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THE EDITOR.

Our many readers will no doubt join with the Committee in expressions of regret at the absence of our regular monthly contribution from our worthy editor, Bro. Maxwell. Bro. Maxwell is at present in Ottawa and has been there for the past four months attending to legislative duties, he has never failed to send us a valuable contribution for each issue, and we feel assured that the matter for this issue has been delayed in transit, or mislaid. In order that we may deliver our paper to the members as near the first of the month as possible, we have decided to waive the editorial matter for this issue, and expect to be able to give for our next issue a double number from our worthy brother.

COMMITTEE.

THE "TRUE KNIGHT"

Wishes the brethren of this Domain to put their shoulder to the wheel and do all that in them lies for the interests and advancement of the Endowment Rank. There is no one element that enters into the affairs of the Order that can be made so potent for its success and growth, as the Endowment Rank—it can be made a useful co-worker. We say this as the result of our observations everywhere. We find that in those Domains where the Endowment is properly appreciated, there prosperity and substantial growth exists. It cannot be otherwise—it is a natural sequence. The Endowment Rank is the greatest of Pythian institutions we believe. It deserves and should have the support and confidence of every Pythian. For a long time it has had an experienced and efficient Board of Management, and, for a great many years it has had the guiding hand of that greatest of Pythians directing it, Bro. John A. Hinsey. It is a grand adjunct of a great Order, and ought to have every eligible member in its ranks.

W. D. KENNEDY, P. S. R.,

Editor of the "Pythian Tribune," of Chicago, Ill., the law journal of the Order.

To the above honored brother, the Committee in charge of the "True Knight" are under many obligations for his many kindly acts, and assistance in supplying this paper with

photo cuts "at different times," of prominent members of the Order. We heartily commend the "Tribune" to the members of our Domain, and especially to those who are desirous of keeping in touch with the Order.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Grand Chancellor of Maine, in his report presented to the recent convention of the Grand Lodge of that Domain, paid the following splendid tribute to the value of the Endowment Rank:

This grand feature of our Order is one of the most important features under the control of the Supreme Lodge and every attention and encouragement should be given it by the members of the Order. My experience as your Grand Chancellor has thoroughly convinced me that if we desire to advance the prosperity of our Order in this Domain, increase its membership and extend its influence in every respect, we must one and all make a united effort to comply with the request of our Supreme Chancellor, as set forth in his circular of December 29th last, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Keeper of Records and Seal of every lodge. You seldom find a brother holding membership in the Endowment Rank, delinquent in his payment of lodge dues, because that is simply the only condition required for the maintenance of his insurance; while those members who have joined outside organisations have in many instances, especially during the hard times of the past few years, felt called upon to give up one or the other, and as their insurance was of most vital importance have drifted away and been permanently lost to our Order; the same things which actuated the Endowment brother to pay his Pythian dues caused the lapsing brother to cling to his insurance Order. It is hardly necessary to remind you that the Endowment Rank is perfectly safe. It was organised by our Supreme Lodge over twenty-one years ago and now has a membership of over fifty-four thousand. It is my urgent request that every lodge in this Grand Domain in connection with which a section of the Endowment Rank now exists shall at once strive actively and earnestly to increase its membership, and that in lodges where none has been established steps be taken for its organisation.

"THE TRUE KNIGHT"

The Committee in charge of the "True Knight" desire to express their thanks to the membership for the support given them during the year in making the Pythian Journal a success. It is the intention of the Committee to continue this publication, and we would ask ever brother knight and lodge to assist us, not only by subscription, but by securing ads and seeing that your lodge correspondent furnishes every month the doings of your lodge. The Committee in charge of the publication is not doing this work for any financial gain: the work is all done gratuitously and for the welfare of the order at large. We therefore look forward to a renewal of all subscriptions that we have at present, and we hope to have a large increase.

"The True Knight" has now attained its first year, thanks to the many brothers who have given it loyal support. It has demonstrated the fact that a Pythian paper can live in British Columbia. The Committee in charge of this paper had at no time any misgiving as to its ultimate success, and firmly believed that the lodges of Vancouver were supplying a want long felt by the knights in this Grand Domain. The "Journal" is about to enter upon its second year and the Committee take this opportunity to express its sincere thanks for the knightly support that it has received, and now appeals to every lodge in this Domain to make this journal a credit to the knights of British Columbia. A few of the lodges have not as yet seen their way clear to subscribe for this paper, and it is to those lodges in particular that this appeal is made. We appeal to you as Knights of Pythias, working for the common cause, to throw aside all prejudice and ask you to give your aid in building up a Pythian paper in this Domain in which every lodge will have an interest, and of which we may all feel proud. In every lodge in this Domain there are to be found brothers whose inclinations are such that they are always willing to give their time and support in the furtherance of any laudable undertaking. We wish to enlist these members in our cause, and ask

them for aid. What the "True Knight" needs to make it one of the best fraternal papers published is:

First, every lodge to insert its lodge card for the year.

Second, to subscribe for its members, thus giving back to its members part of the dues paid by them in the benefit of a good live Pythian paper.

Third, a correspondent from each lodge who will furnish newsy letters of the happenings of respective lodges, so that all the lodges may know of the progress being made throughout the entire Domain.

Fourth, a good, live, active brother from each lodge to act as agent for the paper, who will solicit ads and see that the paper reaches every brother who is a subscriber.

Brother Knight, do this and you will have no cause to complain, nor need to be ashamed of your Pythian paper.

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APPRECIATION.

To the Secretary of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir,—I have been instructed to forward to you for publication the enclosed copy of a resolution passed at our regular convention this evening. Respectfully yours,

S. SHEPARD,

K. of R. & S., Rathbone Lodge, No. 7.

Moved by Bro. S. R. Robb, seconded by Bro. A. T. Crook, "That the members of Rathbone Lodge express their supreme satisfaction with the work done by the worthy brothers in charge of our cleverly-conducted paper, the "True Knight;" that we hope that they will see fit, in view of the Grand Lodge's endorsement, to continue their duties."

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ALL KINDS OF REPAIRING DONE.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF RATHBONE LODGE, No. 7, AND ITS C. C.'s FROM ITS INSTITUTION UP TO THE PRESENT DAY.

Nine years ago on the 21st day of May in the year 1890. All the charter members of Rathbone Lodge will remember with pleasure the events of that evening, when they entered the threshold of Pythianism. Many were the opinions of what the initiation would be like, as we stood in groups awaiting our turn. Rathbone, No. 7, was instituted by P.S.R. Bro. Behnson of Granville Lodge, No. 3, one of the most enthusiastic and devoted members of the Order that British Columbia can boast of, and one who is considered one of the best-informed members on Pythianism in the Domain.

But Rathbone, No. 7, owes its existence to our present Supreme Representative, Bro. H. J. Anstie, a former member of Winnipeg, Man. With the assistance of a few knights he obtained the names of those he thought would make true and loyal members. Bro. H. J. Anstie we may well call the father of Rathbone Lodge; always ready with his counsel and advice, never refusing to assist in anything pertaining to the welfare of lodge or Order, he has assisted the members out of many a complicated question. Bro. Anstie was Rathbone's first Chancellor-Commander, and has since then been elected Grand Chancellor, and is now Supreme Representative for this Domain, this being his second term in that position. He has filled nearly every office in his subordinate lodge, and for the last few years has held the office of M. of E. 'Tis seldom that you miss him from his lodge, as he is always present, unless it be Pythian duty that takes him away.

Rathbone Lodge entered upon its career with a good number of energetic and enthusiastic knights, the meetings being well attended, and more interesting lodge sessions would be hard to find. Many of the Charter members are with us to-day, but some have sought distant fields, a few have been suspended for non-payment of dues, some, we think, through carelessness and others through ill-health, and three have been called away to the Supreme Chancellor on High.

The Lodge has had many a hard struggle at various periods, both financially and otherwise, when it has been almost necessary to delve down into the individual pocket for funds to meet the various expenses, but she pulled through all right. One of our Charter members, a worthy and energetic brother, met with a very painful accident in the city of New Westminster, nearly causing him his life. He was at the time employed in a hardware store, and in trying to save some merchandise from the fire, was seriously burned. The lodge carried him safely through, paying him benefits in full many months exceeding the prescribed time, the Westminster brothers nursing him and giving him every attention; consequently Rathbone members have a tender spot for the Westminster brethren.

Bro. A. J. McAlister was our next C. C., and he usually carried the questions and made the boys toe the mark. "Sandy," he was usually called. He has gone to California, and is enjoying a more salubrious clime. The old ritual at this time was being used, and although not quite equal to the present one, all of the officers had most of their ritualistic work committed to memory, and hardly a meeting night passed without having a victim to practise upon.

