

to a steady growth our members will be more inclined to stay with us.

Some weeks ago your correspondent, with several members of the Lodge, went down to our sister city, Trail, and helped her initiate quite a number into the mysteries of Pythianism. Grand Prelate, J. W. Graham, certainly "did himself proud" on that occasion, both in dignity and despatch.

I notice in your last paper that the correspondent from New Denver brings up the question of making the meetings more interesting. In small towns like we have up here in the Kootenay it seems almost impossible to get the members to take the required interest in the proceedings. You on the coast will not experience such lack of interest, and then there are always more attractions in the way of music, etc., in larger places. We talk the matter over in our Lodge, but no good solution of the problem has as yet presented itself. Perhaps, through your good paper we might be given some pointers that would be useful.

We are going to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Order of Knights of Pythias by giving a grand ball on Monday evening, February 20th.

D. G. Chancellor E. J. McDonald, assisted by D. G. Prelate J. W. Graham and D. G. Master-at-Arms D. Thomas, installed the following officers on January 6th, for the ensuing term:

C. C., W. R. Beatty; V. C., Proctor Joiner; Prel., D. McCormick; M. of W., C. A. Coffin; K. R. & S., A. G. Creelman; M. of Fin., J. W. Graham; M. of Ex., D. Thomas; I. G., John Hicks; O. G., John Michealy.

After the ceremony a sumptuous lunch was served, and the pipe of peace was passed round.

Wishing you every success with your good paper,

Yours in F. C. & B.

A. G. CREELMAN,

Rossland Lodge, No. 21, February 11th, 1899.

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FROM VERNON.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Our fifth annual ball was another splendid success, financially and otherwise. Many came from Enderby, Arm-

strong and Lumby. All were delighted and pronounced it the best ball and supper ever given in the valley. Over \$50 of the net proceeds was given to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital.

The cold spell has made the attendance somewhat small lately, our brothers on the Aberdeen being partly frozen in, but to-day we hear the sound of a gentle Chinook rustling among the trees, making snow and ice tremble with fear of extermination by the spring-like, balmy atmosphere, but welcomed by all of us as a stimulant for new vigor and hope in the accomplishment of the work we have undertaken, as followers of those two noble men, Damon and Pythias.

Our Castle Hall is undergoing many changes; fresh paint, new carpet, &c., will make our place of meeting one of the most pleasant abodes in our little city, and it will be with pride that we will escort our new candidate through its portals. I have good reason to believe that our numbers will be increased ere the Grand Lodge meets.

Our people were really pleased to see our Mayor, Bro. Shatford, out yesterday, after a protracted illness. It is his intention to take a trip to California as soon as he is strong enough. Our postmaster, Bro. Costerton, has also been laid up, but is now progressing very satisfactorily.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

ED. GOULET,

Correspondent.

Vernon, February 19th, 1899.

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FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Since writing to you last December, nothing of any importance has transpired that would cause a sensation among other lodges, except the fact that we have about completed our initiation work, handling some fifty new applicants. The boys are slowly but surely assuming metropolitan airs, and are now devising ways and means of holding high carnival. The Lodge was never in such a prosperous condition. We have over \$800 in the treasury, and no debts, in fact there is considerable "dough" due the Lodge, which we are in hope of getting in sight of at an early date. We have more projects in view than all the

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