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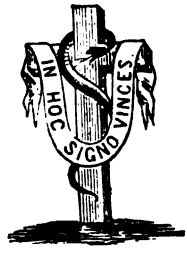
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Abstract of Proceedings

FOR THE YEAR 1874-75,

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.

JANUARY 23, 1874.

A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Athol, Massachusetts, on Friday evening January 23, 1874.

Grand Officers Present.

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir WYZRMAN MARSHALL.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir JOHN DEAN.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir REV. GEORGE S. NOYES.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir GEORGE E STACY.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir HOCUM HOSFORD.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir DANIEL E. CHASE.....Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir HOCUM HOSFORD, *acting*.....Grand Warder.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Athol Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, and installing its officers publicly, and in the presence of ladies.

claim for our institution, the high and noble mission of the church, whose great aim is the conversion of all men to a knowledge of, and belief in, the one, only true and living God; still, we can but feel that of all other associations, or societies, of whatever name or creed, ours stands paramountly above them all, for loyalty and devotion to the great truths contained within that sacred volume which we take to be the rule and guide of our lives.

The confraternity, Sir Knights, to which it is our privilege to belong, is still more closely allied to the Christian Church, for it is "founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues," and claims for its patron an eminent Christian saint. Appreciating the benefits to be derived from such an institution, you, Sir Knights, applied to my predecessor for a dispensation to form and open a commandery of Knight Templars in this place.

Previous to the year 1805, bodies of Knights Templars were established in this jurisdiction without any constitutional authority, but in that year the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was formed, and since that time the sanction of that Grand Body has been necessary in the forming and opening of a new commandery. Such sanction you have received in the form of that beautiful charter, granted at our last annual assembly, and in accordance with the same, proclamation has been made that Athol Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders has been legally constituted and its officers duly installed, and from this time forth you will take rank as the thirty-seventh in our jurisdiction. By the action of the Grand Commandery in granting, and its officers in constituting, another star has been added to our already well dotted templar firmament, and as stars differ from each other in brightness, my earnest hope is that your star may assume that peculiar lustre, that shall cause the masonic astronomer, as he gazes upon our constellation to exclaim, see! a new star has arisen out of the *west*. Your commandery has this evening been dedicated by our excellent prelate to St. John the Almoner, and as this day is the one set apart by the catholic church to be observed in remembrance of him, it would seem to be particularly appropriate to have our attention called at this time and upon this occasion to the life and character of

this most exemplary man. The holy land and especially the city of Jerusalem, has in all ages been regarded as the birth-place of the Christian religion, but more especially was it looked upon in the early ages as the shrine, to which all those who put their trust in the Saviour of the world, should repair and obtain remission of their sins, at the tomb of him who died that we might live.

Addison says in his history of templars, "that year after year and century after century, hundreds and thousands of both sexes, of all ranks, and every age, the monarch and the peasant, the noble and the beggar, flocked to the shrines and the altars of Palestine. They visited with pious affection Bethlehem, where the Saviour first saw the light, they bathed in the waters of the river Jordan, wherein he was baptized, and wept and prayed on Calvary, where he was crucified."

In the seventh century Jerusalem was captured by the infidels who submitted its inhabitants to great cruelty and oppression and imposed a tribute upon all pilgrims who flocked to the sepulchre of Christ. "Thus after having suffered hunger, thirst, the parching influence of a burning sun, sickness, danger, and often robbery, when the weary pilgrim, arrived at the very entrance of the holy city, with the bourne of all his pilgrimage before him, the enthusiastic objects of all his hopes in sight, the place of refuge and repose for which he had longed and prayed within his reach, unless he could pay the stipulated sum, (which was a piece of gold,) he was driven from the gates, and was forced to tread back all his long way, unfurnished with any means, and unsupported by any hope, or to die by the road-side of want, weariness and despair." In the eleventh century the zeal of pilgrimage had reached its height, and the caravans of pilgrims had become so numerous as to be styled the "armies of the Lord."

It was during this century, (about 1050) that some rich Italian merchants who had experienced the inhumanity of both Greeks and Arabians undertook to provide an asylum for the poor pilgrims. Permission was finally granted them to erect a church within the holy city, and a chapel was accordingly erected near the holy sepulchre; at the same time two hospitals were erected for the reception of both sexes — "for to kiss the holy shrine came sacred and chaste widows, forgetful of femi-

nine fear and the multiplicity of dangers which beset their path." The one was dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalen, the other to Saint John the Almoner, or Alms-giver, as he was often called. From all that can be learned from "Butler's Lives of the Saints," and the "History of the Catholic Church," in regard to this remarkable man, we find that he was born about the middle of the sixth century, at Amathus in Cyprus, and was the son of the governor of that island. Having been deprived, in the prime of his life, of his young wife and infant children, he resolved to become a priest of the holy church, and to give himself entirely to God's most holy cause, and to serve unceasingly, Christ's suffering members, the poor. And to this end he gave the whole of his vast wealth to relieve the poor, who, he said, were his "masters." On account of his extraordinary piety and sincere love for souls, he was esteemed worthy to be raised to the Episcopacy, and was consecrated bishop, about the beginning of the seventh century, and was soon afterwards promoted to the patriarchal See of Alexandria. It was now, especially, that the world beheld how great was his charity, and how disinterested his love for his poor fellow mortals; it was at this time that he received the title of Alms-giver.

The Persians having entered Syria with great force, over-ran the entire country bringing ruin and desolation, burning towns, plundering cities, and taking away with them everything they could carry. The people, terrified at their approach, fled the country, and a great many came to Alexandria, where St. John received them with open arms, gave them shelter, supplied them with food and every thing they required to relieve their wants. His charity was like that of his divine master, Jesus Christ, broad, expansive, embracing all, without distinction of persons. The limits of his own city, or country, could not contain the ardent fire of his love—other nations felt its heat. To those who remained in Syria, he sent money and supplies. To the poor and needy of Jerusalem he sent one thousand sacks of corn, as many of pulse, one thousand pounds of iron, and workmen to assist in rebuilding their churches, and those led away captive he ransomed at a great price. For the wounded and sick he built hospitals. It is related that from time to time some of those who sought alms, did not really

stand in need of any assistance, and those charged with the distribution of the goods of the church complained to him of their conduct.

He listened to what they had to say and then reproved them severely, both by word and look, telling them that if they wished to be servants of Jesus Christ, to "fulfill his commandment, and give freely, give to every one; the goods, the wealth we have are not ours, they are a gift from heaven, therefore, whosoever asks in God's name, has a right to them, and must have them."

His charity was again greatly taxed, it was a year of distress and famine in Egypt; the river Nile had not overflowed its banks and death stared the inhabitants in the face, his own means were exhausted, and he prayed to God, night and day, for means whereby he could relieve his "masters, the poor." And in answer to his prayer, two large vessels arrived laden with money and provisions which lasted for many months. An incident is related, which sets forth in strong light his unswerving devotion to his faith.

"A young man who had been twice married came and offered him two hundred bushels of corn, and a large sum of money, if he would ordain him a deacon of the church, but St. John replied:—"Your offering is great, but your motive is not pure, the God who fed my brothers, the poor, before we was born, will still continue to feed them, if we but observe his commandments; he who blessed the five loaves in the desert, and fed the multitudes, can bless the ten bushels of corn in my granary, and feed the suffering thousands of Alexandria." He established a law that whoever should be found using false weights, or measures, should have his property confiscated, his goods sold at auction, and the money given to the poor. He would not permit his officers or servants to receive presents, which he said were no better than bribes, and would bias the most impartial.

So great was his love for others, that he deprived himself of every luxury, and comfort, taking little or no rest, and whenever he did it was upon a miserable pallet, scarcely fit for a peasant. A certain rich man, seeing the poverty of his room, sent him a luxurious and costly couch. He received it out of consideration for the giver, but upon reflection, he said, how

[illegible] there are so many dying around me for [illegible] and it and [illegible] the proceeds [illegible]. He caused his grave to be half dug and [illegible] a man to come to him upon all occasions of pomp [illegible] "My Lord, your tomb is furnished, be pleased to give [illegible] for its completion, for you know not the hour that [illegible] will [illegible] you." There are many other incidents related [illegible] but our time will not permit us to give them. He finally returned to his native city where he died on the 11th of November, 616. His last will and testament are in these words:

"I return thee thanks, my God, for having heard my prayers. I return thee thanks, that there remains but one farthing in my coffers, though at my ordination I found in my episcopal house at Alexandria, more than four thousand pounds of gold, not counting the immense sums of money left me by the servants of Christ: all of which I have given to the poor, the chosen ones of the Lord. This last farthing too, is theirs, willingly do I give it."

His last act was one of *charity*, enlightened by *faith*, and strengthened by *hope*. The Greeks honor this saint on the day of his death, the 11th of November, but the Roman Martyrology, on the 23d of January, the day marked for the translation of his relics.

Such is a brief sketch of him to whom we dedicate our commanderies. Let us Sir Knights, keep forever bright upon the altars of our hearts, the remembrance of his many virtues. Let our charity, like his, breathe that broad catholic spirit so elegantly portrayed in the scriptures. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not *charity*, I am become as sounding brass, and a tinkling cymball. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not *charity*, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long and is kind. Charity envieth not, and is not easily provoked."

The formation of any masonic body is attended with more or less difficulty, but especially is it so of a commandery, the details of which are far greater than either lodge, chapter or council, and I am happy to be able to congratulate you upon your apparent prosperity as evidenced by these beautiful apartments,

this day solemnly dedicated by the Grand Lodge to the uses of freemasonry. In the selection of a name for your commandery you have been equally fortunate, commemorating the town in which you are located, as well as an eminent mason and templar. I find upon referring to the history of freemasonry in Scotland, that John, 3d Duke of Athole, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, November 30th, 1773, and November 30th, 1778, the Most Noble John, 4th Duke of Athole, was elected to the same office. He was also elected in 1779, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.* On the 30th of November, 1843, George Augustus Frederic John, K. T., 6th Duke of Athole, was called to preside over the Grand Lodge of Scotland, (the 66th in succession) and held this high office with great acceptability to the craft until his death in June, 1864. He was initiated in the Lodge of Saint John, No. 14, at Dunkeld, in November, 1841, and was on the 30th of the same month, elected D. G. M. "No craftsman has ever presided over the Grand Orient for so long a period and none was more beloved and respected. Under his auspices the Grand Lodge of Scotland attained to a great measure of prosperity, far exceeding that of any former period." A large sized painting, commemorative of his Grace's installation as the head of the order of Knights Templars, hangs in the Robing Room of the Grand Lodge. He was born September 20th, 1814, and died in June, 1864. The following is a copy of the dirge composed by the Grand Bard, for the funeral held by the Grand Lodge in honor of the Duke of Athole:

"Oh wild wails the wind o'er the green hills of Athole,
While deep in the valleys the dark waters flow;
The cravens are moaning, the forests are groaning,
The grey clifts are shrouded in dense wreaths of woe,
Through glen and through corrie the Coronach's stealing,
Round shieling and cottage sad sounds fill the air,
In castles and palaces, love-lorn hearts are revealing
Their soul-stricken anguish in tones of despair.

*[Note Grand Recorder.

This Grand Lodge originated in irregular lodges held by discontented brethren and members of erased lodges; they were known as schismatics, styling themselves "Antient York or Athol Masons." The Duke of Athol was Grand Master of this body from 1772 until 1813 when he resigned in favor of H. R. H., the Duke of Kent; and on December 27, 1813, the reunion of all the Freemasons of England took place, thus forming what is now the "United Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of England."]

"Well may the clansmen lament their brave chieftain;
Well may we Brothers our loved Master wail;
He who maintained in their pure pristine glory
The light of the Craft and the fame of the Gael;
And now though he sleeps 'mid his own native mountains,
While lowland and highland one sad sorrow share,
Watered and nourished by love's swelling fountains,
His name in our bosoms shall bloom ever fair."

Henceforth the welfare of templar masonry in this locality is left to your care; receive this sacred trust in the same spirit as the templars of old dedicated themselves to the recapture of the holy land; and like them, let your "beausant" be *black* and terrible to the enemies of morality and the christian religion: and *white* to all those who have the elevation of humanity at heart. To you Sir, as Eminent Commander, will the Grand Commandery look for a proper enforcement of all its rules and regulations, promulgated for the government of our order. You will also attend with your council the Assemblies of the Grand Commandery, so that you shall be apprised of all legislation there enacted. Examine carefully every candidate for the orders, and do not be in haste to swell your ranks, for a sure but steady growth is the most to be desired. And to you Sir Knights, is enjoined that obedience to the commands of him you have placed in authority, as shall conduce to the prosperity of this Commandery which I know you have so much at heart. And I would especially commend to you that rule prepared by Saint Bernard for the government of the templars:— "Contentions, envyings, spite, murmurings, backbiting, slander, we command you with godly admonition to avoid, and do ye flee from them as from the plague." Let every one of you therefore dear brothers, study with a watchful mind, that he do not secretly slander his brother, nor accuse him, but let him studiously ponder upon the saying of the prophet, "Be thou not an accuser or a whisperer among men."

It is to you, Sir Knights, that your future history belongs, and to your care I confide it.

"Though rough the path and steep and hard,
Bright though distant thy reward;
Fear not, pause not, yield not now,
Soon a wreath shall twine thy brow."

At the close of the foregoing address the benediction was invoked by the E. Grand Prelate. The R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Officers then retired and the Grand Commandery was declared adjourned.

The Eminent Commander of Athol Commandery invited the Grand Officers, the ladies and all visiting Sir Knights and guests to repair to the "Pequoig House," where an elegant banquet was prepared by Sir Knight Bangs. At the close of the banquet the company repaired again to the hall or remained in the parlors of the hotel as they preferred, at each of which places an hour or more was most agreeably spent in a social and friendly manner.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.


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SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

May 27th, 1874.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masons' Hall, in the city of Providence, R. I., on Wednesday, May 27th, A. D., 1874.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Officers Present.

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir JOHN DEAN.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir REV. GEORGE S. NOYES.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir DANIEL E. CHASE.....Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....Grand Captain of the Guards.
E. Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....
E. Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....} Grand Lecturers.
E. Sir EBEN F. GAY.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. TITUS,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir JOHN SHEPLEY,
E. Sir STILLMAN WHITE,
E. Sir A. H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with the E. Grand Prelate.

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That as the records had been printed and distributed, the reading thereof be dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights:

THE wanderer in foreign lands looks forward with feelings of delight to that time when he shall be permitted once more to visit the place of his nativity and to recall the pleasant associations connected with it, and to form new resolutions for the future. So have we come to-day from all parts of our jurisdiction, to the birthplace of this Grand Commandery, to recall to mind the memories of our illustrious *fraters*, to whom we as a Grand Commandery owe our existence, and to renew our vows around this altar of Christian Knighthood.

Sixty-nine years ago this very month, and within a stone's throw of the place where we are now assembled, this Grand Commandery was organized, by Sir Knights Webb, Fowle, and their associates. How different that assembly from the one we are to-day holding. Then it was composed of representatives from only three commanderies; to-day we number thirty-nine, with a representation of two hundred and forty-two knights in Grand Commandery, and a membership of five thousand and seventy-six by the last report of our Grand Recorder, the largest number returned by any of our Grand Commanderies except New York.

We find that the growth of this Grand Body was slow but sure, for in the first twenty-five years of its existence only six Commanderies were enrolled. For the next eighteen years no new Commanderies were formed. And during the next twelve years only seven were added to the roll, making thirteen in fifty-five years, exactly one third our present number. Can we not well say how fruitful the harvest in these latter years. I congratulate you upon the prosperity which has attended the

labors of those who planted the seed, and they who faithfully watched over and nourished it during the gloomy days of adversity. May we emulate them in their devotion to the principles of Templar Masonry.

