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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Next Sunday morn-
ing the members of No. 22 will par-
ade to the Presbyterian Church for the
purpose of listening to their anniversary ser-
mon, which will be preached by Rev. Bro. Cle-
land, of Sandon. An invitation has been extend-
ed to the brethren of Sandon Lodge to join in
the affair, as well as the Uniform Rank of that
city. An influential committee will meet the
brethren at the train and will escort them to
the Castle Hall, where the procession will form
up and, headed by the brass band of this town,
march through the principal streets to the
church. The second anniversary of the Lodge
took place the latter part of February, but this
is the first opportunity we have had of com-
memorating the event, and we join with it our
tribute to another Pythian milestone. No. 22
is just two years old and has proved itself a
very lusty youngster, while the future has no
terrors. Altogether we look for good results
to ensue from the anniversary services.

Bro. J. Boves, of Silverton, has returned from
a visit to friends in Ontario. Contrary to ex-
pectation, he returned alone, much to the re-
gret of those who were preparing a warm re-
ception for him. However, there is hope for the
future.

Bros. Shannon and McGillivray have struck
luck within the past few days, their noted Nee-
pawa mine, on Ten-Mile Creek, having shown
up a fine body of shipping ore. They have
waited long for it, but it has come at last to
them, and none are more pleased at their good
luck than are their brethren of No. 22.

Our Lodge has sent an important resolution
to the Grand Lodge for the amendment of the
Statutes, affecting the holder of a transfer card.
The same proposition came before the Kam-
loops meeting of the Grand Lodge last year, at
the instance of Bro. Nelson, our representative,
but, after two hours' wrestling, the committee
shuffled out of it. The point involved is this:
A brother desires to become identified with the
lodge in the town in which he is residing,
though a member of another lodge in some other
place. He secures a transfer card and deposits
in the lodge in question. The latter takes ac-
tion similar to that upon an application for
membership, which, for example, results favor-
ably to the applicant. He then finds that,

should he be taken ill, he is entitled merely to
the minimum provision therefor until he has
been a member of the lodge for the space of
six months. That is the proviso in force in the
By-laws of No. 22. The brother so affected,
say, has been a member of the Order for years,
but the moment he takes out his transfer card
from his parent lodge, that moment he loses
all claim upon it for sick benefits in case of
sudden illness. At the same time the lodge he
is seeking to join may delay action upon his
transfer card. He therefore finds himself in the
position of being a bona fide member of the
Order, with no resource for sick benefits in case
of illness. Another point is that the brother,
though fully entitled to full benefits in his par-
ent lodge up to the time of leaving it, can
claim merely the minimum benefit in his new
Pythian home until six months have passed.
This is the question that No. 22 has sent to
the Grand Lodge for adjustment, for there is
manifestly an injustice and hardship being
worked by the statutes as at present existing.

Bro. P. A. Munro has been installed as Out-
side Guard, and right well does he fill his posi-
tion.

Bro. Clever, with his estimable wife and
family, have just returned from Honolulu, where
they spent the Winter. He is as welcome back
as the flowers of Spring.

On the 30th instant No. 22 will hold another
of their popular "At Homes," and it is expect-
ed the affair will prove as great a success as
the initial effort last Fall. The general public
highly appreciate the efforts of the Lodge to
provide means of entertainment and instruc-
tion.

One rank of Esquire and two of Knight have
been conferred since last writing, Bros. Lloyd
and Knowles passing through the ordeal with
credit. They now know what it means to be a
Pythian Knight.

Bro. Evans, of Duncan Lodge, is to be con-
gratulated upon the efforts he is making to re-
scue the fraternal side of our Order from anni-
hilation at the instance of the benefit and in-
surance departments. There can be little doubt
but that too much stress is being laid upon the
latter issues, to the great detriment of the
social and intellectual development of the mem-
bers. It is sincerely to be hoped that our Order
will not develop into a huge life-insurance ma-
chine, for the moment it does, that moment the
personnel of the Society will deteriorate.

Welcome Spring weather has at last made its
appearance, for the past Winter has been most
tedious and severe.

Pythianism is much in evidence in the Koo-
tenays, and it is certain to increase. The latest
proof of this may be seen in the organisation
of an Uniform Rank at Nelson. Every success
to the Sir Knights of the county town.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.
New Denver Lodge, No. 22, March 16th.

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