

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA.

Preliminary Meeting for Organizing the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of California, held in the City of San Francisco, May 17, 1853.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, SAN FRANCISCO, }
 May 17th, 1853. }

A Convention of Past Grands of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows met at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to a call made to the various Lodges throughout the State, by the D. D. Grand Sire, Samuel H. Parker, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the State of California.

The meeting was called to order by D. D. Grand Sire Samuel H. Parker.

On motion, P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson, of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, was requested to act as Secretary.

The D. D. Grand Sire appointed P. G., C. C. Hayden, of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, R. W. D. Grand Master; P. G., Greenfield, of New York, R. W. Grand Warden; and P. G., P. B. Dexter, of California Lodge, No. 1, W. Grand Marshal.

PRESENT:

P. G., JAMES SMILEY,	of California Lodge, No. 1.
P. G., L. RYAN,	“ “ “ “
P. G., P. B. DEXTER,	“ “ “ “
P. G., N. W. MOORE,	“ “ “ “
P. G., CHARLES DAVIS,	“ “ “ “
P. G., MATHEW PURDIN,	“ Sacramento Lodge, No. 2.
P. G., JOHN F. MORSE,	“ “ “ “
P. G., DAVID KENDALL,	“ “ “ “
P. G., C. C. HAYDEN,	“ “ “ “
P. G., E. W. GRAHAM,	“ San Francisco Lodge, No. 3.
P. G. M., SAMUEL H. PARKER,	“ “ “ “
P. G., T. RODGERS JOHNSON,	“ “ “ “
P. G., D. NORCROSS,	“ “ “ “
P. G., NOAH SUTTON,	“ “ “ “
P. G., H. M. HEUSTON,	“ “ “ “
P. G., PRESCOTT ROBINSON,	“ Eureka Lodge, No. 4.
P. G., W. H. WATSON,	“ “ “ “
P. G., J. M. WOOLLEN,	“ Charity Lodge, No. 6.
P. G., J. S. SCOTT,	“ El Dorado Lodge, No. 8.

The credentials from a number of representatives were presented, and

On motion, a Committee was appointed to examine the same.

The D. D. Grand Sire appointed—

P. G., E. W. Graham, of No. 3.
P. G., Mathew Purdin, of No. 2.
P. G., J. M. Woollen, of No. 6.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report:—

*To the R. W. D. D. Grand Sire and Past Grand
of the I. O. O. F. assembled:—*

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred sundry certificates, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find the following correct:

P. G., J. M. Coughlin,	of California Lodge, No. 1.
“ L. F. Zantzinger,	“ “ “ “
“ J. D. Persian,	“ Sacramento Lodge, No. 2.
“ Cyrus Coffin,	“ “ “ “
“ Newton Booth,	“ “ “ “
“ Augustus Otto,	“ “ “ “
“ Robert Robinson,	“ “ “ “
“ Thomas Eadie,	“ San Francisco Lodge, No. 3.
“ William Robertson,	“ “ “ “
“ James W. Young,	“ “ “ “
“ Geo. I. N. Monell,	“ Eureka Lodge, No. 4.
“ A. J. Lucas,	“ “ “ “
“ S. M. Veach,	“ “ “ “
“ W. J. Tilley,	“ “ “ “
“ Thomas Sunderland,	“ “ “ “
“ James Bowsted,	“ “ “ “
“ John Turner,	“ “ “ “
“ E. W. Colt,	“ Charity Lodge, No. 6.
“ I. Zachariah,	“ “ “ “
“ J. P. D. Wilkins,	“ “ “ “
“ Hanson Hazell,	“ Auburn Lodge, No. 7.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. T.,

E. W. GRAHAM,
MATHEW PURDIN,
J. M. WOOLLEN.

On motion, the report was received, and the following Brothers were introduced by the W. G. Marshal, and, after receiving the Grand Lodge Degrees, took their seats as members of the Convention:—

J. M. Coughlin,
L. F. Zantzinger,
J. D. Persian,
Cyrus Coffin,
Robert Robinson,
Thomas Eadie,
James W. Young,

Geo. I. N. Monell,
A. J. Lucas,
S. M. Veach,
E. W. Colt,
I. Zachariah,
J. P. D. Wilkins,
Hanson Hazell.

P. G., J. G. Greenfield, formerly of Charity Lodge, No. 6, applied for admission to the Convention.

A motion made to admit the brother, on being put before the Convention, was decided in the negative.

