M. E. GRAND CHAPTER.

LAST DAY OF THE FORTY-FOURTH CONVOCATION.

Installation of Officers—List of Appointments Made by G. H. P. Nusom—Mexican Chapters—Closing Exercises.

At 2:30 p. m. the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form for the last day's session, with the officers at their proper stations.

The first business was the installation of officers for the following year, which was done in due form, the following being inducted into their respective positions:

M. E. Grand High Priest, Frank Nusom of Charco.

E. Deputy Grand High Priest, J. K. Bizer of Bellville.

E. Grand King, A. S. Bunting of Fratonia.

E. Grand Scribe, R. O. Roussavall of Waco.

E. Grand Treasurer, S. D. Moore of Houston.

E. Grand Secretary, George Lopas, Jr., of Floresville.

Past Grand High Priest Moses then presented to retiring Grand High Priest Morris, in a beautifully and most appropriately worded address, the magnificent jewel of a Past Grand High Priest.

The cane which descends from one Grand High Priest to his successor and which for the past year has been the property of Past Grand High Priest Morris was presented by him to M. E. Grand High Priest Nusom, whose property it becomes, to be likewise passed to his successor when he too attains the highest office in the Grand Chapter—Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest then announced his appointments as follows:

Grand Chaplain, L. C. Kelly of Gilmer.

Grand Captain of the Host, J. D. Crenshaw of San Antonio.

Grand Principal Sojourner, L. T. Stanfield.

Grand Royal Arch Captain, T. H. Hayslip.

Grand Marshal, J. W. Cook.

Grand Master of the Third Veil, Ed Duggan.

Grand Master of the Second Veil, N. M. Washer.

Grand Master of the First Veil, L. L. Prouty.

Senior Grand Steward, J. S. Wilson.

Junior Grand Steward, E. C. Crawford.

Grand Guard, C. H. Wysong.

Committee on Printing—T. U. Lubbock, Sam M. Williams, Geo. Lopas, Jr.

Grand Visitors—Huston Twomey, W. F. Swain, Norton Moses.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—J. L. Terrell, chairman, W. L. Burdette, Geo. Lopas, Jr.

All assumed their respective offices.

Reports of different committees were submitted and adopted.

Resolutions on various matters were introduced and disposed of.

A resolution directing that the Grand High Priest grant dispensations to chapters in territory not occupied by any other grand jurisdiction, if the requisite number make application. Applicants must be recommended by the nearest chapter in Texas and must be in close proximity with them in work. (This applies to Mexico particularly, where there are no York Rite chapters and the Gran Dieta de Symbolica is the Blue Lodge of that country as recognized in the grand jurisdiction of Texas.) Adopted.

The closing exercises were carried out in the spirit which they should be to be consistent and many happy and feeling short addresses were made. "Auld Lang Syne" under the future were forgotten.

The Fifty-fourth annual convocation was closed.

OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER.

M. E. Grand High Priest Frank Nusom was born in the State of Mississippi on March 8, 1841. In the winter of 1852 his parents moved to Texas and he was among the other household furniture. They settled in Goliad county in the following spring and he still resides in that county at Charco. At the commencement of the civil war though only 17 years old, he enlisted in Green's brigade and served through until the close of hostilities, when he returned home to private life. By occupation he is a stock raiser and farmer and as in all other things he has succeeded. He was made a Master Mason in 1859 and a companion of the Royal Arch in 1864. In a Past High Priest. In 1874 he was elected a member of the committee on foreign correspondence which committee he is still a member. He was elected Grand Scribe in 1880, Grand King in 1881 and Deputy Grand King in 1882.

Dr. J. K. Bizer, elected to fill the office of E. Deputy Grand High Priest, was born near Macon, Miss., in 1848. In 1859 he came to Texas, settling near Chappell Hill, where he was raised and educated, graduating from Soule university at that place in 1871. He adopted for his avocation the practice of medicine and went diligently to work to fit himself for that most honorable profession. He graduated from the school of medicine of St. Louis in 1876 and took a post-graduate course in Galveston, graduating in 1877. He settled in Bellville and still resides there. He was initiated, passed and raised in 1867 and in the same year exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masonry. He was W. M. of Bellville lodge in 1868 and H. P. of Bellville chapter in 1869. In 1876 he was elected E. Grand Scribe in the Grand Chapter, 1882 was elected E. Grand King and this year to his present office. He has served on important committees in the Grand Chapter.

