

FROM VICTORIA.

Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Events during the past month in Lodge matters have gone their usual way. The Lodge has appointed a committee to make arrangements to give a series of entertainments during the coming winter months. These entertainments, or socials, have heretofore been very popular, not only among the members but to the public at large as well. We expect that through these social gatherings we may be able to bring our members in closer touch with each other, and their families, and also be the means of gaining new membership.

P. C. F. Hinds has just returned from the Klondike country where he has seen a great many of our brothers. He reports all being well except Bro. T. Townsend, who is ill with fever. He also reports that many of the boys will return here next summer, being determined to exploit the far north country for wealth if such a thing is to be gotten by perseverance and hard work. May they all succeed.

The Knights of this city hearing of the severe misfortune that had befallen our sister city, New Westminster, at once insisted of extending not only sympathy, but practical aid, and it being apparent that all were of one mind, one of our brothers wired at once \$50 to the brethren at New Westminster. A special meeting was called for Monday evening and was very largely attended by members of both lodges. At that convention it was stated what had been done, and as usual the Lodge Kicker was not satisfied, he insisted that \$50 was not enough, and he carried his point, the lodges doubling the amount by unanimous vote. Good for the kicker. The lodges also pledged themselves to donate more help if such will be needed, and are anxiously awaiting reports of our despoiled and afflicted brethren at New Westminster. All of which shows that the lessons learned in the Lodge room have been heeded, and the seed sown has not fallen on barren ground.

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER,

Correspondent.

FROM CALGARY.

Calgary, Alberta, Sept. 21st, 1898.

Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Though perhaps a little late, allow me now to congratulate yourself and the committee upon its creditable appearance.

Although at present absent from my home and Lodge, I am still personally interested in the "True Knight" and wish you every success.

And now a word with regard to "Grand Lodge Sessions" as introduced by "Past Chancellor" last month.

I am pleased to see that some one is taking this matter up in "True Knight" as I feel convinced that thereby will more of our membership be induced to think a little on this subject.

As a member of the Special Committee referred to by "Past Chancellor," I felt the situation rather a little embarrassing, inasmuch as that while wishing the report to favor our Rossland brethren (and all our Kootenay lodges in so doing) I had to agree with the other members of the committee in deciding against them.

I agree with "Past Chancellor" in that the finances of our Grand Lodge should be put in such a position that a repetition of our action at that time should not need to occur again.

To do so, I believe that we must raise the per capita tax, and I also believe that when each and every subordinate lodge in the Domain gives this question fair consideration it will not be looked upon as a burden, but rather as a pleasure, in that it would first put the Grand Lodge on a solid financial basis, and secondly would give all parts of the Domain equal chances.

Our Kamloops correspondent could tell us perhaps whether the visit of the Grand Lodge made any improvement there, and I for one would like to hear from them on the subject.

Trusting to see more in the "True Knight" relative to this question,

I remain,

Yours fraternally in F., C. & B.,

C. F. NELSON, G. R.,

New Denver Lodge, No. 22.

FROM VERNON.

Cold Stream Lodge, No. 18.

Editor "True Knight."

The True Knight has been welcomed by every member of Cold Stream Lodge, and the excellent articles perused with interest by the members. This publication will no doubt be of great benefit to the Order.

With much regret we chronicle the death of one of our worthy members, Bro. H. F. Huff, who joined Cold Stream Lodge in 1895. At the time of his demise he was engaged in a contract on Lord Aberdeen's estate, the poor fellow being found dead near his tent, death having been caused by heart failure. Bro. Huff was an industrious, unassuming person, and a worthy brother in every respect. The Knights buried him.

We are pleased to say new members are coming in, and prospects are very bright for additional creditable members.

I notice in the second issue of the "True Knight" from "Enquirer," what is to be done with Past Grand Chancellors. It is really too bad that this question should be kept alive when the lodge representatives have decided what is to be done with them. I have the greatest respect for every Grand Chancellor of every Domain, but let us for a moment consider other organizations, societies, or political agencies. What is being done with the ex-Governors-Generals; what is being done with the ex-Presidents. These men have been given the highest rank that is in the power of human being to give. If when their term has expired, if they are still in youth and willing workers, there is no reason why, notwithstanding they are Past Grand or Supreme, why their experience cannot be used for the advantage and advancement of the society which placed them there. The question of expense or other matters cannot be used, as everyone of us will readily admit these matters can be successfully arranged. There is not a Past Grand Chancellor but what will readily be elected a representative if he has continued to work for the best interest of the Order in his own lodge, unless he declines to allow a younger aspirant. In that case means can be devised to allow the Past Grand Chancellor to attend the convention at no great expense to himself, and of great benefit to