By order of the D. D. Grand Sire, the W. Grand Marshal read the dispensation for a Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the State of California, granted to the Representatives of California Lodge, No. 1, Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, Eureka Lodge, No. 4, and Charity Lodge, No. 6, of the State of California.

P. G., Prescott Robinson presented the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, By this Convention, that all Past Grands from Auburn Lodge, No. 7, and El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, be and are hereby admitted as members of this Grand Lodge, and entitled to the same privileges as the Past Grands from those Lodges mentioned in our charter.

P. G., J. S. Scott moved that a two-third vote be necessary to elect the Officers of this Grand Lodge.

The motion was put before the Convention and decided in the negative.

The Convention went into election for the office of M. W. Grand Master. The D. D. Grand Sire appointed Geo. I. N. Monell and Hanson Hazell as Tellers of the election.

All the members of the Convention having an opportunity to vote, the Tellers reported that there had been 29 votes polled :—

P. G. M., Samuel H. Parker	received	18	votes.
P. G. Mathew Purdin	"	8	"
P. G. John F. Morse	"	3	"

The R. W. D. Grand Master therefore declared Past Grand Master Samuel H. Parker, of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, duly elected as the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California.

The Grand Lodge then went into election for R. W. D. Grand Master. The Tellers reported that 29 votes had been polled :—

P. G., Mathew Purdin	received	13	votes.
" John F. Morse	"	5	"
" E. W. Colt	"	5	"
" W. H. Watson	"	5	"
" E. W. Graham	"	1	"

There being no choice, the D. D. Grand Sire ordered another ballot, when a motion was made that we go into nomination for Grand Lodge Officers.

The motion was put to the Grand Lodge and decided in the affirmative.

Nominations were then declared open for R. W. D. Grand Master.

P. G., John F. Morse and P. G., E. W. Colt were nominated.

The Grand Lodge then went into balloting for R. W. D. Grand Master, which resulted in

P. G., John F. Morse	receiving	16	votes, and
" E. W. Colt	"	13	"

P. G., John F. Morse, of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, was declared elected as the R. W. D. Grand Master of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The office of R. W. Grand Warden was then in nomination, when

P. G., E. W. Colt, of Charity Lodge, No. 6, was nominated, and, on balloting, was declared elected unanimously as the R. W. Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

The office of R. W. Grand Secretary was then put in nomination, when P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson and L. F. Zantzing were nominated, which resulted in

P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson	receiving	21	votes, and
" L. F. Zantzing	"	5	"

P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson, of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, was declared duly elected R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

The office of R. W. Grand Treasurer was then open for nominations, when Past Grands Daniel Norcross, of No. 3, J. M. Coughlin, of No. 1, W. H. Watson, of No. 4, I. Zachariah, of No. 6, and A. J. Lucas, of No. 4, were nominated. On balloting, there being no choice, a new ballot was ordered, when

P. G., J. M. Coughlin	received	11	votes.
" W. H. Watson	"	8	"
" I. Zachariah	"	9	"

There being no choice, another ballot was ordered, when the Tellers reported 26 votes polled:—

J. M. Coughlin	received	19	votes.
I. Zachariah	"	7	"

P. G., J. M. Coughlin was therefore declared duly elected as the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

A motion was made that a committee of one from each Lodge represented be appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Lodge, and also a Constitution for subordinate Lodges.

The motion being adopted, the D. D. Grand Sire appointed—

P. G., J. M. Coughlin, of No. 1,	
David Kendall,	“ “ 2,
D. Norcross,	“ “ 3,
Geo. I. N. Monell,	“ “ 4,
J. P. D. Wilkins,	“ “ 6,
Hanson Hazell,	“ “ 7,
J. S. Scott,	“ “ 8.

Moved and seconded that when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it meet this evening at 6 o'clock.

The motion was amended to insert 4 o'clock.

Question being put before the Grand Lodge, resulted in the Grand Lodge being adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of P. G., D. Norcross, this R. W. Grand Body resolved to attend the funeral of Bro. C. N. Turner, clothed in their appropriate regalia.

On motion, after closing in usual form, the Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 o'clock.

R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—D. D. Grand Sire, Samuel H. Parker presiding.

A certificate was received from P. G., John McInnis, of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, recommending him as a member of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Past Grand W. J. Tilley of Bureka Lodge, No. 4, also presented himself for admission to membership of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Credentials, after examining the Brothers, introduced them to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and being qualified, took their seats as members of this R. W. Grand Body.