A. S. Bunting, elected E. Grand King, was born in North Carolina July 13, 1846, and is the third son of David Bunting, who moved with his family to Gonzales county, Texas, in 1846. His early education was in Gonzales college, and he completed his literary course in Allis institute at Moulton, Texas. He is a Baptist minister and at present is pastor of the First Baptist church at Weatherford, Texas. He served ten years as pastor of Elm Grove church in Gonzales county, five years at Kyle and three years at Cisco, where he was forced to give up his work after the destructive cyclone almost swept the town out of existence last April. After aiding in raising funds and rebuilding a house of worship for his church at Cisco he resumed his accepted work at Weatherford. He has been a regular constant attendant upon the communications of Bellville Lodge since 1868 and has served the Grand Lodge as D. D. G. M. and as Grand Chaplain. He has been Grand Chaplain and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter. He served from March 5, 1862, to the close of the war in the Twenty-first Texas cavalry.

R. O. Roussavall, the newly elected Grand Scribe, was born in Alabama in 1851, and is consequently 42 years old. Received the A. B. and A. M. degrees from the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Alabama located at Auburn. Soon after graduating became one of the faculty of the Southern university of Greensboro, Ala. In 1873 he accepted the position of professor of mathematics and commandant of cadets in Warren college (now Oglethorpe college) Bowling Green, Ky. In 1880 in Texas, eighteen years ago and located in Huntsville where he was connected with the educational interests of the town for a period of three years. For five years he was president of Normal institute, San Marcos, Texas. In the summer of 1893 he moved to Waco and accepted the presidency of Waco female college, one of the leading educational institutions of the State. He still occupies the position of the president of this college, besides being an educator of great merit he is also a man of ability and for the last three years has been president of the Palmers and Merchants National bank of Waco. As a man and a Mason he is upright and zealous and has been a regular attendant upon the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for the past seven years.

Geo. L. Lopas, Jr., of Floresville, elected to the office of E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, was born in England in 1844 and was brought to the United States in 1850 by his parents, who settled in Southern Illinois, where he was raised and educated in the public schools, graduating from Ewing college. He studied law as his profession and after being admitted to the bar he practiced for a few years very successfully. However, he abandoned the law and took on the noble work of teaching and for nineteen years has devoted his attention to it, twelve years of the time in Texas. He came to Texas in 1869 and was made a Master Mason in 1871 and a companion of the Royal Arch in 1876. He is Past Master of Floresville lodge No. 218 and Past High Priest of Floresville chapter No. 156. He first came to the Grand Lodge about eight years ago and has served on the credentials committee of the Grand Chapter for five years, as well as on other important committees, for two years he has been on the committee on foreign correspondence of which he is now chairman.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Something About the Men Who Are at the Top of the Ladder.

To fill the highest office in the highest bodies known to the great benevolent order is the most honorable ambition which a Mason can have. Long years of zeal and study are necessary and each step taken means harder work for the attainment of the necessary proficiency for the next upward step. By an unwritten law the order of succession is laid down and on taking the first step the man so honored knows what is necessary for him to do to attain the next. The highest offices known to the ancient order are Past Grand Master and Past High Priest and while they are not offices in the exact meaning of the word they indicate the zeal of the man who wears the title.

To this proud eminence have Thomas B. Cochran and S. J. Morris attained. Their work is not finished by any means and long years of usefulness lie before each of them, to be well used as proven by their having become Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest respectively.

Following are short sketches of the men who were honored by election to another step toward these highest of offices and also of the men honored by the trust of the grand bodies in the offices of secretaries and treasurer:

B. F. Frymier, who was elected M. W. Grand Master, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Texas in 1858. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Lathrop lodge (Crockett, Texas) in 1863 and served his lodge as W. M. He first came to the Grand Lodge in 1871 and has attended all communications since that time, never being absent. He served the Grand Lodge as lecturer for a number of years and was for a long time a member of the committee on work, also serving on other important committees. In 1880 he was elected Junior Grand Warden with very little opposition; in 1881 Senior Grand Warden and in 1882 Deputy Grand Master. He is a companion of the Royal Arch, a Knight Templar, 32d degree A. A. S. and also most of the side degrees. He is a Past High Priest and served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1886 and 1887, holding other offices prior to that time and serving on committees since. He is a prominent member of several other orders. In political life he was also prominent, serving two terms in the lower house of the State Legislature and was mayor for several terms of Crockett and Cleburne, Texas.

Gus Garrison of Sulphur Springs, Deputy Grand Master, was born in Altoona, Ga., in 1848. He entered the Confederate army in 1862, when 15 years of age, under Stonewall Jackson, participated in all the engagements of the Army of Northern Virginia and surrendered with Lee at Appomattox. He came to Texas in October, 1868, and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1873 at Gilmer, Texas, and commenced the same year. He located in Sulphur Springs in 1874 and practiced his profession. He was initiated, passed and raised in Pleasant Hill lodge No. 369 in 1879 and received the Royal Arch and Council degrees in Gilmer chapter No. 49 in 1881. He was knighted in Parker commandery No. 16 in 1877 and was a charter member of DeMolay commandery No. 29 at Greenville and McCoy commandery No. 26 at Sulphur Springs. He is a Past Master of Sulphur Springs lodge, Past High Priest of Sulphur Springs chapter, having been elected to both offices a number of times. He has been Eminent Commander of both commanderies of which he was a charter member. He is a 32d Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Rose Croix chapter at Galveston. He attended the Grand Lodge for the first time in 1876 and has been present at every communication since that time. He was D. D. G. M. of the Seventh district for five or six years, has served on various committees. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1881 and Senior Grand Warden in 1882.

