

Those who were present at our first meeting of the newly-elected officers went to their homes with a feeling of good-will for everyone, although the attendance was not as large as we shall expect and ought to have during the coming term. I wish to here state that it is the duty of every brother to attend his lodge, unless sickness or some very important business detains him therefrom. Don't leave the business for just the officers to attend; don't come around only once during the term, just to pay your dues; don't stay away and then then come around just as nomination or election of officers is taking place, and then state some petty grievance because you are not elected; but be with us always when it is at all possible.

During the past month we have been honored by visits from several of the brothers from our sister lodges, among whom was Brother De Forrest, who gave us some very choice selections on the organ. One of the selections was an impressive one. Its title, I think, was "Never push a man when he's going down the hill."

The installation of officers was one of the chief features during the month, in which Bro. Hoffmeister, of Crusader Lodge, kindly assisted us.

The financial standing of our Lodge, we are informed, is much better this year than it has been for some years past. The Lodge has had considerable sickness to contend with during its history, but better health seems to have prevailed among its members during the past year, and we hope that it will continue to be so.

Kindness, a pleasant smile, a hand shake and cordiality, go a long way in making a brother feel welcome, and drive away many a little care. They also induce the brother to be a regular attendant. These should be our first thoughts.

A little merriment was caused the other evening at Lodge between two prominent members of the Order over a lodge jewel, the one wearing too many and the other being allowed to sit in Lodge without any. An amusing discussion followed, which finally ended by the brother who possessed the two being charitably inclined, and presenting the brother with his surplus one.

We are all in duty bound to aid our Order. You may say, "how?" Well, firstly, in having a

good word for it and its members. Secondly, in studying the interest and welfare of your brothers. Thirdly, in looking to right and self.

Be up and doing brothers, and let each of us be able to say when this year '99 ends that we may have something to our credit in kindly deeds, in friendship, in benevolence and charity.

ARTHUR T. CROOK,

Rathbone Lodge No. 7.

VISIT FROM GRANITE LODGE.

The members of Granite Lodge, No. 17, came over in large numbers on Friday, January 27th, and conferred the ranks of Page and Esquire on three candidates who had been previously elected to receive the same. The Knights of Vancouver had tendered to Granite Lodge the use of their Castle Hall to confer the ranks and to give them every possible assistance in the work.

P. C. Bro. Tubbs, of Crusader Lodge, presided as C. C., Bro. Maxwell, of Granite Lodge, as V. C., and Bro. George Noonan, also of Crusader Lodge, in a very able manner filled the station of Prelate.

The work was done in a very painstaking manner, and the delivery of the different offices was most excellent. We commend these joint sessions of the rank work by the members of the several lodges.

The services of the regular team of Vancouver have been requested to confer the ranks of Knighthood on four Esquires of the Royal City. The members of this noted team will now have an opportunity to display their efficiency in the work. It is to be hoped that no member will be absent, and that the Knights of Vancouver will turn out in large numbers and assist this team in rendering the work.

DAMON OF THE K. OF P. ORDER.

Col. S. R. James, of Schenectady, one of that city's most prominent citizens, has been honored by an appointment on the staff of Major General James R. Carnahan, of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. Colonel James is an enthusiastic Knight, and his fellow Knights, as well as a large circle of friends will be pleased to learn of the honor and distinction that have come to him.

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