The Grand Master elect, Samuel H. Parker, P. G. M., was then installed by P. G., Mathew Purdin, and took his seat as the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California.

The Grand Master then installed the following Brothers as the Officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge :—

P. G., JOHN F. MORSE,.....	R. W. D. Grand Master,
P. G., E. W. COLT,.....	R. W. Grand Warden,
P. G., T. RODGERS JOHNSON,.....	R. W. Grand Secretary,
P. G., JOHN M. COUGHLIN,.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer,
P. G., I. ZACHARIAH,.....	W. Grand Marshal,
P. G., L. F. ZANTZINGER,.....	W. Grand Conductor,
P. G., A. J. LUCAS,.....	W. Grand Guardian.

Proclamation was then made that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California was duly organized, and its officers installed.

P. G., I. Zachariah moved that this R. W. Grand Lodge grant charters or dispensations forthwith to the various Lodges applying for the same.

P. G., W. H. Watson moved to lay the motion for the present on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was adopted.

P. G., C. C. Hayden offered the following:—

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer be instructed to purchase such books and other requisites as may be needed for their respective offices.

Resolution adopted.

Moved that this Grand Lodge now adjourn until to-morrow, the 18th inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Motion adopted, and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

SECOND DAY OF SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, MAY 18TH, }
Ten o'clock, A. M. }

R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT:—

R. W. Grand Master,.....	SAMUEL H. PARKER, presiding,
R. W. D. Grand Master,.....	JOHN F. MORSE,
R. W. Grand Warden,.....	E. W. COLT,
R. W. Grand Secretary,.....	T. RODGERS JOHNSON,
R. W. Grand Treasurer,.....	J. M. COUGHLIN,
W. Grand Marshal,.....	I. ZACHARIAH,
W. Grand Conductor,.....	L. F. ZANTZINGER,
W. Grand Guardian,.....	A. J. LUCAS.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

Petitions were received from Stockton, Yreka, Marysville, Diamond Springs, and Sonora, praying for charters to open subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the petitions were referred to a special committee, consisting of—

P. G., G. C. Hayden, of No. 2,
 “ J. M. Woollen, of No. 6, and
 “ Noah Sutton, of No. 3.

A communication was presented by D. D. Grand Sire, Samuel H. Parker, from the R. W. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the communication was referred to a committee to report thereon, and to prepare a memorial to the Grand Lodge of the United States, requesting them to remit the per centage now due the Grand Lodge of the United States from the subordinate Lodges in this State.

M. W. Grand Master appointed as said committee—

P. G., W. H. Watson, of No. 4,
 “ E. W. Colt, of No. 6, and
 “ P. B. Dexter, of No. 1.

And, by vote of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master was added to the committee.

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution for this Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, reported that they had completed their labors and were ready to report a Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of the same.

Motion by P. G., J. M. Coughlin, that this R. W. Grand Lodge go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Rules of Order.

The motion was adopted, and the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a committee.

The committee arose, and, through their chairman, reported a code of Rules of Order for the government of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and recommended the adoption of the same.

On motion of P. G., P. B. Dexter, the Rules of Order were approved of and adopted as the Rules of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge went into Committee of the Whole to consider the Constitution for this Grand Lodge reported by the committee.

P. G., L. F. Zantzinger, as chairman of Committee of the Whole,

reported a Constitution, recommending the adoption of the same by the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. D. Grand Master John F. Morse, that the Constitution, as reported by the committee, be adopted.

P. G., Noah Sutton, of No. 3, moved to strike out so much of the clause of Article III., Section 4, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge requiring the candidates for the offices of R. W. Grand Master, R. W. D. Grand Master, and R. W. Grand Warden, to have attained the Royal Purple Degree.

On voting, the motion was decided in the negative.

The Grand Lodge then adopted the Constitution as reported by the committee.

On motion, it was voted to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the constitutions of subordinate Lodges.

P. G., C. C. Hayden, as chairman of the Committee, reported that they had approved of a Constitution for subordinate Lodges, and recommended the adoption of the same by this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Thursday, May 19, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in ample form.

THIRD DAY OF SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, May 19th, }
Ten o'clock, A. M. }

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

<i>R. W. D. Grand Master</i>	JOHN F. MORSE, presiding.
<i>R. W. Grand Warden</i>	E. W. COLT.
<i>R. W. Grand Secretary</i>	T. RODGERS JOHNSON.
<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer</i>	J. M. COUGHLIN.
<i>W. Grand Conductor</i>	L. F. ZANTZINGER.
<i>W. Grand Guardian</i>	A. J. LUCAS.
<i>W. Grand Marshal</i>	I. Zachariah.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended for this day's session.

