

A very good way to get large attendance at the lodges, especially after the evenings get cool, would be to form two amplified rank teams, get up a prize, say a flag or banner, give an exhibition on some special evening when a couple of candidates are ready to ride the goat, giving said prize to the most efficient team. The members would then require to get down to drill and study, thereby creating a greater interest in the order.

The new hall committee should look over the paraphernalia. It wants sorting out and a little mending.

There was no cross firing at lodge last meeting in the way of arguments, our worthy K. of R. and S. has the name of being the best shot, but nothing ruffled the ire of our wielder of the quill.

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THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

It is a matter of regret that this most important and deserving branch of our order has not received more liberal support by our membership in this Grand Domain. As a fraternal insurance, furnishing to the members of the order an inexpensive and reliable security for their loved ones in the event of death, it is recognized to-day as one of the best. We trust that the members of the order will avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the rank and materially assist in increasing its membership in British Columbia. The secretaries of the local sections, or the Supreme representatives of this Domain, will upon application cheerfully give any information desired, or by communicating with H. B. Stoite, Secretary of the Board of Control, Chicago, Ill., full instructions and matter required for the formation of sections will be promptly forwarded.

The quarter ending March 31st, 1898, adds another fiscal year to the Endowment Rank—the twenty-first since its organization in 1877.

Since January 1st, 1898, 104 sections have been added to the Rank.

During the quarter above referred to, 2,500 applications have been admitted to membership; the insurance represented by certificates issued these brethren amounting to \$3,613,500.

The benefits arising from death claims and paid during quarter, aggregate \$294,500.

The active sections on April 1st, 1898, numbered 3,571; the membership in good standing, 52,551; the endowment in force, \$93,100,000, the resources and cash investments, \$468,777; total amount of death claims paid, \$12,162,000.

The officers and members of the Board of control are members of the order whose honor and integrity are unquestioned, and who have the best interests of the order at heart, and they ask for the kind co-operation and assistance of the entire membership.

"Matters relative to secretaries of local sections, and the failure of remittances to reach headquarters in time which have been referred to the Supreme Representatives, will be placed before the Board at the coming Supreme Lodge session, and we have no doubt results satisfactory to the members will be attained."

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Edith—I suppose you are getting lovely letters from your soldier admirer. May—Dear me, no! He turns out not to have a soul above the salt pork which he complains they are feeding him on.—Philadelphia North American.

THE UNIFORM RANK.

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, was instituted on September 24th, 1890, by Sir Knight Col. A. A. Richardson, assisted by Sir Knight Capt. H. F. W. Behnson and visiting Sir Knights. The following were its first officers: Sir Knight C. L. Behnson, Captain; Sir Knight H. J. Anstie, 1st Lieutenant; Sir Knight N. L. Oakley, 2nd Lieutenant; Sir Knight Robt. Clark, Treasurer; Sir Knight F. M. Bloomquist, Recorder; Sir Knight J. W. Young, Guard; Sir Knight W. S. Patterson, Sentinel.

The company met as usual the first Tuesday of the month, at 8 p. m. in their Pythian Castle Hall, Cordova street. The routine of business was taken up and two applicants were duly elected to become members of this company, which has been in good financial condition ever since its inception, and the future is very bright. The lodge has about 34 members on its roll, its present officers being: Sir Knight John Crow, Captain; Sir Knight Rev. James Irvine, 1st Lieutenant; Sir Knight A. Stonehouse, 2nd Lieutenant; Sir Knight, E. C. Britton, Treasurer; Sir Knight G. Thomas, Jr., Recorder; Sir Knight C. Hultz, Guard; Sir Knight B. Nunamaker, Sentinel.

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN CROW, Sir Knight Captain,

Vancouver City Co., No. 4,

U. R. K. of P.,

Vancouver, B. C.

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THE VIRTUES THREE.

Friendship—The best gift man ere gave to man,
The golden link, the Christ-like band.

Charity—The mantle most Divine,
Beneath which sins are hid, from out which
virtues shine.

Benevolence—"The rarest gem of them all."
Sweet is life's pilgrimage where these three fall.
—Julia Hindman.

A REMINDER

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Takes the Best

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