R. R. Abernethy, Senior Grand Warden, was born at Murfreesboro, Tenn., August 24, 1843, and is the son of Dr. J. J. and Mary Murfree Abernethy. He was educated in Murfreesboro and at Hume high school, Nashville, Tenn. He entered the Confederate army in 1864 at the age of 16, having escaped through the Federal lines and was attached to the First Tennessee cavalry, was paroled under Gen. Johnston in North Carolina on June 2, 1865. He was employed as a clerk and bookkeeper in Nashville until he moved to Huntsville, Ala., where he engaged in business for himself. In November, 1871, he removed to Texas, settling in Gonzales county. He was elected clerk of the district court and held the office for ten years, during which time he studied law, being admitted to the bar at the end of that time. He served three years as county judge of Gonzales county and is now in the active practice of law at Gonzales. He was made a Master Mason in Belmont lodge in March, 1872, and is a companion of the Royal Arch. He first attended the Grand Lodge fifteen years ago and has been here ever since. He was a member of committee on credentials No. 2 from its creation up till last year, serving for several years as its chairman. He was elected Junior Grand Warden last year.

A. R. Watkins of Athens is the only new man among the higher officers of the Grand Lodge. He is a Texan, having been born in Kaufman county somewhere between thirty-five and forty years ago. He was made a Master Mason about thirteen years ago in Athens lodge, No. 180, and is also a companion of the Royal Arch, a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree A. and A. S. He is a Past Master and a Past High Priest and has served on committee on grievances and appeals since 1889 and this year was placed on the credentials committee No. 1. Politically he has been successful and is now judge of the Third judicial district.

S. D. Moore, re-elected Grand Treasurer, was born fifty-six years ago in Indiana. He came to Texas in 1871, locating at Waco, and in 1881 moved to Houston. He was a steamboat man—clerk, captain and pilot—on the Mississippi and its tributaries for twenty years and afterwards on the Gulf and in Mexican waters and still later on Texas rivers. He was made a Master Mason in 1859, a companion of the Royal Arch in 1865, a brother of the Scottish Rite in 1874 (being now thirty-second degree and a Prince of the Royal Secret) and a Knight Templar in 1880. He has held the offices of W. Master of Gray lodge No. 339, High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 2, Eminent Commander of Hutchison Commandery No. 2, Venerable Master of Sam Houston Lodge of Perfection (A. and R.), No. 5, for a number of years he was Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Texas and Grand Guard of the Grand Chapter. He was last year elected Grand Treasurer of both bodies. He is also Grand Treasurer of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

W. F. Swain, re-elected Grand Secretary for the fifth time, was born in the granite bound State of New Hampshire several years ago. He was raised and educated in that State, being a graduate of Dartmouth college, having for a classmate the lamented E. H. Cushing. He came to Texas in 1851 and settled in Columbia, Brazoria county, where he lived until he came to Houston in 1853. He was raised as a Master Mason in St. John's lodge No. 5 at Columbia in 1853. He successively filled all offices in his mother lodge and was secretary from 1857 to 1862. He was made a companion of the Royal Arch in Columbia Chapter No. 34 in 1853. He was High Priest of this chapter in 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859 and was High Priest of San Felipe de Austin Chapter No. 13 in 1861. He was elected Grand Secretary in 1866 and has held the office by successive re-elections since, which he still holds. He was elected Grand King of the Grand Chapter in 1874 and Grand High Priest in 1875, 1876 and 1877. He was elected to the committee on work of the Grand Chapter in 1879 and is still chairman of that committee. He is also a Knight Templar.

CITY BREVITIES.

Nearly $30,000 of real estate transfers were passed on record yesterday.

Work has already commenced on the new twenty-story store on the corner of Tenth and Washington streets.

Mr. E. Kimball, manager of the Howard Cleaning House, reports the bank movement for December 1, 1893, at $1,750.

R. C. Tinsley was tried for assault and battery yesterday in Justice Priestly's court at Channelville and fined $5 and costs.

Some of the enterprising business men of the Fourth ward are decorating their stores and making other preparations for the holidays, this week.

J. Bedford, who a few days ago was attacked with a sudden sickness near the San Jacinto street bridge, is reported as still being very sick.