P. G., J. M. Coughlin moved that the report of Committee on Petitions be received.

The motion was adopted, and the Committee on Petitions offered the following report:—

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, A. M., May 18th, 1853. }

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of California:—

Your committee, to whom were referred Petitions and Communications, respectfully report that the petitions for subordinate Lodges to be located at Marysville, Diamond Springs, Sonora, and Stockton, be granted, provided that the dispensation fee has or will be paid, they otherwise being in form. The petition from Yreka, not in form; the cards accompanying the same being visiting cards: and recommend the same be returned to them through the Corresponding Committee. The several communications accompanying this, be referred to the Corresponding Committee. The cards of Bros. Tolman and Gubson be placed on file, subject to their order.

C. C. HAYDEN,
JOHN M. WOOLLEN, } Committee.
NOAH SUTTON,

On motion, the report of the Committee on Petitions was adopted.

P. G., David Kendall moved that so much of Article IX., Section 2, of Constitution of subordinate Lodges as refers to the M. W. Grand Master be stricken out, and insert Standing Committee.

Vote being taken, it was decided in the negative.

On motion, the Constitution for subordinate Lodges was adopted.

P. G., Noah Sutton, of No. 3, moved to rescind the vote just adopted in reference to the Constitution of subordinate Lodges.

On being seconded, was voted to rescind.

P. G., J. M. Coughlin moved to strike out so much of Article I., Section 3, of subordinate Lodge Constitution as conflicted with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Adopted.

And, on motion, the subordinate Lodge Constitution was adopted as amended.

On motion of P. G., J. D. Persian, the Grand Lodge Officers were instructed to procure a design for a seal for this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Grand Treasurer J. M. Coughlin presented a design for a seal in the form of a shield, and recommended the approval of the same by this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the design was approved of, and the Grand Lodge Officers instructed to procure a seal for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the R. W. Grand Treasurer was instructed to procure a suitable frame for the dispensation of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

P. G., C. C. Hayden moved that five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed.

P. G., L. F. Zantzinger moved to amend by saying two hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings and two hundred and fifty of the Constitutions.

P. G., Mathew Purdin moved further to amend, by altering to one thousand copies of the proceedings.

The amendment was adopted; and, on motion, the whole was adopted as amended.

On motion of P. G., C. C. Hayden, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to reserve twenty-five copies of the proceedings, to be filed in the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

P. G., C. C. Hayden moved that a committee of three be appointed on Printing, of which the R. W. Grand Secretary shall be chairman.

The motion was adopted, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed as balance of committee—

P. G., James W. Young, of No. 3,
 " David Kendall, " " 2.

On motion of P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson, the M. W. Grand Master was instructed to procure fifty blank charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of this R. W. Grand Body.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as

<i>Committee on Finance</i> ,.....	P. G., P. B. Dexter, of No. 1, " A. J. Lucas, of No. 4, " J. P. D. Wilkins, of No. 6, " Hanson Hazell, of No. 7, " James W. Young, of No. 3.
<i>Committee on Elections</i> ,.....	P. G., C. C. Hayden, of No. 2, " J. M. Woollen, of No. 6, " Noah Sutton, of No. 3.
<i>Committee on Correspondence</i> ,.....	P. G., W. H. Watson, of No. 4, " J. M. Coughlin, of No. 1, " S. M. Veach, of No. 4.

- Committee on Appeals*,.....P. G., Mathew Purdin, of No. 2,
 “ D. Norcross, of No. 3,
 “ I. Zachariah, of No. 6,
 “ E. W. Graham, of No. 3,
 “ W. J. Tilley, of No. 4.
- Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges*,..P. G., David Kendall, of No. 2,
 “ L. F. Zantzingler, of No. 1,
 “ J. S. Scott, of No. 8,
 “ Cyrus S. Coffin, of No. 2,
 “ Hanson Hazell, of No. 7.
- Committee on Petitions*,.....P. G., Geo. I. N. Monell, of No. 4,
 “ J. S. Scott, of No. 8,
 “ J. M. Coughlin, of No. 1,
 “ S. M. Veach, of No. 4,
 “ J. P. D. Wilkins, of No. 6.
- Committee on the State of the Order*,.....P. G., John F. Morse, of No. 2,
 “ J. M. Coughlin, of No. 1,
 “ W. H. Watson, of No. 4,
 “ Mathew Purdin, of No. 2,
 “ Noah Sutton, of No. 3.