Our Constitution requires the Grand Commander or one of his Council to visit every Subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction, and for the better performance of this duty I issued General Order No. 1.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

LOWELL, Mass., NOV. 12, 1873.

[GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.]

The following is the assignment of commanderies for visitation:

FIRST.—To the R. E. Grand Commander: Pilgrim, Saint Bernard, Calvary, Bay State, (U. D.), Cyprus, (U. D.)

SECOND.—To the V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Deputy Grand Commander, Boston, Worcester County, Springfield, Milford, Woonsocket, Narragansett, Bristol, Northampton, Natick.

THIRD.—To the E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Grand Generalissimo: Saint John's, Newburyport, DeMolay, Old Colony, Winslow Lewis, Jerusalem, Hugh de Payens, William Parkman, Cœur de Lion.

FOURTH.—To the E. Sir John Dean, Grand Captain General: Holy Sepulchre, Palestine, Haverhill, Bethany, Saint Omer, South Shore, Berkshire, Gethsemane.

FIFTH.—To Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: Washington, Sutton, Godfrey de Bouillon.

SIXTH.—To Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Connecticut Valley, Trinity, Athol.

SEVENTH.—To Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Joseph Warren, Olivet.

EIGHTH.—The Grand Officers will make their visits, if possible, before the Semi-Annual Assembly, and report the condition of the several commanderies assigned to them for visitation, at the *next* Annual Assembly.

NINTH.—The Grand Commander desires the work of each subordinate to conform in *every* particular to that adopted by the Grand Commandery, and for that purpose has appointed Grand Lecturers, who will cheerfully give such instruction in the ritual and lectures as may be required.

TENTH.—The R. E. Grand Commander will be at the office of the Grand Recorder *every* Monday, at 1 o'clock.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

December 10, 1873. By invitation of Sir Samuel Wells, Eminent Commander of Saint Bernard Commandery, I installed Sir Otis E. Weld, Eminent Commander, and other officers, into their respective stations. On the evening of May 13, 1874, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, I made an official visit to this Commandery and witnessed their work upon the order of the Temple, which was very correctly rendered. The memory of *Saint Bernard* was duly honored by speech and song, and the recollection of the social feature of their assemblies will long be remembered by your Grand Officers.

January 7. I visited Pilgrim Commandery, Lowell, and at the earnest request of the Eminent Commander, I invited all the officers of the Grand Commandery to join me, as the "Pilgrims" were desirous of extending to them their hospitalities. The invitation was very generally accepted, and the occasion one that will linger in the memory for long years to come. This Commandery being my Templar home, it has been my privilege to frequently witness its work and participate in its ceremonies, and I can testify to the correctness of ritual and zeal for Templar Masonry manifested by its officers and members. On the 6th of the present month the Past Commanders were invited to confer the order of the Red Cross and assigned the following stations:

SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON, as S. M.
WILLIAM S. GARDNER, as C.
JOSEPH BEDLOW, as M. of P.
CHARLES A. STOTT, as M. of C.
WILLIAM F. SALMON, as M. of I.
HOCUM HOSFORD, as W.

It was a very pleasant occasion, and afforded the younger members an opportunity of listening to those who had borne the heat and burden of the day.

January 23. Athol Commandery was publicly constituted by the officers of the Grand Commandery, a full record of the event will be given by the Grand Recorder in the proceedings.

January 30. I publicly installed the officers of Bristol Commandery in the Town Hall of Foxboro, having previously granted them a dispensation to appear in regalia for that purpose, and feel well assured that under the new administration this Commandery will take new life and vigor.

Febuary 23. I visited Bay State Commandery (U. D.) and witnessed the work upon the Red Cross, Temple, and Malta. I was very much impressed with the spirit manifested by its members, as well as the correct and perfect rendering of the ritual, and I take great pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted them at this Semi-Annual Assembly.

February 24. In company with Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, I visited Cyprus Commandery, (U. D.) at Hyde Park, and witnessed the work upon the Red Cross, Temple, and Malta. This Commandery starts under rather unfavorable circumstances, the number of its petitioners being only ten, and its amount of work quite limited since the dispensation was granted; the ritual was not rendered as correctly as I could have wished, but the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Hodges, assured me that he would procure the correct work and have his officers duly instructed in the same. My advice to them was to wait until our Annual Assembly before asking for a charter, as they would be stronger, and better able to bear the expenses attending the same. But should they apply at this Assembly for a charter, I should cheerfully recommend its being granted. I am happy to say that both Bay State and Cyprus Commanderies are uniformed according to the regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

March 4. Accompanied by several of the Grand Officers I visited Calvary Commandery, and witnessed the work upon the order of the Temple, and was surprised at its completion to hear the Eminent Commander say to the candidate, "you will now sign the By-laws and our Senior Warden will assign you

your place in the lines of our Commandery." Upon enquiry I learned that such has been their custom, and is the same in other commanderies in our jurisdiction, viz., to admit to membership before receiving the order of Malta, and I allude to it in this connection so that if any action is needed it may be taken at this time. I fail to see how this practice has obtained, as our Constitution is explicit upon this point, for Art. 2, Sec. 7, says "The orders shall be conferred in the following succession, viz.: 1. Knight of the Red Cross; 2. Knight Templar; 3. Knight of Malta." The impression, I fear prevails, that the order of Malta is of but small account, and it matters not when or how conferred. This should not be, for I contend that under the constitution and edicts of this Grand Body, the Order of Malta should be as fully exemplified as either the Red Cross or Temple, and I hope that hereafter such will be the practice. We are taught to "inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality," and whoever has visited Calvary Commandery cannot but be impressed with the manner in which the latter duty is performed, and having often broken bread with them, I can testify to that "unbounded hospitality" which I hope it may long be their privilege to dispense. But, upon this occasion, I was most forcibly impressed by their performance of that other duty, "charity," for every Sir Knight, at the invitation of the Eminent Commander, deposited his contribution in the charity box, and I learned that such was their custom at every regular assembly. I commend it to you, Sir Knights, and hope you will imitate them.

By virtue of the authority in me vested, I have appointed the following Eminent Knights, Representatives of our Grand Commandery, viz.: Sir Robert F. Bower, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of Iowa, near the Grand Commandery of Iowa; Sir Frank J. Kugler, Eminent Grand Recorder, near the Grand Commandery of Maryland; and Sir Henry L. Carver, R. E. Grand Commander, near the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Sir Knight Bower, in acknowledging the receipt of his commission says, "I need not assure you how much I appreciate this compliment, coming as it does so unexpectedly and from

the foremost and most renowned of the Grand Commanderies of the United States."

The resolution under which the Grand Commander is empowered to appoint representatives says that they "shall continue during his term of office," now if this is to be taken as it reads, the only representatives are those just appointed, My attention has been more particularly called to this subject, by signing the commission to Sir Knight Carver of Minnesota, which reads "this commission to remain in force until our Annual Assembly in October," at which time my term of office ends. In looking at the resolution authorizing the receiving and appointing of representatives I find it signed by R. E. Sir Benj. Dean and myself, but certainly in recommending such action I did not anticipate its consequences, and I now desire this Grand Commandery to take such action in the premises as they shall deem proper. I have no wish to supersede any of the appointments of my predecessors and I should hope that those appointed by me would not be removed except for good and sufficient reasons by my successors. The system I believe to be a good one, and as the Knights selected to represent us near other Grand Commanderies are distinguished for their devotion to the principles of Templar Masonry, I could wish that their commissions continue until some good cause exists for revoking the same.

The proceedings of this Grand Commandery for 1873, have been commented upon most favorably, and we are under great obligations to our Past R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, who with so much zeal and perseverance, urged upon us the importance of publishing the portraits of our Past Grand Commanders. The receipt of a copy of our proceedings calls forth the following letter from R. E. Sir Thomas S. Parvin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

OFFICE GRAND RECORDER, GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, February 11, 1874.

Charles A. Stott, R. E. Grand Commander, Lowell, Mass.

DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—With the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, for 1874, I design continuing the "Biographical

Sketches of the Past Grand Masters," and accompanying these with *Portraits* as before. Those of 1871 were furnished by the State Bodies of which they were members upon my application and request, (your Grand Commandery furnishing that of P. G. M. Gardner.)

The Grand Commandery of New York has appropriated three hundred dollars for the portraits of DeWitt Clinton and Nicholas Bull, at my request, and ordered the copies for me for this purpose, (they will adorn their own proceedings at the same time as you did.)

I am in the receipt of the Proceedings of your Grand Commandery for 1873, the most valuable and interesting of any heretofore published by a Grand Commandery, and reflects great credit upon the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and its Recording officer. I observe in it a good portrait of Webb, "the founder of the Grand Encampment of the United States," as his biographer no doubt justly affirms. If this be true, as I verily believe, then surely through not a past Grand Commander, (yet as "the power behind the throne,") he nevertheless deserves a full notice at my hands and an honorable mention in the proceedings of 1874. I am indeed anxious to insert his portrait and sketch as a fit accompanyment to that of his chief DeWitt Clinton, J. Bull and Fellows. I write *you* therefore to request,

First, That you will acquiesce in this arrangement.

Second, That you will order at the expense of your Grand Commandery, 2000 copies of the portrait to be furnished me for this purpose.

I will re-publish the excellent sketch of Brother Guild, and give him and the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island full and due credit.

In order to save time and expedite matters, I propose to publish as an appendix and in advance of the session, three sketches to be bound up with the proceedings but not *issued* in advance. While in this we would honor your Grand Commandery, I think that it will honor itself and the Grand Encampment by a compliance with this request.

Having enjoyed the personal acquaintance and friendship of your illustrious predecessor, I am happy to be brought into official relations with yourself, whom I hope to meet at New Orleans, in 1874.

Courteously and truly,

T. S. PARVIN.

Upon enquiry of the Grand Recorder I learn that the expense of printing 2000 copies of the portrait of Sir Thomas Smith Webb will not exceed forty dollars, and I cheerfully recommend the granting of this request, for it places our distinguished Knight in his true position to the Grand Encampment of the United States. I request that immediate action be taken at this Assembly so that the R. E. G. Recorder may receive them in good season.

How often are we reminded "that in the midst of life we are in death." Since our last Assembly we have been called to mourn the loss of three distinguished Knights.

E. Sir Duncan McBean Thaxter.
R. E. Sir Charles Whitlock Moore.
E. Sir George W. Keene.

I can remember as if it were but yesterday the cordiality with which they grasped my hand and congratulated me upon my election to this office. "Man proposes but God disposes."

Sir Knight Thaxter was Past Commander of Saint Omer Commandery, and one whose presence will be greatly missed from our Assemblies, ever ready to assist by word or deed, in the advancement of the principles of our noble Order.

R. E. Sir Charles W. Moore was known to you all, but as his portrait was accompanied with a biographical sketch of him in our proceedings of last year I need not repeat it. He embodied in his character those great qualities which were demanded of the Knights of old. "Liberal in gifts, high in courage, strong in danger, secret in council, patient in difficulties, powerful against enemies, and prudent in deeds." Upon being apprised of his death I issued General Orders No. 2.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of R. E. Grand Commander.
Lowell, Mass., December 18, 1873.

[General Order No. 2.]

Sir Knights:—It becomes my sad duty to announce to you the death of R. E. Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Past M. E. Grand Master of this Grand Commandery, who died at his residence, in the city of Boston, at six o'clock, on Friday evening, the 12th inst. He was an eminent mason, valiant knight, and Christian gentleman, whose memory we will ever cherish in "immortal green."

It is therefore ordered, that the jewels and swords of the officers and members of the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies be draped in mourning, for six months from the date of this order.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
Alfred F. Chapman,
Grand Recorder.

and Special Order No. 1.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

LOWELL, Mass., December 13, 1873.

[SPECIAL ORDER No. 1.]

The officers of the Grand Commandery are hereby ordered to report at the Masonic Temple, at 11½ o'clock, on Tuesday, 16th inst., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased Past Grand Master, R. E. SIR CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

In accordance with which your Grand Officers attended his funeral obsequies and followed his remains to their last resting place at Mount Auburn.

E. Sir George W. Keene was not as well known to you perhaps, as the illustrious Knights who were taken before him, but those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance will never forget him; possessed of ample means it was his delight at all times to illustrate the character of a true Christian Knight. He was the E. C. of Olivet Commandery, Lynn, and was only installed into his office in October last. Those of us who were there at the Constitution of his Commandery will remember what a perfect day it was, and how much we all enjoyed it, and with what zeal he entered into all the ceremonies of the occasion. But the day of his funeral was exactly the opposite. All was cold and gloomy, a severe snow storm prevailed and every heart was sad. I had been requested to perform the Templar Burial Service, which I did, assisted by our E. Grand Prelate, and although the duty was a sad one, still I was glad that it was in my power to assist in performing the last earthly rites over one whom to know was to love.

"No more the weary pilgrims mourn
"No more affliction wrings their hearts;
"The unfettered soul to God returns
"Forever, they and anguish part."

Again, Sir Knights, do I welcome you to this Semi-Annual Assembly of our Grand Commandery for the transaction of such business as shall come before you and also to listen to a rehearsal of the Lectures adopted by this Grand Body, hoping that this departure from our usual custom will meet your approval.

On motion it was

Voted, That so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as refers to Grand Representatives be referred to a committee of *three*, consisting of Sir N. Van Slyck, Sir H. W. Rugg, Sir William Ellison.

That so much as refers to the communication from the R E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States be referred to a committee of *three*, and they be directed to report at this assembly; Sir George H. Burnham, Sir John N. Pike, Sir Caleb Saunders.

That so much as relates to the death of Past R. E. Grand Master Charles W. Moore, be referred to a committee of *three*; Sir Winslow Lewis, Sir William S. Gardner, Sir W. W. Baker.

That so much as relates to the death of Eminent Sir Duncan McBean Thaxter, be referred to a committee of three consisting of Sir Benjamin Dean, Sir Charles H. White, Sir E. H. Brainard.

So much as refers to the death of Sir George W. Keene, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Sir George S. Noyes, Sir William D. Poole, Sir Charles M. Avery.

That the remainder of the address be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Sir H. W. Rugg, S. C. Lawrence, C. E. A. Bartlett.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as relates to the request of Sir T. S. Parvin, Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, U. S.

Respectfully report, that in our opinion it is expedient to grant the request, inasmuch as the portrait asked for, is of one whom this Grand Commandery delighted to honor, and who was as we believe mainly instrumental in the foundation of the Grand Encampment itself. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

GEORGE H. BURNHAM,
CALEB SAUNDERS. } Committee.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and he is hereby directed to request of Saint John's Commandery No. 1, the use of the steel plate portrait of Sir Thomas S. Webb, for publication of portraits with Proceedings of Grand Encampment of U. S.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and he is hereby authorized in case the use of said plate can be procured, to cause 2000 impressions to be made for the use of the Grand Encampment.

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The following report was submitted:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

MAY 27, 1874.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address of October last, as relates to printing the proceedings from the organization of this Grand Body to 1863, inclusive, respectfully report:

That they have received bids for doing the work from two Sir Knights, the lowest bidder being E. L. Freeman, of Pawtucket, R. I. They have by the aid of the Grand Recorder carefully estimated the number of pages to be printed at 250, and find the cost will be about $468.75, for 500 copies.

The committee do not fully recommend printing the proceedings, though we heartily desire to see it done, because of the great and growing interest in masonic history and literature, and of a general desire on the part of other Grand Commanderies, as well as of masonic students, to be more fully acquainted with our history. The only hesitation the Committee feel is the item of expense, but if it is decided to print, which we prefer to leave to a vote of the Grand Commandery, we suggest that the expense may be partially provided for by the sale of the books remaining on hand after regular exchanges are supplied. Hence we would recommend that no more than one copy shall be given to each Grand Commandery, nor more than one copy to each of our own Subordinate Commanderies, whose property the book shall be, and in whose archives it must remain.

