

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

We give below a few items culled from the official reports of the leading Fraternal Societies for the year 1902 compared with 1901, which will, no doubt, be of interest to a great many of our readers.

NAME	Organized or Commenced Business.	Number of Certificates in Force, 31st Dec., 1902	Number of Certificates Issued in 1902.	Number Ceased to be in Force 1902.	Ratio of Ceased to New.	Amount Paid by Members in 1902.	Amount Paid for Death Losses, Claims, etc., in 1902.	Total Expenses, 1902.	Ratio of Expenses to Amount Paid by Members.
						\$	\$	\$	
American Legion of Honor.....	1878	6,002	210	1,271	657.1	555,096	532,007	58,910	10.61
do 1901		7,063	34	4,131	1,215.	855,618	847,000	45,357	5.30
Ancient O. U. W. (N.Y.)	1874	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do 1901		31,302	3,420	2,559	74.8	1,637,311	997,799	59,586	5.74
Catholic Benev. Legion.....	1881	36,555	1,057	2,788	263.8	1,240,677	1,158,671	28,793	2.32
do 1901		38,286	2,051	5,749	280.	1,355,536	1,520,323	30,609	2.27
Catholic Mutual Benefit Association...	1879	60,507	6,146	2,323	37.8	1,139,754	1,125,657	25,916	2.05
do 1901		56,684	7,201	1,933	26.8	1,039,835	1,022,999	27,489	2.64
Catholic Order Foresters.....	1883	101,562	10,902	1,242	11.4	943,665	751,183	72,680	7.70
do 1901		94,902	8,551	1,180	13.8	868,028	708,650	88,498	10.20
Imp. Order Heptasophs	1878	53,002	5,846	3,148	53.8	1,273,390	955,969	85,230	6.70
do 1901		50,304	4,522	9,320	206.1	1,226,158	1,081,848	95,503	7.79
Independent Order Foresters.....	1881	205,369	30,101	16,818	55.9	3,092,210	1,755,411	755,188	24.42
do 1901		192,086	28,826	14,384	49.9	2,855,308	1,739,151	642,763	22.51
Knights of Honor.....	1873	53,580	4,093	6,286	153.6	3,170,729	3,066,482	102,834	3.25
do 1901		55,773	2,854	7,013	245.7	3,309,596	3,227,089	94,201	2.85
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....	1877	60,875	15,301	6,234	40.7	1,341,750	1,137,305	118,890	8.86
do 1901		51,808	7,912	5,889	74.4	1,315,810	1,175,275	90,477	6.88
Knights of Pythias	1877	60,710	11,348	7,713	68.	1,940,238	1,081,848	316,498	16.31
do 1901		57,075	14,825	24,311	164.	1,803,240	1,655,363	196,401	10.89
Knights of the Maccabees.....	1883	285,504	70,780	25,515	36.	3,631,443	2,613,222	386,942	10.66
do 1901		240,299	56,787	20,320	35.8	2,999,037	2,178,124	372,900	12.43
Ladies	1892	89,579	18,754	6,398	34.1	889,838	470,820	151,317	17.05
do 1901		77,233	16,003	4,116	25.7	708,834	429,297	150,995	21.30
Modern Woodmen	1883	664,166	95,875	53,409	55.7	6,358,742	5,595,367	636,087	10.00
do 1901		621,700	125,374	41,532	33.1	6,198,054	5,145,955	682,432	11.01
National Union	1881	64,960	8,319	5,305	63.8	1,907,273	1,791,843	117,270	6.15
do 1901		61,946	8,843	5,049	57.1	1,795,316	1,674,750	117,601	6.55
Royal Arcanum	1877	254,322	33,216	10,026	30.2	7,335,291	6,899,869	213,919	2.92
do 1901		231,132	31,055	9,997	32.2	7,038,842	6,595,117	192,501	2.73
Woodmen of the World	1891	176,028	53,250	30,239	56.8	2,703,388	1,952,497	312,177	11.55
do 1901		153,017	48,199	25,019	51.9	2,178,288	1,789,672	315,319	14.48

SOME OF THE ITEMS OF EXPENSES.

NAME.	Commissions Salaries, etc. paid to or allowed Agents, M'g'rs, &c.	Salaries, &c. of Officers.	Salaries, &c. of Office Employees.	Rent.	Advertising and Printing but not Supplies.	Governing Bodies.	Legal Expenses.	Official Publication.	Conventions or Supreme Council Expenses.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American Legion of Honor.....	.....	6,075	7,373	.....	2,419	12,036	17,963	2,279	1,474
do 1901	1,275	6,817	7,441	.....	2,883	7,403	5,252	3,024	3,660
Ancient O. U. W. (N.Y.) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do 1901	6,859	5,296	4,574	840	8,071	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catholic Benev. Legion.....	1,937	5,902	7,785	900	2,075	.....	.....	.....	.....
do 1901	2,207	5,700	7,331	900	3,164	250	2,027	721	.....
Catholic Mutual Benefit Assoc.....	3,205	3,600	878	420	2,845	1,723	847	8,732	.....
do 1901	1,985	3,728	620	420	4,151	.....	3,093	8,963	.....
Catholic Order Foresters.....	12,879	6,396	13,554	2,266	2,526	1,684	766	13,040	.....
do 1901	11,572	6,352	.....	2,280	3,410	1,808	1,119	12,921	10,895
Imp. Order Heptasophs	23,157	21,946	5,506	1,631	2,503	306	575	12,859	.....
do 1901	22,448	22,294	5,014	1,591	4,275	378	2,634	13,032	7,206
Independent Order Foresters.....	247,234	29,780	91,108	14,400	49,015	.....	14,898	42,174	88,817
do 1901	277,507	28,500	78,217	14,640	29,576	.....	15,532	59,245	.....
Knights of Honor.....	25,871	11,766	12,622	2,525	2,808	15,706	7,586	2,500	13,231
do 1901	14,654	11,815	13,073	2,400	2,475	19,557	4,896	2,500	14,927
Knights and Ladies of Honor.....	77,145	11,422	9,575	1,665	551	.....	2,172	7,038	.....
do 1901	40,527	15,389	9,688	1,765	327	.....	4,020	7,550	1,359
Knights of Pythias	169,980	5,812	23,256	4,091	9,381	3,327	4,140	2,937	.....
do 1901	65,491	10,871	17,683	4,245	7,136	2,447	6,990	558	.....
Knights of the Maccabees	104,631	26,708	30,783	.....	11,194	118,475	13,134	24,696	.....
do 1901	81,264	30,033	26,429	.....	15,168	16,700	5,729	24,647	102,506
Ladies	49,166	11,200	14,141	1,475	6,607	21,240	14,618	12,459	.....
do 1901	34,584	9,665	13,436	1,120	4,964	25,815	14,538	10,454	.....
Modern Woodmen	164,716	37,560	109,100	423	22,900	5,894	22,975	88,978	.....
do 1901	145,061	35,729	97,177	185	32,209	138,860	19,760	82,392	.....
National Union	46,762	15,050	11,788	2,100	7,500	11,299	4,045	6,922	.....
do 1901	56,010	14,225	11,640	1,932	6,165	8,131	1,266	6,759	.....
Royal Arcanum.....	58,054	33,138	41,891	4,179	15,635	3,543	5,717	7,964	.....
do 1901	72,873	32,132	38,640	.....	13,751	.....	4,757	3,979	4,576
Woodmen of the World	99,590	12,600	41,542	3,756	21,081	7,073	11,332	37,399	.....
do 1901	86,189	12,600	36,874	3,058	27,742	35,498	10,449	27,342	.....