

THE PYTHIAN KNIGHTS.

Second Day's Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Report of the Grand Chancellor, Showing the General Condition of the Order—Committees, Etc.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was called to order at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. All the officers were present...

The following were appointed to fill vacancies: S. Seymour, No. 2, and E. A. Clark, No. 21.

The following committees were appointed:

Appeals and Grievances—C. E. Lindsay and G. P. Hall.

Credentials and Returns—J. W. McEvers and H. M. Shiller.

Finance and Mileage—H. W. Watkins and A. A. Wood.

Law and Supervision—Wm. H. Shoemaker and J. B. Prentice.

Redistricting the State—J. H. Davies and J. R. Summers.

Disaffiliation—W. W. Fox, W. A. Mackinder and H. W. Dodge.

The reports of the Grand Officers were read and referred.

The Supreme Representative and Supreme Prelate, E. J. Blackner, of San Diego, exemplified the unwritten work.

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

The following facts appear in the report of Grand Chancellor Seymour:

"The year now closing has been a trying one to our order for two prominent reasons: It has been the year of a general election, and there has been much discussion in business circles. Both of these causes have been adverse to us, and yet the year has been reasonably prosperous.

Six new lodges have been instituted and steps have been taken which will result in the formation of many more in the coming year. The District Deputies have as a rule been active in this regard, and if their successors will but follow up their efforts, the next year will see lodges established at Nelson, Esparto, Sierra-ville, Biggs, San Joaquin, Haywards, Livermore, Lemoore, Ontario, Redlands, Salinas, Monterey, Hollister, Ukiah, Fallbrook, Julian, Paso Robles, Monrovia, Lakeport, Los Banos, Greenwiche, Valley Spring, San Andreas and Sonora.

"Four lodges have surrendered their charters, and while this is to be regretted, it seemed to be unavoidable. The total number of lodges at the close of the year is 131. Total membership, 10,723.

"For detailed reports of membership, as well as all other statistical information, the Grand Lodge is respectfully referred to the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and of the other officers in their various departments.

"The Grand Chancellor has officially visited sixty-one lodges. This is a small portion of the lodges in our grand jurisdiction, yet it has taken much time and labor to see them.

"This matter of official visits demands the serious consideration of this body. It is impossible for the Grand Chancellor to visit all the lodges under the present system, the question of what lodges to visit is regulated by no law and the judgment of the Grand Chancellor is not always a safe guide. Some plan should be adopted by which every lodge in the jurisdiction could be certain of a visitation at stated periods, either from the Grand Chancellor or a Grand Lecturer. I submit this grave question to your deliberation."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2 P. M., and the Grand Lodge, No. 2, conferred upon two Past Chancellors.

An invitation to attend a meeting of the Pythian Sisters in the evening was accepted with thanks, also an invitation to attend a reception of Sacramento Division U. R. K. of P. M. on Wednesday evening at the State Capitol.

A number of resolutions and amendments were introduced, and referred to the appropriate committees.

A number of orders were laid over for one day for action.

The appeal of Whittiers vs. Charter Oak Lodge, No. 29, was dismissed, and the action of the lodge sustained.

In the appeal of Levy vs. Golden City Lodge, No. 63, the action of the lodge was sustained.

In the appeal of Van Avery vs. Bear Flag Lodge, No. 97, the action of the lodge was sustained.

The contingent fund of the Grand Chancellor for the coming year was fixed at \$1,200.

An amendment to increase the term of all officers of subordinate lodges to one year, was lost.

At 5:30 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge took a recess until 9 o'clock this morning.

THE BANQUET TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Knights of Pythias banquet, to be held in the State Capitol to-morrow evening, promises to be a grand affair. All members of the order, whether Past Chancellors, visiting Knights or members of the local lodges, are invited to participate in the festivities of the occasion.

The procession will form at Castle Hall, corner of Ninth and I streets, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, and will proceed to the Capitol. Tickets may be obtained from the Reception Committee at Castle Hall from 7 to 8 o'clock P. M. Excellent music will be provided and prominent members of the order will respond to toasts.

PYTHIAN SISTERS.

The Grand Temple holds an Afternoon Session.

The newly instituted Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters held its first session yesterday, presided over by the following-named officers: Mrs. George Guthrie of Sacramento, Grand Chief; Mrs. Melissa Madden, Oakland, Grand Senior Chief; Mrs. Louisa Holmes, East Oakland, Grand Junior Chief; Mrs. Mary Clevenger, Rio Vista, Grand Mistress of Finance; Mrs. Wessie Katzenstein, Sacramento, Grand Mistress of Records and Correspondence; Mrs. Mattie Brown, Eureka, Grand Manager; Mrs. Mary E. Nutting, East Oakland, Grand Protectress; Mrs. Katie Lewis, Rio Grande, Grand Guard of Outer Temple; Mrs. M. F. Demmie, Oakland, Grand Past Chief.

The following standing committees were appointed:

State of Order—Mesdames Clevenger, Holmes and Wolf.

Law and Supervision—Madden, Katzenstein and Nutting.

Finance and Mileage—Brown, Dimmick and Wolf.

Appeal and Grievances—Katzenstein, Clevenger and Holmes.

Returns and Credentials—Dimmick, Madden, Lewis.

Printing—Guthrie, Katzenstein, Clevenger.

Charter and Dispensation—Katzenstein, Wolf, Lewis.

It was decided to hold the next session of the Grand Temple at Oakland during the second week in April next.

Mesdames George Guthrie and Sallie Wolf were chosen Supreme Representatives.

BATTERED HIS FATHER.

A Young Man Named Fenton Makes a Show of Himself.

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