On motion, the various appointments made by the M. W. Grand Master were approved of by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G., P. B. Dexter, a committee of three were appointed to procure a suitable safe for the use of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

M. W. Grand Master appointed as the committee—

- R. W. D. Grand Master John F. Morse,
 “ Grand Warden E. W. Colt,
 “ Grand Secretary T. Rodgers Johnson.

On motion of P. G., T. Rodgers Johnson, a committee of three was appointed to procure a set of jewels and regalia for the officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to be completed by the next session of this Grand Body.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as said committee—

- P. G., Geo. I. N. Monell, of No. 4,
 “ E. W. Colt, “ “ 6,
 “ Thomas Eadie, “ “ 3.

P. G., C. C. Hayden, of No. 2, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to inform the subordinate Lodges in California, heretofore under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that a Grand Lodge has been established in this State, and that they are required to make their reports from and after the 17th day of May, A. D. 1853, to this Grand Lodge.

The following question was presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge for decision, viz:—

Will it be legal for a citizen of the State of California, where Lodges of Odd Fellows are established, to be initiated into the Order of Odd Fellows in other States?

On motion, it was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

By a vote of the Grand Lodge, the views of the M. W. Grand Master, in reference to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, were approved, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed as

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

For San Francisco District,	M. W. Grand Master Samuel H. Parker.
“ Sacramento	“ R. W. Grand Master John F. Morse.
“ San Joaquin	“ R. W. Grand Warden E. W. Colt.
“ Placer	“ P. G., Hanson Hazell.

On motion, the appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters were confirmed by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

P. G., Geo. I. N. Monell offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That each county in this State be considered as a District, and when a Lodge shall thus be established, then there shall be appointed a District Deputy Grand Master.

By a vote of the Grand Lodge, the above resolution was adopted.

The R. W. D. Grand Master offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate five hundred dollars as a compensation for Grand Secretary.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

By a vote, the Grand Lodge decided to go into nomination for R. W. Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as Tellers, Past Grands Geo. I. N. Monell and L. Ryan; and to superintend the election, W. Grand Conductor L. F. Zantzinger, and W. Grand Marshal I. Zachariah.

Nominations were then opened, and P. G., Mathew Purdin, of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2; was nominated.

The R. W. Grand Secretary moved to close the nominations.

The motion was adopted, and the Grand Lodge entered into a ballot for R. W. Grand Representative.

After all the members had an opportunity to vote, the ballot was closed, and the Tellers reported that there had been 20 votes polled, and all for P. G., Mathew Purdin.

The M. W. Grand Master therefore declared P. G., Mathew Purdin, of No. 2, duly elected the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the election was declared unanimous.

P. G., Geo. I. N. Monell offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That if this R. W. Grand Lodge is entitled to two Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, that the Standing Committee of this Grand Body be empowered to fill such vacancy.

Adopted.

By a vote of the Grand Lodge, the same Committee was instructed to fill such vacancy, if any should occur, by the inability of the R. W. Grand Representative, Mathew Purdin, not being able to attend to such duty.

P. G., E. G. Greenfield, of Stockton Lodge, was instructed by the R. W. Grand Warden, in the Grand Lodge degrees, and introduced by the W. Grand Conductor and W. Grand Marshal.

Motion was made and seconded, that the present members of this Grand Lodge be entitled to the Past Official Degrees, whether they have served a regular term in the elective offices of subordinate Lodges or not.

The vote being taken, was decided in the negative.

Motion that the communication presented by the D. D. Grand Sire Samuel H. Parker, from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and referred to a Special Committee, be now transferred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Work of the Order.

On the rising of the committee, the chairman, D. D. Grand Master Hanson Hazell, reported progress.

The R. W. Grand Secretary offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the next annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Sacramento on the second Monday of May, A. D., 1854.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

A communication was presented by P. G., L. F. Zantzing, purporting to be the By-Laws of California Lodge, No. 1.

On motion, was referred to Committee on Laws of subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess for thirty minutes.

On the time having expired, the Grand Lodge was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master.

