

We are more than pleased to receive correspondence from Victoria Lodge, No. 17, of Victoria, and are gratified to know that efforts are being made by the members of that Lodge to bring out the membership, as witness the following circular issued by the Committee (mentioned) chosen from the Lodge:

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 17, K. of P.

Victoria, B. C., February 10th, 1899.  
Dear Sir and Brother,—At a rather small out enthusiastic meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, held on the evening of January 26th, 1899, the old question came up of, "How and what to do to induce the non-attending members to come up to Lodge meetings, and the irregular attendants to come oftener." After thrashing the question out in every conceivable manner we came to the conclusion that the best way would be a letter from the Lodge, hence the following:

In the first place we would call your attention to the motto on which our beloved Order is founded, namely: Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. "Friendship," which teaches "the state of minds united for mutual benevolence," personal kindness, assistance and help; "Charity," kindness, love, good will and liberality to the poor, and "Benevolence," the disposition to do good, a voluntary tax or obligation, which once taken we should put forth our best efforts to carry out. Such, brother, are the teachings and principles of the Order of Knights of Pythias, but how many of us are truly inculcated with and carry out these teachings? We almost think they could be counted by the number of fingers on your hands, but a more frequent intercourse and larger gatherings of our members would surely help to assimilate and carry out these principles.

Now what we want, brother, is your presence at Lodge meetings once a month, but oftener if possible; if you cannot come that often come once in three months, but come! show that you take an interest in the Order of which you are an honored member, make yourself known in person as well as by name to the other members of the Lodge, and try and induce other members to come up to Lodge meetings.

The present officers of our Lodge, we are sure, are entitled to some relief in their official positions. They have filled almost every station from Outer Guard to Chancellor Commander, and for want of others not being found, or desirous, to fill these positions have willingly accepted re-election, working, if possible, with greater vigor, zeal and interest. Since organization, on August 23rd, 1893, we have paid out in relief, sick and funeral benefits the sum of \$3,398.00, and have at present assets of \$3,000.00. Your individual interest in this amount is considerable. Do you not think you ought to attend Lodge and see how this fund is being managed?

In the event of you and others taking little or no interest in the financial management of the Lodge, and you should unfortunately require sick benefits, you might find that the funds had been invested in worthless securities, and you be minus your benefits to which you are entitled if in good standing. And are you also aware that in the event of lack of

members to fill offices and provide legal quorums the charter of this lodge can be revoked and the funds of the Lodge—be they great or small—would revert to the Grand Lodge? After thinking these matters over, do you not think it is your duty to yourself and those depending on you to try and attend Lodge meetings to look after your interest in the Lodge? You will surely say "It is."

But after a little further reflection you may possibly say to yourself: "Well, the Lodge is getting along very nicely without me!" but it would get along much nicer with your presence, your suggestions and your advice. Several times during the last year we have had to adjourn without holding any session, on account of "No quorum." Now, does that speak well for a Lodge of 106 members in good standing? We should say not! You have it partly in your power to prevent such adjournments by coming up and helping swell the attendance, so that at no future time shall the minute book be defaced by the words: "Adjourned on account of no quorum."

In conclusion, brother, we would once more say, "Come up" for the good of the Order, for the good of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, and for the good of yourself, come up once in a while.

Yours most fraternally, in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

E. E. LEASON.

E. J. WALL.

E. P. NATHAN.

Committee.

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FROM ROSSLAND.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It has not been the fault of the members of Rossland Lodge, No. 21, that no communication from this Lodge has ever appeared in your good paper, but simply that the Lodge Reporter has been very derelict in his duty, and certainly the members have treated your correspondent very leniently in this matter. But enough of apologies; let me tell you something of our doings.

Financially, Rossland Lodge was never in a better condition. Although we have lost quite a number during the past term, still our roster shows a membership of seventy-seven, in good standing, and now that our city has got down

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