Bro. Patterson was next elected to the chair. He conducted the lodge and carried out the by-laws as one accustomed to preside in a court of justice. It was about this period that Rathbone and Granville Lodges participated in the Dominion Day celebration. Bro. Simon bears the distinction of being the first Grand Lodge Representative from Rathbone Lodge. When it came to getting up an excursion or banquet, Ben sold more tickets than any two members put together.

Bro. W. D. Mearns was the next choice of the Lodge for C. C. Bro. Mearns joined the Lodge by card in December, 1890, and since that time has been a devoted and hard worker for the Lodge and Order. We think Bro. Mearns can claim the distinction of bringing more members into the Lodge than any other one individual. It would be impossible for a brother to attend Lodge without knowing whether Bro. Mearns

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was there or not. He is one who can make himself heard. He has by his exertions risen in the estimation of the brothers, both in and out of the Lodge, and at our last Grand Lodge meeting in Victoria received the laurels which he has so justly earned.

It was at this time, when Bro. Mearns was stepping into the C. C. chair, that Rathbone members decided to have a public installation of officers. Every preparation was made, and when the evening arrived a large gathering was assembled in the Castle Hall. The greater labors of the event, outside of the entertaining portion of it, fell upon the shoulders of Bro. H. J. Anstie, who installed the officers. As the ritual was not allowed to be used in public, the installing officer had to commit all the work to memory, which must have necessitated many hours of studious labor. It was in every way a success, the C. C.-elect leading with a few appropriate remarks, followed by a musical and otherwise entertaining programme. It was in those days we can recall many a pleasing incident and delight in the enthusiasm with which every member entered upon his respective duties. Some in their zeal, perhaps, in a few instances, went to extremes, thereby causing a brother to be offended, but these we hope have been forgiven.

We cannot let this period pass without recalling to your memory our late Bro. Bredemeyer. He was an ardent knight, also belonging to many other societies. Looking back we can recall to memory many an incident both interesting and amusing in his connection. He left our town for the city of Tacoma, Wash., and during his sojourn there was commissioned to some elevated position in the uniform rank. He died in that city in the month of April, 1894, leaving a widow and one child.

Most of the old-time members remember the different banquets, with which Rathbone Lodge, with the other lodges, usually celebrated the anniversary of Pythianism. But the banquet most to be remembered was that held by the City lodges, in honor of our Supreme Chancellor and his aides. This was held in the Hotel Vancouver. We sailed high in those days.

The next C. C. after Bro. Mearns was your humble servant, being the first I. G. of Rathbone Lodge, and gradually working his way through the other offices, until he was honored by being elected C. C.

Bro. F. W. Downing later occupied the chair. He was one of Rathbone's most ardent and hard-working members, filling the office of K. of R. & S. for a number of terms, previous to being elected C. C. He was a G. L. Representative, and a few years after was elected G. C. of this Domain, but through sickness was compelled to resign his office. He is held in high esteem by all members.

Following Bro. Dowling came Bro. N. Hoshel. The name of Bro. Hoshel brings with it the sad memory of a beloved brother. He served faithfully, but was suddenly called away by the Supreme Chancellor or High. Bro. Hoshel, while out boating, met with an accident, the boat capsizing and drowning its occupants. His body was never found. Bro. Hoshel was but a short time married when the accident occurred, and

his sudden death made it doubly sad for those who knew him. This occurred in the month of May, 1894.

H. W. Maynard was the next member to fill the chair. The K. of P.'s owe Bro. Maynard many little acknowledgments for valuable suggestions thrown out. He has been G. L. Representative and has also filled the office of M. of F. for several terms. The "True Knight" mainly owes its birth to suggestions made by Bro. Maynard.

M. G. McLeod was the next brother who received the honors of C. C. He, like many of his predecessors, was an enthusiastic member, serving as M. of F., and K. of R. & S., for several terms; one of those who has put his shoulder to the wheel when the Lodge had a hard road to travel.

Our Bro. Grady comes next. I say "our" more particularly with him, as he is still an ardent worker, always ready to assist, no matter what the cause, looking after the brothers out of Lodge as well as in, and seeing that they keep in good standing. He has filled other offices as well as the chair. Rathbone members deeply sympathize with the brother in his recent bereavement.

It has been the custom in Rathbone in early days to present past chancellors with a P. C. jewel after a member had passed that position, several of the Rathbone members being recipients of the same, but the custom has since been abolished.

The life of the Lodge was Bro. S. R. Robb. He succeeded Bro. Grady as Ruler or C. C. Bro. Robb served several terms as K. of R. & S., also being a Grand Representative. When it came to a recitation or a yarn, our worthy brother could keep the members in an uproar. We shall oftentimes remember his return from the institution of Langley Lodge. He is with us still and the same individual as ever.

It was in the month of November of 1894 that our worthy Bro. Whittier, after a short illness, was called from our ranks to join the one above. 'Twas sad indeed to part with him. We shall ever revere the memory of one so true and diligent as he.

One of our most successful brothers was elected to the chair after Bro. Robb. He was Bro. De Beck. Always trying to stir up interest in the Lodge, oftentimes debating on the whys and wherefores to keep up interest, he was our last Grand Representative, so you can easily see how success follows him.

We should like to dwell somewhat longer on the intervening events, but find even now we are going to take up more space than was intended, so we have left out many a little interesting event, and will have to make the rest as concise as possible.

When Bro. Brooke was elected to fill the chair we all knew that he was one who, whatever he undertook, would carry it through. Although not a charter member he has, ever since receiving the rank of knighthood, been a very diligent and enthusiastic brother. During our midwinter socials and entertainments he has been the leading spirit. Being a G. L. Representative, also a Deputy G. C., he has also served as M. of F. for several terms, and the Lodge

congratulates itself on having so indefatigable a worker.

We are now coming to the recent C. C.'s. Bro. Stonehouse, one of the charter members, a man of sterling worth, a hard and energetic worker, next filled the chair. We do not see his smiling face so often now, as he is engaged in one of the smaller towns of the Province.

Our next in line came M. J. Conroy. We have lauded and praised our preceding C. C.'s, but in Bro. Conroy we have had one of the most energetic of brothers. Standing up for what he considered right, even if all were opposed to the question, he is ever with us, except for a short time now and then, and when he returns, although complimenting our Yankee cousins, he says there is no place like home and his own Lodge.

Yes, he was with us on that night that Rathbone was instituted: always a worker, and when he was elected C. C., we had made a wise choice; ever to the front, ever to be relied upon. This is Bro. R. Allen. He has served faithfully in nearly all the offices of the Lodge; he is one with a future before him; he is with us still, and we hope will be for many a year to come.

Bro. Mitchell, when he stepped into the C. C. chair, was ever one of us, a diligent and worthy brother, ever willing and ready, always filling the position of some absent brother with the same zeal and integrity. He, too, is with us, working with the same enthusiasm as ever.

Last, but not least, comes our worthy Bro. Maxwell, M. P. He has preached several impressive sermons to the members, and is now editor of this wonderful little paper, called the "True Knight." Although Parliamentary business calls him away most of the time, we never miss his editorial. The "True Knight," we know, is proud of him, and Rathbone Lodge is still more so.

Another year and Rathbone Lodge will celebrate its decennial anniversary. We have tried to give our readers a brief sketch of the Lodge and its Chancellor Commanders. When we started we expected to give in detail more of the minor events, but soon found it would fill a good-sized book if we did, so dealt more briefly towards the end.

Rathbone Lodge appreciates the visits and work of our brothers from the other lodges, many of whom we can almost count among us.

A. T. C.

FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—The following officers have been duly elected for the coming term: C. C., A. Gibson; V. C., Bro. Simpson; Prelate, R. Allen; M. at A., J. Smith; K. of R. & S., S. Shepard; M. of F., Robert Brooke; M. of E., H. J. Anstie; M. of W., A. T. Crook; I. G., J. Mitchell; O. G., G. W. De Beck.

Our G. L. Representative sent in a well-worded report of G. L. proceedings.

The Excursion Committee are putting the right foot first. We hope it will be a grand success.

We can now shake the hand of another brother who has joined us by card.

Our Grand Chancellor, W. D. Mearns, gave us

a few instructions in ritualistic proceedings recently. We can stand a few more with good results.

Memorial Day is close at hand. Let us not forget the departed.

We had several visiting brothers with us during the month. Come again, brothers. We have noticed that the G. C. intends to instal the officers in person.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

Vancouver, July 20th, 1899.

FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Owing to a misunderstanding between Bro. Mallery and myself, as to who was correspondent for this month, we were nearly left out again, so I write just a few lines now to let you know we are still living and thriving. We attended divine service to-night in the Methodist Church, with a large turn-out of members and visiting brothers. In my judgment we received the best sermon on the principles of Pythianism we ever listened to. I am going to try to get it for publication for the next issue of the "True Knight." Rev. Mr. Ladner was the preacher, and he handled the subject very ably, and showed us plainly how we should live to fulfil the principles of our Order.

Bro. Mallery has been appointed correspondent. You will be sure now to always have long, newsy letters from Kamloops, as he is a great deal more fluent with the pen than I am.

I am sorry to have to record that our K. of R. & S., Bro. McKenzie, is unwell. You may see him down there before long, to recuperate, and we trust the change will make him the way we would like to see him, in the best of health.

At the regular meeting of Primrose Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. C., G. T. Mallery; V. C., J. Ladner; Prelate, C. T. Godfrey; M. of F., R. MacKay; M. of E., J. L. Brown; M. of W., J. A. McGee; I. G., J. N. Moore; O. G., T. D. Guest; correspondent of "True Knight," G. T. Mallery.

Assuring our G. C., Bro. Mearns, that Primrose Lodge is ready and willing to assist him to the utmost of its ability in furthering the principles of Pythianism and the up-building of the Order in British Columbia, I am yours fraternally,

J. L. BROWN.

Kamloops, June 23rd, 1899.

FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Nothing could have more pleased Trill than to hear that our esteemed Grand Representative, Bro. Noble Binns, was elected as Grand Master-at-Arms, at the convention held at Victoria last month. Perhaps no one will ever find a place in the galaxy of British Columbia's eminent Pythians more deserving of that honor. The strong points of Bro. Binns' character, and they are many, as well as his fine intellectual endow-

ment, are traceable directly to heredity. He is an easy talker, with power of expression, tactful in argument, never at a loss for a word to illustrate a convincing point, no matter how broad or varied the discussion. It would prolong this little sketch beyond reasonable limits to even attempt to rehearse in detail his splendid work in our Lodge. His merit was recognized by placing him as Grand Master-at-Arms, although he was never seeking official preferment for himself; he was content to work with indefatigable zeal when work was most onerous, and the least liable to achieve notoriety. All in all, we feel proud of having such a stalwart Pythian in our Lodge and in the Grand Lodge.

On Sunday, June 25th, our Lodge will hold memorial services, the first of the kind given for a long time, and Rev. Bro. J. H. Cleland, of Sandon, will deliver the sermon.

Quite a number of accidents have befallen some of our members of late. Bro. McLennan, while riding on horseback, had the misfortune to be thrown against a telephone pole, as the result of which he received a fracture of the lower part of the left leg, and was otherwise considerably bruised, necessitating confinement to his bed for some time. Bro. Almos, sad as it may seem, lost an eye. While in the act of holding a drill which was being driven by another man, a few pieces of the metal broke off the head of the drill, one piece striking the pupil directly, while another piece broke a few teeth. Bro. Almos, being a new member, was not entitled to benefits, but Pythians, as we are, ever ready to assist a worthy brother or a worthy cause, circulated a subscription list among the members, the result of which, some \$75, was realized for the relief of Bro. Almos and his family.

Bro. Allan Campbell, another of the unfortunates, drove a nail into his foot, so he says, but we think he drove his foot into a nail. The injury was quite painful, but with proper care he was about again in a few days. Bro. Ralph Clark was accidentally struck in the eye by a missile and was carrying the injured member in bandages for a few days.

At a meeting held on June 1st the following officers were duly elected to serve for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, Bro. J. R. Widmer; Vice-Chancellor, Bro. F. G. Morin; Prelate, Bro. Leo Chamberon; Master of the Work, Bro. D. E. Shields; Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Ralph Clark; Master of Finance, Bro. Thos. E. Abbott; Master of Exchequer, Bro. Noble Binns; Master-at-Arms, Bro. E. D. Murphy; Inner Guard, Bro. Wm. Morrow; Outer Guard, Bro. Ernest Mills. The election was one of the most closely contested for a long time, there being numerous candidates for each office. Bro. James A. Clark, who has so ably and fittingly held the Chancellor's chair for two consecutive terms, will retire with Past Chancellor honors, and, although he will retain no other office in the Lodge, he will, we are glad to say, maintain his usual activity among us, and, like Bro. Binns, will soon be wearing grand honors.

Bro. W. T. Stewart, accompanied by his estimable wife, took his departure from our midst last month for Yakima, Wash., where he in-

tends engaging in business. Bro. Stewart appeared in the Lodge room, just prior to the departure of the train, to bid us good-bye, and the Lodge adjourned to assemble at the depot to wish him and his wife both much success and happiness in their new field, and amid cheers and songs the train rolled out.

We are in receipt of an interesting letter from our newly-elected Grand Chancellor, the contents of which give a brief outline of lodge work, etc., and more particularly urge us to commit the ritual to memory, that it may never be used in the presence of candidates. We can assure Bro. Mearns that his request will be complied with, at least that is what the new officers say.

Last month we took up the matter of moving to new and more commodious quarters, and after a prolonged discussion it was decided that we accept the extraordinary proposition made us, and consequently we are now domiciled in the handsomest lodge rooms in Kootenay.

We were all glad to hear that the "True Knight" has been made the official organ of the Knights of Pythias of this Domain. Success must now certainly crown its efforts; at least we hope so, in fact we know so.

Next month the writer will be in a position to give some very interesting data from this Lodge.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

THOS. E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C., June 17th, 1899.

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FROM VERNON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: The boys are asking what is the matter with the Lodge correspondent. There is nothing the matter; though he may have lost some of his lustre he still lives. After a couple of months travelling he has again taken up the work with vigor and renewed energy. Last meeting night Coldstream added another worthy name to its roster, who will be a very valuable acquisition in keeping order, as he is no less than our popular Government official seeking initiation. The election of officers took place. A great deal of interest was manifested by the new recruits, several being elected to offices. I will give the names after the installation. Bro. Hutchison, the successful grocer, of Armstrong, paid Vernon a flying visit. Our G. C. has made a very creditable start, and I can assure him of a most cordial welcome when he visits this valley, as his work in the Pythian circle is well known and much appreciated here.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

ED. GOULET.

Vernon, June 9th, 1899.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: No. 22 has elected its officers for the ensuing term, after a most interesting contest, the result being as follows: C. C., C. E. Smitheringale; V. C., J. Goettsche; Prelate, A. McLeod; M. W., R. Suthland; M.

F., W. L. Callanan; M. E., T. Avison; M. A., G. Sutherland; K. R. & S., C. F. Nelson; I. G., H. Stege; O. G., T. Lloyd.

The rent question has been agitating the Lodge for some time, and a movement is on foot to secure a building by purchase for Lodge purposes. As it is now, though one of the smallest lodges numerically in the Grand Domain, we are paying the highest rent. The situation is such that it cannot be bettered while the present quarters are occupied. They are large, convenient and commodious, but the members feel that a little sacrifice in these qualities for the material advantage of owning their own building would redound to their mutual benefit and the well being of the Lodge.

Memorial Day was most fittingly celebrated by the Sandon brethren this year; and, as they had so cordially invited the co-operation of New Denver Lodge, it was decided by the latter to join forces with the sister Lodge and make the one event suffice for both. Quite a number of the local members journeyed to the Silver City, stopping at the cemetery en route to the depot to fittingly decorate the graves of those of the departed brethren interred there. At Sandon the local delegation was most hospitably entertained, and they returned with feelings of gratitude at the success of the Memorial services and the treatment received.

Bro. Mearns' appeal to the several lodges to forward the general work and principles of the Order throughout the Grand Domain was most heartily received by the brethren of No. 22. They have long since recognized the cardinal fact that Pythianism is more than a mere name, to be worn as a garment at the lodge meetings only. In ways sundry and diverse, the Knights in this vicinity have endeavored to practice the precepts and teachings of the Order—a course to which they are determined to adhere.

Owing to the enforced absence of so many of the boys in the hills, prospecting and doing assessment work, the attendance at the meetings is diminished.

On June 1st the last social hop to be given by the knights for the season was held in their Castle Hall, in the Clever block. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and the success of the event was even more marked than on the previous occasions.

This section of country is at present in a most quiescent mood, due to labor troubles and their attendant evils in loss of business and employment. Many of the members, if not all, come under this influence, which has a depressing effect upon the condition of the Lodge. With loss of employment, the members become scattered and the general well-being of the Order in the camp receives a hard knock. What promised so fairly with the Spring's glad smiles to be such a bright and prosperous season for the

country in general, and the members and their families in particular, has become tinged with the dark cloud of trouble and disaster. However, it may be but the wearisome night before the gladsome day. Other favored sections of the Domain should lend a thought and render encouragement to their struggling brethren in the Slocan, who are now in the midst of a mighty struggle between capital and labor.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., June 19th, 1899.

