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## Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of California—Reports of Officers—Names of Representatives—etc.

The Grand Lodge convened at 9 o'clock this morning, at Dushaway Hall, on Post street above Kearny. The following-named Grand Officers were present: D. W. Welty, R. W. G. M.; H. J. Tilden, R. W. G. M.; P. P. Dana, R. W. G. W.; W. B. Lyon, R. W. G. S.; D. Meeker, R. W. G. T.; J. B. Harmon, R. W. G. R.; C. M. Boyd, R. W. G. R.; H. B. Sheldon, W. G. C.; G. J. Smith, W. G. C.; K. Dunker, W. G. H.

The Grand Lodge opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll of members was called, and a quorum of members was present.

Credentials of Representatives were received and referred to the Committee on Credentials, when a recess was taken until 11 o'clock, and on reassembling presented their report, which was adopted, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on about 150 Past Grand, and admitted as members of the Grand Lodge.

### REPRESENTATIVES ELECT.

The following are the names of the representatives elected for this year:

California Lodge, No. 1—A. W. Scott, C. G. Butt, J. W. Winters, G. M. Berry, W. T. Galloway, E. Lane.

Sacramento, 2—F. R. Dray, W. H. Sherbourn, Albert Leonard, Samuel Deal, Geo. H. Jost.

San Francisco, 3—J. A. McClelland, F. M. Stocking, K. Peterson, J. H. Applegate, B. McDougall.

Eureka, 4—Samuel Smith, John Wooley, Edwin Glover.

Yuba, 5—C. R. Kimball, J. B. Earle, E. A. Davis, Charity, 6—H. T. Derrance, C. F. Rea, C. E. Perkins, G. C. Hyatt.

Auburn, 7—V. Y. Mann.

El Dorado, 8—William Young, H. B. Neilson, Chris. Greer, Henry Starr.

Diamond Springs, 9—Joseph Cherpman.

Sowers, 10—Daniel Lowell, P. J. C. Heyland.

Grass Valley, 11—F. H. Paynter, A. Sims Jr.

Harmony, 12—Peter Sander, Joseph G. Myself, A. Fauba, K. Wertheimer, N. Reithmann, G. Moening.

Mountain, 14—G. H. Humphry.

Yerba Buena, 15—L. L. Alexander, I. D. Barnard, John Camet, G. A. Carney, W. H. Edmonds.

Davis Louderback, Wm. McPhun Jr., Charles E. Pearson, Henry C. Squire, Geo. J. Smith, Henry Smith, B. F. Wellington.

Oustomah, 16—Erastus Bond, Jonathan Clark, A. R. Lord.

Templar, 17—John F. Brown, C. Courtney, H. S. Gates, A. A. Hobe, Frank Kennedy, Jacob P. Miller, Loring Pickering, C. T. Fiddell, Jacob Shew, W. K. Vanderslice.

Napa, 18—Z. W. Keyes, W. H. Bachelder.

Yreka, 19—Fleming O. Bearn, Robert Nixon.

Morning Star, 20—Wm. Jones, E. J. Loomis, Thomas Hardie.

Tuolumne, 21—Thos. C. Binney.

Mokano, 22—Alfred Dalton.

Volcano, 23—Isaac W. Whitney.

Mountain Rose, 24—B. Schwartz.

Butter Creek, 25—Wilmer Palmer, Daniel Connelly.

Forrest City, 26—Charles Lee.

Los Angeles, 27—H. Burdick, A. Frank.

Jackson, 28—N. T. Littlefield, W. M. Perry.

Memento, 29—H. S. Weston.

Mariposa, 30—William Watts.

San Pablo, 31—John B. Dalton, H. D. Richardson, G. A. Poor, W. S. Umey.

Orcutt, 32—A. B. Cook, Frank M. Lewis, C. N. Jenkins, Benjamin Moss.

Brooklyn, 33—B. F. Snell.

Union, 34—H. Atwater.

Table Rock, 35—Chas. W. Hendel.

San Andreas, 36—Jubal A. Foster.