Respectfully submitted,

WYZEMAN MARSHAL,
W. H. KENT. } Committee.

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The following reports on so much of the address delivered in October 1873, as relates to the death of Sir Samuel Lewis together with that on this day delivered, were submitted by the respective committees :—

PROVIDENCE, May 27th, 1874.

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred so much of the annual address of the R. E. Past Grand Commander, as relates to the death of Past Grand Generalissimo, E. Sir Samuel Lewis, would submit the following statement and accompanying resolution:

We believe that it is well for this Grand Body to take some formal notice of the departure of its faithful members to the higher life. It does not need indiscriminate laudation of the dead on such an occasion—only the words of praise which justly may be accorded, together with the kindly expression of living remembrance.

E. Sir Samuel Lewis who died September 26, 1873, had reached the age of 76 years. His was a consistent and well ordered life in all respects. Brother Lewis did not shine by reason of any special brilliancy of attainments or remarkable manifestations of greatness. He was a plain, blunt man, lacking something of the polish and adornings of character which are desirable, but having large possessions in native good sense and fixed principles from which he could not easily be turned aside. His uprightness of life cannot be gainsayed, while his Christian spirit and devotion are endorsed by all who knew him.

The masonic career of the departed Sir Knight did not commence until he had fully reached middle life. He was initiated March 4th, 1841, and raised April 1st, of the same year, but it was not until March 6th, 1848, that he received the order of the temple in St. John's Commandery at Providence. For more than a quarter of a century, however, he was active in the masonic institution, holding many important offices. He was Master of Mount Vernon Lodge, Grand H. P. of the Grand Chapter of R. I., treasurer of St. John's Commandery, and Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In all these positions he bore himself as a true man and as faithful to every trust. His interest in masonry never wavered, and his attachment to this Christian order grew stronger and more intense as the years went by. Well may the records of this body show some evidence of the life and character of this departed Sir Knight. We submit, therefore, the accompanying resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery pays a willing and well deserved tribute of respect and affection to the memory of E. Sir Samuel

Lewis, Past Grand Generalissimo, whose fidelity of life and masonic zeal are worthy of our most exact imitation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG,
J. M. GREENWOOD, } Committee.

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a testimonial on the decease of E. Sir George W. Keene, beg leave to submit the following:

The unbidden guest whose silent footsteps hush our joyous acclamations, has again stolen in upon us, and one of the youngest of our commanderies has been called to mourn the loss of its chief. An Eminent Sir Knight, in the prime of life and vigor of manhood has received and responded to the summons from the scene of earthly conflicts, to the glad festivities of the asylum above. Important interests and great responsibilities seemed yet to demand his activities in the lower sphere, but the Grand Commander of the Universe has called him to the higher, and we reverently bow to the decree, in the full faith that "He doeth all things well." E. Sir George W. Keene laid aside his Knightly armor, January 27, 1874, aged fifty-nine years. His masonic life was brief, but sufficient for the display of qualities of character which ennoble the fraternity. His decease was as sudden as unexpected, and sadly afflictive to a large circle of loved and loving friends. His was a nature and bearing to call forth and develope true affection. Preeminently social, warm hearted and generous, overflowing with brotherly sympathies, none knew him but to respect and love him. An honored citizen, a good mason, a true and courteous knight, his pathway may be traced in kindly deeds, good fellowship and knightly hospitalities. Always ready to cheer the heart of "the weary pilgrim traveling from afar," he distributed with a generous hand of the bounties with which heaven was pleased to favor him.

"The charities that soothe, and heal, and bless,"

He scattered like flowers, indeed,

"For his bounty,
There was no winter in't. An autumn t'was,
That grew the more by reaping."

But his record is written, and he has received the chaplet of immortality.

His funeral obsequies, honored by the presence of our R. E. Grand Commander, who rendered with marked impressiveness our beautiful

Templar ritual, as the faithful staff of the deceased Commander surrounded the casket, were worthy of the man. As a tribute to his memory we present the following resolutions :

Resolved, That while in the devoted life of E. Sir George W. Keene, we gratefully recognize the divine benificence, we regard its sudden close as an afflictive bereavement; to society in the loss of a praiseworthy and highly esteemed citizen, friend and associate; to the fraternity in the loss of a brother who honored his professions by a life of good report ; and to Templar Masonry, in the loss of a devoted and faithful Sir Knight, whose heart overflowed with kindly sympathies and generous hospitalities.

Resolved, That our warmest sympathies are with the afflicted family for whom we bespeak the consolations attending the bright hope of a blissful immortality, amid scenes where friends reunited are to separate no more forever.

> " Heaven's immortal Spring shall yet arrive,
> And man's majestic beauty bloom again,
> Bright through th' eternal year of Love's triumphant reign."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. NOYES,
CHARLES M. AVERY. } Committee.

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The committee to whom at the last annual assembly was referred so much of the address of R. E. Grand Commander Van Slyck, as relates to a committee on printing, make report that they fully concur in the recommendation made in the address referred to, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the constitution:

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. DOYLE, } Committee.

ART. 1. SEC. 5.—Amend by inserting at the close thereof the words, "and also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a committee on printing," whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all documents required to be printed by this Grand Commandery, and to supervise the printing of the proceedings, and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing."

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The committee on the records, by-laws and doings of Bay State, and Cyprus Commanderies, (U. D.), together with a petition from each for a charter, submitted the following report:

PROVIDENCE, May 27, 1874.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

The Committee charged with the examination of the records and by-laws of Bay State Commandery respectfully report, that they find the records of the body have been neatly kept, and that the code of by-laws are satisfactory with the exception of Section 4 of Article 3, which should be stricken out. Your Committee heartily recommend that a charter be issued agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners. All of which is courteously submitted.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
} Committee.

On motion it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, R. I, May 27, 1874.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Knights of Cyprus Commandery, (U. D.) have attended to their duty, and find the records finely kept, and the by-laws unobjectionable, except in three particulars, which they have amended. Your Committee recommend that the by-laws be approved as amended, and that a charter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. STACY,
JOHN L. KENDALL,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
} Committee.

Past Grand Commander Van Slyck offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed with authority to print not to exceed 1000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery from its organization to 1863, inclusive, provided the expense to this Grand Body shall not exceed $200.

On motion it was

Voted, To adopt the resolution.

In accordance with the resolution, the R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sirs Henry W. Rugg, A. F. Chapman and Samuel C. Lawrence as the Committee.

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle it was

Voted, That the Committee known as the Committee on Costume and Regalia be and is hereby discharged.

On motion it was

Voted, That the dispensations to Bay State and Cyprus Commanderies be continued until such time as a charter shall be issued to each.

The Committee on Diploma reported progress.

E. Sir William Ellison offered the following motion:

That a committee of five be appointed to consider the subject of costume and regalia, and report in October next.

After a full and quite free discussion the motion was *negatived.*

E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle submitted the following amendments to the Constitution, to be acted upon in October next.

Insert in the Grand Constitution, Article 11:

BY-LAWS.

SECTION . No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery or by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Add to Article 1, Section 5, the words:

There shall also be a committee of three members, to be styled a Committee on By-Laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all by-laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

The roll of the Commanderies was then called and the following were found to be represented:

SAINT JOHN,
BOSTON,
NEWBURYPORT,
WORCESTER COUNTY,
SPRINGFIELD,
HOLY SEPULCHRE,
PILGRIM,
PALESTINE,
MILFORD,
SAINT BERNARD,
CALVARY,
HAVERHILL,
OLD COLONY,
SUTTON,
BETHANY,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
SAINT OMER,
WOONSOCKET,
GODFREY DE BOUILLON,
JOSEPH WARREN,
NARRAGANSETT,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
NORTHAMPTON,
SOUTH SHORE,
BRISTOL,
GETHSEMANE,
OLIVET,
BAY STATE, (U. D.)
CYPRUS, (U. D.)

PROXIES:

E. Sir George E. Stacy, of Milford Commandery, for E. Sir S. A. Fisher, Eminent Commander.

Sir Seranus Bowen, of Bristol Commandery, for Sir Eliphalet Smith, Generalissimo.

The lectures were then exemplified by Grand Lecturers Bancroft and Avery, Sir Charles M. Avery interrogating in the Order of the Red Cross, and Sir E. Dana Bancroft interrogating in the Order of the Temple.

E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, after consultation with several Eminent Knights, submitted the following resolutions, which were considered and acted upon seriatim, and the whole were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction are clothed in accordance with the regulations of this Grand Commandery.

Resolved, That the resolution passed by the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1859 confirmed and continued to such subordinates the right to wear such costume.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Commandery the right so confirmed and established has not been revoked.

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery, in the Grand Encampment of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed not to consent to any revocation of said right.

Resolved, That no subordinate body shall be constituted unless they shall have adopted the costume prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Sir Knights were then ordered to their devotions; prayer was offered by the E. Grand Prelate. and the Semi-Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was adjourned in ample form.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY.

JUNE 24, 1874.

A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Brockton, Massachusetts, [formerly North Bridgewater,] on Wednesday, June 24th, A. D. 1874, — A. O. 756, at two o'clock, P. M.

Grand Officers Present.

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....Grand Commander.
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL, *acting*.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir JOHN DEAN, *acting*.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir JOHN A. LEE, *acting*.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir REV. GEORGE S. NOYES.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir A. S. STETSON, *acting*.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir Geo. W. Fay, *acting*.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Z. L. BICKNELL, *acting*.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir A. H. W. CARPENTER, *acting*.....Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir A. H. HOWLAND, *acting*.....Grand Warder.

The Grand Asylum was opened in form, in "Music Hall," where the several ceremonies were publicly performed, in the presence of the Knights, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen; making in all, an audience of upwards of nine hundred persons.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that this Special Assembly was called for the purpose of constituting Bay State Commandery, and installing its officers.

The official entrance of the R. E. Grand Commander and officers was announced by the E. Senior Grand Warden,

who had previously formed the lines of the new Commandery in due array, for the reception of the Grand Officers, with the honors due on the occasion.

The R. E. Grand Commander, at once proceeded to form and open Bay State Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders, composed of the following Sir Knights:

BAALIS SANFORD, JR.,
DAVIS SNOW PACKARD,
EVERETT AUSTIN PACKARD,
HENRY COPELAND,
JOHN O. EMERSON,
JOSEPH W. FREEMAN,
HENRY W. GAMMONS,
JOHN SMITH FULLER,
LEONARD CHURCH STETSON,
GEORGE F. COUGHLIN,
HENRY B. WOOD,
HIRAM C. ALDEN,
WILLIAM H. ALDEN,
JASON G. HOWARD,
ENOS HAWES REYNOLDS,
LEWIS PORTER,
GEORGE RICHARDSON THOMPSON,
ALBION HARRISON HOWE,
JAMES H. COOPER,
EDWARD ORNAN NOYES,
CHARLES A. P. MASON,
THOMAS REED,
ALLEN CROKER,
ELBRIDGE WILLIAMS MORSE,
RUFUS E. BRETT,
CHARLES CHANCY BIXBY,
FRANK MORTON,
J. WINDSOR PRATT,
GEORGE B. COGGSWELL,
HENRY HERBERT HOWARD,
WILLIAM WHITE CROSS,
CHARLES E. LANE,
HENRY H. PACKARD,
JONAS REYNOLDS PERKINS,
LYSANDER BRADFORD HOWARD,
FRANCIS MORTIMER FRENCH,
GEORGE EDWARD FREEMAN,
DAVID BRAYTON,
EDGAR EVERETT DEAN,
SAMUEL BOND HINKLEY,
OSCAR CALKINS,
THEODORE MEYERS HOUSE,
A. J. GOVE,
GEORGE BRETT,
CHARLES FRANCIS PORTER,
FRED. L. BRETT,
EDWARD PARKER, JR.,

in due and ancient form; and proclamation thereof was made by the E. Senior Grand Warden, to the sound of the trumpet.

The official obligation was then administered by the E. Grand Prelate, and the R. E. Grand Commander installed Sir Edward Parker, Jr., Eminent Commander, into office. The other officers were officially obligated by the E. Grand Prelate, and severally installed into office by the Acting V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, as follows:

Sir BAALIS SANFORD, JR. ..... Generalissimo.
Sir HENRY H. PACKARD. ..... Captain General.

Sir THEODORE M. HOUSE.....Prelate.
Sir HIRAM C. ALDEN.....Senior Warden.
Sir ENOS H. REYNOLDS.....Junior Warden.
Sir JOHN O. EMERSON.....Treasurer.
Sir H. HERBERT HOWARD.....Recorder.
Sir GEORGE R. THOMPSON..... .....Sword Bearer.
Sir HENRY W. GAMMONS.....Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES H. COOPER.....Warder.
Sir JOSEPH W. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. AUSTIN PACKARD..... } Captains of the Guard.
Sir JOHN S. FULLER.....
Sir ALBION H. HOWE.....Sentinel.

The customary official proclamation was then made by the Senior Grand Warden, and the flourish of trumpet.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered an eloquent charge, which, however, he declines to have printed, much to the regret of the Sir Knights immediately interested.

Old Colony Commandery, from which the new Commandery sprung, acted as escort to the Grand Commandery, — Sutton and South Shore Commanderies being also in line, — making a total display of quite three hundred Knights, in uniform. The day was all that could be wished, and this public introduction of Templar Masonry into the town of Brockton, with bright uniforms and beautiful banners, to the sound of delightful music, made it a gala one. The energy displayed by Bay State Commandery was characteristic of the town, and its courtesies displayed the character of true Knights, who entertained their visiting brethren by a banquet in Murray Hall, at the close of a very short march, had previous to the services. The music during the ceremonies was finely rendered, by a choir of male and female voices, and added much to the satisfaction of all interested. At the conclusion, the Grand Commandery was adjourned, the Grand Officers were escorted to the station, where they took the cars for their several homes, well pleased with the labors of the day, and with good wishes for the peace and prosperity of Bay State Commandery.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY,

October 12, 1874.

A Special Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Hyde Park, Mass., on Monday, October 12th, A. D., 1874, A. O., 756, at seven o'clock, P. M.

Grand Officers Present.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.....Grand Commander.
E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir John Dean.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir Rev. George S. Noyes.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir George E. Stacy.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir William Parkman.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Hocum Hosford.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir William H. Kent.....Grand Warder.
E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft.....Grand Lecturer.
E. Sir Eben F. Gay.....Grand Sentinel.

The R. E. Grand Commander declared the Grand Asylum opened without form, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Cyprus Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders and installing its officers.

The lines of Cyprus Commandery were then formed under the direction of the Grand Senior Warden, the R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Officers were announced by the E. Grand Warder, when they entered the asylum of the new commandery, where they were received with the honors due their rank and station.

Cyprus Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, composed of the following Sir Knights:

Gamaliel Hodges,	Fergus Anzle Easton,
Sylvanus Cobb, Jr.,	Ira Blake Underhill,
Henry Sylvanus Bunton,	Joseph Fairfield Goodwin,
Timothy Phelps,	Henry Curtis Chamberlain,
George Frank Lincoln,	Wiliam Russell Rice,
Howard Jenkins,	Enoch Page Davis,
William Henry Ingersoll,	George Franklin Bemis,
Samuel Jones Denham,	Clark Chamberlin Gregg,
Charles Henry Gilman,	Edgar Barstow Whitcomb,
Charles Luke Farnsworth,	Thomas James Timson,
William James Stuart,	George Henry Butler,
Robert Bleakie,	Benjamin Franklin Leach,
Henry Elijah Farnsworth,	Hobart Cable,

John Davis Colby,

Was then solemnly constituted and dedicated in due and ancient form, and proclamation thereof was made by the E. Grand Warder.