James Porter, an old negro resident of the Fifth ward, died yesterday. He was known as a regular doctor and claimed to be 110 year old. He will be buried today.

A couple of cases of disturbing the peace were tried before Recorder Duncan yesterday under the State law, and Henry Rose and John I. Sullivan were each fined $2 and costs.

Divine services at Temple Beth Israel will begin at 10:30 tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. M. Rosenfeld will speak tonight on "Union is Strength," and tomorrow on "Incidents in the Life of Joseph." All are cordially invited to attend.

The fire department had two calls yesterday, one at 8:30 a. m. to the residence of Mrs. T. J. Franklin, on Louisiana street, where but little damage was done, and the other at 10:30 last night to the Central yards, where a car of cotton was burning.

In the civil district court yesterday a divorce was granted in the case of Mrs. Anna K. Flesch vs. George W. Flesch, the ground being the latter's desertion of the daughter, Anna, aged about 6 years. An appeal was taken in the case upon the point of custody of the child.

On Wednesday evening Miss Mata Schmidt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Schmidt, was married to Mr. J. A. Williams, Rev. Dr. Gibson, rector of Christ Church, officiated. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Travis street, and was witnessed only by members of the family.

The monthly union meeting of the Epworth Leagues will take place at the First German Methodist Episcopal church (south) corner Milam street and McKinney avenue, on Friday night, December 8, at 8 o'clock, and all League members are requested to attend. Any friends of the League or young people interested in this work will be cordially welcomed.

The novel and entertaining "Aunt Jerusha's Family Album," which met with so much success at the Capitol a few evenings since, is to be repeated during the holidays, as The Post suggested it should be. Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Neyes, Mrs. Christian and others who worked so hard to get up the presentation, have been importuned to arrange for its reproduction.

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. S. Morse left for Austin last night.

W. H. Ford was in the city yesterday from Beaumont.

Judge and Mrs. F. J. Duff are in the city from Brazoria.

R. C. Duff came up yesterday from Columbia and is at the Capitol.

Dr. T. H. Frazier of Kyle was among the people in the city yesterday.

H. S. Greer and family of Montgomery, Ala., arrived in the city yesterday.

Colonel T. D. Reck of Woodville arrived in the city yesterday and is at the Hutchins.

Thomas E. Mitchell, a well known lawyer of Richmond, was in the city yesterday.

J. W. Crossly, who registers from Melbourne, Australia, is at the Spencer House.

Dr. C. C. Hemphill and bride of Hillsdale are visiting in the Fourth ward yesterday.

J. A. Wheeler, of the Houston Heights Furniture factory, went to Texarkana last night.

T. H. Chaney, president of the Standard Oil company of New Orleans, was in the city yesterday.

W. M. Boyle, a commercial man who travels out of St. Louis, is hustling in Houston today.

A large contingent of the London Gaiety company are quartered at the Spencer House.

C. C. Williams and J. H. Millar came up yesterday from La Porte and will remain several days.

J. H. Vickers of Moxia, Texas, is in the city on business for a few days and paid The Post a very pleasant call yesterday.

W. Wills of Chicago and J. A. Hudson of Bloomington, Ill., were in the city yesterday en route from La Porte to Chicago.

Mayor John McDonald of Austin returned home last night after spending a couple of days with his Masonic brethren.

Mrs. E. Repsdorph is absent on a visit to friends in San Antonio and Austin. She will probably be absent another week.

G. G. Shaw, attorney at law of Kaufman, and L. Michie of Poetry are in the city enjoying themselves during the Grand Lodge.

Hon. Frank Andrews, assistant attorney general, who has been attending the Masonic Grand Lodge, returned to Austin last night.

R. K. Wooten, the well known representative of George L. Tyrrard & Co. of St. Louis, came in last night to his Houston headquarters.

Misses Aurelia Menard and Eliza Delaney, two of Brazoria's most charming young ladies, are among the many visitors to Houston this week.

Hon. N. W. Finley, financial agent of the Texas state penitentiaries, returned to Huntsville last night. He spent two or three days with his brother Masons.

G. A. Fredericks and family of Bloomington, Ill., have arrived in the city and will make Houston their home. Mr. Fredericks is a brother of Gus Fredericks.

A. M. Blackmon of Greenville, Texas, is in the city for a few days and called at The Post yesterday. Mr. Blackmon is tax collector of Hunt county and is a young man well worthy of the position.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Francis of Cincinnati, Ohio, are the guests of J. F. Morris and family for a few days. Mr. Francis is chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Ohio and Mississippi railway.

IT APPEARS:

That we might as well make up our minds that we are to remain behind other cities of like importance in the matter of late night cars.

That some mighty curious things take place in the Houston county.

That every Houstonian will make an effort to render the visit of the excursionists a pleasant one.