R. W. D. Grand Master, J. F. Morse offered the following resolution, and by a vote was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Grand Lodge, that each subordinate Lodge in the State in existence prior to the organization of this R. W. Grand Lodge, do furnish the Grand Corresponding Committee with a memorial to the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating the amount of per centage due to said Grand Lodge up to the 17th day of May, A. D., 1853, and the difficulties inevitably entailed upon the respective subordinate Lodges, should the Grand Lodge of the United States refuse to remit said dues.

A communication was presented by P. G., J. S. Scott, complaining of an injustice being done Bro. J. L. Polhemus, of El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, at the re-organization of said Lodge, by the D. D. Grand Sire.

Motion was offered that it be referred to Committee on Appeals.

Amended by P. G., Mathew Purdin, to refer it to a special committee of three Past Grands, not members of Lodges in the city of Sacramento.

It was further amended to refer it to the Committee of the Whole.

The motion was carried as amended.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a committee to consider the communication, and reported thereon.

The committee, on rising, through their chairman, P. G., J. M. Coughlin, reported the following resolution for the approval of this R. W. Grand Lodge :—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction over the matter, and that leave be granted the petitioner to withdraw the same.

On motion, the resolution was adopted and the communication withdrawn.

Moved and seconded, that this Grand Lodge adjourn its annual session *sine die*.

The motion was laid over under the Rule.

P. G., David Kendall offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That no officer or member of a subordinate Lodge can wear other regalia throughout this jurisdiction, than is laid down and specified in the Digest of the Laws.

Voted, That this Grand Lodge hereby adopt the enactment of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An Act concerning the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows." Approved May 4th, 1852. Of which the following is a correct copy :—

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
The people of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of California, or any subordinate Lodge thereof, may acquire and hold such property, real and personal, as may be deemed necessary to carry out the charitable purposes of such institution, and may sue and be sued, and shall have such other general powers as are granted to corporations, under the law entitled "An Act concerning corporations," passed April twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty. Approved May 4th, 1852.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.
The Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

EVENING SESSION, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge organized pursuant to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT :

<i>M. W. Grand Master</i> ,.....	SAMUEL H. PARKER, presiding,
<i>R. W. D. Grand Master</i> ,.....	C. C. HAYDEN, <i>pro tem.</i> ,
<i>R. W. Grand Warden</i> ,.....	NOAH SUTTON, <i>pro tem.</i> ,
<i>R. W. Grand Secretary</i> ,.....	T. RODGERS JOHNSON,
<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer</i> ,.....	J. M. COUGHLIN,
<i>W. Grand Conductor</i> ,.....	L. F. ZANTZINGER,
<i>W. Grand Guardian</i> ,.....	A. J. LUCAS.

Committee on Finance reported the probable disbursements and assessments of the Grand Lodge for the current year ensuing.

On motion, the report was received.

P. G., W. H. Watson moved to recommit the report to the committee. Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess for ten minutes.

The time having expired, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

P. G., W. H. Watson offered the following resolution, and, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be and he is hereby requested to transmit to the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout

the State, for distribution to the Grand Officers and members of the Grand and subordinate Lodges, sufficient number of copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at his earliest convenience.

P. G., David Kendall moved that the Grand Secretary be requested to forward a copy of a resolution of this Grand Lodge to each subordinate Lodge throughout the State, in reference to regalia of officers and members of subordinate Lodges.

Motion was negatived.

Chairman of Committee on Finance offered the following report, and, on motion, was adopted :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.
of the State of California :—*

The undersigned Committee on Finance, whose duty it has been made to present an estimate of the sum necessary to be raised to meet the probable expenditures for the current year, and to suggest the sources whence revenue may be derived, beg leave to make the following report :

Your committee are not in possession of data which will enable them to offer for your consideration a detailed statement of the several items of expense to be incurred, and must, therefore, content themselves by submitting an estimate which they believe approximates the sum which may be required.

This being the first session of the Grand Lodge, it will be necessary to procure jewels, regalia, safe, books, blanks, &c., which will swell the expenses for the present year to an amount much larger than would under other circumstances be required. To assess upon subordinate Lodges now organized and at work under this jurisdiction a sum sufficient to cover the entire expenditures, would, in the opinion of your committee, be onerous and unjust ; onerous, inasmuch as the whole number of contributing members in the several Lodges does not probably exceed five hundred and fifty ; unjust, for the reason that as the above enumerated articles will remain the property of the Grand Lodge, and will be held for the benefit of such subordinate Lodges as may hereafter be instituted, they also should be required to contribute something towards their payment.