The official obligation was administered to all the officers elected and appointed, by the E. Grand Prelate, and the R. E. Grand Commander installed Sir Gamaliel Hodges, Eminent Commander of Cyprus Commandery.

At the request of the R. E. Grand Commander the Grand Generalissimo installed the other officers as follows:

Sir Henry Sylvanus Bunton.....Generalissimo.
Sir George Frank Lincoln.....Captain General.
Sir Sylvanus Cobb, Jr.....Prelate.
Sir Fergus Anzle Easton.....Senior Warden.
Sir Howard Jenkins.....Junior Warden.
Sir William James Stuart.....Treasurer.
Sir George Henry Butler.....Recorder.
Sir Edgar Barstow Whitcomb.....Sword Bearer.
Sir Clark Chamberlin Gregg.....Standard Bearer.
Sir William Henry Ingersoll.....Warder.
Sir Hobart Cable.....
Sir Henry Curtis Chamberlain..... } Guards.
Sir George Henry Perkins.....
Sir Joel Fairfield Goodwin.....Sentinel.

The customary official proclamation was then made by the E. Grand Warder.

At the conclusion of the installation, the R. E. Grand Commander stated that at short notice he had requested the E. Grand Prelate to deliver the

ADDRESS:

Right Eminent and Sir Knights:

The birth of a child is an occasion of no inconsiderable interest to the family into which it may be born, and chief among the important questions it excites is that respecting the name by which the new candidate for immortality shall be known among its fellows. And yet, the query sometimes suggests itself, "what matter, what's in a name?" as though it were a consideration of slight consequence. This may or may not be.

If intelligence and wisdom mark the selection, the name will be suggestive of relationship, thus indicating that, not to assume an isolated position but to become an integral portion of a common family, sharing its burdens and immunities, is the child introduced to life. Else why a name at all? If it is to hide itself in forest recesses, or segregate itself from the common circle and interests, which call out sympathy, regard, and self-devotion, let it be nameless, its own inhumanity will properly distinguish it.

This new commandery, to-day with appropriate ceremony, has been inducted into a position among its fellows which will give it an authentic and important history. Its name has been wisely selected.

It is an exceedingly suggestive and appropriate title. It unlocks the tomb of departed life, animates the slumbering dead, and revives the scenes and incidents of centuries ago. Do you ask, what have we to do with the past? Can the child disown its father, or trample beneath the dust its honored ancestry, but for which it had not known life? It is the bond of intimate relation that binds us to the past, and we may not rudely or thoughtlessly tramp over the crumbling remains of those who have borne us, and to whom we owe the blessings and privileges we enjoy. The past should neither be buried

nor forgotten; as its life has brought us forth so its glories give us character.

Cyprus! the name is embalmed in interesting incident and pleasing memories. Here was the home of Barnabas one of the sainted seventy whose heroism constructed a path of glory through the orient, and bedewed it with tears and blood. An armored retainer of the Prince of peace was he, whose deeds of valor earthly tablets may not reveal, but they are written in the imperishable book. He was also the friend and companion of the Christian athelete, St. Paul, whose knightly bearing and rare devotion to a cause whose triumph is the world's advantage have rendered him illustrious as a hero, the glory of whose achievements the ages may not dim nor tarnish.

On this same island of Cyprus he began the toilsome labors which identified him with the cross which was to him, indeed, a symbol of conquest; with reference to which, as few can say it, he could declare, "In hoc signo vinces." As the spirit pervading the temple is greater than the temple, and as its pervading influence in the hearts and minds of men, is a glory surpassing that reflected by its walls, so was he the greater templar, for to the work of this diffusion he devoted with marvellous fidelity and self-sacrifice, his life. But more directly does this title, Cyprus, recall the scenes and incidents of the later period marked by the chivalric deeds and kindly hospitalities of the crusaders. An age dark and gloomy were this but for the gleaming light of generous impulses finding vent in patient, persistent, and ennobling devotion in the cause of the weak, weary, defenseless victims of cruelty, rapine and violence. Here for nearly a score of years the brave knights of St. John of Jerusalem found an asylum, after their expulsion from the Holy land, from which they were driven by the infidel Turks and Saracens, whose usurpation of the sacred soil upon which the banner of the cross had been divinely planted, aroused the martial spirit of the friends and followers of Christ, and inspired the crusades. The weary pilgrims whose piety had led them to accept the privations and perils of a long and difficult pilgrimage to the Holy land, when they reached the goal of their cherished ambition oft-times realized destitution, distress and wasting sickness. To afford these a resting place, kindly care,

and refreshment, certain pious merchants resident in the kingdom of Naples, built a church and monastery at Jerusalem, which they dedicated to St. John the Almoner. It was the duty of the monks here resident "to distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted," and they were called brothers of St. John or Hospitallers. The black habit of the hermits of St. Augustine was their dress, and the white cross of eight points their badge. They were pledged to chastity, obedience, and poverty, and yet so susceptible were the people to religious impulses, that they rapidly increased in numbers, wealth, and influence, and in the beginning of the 12th century they were organized as a military order by Raymond du Puy, who to their original vows added the obligation to defend the church against the infidels. They thence became somewhat identified with the Templars, whose original idea was protection of the pilgrims against the infidel marauders infesting Palestine. The latter, from the inception of the order, a military body devoted to the profession of arms, were regarded as the more honorable, and therefore embraced noblemen, princes and persons of distinction, who cared not to devote themselves to the more servile employment of caring for the sick and weary pilgrims.

The two orders, however, generally fought side by side and equally distinguished themselves. Their contests with the Turks and Saracens were frequent, bloody, and protracted, and though they bravely and persistently contended, they were at last overcome and driven from Palestine. They then took refuge in the island of Cyprus, which for eighteen years was the centre of their operations. Here weak but not dispirited, disturbed but not in despair, decimated but not destroyed, they rested awhile, nursed and developed their wasted strength, rekindled the fires upon their altars and received accessions to their numbers, preparatory to new conflicts. Here too they extended the hospitalities for which they were distinguished, and cheered the hearts of the weary. At last dispossessed of this refuge, they established themselves upon the island of Rhodes. Here died their Grand Master, the illustrious Villars, in the 70th year of his age, and the fourteenth of his Grand Master-

ship. The story of his life is told by the significant inscription upon his tombstone, "Here lies *Virtue*, victorious over fortune." After a quiet occupation of this island for more than two hundred years, they were ejected therefrom by the Turkish leader, Soliman the Second, and retired successively to Castro, Messina and Rome.

Thus they itinerated until 1530, a period of eight years, when the Emperor Charles the Fifth, bestowed upon them the island of Malta, stipulating that they should defend it from the depredations of the Turks, and the Corsairs of Barbary, and restore it to Naples, should they ever recover Rhodes. The order now assumed the title of Knights of Malta, by which they have ever since been designated. For nearly two centuries they were at war with the Turks, who unsuccessfully disputed their possession of Malta, and while the latter thus made vast expenditures of blood and treasure, the former displayed the grandest examples of patience, and undaunted heroism.

In the beginning of the fourteenth century, the Order of Templars received a blow from which it never fully recovered, and the knights of St. John at the time of their occupation of Malta, were the only one of the military orders of Palestine, recognized by the sovereigns of Europe.

At the instigation of Philip the Fair, Pope Clement, in 1312, issued a bull for the annihilation of the Templars, and decreed their possessions to the Order of St. John, and this decree was sustained by most of the sovereigns of Europe. "There is still extant among the English statutes an act of Parliament, whereby after setting forth that the Order of Templars had been suppressed, their possessions are confirmed to the Knights of St. John." Thus the Order of Malta, though the elder, maintained its vigor and preserved its influence long after its associate order was suppressed. Based upon a diviner principle, it longer survived the decay attending acquired opulence, power, and influence.

It may be also that the identity of the Order of Templars with Free Masonry rendered it obnoxious to those who, under the impression that it was organized solely for the protection of Christian pilgrims gave it their patronage. This identity is beyond question. On good authority, it is stated that "al-

though the professed object of this association, was to protect those Christians whose mistaken zeal had led them to the Holy city, yet it is beyond a doubt that its *chief* and *primary* intention was to *practice* and *preserve* the rites and ceremonies of Free Masonry."

The Order of Malta, as such, was not thus identified. Its inception was a church and monastery, its community originally monks, its object purely Christian in the highest sense, and doubtless on this account it maintained its position as a favorite of the church and its authorities, and in this regard, survived its younger associate.

As respects its ancient constitution, however, this order has ceased to exist, its wealth, power and magnificence having passed away with the age and circumstances of which it was born. Its representative still lives in the Order of Malta with which we are identified, and as knights of Malta we may learn much that shall profit us from the order as it existed in the middle ages. Its exalted spirit first claims our attention.

We do not now refer to the spirit of chivalry, which Hallam defines as "an active sense of justice, an ardent indignation against wrong, a determination of courage to its best end, the prevention or redress of injury," combined with "loyalty, courtesy, and munificence." This is grandly inspiring, and worthy of admiration and esteem, but there is something better, nobler, diviner than this even. And that is a self-devotion that shrinks from no toil, privation or suffering in a cause whose ultimate is the advancement of the interests of others, by which relief, comfort, and blessing comes to them. That spirit of self-sacrifice called into activity by the necessities of the helpless and destitute, for which a pure love of humanity prepares us and to which it inspires us. This is the spirit which animated the knights of St. John, than which a purer or nobler, was never possessed by man. Nothing less than this would have prompted them to assume the self-abnegating vows of chastity, obedience and poverty that they might the better and more successfully devote themselves to the relief of the sick, exhausted and helpless pilgrims to the Holy city. As we see it manifested we can bless the hour that gave it birth, and almost bless the occasion that called it forth, as well as the opportunity for its display.

It was indeed the reflection of heaven's own light, amid the gloom and chill of earth, a glorious display of the not yet obliterated divine image in man, overshadowing natural excellencies. And yet, to the mind of the aspiring it may not seem the nobler quality; it however receives the highest approval of the purest spirits in the universe, and is the glory of Him who thought it not robbery to be equal with God. This is the excellence most essential in the present life. We may not always prevent nor properly redress wrong however noble our exertions thereto, however determinate our "courage to its best end." But we can always mitigate or relieve the sufferings thus occasioned. The combined efforts of the sovereigns of Europe could not render the pathway to the Holy city completely safe, and yet the kindly brothers of St. John could afford a safe asylum, and welcome relief to the weary pilgrims who encountered the dangers menacing this way. The pathways of human life we may not be able to render secure against harm, but we can afford succor and comfort to the weary, distressed travelers we find along these ways.

To us as knights of Malta, there comes a very suggestive and instructive lesson in the ritual of the order, bearing upon this point, showing that lack of refinement and culture does not forbid the gratifying display of this foundation of true hospitality. Even the barbarians of the island of Melita "showed no little kindness" to the shipwrecked prisoners thrown upon their coast.

It was fitting that the knights of St. John should find an asylum upon the island of Malta when its uncultivated and barbarous natives exemplified the spirit upon which this order was founded. The order of Malta is no insignificant appendage to other and more exalted orders. It represents a principle higher and holier than knightly chivalry, and therefore has its proper place in the trinity of orders as now worked, the last and best of the three. Let this spirit prevail in Cyprus Commandery, and you need fear no rivals, for you will be first among your equals.

We find as allied with this spirit, among the knights of Malta, invincible heroism. While they could be kindly and sympathetic yet they were undaunted amid appalling dangers, and

invincible to their foes. It is a mistake that is common to man, to associate warm sympathies with womanly weakness, while they look for the sterner virtues as associated with true heroism.

The history of the knights of Malta is not the only refutation of this false idea. And they certainly were not a whit behind their confreres of the order of the Temple in heroic deeds, but displayed equal valor and undaunted courage, while at the same time they could minister to the sick and care for the destitute. They nobly stood their ground against the infidel hordes that confronted them in Palestine as long as there was hope of triumph or possibility of defence. And then they only retired to gather strength for new conflicts and fiercer onsets. Nor when driven from Cyprus did they abandon the cause in which they were engaged, but again entrenched and fortified themselves on the island of Rhodes, which by their prowess they held for more than two hundred years against considerable odds. And when by superior forces they were driven from here, they still maintained their position and prominence, as an order, and commanded the continued respect of the warlike chieftains and sovereigns of Europe.

Again upon Malta, for nearly two hundred years did they maintain continual warfare with a martial people whose religion made them warriors and inspired them in battle. Though in the year 1565 they received a severe shock, and suffered an immense loss from which they never fully recovered, in an attack upon them led by Soliman the Second, yet they held Malta against all odds until 1798, when they were overcome by the French under Bonaparte.

Thus through a period of nearly seven hundred years they endured the vicissitudes of an unequal contest with a powerful nation bent upon their annihilation, and yet they were neither conquered nor disheartened, nor materially reduced thereby. The order lived and thrived in spite of its immense losses and repeated reverses of fortune. Here was displayed an invincible heroism we may well emulate.

We may not be called upon to participate in like scenes of blood and carnage, nor be subjected to the privations and hardships they endured, and yet there still is a demand for the he-

roic qualities of character, for which they were distinguished, in the perhaps less chivalric pursuits common to our own time. If to dare the world's frown, and endure its reproach, in an earnest and persistent devotion to principles to which it is inimical requires undaunted courage, then we have the opportunity for the display of true heroism, and the nineteenth century affords an honorable field of contest to valiant knights who bear the title of Malta. Truth, justice, and religion still are imperiled by a barbarous horde which would gladly sweep them into oblivion, and plant upon their defences the black flag of injustice and impiety. Pledged by vows most sacred as true knights of Malta, of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, let your voice be heard and your heroic deeds be performed where the battle against wrong is fiercest, and the enemies of truth are the mightiest, and always in the interests involved by any assault upon that which is good and true, any usurpation of sacred soil by unprincipled and pitiless destroyers. While the principles of our order will stand, neither to be made or unmade by your action or inaction, the future of Cyprus Commandery is in your hands.

Let the spirit of helpfulness and self-devotion combined with the daring and bravery of true knights, invincible in the cause of right and truth, ever mark your course. And bye and bye when the "last trump" shall sound its reveille to the slumbering heroes of Palestine, by their side in equal rank, you shall stand, with them to receive the welcome commendation of the Grand Master of the universe, and share the honors He will confer upon the faithful of all ages and nations.

Looking now through a glass darkly, ease and comfort may seem preferable to the toils, privations, and discomforts incident to the contest with wrong, and the heroic defence of the right, but when the veil shall be lifted, and the reward of the eternal muncipalities shall be apportioned, then will it grandly appear that the light afflictions marking the pathway of the true hero have worked for him a far more exceeding and eternal *weight* of glory. Then, even the symbols of toil and suffering will be displaced by the grander and more magnificent insignia of final and eternal triumph, and the cross will give place to the crown.

At the close of the foregoing address the benediction was invoked, after which the R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Officers retired, and the Grand Asylum was closed.

The Grand Officers were invited to partake of a banquet served by Cyprus Commandery.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.



ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

October 28, 1874.

THE Sixty-Fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, October 28th, A. D., 1874, A. O., 756.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array and the Grand Asylum was opened at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Sir Knights joined in their devotions with the E. Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.....Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir John Dean.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir Rev. George S. Noyes.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir George E. Stacy.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir William Parkman.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman.....Grand Recorder.
E. Sir Hocum Hosford.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir George E. Burnham.....Grand Captain of Guards.
E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft.....
E. Sir Charles M. Avery..... } Grand Lecturers.
E. Sir Eben F. Gay.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir Abraham Annis Dame,
" James Hutchison,
" Winslow Lewis,
" William Ellison,
" Charles E. Titus,
E. Sir William W. Baker,
" Thomas A. Doyle,
" John McClellan,
" Henry Chickering.

