

times sacrificed his own interests to keep the members in good standing, and this has been the signal of the success of the lodge. I will not make any comment upon the other officers of the lodge, as they are all good, loyal and true knights, ever ready to assist to place Pythianism where it belongs.

Your scribe learns with regret that the Committee in charge of the "True Knight" has resigned, after two years of faithful work, without any compensation, but the lodges should feel deeply indebted to those worthy brothers, who have sacrificed not only their time during the day, but have spent the mid-night oil, trying to make a success of the "True Knight." I hope that the City lodges will start in and select a new Committee, and continue the good work that the present Committee has done in the past. P. G. C., Bro. Evans, who is a member of Crusader Lodge, is Secretary-Treasurer of the paper, and the members should feel proud of him. Bro. Hodgson, C. C. of the Lodge, has made an ideal Executive, and during the present term much credit is due to him for the progress of the lodge. I trust on behalf of Crusader Lodge that the Grand Lodge session will be a profitable one to the Domain, and that the representatives will have a safe journey and return to their respective castle halls and report to their respective brethren the banner year of Pythianism, under the administration of our worthy Bro. W. D. Mearns, Grand Chancellor. May he long be spared to render the good work that he has done in the past, and further honor be given him at the hands of his brothers in this Domain.

CORRESPONDENT.

Vancouver, B. C., April 23rd., 1900.

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MAPLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—We, a Committee appointed by Maple Lodge to write a brief history of the above lodge for the "True Knight," will endeavor to do so.

Maple Lodge is located at Duncan Station, on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, about midway between Victoria and Nanaimo, in the Cowichan District, and on the banks of the Cowichan River, famed far and near for its trout fishing, and in one of the most thriving agricultural districts of the Island.

Maple Lodge was instituted by Grand Chancellor, Bro. J. M. Hughes, of Victoria, on the 28th of November, 1892. He was ably assisted by a contingent of brother knights from Far West and Sunset Lodges, Victoria, and also by Bro. Leighton, of Myrtle Lodge, Nanaimo, who was then G. K. of R. and S. Amongst the brothers attending from Victoria were many who are known to the membership of the Grand Domain—Bros. Behnsen, Emil Pferdner, Steve Jones, E. E. Leeson, Tom Deasy and many others, all of whom helped to plant the Pythian banner in this district; and all of them carried away pleasant recollections of the event.

Bro. Simon Martin was the brother who was instrumental in getting Maple Lodge organised. Bros. McCarty and P. C., J. N. Evans, had made a previous attempt to organise, but had then met with failure. On the night of institution

26 brave aspirants for knightly honors stood ready to meet the test, Brothers Martin and Evans joining by card. Bro. Martin was elected first P. C. (which office has been abolished by our present Ritual, M. of W. taking the station and duties of sitting P. C.) Bro. C. H. Dickie was our first C. C., followed by our late Bros. W. H. Lomas and Thomas Tansey. Then we had Dr. Watson to take command, he being followed by Bros. W. P. Jaynes, A. C. Aitken, D. McGillvary, W. C. Brown, A. J. Bell, R. S. Smith, R. S. Henderson, P. Murchison, A. Dirome, R. B. King, R. H. Whidden and our present C. C., who is the youngest to fill the chair, Bro. I. J. Mutter. Bro. Mutter joined Maple Lodge on August 14th, 1895, receiving the rank of Knight August 28th, 1895. The brother has held many of the offices connected with the lodge and has always proved an efficient officer, and we look to his filling his present high office with honor to himself and credit to the Order.

Our Grand Representative, Bro. C. H. Dickie, was the first brother elected as Representative of Maple Lodge. Being unable to attend our lodge was not represented the first year after its organisation. Bro. J. N. Evans was our next Representative, and was continuously re-elected until last year, when our present Representative was elected, R. S. Henderson.

Maple Lodge at its organisation met in the hall over Bro. W. P. Jaynes' store, until the I. O. O. F. Hall was built, when, securing better terms as to rent, we moved into the I. O. O. F. Hall, on December 1st, 1894, in which we had our home until the 1st of November, 1899, when we moved into our present quarters in Bro. Henderson's building, on which, through Bro. Henderson's generosity, we hold a lease for ten years at a nominal rent of \$10 per year.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1894, Bro. H. Behnsen made an offer of a piece of land for an Orphans' Home. Maple Lodge was the only lodge in the Grand Domain which remitted any funds to the G. K. of R. and S. on that behalf. On the 30th of January, 1895, an order was drawn for \$20 for that purpose. We are calling up this incident that some steps might now be taken on the same lines, looking to the time when we could point with pride to a building erected for the orphan and aged brother knights, who would wish to pass their last days in this world in a home dedicated to Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Although Maple Lodge is not numerically strong, it still is strong in what goes to build up an order, loyalty to its teachings and charity in all things. No discordant voice has ever been raised within her Castle Hall, where Friendship reigns supreme. May the same condition prevail throughout our Grand Domain.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN N. EVANS,
A. J. BELL,
R. S. HENDERSON.

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Puffer—"My dear, I wish you would select a box of cigars for me while shopping to-day."

Mrs. Puffer—"Why, I thought you gave up smoking on the 1st."

Puffer—"So I did, and if you select the cigars it will help me to resist temptation."