

Victoria Lodge, No. 17: To reduce fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$10 for the space of three months, Feb. 15th, 1899.

Coldstream Lodge, No. 18: To reduce the fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$10 for the space of three months, Feb. 27th, 1899.

Far West Lodge, No. 1: To reduce the fees of Rank of Knighthood for the space of three months, March 8th, 1899.

WARRANTS FOR LODGE ISSUED.

Royal Lodge, No. 6, applied for a Warrant for Lodge, their Charter having been destroyed by fire in Sept., 1898. Issued Sept. 13th, 1898.

Granite Lodge, No. 16, applied for Warrant for the same reason as the above. Issued Oct. 11th, 1898.

Gold Range, No. 26, applied for Warrant for a new lodge, and the same was issued Feb. 4th, 1899.

NEW LODGE INSTITUTED.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, was duly instituted on Feb. 23rd, 1899, at Revelstoke by G. M. at A. J. L. Brown, whom I Commissioned as instituting officer for that purpose.

APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES.

Ed. Goulet to be D. G. C. in place of M. G. O'Brien, Coldstream, No. 18.

W. P. Evans to be D. G. C. in place of H. H. Knox, New Denver, No. 22 (resigned).

G. W. Grimmett to be D. G. C. in place of W. J. Williams, Sandon No. 24 (resigned).

J. G. Allen to be D. G. C. (original) Gold Range, No. 26.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I officially visited the following Lodges, and am pleased to state that I found them in good condition and with bright prospects:

Primrose Lodge, No. 20, at Kamloops.

Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, at Vernon.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, at Revelstoke.

New Denver, No. 22, at New Denver.

Sandon, No. 24, at Sandon.

Rossland, No. 21, at Rossland.

Trail Lodge, No. 23, at Trail.

Nelson Lodge, No. 25, at Nelson.

Benevolence, No. 14, at Union.

Maple, No. 15, at Duncan.

Damon Lodge, No. 8, at Northfield.

Wellington Lodge, No. 2, at Wellington.

REPORT OF D. G. C.

The reports received from my Deputies were in response to a form of questions which I propounded to each, and which it seemed to me covered the ground more than the reports of Deputies usually did. I am pleased to state that with but two exceptions all my Deputies made answer. I have formulated the answers into a table, from which by a careful study of the reports made many wholesome lessons may be drawn. (See D. G. C. reports appended.)

With the hope that our deliberations may be attended by the best results and with best wishes for the good of our Grand Domain, I have the honor to submit the above for your consideration.

The report of the G. K. of R. & S. is as follows, and shows the numerical and financial standing of the Order in this Domain:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of British Columbia:

Sirs and Brothers:

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith present the annual report of the business of this office for the year past:

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, December 31st, 1897...	1325
Initiated during the year	169
Reinstated.. ..	16
Admitted by card.. ..	16
Total.. ..	1526

DEDUCTION.

Number suspended.. ..	176
Expelled....	2
Withdrawn by card.. ..	10
Died.. ..	6
—	194

Number of members, December 31st, 1898.. ..	1332
Gain in membership during the year—7.	

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors....	9
Past Chancellors.. ..	241
Knights.. ..	1067
Esquires.. ..	9
Pages....	6
Total.. ..	1332

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges reported May 10th, 1898...	20
Instituted during the year.. ..	1
Total.. ..	21

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Balance on hand, Dec. 31st, 1897....	\$12,309 84
Receipts during the year.. ..	22,353 49
Total.. ..	\$34,663 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Sick Benefits	\$ 6,796 40
For Funeral Benefits.. ..	582 10
For other relief.. ..	811 95
For Orphans	35 00

Total for Relief....	\$ 8,225 45
Current Expenses.. ..	\$ 6,854 33
Paraphernalia and Supplies ..	800 35
Invested during the year.....	2,534 15
Cash on hand, Dec. 31st, 1898 ..	16,249 05
—	\$26,437 88

Total as above....	\$34,633 33
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