The estimated expenses for the current year are as follows :

Salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary,.....	\$500 00
Printing Constitution for Grand Lodge,	}
Printing Constitution for subordinate Lodges,	
Printing Grand Lodge Reports, Blanks, &c.,	
Regalia and Jewels,.....	500 00
Safe,.....	250 00
Books and Stationery,.....	200 00
Seal and Press,.....	100 00
Dispensation,.....	30 00
Frame for Dispensation,.....	50 00
Host,.....	25 00
Incidental expenses,.....	345 00

Total amount of estimated expenses,.....\$2500 00

The estimated receipts for the current year are as follows :

For sale of Charters for Subordinates,.....	\$450 00
For assessment upon Lodges of one dollar per member, as hereinafter recommended.....	550 00
Total amount of estimated receipts,.....	1000 00

Balance to to be provided for by loan or otherwise,.....\$1500 00

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Standing Committee be authorized to assess upon the several subordinate Lodges working under this jurisdiction, one dollar for each contributing member, to aid in defraying the expenses. The amount thus obtained from each Lodge to be placed to the credit of such Lodge. Should the amount thus realized in addition to the amount received from the sale of Charters, be, in the opinion of your Standing Committee, insufficient to defray the expenses, it is recommended that they be further authorized to negotiate a loan for an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars, to supply the deficiency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. B. DEXTER, A. J. LUCAS, J. P. D. WILKINS, HANSON HAZELL, J. W. YOUNG,	}	Committee.
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P. G., David Kendall offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Grand officers and officers and members of subordinate Lodges be directed to pre-pay the postage on all letters and communications.

A motion was offered to amend the resolution by striking out "Grand Officers," and insert in place of "letters," *official*.

The amendment was rejected.

And, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

P. G., L. F. Zantzinger offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested by the Grand Lodge to confer the P. N. G. Degree upon those P. G.'s who have not received the Degree.

The resolution was amended to include the P. V. G. and P. S. Degrees on those brothers who are entitled to receive them.

The amendment was carried, and the resolution adopted as amended.

The M. W. Grand Master then conferred the several official degrees on those brothers present who were entitled to them.

P. G., W. H. Watson offered the following resolution, which, by vote, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand officers and members of this Grand Lodge hereby tender their thanks to the officers and members of the Lodges in San Francisco, for the use of their Lodge room and regalia during the session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge then closed in ample form.

FOURTH DAY OF SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, May 20th, }
 Eleven o'clock, A. M. }

R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

OFFICERS PRESENT :

M. W. Grand Master,.....SAMUEL H. PARKER, presiding.
 R. W. D. Grand Master,.....JOHN F. MORSE.
 R. W. Grand Warden,.....NOAH SUTTON, *pro tem*.
 R. W. Grand Secretary,.....T. RODGERS JOHNSON.
 R. W. Grand Treasurer,.....J. M. COUGHLIN.
 W. Grand Marshal,.....D. NORCROSS, *pro tem*.
 W. Grand Conductor,.....L. F. ZANTZINGER.
 W. Grand Guardian,.....A. J. LUCAS.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Committee on the State of the Order reported as follows :—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.
 of the State of California :—

The committee to whom was referred the inquiry of P. G., C. C. Hayden, submit the following report :—

The question reads thus :

“Is it lawful for an individual who is a citizen of California, to be initiated into a subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellows in another State?”

The committee report that it is not lawful for a citizen of California to be initiated into a subordinate Lodge of any other State, and in substantiation of their opinion would refer to Article II, Section I, of Constitution for Subordinates, adopted by the Grand Lodge of this State, and also to paragraph eleven, on page 49 of Digest.

Respectfully,

J. F. MORSE,
 N. SUTTON,
 JOHN M. COUGHLIN,
 M. PURDIN,
 WM. H. WATSON, } Committee,

On motion of P. G., David Kendall, the report was received and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted :—

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a sufficient number of question and proposition books for the use of subordinate Lodges.

P. G., W. H. Watson offered the following resolution, and by vote it was adopted :—

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to furnish all the subordinate Lodges, at the earliest possible moment, a copy of such proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge as require their prompt action.

A motion was made and adopted, to take up the resolution for adjournment.

On motion, the vote just adopted was rescinded.

P. G., David Kendall offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:—

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge approves of the course of the D. D. Grand Sire of California, in obtaining the Charter for this body, and his acts in this jurisdiction meet with our cordial approbation.

Minutes of the full session were approved and adopted.

