

Magee; K. of R. & S., G. T. Mallery; M. of F., R. McKay; M. of E., A. F. Lauder; M. of W., E. Fletcher; M. of E., G. D. Brown; I. G., T. D. Guest.

We have been kept busy since my last letter with ranks, working no less than eleven upon one occasion, and it will be several weeks before all who passed the ballot have proven their bravery. It is a matter of congratulation to the Lodge that the officers-elect are, almost all, experienced in rank-work, which will facilitate matters considerably.

With best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year,

I am, fraternally your,

GEORGE T. MALLERY.

Kamloops, B. C., January 1st, 1900.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Following is the list of officers elected by No. 22 to serve for the ensuing term: C. C., J. Goetsche; V. C., E. Shannon; Prel., T. Lloyd; M. of W., J. A. McDonald; K. of R. & S., C. F. Nelson; M. of F., C. E. Smitheringale; M. E., A. D. McGillivray; M. A., G. Sutherland; I. G., T. Avison; O. G., H. Stege.

Mr. Editor, what happened the "True Knight" for December? It has been anxiously looked for here, but so far has failed to put in an appearance. Kindly remedy this error, as the paper is deemed too valuable here for even a single copy to be missed.

Bro. J. A. Cleland; C. C., of Sandon Lodge, has departed for his new home in Eugene, Ore., carrying with him the best wishes of the membership in the Slocan. On the evening of the 6th, his fellow-members at Sandon presented him with a very handsome gold watch and chain, as also remembering his excellent wife and young son. Some of the boys from here were present at the interesting event, and they express themselves as delighted with the reception given them. The Sandon members have a most commendable idea of how to entertain. Sandon Lodge will hold their third annual ball on the evening of Christmas Day. Of course, they will have a good time; they always do.

Bro. Phil Munro, M. W., has returned from his trip to Eastern Ontario, and brought a bride with him. He received the warmest congratulations of his fellow-members, who were taken quite by surprise at his audacity and courage.

Just as the term is wearing to a close we are having the pleasure of putting a most worthy candidate through the various ranks, being the first this term. He is Bro. J. Williams, and he will make an excellent member. Had it not been for the unfortunate labor troubles in this promising camp, we would have had a number of candidates to have gone through the mill.

The financial standing of our Lodge has greatly improved this term, thanks to the manner in which the dues for the most part have

been paid, and also for the material reduction in the amount of our monthly rent.

Again we have been called upon to suspend a number of members for the non-payment of dues. What an unfortunate circumstance it is that the Order is so frequently called upon to lose so many excellent members from this cause. The member who can invent a successful scheme to obviate this evil will assuredly receive a great reward.

Bro. Gordon Sutherland, P. C., has just received two weeks' sick benefits as the result of a painful accident which befell him one evening when on his way to Lodge. In passing over the high sidewalk on Sixth Street, owing to the intense darkness, he made a mis-step and fell heavily over the edge, landing on a sharp stump. The doctor found no bones broken, but he was severely bruised on the side, which caused him a great deal of pain. He has been crippled ever since. Bro. Sutherland has had a long streak of hard luck.

We still have the bothersome labor trouble present with us in the Slocan. The situation is, however, more hopeful this month, as the opposing parties have been together and endeavored to get the tangle straightened out. We look for a final settlement at an early date, and then we shall bid farewell to the hard times that have beset us and our country for so many wearisome months.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22, December 15th, 1899.

P. S.—To the members of our sister lodges throughout the Grand Domain we extend our compliments, wishing them a joyous Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

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FROM MAPLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Last month I was unable to send you a communication from Maple Lodge, so I must not let the present occasion pass without a few lines. Maple Lodge has moved into a new home. It is not so large as the I. O. O. F. Hall, which we had been occupying, but it is a home-like and a most comfortable little room, and then we have it for ten years, by paying the insurance on the building, thanks to the noble generosity of our Grand Representative, Bro. Henderson. The Committee who have had charge of the furnishing have worked hard and displayed very good taste in the furnishings.

Maple Lodge had a disappointment on the 28th of last month. We had made every arrangement to have a dramatic performance and dance in aid of the funds of the Victoria Orphan Home, but the Company we had engaged failed to put in an appearance, so we had to postpone it until some future time.

I had the pleasure of visiting Far West Lodge, No. 1, on Friday evening, December 15th, when they conferred the rank of Page on a stranger. The C. C. and Prelate gave their charges in a manner as good as ever I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Bro.