each degree, this law was fully explained but not altered by the resolution of 31st July, 1850, viz: "That it shall be irregular to elect any brother to a degree which he is not legally entitled to receive at the time of the election and four weeks should pass from the time of conferring one degree before a ballot can be had for another, unless in case of dispensation."

The dispensation must be had before the Brother can be elected, hence the dispensation is directed to the Lodge electing, not the Lodge conferring the degree. The responsibility is with the Lodge electing, and as all actions had by a Lodge must be considered to have been legal unless the contrary be shown, it is not to be presumed that any Lodge would elect a brother to several degrees on the same evening, without a dispensation. The dispensation is given to the Lodge electing, it is therefore their property and must remain in

that Lodge, to prove the legality of their act. The certificates in this case stated that the Bro. had been elected *by dispensation*, and we think that this is all that should have been required by the degree Lodge.

In F. L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

The following communication from P. G. M. Crickard, was read and adopted, and the request acceded to.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The undersigned requests the favor to amend his official report, submitted to you on the 25th inst., as follows, viz :

Strike out on page 10 of said report, 10th and 11th lines from the top, the words, "with one exception" ("the G. Sec.") the cause for its original insertion having been removed.

The following action relative to Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, was omitted in said report viz :

In July last I instructed Eagle Degree Lodge, No. 1, that in conferring degrees by dispensation it should until further instructed, invariably require the dispensation to accompany the certificates and when the degrees were conferred to return said dispensation without delay to the Lodge to which it was addressed.

My reason for this instruction, was, that one of the city Lodges had applied for a dispensation to ballot for and confer three degrees, on one of its members, which was refused for reasons deemed satisfactory ; a few evenings thereafter on visiting said degree Lodge and in looking over the Secretary's books, papers, etc., I accidentally discovered on the desk of that officer, three certificates with the words written on the face of each, "by dispensation" the same which had been refused, and hence the instruction referred to.

JOHN CRICKARD.

January 28th, 1851.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the same committee made the following report, which was accepted and the appeal dismissed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Horner from a decision of Delta Lodge, No. 15, declaring certain resolutions offered by him on the 25th October, 1850, to be out of order, respectfully submit, that although they cannot see the necessity or propriety of such resolutions (which are annexed and made part of the report) they deem that if the same were offered at the proper time and in due form they were in order and should have been submitted to the Lodge for their action.

In F. L. and T.,

H. D. OGDEN,
P. HERMAN.

P. G. M. Rice, from the special committee on that portion of the Grand Master's Report, relative to the suspension of National Lodge, No. 18, made the following report, which, together with the accompanying resolutions, was read and adopted, and the committee discharged.

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1851.

To the M. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. L., State of La :

BROTHERS : — The committee appointed upon that portion of the Grand Master's report relating to the suspension of National Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., beg leave to report :

That they met at the office of the Grand Secretary on Thursday the 6th and examined the witness present, their testimony is in possession of the Grand Secretary.

It appears from the testimony and other information obtained by the committee, that for some time previous to the action of the Lodge which led to her suspension a good deal of hard feeling had existed, and at the same time they are convinced that all the difficulties have been caused by the imprudent (to use the mildest term) conduct of a few prominent members.

It appears that brother Meicieses (Warden) on the night of his expulsion had, after a warm discussion on a subject in which he was much interested (the charges preferred by him against brother J. Guiterrez, which had been before the Lodge for some three months without any definite action by the Lodge, and in consequence of which charges being still pending, he had been refused his permanent card several times) twice endeavored to leave the room in the proper manner and been refused by the N. G. he became excited and insisted upon his right to leave, was ordered to his seat by the N. G. who threatened to fine him and he remarked that they might fine him \$100 or \$500 and left by the door of the inner anti-room.

Shortly after brother M. left, P. G. Gomez made a motion to expel brother M. from the Lodge and the order, which motion although there had been no charges preferred, no committee appointed and no opportunity given Bro. M. to defend himself, the N. G. put to the Lodge and took the vote, which resulted three for expulsion and two against it, there not being two thirds in favor of the motion P. G. Gomez stated that it required a two third vote and called upon the N. G. to vote to make it a two third vote ; the N. G. voted for the motion and declared Bro. M. expelled.

The committee feel constrained to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the total want of knowledge, or total disregard of the laws and principles of the Order, shown by the members of the Lodge, who voted to expel Bro. M. the conduct of P. G. Gomez in this matter they conceive to be particularly reprehensible, considering his standing in the order as a P. G. and as an active member. The conduct of the N. G. shows a most inexcusable ignorance of his duties, as from his own testimony he appears to be entirely ignorant of the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge as well as those of the Grand Lodge of La. and the laws of the order generally ; he appears to have been entirely governed by others, and to have gone contrary to his own judgment, at the dictation of others.

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On the 23d December, charges were preferred against Bro. M. (he having been reinstated by order of the Grand Master) these charges are not entered on the minutes but from the testimony it appears they were, in consequence of his conduct on the night of his expulsion, Dec. 3d, declared not cognizable by the Lodge, and P. G. Gomez asked and obtained a copy for the purpose of appealing to the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Lodge.

On the 6th of January the Grand Master suspended the Lodge and referred the whole matter to the Grand Lodge.

The committee from the evidence before them as well as information obtained in the course of the investigation are fully of the opinion that it will be impossible for National Lodge to continue under its charter, as at present constituted, no harmony can exist amongst the members, and the great principles of our order, F. L. and T., will be constantly violated,

they can see no chance of the members meeting together as Brothers, or having that confidence in each other's motives so essential to the peace, harmony, and well being of a Lodge.

The committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the expulsion of Bro. Meicieses, on the 3d of December, was contrary to all the laws and principles of our Order, unjust to the Brother, and injurious to the Order, and showed great ignorance of our laws and principles, on the part of some of the officers and members of the Lodge, and that the same be declared null and void.

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3. *Resolved*, That the course of the Grand Master in suspending National Lodge, No. 18, is highly approved, and that he is entitled to, and is hereby tendered, the thanks of the G. L. for his promptness in so doing.

4. *Resolved*, That the charter of National Lodge, No. 18, be and the same is hereby declared *forfeited*, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to reclaim from the Officers all books, papers, moneys, emblems, seal and regalia, belonging to that Lodge, and also notify the G. L. of U. S. and the several State Grand Lodges of its expulsion.

WM. H. RICE,
JAS. CURRY,
JNO. HAYMAN.

A communication from a number of brothers, late of National Lodge, No. 18, asking a return of their Charter, etc , was read, and on motion of P. G. M. Rice, laid on the table.

P. G. M. Crickard, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which, together with the accompanying resolutions, was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Finance report that in the discharge of their duty, they have carefully examined the books and other documents of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct, with properly authenticated vouchers.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows :

In balance on hand July 23, 1850, as per report of Committee on Finance,	
of that date.....	\$ 192 57
Cash paid the Grand Treasurer by the Grand Secretary, August 3d....	1500 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ Nov. 14th.....	300 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ Jan. 27, 1851..	472 18
Total amount received to date.....	\$2,464 75
Amount paid by the Grand Treasurer, as per his account, the	
vouchers for for which have been duly cancelled and filed..	\$1,470 68
Balance	994 07
	<hr/> \$2,464 75

The committee, in the further discharge of their duty, report that they have received from the late Treasurer, (Rep. C. H. Lee,) the balance, \$994 07, and paid the same to the present Treasurer, as will be seen by the accompanying receipt.

The committee have also to report that they have received from the Grand Secretary, the per centage due and collected by him from the Subordinate Lodges, for the term ending 31st December, 1850, (with one or two exceptions,) amounting to \$1254 85, which they

have also paid to the Grand Treasurer, as will be seen by his receipt, herewith annexed, making in his hands together, this day unappropriated, the sum of \$2,248 92.

In the necessary examination of the books of the Grand Secretary—which they deem it but just and proper to state, are kept in a neat and creditable manner—they find the following entries, viz :

SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

To Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Dr.

For amount paid to old Hall Association.....	\$2,564 50
For profit on same, realized from sale of lots on Poydras st....	76 70
For amount surrendered by J. R. Meekins, H. Williams, P. Brandt, and J. S. Meekins, \$1 50 each.....	6 00
	\$2,647 20

The committee also find the following persons credited with the amounts opposite their names, in open account, viz :

	Paid.	Profit on lots.	Total.
J. Saliba.....	\$50 00	\$1 50	\$51 50
W. Harris.....	25 00	75	25 75
John Frost.....	13 00	39	13 39
J. Bentford.....	5 00	16	5 16
			\$95 80

This amount (\$95 80) they would recommend to the Grand Lodge to purchase, if the parties desire to dispose of the same; and would also recommend an additional appropriation of \$257, in order to purchase 25 7-10 additional shares, so as to make its interest in the new Hall Association equal to *three hundred shares*, and certificates to issue in accordance therewith, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for safe keeping.