That Major Ike Stafford still refuses to head the proposed movement for professional base ball in Houston next summer.

That the Masons enjoyed their visit to the South Texas metropolis.

That there will be new faces in the city government after next April.

That Houston paving moves along very slowly.

That if we are going to have the city paved, it ought to be done quickly.

That as the abutting property foots the bills, there is no sense in this piecemeal method.

That Houston will have a decent opera house next season.

TOYS

Wholesale and retail and the largest stock in the State of Texas. Call and see the assortment before the rush and change us and make money yourself.

THE WONDER STORE.

M. W. GRAND LODGE.

LAST DAY F THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

Report on Holland Lodge Proposition—Reports of Other Committees—Annual Installation of Officers.

At 10 a. m. yesterday M. W. Grand Master T. W. Cochran called the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas from refreshment to labor.

Officers present—

M. W. Grand Master Thomas B. Cochran.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master B. F. Frymier.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden Gus Garrison.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden B. R. Abernethy.

R. W. Grand Treasurer S. D. Moore.

R. W. Grand Secretary W. F. Swain.

W. Grand Chaplain (acting) A. S. Bunting.

W. Grand Orator R. M. Lusk.

W. Grand Marshal A. K. Taylor.

W. Senior Grand Deacon (acting) Joe T. Burgher.

W. Junior Grand Deacon (acting) M. M. Brush.

W. Grand Pursuivant J. J. Keon.

W. Grand Tiler J. S. Wilson.

Past Grand Masters occupying seats in the East:

Thomas M. Matthews, J. F. Miller, W. S. Fly, John Watson, Anson Rainey, Richard Dugiass, Charles Stewart, Z. L. Cromoes.

Committee on credentials No. 1, through J. T. Pogue, submitted an additional report as follows, which was adopted:

Past Masters—W. P. Hancock, R. P. Porter, W. L. Davidson.

Yellow Pine No. 679—W. V. Stewart, W. M.

Eutaw No. 283—W. C. Blalock, W. M.

Gamble No. 244—J. B. Price, S. W.

Norton Moses No. 356—B. F. Halle, W. M.

Eureka No. 371—J. M. Patterson, W. M.

Eastern Star No. 284—S. E. Dunham, S. W.

Tyler Prairie No. 290—A. J. Bradley, W. M.

Angelina No. 644—R. T. Williams, W. M.

Wharton No. 621—J. C. Davidson, J. W.

Robert E. Lee No. 431—Norton Moses, proxy.

Morton No. 72—F. I. Booth, W. M.

Ennis No. 306—W. E. Settle, S. W.

Maddison No. 126—J. J. Malone, W. M.

S. P. Chisholm No. 667—Joe H. Chisholm, W. M.

Midlothian No. 384—W. J. Rhodes, proxy.

Past Grand Master W. S. Fly, from the committee on Masonic jurisprudence, reported on the proposition of Grand Lodge of Colorado to have the Grand Lodge of Texas join in a proposed memorial service at the tomb of Worshipful Brother George Washington on December 14, 1893. Special committee of three (W. S. Fly, R. M. Lusk, Charles Stewart) was appointed to consider the request, formulate a suitable reply to the same and report as soon as practicable to this Grand Lodge.—Baird lodge vs. Staked Plain lodge continued until next annual communication. Recommending that a resolution as to trials of brethren be not adopted. Report adopted as read.

J. C. Wooters from the committee on finance reported recommending the appointment of a special committee (J. C. Wooters, French Simpson, M. F. Mott) to sell lots and part of Block 69, Houston, for not less than $30,000, the proceeds to go to the Widows' and Orphans' Home fund. Recommending that $200 per annum be paid Past Grand Master Thomas M. Matthews for his work on the committee on foreign correspondence. Report adopted.

W. M. Fly from committee on petitions No. 1 submitted a report, which was discussed as to the question of granting of charters directly by the Grand Lodge before dispensations have been granted by the Grand Master. Recommendation of committee adopted and charter granted. Entire report adopted.

The finance committee submitted a report recommending that if dues of subordinate lodges are not paid by November 15 each year said lodge be not permitted representation in the Grand Lodge; that the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be closed at 9 o'clock on the morning of the day before the annual communication. Discussion as to the constitutionality of the recommendation was had and the report laid on the table. Rest of report adopted.

The resolution of W. L. Bartwell providing for a change from the committee on work system to the appointment of a committee of five and two assistants to do the work now done by the committee was reported on adversely by W. L. Burdette from the committee on finance. A short discussion was had on the subject and the report of the committee was adopted, defeating the resolution.

Grievances and appeals No. 1 reported. Report adopted.

Grievances and appeals No. 2 reported. Report adopted.

