ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

COST TO JOIN THE I.O.F.

A Candidate for initiation into an existing Court, and taking $1,000 of Mortuary Benefit, must pay the following fees:—

1.—The Deposit Fee, which must accompany his Application for Membership..... $1.00
2.—The Initiation Fee, which must be not less than.......... 2.00
3.—The Registration Fee, which is 50 cents for each $500 of Mortuary Benefit taken, 1.00
4.—The Certificate Fee, which pays for the Certificate of Membership.......... 1.00
5.—The Medical Examination Fee, which is 1.50

$6.50

If taking $2,000 Mortuary Benefit, the cost would be.......... $8.00
If taking $3,000 Mortuary Benefit, the cost would be.......... 9.00
If taking $4,000 Mortuary Benefit, the cost would be.......... 11.00
If taking $5,000 Mortuary Benefit, the cost would be.......... 12.00

THE BEST FRATERNAL SOCIETY IN THE WORLD.

THE MAGNIFICENT BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid last year (1896)	**$ 820,941 91**
Benefits paid last five years	**2,754,039 14**
Benefits paid last ten years	**3,462,142 79**
Benefits paid from organization to 31st October, 1897	**4,925,244 12**

THE GROWTH OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

Membership 1st July, 1881	**369**	**Date of Re-organization**	
Membership 31st Dec., 1881	**1,019**	**Increase, 6 months**	**650**
Membership 31st Dec., 1886	**5,804**	**Increase, 5 years**	**4,785**
Membership 31st Dec., 1891	**32,303**	**Increase, 5 years**	**26,499**
Membership 31st Dec., 1896	**102,838**	**Increase, 5 years**	**70,535**

THE INCREASES DURING 1896.

Increase in Benefits Paid	**$ 135,941 73**
Increase in Assessment Income	**228,932 00**
Increase in Total Income	**347,901 19**
Increase in Net Assets	**438,114 34**
Increase in Surplus Funds	**455,110 92**
Increase in Assurance in Force	**20,763,500 00**

THE MEMBERS AND THEIR ASSURANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER EACH YEAR.

Year.	Total Membership.	Assurance Carried.	Total Surplus.	Surplus per Capita.	Death Rate per 1000
1881	1,019	$ 1,140,000	$ 4,568 55	$ 4 48	4.50
1882	1,134	1,276,000	2,967 93	2 61	11.00
1883	2,210	2,490,000	10,857 65	4 91	4.73
1884	2,558	2,923,000	23,081 85	9 02	4.23
1885	3,642	4,283,000	29,802 42	8 18	7.76
1886	5,804	6,764,000	53,981 28	9 30	4.85
1887	7,811	9,120,000	81,384 41	10 41	5.78
1888	11,800	13,714,000	117,821 96	9 98	6.43
1889	17,349	20,078,000	188,130 36	10 84	5.85
1890	24,604	28,498,000	283,967 20	11 54	5.18
1891	32,303	39,395,000	408,798 20	12 65	6.40
1892	43,024	53,243,000	580,597 85	13 49	6.25
1893	54,484	67,781,000	858,857 89	15 76	5.47
1894	70,055	86,506,500	1,187,225 11	16 94	5.47
1895	86,521	108,027,500	1,560,373 46	18 03	5.67
1896	102,838	128,791,000	2,015,484 38	19 60	5.50
1st Nov. 1897	120,880	....	2,458,898.60	20 34	....

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