

Although only organized in 1878, up to March 31st the large amount of \$2,135,936 had been paid in benefits to the families of 1,363 members of the three classes in that Rank.

The membership at that date was as follows:

1st Class.....	\$1,000	11,623
2nd "	2,000	14,883
3rd "	1,000 over 50 years.....	441

UNIFORM RANK.

This branch of our Order, I regret to say, has not progressed as rapidly as was to have been expected, considering the success resulting from the organization of Alpha Division at Hamilton during the last session of the Grand Lodge.

I had hoped for the appearance at the parade in honour of the Grand Lodge here of organized Divisions from Toronto and Windsor at least, but owing to delay caused by changes in the uniform at the late session of the Supreme Lodge their institution has been temporarily deferred.

I feel satisfied that this feature of our Order will prove a valuable aid in attracting membership to our Lodges, and contribute materially to the growth and popularity of the Order in our jurisdiction.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For the numerical and financial standing of the Lodges I refer you to the reports of the G. K. R. & S. The record of the year shows a satisfactory increase on the whole; but in order to a favourable comparison with our sister jurisdictions, renewed zeal and increased interest must be manifested by all.

Naturally much is expected from your Executive Officer for the time being; but in the work of organizing new Lodges, in promoting the dissemination of our principles and increasing the membership and efficiency of existing Lodges, every true Knight should, in view of his obligations, aid and assist him to the extent of his ability.

THE SUPREME LODGE.

During my visit to New Orleans at the late session of the Supreme Lodge, through the courtesy of our Representatives, I had the honor of introductions to many of the leading officers and Representatives of that august body, and could not but feel emotions of pleasure at the deep and abiding interest in the welfare of Ontario evinced by each and all of them.

We have cause for pride in the distinguished honor conferred on our Representative, Bro. King, in his election to the station of Supreme Prelate, the third highest honor in the gift of that body, and in the selection of Toronto as the next place of meeting for the Supreme Lodge of the World. We should, one and all, evince a Knightly appreciation of their fraternal interest in bestowing these coveted honors, by united, valiant work, which will result in placing our jurisdiction high upon the roster of Grand Lodges.