Special committee to which was referred the proposition of Holland lodge No. 1 reported through A. B. Watkins, which proposition was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas:

Your committee to which was referred the proposition of Holland lodge No. 1 in reference to acquiring by this grand body the exclusive right and possession to the temple of this Grand Lodge would respectfully report that the proposition so submitted by Richland lodge is wholly unsatisfactory; that this Grand Lodge has the title and ought to have the exclusive control and possession of this temple.

We are also profoundly impressed that the dissatisfaction now existing in regard to this property can only be allayed by such action as will place this Grand Lodge in such exclusive possession and control.

We therefore beg leave to recommend that a committee of three be at once appointed by the M. W. Grand Master who shall be fully empowered (a majority of them acting together) to take such action as hereinafter suggested and directed.

That said committee be directed to at once apply to Holland lodge and ascertain and if possible agree upon such sum without any conditions whatever, and that in event a contract is so agreed upon then the same shall be reported to this Grand Lodge at its next annual convocation for approval.

That in event said committee is by July 1, 1894, unable to agree with Holland lodge upon such contract then said committee is authorized to bring suit against Holland lodge for a construction of the deed heretofore made by Holland lodge to this Grand Lodge, and if said Holland lodge has any rights to said premises the same be partitioned between Holland lodge and the Grand Lodge; and that said committee be and is hereby authorized to employ attorneys and do all things necessary for the successful prosecution of said suit. Fraternally submitted.

Anson Rainey,
George W. Tyler,
A. B. Watkins,
R. M. Lusk,
French Simpson.

Past Grand Masters W. S. Fly, Anson Rainey, F. T. Coombs, D. D. G. M. Brush, R. W. Jno. J. Wright of Holland lodge No. 1, J. W. Blake, J. G. W. B. R. Abernethy, A. R. Watkins, W. F. Stout engaged in the discussion pro and con on the motion to amend by striking out the last section, which amendment was lost.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed on the committee provided for A. B. Watkins, French Simpson and M. F. Mott.

The committee on the invitation from the Grand Lodge of Colorado to take part in the celebration of the second anniversary of the death of George Washington reported recommending the acceptance of the invitation. Report adopted. Committee appointed to represent Texas, H. M. Rush, with J. L. Terrell as alternate.)

Committee on lodges U. D. No. 1 reported recommending a charter for Velasco lodge and Sandy lodge. Report adopted.

The papers on the grand secretary's table were referred to appropriate committees and the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume work at 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 p. m. by order of the M. W. Grand Master and opened with prayer by Grand Chaplain A. S. Bunting.

The committee on credentials submitted an additional report as follows:

Representatives of Grand Lodges of New York and Washington—C. W. Preston.

Past Master—C. W. Preston.

Queen City No. 806—J. E. Millington, W. M.

The committee on Masonic jurisprudence presented a resolution to the effect that the contemplated lease of the lower floor shall have no effect until the present leases and contracts expire and recommending conditions upon which the lease shall be made. Adopted.

The committee on finance reported recommending that a draft be drawn in favor of Wm. Kirlicks for $169 for work done and expenses incurred as chairman of the transportation committee. Adopted.

Account of D. D. G. Masters read and drafts ordered drawn for the amounts.

Committee on grievances and appeals No. 1 reported. Adopted.

The finance committee submitted a report; lodges dues remitted; treasurer's and secretary's books reported correct; recommendations made; $50 appropriated to Grand Tiler; $200 appropriated to superintendent of temple. Report adopted as read.

Resolutions introduced and adopted: For sale of property of demised lodges; changing Gregg county from Fifth to Third district; resolution changing Wood county from Fifth to Seventh district; attaching Crockett county to Fifty-second district.

Committee on Lodges U. D. No. 1 submitted a report which was adopted as amended.

Committee on Lodges U. D. No. 2 reported, which was adopted.

Committee on grievances and appeals No. 1 submitted two reports, majority and minority, the latter of which was adopted.

Finance committee reported on resolutions submitted to them. Adopted with one exception.

The next order of business was the installation of officers. Past Grand Master W. S. Fly acted as Grand Master of ceremonies and W. H. Crank as Grand Marshal.

The following were installed, being both elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge:

M. W. Grand Master, B. F. Freymier.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Gus Garrison.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden, B. R. Abernethy.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden, A. B. Watkins.

R. W. Grand Treasurer, S. D. Moore.

R. W. Grand Secretary, W. F. Swain.

R. W. District Deputy Grand Masters—

1, Lovenberg of Galveston.

T. J. Carraway of Nacogdoches.

J. H. Taylo, of Marshall.

L. N. Schluter of Jefferson.

F. W. Fitzpatrick of Mt. Pleasant.

John Watson of Clarksville.

W. L. Shoemake of Kingston.

J. L. Spinks of Canton.

L. Lloyd of Jacksonville.

W. J. Murchison of Lovelady.

H. C. Pritchett of Huntsville.

T. U. Lubbock of Houston.

Tom Hillier of Franklin.