Yone, 37—Daniel Stewart, Bernard Isaacson.

Santa Clara, 38—D. M. Fyfe, H. C. Mumford.

Santa Rosa, 39—William Strong, J. A. Eveleth.

Minerva, 40—N. Quirk.

Shasta, 41—G. H. Knox.

Mount Herch, 42—C. H. Burden.

Oroville, 43—Joe Maries.

North Star, 44—C. W. Craig.

Granite, 45—D. N. Burby.

Cosumnes, 46—H. E. Eartan.

San Juan, 47—James Conn, Jas. A. Evans.

Big Tree, 48—John Hauseth.

Bay City, 49—A. Block, Jules Cert, Geo. A. Case, L. L. Denney, E. C. Hughes.

Covenant, 50—Robert Winspear.

Franklin, 51—Theodore Eisfeldt.

French Gulch, 52—Thompson Plumb.

Humboldt, 53—Thos. Carr, E. J. Stewart, Daniel B. Taylor.

Telegraph, 54—J. F. Ostram.

Alturas, 55—S. S. Russell.

Olive, 56—George B. Chadwick, T. J. Nichols.

Vacaville, 57—W. B. Davis.

Capitol, 58—H. O. Seymour, G. M. Mott, N. S. Nichols, Ezra Pearson, J. A. Stewart, P. L. Hickman.

Plumas, 59—I. B. Shreve.

Pajaro, 60—Charles L. Thomas, Henry Jackson.

Cherokee, 61—Albert Pitts.

Crusade, 62—C. E. Farley.

Yosemite, 63—John Wootton.

Jefferson, 64—C. V. Williamson.

Hornitos, 65—George E. Webster.

Sutter, 66—John F. Baum, John Landea.

Marion, 67—James B. Tomkin.

Schiller, 68—W. F. Yuhre, G. E. Kuchler, S. Morris.

Mineral, 69—C. A. Smith.

Valley, 70—John Heany.

Bay View, 71—H. N. Nutting, J. Alex. McPherson.

Geo, 72—Jos. Quella.

Abou Ben Adhem, 73—A. W. Genung, Henry Hoebert, Wallace T. James, A. R. Stringer, D. E. Swin.

Chico, 74—J. F. Neuman, T. F. Riehart, L. Fargo.

Mission Peak, 75—Samuel J. Marston.

Fort Jones, 76—Roberts S. Green.

Germania, 77—William Becker, E. Meussdorff, H. F. Marcus, E. Dunker, John A. Peterson.

Oakland, 78—E. G. Jones, W. J. Garnett, C. B. Rutherford, J. E. Benton, John Dermot.

Webster, 79—W. Griffin.

Willow, 80—H. C. Anderson.

Cucordia, 81—Martin Hencken, J. H. Peters, F. E. Ebermann, D. Becker, A. W. Bode.

Apolla, 82—M. M. Ester, J. R. Finlayson, W. W. Morrow, S. H. Smith, Frank Smith, C. C. Terrill.

Parker, 83—W. Bartlett, J. F. McMurray, H. J. Hyland, A. B. Richey, L. L. Lyman.

Summit, 84—J. Henry Brindley.

Mount Diablo, 85—Samuel Brown, James Rankin, Wm. M. Sellers.

Sycamore, 86—H. Monser, E. E. Crowell.

Clear Lake, 87—H. M. Trade.

Progressive, 88—William Eubla.

Silver Star, 89—Z. N. Spaulding.

Indian Valley, 90—J. S. Carter.

Gold Run, 91—A. G. Oliver.

Milville, 92—Ben. Snow.

Ocean View, 93—Louis B. Bernard.

University, 94—William Bartling, Thos. Bee, E. J. Webster.

Herrman, 95—Joseph Doller, P. A. Meyer, H. Vortman.

Havilah, 96—Euns Cohn.

Wilder, 97—Geo. Pearley, J. A. Brown.

Friendship, 98—W. F. Berry.

San Joaquin, 99—D. McCartney.