The committee, in pursuance of the duty assigned them by the committee to divide the subjects contained in the report of the Grand Master, report, that in consequence of the increased and rapidly increasing duties of the Grand Secretary, they cannot but concur in the recommendation for increased compensation to that officer, as the present stated amount (\$250) they deem wholly insufficient, for the services required.

In conclusion, the committee feel constrained, in justice to the late R. W. G. Treasurer, to state, that in the examination of the books of that officer—opened by himself on entering upon his duties, in January, 1850—they were not only found entirely correct, but in neatness of clerical execution, unsurpassed and worthy of imitation.

The committee have examined the following bills referred to them, which they find correct, and recommend their payment, viz :

D. Felt & Co., stationery for Grand Secretary's office.....	\$14 25
R. Wood, three quarters' salary as Grand Herald.....	\$37 50
Do. sundry expenses incurred by him.....	5 00
Grand Secretary, for sundry contingent expenses.....	39 40
Total.....	\$96 15

All of which, together with the following resolutions, are respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRICKARD,
F. W. DELESDEMIER.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to invest the sum of three hundred and fifty-two 80-100 dollars in stock in "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," in accordance with their recommendation, and that the proper officers be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to obtain three certificates, of one hundred shares each, from "Odd Fellows' Hall Association," for stock owned by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in said Association, and to place the same in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for safe keeping, agreeable to their recommendation.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, as *additional* compensation to the Grand Secretary, for services rendered, for the year ending 31st December, 1850, in accordance with a promise said to be made him, in April last, by the then Chairman (J. A. Amelung) of the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the compensation to the Grand Secretary be and the same is hereby fixed at five hundred dollars for the current year, payable semi-annually, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The M. W. Grand Master appeared and took his seat.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to new districts, report, that they recommend the establishment of the following new districts, viz: District No. 6, to comprise the Third Municipality and Algiers; No. 7, the Parish of Jefferson; No. 8, the Parishes of St. Tammany, Washington, Livingston and St. Helena; No. 9, the Parish of Catahoula; No. 10, the Parish of Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
J. CRICKARD,
RICHARD SWAIN,

Certificates from the following Lodges, accrediting Representatives to this Grand Lodge, were read and adopted, as follows, viz :

From Union, No. 6, that P. G. J. Sidney Relf had been elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of P. G. T. H. Shields.

From Howard, No. 13, that P. Gs. J. G. Duunlap, J. Furneaux, and F. W. Delesdernier, were duly elected its Representatives for the year ending December, 1851.

From Magnolia, No. 22, that P. G. Wm. Emerson had been duly elected from that Lodge.

From Wood, No. 26, that P. G. M. John Crickard had been duly elected a proxy Representative from that Lodge.

P. G. M. Stewart, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, asking the decision of the Grand Lodge as to whether or not a vote is required to withdraw an application for membership, and when a report is to be considered

as presented, report: That an application for membership can be withdrawn at any time before the report of the Committee of Investigation is presented, without vote. A report of a committee is not presented until read in open Lodge by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART,
WM. H. RICE.

The Grand Secretary moved its adoption.

P. G. Dunlap moved to amend by striking out "without vote," and insert in lieu thereof, "by consent of the Lodge."

The question, being on the amendment, was put and carried.

G. Mar. Blake called for the yeas and nays, and Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, for a division of the question, which latter the Chair ruled out of order, and ordered the yeas and nays.

P. G. M. Stewart was, at his own request, excused from voting.

P. G. M. Crickard also asked to be excused, on the ground that he desired to vote for one portion of the report and against the other, but was deprived of doing so, by the Chair overruling the motion to divide; neither had he any disposition to appeal therefrom, and therefore hoped the Grand Lodge would see the propriety of granting his request.

After some further explanation, the Chair reconsidered its decision, and ordered the division.

The ayes and nays were then called on the first part of the report, which was adopted by a vote of 14 to 7, as follows:

YEAS — Armstrong, Bonllemet, Blake, Bier, Crickard, Culliff, Curry, Dunlap, Furneaux, Fulda, Maglone, Nixon, Williams and Whitney — 14.

NAYS — Belcher, Dentzel, McDuff, Morrison, Olmsted, Stockton, and Turner — 7.

The second part of the report was then read (the ayes and nays being waived) and adopted.

P. G. Belcher asked an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and ask the question "whether it is necessary to obtain permission of the Lodge to withdraw an application for membership prior to the report of the committee being presented."

On motion, the appeal was granted and the question agreed to.

P. G. Master Crickard moved to reconsider the whole action, which was put and lost.

On motion of P. G. Dentzel, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this night two weeks at 7 o'clock.

H. W. OLMSTED, *G. Secretary.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 25th, 1851.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this evening at 7 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — Henry Bier, R. W. D. Grand Master, presiding, the Grand Officers, and a due representation from sixteen Subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last adjourned meeting were dispensed with.

A communication from La Salle Encampment, No. 5, asking the Grand Lodge to appropriate a room for it, (in the Grand Lodge Hall,) for the exclusive use of its regalia, paraphernalia, etc., was received and read, and on motion of P. G. Master Crickard, it was referred to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, with power to act, in the absence of a Committee on Hall, etc.

Representative Magner, of No. 19, moved that a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the cause of the absence of the Grand Secretary from his post this evening, which was put and duly carried. The Chair named Representatives Magner, Dunlap, and Grand Representative Shaw, on said committee.

P. G. Master Crickard stated that it had been represented to him, that the Grand Secretary contemplated removing the Seal Press, belonging (it was true) to the Grand Lodge, from its position in the Hall, to the Office of the Board of Directors, of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, temporarily occupied by him, and moved, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to allow said press to remain in said Hall, for the use of the Lodges and Encampments meeting therein, as heretofore.

Grand Representative Shaw moved to amend, by authorizing the Grand Secretary to remove the Seal Press, if he desired to do so; pending which, Representative Nixon, of No. 8, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which latter motion prevailed.

A communication from Hope Lodge, No. 14, was received and read, asking, "if a Subordinate Lodge would be justified in expelling a member for non payment of dues," which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the state of the Order.

Grand Representative Shaw, moved that the sum of five dollars per night, be appropriated, and paid to the lessees of Commercial Hall, corner of Natchez and Camp streets, for each night that it was occupied by the Grand Lodge meeting therein, which was agreed to.

P. D. Grand Master Phelps moved to adjourn until March 11th next, at 7 o'clock, at this Hall, pending which, the Grand Master appeared and stated that he had an important matter to lay before the Grand Lodge, and at his request the motion to adjourn was withdrawn.

The Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that he had received a petition signed by five brothers, for a Lodge to be located in the town of Thibodeaux, and on motion of P. G. M. Crickard, the same was referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

An amendment was offered by Grand Marshal Blake, that the committee be instructed to report to the Grand Master, and that if the same be favorable, he be authorized to issue a charter in conformity with the laws and regulations. The amendment having been accepted, the motion was put and carried, after which, the motion to adjourn, was renewed and carried.

F. A. DENTZEL, *G. Sec.*, pro tem.



INSTITUTION OF PACIFIC LODGE, No. 33.

The Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., convened at Jefferson City, Parish of Jefferson, March 7th, 1851, for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge, to be known and hailed as "Pacific Lodge," No. 33.

PRESENT :

T. H. SHIELDS,	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
H. BIER,	<i>R. W. D. Grand Master.</i>
S. S. BURDETT,	<i>R. W. Grand Warden, pro tem.</i>
G. W. SHAW,	<i>R. W. Grand Representative.</i>
H. WILLIAMS,	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
H. W. OLMSTED.	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
T. N. BLAKE,	<i>W. Grand Marshal.</i>
J. G. DUNLAP,	<i>W. Grand Chaplain, pro tem.</i>
P. CASANAS,	<i>W. Grand Guardian, pro tem.</i>

And P. Gs. Stockton, Heistrand, R. Wood and McDuff.

The Lodge was instituted, and the officers elect installed in ample form, as follows, viz: B. L. Mann, N. G.; Daniel Nafe, V. G. H. H. Williams, Secretary, and W. H. Virgin, Treasurer.

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *G. Sec.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

GRAND LODGE HALL, March 11th, 1851.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, met this evening at 7 o'clock.

Present—T. H. Shields, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

A certificate from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, that P. G. W. W. Wood, was a member in good standing of that Lodge, was read and on motion of the G. Secretary the same was accepted and filed.

P. G. H. D. Ogden, from the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, made the following report, which was read and accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana.

The committee, to whom the report made on the application for the institution of a new Lodge to be located at Vernon, in the Parish of Jackson was referred, with full power to act and grant such application if deemed advisable, respectfully submit :

They have had the subject under serious advisement and from the enquiries which they have made, they are satisfied as to the character, standing and worthiness of the applicants and are desirous to have their prayer granted, if the same can be done legally and without violating the laws and usages of the Order.

Your committee have in vain searched for authority or precedent—"The petition should be signed by at least five members in good standing"—(constitution *G. L. U. S.* art. 11, section 2.)

