

FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—What with our new Hall discussions and the ranking of a few stray pages and esquires, times have been lively among Primrose's members of late. Many of the boys are C. P. R. employees, trainmen, etc., and we have got to rank them whenever they can conveniently attend, which sometimes causes a week or two to pass between acts. Our new hall is still on paper, but I believe that its erection is an assured fact, and will take place sometime in the near future. Owing to a slackness in C. P. R. traffic, some of our old railroad brothers gathered round the time-honored shrine, just to let us know that they were still swinging the broad-axe of fraternity, hewing to the line, and letting the chips fall where they may. We were especially pleased to have with us Bro. J. Ladner, from North Bend, and Bros. W. Wilkison and J. Herkmer. Of course the indispensable Bro. McCrum always makes his presence felt whenever his duties as train conductor will permit him, especially in the administration of the rank of esquire, as Joe has made a specialty of that part of K. P. initiatory ceremony. The way he handles the levers and lubricates the bearings is sublimity itself, and would put to blush either a Watt or an Edison.

I am sorry to have to report Bros. Bourne and Bradwin as being on the sick list this month. Bro. Bourne is a Canadian Pacific Railway trainman, and got his hand badly pinched, making a coupling. Bro. Bradwin is all O.K. again. We have been favored with two visiting brethren, Bros. Darling and W. Welsh, of Seattle. Bailey Brothers' popular Kamloops Manager, Bro. A. Lauder, has dropped back into his old office as M. of E. after a month's sojourn in Vancouver, with his usual pleasant smile. He reports good times and the best of treatment among the Vancouver brethren.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOE. MCGEE, L. C.

Kamloops, B. C., April 14th, 1900.

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NELSON LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—In reference to your communication, I will try and give you some information regarding our lodge. Nelson Lodge, No. 25, K. of P., was organised by Bro. Dr. H. E. Hall and Bro. W. J. Thompson, P. C., with the assistance of several loyal knights of Nelson. The first regular convention was held on December 2nd, 1899, J. W. Graham as C. C., Bro. Newlin, V. C., Bro. W. J. Thompson, P., Bro. L. Scott, M. of W., Dr. H. E. Hall, M. of F., Dr. Forin, M. of E. and Bro. S. G. Thomas, M. at A. Fifty-one candidates were balloted for and declared elected. Forty-one were initiated in the three ranks. The following are the names of the officers that were elected for the first term: Bros. W. J. Thompson, C. C.; J. J. Malone, V. C.; R. G. Joy, P.; Dr. H. E. Hall, M. of W.; G. Partridge, K. of R. and S.; S. J. Mighton, M. of F.; Dr. A. Forin, M. of E.; J.

McClelland, M. at A.; J. W. Cowan, I. G.; F. K. Hurry, O. G.

At the end of the term ending December 31st, 1899, we had 107 members in good standing, and by the end of the present term we hope to make it 130. These figures speak for themselves as to the stability of Nelson Lodge, No. 25.

Bro. L. Scott, whose photo I enclose, is now C. C. of our lodge, and a very enthusiastic C. C. he is too. Perhaps some of the knights at the Coast will remember him, as he is an ex-member of Crusader. I hope, Mr. Editor, this will give the information required, but if there is anything more you would like to know, and if in my power, I will be only too pleased to gratify your wish.

I am, yours fraternally,

R. G. JOY.

Nelson, B. C., April 11th, 1900.

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EDWIN C. SMITH, C. C.

Edwin C. Smith, a native son of British Columbia (not an Indian) was born in the Queen City, October 19th, 1869, being now in his 31st year. He joined Victoria Lodge, No. 17, as a Charter member, taking the Knight Rank in October, 1893. He worked himself up from O. G. to the position he now occupies with much credit to himself and benefit to the lodge. His present civil occupation is Deputy Treasurer of the City of Victoria, having been in the employ of the city for fourteen years, which speaks volumes for his abilities. He is also a valued member of the I. O. O. F., Native Sons of British Columbia and Caledonian Society.

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GOLD RANGE LODGE.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, Revelstoke, was duly inaugurated February 28th, 1899, with 16 members, of whom the C. C. was Bro. J. Gill. Since its formation 45 members have been enrolled, and the lodge is now in a prosperous condition, both financially and socially. Its field for work is large and hopeful, and under the energetic and combined efforts of its officers, is continuing to maintain its prestige. Although the baby lodge of the Province, it nevertheless is mature and strong in its life.

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OKANAGAN LODGE.

Okanagan Lodge, No. 27, was instituted on March 2nd, at Kelowna, B. C., by Instituting Officer William Wolz, P. C., of Royal Lodge, No. 6, assisted by a number of brothers from Coldstream Lodge, of Vernon, and Bro. J. McLellan, of Nelson Lodge. Twenty-one members received the rank of Knighthood, and the following were chosen officers for the present term: John McLeod, C. C.; William Carson, V. C.; Alex. Gray, Prelate; John Downton, M. of W.; E. Weddell, M. of E.; Fred Hall, K. of R. and S.; J. G. Jones, M. at A.; William Brown, I. G.; George Weddell, Grand Lodge Representative. The baby of Pythianism in British Columbia promises to become a good strong lodge.