A motion was then made to close this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California.

The M. W. Grand Master, on putting the question, arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:—

PAST GRANDS: I should not do justice to my own feelings, did I not congratulate you upon the harmony and good feeling that has characterized all of our deliberations at this, the first session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of California. We have, through much labor and difficulty, placed the altars of our beloved Order on a firm and solid basis on the shores of the great Pacific Ocean.

Could I have anticipated occupying the exalted station with which you have honored me, I should have made a written communication to this R. W. Grand Lodge, containing a synopsis of the state of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. I can now only state that by the returns to the Grand Lodge of the United States on the first of January last, there were six working Lodges in California, with five hundred and thirty-three contributing members; that since the establishment of the Order in 1849, according to the best information I have been able to obtain, more than one hundred thousand dollars have been expended in relieving the sick and destitute, and in burying the dead, by Odd Fellows and Lodges in this jurisdiction. Nearly all of this amount has been paid out to those not connected with any Lodge in California. In many places, where it has been found impracticable to form a Lodge, "Odd Fellowship Associations" have been organized, which have dispensed with free hearts and open hands the bounties of our beloved Order to the needy and destitute. If these facts are properly presented at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I have no doubt our brethren east of the Mountains will remit our dues to that body, and do all that is consistent with justice to relieve the Order in this Western World from the very onerous tax of supporting those who should be sustained by the funds of their own Lodges. And while it will never be said of California Odd Fellowship, that "she sent the deserving brother empty away," we think we have a right to expect that "the bread we have cast upon the waters shall after many days be returned to us again." Forgetting those things that are past—Pestilence, Fire, Flood—let us go on, till that darkness and doubt through which we have groped our way, "in the times that tried men's souls" shall have passed away, and the principles of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH, shall be established throughout our borders.

By the establishment of this Grand Lodge we shall be able, without delay, to scatter broadcast the seeds of our great and glorious Order over this entire New World, whose fruit shall be more than an hundred fold in a single harvest.

Let us, then, carry with us to our respective homes and Lodges these principles of Love and Harmony that have characterized our present communication, and do all in our power to spread the principles of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE and TRUTH in every city, town and village within the borders of our great and growing State.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

T. RODGERS JOHNSON,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
R. W. Grand Lodge of California,

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,

HELD AT THE HALL OF THE I. O. O. F., IN SACRAMENTO CITY,

May 8th, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT :

- SAMUEL H. PARKER, *M. W. Grand Master*, . . . of Templar Lodge, No. 17.
 JOHN F. MORSE, *E. W. D. Grand Master*, . . . of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2.
 E. W. COLP, *E. W. Grand Warden*, . . . of Charity Lodge, No. 6.
 T. RODGERS JOHNSON, . . . *E. W. Grand Secretary*, . . . of San Francisco Lodge, No. 3.
 JOHN M. COUGHLIN, *E. W. Grand Treasurer*, . . . of Templar Lodge, No. 17.
 MATHEW PURDIN, *E. W. Gr. Representative*, . . . of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2.
 GEO. I. N. MONELL, *W. Gr. Chaplain, pro tem.*, . . . of Eureka Lodge, No. 4.
 H. M. HEUSTON, *W. Gr. Marshal, pro tem.*, . . . of Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15.
 LOUIS F. ZANTZINGER, . . . *W. Grand Conductor*, . . . of California Lodge, No. 1.
 A. J. LUCAS, *W. Grand Guardian*, . . . of Yuba Lodge, No. 5.
 John Southwell, Chs. Davis, Wm. Satterlee, California Lodge, No. 1.
 C. C. Hayden, David Kendall, J. D. Persian, Robert Robinson, Sacramento
 Lodge, No. 2.
 E. W. Graham, Noah Sutton, San Francisco Lodge, No. 3.
 W. H. Watson, Prescott Robinson, W. J. Tilley, Edward E. Hunter, Eureka
 Lodge, No. 4.
 M. Hyneman, Diamond Springs Lodge, No. 9.
 F. J. Prevost, Sonora Lodge, No. 10.
 D. Norcross, F. Williams, Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 15.
 P. B. Dexter, Templar Lodge, No. 17.

The Grand Lodge was then called to order, and after an appeal to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe by the Chaplain, the Deputy Grand Master proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

The credentials from the following brothers were then read and referred to a committee, consisting of P. G., W. H. Watson, of No. 4; P. G., F. J. Prevost, of No. 10; P. G., D. Norcross, of No. 15:—