"*Good standing* signifies contributing membership in a Subordinate Lodge"—(Dig. page 49)

If we were to construe these clauses together, strictly, a brother who had taken a withdrawal card, could not petition for the institution of a new Lodge, but the practice and custom have universally been to grant a charter on the application of brothers holding such *unexpired* cards. During the year after the issuing of such a card, the brother is allowed to deposit his card to visit the Lodges etc. After the expiration of the year these privileges cease, and if the Brother is desirous to renew his connection with the Order it must be by application as "an Ancient Odd Fellow." After the expiration of the year, his connection with the order is entirely severed—he is as it were a stranger—how then can he apply for benefits and privileges which can be granted only "to members in good standing."

Your committee further report that the application is not signed by five members in good standing, that is—that one year has elapsed between the date of the withdrawal cards, and that of the application, but the applicants rely upon the facts, that they were citizens of a sister State, took their permanent cards from the Lodges in that State and to which they belonged, and removed to and settled in a district of this State where there was no Lodge to which they could conveniently attach themselves. The only question is whether these facts are sufficient to exempt them from the operation of the general rule.

Your committee, fearing that in granting the application they would violate the law and well established usage of the Order and would set a dangerous precedent, have abstained from taking any definitive action, and consider that the importance and novelty of the

question demand that it should be submitted to this R. W. Body for its decision. They would therefore respectfully submit the subject, with their views as above explained, to your consideration.

In F. L. and T.

H. D. OGDEN, *Chairman.*

P. G. H. D. Ogden, moved that the application be rejected for the reasons set forth by the committee in said report, which was concurred in.

P. G. M. Stewart from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was on motion accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred communication from Hope Lodge, No. 14, asking if a Subordinate Lodge would be justified in expelling a member for non-payment of dues, after due notification, report that it is a custom in some jurisdictions to do so, but we think it would not be right in this, as the highest penalty named either in the Constitution or By-Laws, for non-payment, is suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

P. G. M. Stewart from the same committee, made the following report which was accepted and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the question, whether the penalty for non-payment of dues, is suspended during absence from or residence out of the State, report that it is not, unless by consent of the Lodge, each Lodge can determine for itself when the circumstance of a case are laid before it, whether the penalty ought to attach or not.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. STEWART, *Chairman.*

Grand Secretary Olmsted from the Committee on Printing made the following report, which was received and adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on Printing beg leave to report, that in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, Feb'y 11th, they have contracted with Messrs. J. H. Maddox & Co., of the "Crescent Office" for the printing and binding of one thousand copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from December, 1846, to the end of the present session, estimating the same at 350 pages, at a cost of one thousand dollars, and provided the number of pages should be more or less, to be charged in proportion.

A copy of the agreement is herewith annexed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. OLMSTED,
WM. H. SLACK.

P. G. M. Crickard, offered the following resolution which was read and adopted, viz :

“Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to have printed 250 copies of the proceedings of the present session as early as practicable, for distribution among the Lodge and Members as heretofore.”

A communication from Howard Lodge, No. 13, transmitting certain amendments, to the By-Laws of that Lodge, was read and referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, of Louisiana. :

The undersigned, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, has taken possession of and now holds the books, papers, furniture, emblems, and regalia of National Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., and has received from said Lodge its funds, amounting to three hundred and eighty-five dollars and five cents, which have been deposited with the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. OLMSTED, *Grand Secretary.*

A communication was received and read from a number of brethren, late of National, No. 18, asking that the charter and property of that Lodge might be restored to them ; referred to the Committee on Petitions and Appeals, with authority to report to the Grand Master, and if the same be favorable he be authorized to grant the same.

A communication from Kentucky, was received and read, and on motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the contents of the same.

A bill for advertising notices in the True Delta, for the year 1851, for the sum of \$10, approved by the Committee on Finance, was read and ordered to be paid.

Rep. Magner, of No. 19, from the special committee to enquire into the cause of the absence of the Grand Secretary at the preceding meeting, reported that in their opinion no further action was necessary for the present, in relation to the Grand Secretary ; the report was, on motion, received, the committee discharged, and the recommendations adopted.

Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report which was received and adopted, and on motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify Howard, No. 13, of the same, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, have examined the addition to the By-Laws of Howard Lodge, No. 13, and beg leave to recommend their approval.

J. O. NIXON.

JNO. W. BELCHER.

P. G. Dentzel proposed to amend the following resolution, adopted by the Finance Committee, at the meeting held on the 11th ultimo.

Resolved, That the compensation to the R. W. Grand Secretary be and the same is hereby fixed at \$500 for the current year, payable semi-annually, on the recommendation of the Committee on Finance.

Substitute for "\$500," "\$600," and strike out all after the word "payable" and insert in lieu thereof "monthly," on the order of the Grand Master. Adopted.

Rept. Magner, of No. 19, offered the following as an additional section to Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which was laid over under the rules.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall have the right of expelling members who have been suspended for the term of twelve months, for non-payment of dues.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. OLMSTED, *Grand Secretary*.

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, May 13th, 1851.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana met at their Hall on Tuesday, May 13th, 1851, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of a call from the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in due form.

Present — Hery Bier, R. W. D. Grand Master, presiding; the Grand Officers, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The call for the meeting was read, as follows:

NEW ORLEANS, May, 9th, 1851.

To Thos. H. Shields, Esq., M. W. G. M., I. O. O. F. of La.:

The undersigned, Past Grands, request that a Special Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Louisiana, be held on Tuesday evening next, the 13th instant, at half-past 7 o'clock, at the Grand Lodge Hall, for the purpose of taking action relative to the Grand Secretary, and that due publication be made thereof, and for such other business as may be brought before it.

(Signed)

S. E. BELKNAP,
WM. H. FOSTER,
ROBERT MOTT,
J. O. NIXON,
J. CRICKARD,
M. J. REIGART,
ALBERT G. LEARY,

EDWARD BARNETT,
W. H. SLACK,
S. MAGNER,
G. W. CHRISTY,
G. RARESHIDE,
JOS. S. SLOAN.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the call was approved.

A certificate from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, that P. G. Thos. J. Hunter is a member in good standing in that Lodge, accompanied by a communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, requesting that this Grand Lodge would confer the Past Official Degrees on said brother, was read and accepted.

A certificate from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, that Brothers Albert G. Leary is a Past Grand of said Lodge, in good standing, was read and accepted.

On motion of P. G. Nixon, the certificates of P. Gs. Hunter and Leary were accepted.

The following letter from P. G. John C. Larue, was read and accepted :

NEW ORLEANS, May 13th, 1851.

BROTHERS — Business of an imperative nature will detain me in New Orleans during the month of September. I shall therefore be unable to attend the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Under these circumstances, permit me respectfully to resign my office of Grand Representative.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JOHN C. LARUE.

P. G. M. Rice moved that the Grand Lodge go into a nomination to fill the vacancy occasioned by said resignation, and nominated P. G. M. John Crickard. There being no other candidate named, on motion, the rules were dispensed with, and P. G. M. Crickard, of No. 1, was declared elected, by acclamation, Grand Representative to the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Grand Representative John C. Larue.

P. G. M. Emerson moved that the office of Grand Secretary be declared vacant. Carried.

P. G. Nixon, in the absence of any official notice to the Grand Lodge, offered the following, which was accepted :

NEW ORLEANS, May 13th, 1851.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I O. O. F. :

The undersigned, Representatives of Crescent Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., beg leave to notify the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, that on Thursday night, April 24th, 1851, Brother P. G. H. W. Olmsted, Grand Secretary, was expelled from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, for "improper conduct and habitual drunkenness."

In testimony whereof, we hereunto attach our names.

(Signed)

J. O. NIXON,
RICHARD SWAIN.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, to notify the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodges of the different States, of the above fact.

P. G. Shaw moved that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the removal of the late Secretary and the appointment of a Secretary, *pro tem.*, be approved. Carried.

P. G. Ogden moved that the nominations for Grand Secretary be now opened.

P. G. M. Rice called for that the election of Grand Secretary be postponed until the next regular session of this Lodge.

P. G. Swain called for the previous question, which, on being put, was carried.

Nominations were then opened, and P. G. Swain nominated P. G. W. W. W. Wood; G. Mar. Stockton nominated P. G. J. A. Ferris; P. G. ——— nominated P. G. M. Rice.

The following P. Gs. were then nominated, and declined, viz: P. Gs. Ogden, Race, Ricardo, Morrison, Dentzel, Cushing and Nixon.

On motion of P. G. Shaw, the election for Grand Secretary was postponed until Thursday, 29th instant.

A bill, amounting to \$240, was presented, for one year's rent of Friendship Hall, to 1st December next, for National Lodge, No. 18, (now suspended,) and referred to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Nixon offered and read the following statement, which, on motion of P. G. M. Stewart, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, viz:

By authority of the M. W. G. M., the following statement of the proceedings had, in relation to charges preferred against a brother, in Templar Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., on the evening of Friday, the 9th May, 1851, respectfully submitted to the R. W. G. L., I. O. O. F., of the State of Louisiana.

