

I sincerely hope and trust that all lodges will observe this day, as it is a duty we owe to the dead not to forget.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.,

W. D. MEARNS, G. C.

Attest—Emil Pferdner, G. K. R. S.

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FROM GRANVILLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Another month has passed, and once more it devolves upon me to let you know what we have been doing in Granville Lodge during the last month, but as I attended the Grand Lodge in Victoria on one of our meeting nights, and yesterday being the Queen's Birthday, and therefore no meeting of Granville Lodge (for we are good and loyal subjects to our noble Queen) I had the pleasure of attending only two meetings the past month. But these two were enjoyable ones, especially the one on the 17th, when we were honored by a visit from our honored and beloved G. C., Brother W. D. Mearns; Supreme Representative, H. J. Anstie; P. G. C., J. E. Evans; P. C., H. Hoffmeister, of Crusader Lodge, and Brother P. C. Mains, of Chicago, Ills., all of whom delivered interesting speeches, but especially so, Brother W. D. Mearns, G. C., who made a lengthy and very enthusiastic speech upon the duties we owed to the Order in return for the many blessings that the Order of K. of P. showered upon us, one and all, and he urged us to put our shoulders to the wheel and help him in his efforts to push our beloved Order to the very top during the coming year, and show the outside world that our mottoes were not meaningless words, but that the principles of them were deeply inrooted in our hearts. At the conclusion of his speech, we all felt that we had got the right man in the right place when the G. L. representatives elected Brother Mearns as our G. C. and we all promised to do our very best to aid him in his efforts to make the Order in British Columbia all that it should be. During the evening, Brother Mearns most generously treated the boys to a box of the fragrant Kurtz's Pioneer cigars, and the Lodge tendered him a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting, for honoring us with his presence, as well as for the cigars. Our newly-re-elected S. R., Brother H. J. Anstie, also favored us with a very impressive and interesting speech, as did also Brother J. E. Evans, P. G. C., and Brothers Past Chancellors Hoffmeister and Mains, but time and space will not permit me to go into the same in detail. I only wish to add, that the members of Granville Lodge were greatly pleased to have the brothers with them, and hope that they will be honored very often with similar visits by the above-mentioned brothers, as well as all others who feel inclined to honor old Granville with a visit. I am pleased to be able to report that Doctor R. Mathison is coming back into our fold, and we shall make a strong effort to get the most of our suspended members for N. P. D. back into our Lodge. But I am afraid I am taking up too much of your valuable space; therefore, I will close for this time, and, wishing the newly-elected Grand

Lodge officers success in their endeavors to make this a banner year for Pythianism in B. C., I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. BEHNSEN.

Vancouver, B. C., May 25th, 1899.

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FROM RATHBONE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—This has been an eventful month for Rathbone Lodge. Our G. L. Representative and officers of the Grand Lodge have returned with flying colors and smiling faces. Brother W. D. Mearns has been elected Grand Chancellor for this Domain, and Brother H. J. Anstie, the Supreme Representative, has been re-elected. Brother Grand Chancellor Mearns has been one of Rathbone's most ardent and persevering members, and when he returned, congratulations were bestowed on him from all quarters. He and Brother H. J. Anstie, S. R., spoke in glowing terms of the kindly and entertaining spirit with which they were received by the Victoria knights. After the speeches delivered by many of the members, all of whom spoke in praiseworthy and congratulatory terms, Grand Chancellor W. D. Mearns delivered an oration on the work which lay before him, requesting each brother to put his shoulder to the wheel and so help to make the year '99 one of the most prosperous ones in the history of Pythianism in British Columbia. Speaking to the brothers of his own lodge he desired them to still regard him as they did before he was Grand Chancellor.

Bro. H. J. Anstie, S. R., again spoke upon the welfare of the Order. Referring to our American cousins, he noted how the late war between America and Spain was drawing us together in mutual fellowship, and especially so with regard to the Knights of Pythias.

G. C., W. D. Mearns, was not slow in showing his appreciation of his high and honorable position. We think, had a stranger entered our precincts during the Good of the Order he would have declared that a smoker was being held, as cigars were being passed around in unlimited quantities.

Brother Past G. C., J. E. Evans, of Crusader Lodge, was with us, and in an address made mention that it mattered little what lodge we were members of, as long as we were Knights of Pythias, and as such we should work together.

We were favored with a visit from Brother Mains, of Chicago, last Friday. He expected to locate in Vancouver, provided he obtains suitable employment. We wish him luck.

G. A. ROEDDE

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