

Mileage and per diem G. L. session 1898	\$ 672 30
Printing journal of proceedings.....	115 20
All other printing.....	137 35
Salary G. K. R. S.....	300 00
Office supplies	10 35
R. L. C. White.....	113 49
Postage stamps and box rent.....	51 50
Cartage and express.....	22 25
Duty on supplies.....	38 85
Premium on officers' bonds.....	20 00
Sundries	24 00
Balance on hand.....	843 41
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	\$2,348 70

CASH STATEMENT.

Showing Receipts and Disbursements for the year by the G. K. R. S.

RECEIPTS.

Capita tax	\$1,327 00
Charter, Gold Range Lodge, No. 26....	75 00
Sale of supplies.....	239 75
Dispensations	8 00
Grand Lodge cards.....	22 00
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	\$1,671 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to G. M. Ex., July 2nd, 1898, to order 40.....	\$ 35 95
Remitted to G. M. Ex., July 16th, 1898, to cash	214 05
Remitted to G. M. Ex., August 8th, 1898, to cash	200 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., August 8th, 1898, to order 46	7 75
Remitted to G. M. Ex., September 22nd, 1898, to cash	75 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., October 3rd, 1898, to order 47.....	13 30
Remitted to G. M. Ex., October 31st, 1898, to order 49.....	11 45
Remitted to G. M. Ex., January 20th, 1899, to cash.....	264 40
Remitted to G. M. Ex., February 1st, 1899, to cash.....	250 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., February 4th, 1899, to order 53.....	62 80
Remitted to G. M. Ex., February 11th, 1899, to cash	200 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to order 54.....	25 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to order 57.....	75 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to cash	237 05
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	\$1,671 75

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand.....	\$ 129 20
Office furniture, G. L. Jewels, etc.....	115 00
Paraphernalia, jewels, books, etc.....	150 00
Note due from Phoenix No. 5.....	100 00
Due from subordinate lodges.....	4 65
Cash in hand G. M. of Ex.....	843 41
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	\$1,342 26

LIABILITIES.

Any amount due subordinate lodges.....	\$ 20
Balance	1,342 06
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	\$1,342 26

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BEAUTIFYING THE RITUAL.

The following, copied from that able advocate of Pythianism, "The Pythian Tribune," is reproduced for careful reading by the members of our Order throughout this Grand Domain. It would not be a bad idea if all the lodges in this Grand Domain were to have this article read under the Good of the Order at every convention during the month of July. It certainly contains food for thought:

While we have read a great deal in regard to the adoption of means whereby the attendance at and interest in lodge meetings might be increased, yet to those that have had experience and given the subject thought, there can be but one conclusion in that regard—where the membership are in other respects right, the progressive and largely attended lodge will invariably be found where perfection in the ritualistic work is recognized as essential. Say what they may to the contrary, argue as they will, the lodges that to-day have a name and fame in Pythian Knighthood all over this broad land, are those in which are found the ritual of the ranks best and most beautifully presented. Not that we desire to be understood that the exemplification of the ritual is by any means the essence of a fraternity, or that it can or should be made to take its place or supplant its influence—no, a thousand times, no—all these are but the handmaidens of our fraternity—but we do mean to say that just as the growing influence of education marks the advent of civilization, progress, enlightenment and the elevation of the standard of intelligence in every land and among every people, so among the lodges of our Order, may success and prosperity be more particularly traced to the inspiring and ennobling influences of fine ritualistic work. To whom do nations, peoples, communities, aye, the world look up to with respect and esteem, but those who, by their intellectual power and strength, challenge admiration and command their homage. So with our lodges. In those where you find the business and ritualistic work conducted well, intelligently, and up to the proper standard, you find a large attendance, an enthusiastic membership, and every one proud of his associations—you find the members, wherever they go, telling of how the work is done in their lodge—it is their pride. Invariably too they say: "You never see a ritual used in our lodge"—and the candidate, what does he think?—he goes home impressed with the beauties of the work, inspired with what he has seen and heard, and never forgets it—he too becomes an enthusiast, welcomes the weekly meeting of the lodge and adds to the acclaim that is sounded everywhere regarding it in the community wherein it is located. And even the people know and hear of it, until it becomes with them too a cause of local pride.