At a regular meeting of Templar Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., on the 25th April, 1851, the N. G. advised the Lodge that he had received a written communication containing statements prejudicial to the character and standing of a member of the Lodge. Thereupon he appointed a committee to investigate the same.

At the following meeting, May the 2d, the committee reported, bringing charges against the Brother. On motion, duly made and seconded, the report was received and the committee discharged.

The N. G. then stated to the Lodge that to render the charge cognizable a vote of two-thirds of the members present was necessary, that those who considered the charges cognizable should deposit a "White Ball," and those who considered the charges not cognizable should deposit a "Black Ball." He also stated that he would expect every member of the Lodge present to vote, and requested them to remain in their seats and instructed the Warden to carry the Ballot Box to every member and report all members who refused to vote.

Twenty-one White Balls being cast and Five Black Balls, the charges were declared cognizable.

The N. G. then appointed a committee to take evidence pro and con, in relation to the

charges with power to call for papers etc., in accordance with the regulations of the Order.

At the subsequent meeting on the ninth day of May, 1851, the committee reported, renewing the charges and producing evidence pro and con. After the reading of their report by the Secretary, on motion duly made and seconded, the report was received and the committee discharged.

The N. G. then stated as on the previous occasion that a vote of two-thirds was necessary to sustain the charges and took the vote as before. Bro. Barrett protested against the manner of voting on the ground of irregularity, and in consequence he refused to vote.

The N. G. overruled the objection, but directed the Secretary to enter the protest on the minutes.

The vote having been counted there were eighteen White Balls and eleven Black Balls, whereupon the chair declared the charges not sustained.

After which the usual business was proceeded with in due form, application was made for a permanent card for the accused Brother. Bro. Preau then appealed from the decision of the chair in regard to the necessity of a two-third vote to declare the charges sustained.

The N. G. declared the appeal out of order, and there being no objections made the card was granted.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

THOMAS BRAGG, *N. G.*

May 13th, 1851.

[SEAL] ATTEST, EDWARD EDGAR, *Sec'y.*

P. G. M. Stewart asked leave to appeal from the decision of this body, to the R. W. G. L., of U. S. in relation to the refusal of this Grand Lodge, to grant a charter for a Lodge to be located at Vernon, Jackson Parish, in this State. Granted.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Commercial Hall, on Thursday, 29th inst., at half past 7 o'clock.

J. A. FERRIS, *G. Sec., pro tem.*

ADJOURNED MEETING.

COMMERCIAL HALL, corner Camp and Natchez sts., }
 May, 29th 1851. }

The Grand Lodge met at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present — Thomas H. Shields, Grand Master, the Grand Officers and Representatives, and a due representation from Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was visited this evening by D. D. G. M., W. A. Strong, of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi,

P. G. M. Crickard from the Finance Committee presented the following report which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the examination of the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, report, that on examination of the books of the Grand Secretary, they find that no cash or journal entries have been made since February 11th, the date of their last report.

The condition of the Treasury is as follows, viz:

Amount paid by Com. on Finance to the present G. Treasurer, Feb. 11, 1851...	\$2,248 92
Received from Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, for rent and gas to 1st April....	\$37 50
Received from G. Sec. (acting) for rent and gas, from Wildey Encampment, No. 1, to 1st April	18 75— 56 25
Total amount received	\$2,305 17
Amount paid G. Treasurer, as per vouchers numbered from 44 to 56, inclusive, (\$100 of which being for additional compensation to the G. Sec. for year 1850, and \$100 salary of late G. Sec. to March 31, 1851, \$464 75	
Balance	1840 42
	—————\$2,305 17

Respectfully submitted,

May 29th, 1851.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Chairman*.

Nominations were then opened for Grand Secretary. No further nominations being made, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election.

P. G. M. Crickard and P. G. Rep. Larue were appointed tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the election of P. G. J. A. Ferris.

P. G. M. Crickard, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report and resolutions, which were read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the claim of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, presented by Rep. Magner, against this Grand Lodge, as the custodian of the property of National Lodge, No. 18, for rent, etc., for one year from the 1st December, 1850, amounting to the sum of \$240, report:

That they have carefully examined the records of both Lodges, and the correspondence relating thereto, and have come to the conclusion that there is no foundation for said claim; on the contrary, evidence is on record, showing that the room was rented by the month, at \$20, including gas, use of armoires, cleaning, etc.

It is shown, also, that No. 18 occupied the room from the 1st December, 1850, until the 6th of January, 1851, the date of its suspension.

Polar Star, No. 19, however, in the opinion of your committee, is clearly entitled, in equity, to the rent at the rate agreed upon, until the 11th of February last, (and in fact for the whole of that month,) the date of the expulsion of No. 18.

In conclusion, the committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

JOHN CRICKARD, *Chairman*.

May 29th, 1851.

Resolved, That the claim of Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, against this Grand Lodge, for \$240, being for rent of National Lodge, No. 18, be dismissed.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and requested to pay to Polar Star Lodge, No. 19, sixty dollars, out of any money in the hands of the Grand Treasurer belonging to National Lodge, No. 18, being for three months' rent due by it in full to No. 19.

A communication from P. G. Brichta, asking that a committee be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, to examine into the case of a member of Germania Lodge, No. 29, who had been expelled from that Lodge, was read, and on motion of P. G. Dunlap, laid on the table.

The following communication from P. G. M. Crickard, tendering his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, was read and accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to tender this, his resignation, as a member of the Committee on Finance, of your R. W. Body.

Fraternally, etc.,

May 29th, 1851.

JOHN CRICKARD.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Rep. G. W. Race, of No. 12, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of P. G. M. Crickard.

A certificate from Union Lodge, No. 6, that P. G. Twyble was in good standing in that Lodge was read and accepted.

On motion of Rep. Nixon, of No. 8, the rules were suspended, and P. G. Twyble invited to take a seat, as a member of this Grand Lodge.

A letter from P. G. T. N. Blake, tendering his resignation as Grand Marshal, was read and accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. James Stockton, of No. 12, to the office of Grand Marshal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of P. G. Blake.

A communication from Columbus Lodge, No. 24, asking for instructions on various questions, was read and referred to the M. W. G. Master.

P. G. Master Crickard offered a resolution that the proceedings of the called and adjourned meetings be printed with the proceedings of the January session, now in progress of printing. Adopted.

On motion of P. G. M. Williams, the salary of the W. G. Herald was increased from \$50 to \$100 per annum.

Rep. Minister, of No. 12, moved that the sum of \$100, be appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the relief of Bro. F. Gracia, of ——— Lodge, D. C.

P. G. Montgomery offered an amendment that the amount be refunded to the Grand Lodge, by the General Relief Committee, which was accepted.

P. G. M. Crickard, moved to lay the motion and amendment on the table, and that the applicant be referred to the General Relief Committee. Lost.

The question then recurring on the motion of Rep. Minister, as amended, was put and carried.

On motion of P. G. M. Crickard, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

J. A. FERRIS, *Grand Secretary*.

OFFICERS

OF THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

FOR THE YEAR 1851.



THOMAS H. SHIELDS,	of No. 6,	M. W. GRAND MASTER.
HENRY BIER,	" 14,	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
BERNARD MAGLONE,	" 15,	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.
J. A. FERRIS,	" 11,	R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.
HENRY WILLIAMS,	" 12,	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.
G. W. SHAW,	" 6,	} R. W. G. REPRESENTATIVES.
JOHN CRICKARD,	" 1,	
C. W. WHITALL,	" 17,	W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.
JAMES STOCKTON,	" 12,	W. GRAND MARSHAL.
V. BOULLEMET,	" 22,	W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.
J. FULDA,	" 10,	W. GRAND GUARDIAN.
P. CASANAS,	" 12,	W. GRAND HERALD.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

P. G. B. WELLS,	of No. 21,	District No. 1,	SHREEVEPORT.
P. G. J. W. LYMAN,	" 20,	" " 2,	FRANKLIN.
P. G. A. MATTA,	" 7,	" " 3,	BATON ROUGE.
P. G. J. E. DUNHAM, ...	" 28,	" " 4,	BALIZE.
P. G. J. P. PRESCOTT, ..	" 30,	" " 5, ...	LAKE PROVIDENCE.
P. G. GEO. HOOPER, ..	" 3,	" " 6,	THIRD MUNICIPALITY.
P. G. S. S. BURDETT, .	" 9,	" " 7,	LAFAYETTE.
P. G. W. L. CUSHING, .	" 31,	" " 8,	COVINGTON.
P. G. WM. DALE,	9.		

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance.

P. G. M.,	J. CRICKARD,	of No. 1,
P. G.	F. W. DELESDESNIER,	" 13,
P. G.	DANIEL WHEELER,	" 17.

Committee on the State of the Order.

P. G. M.	J. D. STEWART,	.....of No. 1,
P. G. M.	C. M. EMERSON,	..... " 12,
P. G. M.	WM. H. RICE,	..... " 22.

Committee on Correspondence.

P. G.	G. W. RACE,	.....of No. 12,
P. G.	F. BRICHTA,	..... " 23,
P. G.	J. C. NORCROSS,	..... " 3.

Committee on Petitions and Appeals.