Salipina, 100—M. M. Sprague.

Pacific, 101—Geo. T. Schen, David Hunter, Charles H. Mann, Thos. Stewart.

Industrial, 102—S. M. Keifer, Wm. Patterson, A. J. W. Palmer, G. H. Gregory.

Independence, 103—A. B. Pickering.

Golden Rule, 104—J. R. Summers, S. Benjamin.

Evergreen, 105—T. G. Wilson.

Bonner, 106—Jos. Marzen, Sr., D. W. Leitch, J. F. Greely.

Enclinal, 107—Nathan Porter.

Golden Star, 108—W. H. Benson.

St. Helena, 109—W. A. C. Smith.

Yolo, 110—O. D. Hood.

Ophir, 111—T. E. Wilson, R. D. Mowery, J. C. Sarkent.

Summer, 112—C. E. Benall.

Abenania, 113—Chas. Welte.

Occidental, 114—Geo. F. Baker, Wm. Martin, Charles S. Peck.

Rio Vista, 115—L. P. Lorenson.

Hesperian, 116—P. A. Forrester.

Tehama, 117—T. A. Newman.

Elina, 118—Horace N. Sullivan.

Yuba City, 119—A. E. Clary, Joseph Hardy.

Loyalton, 120—J. H. Roush.

Fredonia, 121—W. J. Merodith.

Orion, 122—James McGrath, George Chase.

Valley Ford, 123—O. H. Hoag.

Mayfield, 124—J. P. Ponce.

Cloverdale, 125—Neal Anker.

Cosmopolitan, 126—John Maskell, L. G. Schord.

Angelito, 127—B. Markon.

Pountain, 128—W. L. McKay, Geo. E. Bugbee.

Anahem, 129—K. W. Champion.

Ventura, 130—Henry Robinson.

Kern, 131—J. B. Riley.

Kearville, 132—Sam. J. Fuller.

Golden Gate, 133—U. Brind, H. Thompson.

Alta, 134—T. A. Robinson, J. H. Kringler Jr.

Cabito Lodge, 135—H. White.

Francisco-American, 136—August Derre, N. Landry, P. Theas.

Merced, 137—J. B. Hankenson.

Welcome, 138—T. B. Smith.

Meridian, 139—James G. Jones.

Stella, 140—N. W. Lane.

Orocola, 141—A. H. North.

Golden State, 142—Albert Hodges, Chas. Hubbs.

Stony Creek, 143—T. E. Brown.

Livermore, 144—Israel Horton.

Vernale, 145—F. Phoebe Hart.

Fidelity, 146—W. R. Lake, J. B. Dow.

Callisto, 147—John Cyrus.

Oakdale, 148—S. P. Bailey.

Central, 149—Wm. Ash.

Capay, 150—Robert Mardex.

Channel, 151—James M. Short.

Tennies, 152—T. M. Johnston.

Plainsburg, 153—James P. Clark.

Orphen, 154—John Fletcher.

True Old Fellowship, 155—Bilton Neek.

Upper Lake, 156—Dexter Witter.

A resolution was adopted fixing the daily sessions of the Grand Lodge from 10 A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., evening sessions as may be ordered.

A resolution was also adopted resolving the Grand Lodge into secret session on Wednesday.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following appointments were made to fill vacancies in the Standing Committees, which, as perfected, are as follows:

Committee on Credentials—H. Hoebert of No. 112; S. Benjamin of No. 100; P. A. Forrester of No. 101.

Committee on Finance—W. K. Vandervance of No. 17; J. A. McClelland of No. 2; D. M. Burns of No. 111; John Cammack of No. 15; C. W. Craig of No. 61.

Committee on Correspondence—W. Hartling of No. 144; J. P. Newman of No. 113; W. H. Escalder of No. 10.

Committee on Appeals—D. Louderback of No. 15; Henry Starr of No. 8; W. Bartlett, of No. 121; M. M. Esice of No. 124; J. B. Lamar of No. 174.

