

The ball given by the Sandon brethren on Christmas night was a huge success. Several of our brethren were present and they had a royal reception.

Sandon's U. R. is to give a grand ball shortly, thus showing that they are very much alive.

Bro. C. F. Nelson has been unanimously re-elected Grand Lodge Representative for the ensuing two years.

The third anniversary of the establishment of No. 22 occurs on February 22nd, and it is to be duly celebrated by a grand ball.

Another of our members has surreptitiously gone and got married, in the person of Bro. Thomas Avison, P. C. He slipped away to Nelson one morning last week and there married the lady of his choice, Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, also of New Denver, and a sister of Bro. Shannon. Rev. Bro. Frew, of Nelson Lodge, tied the knot, so it has been a truly Pythian affair all through. On his return to town his fellow-members decided to effectually punish Bro. Avison for his surprising audacity, and the punishment was duly inflicted on Monday night. Bro. Goettsche, C. C., on behalf of the Lodge, after a few remarks upon the enormity of his offence, proceeded to read a highly eulogistic address to the astonished victim, at the same time begging him to accept, as a wedding gift, a handsome parlor suite, to which Bro. C. Baker, of Rathbone No. 7, added a centre table. What followed may be left to conjecture, but Bro. Avison managed to work off some of his perplexity in a copious manner.

This marriage business seems to threaten an epidemic in No. 22, as at least one other brother is taking the "sand" treatment for the crucial and important moment leading up to the grand climax. Something will surely have to be done to stem the tide, or soon there will be a suspicion abroad that we are running a matrimonial bureau.

Lodge attendance keeps up fairly well, despite the scattering of the membership. We have members in the Yukon, Peace River, Boundary, East Kootenay and numerous other centres of interest.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, January 16th, 1900.

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FROM RATHBONE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—The past month has been one of work and usefulness, apart from the installation of officers which, by the bye, was so efficiently done by our Grand Chancellor. There has been much to do looking after our sick. All have done their duty, Bro. Morice deserving special mention for, although but a young Knight, he is already coming to the front. One thing I have particularly noticed with pleasure, and that is the improved attendance at lodge and the increased interest evident in everything tending to further the advancement of the well-being of our membership. We have one new member coming in and several others on the way. Rathbone's course is narrow and strait, but every one will do their

duty. Bro. Shepard again represents us on the Relief Committee. The choice could not fall on a better man.

We still miss our Bro. Mearns. Sickness in his family and frequent absence from town have prevented his regular attendance. The time, let us hope, is not far distant when we shall see him all the time with us.

Bro. P. G. C. Evans was with us last convention, and spoke feelingly, as Secretary of the "True Knight." The members would do well to note what he said, and follow out his suggestions.

Let me call attention to the coming anniversary celebration of February 21st. A live Committee has hold of this affair, and I hope, nay, I feel sure, they will meet with that success which they deserve.

Brothers Eligh and Gibson are very seriously ill. Bro. Eligh is slowly improving. Brother Gibson is in Kamloops. The true knights of that town are looking after him with their customary kindness.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

ROBERT BROOKE,
Acting Correspondent.

Vancouver, January 24th, 1900.

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FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—I want to register another big kick. I have not received the December number of the "True Knight," nor, so far, the January number. Something must be wrong with the address label. My address is Box No. 2, Robson, B. C. The Postmaster declares the "True Knight" did not reach his office in December, and I want my journal.

Now, having relieved my mind of that "kick," I will resort to something pleasanter. It was my pleasure last night, in company with Bro. B. F. Woodman, of Red Cross Lodge, Spokane, to visit Trail Lodge No. 23. There were four pages put through their drill for Second Rank and they were handled in fine style. I used to consider New Denver Lodge No. 22 pretty well up to date, but Trail Lodge was a revelation. Why, Bro. Editor, last night was the first time the presiding officers had had charge of the work, and they actually went through it all, with barely any reference to the ritual and, to cap the climax, Bro. Campbell, the V. C., said that he had found it an easy matter to commit all or any part of the ritual to memory. Bro. Chambron, the C. C., fills the chair with easy dignity, and the lodge is certainly to be complimented on having such able and energetic officers. And, talk about enthusiasm! Why, one would think that the success of the lodge depended on each individual member. They are all workers, evidently, and they have reached the proud position of being entitled to two grand representatives.

Bro. Clark, under "Good of the Order," gave us "Scots Wha Hae," in fine style, he being the fortunate possessor of a very good voice. This same brother is filling, for the second term, the office of K. of R. & S., and it is evident that his brother knights recognise a good officer.