P. D.	HENRY D. OGDEN,	.....of No. 8,
P. G.	P. HERMAN,	..... " 1,
P. G.	S. E. BELKNAP,	..... " 11.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

P. G.	J. O. NIXON,	.....of No. 8,
P. G.	JAS. MARTIN,	..... " 24,
P. G.	J. W. BELCHER,	..... " 14.

Committee on Elections and Returns.

P. G.	A. W. JOURDAN,	.....of No. 9.
P. G.	S. MAGNER,	..... " 19,
P. G.	R. BROWN,	..... " 1.

Committee on Printing.

R. W. G.	SECRETARY,	
P. G.	JOS. ETTER,	.....of No. 11,
P. G.	W. H. SLACK,	..... " 14.

R E P R E S E N T A T I V E S , 1 8 5 1 .

<i>Louisiana Lodge</i>	No. 1....	J. Crickard, J. D. Stewart, S. Hopkins, Jr.
<i>Washington</i>	" "	3.... George Hooper.
<i>Union</i>	" "	6.... J. Sidney Relf, G. W. Shaw, B. Cohen, an S. Head.
<i>De Soto</i>	" "	7... H. Jones.
<i>Crescent</i>	" "	8.... J. O. Nixon, Richard Swain, Charles H. Lee.
<i>Jefferson</i>	" "	9.... A. S. Phelps, W. P. Sunderland, S. S. Burdett.
<i>Teutonia</i>	" "	10.... Julius Fulda, John E. Reuter, C. J. Young.
<i>Orleans</i>	" "	11.... Jos. Etter, J. A. Ferris, T. H. Jackson.
<i>Commercial</i>	" "	12.... G. W. Race, T. Murray, T. N. Blake, R. H. Minister.
<i>Howard</i>	" "	13.... J. G. Dunlap, F. W. Delesdernier, J. Furneux.
<i>Hope</i>	" "	14.... Henry Bier, J. W. Belcher, W. H. Slack.
<i>Delta</i>	" "	15.... J. A. Mitchell, J. Bensadon, J. S. Sloan.
<i>Templar</i>	" "	16.... E. A. Patterson.
<i>Covenant</i>	" "	17.... John Paisley.
<i>Polar Star</i>	" "	19.... A. Chiapella, Edward Burnett, S. Magner, S. Buissard.
<i>St. Mary's</i>	" "	20....
<i>Neith</i>	" "	21....
<i>Magnolia</i>	" "	22.... J. H. Whitney, W. T. Benedict, Wm. Emerson.
<i>Independence</i>	" "	23.... Chas. Gehebe, F. Brichta.
<i>Columbus</i>	" "	24.... Jas. Martin, E. B. Dohm, W. Sarazin.
<i>Wood</i>	" "	26.... John Crickard, <i>proxy</i> .
<i>Clinton</i>	" "	27....
<i>Nautilus</i>	" "	28.... R. H. Minister, <i>proxy</i> , J. E. Dunham.
<i>Germania</i>	" "	29.... Peter Herman, Peter Daniel.
<i>Carroll</i>	" "	30....
<i>St. Tammany</i>	" "	31.... C. M. Emerson, C. C. Delacroix, W. L. Cushing.
<i>Trinity</i>	" "	32.... S. K. McMasters.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; commencing June 30, 1846, and ending July 1, 1847.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana is composed of ninety-four members, and has under its jurisdiction fourteen working Lodges.

LODGES.	Number.	WHERE HELD.	PARISH.	TIME OF MEETING	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Expulsion.	Deaths.	Past Grands.	Contributing Members.	NAMES OF P. G. MASTERS.	REVENUE.
Louisiana	1	New Orleans	Orleans	Friday	67	11	16	40	..	1a	1	13	131	\$2,457 22	A. Mondelli.	
Washington	3	Do.	Do.	Thursday	29	8	2	4	..	16	..	412	95	1,760 35	G. Hillman.	
Feliciana	4	Bayou Sara	East Feliciana	Tuesday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	H. Williams.	
Union	6	New Orleans	Orleans	Monday	47	7	16	14	4	1d	1	20	171	2,007 04	G. W. Cable.	
De Soto	7	Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	Thursday	17	1	5	6	1	e/f	1	8	54	730 71	C. W. Withall.	
Crescent	8	New Orleans	Orleans	Tuesday	54	1	6	17	..	..	..	219	143	2,021 78	W. H. Rice.	
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	Jefferson	Do.	19	2	4	4	..	..	..	4	35	630 43	..	
Teutonia	10	New Orleans	Orleans	Do.	41	10	6	..	..	..	..	3	57	1,311 67	..	
Orleans	11	Do.	Do.	Do.	68	4	20	1	..	..	..	6	86	2,184 39	..	
Commercial	12	Do.	Do.	Wednesday	93	10	19	4	3	..	1	5	124	2,502 16	..	
Howard	13	Do.	Do.	Thursday	47	3	6	2	..	..	..	2	57	1,122 20	..	
Hope	14	Do.	Do.	Wednesday	37	3	11	..	..	..	..	1	48	1,009 83	..	
Delta	15	Do.	Do.	Monday	29	4	12	..	..	..	..	1	40	605 75	..	
Templar	16	Do.	Do.	Friday	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
					548	64	123	92	7	2	3	10	94	1041		\$ 18,260 53

a T. J. Calder, for forger; b J. D. Gallagher, non-payment of dues; c No report; d P. G. T. Wack, for oppressing the widow of a deceased brother; e C. H. Hill, for drunkenness; f J. B. Dufrou, improperly elected.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

Showing the Relief in the year commencing June 30th, 1846, and ending July 1st, 1847.

LODGES.	Numbers.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widows Relieved.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	Am't paid for Relief of Bros.	Amount paid for Relief of Widows.	Amount paid for Education of Orphans.	Amount paid for Burying the Dead.	TOTAL AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
Louisiana	1	8		1	\$162 00	\$ 20 00		\$ 65 00	\$ 254 00	
Washington	3	13	1	4	434 00			260 00	694 00	
Feliciana	4									
Union	6	7	1	1	140 00	20 00		65 00	225 00	
DeSoto	7	2	1	1	20 00	25 00		120 00	110 00	
Cresecent	8	11	1	2	379 00	35 00			534 00	
Jefferson	9	1		1	10 00			17 50	10 00	
Teutonia	10	2		1	33 50				33 50	
Orleans	11	2		1	25 00				25 00	
Commercial	12			1						
Howard	13			1						
Hope	14			1						
Delta	15			1						
Templar	16			1						
		46	2	9	\$1210 50	\$ 90 00		\$ 592 50	\$ 1885 50	No Report.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; commencing July 1, 1847, and ending June 30, 1848.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana is composed of one hundred and forty-two members, and has working under its jurisdiction nineteen Lodges.

LODGES.	Numbers.	WHERE HELD.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Pst Grands.	Contrib- utors	NAMES OF P. G. MASTERS.	REVENUE.
Louisiana.....	1	New Orleans.	Friday.	27	12	13	6	3	17	..	5	24	151	A. Mondelli.	\$ 2420 88
Washington....	3	Do.	Thursday.	21	7	3	23	2	4*	..	1	8	89	G. Hillman.	1405 05
Union.....	6	Do.	Monday.	36	15	13	15	3	18	..	2	22	179	H. Williams.	2264 08
DeSoto.....	7	Baton Rouge.	Thursday.	10	..	1	4	2	3	..	1	8	61	G. W. Cable.	599 35
Crescent.....	8	New Orleans.	"	24	2	7	10	..	3	..	3	21	158	William Biggs.	2003 53
Jefferson.....	9	Lafayette.	Tuesday.	32	3	3	..	..	..	1†	4	7	68	C. W. Whitehall.	1105 90
Teutonia.....	10	New Orleans.	"	16	7	3	14	2	2†	..	4	4	59	Wm. H. Rice.	725 00
Orleans.....	11	Do.	"	16	..	7	7	..	..	1||	3	7	96	D. S. Gaus.	1372 32
Commercial....	12	Do.	Wednesday.	50	9	17	11	1	..	..	5	8	178		2994 10
Howard.....	13	Do.	Thursday.	22	8	4	19	..	..	..	2	2	65		1205 09
Hope.....	14	Do.	Wednesday.	45	2	10	6	..	..	..	2	5	97		2371 72
Delta.....	15	Do.	Monday.	17	2	7	15	..	..	..	..	4	50		998 30
Templar.....	16	Do.	Friday.	35	1	5	2	..	..	..	..	3	47		1475 40
Covenant.....	17	Do.	Tuesday.	27	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	7	49		1010 90
National.....	18	Do.	Friday.	34	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	43		1187 00
Polar Star....	19	Do.	Wednesday.	52	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	70		2046 59
St. Mary's....	20	Franklin.	Wednesday.	59	15	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	69		1213 87
Neith.....	21	Shreveport.	Wednesday.	30	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	3	40		854 45
Magnolia.....	22	New Orleans.	Monday.	13	1	15	3	..	..	..	..	1	25		480 96
				566	99	136	136	13	47	2	32	142	1594		\$27,734 49

* P. G. Thompson, for writing an anonymous letter with intent to injure a brother, † E. R. Beach, conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in his business transactions. ‡ A. Carl, F. Wild, by order of the Grand Lodge. || T. R. Byrne, obtaining money from brothers under false pretences, and conduct generally unbecoming a member of the Order.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

Showing the Relief in the year commencing July 1, 1847, and ending June 30, 1848.

