

These representatives are elected by the Subordinate Courts at the same time the other officers of the courts are elected, being the first meeting night in December. Immediately after the election of the representative the inclosed credentials should be filled out and returned to the High Secretary. If each and every Court will promptly attend to all of these matters it will greatly assist the Secretary in his work in preparing his report for the High Court meeting.

It is anticipated that the meeting at Hudson will be a very large and important one, and it is earnestly desired, by the officers of the High Court, that every Court in the State be represented.

The officers of the High Court are pleased to announce that, although our increase in membership in this State during the past year has not been exceedingly large, we have had a good, steady growth, and by the time our High Court meets in February, will again have doubled our membership as we did the previous two years. On January 1, 1898, we had a membership of about 2,000. We have now at least 3,000, which means a gain of 1,000 with one more month, the best month in the year, to still further increase our numbers.

At the last meeting of our Supreme Court several alterations and amendments were made to our constitution. Foremost among these changes is the Extension of the Order Tax, which has been substituted for the Supreme Capitation Tax and Fee for the Official Organ. All of these changes are fully explained in the FORESTER for November. The Extension of the Order Tax consists in the monthly payment by all members carrying a \$500 policy of five cents; \$1,000, ten cents; \$2,000, fifteen cents; \$3,000, twenty cents; \$4,000, twenty-five cents, and \$5,000 thirty cents. These amounts should be collected and sent in with the December remittance to the Supreme Secretary. The beauty of this arrangement is that any member securing the initiation of a member into his Court will be relieved from the payment of his tax for the balance of the current year. This means that all will have to work for the Order or else pay their tax.

The Constitution and Laws, as amended, contemplate that relief from the payment of the tax should apply to the calendar year in which the new beneficiary member is secured, but the Supreme Chief Ranger has recently granted a dispensation by which all new beneficiary members secured during the month of December will be applied to the credit of the members securing them for the year 1899.

Any member, therefore, who will secure during the month of December one new beneficiary member will have his Court dues reduced to the extent of his Extension of the Order Tax, and the Court will be relieved from the payment of the Extension of the Order Tax for such member for the year 1899, and a gainer of one more member. Now is the time to work, and the officers of the High Court sincerely hope that each member in the State will do his best to obtain a member during the month of December, and make this month a grand record month for the I.O.F. in Wisconsin.

It is the duty of the Recording Secretary to see that every member receives a copy of the FORESTER, our official organ, each month. At the beginning of the year a complete list of the members, in alphabetical order, should be made out,

and sent to the business manager, Dan. A. Rose, Toronto, Canada.

Thanking the officers and members for their earnest efforts in the past, and inviting their cordial co-operation in the future, we remain,

Yours fraternally in L., B. and C.,

J. C. PROCTOR,
High Secretary.

B. F. PARKER,
High Chief Ranger.

Among the Courts.

NOTICE.—The Subordinate Courts are requested to send in brief and spicy reports of their concerts, entertainments, "smokers" or special meetings, also any other items of general interest. These reports should be despatched at once after the events reported. A newspaper with item marked will suffice. If no meetings worth reporting have been held by your Subordinate Court, it is time you held one. All communications should show the name and number of the Court, and the High Court in whose jurisdiction it is. Anonymous letters will receive scant attention. In proportion as the members of Courts show themselves desirous of furnishing news, so we will allot them space.

CALIFORNIA.

Court Yerba Buena, No. 913, mourns the loss of Bro. L. Balart, its Financial Secretary, than whom no more enthusiastic, reliable, worthy and honorable brother could have been found in our organization. It appears that Bro. Balart was in the woods shooting wild pigeons, and by some accident his gun went off lodging its charge in his body and killing him almost instantly. Not only Court Yerba Buena but the whole Order in San Francisco will miss the efforts of one who has done so much to advance the strength of the I.O.F., and who was a safe guide on all questions affecting the Constitution and Laws.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept. 22nd, 1898.

GUSTAVE ZEIL, Esq., Box 44, 320 Post St., S.F.:

DEAR SIR,—I desire to express through you my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board of The Supreme Court of the I.O.F. for the prompt manner in which the endowment, amounting to \$2,000, on the life of my late son, Chas. W. Manwaring, has been paid.

I also wish to return thanks to the officers and members of Court San Francisco, No. 822, for their kind attention and sympathy during my sad bereavement.

May your noble Order meet with every success in its good work and prosperity.

I am yours sincerely,

AMELIA MANWARING.

BUENA PARE, CAL., Oct. 28th, 1898.

DR. ORONHYATEKHA, S.C.R.:

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed Benefit Certificate No. 174,109 receipted as per your instructions of Oct. 20th.

I was not aware that Certificate had been taken up until I received it from your office.