

Another feature has not only crept in, but has come rapidly to the front—one which was only secondary in the minds of the founders: a feature which for its maintenance depends wholly upon dollars and cents, requiring that what is due should be promptly paid or the debtor punished, and which, if we will only stop to think, is to a large extent the *raison d'être* of every refusal to communicate the Semi-Annual Password, and of every suspension and the beneficiary feature.

A large majority of the rank and file of the Order, and many, too, in high places, have become so accustomed to the system of benefits that they are shocked and horrified at any suggestion that this system be stopped. They predict a large decrease in membership. They contend that benefits have been held out to many as an inducement to join the Order, point to the Order's wonderful growth as proof that this inducement has taken well, and argue that it would be bad policy to destroy a bridge which has carried us across so many dangerous places in the past.

These members are sincere in what they say, and hence it is very important that we approach this question in the right spirit, and with a great deal of care. They should be made to understand at the very outset that those who view this matter differently from themselves, are not opposed to these benefits *per se*, but are opposed to their being made the most prominent feature of the Order, and so having the laws of the Order so shaped that a lodge may pay them and still remain financially solvent. They hold that the Order of Knights of Pythias is first and foremost a fraternal organisation—that friendship and goodfellowship are its corner-stones, and that to them everything of a beneficial nature should be subordinate.

Whenever this question comes up for discussion the mistake is generally made of arguing it from a subordinate lodge standpoint—members discuss whether or not to pay benefits will

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