

A year ago last September we had forty-four members, now we have eighty-seven in good standing. We have only lost one member this last summer by suspension and we think he was suffering from mental aberration when he ceased to pay for he has since been sent to the State Hospital for Insane. In November we added to our list ten new members, and last night we initiated twelve good men and true. We have the cleanest lot of men in Pickaway County in our Court. We expect to have our annual banquet the first Tuesday night in January, and I hereby invite you to be present on that occasion. I assure you that the hospitality of this fertile Sociato valley will convince you that it cannot be excelled. I also invite any or all the members of the Supreme Executive to be present and help us eat turkey on that occasion.

"When I meet you in Los Angeles three years hence we will have over 200 members.

"Ohio is bound to take a prominent place in the Forestric procession.

"Yours in L., B. and C.,

"RALPH MORDEN."

Court Butler, No. 1380, of Hamilton, O., is giving its second social dance on January 26th, and has issued a very tastefully designed card of invitation.

### A Hot Time in the Young(s)town.

(From the *Youngstown Vindicator*.)

"Members of the several local Courts, together with invited friends, met Tuesday night at their lodge halls and had a delightful time, a feast of fun, reason, and a flow of wit prevailing, intermingled with a delicious dinner. It was attended by L. Robeck, High Secretary of Ohio, and H. Evison, Supreme Deputy.

"A large number of applications were received, and an interesting initiatory ceremony took place, which was conducted by a well-trained team of officers from Warren. After the Court business was gone through, the members, numbering about one hundred, adjourned for supper, which was served in excellent style by the ladies of the Companion Court. When justice had been done to the many good things provided, Bro. Evison was called to the chair, and a most entertaining and instructive time was spent. It was truly 'a feast of reason and flow of soul.' The chairman introduced a number of toasts with neatness and vigor, his efforts being much applauded. Every toast was duly honored and the speeches in response were pleasant and witty, interspersed with many choice and illustrative anecdotes.

"The party broke up in 'the wee sma' hours,' all satisfied with the events of the evening."

DELPHOS, O.

Dr. J. B. Egrs,

Court Delphos, 1894, Ohio.

With hearts truly grateful we send this acknowledgment of the prompt payment of \$1,000, the life insurance of our dear husband and father, Thos. Rowland, late of Court Delphos, 1894.

It shall always be our prayer that God will bless the Order of brotherly love, as it is surely the friend of the widow and the orphan.

MRS. MARY ROWLAND and children.

### ONTARIO.

The Toronto Courts are apparently in a very vigorous state of health, but owing to the fact that their Recording Secretaries do not favor the Official Organ with any account of their proceedings, we are unable to do them justice in these columns.

During the past few years the welcoming of any High Court officer has been a rather rare event with some of the Toronto Courts. In fact the impression had got abroad that the Torontonians were sufficiently looked after by having some of the Supreme Court officers in their midst. This winter, however, the Courts are being pleasurably surprised by official visits of Bro. G. L. Wilson, H.V.C.R. of Central Ontario, who, among others, has already received the honors in Courts Lebanon, Brock, Prosperity, Spadina, McCaul and Parliament. It is his intention to thoroughly work over this portion of the High Court territory, addressing the members on the work of the Order and assisting in the initiation of candidates.

Court Sherwood Forest, 3105, held its regular meeting on the 22nd December. This Court has now attained the proud position of being the largest Court in the city of Toronto. Instituted less than three years ago with a membership of 14, it now numbers 254, among whom are some of the best business men of Toronto, as well as some of the most influential members of the Order. Bro. G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., who has occupied the chair for the last year, was given a vote of thanks, and will be presented with a P.C.R. jewel at the next regular meeting in January.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: P.C.R., G. A. Harper; C.R., T. H. Luke; V.C.R., C.A. Stone; R.S., J. A. Dunlop; F.S., W. W. Dunlop; Orator, A. T. Hunter; Phy., D. A. Rose, M.D.; Treas., Atwell Fleming; S.W., G. Semple; J. W., H. J. Geiger; S.B., R. D. Haberstock; J. B., J. W. Mowat; C.D.H.-C.R., G. A. Harper.

A curious and perhaps unprecedented feature of the election of officers was that the three tellers selected by the C.R. were all nominated for the office of Orator, so that the C.R. had to dip in again for an entirely fresh set of tellers. Each one of the first set of tellers got an office, and the second set got a vote of thanks.

Court Middleville, No. 1410, had a visit from the District and Court Deputy from Perth, Bro. J. Eager, on the evening of the 24th, and had a pleasant evening.

This is late, but we like the way it is told: Court Pine Hurst, No. 1245, of Winona, had a splendid concert after their regular meeting on the 30th November. Violin solos by Bros. McKenzie and Elsworth. History of our Court, by Bro. N. Keep. Dialogue in character on Chickens and Horses, by Bros. N. Keep, Elsworth and McKenzie. Songs by Dr. G. W. Bigger and Bro. G. Parsley.

Court Orillia, 615, recently held a smoker in their lodge room. Chief Ranger E. R. Secord occupied the chair. The room was packed. Visitors were present from the Courts of Oro Station, Oro, Jarratt's, Warminster, Rugby and Coldwater. A programme of songs, recitations and instrumentals was rendered by Messrs. Blackmore, of Oro Station; Hy. Litster, Rugby; Jack Fortier, Hammond, Goffatt and Dr. Gilchrist, of Orillia. The smoker, which was really an enjoyable affair, broke up at midnight.