

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

We give below a few items taken from the official reports of the leading Fraternal Societies for the year 1904 compared with 1903, which will, no doubt, be read with interest by a great many of our readers.

NAME.	Organ- ized or Commenced Business.	Number of Certificates in force 31st Dec., 1904.	Number of Certificates issued in 1904.	Number Ceased to be in Force, 1904.	Ratio of Ceased to New 1904.	Amount Paid by Members in 1904.	Amount Paid for Death Losses, Claims, etc., in 1904.	Total Expenses, 1904.	Ratio of Expenses to Amount Paid by Members, 1904.	
American Legion of Honor.....	1904	1878	Wound	up		\$	\$	\$		
do	1903	4,049	51	2,004	393.	544,967	544,951	56,571	10.38	
Ancient O. U. W. (N. Y.).....	1904	1874	21,198	524	4,173	796.4	913,202	1,020,400	57,721	6.32
do	1903	24,847	2,215	10,112	456.5	1,028,111	1,029,000	77,885	7.57	
Ancient O. U. W. (Pa.).....	1904	1868	323,393	19,141	58,833	307.37	9,254,420	8,330,895	749,420	8.10
do	1903	423,015	64,805	92,655	143.	12,404,230	10,046,521	913,919	7.31	
Catholic Benv. Legion.....	1904	1881	22,246	396	14,085	3,556.82	1,185,711	1,290,333	27,384	2.31
do	1903	35,935	1,630	2,250	138.	1,179,970	1,101,619	29,740	2.52	
Catholic Mutual Benefit Assoc'n.	1904	1879	57,615	2,333	6,264	268.5	1,534,104	1,520,640	41,334	2.70
do	1903	61,546	3,961	2,922	73.7	1,296,706	1,152,833	31,293	2.45	
Catholic Order Foresters.....	1904	1883	114,266	10,547	8,889	84.3	1,306,545	996,840	100,830	7.72
do	1903	112,608	9,604	1,558	16.2	1,029,192	915,383	118,025	11.47	
Imp. Order Heptasophs.....	1904	1878	62,299	9,911	5,343	53.9	1,333,124	1,165,465	100,051	7.55
do	1903	57,731	9,060	4,331	47.8	1,301,074	1,023,230	120,151	9.23	
Independent Order Foresters.....	1904	1881	225,876	28,730	22,346	77.8	3,436,825	2,151,308	527,625	15.35
do	1903	219,492	36,316	22,193	61.1	3,278,280	1,857,599	547,454	16.70	
Knights of Honor.....	1904	1873	49,175	3,481	5,912	170.	2,948,032	2,892,637	78,951	2.68
do	1903	51,606	4,292	6,266	146.	3,066,629	2,986,549	99,974	3.26	
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....	1904	1877	76,109	16,191	10,833	66.9	1,524,342	1,353,326	140,564	9.22
do	1903	70,751	18,985	9,169	48.	1,454,686	1,150,620	146,155	10.05	
Knights of Pythias.....	1904	1877	68,203	12,248	7,606	62.1	2,020,570	1,495,639	385,304	19.07
do	1903	63,561	10,784	7,933	73.5	1,979,373	1,442,697	346,323	17.49	
Knights of the Maccabees.....	1904	1883	322,376	50,369	69,297	137.6	4,540,456	3,473,040	476,046	10.49
do	1903	341,304	88,505	32,765	37.	4,200,373	3,057,560	489,491	11.65	
Ladies.....	1904	1892	123,414	24,898	13,735	55.2	1,162,140	675,923	290,414	24.99
do	1903	112,251	29,190	6,518	22.3	1,027,370	577,274	201,567	19.62	
Modern Woodmen.....	1904	1883	660,952	61,074	60,273	98.7	6,980,303	6,692,681	812,031	11.63
do	1903	660,151	60,204	64,219	106.6	6,958,193	5,978,584	863,737	12.41	
National Union.....	1904	1881	65,372	5,464	7,613	139.3	2,167,522	2,034,050	127,166	5.87
do	1903	67,521	7,667	5,106	66.6	2,056,321	1,824,109	117,124	5.70	
Royal Arcanum.....	1904	1877	305,083	35,980	13,986	38.8	8,101,607	8,155,469	204,826	2.53
do	1903	283,089	39,581	10,814	27.3	7,721,228	7,320,551	213,196	2.76	
Woodmen of the World.....	1904	1891	237,252	60,073	29,997	50.	3,576,640	2,371,047	466,718	13.05
do	1903	207,176	57,958	26,810	46.2	3,095,478	2,055,737	417,317	13.48	

SOME OF THE ITEMS OF EXPENSES.