LODGES.	Numbers.	Brothers relieved.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widows.	Amount paid for burying the Dead.	TOTAL AMOUNTS.	REMARKS.
Louisiana.....	1	23	..	5	\$417 00	\$.....	\$339 00	\$756 00	.....
Washington.....	3	23	1	1	400 00	40 00	.....	440 00	.....
Union.....	6	22	..	2	716 79	.....	185 50	902 29	.....
DeSoto.....	7	3	..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crescent.....	8	19	..	3	814 50	.....	286 16	1100 66	.....
Jefferson.....	9	12	1	4	.....	.....	.....	297 00	.....
Tentoni.....	10	20	1	4	355 00	80 00	.....	435 00	.....
Orleans.....	11	8	1	3	365 00	.....	300 00	665 00	.....
Commercial.....	12	32	..	5	1034 20	.....	325 00	1359 20	.....
Howard.....	13	1	..	2	45 00	.....	31 50	79 50	.....
Hope.....	14	5	..	2	149 75	.....	10 00	159 75	.....
Delta.....	15	3	..	..	117 15	.....	.....	117 15	.....
Templar.....	16	3	..	..	.....	.....	.....	57 00	.....
Covenant.....	17	3	..	..	30 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....
National.....	18	1	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Polar Star.....	19	2	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's.....	20	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neith.....	21	1	..	..	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....
Magnolia.....	22	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	151	3	32	32	\$4511 39	\$120 00	\$1480 16	\$6408 55	No report.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

For the term ending June 30th, 1848.

LODGES.	Numbers.	LOCATION.	Initiation.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	No. Degrees conferred.	No. of P. Gs.,	No. of contributing members.	PER CENT.	
														FOR PAST TERM.	DUE G. LODGE.
Louisiana	1	New Orleans	14	4	7	1	..	..	..	..	79	24	151	\$1196 24	\$107 43
Washington	3	do.....	10	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	74	8	89	749 85	65 40
Union	6	do.....	18	8	9	5	1	18	..	..	76	22	179	1109 55	96 31
De Soto	7	Baton Rouge	4	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	18	8	61	271 19	23 50
Crescent	8	New Orleans	14	1	5	7	..	3	..	..	12	21	158	823 50	66 89
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	23	3	2	1	..	..	1	1	67	7	68	665 35	63 70
Tentonia	10	New Orleans	13	3	2	1	2	..	..	..	49	4	59	459 60	42 65
Orleans	11	do.....	5	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	96	710 62	61 61
Commercial	12	do.....	28	3	10	6	..	..	1	..	110	8	178	1509 05	134 47
Howard	13	do.....	13	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	64	2	65	633 83	59 09
Hope	14	do.....	22	1	6	2	..	..	..	..	118	5	97	1285 00	120 44
Delta	15	do.....	7	2	2	13	..	..	..	..	23	4	50	462 84	42 20
Templar	16	do.....	11	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	81	3	47	604 40	57 13
Covenant	17	do.....	17	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	49	7	49	581 40	54 86
National	18	do.....	20	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	4	43	730 87	69 84
Polar Star	19	do.....	31	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	122	3	70	1442 39	96 84
St. Mary's	20	Franklin	59	15	9	..	..	..	..	..	155	1	69	1213 87	118 10
Neith	21	Shreveport	30	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	107	3	40	854 45	85 44
Magnolia	22	New Orleans	13	1	15	3	..	..	..	..	23	1	25	480 96	46 06
			352	62	81	63	5	25	2	4	1294	142	1594	\$15,784 96	\$1411 99

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

For the Term ending December 31, 1848.

LODGES.	Numbers.	LOCATION.	Initiation.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Number of Degrs conferred.	Number of Past Grands.	Number of contrib-uting Members.	RECEIPTS FOR PAST TERM.	PER CENT DUE G. LODGE.
Louisiana	1	New Orleans	12	3	2	3	2	6	1	..	60	25	157	\$ 928 82	\$78 95
Washington.....	3	do	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	8	92	532 86	47 70
Union	6	do	17	6	..	..	3	11	..	6	90	21	186	1,454 88	124 49
DeSoto	7	Baton Rouge	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	8	52	105 32	8 21
Crescent	8	New Orleans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	23	161	749 86	62 62
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	9	..	3	1	..	..	1	3	40	9	75	530 55	46 43
Teutonia	10	New Orleans	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	62	4	62	535 85	48 25
Orleans	11	do	3	1	..	2	..	5	2	2	22	6	90	506 44	43 07
Commercial	12	do	14	3	5	7	..	8	..	..	91	10	182	1,315 44	109 94
Howard	13	do	6	4	2	..	..	9	..	..	17	3	64	476 86	42 77
Hope	14	do	8	6	4	..	1	1	1	3	62	6	103	843 70	75 91
Delta.....	15	do	6	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	28	4	48	451 81	40 36
Templar	16	do	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	4	55	421 14	38 29
Covenant.....	17	do	11	1	3	2	..	..	..	1	33	8	58	598 87	54 12
National.....	18	do	7	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	27	4	48	393 85	35 93
Polar Star.....	19	do	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	44	4	73	427 81	35 51
St. Mary's.....	20	Franklin	13	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	103	3	83	634 71	59 79
Neith.....	21	Shreveport	8	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	25	4	50	380 91	33 93
Magnolia.....	22	New Orleans	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	26	2	28	306 85	27 30
	148		35	35	35	44	6	45	6	25	793	156	1667	\$11,596 53	\$1,013 57

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; commencing July 1, 1848, and ending June 30, 1849.

The R. W. G. Lodge of Louisiana is composed of one hundred and seventy-three members, and has working under its jurisdiction twenty-three Lodges.

LODGES.	Numbers.	WHERE HELD.	PARISHES.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Reflections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.*	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Pst Grands.	Contributing Members.	NAMES OF F. G. MASTERS.	REVENUE.
Louisiana.....	1	New Orleans..	Orleans.....	Friday.....	31	3	7	17	9	22	1	3	22	152	A. Mondelli.	\$ 2376 73
Washington.....	3	Do.....	Do.....	Thursday...	21	2	1	5	1	10	4	9	9	89	G. Hillman.	1250 76
Feliciana.....	4	St. Francisville.	West Feliciana	Tuesday.....	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	7	7	13	H. Williams.	54 50
Union.....	6	New Orleans..	Orleans.....	Monday.....	38	10	12	16	6	23	9	20	20	189	G. W. Cable.	3025 22
DeSoto.....	7	Baton Rouge..	E. Baton Rouge	Thursday...	9	3	2	11	..	3	2	9	9	51	C. W. Whithall.	569 00
Crescent.....	8	New Orleans..	Orleans.....	Do.....	14	..	7	17	..	6	2	4	20	150	W. H. Rice.	1714 78
Jefferson.....	9	Lafayette.....	Jefferson.....	Tuesday.....	22	3	6	7	..	..	2	6	6	81	D. S. Gans.	1164 46
Teutonia.....	10	New Orleans..	Orleans.....	Do.....	25	3	5	12	..	1	3	3	74	Jas. D. Stewart.	1466 00	
Orleans.....	11	Do.....	Do.....	Do.....	8	1	1	12	2	15	1	2	7	77	..	1299 49
Commercial.....	12	Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday..	50	6	21	14	3	14	1	2	15	215	..	3413 80
Howard.....	13	Do.....	Do.....	Thursday...	20	6	4	2	2	9	3	4	4	77	..	1094 43
Hope.....	14	Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday..	27	9	10	6	1	1	1	7	9	121	..	2041 10
Delta.....	15	Do.....	Do.....	Monday.....	13	3	2	8	1	5	1	2	5	50	..	914 48
Templar.....	16	Do.....	Do.....	Friday.....	30	1	6	2	2	..	3	5	50	80	..	1327 74
Covenant.....	17	Do.....	Do.....	Tuesday.....	21	5	5	7	..	..	3	8	8	63	..	1288 77
National.....	18	Do.....	Do.....	Friday.....	18	3	11	1	1	1	3	5	48	48	..	938 65
Polar Star.....	19	Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday..	22	2	3	6	..	1	2	6	6	88	..	1298 87
St. Mary's.....	20	Franklin.....	St. Mary's.....	Wednesday..	30	6	3	9	..	1	2	3	3	91	..	1465 95
Neith.....	21	Shreveport...	Caddo.....	Monday.....	14	4	6	3	3	..	2	5	55	55	..	775 34
Magnolia.....	22	New Orleans..	Orleans.....	Wednesday..	20	2	4	3	..	1	1	1	3	42	..	897 69
Independence.....	23	Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	..	160 64
Columbus.....	24	Algiers.....	Do.....	Do.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Report.	.....
Wood.....	26	Mansfield.....	DeSoto.....	Do.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Report.	.....
					437	72	106	166	32	114	9	65	173	1819		\$28,538 40

* Suspensions are all for non-payment of dues. Expulsions—G. H. Freeman, from No. 1; J. W. Wheaton, E. R. Beach, from No. 9; J. L. Poole, from No. 11; Theo. Roush, from No. 19, for conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows. Amos Horn and Emory Clapp, from No. 8; Geo. A. White, from No. 14, for contempt. James Dyson, from No. 15, for dishonest and dishonorable conduct.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

Showing the Relief in the year commencing July 1, 1848, and ending June 30, 1849.