Members being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
" STILLMAN WHITE,
" ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
" LUCIUS R. PAIGE,
" CHARLES E. POWERS,
" TRACY P. CHEEVER,
" CHARLES T. GAY,
" SULLIVAN C. TURNER,
" EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
" CHARLES R. DENNIS,
" STEPHEN T. BRADFORD,
Sir JOHN A. LEE,
" DAVID FRANK ROBINSON,
" CALEB SAUNDERS,
" JOHN HAIGH,
" JOHN BURNEY,
" EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
" JOHN B. WHITAKER,
" GEORGE MOULTON,
" ZECHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
" JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

The records of the Semi-Annual and Special Assemblies having been printed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The following reports from committees were presented:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

OCTOBER 28th, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, of October, 1873, as was not otherwise assigned, have considered the subject with due care, but find little for them to do, unless they recommend what is therein said in regard to costume in the asylum to all Sir Knights for their government, nor can we fail to commend the diligence of the then Grand Commander in the judicious discharge of his various duties, especially in procuring the portraits and biographical sketches of so many Past Grand Commanders.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
JOHN N. PIKE,
N. W. ALDRICH,
} Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

ON THE DEATH OF E. SIR CHARLES W. MOORE.

WHEREAS, By the Providence of God, and by his decree that all his children must return to dust, as to the body, and the soul ascend to higher mansions above, we have committed to him the earthly tenement and the ethereal spirit of our departed brother Sir Knight CHARLES W. MOORE, humbly trusting to a reunion hereafter, bowing submissively

to his fiat and resigning our friend, associate and brother to his parental trust in Heaven.

Therefore, Resolved, That this organization in accordance with the sympathy felt and expressed by all the Masonic bodies of which our honored Sir Knight was a member, would feelingly express their sense of the great loss sustained by this Grand Commandery by his death. For more than forty years we have been favored by his presence and wise counsels. He has left a bright record. May we imitate his knightly virtues, and like him leave to those who shall succeed us, a good example.

WINSLOW LEWIS,
For the Committee.

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the resolution.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,
BOSTON, October 28, 1874.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, given at the Semi-Annual Assembly in Providence, as was not specially referred to other committees, find but a single subject which seems to require mention in their report.

This subject is the question raised by the R. E. Grand Commander as to the propriety of admitting candidates to membership prior to their having received the order of Malta, such a course being the practice in some commanderies of this jurisdiction. Your committee can well understand the cause and apparent justification of this method of procedure. The order of the Temple is justly regarded as the most important and crowning feature of our institution. Our distinctive title is that of Knights Templars. Our work, whether in subordinate bodies, or in this Grand Body, is carried forward in the name of a "Commandery of Knights Templars *and the Appendant Orders.*" Giving so much stress to this order of the Temple, it does not seem so remarkable that the candidate passing through its ceremonies should at once be welcomed to the rights of membership. Your committee think, however, that such a course of procedure cannot be defended as technically correct, inasmuch as the constitution recognizes the *three* orders as entering into and making up the institution of Templar Masonry, so that a prerequisite of intelligent membership therein is knowledge of what is contained in each and all these orders. The order of Malta, necessarily would hold but low rank and be but lightly regarded if the practice referred to should become generally prevalent. It is the opinion of your committee, therefore, that no candidate should be received into full membership until this order has been conferred upon him.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, } Committee.

Voted, To accept the report.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 28th, 1874.

The committee to print the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery from its organization to 1863 inclusive, have taken such means as were at their command to secure subscriptions for the work, a circular explanatory of the object was sent to each commandery, and subsequently a form was prepared for subscriptions. Copies enough have been subscribed for in addition to the guarantee of this Grand Body to pay for 500 copies now in process of printing.

In reporting progress we urge the commanders of each commandery to assist in the work by presenting these subscription papers to the knights, and returning the result to the committee as soon as possible.

An average of six additional subscribers from each commandery will unable us to print the 1000 copies contemplated.

HENRY W. RUGG,
A. F. CHAPMAN,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, } Committee.

Report accepted and the committee continued.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, October 28th, 1874.

The committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery, by virtue of the following vote then passed, to wit: "Voted, That so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as refers to the status of a charter member of a new commandery, be referred to a committee of three." Having duly considered the subject matter so referred respectfully report: That on June 19th, 1873, the R. E. Grand Commander made a ruling upon the question involved, which is set forth exactly in the correspondence printed on page 110 of the last report of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, as follows:

SALEM, June 17th, 1873.

R. E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK.

DEAR SIR:—Please inform me if a charter member of a new commandery has a right to dimit from the commandery of which he is a member, until all arrearages are paid. Fraternally yours,

GEORGE H. PEIRSON,

E. C. Winslow Lewis Commandery.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, June 19th, A. D., 1873.

EMINENT SIR:—Yours of June 17th, A. D., 1873, is duly received. My answer is, that if a knight is a petitioner for a charter with others, and is with others constituted into a commandery, that such act in and of itself, works a dimit from any other commandery in which he may be a member. As to the right to a dimit, my answer is that one cannot take a dimit as a *right*, but it ought to be granted to any Sir Knight in good and regular standing, upon the proper asking. The non-payment of dues would be a good reason for refusing to grant such dimit.

Courteously yours,

N. VAN SLYCK,

Grand Commander.

To Sir GEORGE H. PEIRSON,
E. Commander of Winslow Lewis Commandery.

It will thus be seen that to the letter of the Eminent Commander of Winslow Lewis Commander, which propounded the single question whether a charter member of a new commandery has a right to a dimit from the commandery of which he is a member until all arrearages are paid, the R. E. Grand Commander returned an answer somewhat larger and more comprehensive than the terms of the question seemed to require. And yet the question proposed is by no means a simple one, it may even be considered a paradoxical one, unless the possibility that a Sir Knight can be a charter member of a *new* commandery without having dissolved his relation to the old one be conceded. In fact, it sufficiently appears from the answer submitted by the R. E. Grand Commander, that he considered that the real question to be answered was whether a Sir Knight could be a petitioner for a charter for a new commandery, or a little more exactly, whether a Sir Knight could be constituted as a charter member of such new commandery, without first having procured a dimit from the commandery of which he was before a member.

In considering the several subjects involved in the foregoing rulings of the R. E. Grand Commander, your committee desire first to observe generally, that upon the question of dimits, whether they are granted of right, as to whom and under what circumstances, neither the constitution of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, nor of this Grand Commandery, enunciate any doctrine. Nor, so far as we are informed, is there any edict of the Grand Encampment having reference to the subject, nor any vote or other action of this Grand Commandery thereto relating which establishes a controling precedent. In the absence of constitutional regulations, and of specific action by the Grand Body, propounding its doctrine upon these questions, it would seem that they

should be considered in the light of the analogies and regulations furnished by Ancient Craft Masonry, unless indeed there be something in the essence or the necessities of Templar Masonry, which requires the establishment of other and different regulations.

Your committee then, inasmuch as they regard the subject of the relations of a member of a Masonic body, in any branch or department of the fraternity, and of the methods of the dissolution of his membership, as essentially and philosophically the same in all branches and departments, will proceed to consider the points decided by the R. E. Grand Commander, in the light derived from the rules and usages of Masonic law, more especially of that law as held by the two Grand Lodges comprehended in this Templar jurisdiction.

As to the *right* to a dimit, the R. E. Grand Commander answers that "one cannot take a dimit as a *right*, but it ought to be granted to any Sir Knight in good and regular standing, upon the proper asking. The non-payment of dues would be a good reason for refusing to grant such dimit."

This doctrine is not without the sanction of distinguished Masonic authority in the United States, and therefore the R. E. Grand Commander has the support of such authority in this decision. A dimit in its practical operation is an honorable dismissal from membership in a Masonic organization. It is sometimes said that a Mason may dimit from the order, i. e., from the whole fraternity, but there seem to be almost insuperable objections to this course, one of which is the absence of any authority to grant such dimit. Is there any body, either grand or subordinate, which can *honorably* dismiss a Mason, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, from all connection with the whole body of Masons?

The ancient charges of the Masonic fraternity, assert that every Mason should belong to a lodge, although no penalty is affixed for disobedience, but it is claimed that the manner of obtaining leave to withdraw is not specified in any ancient constitutions or regulations, but is left to the lodge and the petitioners. The substance of the old regulations of 1723, as as they are called, Article 6th, is that "a brother cannot withdraw from his lodge, except for the purpose of joining another, or to assist in the formation of a new one." This rule, however, was partially modified by the Eighth General Regulation, which is as follows: "No set or number of brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the lodge in which they were made brethren, or were afterwards admitted members, unless the lodge becomes too numerous, nor even then without a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy, and when they are thus separated they must either immediately join themselves to such other lodge as they shall like best, with the unanimous consent of that other lodge to which they go, or else they must obtain the Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new lodge."

The doctrine of the 6th of the regulations of 1723, viz.: that a brother cannot withdraw from his lodge except for the purpose of going to

another or to assist in the formation of a new one," has been expressly adopted by the Grand Lodges of several of the United States. In many of the States the contrary rule has prevailed.

Mackey in his principles of Masonic law, (page 285 et seq.), says, "the right to dimit or resign has never, until within a few years, been denied. This compulsory method of keeping Masons after they have been once made, seems to me to be as repugnant to the voluntary character of our institution as would be a compulsory making them in the beginning. Every candidate is required to come to our doors of his own free will and accord, and surely we shall desire to keep none among us after the free will is no longer felt. * * *

No man can be compelled to continue his union with a society, whether it be religious, political or social, any longer than will suit his own inclination or sense of duty. To interfere with this inalienable prerogative of a freeman, would be an infringement on private rights. A Mason's initiation was voluntary and his continuance in the order must be equally so. But no man is entitled to a dimit unless at the time of demanding it, he be in good standing and free of charges."

The learned author from whom I have cited these observations proceeds to say that "there is one case of dismission for which a special law has been enacted, that is when several brethren at the same time request dimits for a lodge." This special law to which Mackey refers, is the Eighth General Regulation already cited. The reason for this exception he gives as follows: "As the action is sometimes the result of pique or anger, and as the withdrawal of several members at once might seriously impair the prosperity or even endanger the very existence of the lodge, it has been expressly forbidden by the General Regulations, unless the lodge has become too numerous for convenient working, and not even then is permitted, except by a dispensation."

Mackey also reiterates his conviction of the soundness of the general doctrine by the averment that he "cannot deny to any man the *right* of withdrawing from a voluntary association. The laws of the land would not sustain us in the enforcement of such a regulation and one's own self-respect should prevent us from attempting it." The doctrine thus vigorously enunciated by Mackey, has also received the sanction of other high authority. Smith, Grand Master of Arkansas 1856, declares that the right to withdraw is inalienable and indefeasible, and the same view has been expressly held in the Grand Lodges of Tennessee, Florida, Minnesota, Iowa, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Wisconsin and New Hampshire.

Chase, Masonic Digest, page 261, says, "it seems *now* to be the general usage that any brother in good standing and whose dues are paid, has a *right* to withdraw his membership at any time, even without giving his reason therefor."

A great light in Masonic jurisprudence than which there can be none of higher authority in this jurisdiction, also declares that "A member

may withdraw from his lodge when he pleases. Masonry is a voluntary association and its lodges do not require the presence of unwilling members for their support. It is enough that the member has paid his dues and is free from charges." Charles W. Moore, Manual, page 57.

Your committee have neither the room nor the desire to present an augument which would express their own convictions upon this question, but the better doctrine, and that supported by the best Masonic authority in the United States, would seem to be that the individual brother in good standing and having paid his dues, is entitled as of *right* to a dimit, or honorable dismission from his lodge, whenever he may think proper to make application therefor.

Nevertheless the view of the R. E. Grand Commander, although it terms it conflicts with the best accepted doctrine upon this subject, inasmuch as it denies the *right* of a member to a dimit, can hardly be considered to be in substantial or practical conflict with the doctrine because he distinctly asserts that the dimit *ought to be granted*, when the member is in good standing and has paid his dues. The more important ruling made by the R. E. Grand Commander, relates to the manner and circumstances under which the dimit can take place and have its effect, in case of petitioners or persons desiring to become charter members of a new commandery.

As has been already observed, the manner of obtaining leave to withdraw was not specified in the ancient constitutions and regulations. When a number of members of an existing lodge, undertake the formation of a new lodge, and become petitioners for a dispensation for such new lodge, how is their relation to the old lodge to be severed, and how and when is their connection with the new one to be established! Upon these questions it must be admitted that there is a diversity of doctrine and practice in this country, the constitutions of the different States prescribing by no means a uniform rule.

The constitution of Georgia provides "that when Master Masons, members of lodges under this jurisdiction, unite to form a new lodge, they shall not lose their membership in the lodges to which they previously belonged, until the charter for the new lodge is issued by the Grand Lodge, when their membership shall cease in the lodge from which they hailed, and shall immediately begin in the new lodge, unless they notify the new lodge to the contrary before its constitution."

In the District of Columbia the constitutional provision is that, "in the formation of a new lodge, a Mason may hold his membership in the number to which he belongs, until the new one be chartered, when it shall immediately cease."

In Arkansas, the rule is that "when a dispensation has been granted by the Grand Lodge, the brethren signing petitions for the same shall be considered as having been regularly dimitted from the lodge of which they were members, provided, that they shall have paid all lodge dues."

By the constitution of Virginia, it is provided that "before application can be made to the Grand Lodge by brethren already members of a lodge,

for a charter to form a new one, the applicants shall pay up all dues to their lodge and notify them in writing that they intend applying for a charter to establish a new lodge."

From these citations it will sufficiently appear that in two of the above mentioned States, the member petitioning for a new lodge retains his membership in the old one, until the charter for the new one is granted, and that the act of granting such charter transfers the membership, so that it seems to be unnecessary in those States to take a formal dimit from the old lodge. In Arkansas the peculiar provision is that the act of signing a petition for the dispensation constitutes a regular dimit. In Virginia although the language of the constitutions does not go to this extent, the legitimate inference to be drawn from it seems to be, that if the petitioner from a new lodge, notify the old lodge of his intention to apply for charter and pay his dues, he would thereby become dimitted.

On the other hand in various other States, a different doctrine prevails. In 1853, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, adopted a regulation that "no lodge shall grant a dimit to any of its members, except for the purpose of joining some other lodge, and that no member shall be considered as having withdrawn from one lodge until he has *actually* become a member of another." In the constitutions of both New York and Minnesota it is provided that "those who work it (a lodge U. D.), do not forfeit their membership thereby in any other lodge, while it so continues, but such membership is thereby suspended. In the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in 1854, it is declared that "the certificates of dimit of all brethren who shall petition for a dispensation for a new lodge shall be filed with said petition. In Iowa, the petitioners must dimit before petitioning or show that the lodge to which they last belonged is no longer in existence. Resolutions of 1852.

In many of the States, the constitutions are silent, and in such case, the usage has not been entirely uniform. It is not perhaps a matter of wonder that in respect to a question of mere organization, the practice of the craft in the different portions of a country so vast as ours should exhibit some variations, and perhaps some flexibility.

Chase, in Masonic Digest, page 156, expresses the opinion that "according to present usage, in the absence of local regulations to the contrary, it may be considered unnecessary for the petitioners for a new lodge to withdraw from their respective lodges until a charter is granted the new lodge. After a charter has been granted, they must withdraw from the one or the other."