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FROM FAR WEST.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Far West, No. 1, is still on the move, adding new members to its roster right along. There has been at least one Rank conferred every meeting night for the past two or three months, which I am sure you will agree with me is very encouraging. There is also a marked improvement in attendance for the past few weeks, which, taking the summer evenings into consideration, when the boys like to be out, is a good sign.

We received a gem of a letter from the Grand Chancellor, which this Lodge is having read for the next month. This Lodge has suffered a loss, in losing a brother like George Etheredge, who died last Friday, June 16th. The Lodge turned out well to the funeral, which was held the following Sunday. About forty members accompanied the funeral to the cemetery.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. H. PENKETH.

Victoria, B. C., June 24th, 1899.

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FROM SANDON.

The Knights of Pythias held their annual memorial services in the Methodist church on Tuesday, June 13th. A number of friends of the Order were admitted by ticket. As might be expected, the entire proceedings were of a solemn character. The reverends Cleland and Sandford delivered two very appropriate discourses bearing on man's immortality and his duty to his fellow man. Suitable music was discoursed by a choir—Mesdames Sandford, McMartin and Gable, accompanied by Mrs. White and Mr. Tranery on the organ and cornet. Although there were no deaths in the local Lodge during the past year, the custom was observed to commemorate the death of the founder, Henry Wrathburn. The entire service tended very much to impressing serious thoughts upon all present.

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FROM VICTORIA.

At a recent convention of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., held in the Victoria Pythian Castle

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Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. C., W. D. Kinnaird; V. C., E. C. Smith; Prel., J. G. Hilton; M. of E., J. T. Pearce; M. of T., E. A. Leason; K. of R. & S., E. P. Nathan; M. of A., J. McBride; M. of W., P. A. Phillips. Judging from the number of applications received, Victoria Lodge means to retain her position as being the banner lodge of the Domain of B.C. The rank of Page was conferred on one candidate.

The members of Victoria and Far West lodges K. of P., on June 15th held their annual memorial services. Gathering at Castle Hall at 2 p.m. they took part in a short service conducted by Past Grand Chancellor J. M. Hughes, at the conclusion of which they marched to Ross Bay cemetery, preceded by several hacks loaded with floral offerings. The flowers were placed on the graves of the following deceased members of the Order: Richard Hunter, George Frye, A. A. Green, George Etheredge, J. D. Carmichael, J. Slater, W. Byers, Squire Hilton, J. Sheedy, J. P. Matthews, Fred Randolph, Dave Fee, John Fee, Frank Campbell, Peter Wilson, M. Hooper and H. A. Levin.

FROM NANAIMO.

At a recent regular meeting of Nanaimo Lodge Knights of Pythias the following were elected for the ensuing year: C. C., Peter Gordon; V. C., E. B. Irving; Prelate, A. Manifold; M. of W., A. Turner; M. of E., H. Devlin; M. of F., Chas. Wilson; K. of R. & S., Chas. Rawlinson; I. G., Jas. Watson; O. G., Henry McAdie.

Pythian Memorial Day.

Editor "Free Press:" The beautiful ceremony of decorating the graves of departed brothers was held by the various Pythian lodges in the district on June 25th.

Sir, hearing a remark on the street of our city that it was only a show, this decorating of graves by our orders, I was made to ask, is it true, and the reply came: Go to yonder grave on the hillside as the last sad rites are performed, over the earthly remains of a dear brother; tenderly loving hands lower him into the cold, unsympathetic earth, gently but it seems harshly the unfeeling clay falls with sickening thuds upon the last residence of the dead, each stroke seems a death blow on the broken heart of the widowed wife and mother, standing with tear stained face at the grave edge. All hope, all joy, life itself seems buried in that awful tomb; but around it is the circle of plighted knights, and as the sprig of evergreen drops into the grave, we hear renewed pledges of fidelity to the dead, fall from each member present.

And is this all a mere shadow, an idle ceremony, a hollow mockery? God forbid! Breathes there a man in this broad land who doubts our sincerity? Little does he comprehend us and ill advisedly does he speak. Let him but hear the echo from within our castle walls, as we view the vacant chair and miss the warm grasp of those brothers' hands who are gone from our ranks, then let him ask himself is it only show. I answer no, verily, no.

Our sacred rites and ceremonies are impressive and sincere. Let us aim to build these principles into our lives, making them a con-

sistent element of our daily conduct, for truly, faith without works is dead.

The following are the names of those who occupy the graves to be decorated:

Wellington Lodge, No. 2.

P. C.'s R. Robinson, J. B. L. Jones and A. Paton. Knights J. Jones, J. J. Stewart, John McNeill, J. Hamilton, C. Hoskins, J. J. Williams, J. Mellitto, C. Loat, J. McMillan, R. Craig.

Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4.

Knights John Aitken, J. C. Jones, P. Cameron, G. C. Meritt, Geo. Blakaway, W. D. Griffith and Wm. James.

Damon Lodge, No. 8.

Knights B. Enotridge, Evan Millart and Robert Scott.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 9.

P. C. W. Pcol. Black Diamond, No. 27 (Ohio); James Hunt, Black Diamond, No. 17, Wash.; Alex. Marshall, Carbon Hill, No. 25, Wash.; Jas. Braddy, Brendwood, Ill.; J. Morton, Hercules, No. 22, Col.; D. Gordon, Shawnee, No. 17, Ohio; J. F. Harvey, Comox, No. 5, B. C.; J. McArthur, Snowy Range, No. 5, Col.; J. Farnham, Carthage, No. 16, N. Mexico; W. Arbuckle, Excelsior, No. 19, Ind., and E. Madden.

I am glad to be able to state that since our last Memoria! Day we have not been called to mourn for any of our brethren in our local lodges.

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THE HEARTS OF MEN.

(Continued.)

This accident seemed to startle us all into a new life—to heal up all previous differences, to draw us all together, creating as it did the "esprit de corps" which up to this time had been missing.

Jim Standish, alias the "Bear," from this date came out in his true colors, realizing as he did he owed his life to poor Hugh, yes, poor Hugh; 'twas many a long, dreary day before he again took his place in our midst. It was the closest call he ever had. Poor chap, his right arm was broken in two places (if that is what you call a compound fracture). The greatest injury was to his head, and, as the doctor said, that would mean death if not very carefully tended. Well I remember the weary nights we spent watching by his bedside, and both Jim and I learned from the ravings of delirium, the true inwardness of as fine a character as it falls to man's lot now-a-days to know. The one night above all others that occurs to me, is one when Jim and I were jointly doing all in our power to pull our friend through the crisis that always obtains in such cases as these, the time which decides which way the balance falls—whether to life or death. Hugh seemed, in his delirium, to imagine himself conversing with somebody, arguing with him in fact, and we could just catch snatches of what he said: "You would treat him so; well I would not. I know I have not any use for him, I hate him, he's mean, despicable, and yet I must treat him better than I would my best friend, enemy though he be, snake in the grass though he assuredly is; still I cannot imagine a prouder moment than the one for which I now look, when I shall have won my enemy for my friend—good must and can overcome evil." Jim wondered of whom Hugh spoke—for I at least knew all at once as if by intuition—'twas a conversation Hugh and I had had about Jim Standish, who was now hearing such strange talk about himself. "Yes, old fellow, you think me a fool, a crank, and yet I would give my life to win that man's love, and why—because I can see in him the possibility of a grand and beautiful life; yes, Dick Albright, believe me or not, the time will come and bring its opportunity; I have that presentiment," and poor Hugh became so ex-

cited we had more than ordinary difficulty in once more quieting him, and when at last he lay panting for breath we both thought the end was near, so weak had he grown, and right glad were we at the arrival of the doctor, who at last managed to soothe our friend and make him sleep, a strange power that some sympathetic natures have.

Jim and I adjourned to the adjoining room, which opened on to the one where Hugh lay sick in bed, both of us longing each one to straighten out certain matters—I to explain and Jim to question. That delirium had given a clue to the personality of Hugh's remembered conversation with me—he had mentioned my name.

"Well, Dick, Hugh meant me, did he not?" And without waiting for me to answer he continued: "Did he really hate me so much as that? I know I was mean and cussed. But I was mad. I know better now. Don't you think you could give the other side of Hugh's conversation with you anent me; don't be scared to speak out; you cannot be harder on me than I on myself." And so in low tones I told him all, deeming it best, seeing how all seemed to be guided by a higher hand than mine. Poor Jim, he was greatly moved, and with a sigh akin to a sob he said: "I did not know, I did not mean it all; Hugh, Hugh, I have wronged you; I must make amends; your presentiment was prophetic, and I only hope your high thoughts of me may prove correct; effort on my part shall not be wanting."

