

Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias,
Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 7.

I. The Major-General announces that he has visited Detroit, Mich., for consultation with the Executive Committee having in charge the preparations for the Encampment of 1900, and as one of the results of said visitation the list of prizes offered to companies of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias who enter the competition is herewith announced: As a condition precedent to the award of prizes it is understood that each Company of Infantry, each Troop of Cavalry and each Battery of Artillery must participate in the general parade, must take part in the field inspection and review, and must drill in the competition with not less than twenty-four Knights Loyal, a right and left guide and three commissioned officers, being a total of not less than twenty-nine, and all bona-fide members of the company, troop or battery, and must be fully equipped in the regulation uniform of their special branch of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias.

The following are the classes, and prizes in each:

CLASS A.

Open and free to all companies of the Uniform Rank—

1st prize—For proficiency in drill	\$1.500
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill	1,000
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill	700
4th prize—For proficiency in drill	500
5th prize—For proficiency in drill	300
For best company commander—Jewel of honor	100

CLASS B.

Open to all companies that have never won a prize at a Supreme Lodge Encampment.

1st prize—For proficiency in drill	\$600
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill	400
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill	200
For best company commander—Jewel of honor	100

CLASS C.

Open to all companies of the Uniform Rank organised since August, 1898, and less than two years old at the time of the Encampment.

1st prize—For proficiency in drill	\$500
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill	360
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill	200
For best company commander—Jewel of honor	100

DISTANCE PRIZE.

For companies composed of not less than 29 officers and Knights Loyal attending the Encampment from the greatest distance.

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	200

BATTALION PRIZE.

For the best battalion drill by battalion, consisting of not less than four companies and full complement of officers. Two or more battalions to compete.

1st prize	\$500
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CAVALRY PRIZE.

Open to all cavalry troops. The same rules as to numbers and participation in the parade, inspection and review are to be applied as are applied to infantry companies.

1st prize	\$300
2nd prize	200

Should only one company appear it shall be entitled to both prizes.

ARTILLERY PRIZE.

Open to all batteries, U. R. K. of P. Best exhibition drill and appearance to govern.

1st prize	\$200
2nd prize	100

Should only one battery appear it shall be entitled to both prizes.

RITUALISTIC PRIZE.

Open to all companies. For best exemplification of the ritual.

1st prize	\$200
2nd prize	100

I hereby certify that the above is a correct list of prizes as adopted by the K. of P. Executive Committee for 1900, having the matter in charge.

(Signed.)

F. J. PEDDIE,

Secretary Executive Committee.

II. There has never been a greater number of classes, nor have the prizes aggregated so large an amount. Attention of companies is especially called to the prizes for the exemplification of the new Uniform Rank Ritual. The honor of winning a prize for this work will be equal to that of winning a prize in competition drill, and the Major-General earnestly hopes that many of the companies will enter this special class. Particular attention is also called to Classes B and C. Here is a magnificent opportunity within the reach of possible success for all "first contestants," if they will get down to work.

III. In concluding this Order the Major-General desires to say that the citizens of Detroit are preparing to give to the Knights Loyal a most magnificent welcome to one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and the Uniform Rank should show its appreciation of this promised hospitality by the largest attendance we have ever had at any of our encampments. "Come one and all" is the invitation.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL,

Adjutant-General.

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