

selves and each other, and the "boys" settled down to an evening's enjoyment. The menu: Spiced Roast of Beef. Dressed Roast Turkey.

Boiled Ham.

Roast Goose.	Roast Mutton.
Chicken Salad.	Lobster Salad.
Lemon Jelly.	Strawberry Jelly.
Sherry Jelly.	

Fruit Cake.	Cornucopias.	Tipsy Cake.
Trifle.	Ladies' Fingers.	
Oranges.	Apples.	Walnuts.
Stilton Cheese.	Celery.	
Soft Drinks.		

While discussing the last part of the menu the toast list was gone through with, and a programme of songs, etc. There were 26 brave men present, including the visiting knights, Bro. Hearston, of Edmonton, Alberta, and Bro. Crewdson, of Fowler Lodge, Fredericton, N. B. Some amusement was caused by Knight Savage appearing in the uniform of the Kootenay Rifles, and he was immediately dubbed "Colonel." The list:

The Queen.

"God Save the Queen."

Troops in Africa. Col. Savage
Song—E. Burridge.

Grand Lodge and Grand Officers. . . D. G. C. Allan.
Song—Jas. Gill, P. C.

Past Officers. Past Chancellor Gill.
Recitation—W. Winsor.

Absent and Sick Brothers. J. Simmons.
Visitors. Bro. Hearston.
Host and Hostess. H. A. Brown.

There were a lot more toasts and songs, but no one remembers exactly just what they were, but every one agrees that they had the "best time ever," and that the supper was all that could be desired.—"Kootenay Mail."

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FIRST ARTILLERY DIVISION.

Maj. Gen. James R. Carnahan, of the U. R. K. of P., has issued an order for and there has been mustered in the First Artillery, a division of U. R. K. of P., at Wheeling, W. Va., with 45 members. Three of the leading regalia houses were represented in the competition for the outfitting of the Division, and the Henderson-Ames Company, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was awarded the contract, they having superior samples and lower prices. There are likely to be other Artillery divisions formed before the great Pythian gathering in Detroit next Summer.

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THE UNIFORM RANK.

Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias,
Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, 1899.

The following promulgations, in the shape of general orders from headquarters, U. R. K. of P., give some useful hints to members as to the benefits that go with the inauguration of a company of the Rank in a lodge, and also submit some valuable information as to what is going on in amicus-military circles:

FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR LODGES.

Have you a company of the Uniform Rank in your Lodge?

If you have not, then the following facts and suggestions are for your Lodge to consider:

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias is the "military branch" of that order. It has also been designated by the most prominent members of the order as the "display branch" and the "advertising branch" of the Knights of Pythias. As a fact it is all three of these branches of the Pythian hosts. It is not a "side rank," it is a legal and established rank, as much so as the First, Second, or Third rank in your subordinate Lodge.

The resolution to add this rank to the Order of Knights of Pythias was introduced into the Supreme Lodge in 1877, and the rank was created by the Supreme Lodge August 30th, 1878, and became a legal and bona fide rank of the Order at that date. The Supreme Constitution of the Knights of Pythias fixes the uniform rank as the Fifth Rank of that Order.

Has the Uniform Rank accomplished any good for the Knights of Pythias?

Facts, history will answer.

The total membership on December 31st, 1877, the date of the last report of the Supreme Lodge before the establishment of the Uniform Rank, shows \$5,234.

The loss in membership for the four years preceding this report was 20,419.