According to the opinion of Hubbard, Grand Master of Ohio, and an eminent authority, "a member of a chartered lodge does not lose his membership, nor sever himself from his rights as well as obligations as such member, by joining in the organization and aiding in the work of a new lodge, even if he be one of the petitioners for such dispensation for a lodge. The lodge (U. D.) is working on trial only and may never be chartered. If the new lodge is chartered, then as in other cases of like

kind, no brother can be a member of two chartered lodges at one and the same time."

From this necessarily cursory examination of authorities *outside* the lines of this Grand Commandery, i. e., outside the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the weight of authority seems rather to favor the doctrine, that the petitioners for a new lodge continue to hold membership in the old one with which they were connected, until after a charter has been granted to the new lodge, and that theymust be regularly dimitted from the old lodge, before they can be admitted as members of the *new*.

Let us now proceed to discover the rule upon this subject which prevails in the Grand Lodges of the States within our own jurisdiction. No constitutional provision governing the matter of dimits upon the occasion of chartering a new lodge, has been deemed necessary in either of these States, although the rule and practice in each of them, have perhaps been sufficiently defined.

In 1852, the committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, propounded the following as their view: "As a number of Masons working under a dispensation is not a lodge, and may never become one, as no charter may ever be given them, it seems evident that the membership of the petitioners is not changed, but that they remain members of the old lodge and subject to its regulations and discipline until the new lodge is chartered, when they become members of it by signing its constitution and by-laws."

But a clearer and more satisfactory rule than this was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, as appears by the following resolutions adopted in 1862:

"Resolved that any member of our subordinate lodges, who by reason or on account of his removing from the jurisdiction of his own lodge, *or any other matter*, may desire to become a member of another lodge, shall, after his application has been accepted by the lodge to which he may apply for membership, and before being qualified as a member thereof, give notice in writing of such acceptance to the lodge of which he is a member: whereupon such lodge shall at a regular communication thereof grant to the member a dimit, unless there shall be a good and sufficient cause for refusing the same. Notice of the granting of such dimit, or the refusal so to do, shall be forwarded by the secretary of the lodge, under its seal, to the lodge to which said application for membership shall have been made. And no lodge shall permit such member to qualify himself until the aforesaid demit shall be granted, nor shall any lodge grant a dimit to any member until he shall have made application for membership to some other lodge, and been accepted."

The obvious purpose of this regulation was doubtless practically to enforce the ancient rule that no Mason could be a member of two subordinate bodies at the same time, and it was not enacted with distinct ref-

purpose, present for the action of this Grand Commandery, the following resolution:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, October 28th, 1874.

RESOLVED, That hereafter no person, already a member of a subordinate commandery, shall be constituted as a member of a new commandery within this jurisdiction, without first obtaining a regular dimit from the commandery of which he is a member, and furnishing the Grand Recorder with a sufficient certificate thereof.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
} Committee.

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the resolution.

The proposed amendment to the constitution Article 1, Section 5, (see page 37) was amended and adopted to read as follows:

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 5. Amend by inserting at the close thereof the words, "and also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a committee on printing, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the Proceedings, and to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing."

The amendments proposed (on page 39) were amended, and adopted as follows:

SECTION . No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall approved by the Grand Commandery.

Add to Article 1, Section 5, the words:

There shall also be a committee of three members, to be styled a committee on by-laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all by-laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

On motion it was

Voted, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to re-number the Sections of the constitution.—(as see constitution).

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

During the year I have secured the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies of Kentucky and Connecticut, from their organization, each body having reprinted. These, added to those previously reported by me, make the complete reports of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, which, with our own and those of the Grand Encampment of the United States, are suitably bound and arranged in a proper case in my office, where they can be consulted by all interested.

Efforts have been continued to fill other vacancies, but for reasons given last year, the progress is slow.

In addition to those whom I thanked in my last report, and who still continue to assist, I wish to add the names of Brothers W. W. Austin of Richmond, Indiana, and A. G. Abell of San Francisco, California, whose contributions were liberal and rare.

In several cases I have been able to supply the wants of others, and to this end I solicit all duplicate reports of whatever masonic organization.

The annual reports from the several Grand Commanderies show a generally healthy condition in the various jurisdictions; in one or two cases a falling off in total membership; in nine others a falling off in the number created, but the effect seems to be a more certain and reliable membership, a growing into "courage and constancy" in the profession, as well as possession of Templar Masonry; hence while the numbers are less the interest is in no degree so.

This Grand Commandery seems to be the only one that has no committee on Foreign Correspondence. Reviewers express themselves differently in regard to this. A slight disposition is manifest to attribute this to the "dignity of age," the "coldness of knowledge" the "indifference to outside influence;" only one, however, feels disposed to treat us "in like manner," and gives us space only for eleven lines by way of reminder. But all seem to be kindly disposed and generously inclined to temper "justice with mercy." Our proceedings

are received and examined with apparent pleasure, and I now thank the several Grand Recorders for those of their proceedings received, as shown by the following table, giving the date of the organization of each Grand Commandery, the last annual conclave, the number of subordinate commanderies, the number of knights created, and the number of members in each jurisdiction:—

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of last Annual Conclave.	No. Subordinates.	No. Created	No. of Members
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 6, 1874	11	34	264
Arkansas	March 23, 1872	Dec. 31, 1872	4	15	212
Canada	October 9, 1855	August 14, 1873	18	*	*
England & Wales.	Seven bodies existed as early as 1796.	May 8, 1874	112	*	*
California	August 10, 1858	April 11, 1873	10	57	542
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 17, 1874	10	63	1,330
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 13, 1874	8	22	365
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 28, 1873	44	272	2,860
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 28, 1874	24	223	1,545
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 21, 1873	23	142	1,046
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 13, 1874	6	45	262
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	July 9, 1874	15	106	898
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	February 13, 1874	4	33	328
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 6, 1874	11	102	1,389
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 28, 1874	39	466	5,407
Maryland	January 23, 1871	May 11, 12, 18, and June 8, 1874	7	117	629
Michigan	January 15, 1857	June 2, 1874	30	275	2,241
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1873	7	33	463
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	May 26, 1874	14	59	417
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 6, 1874	25	174	990
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 30, 1873	9	71	921
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 9, 1873	12	86	929
New York	June 18, 1814	October 8, 1872	47	669	6,074
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	June 19, 1872	4	21	189
Ohio	October 24, 1843	Sept. 9, 1874	27	227	2,172
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 12, 1874	46	684	5,131
Tennessee	October 12, 1859	May 14, 1874	14	72	879
Texas	January 19, 1855	June 4, 1873	9	42	337
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June 9, 1874	9	64	552
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	June 12, 1873	16	51	676
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	January 21, 1874	10	81	786
Grand Encamp't.		Sept. 1871	20	436	1,384
Total number commanderies in U. S., England and dependencies			645		
Total number created in United States only				4,742	
Total number of members in United States only					41,218

* Neither England and Wales, nor Canada gives an enumeration.

This includes the work of three years, or since September, 1871, in the Grand Encampment U. S.

The Orders in England and Wales are governed by "CONVENT GENERAL, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta," as supreme; next by "The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof;" lastly, by Preceptories, located in thirty-four provinces, one of which (Canada) appears in the foregoing table, and six Preceptories not attached, making the total number of subordinates or Preceptories one hundred and thirty.

From remarks made by the Arch Registrar in Convent General, the membership subordinate to it is about 4000, including Canada.

I have opened correspondence, as before reported, with Sir W. Tinkler, Vice Chancellor, and have received some back numbers of the Calendar and Report of Proceedings, and we shall no doubt receive them regularly hereafter. I have also sent to him a complete set of our own proceedings—except 1864, which I hope to secure and forward.

The work of the several commanderies in the jurisdiction is shown by the tabular statement on the following page.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Names of Commanderies.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	St. John's	360	12					3
2	Boston	555	20	9		19		8
3	Newburyport	62	4	1				2
4	Washington	83	6					1
5	Worcester County	205	14					1
6	Springfield	276	23	5				2
7	De Molay	315	14	6				8
8	Holy Sepulchre	205	11	3				3
9	Pilgrim	175	20	2				
10	Palestine	191	25	3		11		2
11	Milford	160	6	1				
12	Saint Bernard	90	10	2				
13	Calvary	217	11	1				1
14	Haverhill	157	10	2	2			1
15	Old Colony	126	8	37				1
16	Sutton	189	5	1				4
17	Bethany	150	18					1
18	Winslow Lewis	108	9	4		11		2
19	Jerusalem	138	4	3				2
20	Hugh de Payens	220	7	4				5
21	Saint Omer	102	12	1				3
22	Berkshire	81	18	1				1
23	Woonsocket	105	5					1
24	Connecticut Valley	80	6	13	1	2		
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	101	8					
26	Joseph Warren	117	20	4				1
27	Narragansett	33	1					
28	William Parkman	101	4	1		2		1
29	Bristol	104	11					1
30	Northampton	57	7			2		1
31	South Shore	97	11					
32	Trinity	66	9	1				
33	Natick	42	1					1
34	Cœur de Lion	110	17					
35	Gethsamane	58	8					
36	Olivet	61	15	1		1		2
37	Athol	34	7					
38	Bay State	49	33					
39	Cyprus	27	18					
		5,407	446	106	3	48		59

At the last annual assembly, one dispensation was granted, and during the year charters have been issued to Athol, Bay

State, and Cyprus Commanderies, making the total number of commanderies in the jurisdiction thirty-nine, all of which are chartered.

The ceremonies and duties attendant thereon are fully shown in the record of each of the three special assemblies held for the purpose of forming and opening these bodies.

I have received since the last annual assembly,

For 1 Dispensation	$40 00
" 3 Charters, at $60	180 00
" 8 Copies Proceedings 1874, at $1 25	10 00
" Fees on Returns and Per Capita Tax	2,318 05
Amount total	$2,548 05

All of which I have paid to Grand Treasurer, as shown by his receipts.

The duties of the Recorders are no doubt affected by local causes, not always apparent, and perhaps not always appreciated by those at a distance; but as the constitution requires the annual returns to be made on or before October 10th, a knowledge of this fact may stimulate attention to it—to which I must add, that a return is not complete unless the amount due thereon accompanies it.

As a matter of convenience, the sum due on each knight created should be paid on those who receive the Red Cross order. Thus paid, there will be no lapping over, but each return bears with it the evidence of its correctness.

For the kindness, attention and courtesies received from many sources during the year, I gratefully make this acknowledgment, and deem the labors attendant on this office as sources of pleasure in consequence thereof.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Reports were submitted by the Grand Lecturers, Grand Captain General, Grand Generalissimo, and Deputy Grand Commander, giving in detail an account of the duties performed by them, and of their official visitations to the com-

manderies assigned in General Order No. 1, (page 25). The reports were very favorable, in some cases quite flattering to the several commanderies.

The R. E. Grand Commander delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights:

One year ago, when by your kind indulgencies you placed me in this chair, I pledged you my best endeavors to the faithful discharge of its many duties, and I trust that I have redeemed that pledge, and I am prepared to-day to return to you this jewel, the badge of my office, with a report of my stewardship, ever remembering that homage which we should all pay to the Grand Master above for his unspeakable kindness to us during the past year, and for his many blessings to us individually, and collectively, it is with joy that I welcome you to this sixty-ninth Annual Assembly, to transact such business as may come before you and to legislate for the good of our noble order.

The fraternity throughout the country are enjoying unusual prosperity, and our own Grand Commandery is spoken of in terms of fraternal kindness and esteem. The only cloud that seems to lurk in the horizon is the one in regard to costume, and sometimes I have serious misgivings in regard to the result of this question at the meeting of the Grand Encampment at New Orleans. What we want is the right to retain the costume now worn by our commanderies, and the resolution adopted at our Semi-Annual puts us right in the future. I have always felt that this question would sometime bring about a state of feeling that it were best to avoid, and I trust that every knight of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who has a vote in the Grand Encampment will feel it to be his duty and endeavor to be present at New Orleans so that we may be able perhaps to prevent that which would tend to disturb the harmony and good fellowship now existing.

DISPENSATIONS.

The principle advanced by my immediate predecessor in relation to commanderies of one jurisdiction passing through the

territory of another, has caused considerable comment in other jurisdictions, and I am happy to state that our nearest neighbor, New Hampshire, has set an example which I hope may be carried out; for certainly, while our own commanderies cannot appear without dispensation, it would seem to be the proper way for those of other jurisdictions to make application if wishing to pass through our borders. I cannot conceive of such consent *ever* being withheld. The following is the communication from New Hampshire:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER,

MANCHESTER, August 19th, 1874.

Sir Charles A. Stott, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

MY DEAR FRATER:—Three of my subordinate commanderies desire to make excursions which may take them through your jurisdiction during this and the next month. Will you extend them the privilege of so doing subject to the rules governing such undertakings? I trust no violation of knightly conduct and courtesy will be indulged in by either of them should you be pleased to grant them the privilege. The commanderies are named Trinity, Hugh de Payens and St. George. I have given the permission so far as my jurisdiction extends, to be completed subject to your pleasure. I am, &c., with knightly courtesy,

J. W. FELLOWS,

G. C.

I cheerfully granted the request of R. E. Sir Knight Fellows.

On the 11th of September, I had occasion to make a similar request of him as I had granted dispensations to Palestine and Cœur de Lion to make a pilgrimage to Sir Daniel E. Chase, our Grand Standard Bearer, at his summer house at New Castle, N. H. To which request I received the following answer.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity of granting the freedom of New Hampshire to the commanderies named in yours of the 11th."

May the fraternal feeling now existing between the two commanderies continue as long as there shall be left one knight to uphold our banner. After the very exhaustive augments of my predecessors in regard to parades, one would suppose that

none of the commanderies would dare to ask for a dispensation to appear in public, but such is not the fact, for I have received twenty-seven applications, but most of them were for so laudable a purpose that I cheerfully granted them.

In the early part of my administration I established the practice not to grant dispensations for commanderies to appear in public processions simply to help swell the numbers, but if application has been made for the privilege of escorting a blue lodge I have granted it, not stopping to ask myself the question whether it was proper for a lodge to appear in procession, but the fact that they did so, prompted me to give them an escort when desired.

FINANCES.

I would call your attention to the report of the Grand Treasurer, and I congratulate you upon our prosperity. We already see the wisdom of your action, in increasing the dues from subordinates, and I hope ere long to see it restored to its original sum. It costs a good deal to run the Grand Encampment, and I am satisfied that there has been no money wasted during the past year, and solely on account of our finances, your committee appointed to procure new jewels have refrained from ordering them, knowing that there would be quite a large draft upon the treasury to meet the expenses incurred in going to New Orleans.

In this connection I wish to call the attention of commanders, (and through them the Recorders), to Article 2, Section 6, of the Grand Constitution, which says, "Every subordinate commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder *on* or *before* the tenth day of October annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery four dollars for every knight created and an annual fee of five dollars." On the 26th, I was informed by the Grand Recorder that there were eleven commanderies yet to hear from, and I have directed the committee on accounts to report the delinquents. This matter has been brought to your attention by previous Grand Commanders and I hope that the Eminent

Commanders of our subordinate commanderies will give their personal attention to this matter.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY.

A very important question has lately arisen in regard to this commandery, which the following correspondence will explain:

NEWPORT, September 17th, 1874.