As Doctor Mason told us before leaving, on awaking, Hugh was conscious, and I was glad I was alone with him—Jim's presence would only have excited him.

(To be continued.)

PERSONELS.

Bro. A. C. Clements, of Nelson Lodge, No. 25, paid a visit to the office of the "True Knight," recently. Bro. Clements has not been in Vancouver since the great fire of 1886, and in his jovial way says Vancouver is all right.

Bro. D. D. Griffith, G. I. G., of Wellington Lodge, No. 2, and Bro. R. Rivers, of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4, paid Vancouver a visit during last month.

S. R., Bro. James Crossan, of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4, paid Vancouver a flying visit the other day.

SPRING HATS

We are showing all the new shapes in Fedora and Stiff Hats this season in slate, fawn, brown and black, also a large range of light weight straw goods with fancy bands. Linnen hats will be greatly worn this summer. We have a great variety to select from.

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We regret to announce that Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, has been confined to his house for the past week. We trust that his illness will be of short duration.

Bro. Hiram Wood, from Tacoma, Wash., has cast in his lot with Vancouver knights, having succeeded in obtaining permanent employment with the C. P. R.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. J. H. Gray is slowly but surely reaching the road to recovery.

Bro. A. M. Tyson did himself the pleasure of sending the Editor of the "True Knight," by the first Imperial Limited, a fine Spring salmon.

Bro. F. D. Tubbs, of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, has had a pleasant surprise, his father having arrived on an unexpected visit. We trust Fred. will introduce him to some of our famous trout streams before he returns.

Bro. George Noonan is to be congratulated on the deep interest he has taken in arranging and caring for the graves of our departed brothers. Too much credit cannot be given to the City lodges for their deep interest in this matter, and for their wise choice in appointing Bro. Noonan to look after this work.

G. P., Bro. G. W. Whiteway, delivered an able and eloquent address at the memorial service, on Sunday, June 25th.

The Committee in charge of the "True Knight" has received a few biographical sketches of Grand Lodge officers, but has received no photos, cuts, or orders for same. As the desire of the Committee is to publish photo and sketch together, we have decided to hold some over until we hear definitely from these officers.

Owing to lack of space in the June issue of this journal, we were unable to mention the many acts of kindness extended to the brother knights by Bro. Steven Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, who left nothing undone to make the representatives comfortable, and their stay in Victoria pleasant. We bespeak for Bro. Jones the patronage of the travelling public. His large and commodious hotel is second to none in Canada, and you will always find Steve to greet you upon your arrival and extend the glad hand.

Did it ever occur to the readers of this journal what a mean, contemptible thing it is to receive a letter or communication of any kind

and allow it to remain unanswered? Generally speaking when a communication is addressed to a person it calls for a reply. The writer has some object in view when addressing the same, and is entitled to consideration. If the purport of the communication does not coincide with your views, answer it and say so manfully, but do not throw it aside and allow it to remain unanswered. This is cowardly. One cannot conceive of a more contemptible proceeding than that of allowing a letter or communication received to be treated in silence.

Anyone having the instincts of a gentleman would not permit the same being done, and no true Knight of Pythias would tolerate it for an instant.

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EVIL REPORTS.

"The longer I live," says a writer, "the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rules which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters.

First, to hear as little as possible whatever is to the prejudice of others.

Second, to believe nothing of the kind until I am absolutely forced to it.

Third, never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an ill report.

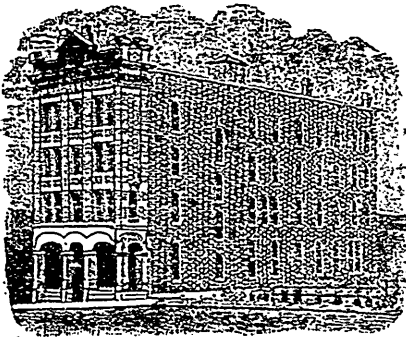
Fourth, always to moderate, as far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others.

Fifth, always to believe that, if the other side were heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.

If the above rules were carried out by the members of our Order what a stride Pythianism would make."

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A SMILE.

Who can tell the value of a smile? It costs the giver nothing, but is beyond price to the erring and repenting, the sad and cheerless, the lost and forsaken. It disarms malice, subdues temper, turns hatred to love, revenge to kindness, and paves the darkened path with gems and sunlight. A smile on the brow betrays a kind heart, a pleasant friend, an affectionate brother, a dutiful son, and a happy husband. It adds a charm to beauty, decorates the face of the deformed, and makes lovely woman resemble an angel of paradise.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Vancouver Lodges, Knights of Pythias, held their memorial service in the Castle Hall, Cordova Street, on Sunday afternoon, June 25th. Rathbone, No. 7, Crusader, No. 19, and Granville, No. 3, were all strongly represented; many visitors were also present. The altars in the centre and other portions of the hall were tastefully draped in black and white and surmounted by floral wreaths and crosses. At 2.30 p.m., Bro. Crow, Master-at-Arms, installed the officers in their places. Bro. G. Thomas, Jr., as Acting Chancellor-Commander, took his seat, with Bro. Whiteway on his right hand. Vice-Chancellor, F. Tubbs; Prelate, H. E. Clarke; Master of Works, C. L. Behnsen; Master of Exchequer, H. J. Anstie; Master of Finance, R. Brooke; Keeper of Records and Seals, T. Ba-

well; Inner Guard, H. Hoffmeister; Outer Guard, R. Allen, having all been installed by the Master-at-Arms, the impressive service to the memory of the departed Knights was commenced. Brother Rummell ably officiated at the organ, and the Prelate read the beautiful service and portions of Scripture appointed for the occasion. Bro. G. W. Whiteway then delivered a short and appropriate address. He reminded his fellow knights of their departed brethren, and from the Scriptures pointed to the hereafter, which was now "the present" to them. The oration ended, the farewell ode was sung, and a representative of each lodge was appointed to proceed to the cemetery to lay upon the graves of the departed knights floral tributes to their memory. The deputation included Brother Rummell, Granville Lodge; Brother Balkwell, Crusader Lodge; Brother R. Brooke, Rathbone Lodge, and Brother J. Crow.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR YEAR, 1898.

no.	Receipts.	Sick Benefits.	Funeral Benefits.	Other Relief.	Orphans.	Total for Relief.	Current Expenses.	Paraphernalia and Supplies.	Invested.	Total.
1	\$ 1,196 80	\$ 544 70	\$	\$ 50 00	\$	\$ 591 70	\$ 491 85	\$ 54 90	\$	\$ 546 75
2	1,622 70	782 50				782 50	222 20	152 50	402 05	786 75
3	1,456 50	420 00		150 00		579 00	\$28 60		100 00	928 60
4	3,985 50	1,193 50	150 00	38 50		1,382 00	385 50	2 90	1,572 10	1,960 50
6	2,000 60	323 00				323 00	259 40	108 95		368 35
7	695 10	100 00		50 00		150 00	303 70	25 70		329 40
8	1,116 75	490 50				490 50	261 30		222 00	483 30
13	143 70	142 00				142 00	54 39	14 50		68 80
14	709 80	408 50				498 50	184 40			184 40
15	295 35	432 50				432 50	99 95			99 95
16	546 50	170 00				170 00	218 20			218 20
17	1,433 50	510 20	50 00	139 20		699 40	658 50			658 50
18	544 30	30 00	65 00	56 75		151 75	129 50	4 45	210 80	344 75
19	548 40	202 00		50 00	25 00	277 00	291 68	3 10		294 78
20	958 40	278 00	100 00			378 00	238 55		90 00	328 55
21	1,060 00	146 00	5 10	99 00		250 10	469 40	107 10		576 50
22	902 50	189 00		75 00	10 00	274 00	409 15	18 75		427 90
23	1,056 55	90 00	71 00			161 00	277 20	18 05		295 25
24	892 00	224 00	75 00	53 50		352 50	265 25	97 20		362 45
25	1,183 54	120 00	66 00	50 00		236 00	\$95 70	102 25	17 20	925 15
	\$22,353 49	\$6,796 40	\$582 10	\$811 95	\$35 00	\$8,225 45	\$6,854 23	\$800 35	\$2,534 15	\$10,178 83

FIDELITY.

Desert not your friend in danger or in distress.

Too many there are in this world whose attachment to those they call friends is confined to the day of their prosperity.

As long as that continues, they are, or appear to be, affectionate and cordial. But as soon as their friend is under a cloud, they begin to withdraw and separate their interests from his.

In friendship of this sort, the heart has assuredly never had much concern.