Committee on Petitions—C. L. Thomas of No. 50; L. B. Schord of No. 104; H. C. Kirby of No. 127; C. N. Jenkins of No. 47; H. Jackson of No. 90.

Committee on State of the Order—W. J. Gurnett of No. 119; Earn Pierson of No. 87; L. L. Alexander of No. 15; — Earn of No. 17; J. F. Greely of No. 102.

Committee on Printing—W. B. Lyon of No. 7; J. F. Brown of No. 17; Edmund Lane of No. 1.

Committee on Legislation—A. Block of No. 71; Geo. A. Case of No. 71; H. T. Derrance of No. 6; A. W. Henry of No. 24.

Committee on Milence—H. C. Squire of No. 15; N. Landry of No. 907; C. H. Hubbs of No. 216; S. H. Smith of No. 123; P. J. C. Heyland of No. 10.

Committee on Laws of Subordinates—H. S. Gates of No. 17; Peter Sander of No. 13; Albert O. Day of No. 124.

The Grand Lodge here took a recess until two o'clock.

### REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Master submitted and read his report, from which we make the following extracts:

Number of Lodges, April 1, 1876, 125; number of members, 13,596. Amount of Hall stock, \$15,450.00; value of emblems, \$28,578.80; value of real estate other than the foregoing, \$17,704.40; amount invested not before enumerated, \$11,966.00; amount of funds on hand, \$153,638.12. Total amount of property, \$1,200,687.01. Number of volumes in library, 27,652; value of library, including furniture, \$84,055. Total value, \$1,340,668.01. Total amount expended for relief from April 1, 1875, to date, \$145,215.78. Total expended for relief and other expenses, \$207,907.17.

The following new Lodges were instituted during the fiscal year: San Leandro, No. 131, at San Leandro; Channel City, 126, at Santa Barbara; Tomales, 123, at Tomales; Salmon Creek, 124, at Bodoga; Plattsburg, 125, at Plattsburg; Santa Ana, 126, at Santa Ana; Orphen, 127, at Anaheim; True Fellowship, 128, at Santa Clara; Phoenix, 129, at Galt; Oreia, 130, at Point Arena; Upper Lake, 131, at Upper Lake; Franco-Italian, 132, at San Jose; Winters, 133, Winters.

The following Rebekah Degree Lodges have been instituted: Morse No. 23, at Cambria; Hyacinth 26, at Dixon; Fidelity, 27, at Quincy; Charity, 28, at Modesto; Fidelity, 29, at Hollister; and Germantown, 30.

During the year 87 members of the Grand Lodge have been entered on the roll of honored dead. He refers especially to T. Rodgers Johnson, P. G. S., who occupied the position of Grand Secretary. From the organization of the Grand Lodge until the last session—twenty-three years. He says: "His work is done—his record written up, his virtues and his deeds—let them be engraved in letters of gold and spoken when the ear is quick and the heart feels sweet."

During the past twelve months the jurisdiction has enjoyed harmony and prosperity. It has increased in Lodges, in membership and material wealth; and the Order stands higher in the estimation of the people on the Pacific Coast than ever before.

From the Grand Secretary's report we gather the following: The increase of membership the past fiscal year to December 31, 1875, 1,337; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$73,630; for widowed families, \$11,505.73; for burying brothers, \$14,139.03; for burying sisters, \$4,462.00; for education of orphans, \$1,054.19; for current expenses, \$140,643.72. Total expenses, \$268,342.94. Total amount of receipts, \$479,410.94, being a net gain the past year of \$212,957.96. Total amount of 864, \$1,498,234.27. Number of Rebekah Lodges, 30; number of Rebekah members December 31, 1875, 1,451.

The Grand Secretary has received during the year from the various Lodges, on account of the "Morse Memorial Fund," for the erection of a monument to the memory of John F. Morse, P. G. M., the sum of \$3,349.68.

A synopsis of the report of the Grand Representative has already been published in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

Action on the reports of the Grand Officers was being considered by the Grand Lodge at the time the Bulletin went to press.