Thos. Loughotham of Wortham.

W. W. Hunnicut of Marlin.

J. L. Miller of Wortham.

T. M. Stanfield of Terrell.

W. E. Edison of Milford.

J. W. Young of Dallas.

Sam B. Hamilton of Farmersville.

Joe T. Burgner of Whitewright.

J. T. Leonard of Gainesville.

N. M. Washer of Fort Worth.

T. T. Foster of Dublin.

J. M. Wright of Crawford.

T. W. Albertson of Belton.

A. C. Murray of Caldwell.

J. J. Mansfield of Columbus.

J. J. Carmichael of Beeville.

W. M. Fly of Gonzales.

H. L. Carlton of Austin.

John Orchard of Luling.

M. M. Brush of San Antonio.

J. S. Jones of Taylor.

V. C. Carnes of Pearl.

N. J. Shands of Stephenville.

F. A. Leach of Weatherford.

T. J. McCarter of Graham.

W. L. Saye of Clarendon.

M. M. Hawkins of Quanah.

R. P. Conner of Brownwood.

S. W. Scott of Haskell.

R. L. McCauley of Sweetwater.

J. T. Tinsley of Boonville.

E. C. Pew of El Paso.

W. C. Montgomery of Paint Rock.

C. P. Boon of Blanco.

R. M. Harkness of Pearsall.

S. T. Foster of Laredo.

Wm. Kelly of Brownsville.

C. W. Thompson of Beaumont.

Winchester Kaiso of Eagle Pass.

H. C. Howell of Jasper.

E. H. Pritchett of Bonham.

J. F. Patterson of Cisco.

Grand Chaplain W. G. Wood of Independence.

Grand Orator W. L. Burdett of Paris.

Grand Marshal A. F. Hicks of Marble Falls.

Grand Pursuivant W. J. Duffel.

Senior Grand Deacon Eli Duggan.

Junior Grand Deacon John Prichard.

Senior Grand Steward J. S. Wilson.

Junior Grand Steward F. P. Rhode.

Grand Tiler G. H. Wysong of Melissa.

Superintendent of Temple Robert Brewster.

After the members of the Grand Lodge had saluted their new Grand Master, Past Grand Master Cochran presented to Grand Master Frymier a Masonic signet ring, giving in a neat address the legend of the ring, to which the Grand Master responded.

Past Grand Master Tyler then presented to the retiring Past Grand Master the beautiful jewel which each Past Grand Master wears as a mark of duty well and faithfully performed and which is the proudest badge that a Mason can wear.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Frymier took his seat in the East and called for any further reports of committees, but none appeared.

The following standing committees were announced by the Grand Master:

Credentials No. 2—Joe T. Burgher, S. W. Scott, N. M. Washer, H. C. Pritchett, Tom Hillier.

Foreign Correspondence—T. M. Matthews, G. W. Tyler, W. S. Fly, J. H. Taylor, W. F. Swain.

Grievances and Appeals No. 1—James R. Masterson, J. J. Mansfield, J. S. Spinks, J. M. Browning.

Grievances and Appeals No. 2—R. M. Elgin, J. J. Carmichael, J. L. Terrell, R. M. Lusk, J. F. Stout.

Finance—J. C. Wooters, W. L. Burdett, J. W. Blake, S. R. Hamilton, French Simpson.

Printing—J. C. Kidd, Sam M. Williams, W. P. Hamlin.

Masonic History—F. H. Sexton, J. H. McLerry, E. J. Simkins.

Transportation—Wm. Kirlicks, J. C. Kidd, Tom Hillier.

Revision and Codification of the Laws—Anson Rainey, A. B. Watkins, R. M. Elgin.

The Fifty-sixth annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas was then closed in due and ancient form.

Past Grand Master John Watson, ably assisted by D. D. G. M. Joe Burgher, led in the singing of "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Auld Lang Syne." Tuesday in December, 1894, the Grand Lodge is closed.

TRANSPORTATION.

All the roads with the possible exception of one have agreed to the following: All those who purchased tickets before or after the date specified in the circular of reduced rates may purchase return trip tickets at a rate of 1 cent per mile. All those who asked for tickets on the 3d at reduced rates and were unable to procure them will be transported free to the stations where they bought their tickets. A certificate of attendance on the Grand Lodge will be necessary to procure these rates, and this can be procured from William Kirlicks, chairman of the transportation committee, who can be found in Grand Secretary Swain's office between 9 and 11 o'clock this morning.

KNIGHTS OF IVANHOE.

This noble body met in the commandery armory yesterday at high noon, with the following officers present:

H. B. Stoddard, Prelate; T. U. Lubbock, Prelate; L. T. Noyes, Prior; J. C. Kidd, Conductor; T. W. Ford, Master of Ceremonies; T. W. Cronan, Secretary.