R. E. Charles A. Stott, Grand Commander:

DEAR SIR:—At the Annual Assembly of Washington Commandery of Knights Templars, No. 4, for the election of officers, I appointed E. P. Commander, John Eldred, to preside at the election, who accordingly took the east, appointed tellers, and directed them to ascertain and report the number of Sir Knights present, who reported that including the Sentinel, there were thirty-eight. Sir Knight Eldred then directed the Sir Knights to prepare and deposit their ballots for Eminent Commander, which they did. Before the box was turned, the question was raised whether two Sir Knights who were present, and voted, had the right to vote, on the ground that it was in violation of an article of the by-laws of this commandery, which reads as follows:

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 3. Each member of this commandery shall equip himself with the regalia of this commandery within six months after he shall have received the orders. And no Sir Knight created hereafter shall be entitled to the privileges of active membership until he shall have so equipped himself."

Sir Knight Eldred decided that the two Sir Knights had the right to vote and they voted accordingly. After the election a written protest was entered against the legality of the election, a certified copy of which I now forward to you with this letter, for your consideration and decision.

Yours in the bonds of knighthood,

HENRY J. HUDSON,
E. Commander Washington Commandery.

By order of the Eminent Commander,
STEPHEN GOULD, Recorder.

NEWPORT, September 17th, 1874.

DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—At the Annual Assembly of Washington Commandery I was appointed by E. C. Hudson to preside during the election. I accordingly took the east and appointed tellers and ordered them to ascertain the number of Sir Knights present, members of Washington

Commandery, who reported thirty-eight. I then ordered the Sir Knights to prepare their ballots for E. Commander; the question was then raised as to the right of certain Sir Knights, members of this commandery, to vote, as by a by-law of this commandery they were supposed to be without a vote. I decided the Sir Knights had a right to a vote as the by-law was in direct opposition to the spirit and teachings of Rhode Island Freemasonry since its first introduction into this city in A. D., 1748. Also that the by-laws have not been approved by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I remain yours in the bonds of knighthood,

JOHN ELDRED.

To R. E. CHARLES A. STOTT,
Commander of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERY NO. 4, KNIGHTS TEMPLARS,
OFFICE OF RECORDER,
NEWPORT, R. I., September 18, 1874.

The following is a true copy of a protest made at our Annual Election 16th September, 1874.

NEWPORT, R. I., September 16th, 1874.

I, David Stevens, a member of Washington Commandery, protest that the election of officers of Washington Commandery held this Wednesday evening, September 16th, 1874, is illegal, because Knights not members of Washington Commandery, participated in the election of the officers and a knight not a member of the Commandery was elected an officer." A true copy,

Attest : STEPHEN GOULD,
Recorder.

After having received these communications, I made an appointment with Sir Knights Eldred and Stevens and heard what they had to say in regard to the matter, and from them I learned that members have never been in the habit, nor even required to sign the by-laws, but that the only thing necessary to do to become an active member has been to procure a regalia within six months after having received the orders.

Hence more importance attaches to this section of their by-laws, than otherwise would, as it designates who are members and who are not, and however questionable the manner, such is their practice and so long as it remains in force should be respected. Every knight promises to support and maintain the

by-laws of his commandery, and every officer obligates himself to do the same, and I am surprised that Sir Knight Eldred should have allowed himself to fall into this error, for I cannot see what influence the spirit of freemasonry should have upon this question, for Article 3, Section 3, of their by-laws, is very explicit upon this subject, and he should have promptly decided against their right to vote. But having allowed them to vote, how far does it effect the election. There is only two ways to deal with this question, one of which is, by declaring the election of *all* the officers void by reason of this illegality, and which I am inclined to believe is the better course in view of all the facts.

The other is by presuming that the two illegal votes were thrown for the successful candidates, in which case you would subtract these two votes from the one receiving the highest number, thereby causing no choice to be made for Eminent Commander, Captain General, Prelate, Senior and Junior Wardens, and electing the Generalissimo, Treasurer and Recorder of the commandery. But in absence of any information for whom these knights voted, and the fact that the Grand Commandery were so soon to meet induced me to refrain from making any decision myself, but to lay the whole matter before you and ask you to pass upon it at this assembly.

It would seem that there would be work here for the new committee of by-laws, for most assuredly the by-laws of Washington Commandery need to be improved.

CONSTITUTIONS.

June 24th, accompanied by the Grand Officers, I publicly constituted Bay State Commandery and installed its officers; the occasion was a very pleasant one, as we were enabled to meet the Knights of Sutton, Old Colony, and South Shore commanderies, they being present with full ranks to assist in starting this young commandery on its journey.

October 12, I constituted Cyprus Commandery being assisted by the Grand Officers, particularly so by our Grand Prelate, who delivered a very fine address replete with noble thoughts, and treating quite extensively of the order of Malta.

This Sir Knights completes my duties for the year, which

has been remarkable throughout our jurisdiction for peace and prosperity. Let us remember that those whom we took by the hand one year ago, are not of our number to-day; although they are absent in body, I trust they are present in spirit, but the memory of their many virtues will linger in our hearts for long time to come, stimulating us to emulate them in our devotion to the principles of Templar Masonry, ever remembering that divine injunction, "Be not weary in well doing for in due time you shall reap if ye faint not."

Voted, That so much of the address as refers to Washington Commandery be referred to a committee of three. Sirs Knights Thomas A. Doyle, Tracy P. Cheever, and John N. Pike were appointed said committee.

At two o'clock it was ordered that the Grand Commandery be adjourned until three o'clock; and the Sir Knights partook of refreshments which had been provided in the Banquet Hall.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The hour having arrived to which the Grand Commandery was adjourned, the R. E. Grand Commander, called the Sir Knights to order and proceeded with the dispatch of business.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND FUND COMMITTEE.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 11 of Article 1, of the constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the undersigned as trustees of the grand fund, respectfully submit the annual statement of said fund, which has now reached the sum of twelve thousand six hundred forty seven dollars and ten cents, and is invested as follows:

A deposit in Provident Savings Institution for Savings with interest to July, 1874	$1,042 31
A deposit in Five Cent Bank with interest to Oct. 1874	5,925 60
A deposit in North End Savings Bank	669 69
Thirty-Four shares Market National Bank	3,430 50
Fifteen shares Mount Vernon Bank	1,579 00
Total	$12,647 10

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. STOTT, Grand Commander,
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Grand Treasurer.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Grand Recorder.

BOSTON, October 28th, 1874.

Voted, To accept the report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

OCTOBER 28th, 1874.

R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members:

Your committee appointed to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder have attended to that duty. They would respectfully report, that we find the Grand Treasurer's books correctly kept, that his receipts and disbursements for the year 1873–'74, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from 1873 account	$ 654 29
" Interest on Investments	134 00
" for Charters and Dispensations	220 00
" from returns and fees	2,422 95
Total	$3,431 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Rent of Hall and safe	30 00
Salaries	300 00
Printing and Stationery	1,120 40
Travel fees Grand Officers	407 58
Banquet	187 00
Capitation fees	62 90

For Taxes on Stocks	10 92
Charity	100 00
One-tenth receipts to Grand Fund	277 69
Cash on hand to new account	934 75
Total	$3,431 24

Property in Stocks—

Four shares Boylston Bank.....cost.....	494 50
Two shares Atlantic Bank.....cost.....	198 00
Fourteen shares Ogdensburg R. R.....cost.....	1,218 25
Eight shares Michigan Central R. R....cost.....	896 00
Ten shares Naumkeag Mills.....cost.....	1,366 25
	$4,173 00
Cash on hand	934 75
Property of Grand Commandery	$5,107 75
The Grand Fund now amounts to	12,647 10
	$17,754 85

Your committee have also closely examined the books of the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept. He has received

For Dues on returns	$2,045 00
" per Capita Tax	273 05
One Dispensation Cyprus Commandery	40 00
Three Charters, Athol, Bay State and Cyprus	180 00
Eight copies printed Proceedings at 1.25 each	10 00
Total	$2,548 05

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and he is in possession of proper receipts. We find that there are now due the Grand Commandery returns and fees from the following commanderies: Newburyport, Saint Bernard, Connecticut Valley, Godfrey de Bouillon, Narragansett, Bristol, Northampton and Natick.

Washington Commandery have sent in their returns but have not sent their dues. There is due the Grand Commandery from St. John's Commandery last year's per capita tax which based upon the membership of 1871 would be $16.00, also from St. Bernard Commandery one year per capita tax based upon their membership of 1871 would be $4.05.

Your committee in their examination have noticed the amount of work that falls to the office of Grand Recorder, and would recommend that the

sum of three hundred dollars be paid him for his services the past year, feeling fully assured that if the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is his just due.

Courteously submitted,

Z. H. THOMAS, JR.,
J. M. GREENWOOD,
C. E. A. BARTLETT,
} Committee.

On motion it was

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be paid the sum of one hundred dollars for his services the past year.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 28th, 1874.

The committee on credentials have attended to the duty assigned them and report the following members and representatives present:

Grand Officers	14
Past Grand Officers	9
Past Eminent Commanders	21
Eminent Commanders	20
Generalissimos	17
Captains Generals	12
Proxies	11
Total	104

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOULTON,
CALEB SAUNDERS,
Committee on Credentials.

PROXIES.

Sir Edwin J. Nightingale of Calvary Commandery for E. Sir N. Van Slyck, Past Grand Commander.

Sir Henry M. Rawson, of Calvary Commandery for E. Sir W. B. Blanding, Past Grand Generalissimo.

E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, of Calvary Commandery for Sir Joseph E. Spink, Captain General.

Sir J. M. Woods, of Milford Commandery for Sir Silas W. Hale, E. Commander.

Sir William F. Kimball, of Bethany Commandery for Sir Thomas Leyland, Captain General.

E. Sir Henry Chickering, of Berkshire Commandery for Sir W. D. Axtell, Eminent Commander, Sir D. C. Munyan, Generalissimo, and Sir George C. Dunham, Captain General.

Sir Seranus Bowen of Bristol Commandery for Sir John L. Kendall, E. Commander.

Sir James M. Greenwood, of Gethsemane Commandery for Sir R. L. Davis, Eminent Commander.

Sir Charles E. Parsons, of Olivet Commandery for Sir John Shaw, 2d, Generalissimo.

The following commanderies were found to be represented:

Saint John,	Bethany,
Boston,	Winslow Lewis,
Newburyport,	Jerusalem,
Washington,	Berkshire,
Worcester County,	Woonsocket,
Springfield,	Godfrey de Bouillon,
Holy Sepulchre,	Joseph Warren,
Pilgrim,	South Shore,
Palestine,	Bristol,
Milford,	Natick,
Calvary,	Gethsemane,
Haverhill,	Olivet,
Old Colony,	Bay State,
Sutton,	Cyprus.

Total 28.

Voted, That the expenses of the first four Grand Officers incurred by their attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, in New Orleans in December next, be paid by this Grand Commandery.

Offered by Sir Thomas A. Doyle, and adopted,

Resolved, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery, be and they are hereby instructed to endeavor to obtain such action by the Grand Encampment of the United States, as will secure a per diem and mileage for the officers and members of the Grand Encampment, actually attending the sessions of that body.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the family of the late Sir Robert Lash.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander requested Past Grand Commander

Sir William Ellison to occupy the Grand East during the election.

The question being raised, the R. E. Grand Commander presiding, decided

That a Sir Knight holding the three proxies from his own commandery had a right to cast the three votes in addition to his own.

The number of voters present was then verified and found to be as reported by committee on credentials.

The following committees were appointed to collect and report the number of votes cast.

FIRST. Sirs W. W. Baker, T. A. Doyle, C. E. Powers.

SECOND. Sirs S. C. Lawrence, George Moulton, Z. H. Thomas, Jr.

The following Eminent Knights were declared elected:

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....Grand Commander.
V. E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....Deputy Grand Commander.
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.....Grand Generalissimo.
E. Sir JOHN DEAN.....Grand Captain General.
E. Sir Rev. GEORGE S. NOYES.....Grand Prelate.
E. Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....Grand Senior Warden.
E. Sir GEORGE H. STACY.....Grand Junior Warden.
E. Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
E. Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....Grand Recorder.

The official obligation was administered by the E. Grand Prelate, and the R. E. Grand Commander was installed by E. Sir William Ellison.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointed officers as follows, after which he completed the ceremony of installation:

E. Sir HOCUM HOSFORD.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir DANIEL E. CHASE.....Grand Standard Bearer.
E. Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....Grand Warder.
E. Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....Grand Captain of Guards.
E. Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
E. Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....} Grand Lecturers.
E. Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
E. Sir EBEN F. GAY.....Grand Sentinel.

The following committees were appointed:

ON CREDENTIALS,

Sir James M. Greenwood, Sir A. H. Cushman, Sir W. H. Wright.

ON PRINTING,

E. Sir N. Van Slyck, Sir Charles E. Powers, Sir A. F. Chapman.

ON BY-LAWS,

Sir W. F. Salmon, Sir George S. Noyes, Sir Caleb Saunders.

The official proclamation was made by E. Sir George H. Burnham, Grand Captain of the Guards.

Sir Thomas A. Doyle proposed the following amendments to the constitution:

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 4. The last clause is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. The first two clauses are hereby repealed.

Section 5th shall read as follows:

No member of this body shall have more than one vote on any question, except as the proxy of a subordinate commandery in which case he may cast such proxy vote in addition to his own.

ARTICLE II.

Section 6. Add thereto these words—

"And may be represented in the Grand Commandery by a proxy duly appointed by a vote of the commandery, under the seal thereof; who shall have power, in the absence of all the members of the council of said commandery at any session of the Grand Commandery, to cast the three votes of said commandery.

Voted, That the proposed amendments together with the whole subject of representation be referred to a committee of three to report in May next.

Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Sir Henry Chickering and Sir W. W. Baker were appointed said committee.

The committe on diplomas reported progress.

The special committee on by-laws reported as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,
BOSTON, October 28th, 1874.

Your committee to whom was referred a revised code of by-laws of Boston Commandery and certain amendments to the by-laws of Jerusalem Commandery, at Fitchburg, respectfully report that they have examined the same. They recommend the following changes in those of Boston Commandery, that there be added at the close of Section 3, Article 3, the following words, "dispensation therefor having been first obtained." Also add in Section 8, Article 9, after the word delinquent, the words, "of the time when, and the place where action will be taken in his case."

Some portion of the duties of officers as recited in this code of by-laws, are such as in those of some new commanderies have been stricken out. These portions have been in the by-laws of this, one of our oldest commanderies from the first, and have heretofore been formally approved; they are looked upon by some of the older members rather as land-marks, which we learn from their officers they are exceedingly anxious still to retain, as they have been allowed to do heretofore, because of their traditional antiquity. Such courtesies, we believe are not unknown in the proceedings of Grand Bodies toward their older subordinates, and your committee report the facts for the consideration of this Grand Commandery.

With the amendments proposed and such action as the Grand Commandery sees fit to take in relation to the recital of the duties of officers, your committee recommend their approval. The amendments to the by-laws of Jerusalem Commandery, are not in conflict with the Grand Constitution, and we recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY CHICKERING,
GEORGE E. STACY,
CHARLES M. AVERY,
} Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

There being no further business, the R. E. Grand Commander commended the courtesy of the Sir Knights and approved of their attention to the dispatch of business.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the Proceedings of the Special, Semi-Annual and Annual Assemblies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Indiana.....E. Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass.
Vermont.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Georgia.....E. Sir Marlborough Williams, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania.....E. Sir James M. Porter, Easton.
Vermont.....E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Missouri.....E. Sir George Frank Gouley, St. Louis.
Louisiana.....E. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans.
Kentucky.....E. Sir William Alva Warner, Louisville.
Georgia.....E. Sir Charles Armstrong, Macon.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Eben K. Long, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir David P. Whedon, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Chicago.
New York.....E. Sir Robert H. Waterman, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, Baltimore.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Henry L. Carver, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth.



