

the Grand Secretary has referred certain matters, begs leave to report:

1. The first matter is in the hands of a special committee (the matter of Masonic Clubs) and has been reported on.

2. The other matters as we understand it are in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee. If we are wrong about this, inasmuch as they propose certain legislation, we recommend that they be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

W. I. SNYDER, [Argenta, 3]
F. M. FOSTER, [Story, 4]
J. O. Daniel [Unity, 18]
Committee on Unfinished Business

On motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The implicit second statement alludes to the matter of Mormon Masons, which at that time was formally introduced into Utah Masonry for the first time:

The following majority and minority reports were presented:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Utah:
We, of your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother W. I. Snyder, relative to membership in the Mormon Church, beg leave to report, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the Mormon Church, is an organization, the teachings and regulations of which are incompatible with membership in the Masonic Fraternity, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED: That a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the Mormon Church, is not eligible to become a member of any Lodge F.&A.M., in this State, and membership in such Church shall be sufficient grounds for expulsion.

Fraternally submitted,
C. W. MORSE, [Wasatch, 1]
P. L. WILLIAMS, [Mt. Moriah, 2]
SAMUEL PAUL, [Wasatch, 1]
F. C. SCHRAMM, [Weber, 6]
Of the Committee on Jurisprudence

I recommend that the above resolution be not adopted.

GEORGE H. DERN, [Wasatch, 1]
Of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

After a full discussion, on motion, the majority report was adopted. (p. 65).

The 1926 Annual Communication was presided over by Grand Master Benjamin Rogers Howell [Acacia, 17], who in his Grand Master's Address of Tuesday, January 19, 1926, noted:

On December 21, 1925, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 2 asked whether the Grand Lodge resolution relative to Mormonism passed at the last Annual Communication includes the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. On January 9, 1926, I answered that I had consulted those who are informed concerning the beliefs of the Reorganized Church and from the information so received I conclude that the tenets and beliefs of the Reorganized Church are so similar to those of the Mormon Church that Grand Lodge resolution does include the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (p. 21, Proceedings).

The Proceedings also record the formal handling of this decision by the Grand Lodge the next day:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Utah:
We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to Decisions, recommend that the Grand Master's action be approved as follows:

'That the Grand Lodge Resolution relative to Mormonism includes the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.'

Fraternally submitted,
C. W. MORSE,
P. L. WILLIAMS,
SAMUEL PAUL,
F. C. SCHRAMM.

Discussion followed the presentation of this report, participated in by Brothers G. H. Dern, P. A. Thatcher, S. H. Goodwin, A. C. Wherry, L. R. Martineau, Jr., C. E. Fuller and W. I. Snyder.