NAME.	Commissions Salaries, etc. paid to or allowed Agents, M'grs, &c.	Salaries, &c. of Officers.	Salaries, &c. of Office Employees.	Rent.	Advertising and Printing, but not Supplies.	Gov'ning Bodies, Grand & Subordin- ate.	Legal and other Expenses re Claims.	Official Publication.	Conven- tions or Supreme Council Expens'e.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American Legion of Honor...1904			Wound	up					
do	1903	4,880	5,500	5,120	.....	2,009	5,728	18,994	1,870
Ancient O. U. W. (N. Y.).....1904			5,124	5,133	1,020	10,484	10,090	1,729	.....
do	1903	10,725	5,054	4,027	840	11,144	.....	1,478	20,211
Ancient O. U. W. (Pa.).....1904		159,308	106,312	57,857	24,385	48,333	106,060	27,383	* 95,475
do	1903	314,944	123,018	49,056	.....	84,507	149,793	.....	.....
Catholic Benv. Legion.....1904			9,012	6,734	900	2,049	.....	570	857
do	1903	750	6,776	6,880	910	1,841	350	.....	881
Catholic Mutual Benefit Ass.....1904		12,354	7,242	2,197	385	3,372	1,913	1,686	8,980
do	1903	3,142	4,880	1,496	420	2,208	.....	291	9,195
Catholic Order Foresters.....1904		10,610	8,441	15,708	3,056	2,657	6,195	1,057	14,823
do	1903	13,475	7,204	14,287	2,362	5,843	4,894	3,255	15,937
Imp. Order Heptasophs.....1904		35,728	27,607	6,583	1,765	2,915	.....	1,337	13,886
do	1903	36,463	25,708	6,211	1,711	4,862	6,911	797	12,664
Independent Order Foresters.....1904		217,497	32,702	84,858	18,230	25,882	.....	24,017	30,458
do	1903	238,185	34,083	82,036	16,781	23,857	.....	15,073	34,212
Knights of Honor.....1904		24,405	11,158	11,038	2,700	2,552	10,916	1,394	2,500
do	1903	27,055	11,501	11,880	2,700	1,766	15,232	3,546	2,500
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....1904		85,211	13,417	12,925	1,875	953	.....	1,185	8,997
do	1903	96,916	9,193	9,921	1,665	722	.....	1,759	7,581
Knights of Pythias.....1904		183,176	11,483	18,344	3,747	7,166	3,988	6,768	1,567
do	1903	173,591	11,700	15,096	3,550	7,996	4,111	6,565	387
Knights of the Maccabees.....1904		254,784	22,233	42,351	.....	8,994	43,982	16,818	30,824
do	1903	140,835	26,050	39,872	.....	5,190	134,569	17,484	28,776
Ladies.....1904		125,021	12,533	25,822	1,650	10,040	34,619	20,445	19,871
do	1903	75,932	11,200	19,063	1,500	10,450	29,391	12,777	14,647
Modern Woodmen.....1904		273,805	40,505	152,264	993	39,340	16,934	24,790	87,040
do	1903	193,958	42,070	130,344	686	27,447	135,947	22,748	74,159
National Union.....1904		38,057	15,425	12,589	1,356	7,064	11,443	4,874	7,934
do	1903	48,755	15,050	12,265	2,156	6,103	11,061	1,368	7,760
Royal Arcanum.....1904		63,678	3,398	39,890	.....	13,278	3,928	2,423	12,396
do	1903	59,513	33,239	41,706	.....	18,587	3,244	5,612	8,573
Woodmen of the World.....1904		176,625	17,267	58,695	5,335	38,942	2,894	14,969	49,670
do	1903	114,779	14,088	50,931	3,881	35,330	48,266	11,129	43,047

* Miscellaneous. † General Branch Offices Travelling and other Expenses. ‡ Maintenance of Lexington Hotel Investment. § Supplies, &c.