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 - When a member is initiated.
 - When a member is suspended.
 - When a member withdraws from the court.
 - When a member changes his address.
 - When a member joins a court by card.
 - When a member is reinstated.

Editorial.

The Surplus on the 30th of July, 1899, stood at \$3,507,760.06.

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Fraternity is the highest kind of Imperialism. It is good to belong to nations on whose flag the sun never sets and the beat of whose drum encircles the globe. It is also good to belong to an Order whose benefits are acknowledged with equal gratitude by the widow in Kongsberg and the widow in Honolulu.

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It is not only in their own homes that women get help and protection. When travelling, if misfortune befall them, they find they are among friends, though they may be among strangers in a strange land. -Mrs. L. L. Chapin in "Women in Fraternity."

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The following note appears in a letter from Recording Secretary Johar Reynolds of Court Nordlys, No. 2219, Norway, which letter is dated the 27th of June, 1899 :

"Please tell the Chief that we are all proud of valuation report. I have written several newspaper articles on the subject and feel sure that it will not be long before we shall be able to reap the fruits of the Actuary's report."

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Companion Emma Kelley, of Traverse City, read a very instructive paper at the Assembly for the Western High Court of Michigan on the "Lodge Room as a Means of Discipline." We commend to our readers her closing sentence :

"It becomes us from the present hour to honor our principles by an unblemished course of life, honorable dealing and conscientious uprightness, whereby we may reflect credit upon our own characters and add to the dignity and stability of an Order with whose progress and prosperity our own interests are now identified."

Some Curious Survivals in England.

It is one of the charms of old England that amidst all the rush of her great commerce and her vast industries, there survive a multitude of queer customs, strange observances and long disused institutions. Within easy walking distance of