The great test of true friendship is constancy in the hour of danger, adherence in the season of distress. When your friend is calumniated, then is the time to openly and boldly espouse his cause. When his situation is changed, or misfortunes are fast gathering around him, then is the time to afford him prompt and zealous aid. When sickness or infirmity occasion

him to be neglected by others, that is the opportunity which every real friend will seize of redoubling all the affectionate attention which love suggests. These are the important duties, the sacred claims of friendship, which religion and virtue enforce on every worthy mind. To show yourselves warm in this manner in the cause of your friend, commands esteem, even from those who have personal interests in opposing him.

This honorable zeal of friendship has, in every age, attracted the veneration of mankind. It has consecrated to the latest posterity the names of those who have given up their fortunes and have exposed their lives in behalf of the friends whom they loved.

Upon this foundation our Order has been erected. Let us try to imitate the examples that have been set before us, and each do his part in carrying out the principles upon which our Order has been founded.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

"The True Knight" has just received from the office of the G. K. of R. & S. a copy of the journal of proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge, held in Victoria, on May 9th and 10th, 1899. The journal is carefully prepared and contains a complete record of the Grand Lodge proceedings. The following is the report of Grand Chancellor Haddow:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:
Greeting:

Brother Knights: In compliance with the laws and usages of the Order, I herewith submit for your consideration a report of the business and official acts performed by me during the year just ended.

During the term of office now drawing to a close I have endeavored to the best of my ability to further the interests of our Order and have worked toward that end solely; whether I have succeeded I must leave to your judgment, and the fruits of my labors as they may become ripe in the future.

Having had opportunities to confer with many of the leading members and others in this Domain in its various sections I have been impressed with the fact that there undoubtedly exist opportunities in many of the sections of this province to institute new lodges in localities which but lately have been settled, but which nevertheless give the greatest promise of becoming permanent and prosperous communities. The duties of the Grand Chancellor while visiting the various lodges do not always allow of sufficient time to exploit these new Pythian fields, and it has occurred to me that the appointment of an official organizer for this Domain might be of great benefit to the Order in this jurisdiction. Before laying down the gavel of authority, I wish to acknowledge the many and varied acts of kindness I have received at the hands of our members in all parts of the province, and I beg to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to one and all for kindness and courtesies shown.

MEMBERSHIP.

Although the suspensions for non-payment of dues have been large, the Order has gained in membership in this Grand Domain, and with the return of more general prosperity there is every reason to hope for and anticipate substantial increase in the near future.

FINANCES.

It gives me genuine pleasure to inform you that the finances of the Grand Lodge and the general financial condition of most of our Subordinate Lodges are in a satisfactory condition. As this subject can be more fully appreciated by a perusal of the financial tables of our G. K. R. S., I do not wish to elaborate here on them except to express my satisfaction at the showing made.

I particularly beg to call your attention to the general status of the Endowment Rank, K.

of P., in the Grand Domain of British Columbia, March 1st, 1899:

No. Section.	Location.	Name of Secretary.	No. Mem- bers.	Amount Endow- ment
762	Nanaimo—	Jas. Crossan	12	\$24,000 00
1166	Vancouver—	G. Thomas, jr	20	38,000 00
1328	Victoria—	E. Pferdner	13	28,000 00
2143	Wellington—	J. W. Lewis	11	17,000 09
3601	Vernon—	Ed. Goulet	9	12,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Sections.. . . .	5
Number of Members.. . . .	65
Amount of Endowment	\$119,000 00

GENERAL STATUS OF ENDOWMENT RANK.

Total Membership.. . . .	54,527
Insurance in force.. . . .	\$100,180,500 00
Assets.. . . .	485,000 00
Paid to beneficiaries of deceased members.. . . .	13,024,407 00

UNIFORM RANK.

My observation of the Uniform Rank in this Domain leads me to believe that this most important and worthy branch of our Order has not lately received that attention and care that is warranted by its relation to the Order. Still I am hopeful that with a revival in business the Rank will assume its old-time position, viz.: that of the leading branch of the Knights of Pythias. Already signs indicate that the time is not far off, as two new divisions were formed and instituted during the past year—one in Sandon and one in Nelson.

The following is a synopsis of the official acts performed by me as Grand Chancellor of this Domain:

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

- Crusader Lodge, No. 19: Amendments re sick benefits, July 12th, 1898.
- Rathbone Lodge, No. 7: Amendment re membership by card, June 15th, 1898.
- Benevolence Lodge, No. 14: Amendment re sick benefits, July 12th, 1898.
- Trail Lodge, No. 23: Amendment re sick benefits, July 16th, 1898.
- Benevolence Lodge, No. 14: Amendment re relief committee, August 18th, 1898.
- Sandon Lodge, No. 24: Amendment re initiation fee, November 18th, 1898.
- Far West Lodge, No. 1: Amendment re sick benefits, December 13th, 1898.
- New Denver Lodge, No. 22: Amendments re medical examination, initiations, re-instatements, separate fund, rules of order, trustees, tax to be levied by two-third vote, use of Lodge Seal, sick benefits, damaging or destroying property of Lodge, April 11th, 1899.

PERMIT GRANTED.

Victoria Lodge, No. 17: To hold conventions bi-weekly, Feb. 27, 1899.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

- Sandon Lodge, No. 24: To reduce fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$15 for the space of three months, May 26th, 1898.
- Trail Lodge, No. 23: To reduce the fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$10 for the space of three months, Nov. 3rd, 1898.

Victoria Lodge, No. 17: To reduce fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$10 for the space of three months, Feb. 15th, 1899.

Coldstream Lodge, No. 18: To reduce the fees for Ranks of Knighthood to \$10 for the space of three months, Feb. 27th, 1899.

Far West Lodge, No. 1: To reduce the fees of Rank of Knighthood for the space of three months, March 8th, 1899.

WARRANTS FOR LODGE ISSUED.

Royal Lodge, No. 6, applied for a Warrant for Lodge, their Charter having been destroyed by fire in Sept., 1898. Issued Sept. 13th, 1898.

Granite Lodge, No. 16, applied for Warrant for the same reason as the above. Issued Oct. 11th, 1898.

Gold Range, No. 26, applied for Warrant for a new lodge, and the same was issued Feb. 4th, 1899.

NEW LODGE INSTITUTED.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, was duly instituted on Feb. 23rd, 1899, at Revelstoke by G. M. at A. J. L. Brown, whom I Commissioned as instituting officer for that purpose.

APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES.

Ed. Goulet to be D. G. C. in place of M. G. O'Brien, Coldstream, No. 18.

W. P. Evans to be D. G. C. in place of H. H. Knox, New Denver, No. 22 (resigned).

G. W. Grimmett to be D. G. C. in place of W. J. Williams, Sandon No. 24 (resigned).

J. G. Allen to be D. G. C. (original) Gold Range, No. 26.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I officially visited the following Lodges, and am pleased to state that I found them in good condition and with bright prospects:

Primrose Lodge, No. 20, at Kamloops.

Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, at Vernon.

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, at Revelstoke.

New Denver, No. 22, at New Denver.

Sandon, No. 24, at Sandon.

Rossland, No. 21, at Rossland.

Trail Lodge, No. 23, at Trail.

Nelson Lodge, No. 25, at Nelson.

Benevolence, No. 14, at Union.

Maple, No. 15, at Duncan.

Damon Lodge, No. 8, at Northfield.

Wellington Lodge, No. 2, at Wellington.

REPORT OF D. G. C.

The reports received from my Deputies were in response to a form of questions which I propounded to each, and which it seemed to me covered the ground more than the reports of Deputies usually did. I am pleased to state that with but two exceptions all my Deputies made answer. I have formulated the answers into a table, from which by a careful study of the reports made many wholesome lessons may be drawn. (See D. G. C. reports appended.)

With the hope that our deliberations may be attended by the best results and with best wishes for the good of our Grand Domain, I have the honor to submit the above for your consideration.

The report of the G. K. of R. & S. is as follows, and shows the numerical and financial standing of the Order in this Domain:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of British Columbia:

Sirs and Brothers:

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I herewith present the annual report of the business of this office for the year past:

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, December 31st, 1897	1325
Initiated during the year	169
Reinstated	16
Admitted by card	16

Total..1526

DEDUCTION.

Number suspended	176
Expelled	2
Withdrawn by card	10
Died	6
	<u>194</u>

Number of members, December 31st, 1898	1332
Gain in membership during the year—7.	