LODGES.	Numbers.	Brothers relieved.	Widowed families relieved.	Brothers buried.	Am't paid for Relief of Brothers.	Am't paid for Relief of Widows.	Am't paid for Educa-tion of Or-phans.	Am't paid for Burying the Dead.	TOTAL AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
Louisiana.....	1	22	..	3	\$536 00	\$	\$	\$255 00	\$791 00	No Report. No Report.
Washington.....	3									
Feliciana.....	4	12	2	9	667 75	105 00	25 00	370 50	1143 25	
Union.....	6	4	..	1	55 00			50 00	130 00	
DeSoto.....	7	8	..	4	430 00			185 00	615 00	
Crescent.....	8	15	..	6	370 00			50 00	420 00	
Jefferson.....	9	19	2	2	219 00	30 00	14 00	79 50	342 50	
Teutonia.....	10	19	..	1	84 00			100 00	184 00	
Orleans.....	11	5	..	4	442 00			275 00	717 00	
Commercial.....	12	16	..	3	88 00			170 00	258 00	
Howard.....	13	4	..	6	317 00			340 00	657 00	
Hope.....	14	6	..	2	108 00			155 50	263 50	
Delta.....	15	4	..	2	306 50			199 00	505 50	
Templar.....	16	13	1	3	70 00	20 00		278 25	368 25	
Covenant.....	17	4	1	4	129 00			173 00	302 00	
National.....	18	9	..	1	108 00			71 50	179 50	No Report.
Polar Star.....	19	3	..	2						
St. Mary's.....	20	2	..	1	15 00			50 00	65 00	
Neith.....	21	2	..	2	42 00			.....	42 00	
Magnolia.....	22	2	..	1						No Report.
Independence.....	23	2	..	..						No Report.
Columbus.....	24	2	..	..						No Report.
Wood.....	26	45	5	54	1131 50	155 00	\$39 00	\$2802 25	1131 50	
Expended by General Relief Committee of N. O.	193	5	54	54	\$5118 75	\$155 00	\$39 00	\$2802 25	\$8115 00	

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES,
 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.
 For the Term ending December 31, 1849.**

LODGES.	Numbers.	LOCATION.	Initiation.	Rejected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdr'n by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	Number of Degrees conferred.	No. of Past Grands.	No. of contributing members.	RECEIPTS FOR PAST TERM.	PER CENT. DUE G. LODGE.	REMARKS.
Louisiana . . .	1	New Orleans	18	2	7	16	2	8	1	2	82	21	152	\$1310 45	\$109 31	
Washington . .	3	do. do. do.	5	3	1	6				2	28	6	86	423 97	33 91	
Feliciana . . .	4	S. Francisville	4		1	2						6	9	53 50	4 15	
Union	6	New Orleans	4	2	3	11	2	8	2	1	35	24	167	1008 22	81 31	
DeSoto	7	Baton Rouge	3	1	2	6	1	6			23	8	45	318 70	23 69	
Crescent	8	New Orleans	9	1	2	5		2			31	20	155	878 94	75 47	
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	21	2	1	14		2		3	62	7	94	865 14	77 56	
Tentonia	10	New Orleans	5			1	1	2	1	3	20	4	63	368 50	33 08	
Orleans	11	do. do. do.	1	1	1	3	2	14			11	7	70	457 99	37 76	
Commercial . . .	12	do. do. do.	13	1	7	13					75	16	210	1640 63	140 10	
Howard	13	do. do. do.	10	2	1	6					44	6	81	569 75	51 67	
Hope	14	do. do. do.	13		5	4		3	1	1	54	11	131	1091 94	98 84	
Delta	15	do. do. do.	11		1						31	4	61	530 56	49 22	
Templar	16	do. do. do.	15	1	2	1		2		2	52	5	94	933 65	84 25	
Covenant	17	do. do. do.	2	2	3	2				1	12	11	65	286 98	24 77	
National	18	do. do. do.	7		2		5				30	5	50	442 10	44 21	
Polar Star . . .	19	do. do. do.	43	1	1				1	1	91	7	131	1756 19	139 87	
St. Mary's . . .	20	Franklin	11	7	2						44	4	104	622 48	56 03	
Neith	21	Shreveport	2	1		7			1	1	9	5	51	260 61	21 54	
Magnolia	22	New Orleans	12		2	1					63	5	56	614 46	37 70	
Independence . .	23	do. do. do.	10	3	2	5					16	2	24	386 75	97 70	
Columbus	24	Algiers	9	3	6	1				2	14	1	13	331 50	32 15	New Lodge.
Wood	26	Mansfield	32	2	1					1	94	1	37	895 78	86 43	Do.
Clinton	27	Clinton	3	2	2						36	1	11	251 09	25 10	Do.
Nautilus	28	Balize	6	2	2						19	1	21	247 00	23 50	Do.
Germania	29	Lafayette	20	3	17	1					33	2	36	641 25	63 52	Do.
Total			285	37	74	106	8	54	7	23	1009	190	2017	\$17,188 13	\$1516 58	

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F.,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; commencing July 1, 1849, and ending June 30, 1850.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana is composed of two hundred and eight members, and has working under its jurisdiction twenty-eight Lodges.

LODGES.	WHERE HELD.	PARISH.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Reflected.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Past Grand.	Contrib'ng Members.	NAMES OF P. G. MASTERS.	REVENUE.	REMARKS.	SUSPENSIONS:	
Louisiana.....	1 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Friday.....	24	3	40	24	13	13	1	23	147	A. Mondelli.....	\$ 2303 38	No Report	No. 1. William Wilson, No. 2. E. A. F. Mitchell, No. 13. F. Argudo, No. 23. C. A. Bigelow, No. 29. John Massoranff,	
Washington.....	3 Do.....	Do.....	Thursday.....	6	6	2	15	14	14	3	6	64	George Hillman.....	827 66			
Feliciana.....	4 St. Francisville.....	West Feliciana.....	Tuesday.....	13	5	9	19	17	17	3	7	22	H. Henry Williams.....	2004 10	No Report	No. 6. F. S. Bardet, No. 20. G. B. Shepherd,	
Union.....	6 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Monday.....	8	4	6	9	8	8	6	9	60	Charles W. Whithall.....	1685 20			
DeSoto.....	7 Baton Rouge.....	E. Baton Rouge.....	Thursday.....	22	3	4	10	9	9	1	21	156	William H. Rice.....	1683 72			
Crescent.....	8 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Do.....	40	6	8	2	1	1	5	9	114	D. S. Gans.....	1905 19			
Jefferson.....	9 Lafayette.....	Jefferson.....	Do.....	15	1	3	17	16	16	5	6	63	James D. Stewart.....	946 65			
Teutonia.....	10 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Tuesday.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	Charles M. Emerson.....	907 10			
Orleans.....	11 Do.....	Do.....	Do.....	41	1	15	19	18	18	1	18	227		3754 09			
Commercial.....	12 Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday.....	30	4	3	12	12	12	3	3	35		545 45			
Howard.....	13 Do.....	Do.....	Thursday.....	40	4	3	13	12	12	2	1	137		2250 49			
Hope.....	14 Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday.....	27	5	4	13	12	12	1	1	11		1549 19			
Delta.....	15 Do.....	Do.....	Monday.....	35	7	6	17	16	16	1	1	104		1787 15			
Templar.....	16 Do.....	Do.....	Friday.....	24	1	6	5	5	5	2	2	104					
Covenant.....	17 Do.....	Do.....	Tuesday.....	16	1	3	4	3	3	1	1	54		954 05			
National.....	18 Do.....	Do.....	Friday.....	61	2	9	9	9	9	1	1	74		3907 74			
Polar Star.....	19 Do.....	Do.....	Thursday.....	19	3	4	23	21	21	7	106	149		1845 82			
St. Marys.....	20 Franklin.....	St. Marys.....	Saturday.....	9	2	9	13	12	12	4	1	74		1623 14			
North.....	21 Shreveport.....	Caddo.....	Wednesday.....	26	2	6	8	8	8	1	1	54		1460 48			
Metth.....	22 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Monday.....	98	9	9	10	9	9	2	2	24		1698 74			
Magnolia.....	23 Do.....	Do.....	Wednesday.....	14	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	24		1030 70			
Independence.....	24 Algiers.....	Do.....	Do.....	36	2	6	8	8	8	2	2	50		1120 95			
Columbus.....	25 Mausheld.....	DoSoto.....	Saturday.....	19	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	9		545 05			
Wood.....	26 Clinton.....	East Feliciana.....	Wednesday.....	46	4	19	1	1	1	3	2	58		1549 25			
Clinton.....	27 Clinton.....	Parricomenia.....	Wednesday.....	46	8	19	1	1	1	1	1	29		186 41			
Nauticus.....	28 Balize.....	Jefferson.....	Tuesday.....	45	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	4		637 75			
Germania.....	29 Lafayette.....	Do.....	Monday.....	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20					
Carroll.....	30 Lake Providence.....	Carroll.....	Monday.....	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20					
St. Pammany.....	31 Covington.....	St. Pammany.....	Saturday.....	157	18	146	197	18	146	10	45	208	131	\$52,280 94			
													Total.....				

