

ranks conferred upon him that night, otherwise he would not join them, as he was leaving the town next day. I had an interview with this candidate, which resulted in his being initiated into the mysteries of the rank of Page, and he was furnished with an order to receive the ranks of Esquire and Knight in due course from other lodges to which the request might be presented. In justice to the members of Hamlet Lodge, No. 42, I desire to refer to the fact that they were misled during the organizing of the lodge, as they were given to understand that it would cost them only \$5 each, and as they had received the three ranks, and two representatives having been recognized at Grand Lodge, I say great credit is due the members in settling up this matter so manly. I also consider this Grand Lodge is to be complimented in having Hamlet Lodge No. 42, comprising a class of members who have thus exemplified true Pythianism—honesty, justice and loyalty. For the extra time and trouble visiting this lodge, I feel amply repaid, in so much that I was instrumental in arriving at such an agreeable settlement with the members in this matter. To have lost it would have meant to have lost between thirty-five and forty staunch Pythian knights, and so early closing up the lodge would have undoubtedly proven a disastrous blow to our Order in this locality for some time to come.

On the suggestion of the G.K.R.S., I went to Owen Sound to ascertain how many members of Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, (then defunct), could be obtained to effect the reorganization of the lodge. I spent a few days in this town and met most of the members, and I found that a number were desirous of remaining in our Order, provided a lodge could be instituted, or the old one resuscitated. I succeeded in getting Bros. Massen, LePan, Forester and Douglass interested, and we started a canvass, which resulted in replacing all the old members and adding thirty new applicants, comprising the business and professional men of the town; and now Owen Sound has Inglewood Lodge, No. 29, with a membership of over fifty. On the evening this lodge was resuscitated, the brethren gave an elegant banquet to the visiting Knights. Bros. G.V.C. W. C. Macdonald, G.K.R.S. Geo. H. Mitchell, Wm. Cook, W. Fralick, and H. Peel accompanied me and assisted in the reorganization.

Galt Lodge, No. 38, I visited several times. This lodge appears to have been groping aimlessly along for the last year. They claim to have been instituted under the old ritual (which is true), and since their institution they have been neglected. Having had no official instruction in the secret work, they began to lose all interest in the Order. I assured them if they would secure candidates for the three ranks, that I would have the Toronto team go to Galt and exemplify the ritual work, and this assurance stirred up the members. On Nov. 15th, 1894, twenty Knights from Toronto accompanied me to Galt. The Grand Chancellor and S.R. Dr. John S. King were also present. The Toronto team conferred the rank of Page upon four candidates, the rank of Esquire upon four Pages, and the rank of Knight upon three Esquires. The team ex-