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Past Grand Chancellors	9
Past Chancellors	241
Knights	1067
Esquires	9
Pages	6

Total..1332

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Number of Lodges reported May 10th, 1898	20
Instituted during the year	1

Total..21

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Balance on hand, Dec. 31st, 1897	\$12,309 84
Receipts during the year	22,353 49

Total.. \$34,663 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Sick Benefits	\$ 6,796 40
For Funeral Benefits	582 10
For other relief	811 95
For Orphans	35 00

Total for Relief.... . \$ 8,225 45

Current Expenses	\$ 6,854 33
Paraphernalia and Supplies	800 35
Invested during the year	2,534 15
Cash on hand, Dec. 31st, 1898	16,249 05
	<u>\$26,437 88</u>

Total as above.... . \$34,663 33

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ASSETS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand.....	\$16,249 05
Investments (stocks, mortgages, bonds, etc.).....	9,219 53
Real estate, paraphernalia, furniture, etc.....	10,475 00

Total assets.....\$35,943 58

Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, was instituted at Revelstoke on February 23rd, 1899, by G. M. at A., J. L. Brown, to whom belongs the credit of organizing the Lodge. Through his efforts the Lodge came into existence, and I may also mention that as instituting officer Bro. Brown broke the record for promptness and efficiency in making his returns to this office.

In the past year the receipts of the Semi-Annual Returns from some of the Subordinate Lodges have been in several instances very tardy, and owing to this I found it necessary to write repeatedly to such lodges to comply with the law. I think a change in the existing statute covering this important matter is very desirable. I therefore would strongly recommend that the present statute be so amended as to make the lodges more liable to send in their Semi-Annual Reports within the time allowed. As it is now the work of this office is retarded. The condition of this Domain, financially and otherwise, is a matter of conjecture, which is not satisfactory when by a little attention to the duties of their offices this state of things could be avoided.

As in all other Grand Domains, so it is in this, the number of suspensions for the non-payment of dues is indeed very large, and should enlist the best consideration of every Pythian Lodge how to minimize the evil. The number of suspensions the past year (176) exceeds the number of new members added, and is equal to the average membership of three Subordinate Lodges. Just think of suspending three lodges, as it were, for non-payment of dues.

The note given by Phoenix Lodge, No. 5, (defunct), and which was placed in my hands for collection, I have not been able to realize on, and the matter is now in the hands of attorneys, who will use all means necessary to collect the amount due.

I beg to return my sincere thanks to all our Grand Lodge officers, and particularly to Grand Chancellor Haddow, Grand Vice-Chancellor Mearns, and Grand Master of Exchequer E. E. Leason, for many acts of kindness with which I was favored by them during the year past. I had but to ask for advice and it was at all times promptly and, without reserve, tendered, making easier the many matters which have to be attended to in the routine of this office.

I cannot close without mention of the very severe loss sustained by two of our lodges by fire at New Westminster. Royal Lodge, No. 6, and Granite Lodge, No. 16, were completely destroyed by fire in September, 1898. Both lodges rallied from the shock and are going on and upwards. The lodges lost all their books, paraphernalia, in fact everything, and in but a short time after ordered from me such goods as were necessary to start again. I felt at that time that it would be only a righteous act to do to either not to make any charge, or only the cost price. As I have no authority to do anything, I beg to respectfully call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the above, with the request that the Grand Lodge take such action as it may deem advisable, and the recommendation that the lodges shall be refunded such an amount as they have paid for supplies, either in whole or in part.

Hoping that the tenth session of the Grand Lodge may result only in what may be to the best interest of the Order universal, and in this Domain in particular,

I am fraternally,

EMIL PFERDNER,
G. K. R. S.

STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge for the year ending April 30th, 1899.

By balance last report.....	\$ 676 95
By capita tax.....	1,327 00
By charter fee (Gold Range No. 26)..	75 00
By sale of supplies.....	239 75
By dispensations	8 00
By Grand Lodge cards.....	22 00
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	\$2,348 70

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Mileage and per diem G. L. session 1898	\$ 672 30
Printing journal of proceedings.....	115 20
All other printing.....	137 35
Salary G. K. R. S.....	300 00
Office supplies	10 35
R. L. C. White.....	113 49
Postage stamps and box rent.....	51 50
Cartage and express.. ..	22 25
Duty on supplies.....	38 85
Premium on officers' bonds.....	20 00
Sundries	24 00
Balance on hand.....	843 41
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	\$2,348 70

CASH STATEMENT.

Showing Receipts and Disbursements for the year by the G. K. R. S.

RECEIPTS.

Capita tax	\$1,327 00
Charter, Gold Range Lodge, No. 26....	75 00
Sale of supplies.....	239 75
Dispensations	8 00
Grand Lodge cards.....	22 00
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	\$1,671 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to G. M. Ex., July 2nd, 1898, to order 40.....	\$ 35 95
Remitted to G. M. Ex., July 16th, 1898, to cash	214 05
Remitted to G. M. Ex., August 8th, 1898, to cash	200 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., August 8th, 1898, to order 46	7 75
Remitted to G. M. Ex., September 22nd, 1898, to cash	75 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., October 3rd, 1898, to order 47.....	13 30
Remitted to G. M. Ex., October 31st, 1898, to order 49.....	11 45
Remitted to G. M. Ex., January 20th, 1899, to cash.....	264 40
Remitted to G. M. Ex., February 1st, 1899, to cash.....	250 00
Remitter to G. M. Ex., February 4th, 1899, to order 53.....	62 80
Remitted to G. M. Ex., February 11th, 1899, to cash	200 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to order 54.....	25 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to order 57.....	75 00
Remitted to G. M. Ex., April 29th, 1899, to cash	237 05
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	\$1,671 75

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Supplies on hand.....	\$ 129 20
Office furniture, G. L. Jewels, etc.....	115 00
Paraphernalia, jewels, books, etc.....	150 00
Note due from Phoenix No. 5.....	100 00
Due from subordinate lodges.....	4 65
Cash in hand G. M. of Ex.....	843 41
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	\$1,342 26

LIABILITIES.

Any amount due subordinate lodges.....	\$ 20
Balance	1,342 06
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	\$1,342 26

BEAUTIFYING THE RITUAL.

The following, copied from that able advocate of Pythianism, "The Pythian Tribune," is reproduced for careful reading by the members of our Order throughout this Grand Domain. It would not be a bad idea if all the lodges in this Grand Domain were to have this article read under the Good of the Order at every convention during the month of July. It certainly contains food for thought:

While we have read a great deal in regard to the adoption of means whereby the attendance at and interest in lodge meetings might be increased, yet to those that have had experience and given the subject thought, there can be but one conclusion in that regard—where the membership are in other respects right, the progressive and largely attended lodge will invariably be found where perfection in the ritualistic work is recognized as essential. Say what they may to the contrary, argue as they will, the lodges that to-day have a name and fame in Pythian Knighthood all over this broad land, are those in which are found the ritual of the ranks best and most beautifully presented. Not that we desire to be understood that the exemplification of the ritual is by any means the essence of a fraternity, or that it can or should be made to take its place or supplant its influence—no, a thousand times, no—all these are but the handmaidens of our fraternity—but we do mean to say that just as the growing influence of education marks the advent of civilization, progress, enlightenment and the elevation of the standard of intelligence in every land and among every people, so among the lodges of our Order, may success and prosperity be more particularly traced to the inspiring and ennobling influences of fine ritualistic work. To whom do nations, peoples, communities, aye, the world look up to with respect and esteem, but those who, by their intellectual power and strength, challenge admiration and command their homage. So with our lodges. In those where you find the business and ritualistic work conducted well, intelligently, and up to the proper standard, you find a large attendance, an enthusiastic membership, and every one proud of his associations—you find the members, wherever they go, telling of how the work is done in their lodge—it is their pride. Invariably too they say: "You never see a ritual used in our lodge"—and the candidate, what does he think?—he goes home impressed with the beauties of the work, inspired with what he has seen and heard, and never forgets it—he too becomes an enthusiast, welcomes the weekly meeting of the lodge and adds to the acclaim that is sounded everywhere regarding it in the community wherein it is located. And even the people know and hear of it, until it becomes with them too a cause of local pride.

This is no dream or fancy—it is a solid fact—we know and have seen it. For twenty-six years we have seen the procession go by, have looked out on what has been doing, and have been in and among the lodges in all the states, territories and provinces where Pythian Knighthood has an abiding place.

Let's give an illustration. Only a few years ago the suggestion was made that the members from two or three of the Chicago lodges go down to Indianapolis, to witness the ritualistic work as done by Star Lodge No. 7, of that city.

It had but to be mentioned when over 400 were ready to go. A special train was arranged, and the pilgrimage made; and we can say truthfully, not only that every one of the visitors came back charmed with what they had witnessed, but that to-day were a similar opportunity afforded them there would not be one of them missing. Again, a similar visit was made from here to Dayton, Ohio, to witness the work so magnificently rendered by Iola Lodge of that city. There the common expression among the residents was that "Iola Lodge owns this town"—and so on, through many similar experiences, all evidencing that those lodges of the Order that require that the ritualistic ceremonies shall be performed as they should be, are the bodies that are successful, well attended and progressive.