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES,

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., showing the Relief in the year commencing July 1, 1849, and ending June 30, 1850.

LODGES.	Numbers.	No. of Bros Relieved.	No. Widows farm. Rel'ed	No. of Bros. Buried.	Am't paid for Relief of Brothers.	Am't paid for Widowed Families.	Am't paid for Education of Orphans.	Am't paid for Burying the Dead.	TOTAL AMOUNT.	REMARKS.
Louisiana.....	1	16		1	\$698 00			\$84 00	782 00	
Washington.....	3	8	2		187 00	80 00			267 00	
Feliciana.....	4									No Report.
Union.....	6	14	2	1	836 00	311 00		156 00	1303 00	
DeSoto.....	7	6	4	2	125 00	170 00		100 00	395 00	
Crescent.....	8	12			399 10				399 10	
Jefferson.....	9	9	1	4	193 00	32 00		202 00	427 00	
Teutonia.....	10									No Report.
Orleans.....	11	9		1	224 00			93 00	317 00	
Commercial.....	12	34		6	517 00			772 30	1289 30	
Howard.....	13	11			442 20				442 20	
Hope.....	14	4		1	416 60			203 00	619 60	
Delta.....	15	6		1	245 00			88 00	330 00	
Templar.....	16	5		2	187 20			180 00	367 20	
Covenant.....	17									No Report.
National.....	18	2	1	1	35 00	66 00			176 00	
Polar Star.....	19	13			228 00			75 00	228 00	
St. Mary's.....	20	8			100 00				130 00	
Neith.....	21			1				30 00		
Magnolia.....	22	5			322 00				322 00	
Independence.....	23									
Columbus.....	24			2					189 00	
Wood.....	26	2		2	35 00			189 00	90 00	
Clinton.....	27							55 00		No Report.
Nautilus.....	28	1			15 00				15 00	
Germania.....	29	5		3	71 00				258 35	New L'dge
Carroll.....	30							187 35		New L'dge
St. Tammany.....	31									
Expended by the General Relief Com. of N. O.										
Total.....	170		10	28	\$5276 10	\$659 00		\$2414 65	\$9582 47	

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1850.

LODGES.	Number.	LOCATION.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	No. of Degrees Conferred.	Num. of Past Grands.	No. of contrib ^{ts} Members.	RECEIPTS		REMARKS.
														FOR PAST TERM.	PER STAGE TO G. LODGE.	
Louisiana	1	New Orleans	6	1	3	8	—	5	—	1	38	23	147	\$892 93	\$72 70	
Washington	3	Do.	1	3	1	9	—	14	—	1	35	6	64	403 69	34 63	
Feliciana	4	St. Francisville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	
Union	6	New Orleans	9	3	6	8	—	9	—	2	36	22	164	995 88	82 74	
DeSoto	7	Baton Rouge	5	3	4	3	1	—	—	—	26	10	60	366 50	32 79	
Crescent	8	New Orleans	13	4	3	5	—	9	—	1	55	21	156	804 78	72 35	
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	19	4	6	2	—	2	—	1	95	9	114	1,040 05	93 04	
Teutonia	10	New Orleans	10	1	—	2	—	5	—	3	39	6	63	578 15	53 35	
Orleans	11	Do.	4	—	2	4	1	2	—	1	11	8	70	449 11	38 70	
Commercial	12	Do.	28	—	8	6	—	—	—	3	84	18	227	2,143 46	175 85	
Howard	13	Do.	20	2	2	6	—	2	—	1	68	6	95	975 70	89 71	
Hope	14	Do.	14	1	7	5	2	6	—	1	59	11	137	1,158 55	102 00	
Delta	15	Do.	24	2	3	2	—	7	—	1	53	6	77	1,018 62	94 69	
Templar	16	Do.	9	—	6	4	—	—	—	—	63	6	104	853 50	74 08	
Covenant	17	Do.	2	—	3	4	—	5	—	—	20	12	68	518 06	45 18	
National	18	Do.	9	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	30	6	54	512 85	51 20	
Polar Star	19	Do.	21	1	1	3	4	25	—	—	96	7	149	1,341 55	119 23	
St. Mary's	20	Franklin	8	1	—	6	—	4	—	—	55	5	106	723 34	63 68	
Neith	21	Shreveport	7	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	22	5	54	362 53	29 00	
Magnolia	22	New Orleans	16	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	73	5	74	846 02	76 94	
Independence	23	Do.	4	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	14	2	23	211 99	19 68	
Columbus	24	Algiers	11	1	—	3	—	—	—	2	39	2	24	699 20	45 80	
Wood	26	Mansfield	4	—	5	3	—	—	—	1	12	5	40	225 17	20 43	
Clinton	27	Clinton	4	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	14	1	15	117 53	11 71	
Nautilus	28	Bahize	6	—	2	1	—	1	—	1	25	2	28	208 65	26 39	
Germania	29	Lafayette	20	5	2	1	—	1	—	3	90	2	53	958 00	91 10	
Carroll	30	Lake Providence	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	2	10	186 41	17 97	
St. Tammany	31	Covington	23	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	64	4	29	637 75	62 54	
			302	35	73	103	10	98	3	24	1238	221	2214	\$19,319 97	\$1,697 48	

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, I. O. F., FOR THE TERM ENDING DEC. 31st, 1880.

LODGES.	Numbers.	LOCATION.	Initiation.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Reinstated.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Deaths.	No. of Degts conferred.	Number of P. Grands.	No of contrib-uting Membr's	RECEIPTS		PER CENT	REMARKS.
														FOR	PAST TERM.		
														\$	\$	DUE	G. LODGE.
Louisiana	1	New Orleans	9	2	3	9	5	15	..	5	5	20	135	872	35	75	15
Washington	3	Do.....	6	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	13	8	68	372	17	32	40
Union	6	Do.....	8	..	2	4	3	11	1	3	1	22	159	1210	38	82	60
DeSoto	7	Baton Rouge	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	11	53	224	00	18	81
Crescent	8	New Orleans	6	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	30	20	161	723	00	62	26
Jefferson	9	Lafayette	8	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	46	11	113	595	00	51	07
Teutonia	10	New Orleans	5	..	..	3	1	1	..	1	19	7	65	401	00	35	60
Orleans	11	Do.....	2	..	3	1	5	9	..	1	10	11	72	441	79	37	24
Commercial	12	Do.....	10	..	12	9	..	12	..	1	70	20	227	1520	35	131	72
Howard	13	Do.....	12	2	1	2	..	4	..	1	59	7	105	774	45	68	80
Hope	14	Do.....	11	3	6	5	1	3	2	3	63	12	141	977	90	82	43
Delta	15	Do.....	8	3	5	5	1	..	1	..	47	7	80	669	34	59	56
Templar	16	Do.....	23	1	4	5	3	9	..	4	57	6	115	1171	00	107	70
Covenant	17	Do.....	6	..	3	2	..	..	..	1	8	13	65	417	05	36	66
National	18	Do.....	7	3	..	12	4	7	..	..	16	4	51	571	17	41	32
Polar Star	19	Do.....	17	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	35	8	164	831	23	75	92
St. Mary's	20	Franklin	9	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	26	7	115	527	43	46	45
Neith	21	Shreveport	9	..	2	10	2	9	..	1	19	3	48	338	40	28	84
Magnolia	22	New Orleans	8	1	3	3	..	2	..	1	34	7	80	744	75	66	57
Independence	23	Do.....	2	1	1	1	..	3	..	1	11	5	24	143	00	13	40
Columbus	24	Algiers	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	16	2	26	180	36	14	93
Wood	26	Mansfield	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	17	6	43	244	38	24	43
Clinton	27	Clinton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	14	20	50	1	80
Nautilus	28	Balize	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	3	32	294	50	25	65
Germania	29	Lafayette	8	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	44	2	57	515	20	47	04
Carroll	30	Lake Provd'e	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	3	16	161	10	15	43
St. Tammany	31	Covington	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	4	29	159	75	14	16
Total	187		21	45	86	31	95	7	30	737	231	2258	\$15101	55	\$1300	97	











