

still a very important factor of our Order. That is the Endowment Rank. My brother, you repeatedly say you want protection for your family in the way of life insurance. What better could you desire in this line than the Endowment Rank? Has it not, since its institution, paid to widows and orphans the sum of thirteen millions of dollars or more? What better guarantee, Mr. Editor, can the members of this Order desire for provision for their loved ones than the Endowment Rank? Yes, brother Knights, the Order has left nothing undone to provide for all you may desire in this respect.

A word of explanation may not be amiss. Suppose, my brother Knights, the Supreme Chancellor on High—and you know not the day the hour and the moment—should summon you to quit this vale of tears, how sweet the satisfaction in your last moments to know that the loved ones are not left dependent. I say, my brothers, you who have families depending upon you, have a sacred duty to perform. Do it immediately by taking out a policy in the Endowment Rank of our Order.

Thus, Mr. Editor, does this somewhat rambling epistle dwell upon the relations of the year just closed. To our Order in general, and let me add, as Knights of Pythias, let us give our leaders in the future our hearty support and co-operation, as we have in the past. We have brothers at the head of our ranks here in British Columbia, who are second to none in Pythian circles. They have stood the test in the past, and will, I am sure, do so in the future. With such loyal leaders, I am sure it would be trespassing on the rights of the whole for me to call attention to any particular brother. This, brethren, is a poor tribute, as I am perfectly aware of my lack of ability to perform the task as eloquently and fluently as I would desire to do. For my mistakes, if any, I ask your kind and charitable consideration.

And now, brother Knights, I come to the farewell. There come a time in every one's life where language cannot express the emotions of the heart, and where speech cannot contain our

love. But, oh, the grandeur of our beloved Order, the purity of its lessons, and the Godliness of its exemplifications. Let me, brothers, in my parting sentences urge you one and all to renewed strength and vigor in the exemplifications of its teachings, by the practice of the cardinal principles of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence. Together march onward under our tri-colored banner, and

What's brave, what's noble,  
Let's do it after the high Roman fashion,  
And make Death proud to claim us.

Wishing every Pythian brother and the True Knight a happy and prosperous New Year, and now for the present farewell.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

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Vancouver.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

There was a good turn-out at Crusader on the twelfth for the installation ceremonies. These were ably conducted by Deputy Grand Chancellor Hoffmeister and D. G. Master at Arms R. Brooks, of Rathbone, assisted by Bro. Geo. Hodgins and R. C. A. J. Scott. The material selected augurs well for the term, as the following names will show: P. C., Byron Nunamaker; C. C., Thos. Balkwill; V. C. J. Simpson; Prel., H. J., De Forrest; M. W., J. F. Miller; K. R. & S., George Noonan; M. of E., R. T. Robinson; M. of F., Fred. Tubbs; M. at A., Jas. Burke; S. G., A. McBride; O. G., Ansell.

The unanimous selection of Bro. Hoffmeister as G. L. Representative, was one of the events.

Crusader's voice should be heard above the roar at the next session of the Grand Lodge, as Bro. "Hoff" has a reputation of being a debater who is not easily "floored," and can generally establish his point or know the reason why.

The financial standing of the Lodge is encouraging. Allowing for some \$75 charity—this must not be confused with sick benefits—the books show a gain during the past six months.

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