

John Goettsche; I. G., H. Stege and O. G., P. A. Munro.

By the way, our M. of E., Bro. Avison, had an exciting half an hour with a bear just lately. Assessment work having taken him out in the hills, he was unfortunate enough to get in bruin's way and being unarmed a quick climb up a tree was his only salvation. Tommy says his margin was a very small one, but he managed to get up the tree before bruin came within reach.

Our latest attemp is a section of the Endowment Rank, which some of our married brethren have established. I hope to be able to report it a huge success. In my next letter I also hope to be able to give you more news, for the present, au revoir.

Yours fraternally,
C. F. NELSON.

New Denver, June 21st, 1900.

SANDON LODGE.

To the Editor True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—When our city was burned on the 3rd of last May an appeal was made through the Grand C. C. for aid to assist the brothers who lost their possessions in the fire. It was not known at the time to what extent any one was loser. The appeal was made to relieve immediate suffering, such as procuring provisions, clothes, &c., for immediate use.

The relief sent in from the various outside towns was sufficient to relieve the wants of all for the time being. The first monies received from Lodges was \$60 from Far West, Trail and Rathbone. This amount was used exclusively for the benefit of the members of this Lodge. As supplies in such great quantities were being received from other sources it was deemed advisable not to receive any more money from the various Lodges, consequently all money received since has been returned to the Lodge sending such, as no one expects to be placed on the same financial footing as they were previous to the fire through the charity of sister lodges.

I am pleased to say that Sandon Lodge, No. 24, is growing in a very satisfactory manner. Each meeting night brings a new applicant for initiation or degree work. Memorial day, July 4th, will be celebrated here with appropriate ceremonies in a huge canvas tabernacle erected by the various churches.

Sandon Lodge appreciates with deep gratitude the manner in which the sister lodges responded to our appeal for aid, and through the columns of "The True Knight" take this means of thanking them for their hearty response.

I am yours, in F., C. & B.,

W. L. HAGLER.

Sandon, July 3rd, 1900.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The members of the Vancouver City Lodges held their Annual Memorial Service in the Pythian Castle Hall on Sunday, June 17th. The following brothers filled the ritualistic offices: C. C., H. J. Anstie; V. C., F. Tubbs; Prelate, H. C. Clarke; M. of W., H. Hoffmeister; K. of R.

& S., T. Balkwell; M. of F., G. St. Denis; M. of E., M. J. Conroy; M. at A., J. Crow; I. G., T. Spinks; O. G., A. Mitchell; Orator, Bro. Robert Brooke.

The services were fairly well attended by the members and friends. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful, and the oration delivered by Bro. Robert Brooke was especially interesting and impressive, and was listened to with marked attention by all who had the privilege of being present. At the close of the service representatives from the Lodges and Uniform Rank proceeded to the Cemetery, and there lovingly placed upon the graves of our departed brothers the many beautiful wreaths and floral tributes so kindly donated by friends and brothers in the city.

In the matter of our memorial services it is to be regretted that more genuine interest is not displayed by the membership in general. While the attendance is usually fair at these services, it is by no means representative, and it does seem a pity that so few of the members take interest in one of the most beautiful and impressive lessons we have in connection with the Order of Knights of Pythias. Gatherings of this kind, when properly carried out, not only do a vast amount of good to the membership, but have a tendency to elevate our Order and place it in a most favorable light with the outside world. We trust that in the future these services will receive greater attention from the membership.

REINSTATED.

Aberdeen, June 24.—Wishkah Lodge, No. 44, Knights of Pythias, was formerly reinstated last night in this city. The following officers were elected and installed: Chancellor Commander, George J. Wolff; Vice Chancellor, Charles McDermoth; Prelate, Halbert D. Crawford; Master of Work, Grant Kinnison; Keeper of Records, W. H. Pearson; Master of Arms, L. L. Darling; Master of Finance, L. L. Maley; Master of Exchequer, Harper H. Trask; Inner Guard, H. L. Drake; Outer Guard, Fred J. Miner. A large number of visiting knights from Olympia, Centralia and Elma Lodges participated in the exercises of the evening and the banquet which followed. The new lodge starts with a membership of about thirty-five of the leading business and professional men of the city.

UNIFORM K. OF P. AT MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 26.—A great carnival is being given here to-day in which the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, are participating. The First Regiment of the Illinois brigade under the command of Colonel T. E. Young, joined with the Seventh Regiment, under command of Colonel Siegrosser, in one of the finest military demonstrations seen in Milwaukee in a long time. Many Pythians from various parts of the country are present to indulge in the festivities. A large crowd of other visitors is also in the city, they having taken advantage of the reduced railroad fare.