The following Knights were given the degree in due form:

A. J. Berragan, Fort Worth commandery; Gerald Huston, E. D. Walker, Ballinger commandery; Andrew Dow, J. R. Cade, W. L. Lane, John W. Harris, Haywood Brahan, W. N. Kidd, J. E. Hare, Ruthven commandery; T. E. Cranfill, Waco commandery; G. W. Tyler, Belton commandery; W. R. McIlroy, Minneapolis, Minn.; A. M. Lawson, Charlottesville, Va.; J. F. Pickien, J. McClanahan, San Felipe de Austin commandery; J. W. Murchison, Tyler commandery; W. N. Wiggins, Colorado commandery; French Simpson, Halletsville; A. D. Nash, J. D. Crenshaw, San Antonio commandery.

Notes of the Temple.

Judge W. L. Davidson of the criminal court of appeals arrived yesterday and was on the floor of the Grand Lodge.

Dr. Dennis of Ladonia is among those in attendance.

W. H. Callaway of Cleburne is present for instruction.

W. L. Fields, the Grove, will be before the committee on work.

W. J. Wilson of Copperas Cove, D. M. Carroll of Killeen and J. W. Bowman of Joshua are all present for instruction.

R. R. Abernethy left for home last night. Being himself an ex-member of the committee on work, he had nothing to keep him in the city.

If any one gets ahead of the venerable but quick-witted J. C. Wooters he is very sharp indeed.

Junior Grand Warden Watkins left for his home in Athens last night.

About a hundred of the Masons left the city on the late trains of last night and as many more on the early trains of this morning. About four hundred are left, however.

Past Grand Masters Matthews and W. S. Fly left for their respective homes last night.

Grand Chaplain A. S. Bunting left for his home last night.

Joe Burgher would be a shining success as a singing master.

The committee on work will meet in the Grand Lodge room at 9:30 this morning, and as the committee will be prompt they expect all who are to attend to follow their example.

Hon. John D. McCall returned to Austin yesterday.

London.—The Prince of Wales today was nominated Grand Master of the English Free Masons. The nomination was greeted with unanimous approval of the eight hundred brethren who attended. The Grand Lodge meeting was presided over by the Earl of Mount Edgecombe.

MEN YOU MEET.

Rev. Dr. Halsell: "I have read The Post a long time now, ever since the Hogg-Clark campaign, and am much pleased with the clean, dignified manner in which it is conducted. I don't know of any Sunday newspapers which contain such an amount of religious matter. It is a pity affairs of the world could not be so adjusted that newspaper men could get at least one day's rest in seven."

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S. M. Williams: "The fires lately in Texas, Mississippi and other States teach a lesson in political economy. In every instance where the country records have not been protected by steel fire proof vaults they have been destroyed. The cost of a building or a vault is a mere bagatelle compared with the value of the records and common business principles should be observed in the transaction of public business. What would be thought of a bank or business house which did not have a vault to protect its books and documents? They would not last long and a fire would cause them to retire. The same rule should apply to cities and counties."

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Captain J. C. S. Morrow: "Say, young man, don't put me down as of Georgetown again, please. I want you to understand that I am now of, for and in Houston, and that I am here to stay. I have always wanted to locate here and have at last done that very thing. I am in the real estate business, and I assure you that kind of business is becoming very popular in Houston just now. I never saw such a demand for land and houses. Why, when I used to come through here on my mission journeys, four or five years ago good lots could be bought for $1000. Now they are selling at five times that amount. I notice also that many of the most cultured and enterprising people from all over the Union are finding their way to Houston and are building homes and manufactories here. In a few years there will follow such an enlargement of trade, with consequent prosperity as has scarcely yet entered into the most sanguine dreams of any one."

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Hon. John A. McDonald, recently re-elected mayor of Austin, said yesterday: "I have only been in Houston two days, but I tell you I am carried away with the vim and push of your city. You have everything here to make a live and prosperous city. Your numerous railroads, with their big shops and round houses of course add a great deal to the city's wealth and population. And then I see manufactories and institutions here that would be a credit to any city in the United States. The idea of your wonderful tin bucket brigade, and that is what every city needs in order to be a business center.

"That is what we are fighting for in Austin. We have a beautiful city, a splendid place for a man with a fortune to live in, but we must now go to work and make it a place of business, a place for manufactories. Our battle in the last election was on this ground—or rather, it was on water, as we were fighting for the protection of that big dam of ours. We won, as you are no doubt aware, and I can assure you that Austin's interests will be fully protected. That dam is Austin's only salvation and some of the leaders of the opposite side wanted to take it away from the city. They fought us in every way possible, but it was to no avail.

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