In this connection the "Tribune" also desires to say that there are adjuncts to the ritual, permitted and recognised by the Supreme body, that every well equipped lodge should have, even though they only work the short form. The stereopticon, intelligently handled, can be made to add materially to the character of the work, do much toward beautifying the ceremonials, and serve to illustrate the legend forming the thread which runs all through the ritual. It is surprising how few lodges realise either how much may be done by the aid of the stereopticon or how much they are losing for

lack of it. This is especially true in the case of lodges in small communities where the membership is limited, the treasury light, and the room contracted. There, especially can this valuable adjunct be put to excellent use, materially increase the general interest in all the ranks, and at but a trifling cost. This is mentioned simply because of the easiness of the application of the stereopticon to the ritual, and the fact that one or two manufacturers have given special attention to its adaptation to our work—indeed one manufacturer removed all difficulty in its adjustment (so that a novice might attend it) by placing the illustrations required all on one disc, by which means each comes in rotation, and thus precludes the possibility of mistakes. This and other aids that might be mentioned, can be used in connection with the ceremonials—they all tend toward beautifying the ritualistic work, and with it increase the interest and advance the prosperity of the lodge.

Here we may be pardoned for introducing another feature of this question, which we consider not only to be germane to the purpose of this article, but proper to bring to the notice of the membership.

Too many times, when poor attendance and flagging interest sap the foundation of a lodge, how common it is for many to fly to that oft sought refuge, the "Entertainment Committee"—"Let us have a series of entertainments," they say, "and get our membership out." Never have we heard this stock cry without a feeling of disgust—if the members will not come out because of the lodge, then, there is something the matter with the direction, management and conduct of the lodge—let the members turn their attention toward curing the disease within and not imagine that "entertainments" will ever prove a permanent cure. Search for the cause—if it is a case of "drones," smoke 'em out; if it is a case of negligent officers, elect others; if it is a case of parrot ritual rendering, end it by organising a team for first class work—above

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all, make your lodge-room homelike, your ritualistic accompaniments attractive, every rank artistic in its settings, and perfect in its rendition—then call in the entertainment fiend, and ask him to look "on this picture and then on that"—then keep it up.

Oh, had our readers been with us at Kansas City, in 1892, up in that hall, on the night when Lima Lodge, No. 91, exemplified the new ritual before the Supreme Lodge, and heard, out of the perfect stillness, the author of the part, Brother Walter B. Ritchie, deliver the monitorial injunction—would they tell us that such cannot inspire and enthuse, and lead to greater interest?—but if there be any "doubting Thomas," let him apply the remedy suggested—he will soon be convinced.

One more word in connection with this subject—it is in regard to the opening and closing ceremonies. There is no justification, absolutely none, for the officers of a lodge reading their parts from a book—every lodge should insist on the memorising of these parts—if necessary the officers should be shamed into it. When the writer of these words was a boy, he had daily to commit to memory a great deal more; otherwise he heard and felt "the patter of the shingle," and all that day was "sadder when he sat;" that's about all the comment and illustration we have to offer on the latter phase of the ritual question.

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THE PYTHIAN GOAT.

When a man begins to weary of his honeymoon at home,
And he feels a trifle leary of the scenes he used to roam,
When he longs for recreation and to spend an idle groat.
Then he files his application—to the K. P. Goat.

When "the boys" have looked him over and concluded that he's "game,"
And no black balls are discovered in the ballot on his name,
He's informed that he's elected, and he dons his Sunday coat.
And prepares to be inspected by the K. P. Goat.

Then his wife's distress he softens with his "business out of town,"
And his quaking nerves he stiffens—with a call on Jonas Brown,
And he gets his last instruction upon how to "swear by rote,"
With a stunning introduction—to the K. P. Goat.

Ah, it makes him very "friendly" to receive his first degree,
And he smiles so very blandly when he meets a real K. P.
And they give the grip as, winking, they adjourn by mutual vote,
Just to celebrate by drinking—to the K. P. Goat.

But his business keeps on raising in the line of "foreign trade,"
And it doesn't seem surprising when another call is made,
And he has to leave the city, by the evening

train or boat,
While he sings a second ditty—to the K. P. Goat.

But he's getting to be more "careful" when he's had the second rank,
When his wife grows scared and tearful at his antics queer and crank,
And he mutters while he's sleeping—though the words die in his throat—
As he dreams he hears the bleating—of the K. P. Goat.

Then at last he gets his courage to the proper sticking point,
And he braves the whole entourage of the bloody K. P. joint,
And declares himself as ready for the test on which we dote,
And be placed and braced and steady—for the K. P. Goat.

Now I'll have to draw the curtain on the scenes that follow here,
Though of all things this is certain that he shows no sign of fear;
But a Brother and a hero as all gallant knights will vote,
Though his heart went down to zero—at the K. P. Goat.

When at last his wife's suspicions can no longer be allayed,
And his little impositions and excuses all are played,
He's compelled to make confession how he ripped his Sunday coat,
And he vows it's the impression—of the K. P. Goat.

—Judge George D. Emory in
"Pythian Advocate."

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A communication from Grand Chancellor Young, of Ohio, asking the co-operation of this Domain, in securing from the Supreme Lodge a cipher key to the Ritual, came before the Grand Lodge, and after some discussion was laid over until the next session.

A communication from the Grand Domain of Missouri, on reduction of the expenses of the Supreme Lodge, was also laid over for one year.

The Grand Lodge, by resolution, was instructed to recommend to each subordinate lodge that the best available brother be secured for the office of M. of F., and that he be paid a small salary for his services, having for its object the lessening of suspensions for N. P. D. in this Grand Domain.

New charters were granted Royal, No. 6, and Granite, No. 16, in lieu of the old charters destroyed in the recent disastrous fire at New Westminster; also to Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, Revelstoke—the baby lodge of this Domain.

[The balance of the proceedings will be published in our next issue].

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Quality is of more importance than quantity. A lodge with one hundred live, active members is of more use to the Order than a lodge of four hundred members having about ten per cent. of attendants.—"Keystone Pythian."

HE WAS A STRANGER AND THEY TOOK HIM IN.

When Mr. Nash made his first visit to England he found himself extravagantly charged for eatables and drinkables, as well as lodging and washing. At the end of the first week he took aside Mr. Crump (master of the ceremonies), who invited him to Bath, as being the cheapest place in England for a man of taste and a bon vivant. Mr. Crump, who loved his joke, and knew that Nash loved a pun as well as himself, replied, "They have acted by you upon truly Christian principles." "How so?" says Nash. "Why," resumed Crump, "you was a stranger, and they took you in." "Ay, but," said Nash, "they have fleeced me instead of clothing me."

DID NOT REQUIRE MUCH MILK.

A city minister, who had recently married a city-bred lady, was inducted to a country charge. Their nearest neighbor, a farmer, who was also the ruling elder, arranged to have a supply of milk sent to the manse. After a time, the minister and his wife thought they would like a cow of their own to occupy the glebe. Before deciding, they agreed to go and consult with the elder. When Mr. So-and-so was told, he said it was the best thing they could do. Then the minister's wife said sweetly: "You know, Mr. So-and-so, that we do not require much milk at the manse, not having a large family, and (artlessly) don't you think that a little calf would be quite sufficient for a year or two?"

KLONDICITIS.

The new medical word is Klondicitis, and one of its victims of the disease, not the word—went

to a tourist agency, and demanded a return ticket for Klondike. "We don't issue returns for Klondike," said the clerk. "Why not?" said the enthusiastic would-be gold-seeker. "This agency has a conscience, sir," returned the clerk, with dignity, "and we cannot sell you what will never be the least use to you." "But can't I effect a saving somehow?" "Well, sir, if you like to take out one of our 'all-in' tickets, we guarantee you a first-class to Klondike, and a really handsome funeral in the new cemetery at Dawson City afterwards."

UNCONSCIOUS BEADLE.

A church beadle not far from the parish of St. Andrew's was in the habit of going to sleep during the church service. One Sunday he took a stranger friend with him to his own seat. By the time the sermon began John was serenely snoring in the arms of Morpheus, loud enough to cause considerable consternation amongst the good folks assembled. The minister stopped his discourse and, addressing the friend of the unconscious beadle, said in a tone of evident irritation:—"Would you waken John Campbell there." With some difficulty his friend succeeded in wakening the somnolent official, who, turning to his visitor, said in a voice of deep vexation and disgust:—"Man, he's aye waukenin' me;" and, turning his head, went peacefully asleep again.

Lake Shore Lodge, No. 6, of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the pioneer lodges of the Buckeye State, had a death in its ranks recently. In this connection the "Illustrated Times" of that city had the following to say:

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