

FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—We still have with us the struggle between capital and labor, carrying in its wake more or less hardship upon the two lodges of our Order doing business in the Slocan. There is, however, a healthier feeling in the country now than during the past month, and more men are being employed in the mines. Still, it is the business man who suffers most, and, as several of our brethren are in these ranks, they are feeling the pressure. They certainly have the sympathy of their fellow-members, and one and all unite in the prayer for the restoration of general prosperity. It looks, however, as if the larger mines will remain closed during the Winter, and, such being the case, the Slocan is a good place for members of the Order seeking employment to stay away from. In the meantime those members who remain in the camp will endeavor to keep alive the vital spark of Pythianism throughout the Silvery Slocan.

Bros. Shannon and Goettsche are largely interested in a mining deal consummated on our famed Silver Mountain. Their good fortune is well-merited and deserved.

Bro. H. J. Robie, now residing in Nelson, was upon the disabled list for two weeks during the month, due to a badly-gashed hand, which kept him from following his usual avocation.

Our third annual ball occurs on November 3rd, and every endeavor is being made to make it a more pronounced success than its predecessors. The knights of the whole camp will be present, and the general public are looking forward to the occasion as the society event of the season.

Sandon Lodge, and indeed Pythianism throughout the Slocan, are about to lose a most painstaking and respected member in the person of Rev. J. A. Cleland, who is removing to a new sphere of labor. New Denver can sympathize with her sister lodge in the loss of their C. C., as Bro. Cleland is known by all. The heartiest wishes for greater success in the future will follow the departing brother and his excellent family.

We have an excellent set of Trustees now on the roster, and they are attending to their duties in a most prompt, efficient and business-like manner.

Bro. C. F. Nelson, K. R. & S., has just returned from visiting the Spokane Fair, and relatives at Cleveland, Wash.

Bro. W. J. Spaul, P. C., now residing at Robson, is wearing new honors, in that a bouncing young daughter has come to bless his home.

At our last meeting, an order was issued to purchase a copy of the photograph of the Rathbone monument, recently unveiled at Utica, for decorating the walls of our Castle Hall. New Denver Lodge feels deep pride in the monument as it has a substantial cash interest therein.

Attendance at the meetings continues fair, while the general business is despatched sharply and smoothly.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., Oct. 19th, 1899.

FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Trail Lodge, No. 23, continues to have the regular weekly meetings well-attended, and the true spirit of Damon and Pythias seems to prevail among the members, so that the effusion of good nature and genuine friendship shows itself ever present. The members have been quite busy of late conferring degrees upon new additions to our lodge. At the last regular meeting, Pages William Isley, Thomas B. Cox and Ed. Hayward had the Rank of Esquire conferred upon them, while Esquires John Munroe and John Slack received the honor of Knighthood. The warmest praise is due to the Rank Team for the painstaking manner in which the Amplified Form was rendered in conferring the Degree of Knight upon the latter Esquires. The work was carried out in a most excellent manner, which would have done credit to any Pythian castle hall. Most of the members are ever ready to fill nearly any chair in the Senate. That speaks well for the enterprise of our lodge.

At the next regular meeting, the Degree of Page will be given to J. R. Randall, and the honor of Knighthood to Bros. Cox, Hayward and Isley.

We have to thank the Rossland Lodge for the use of some of its regalia for the Amplified Team. It will be but a short time before No. 23 will be obtaining regalia, so as to be ever ready and progressive.

We have recently lost from our midst Bro. Thos. E. Abbot, our famous Master of Finance, and Correspondent to the "True Knight." The lodge very much regrets his removal, as he was ever ready and on the alert for anything calculated to advance the cause of Pythianism and the principles of the Order.

Bro. Allen Campbell has been elected to complete the unexpired term of Bro. Abbot as Master of Finance, and he will doubtless make an efficient and able officer.

We are now so very close to the one-hundred mark that it seems certain that Trail Lodge

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