

TRUE PYTHIAN CHARITY.

The Golden Key That Opens the Palace of Eternity.

The following is taken from the "Bee-Nugget" of Chehalis, Washington, and needs no further comment:

The Knights of Pythias of Chehalis have concluded to donate the entire net proceeds of the Lodge's New Year's masquerade ball to the relief fund which is being raised for the relief of the families of the victims of the terrible mine disaster at Carbonado recently. This year the attendance promises to be larger than ever and a substantial sum should be raised in this way. A call for aid for the destitute has been sent out from Carbonado and as this is the first step toward having Chehalis represented, many will no doubt buy tickets to the ball to help a most deserving charity. Harmony orchestra from Olympia has been engaged to furnish music for the masquerade, and as this is one of the best orchestras to be found in this section of the State, very excellent music is assured.

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FIRM AS A ROCK.

In the October issue of the "Pythian Knight" of Waco, Texas, appears the following very excellent contribution from Bro. R. F. Naylor, of Savoy, Texas. It is a voluntary expression of admiration of and confidence in the Endowment Rank, and one that all Pythians can heartily endorse. He says:

"In this progressive age there is scarcely any question in which the people are more deeply interested than the subject of life insurance. The reason there is so much interest manifested in this subject is that it has solved the perplexing question as to how a man of limited means may make ample provision for his family, or those dependent upon him in case of his death.

There was a time when fraternal insurance companies were in an experimental stage, and it could not be clearly demonstrated that the rates had been adjusted in such a manner as to enable them to properly meet all claims which might be made upon them.

Of recent years, however, this question has been solved to the entire satisfaction of a majority of the people, and fraternal insurance companies are, with few exceptions, sound and reliable, and there can be no doubt that they will continue to grow in popularity on account of their cheapness and reliability.

Most prominent among the organizations that furnish insurance to their members, is the Endowment Rank, K. of P. It was established in the year 1877, and from the time of its establishment there is not an instance on record where it has ever refused or failed to pay a claim.

At the period of its incipency it experienced some difficulty in regard to properly adjusting the rates, but it has gradually been improved in this and other respects until at the present time it has reached a high state of perfection, and is managed in a more efficient and methodi-

cal manner than at any previous time in history.

The affairs of the Endowment Rank managed by the Board of Control located Chicago, Illinois. The Board has entire charge and management of the affairs of the Endowment Rank, but is subject to such restrictions the Supreme Lodge may from time to time provide. The men composing this Board have been selected from the very best material in the Order, and deserve much praise for the creditable manner in which they have discharged arduous duties imposed upon them.

The strongest evidence we have of the popularity of the Endowment Rank is its phenomenal growth, which has been nearly commensurate with that of the Order. In the year 1911 it had a membership of 50,000, which since then has been augmented to an appreciable extent. Its present endowment amounts to \$107,000, and since its organization it has paid to beneficiaries the immense sum of \$14,000,000.

We do not believe that an individual who feels a deep interest in those dependent upon him can make a more judicious expenditure than to invest a portion of his income in reliable life insurance, thus securing his family against penury and want. We believe it is an imperative duty of every eligible Knight to become a member of the Endowment Rank provided he does not carry other reliable insurance."

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