E. Sir George W. Keene,

FIRST EMINENT COMMANDER

—OF—

OLIVET COMMANDERY,

DIED WHILE IN OFFICE, JANUARY 27TH, 1874,

AGED 59 YEARS.

An honored citizen, a good Mason, a true and courteous Sir Knight.



Sir Charles Whitlock Moore,

BORN MARCH 29TH, 1801,

DIED DECEMBER 12TH, 1873.

PAST M. E. GRAND MASTER.

He held many offices, Grand and Subordinate, and in all Masonic knowledge was "first among his equals."

Sutton Commandery,

Sir Benjamin Ryder,
" Jonathan F. Cowen,
" George W. Lobdell,
" W. B. Nooning.

Bethany Commandery,

Sir Elbridge Joslyn.

Winslow Lewis Commandery,

Sir Nathaniel P. C. Patterson,
" Franklin Graves.

Jerusalem Commandery,

Sir Alfred Hitchcock,
" E. A. Larkin.

Hugh De Payens Commandery,

Sir Cyrus Wakefield,
" William H. Richardson,
" C. F. Syfferman,
" William Martin,
" S. O. Dearborn.

Saint Omer Commandery,

Sir Robert K. Potter,
" D. McBean Thaxter,
" George Baxter, Jr.

Berkshire Commandery,

Sir Ed. S. Hunt.

Woonsocket Commandery,

Sir Peter Illingworth.

William Parkman Commandery,

Sir Darius B. Kidder.

Bristol Commandery,

Sir Leonard Walker.

Northampton Commandery,

Sir Edward C. Crafts.

Olivet Commandery,

Sir Bowman B. Breed.
E. Sir George W. Keene.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

E. Sir Charles H. Titus.





Charles H. Titus.

CHARLES H. TITUS.

Rev. Charles H. Titus was born in the then Province of Maine, County of Kennebec, town of Monmouth, on the eleventh day of April, 1819.

He was the only son of Samuel and Betsey (Kelley) Titus. He had two sisters, Sarah Kelley, older, and Eliza Jane, younger, than himself. Both the sisters and the father have been dead many years. The mother still survives in a hale old age, residing in Monmouth.

Mr. Titus, senior, was a farmer; and the son worked with his father upon the farm in summer, attending the district school during the winter season, until he was sixteen years of age, when he became a student at Monmouth Academy, and began his school-teaching experience the folllowing winter. Until twenty-five years of age his time was wholly given to literary pursuits and teaching. His father was not wealthy, and after his death, which occurred when the son was about eighteen years of age, he declined to receive anything from the limited estate of some $2,000, and paid his own school expenses by devoting a portion of the time to teachiing.

After leaving Monmouth Academy he became connected with the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill, Readfield, where he enjoyed the friendship, counsel and instruction of those eminent teachers of youth, Rev. William C. Larrabee, LL.D., and Rev. Benjamin F. Tefft, D.D., LL.D., whose influence upon his formative mind has proved a continued blessing through all subsequent years. At this school he also enjoyed the instruction of Prof. Walsh, a wonderful linguist, of whom he took private lessons in Hebrew and Biblical Greek.

In 1839 he entered the Bangor Theological Seminary, where he spent one year for the special purpose of continuing his studies in the original languages of the Holy Scriptures.

In April, 1840, being enfeebled by overwork, he sought to recruit his health by a change of climate, and removed to Greencastle, Indiana, in company with Prof. Larrabee, who had been elected to a professorship in the Asbury University, located at that place. Here he was immediately elected by the trustees as Tutor of Languages in the Preparatory Department of the college. While fulfilling the duties of this office he enjoyed all the privileges of the college. He completed the course of study, and graduated on the fourteenth day of September, 1842. Rev. Matthew Simpson, D.D., now bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was then President of the University, and invested him with his first literary degree; and, on the evening of the same day, united him in marriage with Miss Martha Dunn, daughter of Col. William Dunn, of East Poland, Maine, and sister to Mrs. Tefft and Mrs. Larrabee. Their married life has been peculiarly happy; and, during all the years they have journeyed on together, *home* has been a word of special significance and comfort to them. They have been blessed with two children, Laura Jane, the wife of Mr. Edgar Pratt, of Providence, and Charles Henry (H. C. 1872), now acting as clerk in the Grand Secretary's office.

During the winter of 1842-'43 Mr. Titus and his wife conducted, with much success, a private academy at Madison, Indiana. His enfeebled health obliging him to desist from teaching, he spent the following summer in making an extensive tour through the Northwest, in company with Rev. Edward R. Ames, D.D., now bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In this journey he traversed Lake Huron, Lake Superior, St. Louis River and the Mississippi River, from Sandy Lake to St. Louis, Missouri. Seven hundred miles of this voyaging were made in a birch bark canoe, with Indian half-breeds as guides.

In the autumn of 1843, Mr. Titus and his wife returned to their native State of Maine; and in August, 1844, he was admitted to the Maine Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held in Bangor; was ordained to the office of Deacon by Bishop Hedding; and was appointed

to the pastorate of the church in Frankfort. This church he served during the constitutional limit of two years, when, finding the climate too rigorous for his feeble health, he embraced the offer of a transfer to the Providence Conference; and in July, 1846, was appointed to the Pleasant Street Church, New Bedford, where he continued two years. At the session of the Conference held in Fall River, Mass., 1847, he was ordained to the office of Elder by Bishop Janes. In his ministerial work in this Conference he was appointed successively to Woonsocket, R. I., two years; Edgartown, Mass., two years; East Weymouth, Mass., two years; Taunton, Mass., one year, when he was appointed to the office of Presiding Elder of Providence District, embracing in its territory the State of Rhode Island, and Bristol County, Mass., and placing under his care and supervision between forty and fifty churches. During the four years he held this office he resided at Taunton. When this office expired by limitation, he was appointed again to the pastorate as follows: Warren, R. I., two years; Newport, R. I., two years; Phenix, R. I., three years,— the limit of the pastorate to the same church having been extended by the General Conference of 1864 to three years,— and remained at Phenix the fourth year without regular appointment, but still serving the church as Pastor. At the close of his labors at Phenix he was appointed again to Taunton, two years; then to Warren again, two years, when, April 10th, 1871, he accepted the *pro tempore* appointment of Grand Master Gardner to the office of Recording Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In June following he was duly elected to this office by vote of the Grand Lodge, and at each subsequent annual election has been continued in the office by unanimous vote.

His first knowledge of masonry was gained when he was a lad about ten years of age. A remarkable funeral was held in the neighborhood of his residence, which he and all the region round about attended. Major White, the deceased, was an old neighbor and friend of his father, and a prominent townsman. The major was buried with full masonic honors, and the ceremonies made a strong and lasting impression upon the mind of the keenly observant lad. The rich masonic regalia, the mournful music, the muffled drums, the solemn march around the

grave; the sprig of acacia reverently deposited by each brother, saying, as he dropped his emblem of immortality into the open grave, "The will of God is accomplished — Amen — so mote it be!" stirred to the very depths of the soul the excited boy; and he then resolved within himself, that when he became a man he would be a mason. This was at a time when masonry was much spoken against, but he was prepared in his heart at that early age to be made a mason.

During the latter part of his residence at Greencastle, Ind., the lodge in that place was resuscitated, and he arranged with a friend, who was a member, to present his application for the degrees; but before they were in a condition to comply with his request, he removed to Madison. In his subsequent itinerant life, and earnest devotion to his profession, he found no convenient time or place to knock at the masonic door, until his protracted residence in Taunton, while Presiding Elder of Providence District. Having for once gained legal residence and citizenship, he made application to King David Lodge for the degrees. His petition was recommended by brother Jacob Burt, and, accompanied by the usual fee, was received by the lodge September 22d, 1858, and referred to brothers S. N. Staples, William Cox and Charles Lawton. On the 20th of October following, the committee made a favorable report, and he was duly elected to receive the degrees. On the same evening he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. William M. Parks was then W. Master; Edward Mott, Senior Warden; David A. Jackson, Junior Warden; and the venerable Alfred Baylies, Secretary. Before retiring from the lodge that night, his name was written by Dr. Baylies, upon the lamb-skin or white leather apron, which he had received from the W. Master as the emblem of innocence, and the badge of a mason, and which he still preserves as a precious relic. He was passed to the second degree Nov. 17, 1858, and on the 15th of December following, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Here began his esoteric masonic life, and to the brethren of King David Lodge he is much indebted, not only for faithful masonic instruction, but for unfailing brotherly kindness.

Having been so long prepared in his heart to become a mason he at once became zealous in cultivating the ritual and princi-

ples of masonry. During the following year he received the Capitular degrees in Adoniram Chapter, New Bedford, of which Col. Timothy Ingraham was then, as he had been for many years, High Priest, and from whom he received much valuable instruction. The Council Degrees were conferred upon him by the late venerable James Salsbury, in Providence Council of Royal and Select Masters. During the winter of 1859 and 1860 he received the Orders of Knighthood in St. John's Encampment of Knights Templars, at Providence, R. I. In May, 1860, while residing at Warren, R. I., he was invested with the Ineffable Degrees, by Kilian H. Van Rensselaer, in King Solomon's Grand Lodge of Perfection, at Providence. Subsequently, while residing at Newport, he received the remaining Degrees of the A. A. Rite to the Thirty-Second inclusive. In 1867 he was created a Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen. Thirty-Third Degree, at Boston, and elected an Honorary Member of the Sup. Coun. of the Northern Mas. Juris. of the U. S. A.

Among the many offices he has held in masonry the following may be enumerated: W. Master of King David Lodge, Taunton; T. I. Master of Webb Council of Royal and Select Masters, Warren, R. I.; Commander of St. John's Encampment, Providence, R. I., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; Grand Prelate, Grand Cap. Gen., Dep. Grand Master, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He has also enjoyed the honor of acting as First Officer of the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory of the A.A. Rite; but more for the purposes of the organization and establishment of those bodies than for actual work in the ritual of that Rite. He is now, as he has been for several years, Grand Prior of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third degree, and of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation, A. A. Rite.

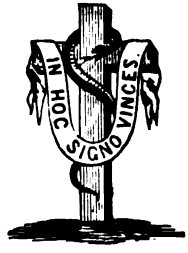
His masonry has, doubtless, been of greater benefit to him, and more highly prized from the fact that he has uniformly paid the regular fees for the various degrees he has received, neither claiming nor receiving any remission on account of his clerical profession. He retains his membership in the bodies which have conferred upon him this honor, and generally in those that conferred the degrees. In 1872 he united with several of

his old associates in King David Lodge, in the formation of a new lodge at Taunton, which his associates subsequently, against his protest, called by his own name.

This lodge was chartered March 12, 1873, and constituted in AMPLE FORM on the 28th of the same month, under the title and designation of Charles H. Titus Lodge.

The engraved steel plate, on which the portrait was printed which accompanies this sketch, was the generous gift of this lodge.

Though his natural force is somewhat abated, his zeal for masonry has not lessened, and he is now devoting what strength he has to the good of masonry in general, and to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in particular.



COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1873–'74.

1.	Saint John,	Providence, R. I.
2.	Boston,	Boston, Mass.
3.	Newburyport,	Newburyport, Mass.
4.	Washington,	Newport, R. I.
5.	Worcester County,	Worcester, Mass.
6.	Springfield,	Springfield, Mass.
7.	De Molay,	Boston, Mass.
8.	Holy Sepulchre,	Pawtucket, R. I.
9.	Pilgrim,	Lowell, Mass.
10.	Palestine,	Chelsea, Mass.
11.	Milford,	Milford, Mass.
12.	Saint Bernard,	Boston, Mass.
13.	Calvary,	Providence, R. I.
14.	Haverhill,	Haverhill, Mass.
15.	Old Colony,	Abington, Mass.
16.	Sutton,	New Bedford, Mass.
17.	Bethany,	Lawrence, Mass.
18.	Winslow Lewis,	Salem, Mass.
19.	Jerusalem,	Fitchburg, Mass.
20.	Hugh de Payens,	Melrose, Mass.
21.	Saint Omer,	South Boston, Mass.
22.	Berkshire,	Pittsfield, Mass.
23.	Woonsocket,	Woonsocket, R. I.
24.	Connecticut Valley,	Greenfield, Mass.
25.	Godfrey de Bouillon,	Fall River, Mass.
26.	Joseph Warren,	Boston Highlands, Mass.
27.	Narragansett,	Westerly, R. I.
28.	William Parkman,	East Boston, Mass.
29.	Northampton,	Northampton, Mass.
30.	South Shore,	Weymouth, Mass.
31.	Bristol,	Mansfield, Mass.
32.	Trinity,	Hudson, Mass.
33.	Natick,	Natick, Mass.
34.	Cœur de Lion	Charlestown, Mass.
35.	Gethsemane,	Newtonville, Mass.
36.	Olivet,	Lynn, Mass.
37.	Athol,	Athol, Mass.
38.	Bay State,	Brockton, Mass.
39.	Cyprus,	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir Thomas Smith Webb,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir William Wilkinson,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir Henry Fowle,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir John Carlile,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir John James Loring,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir Robert Lash,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
Sir Abraham Annis Dame,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir John Hews,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
Sir John Flint, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt,	Boston, Mass,	Boston,	1845–46
*† Sir Ruel Baker,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir John Rufus Bradford,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir James Hutchison,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson,	Lexington, Mass	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir William Field,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
Sir William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir William Sewall Gardner,	Newton, Mass	Pilgrim,	1863–64
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir William Wilson Baker,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir Benjamin Dean,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73

Deceased, 14; living, 11.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass. 1818–19
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I 1820–24
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I. 1829–30
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass. 1832
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass. 1833–34
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1835–36
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass 1845–46
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Masss. 1847
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I. 1848–50
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass. 1851–53
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass 1854–55
Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass. 1856–57
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, Boston, Mass. 1860–61
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass. 1867–68
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass 1869–70
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass. 1871–73

* Deceased, 13; living, 11.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass.....1805–17
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass.....1825–28
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1833–34
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1836
Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir JAMES SALSBURY, Providence, R. I.....1845
* Sir JAMES RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass.....1846
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1847
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1848–50
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1851–53
Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass.....1854–55
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1856
* Sir SAMUEL LEWIS, Providence, R. I.....1857
* Sir CHARLES ROBBINS, Boston, Mass.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1862
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1865
*† Sir HENRY BUTLER, Providence, R. I.....1866
Sir WILLIAM BULLOCK BLANDING, Providence, R. I.....1867–68
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I.....1869–70
Sir HORACE DANIELS, Pawtucket, R. I.....1871–73

Deceased, 18; living, 11.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Jonathan Gage, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir Henry Purkitt, Boston, Mass.....1820–22
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass.....1823–24
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir Joseph Young, Jr., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass.....1835
Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir Barney Merry, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir James Salsbury, Providence, R. I.....1844
* Sir Samuel Fessenden, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1847
Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir Moses Richardson, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir Asa Woodbury, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir James Warham Crooks, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir John Blake Reed, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir George Francis Wilson, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Rev. Sir Charles Henry Titus, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir Charles Adams Stott, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73

* Deceased, 21; living, 13.

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDER'S NAME.	RECORDER'S NAME.	LOCATION.
Saint John's,	March 7, 1805	First Monday in each month,	Robert E. Dwelly	Walter Blodgett,	Providence, R. I.
Boston,	March 3, 1806	Third Wednesday of each month,	Samuel C. Lawrence,	William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.
Newburyport,	May 12, 1806	Friday after full moon,	John N. Pike,	George H. Stevens,	Newburyport, Mass.
Washington,	June 7, 1814	Third Wednesday of each month,	H. J. Hudson,	Stephen Gould,	Newport, R. I.
Worcester County,	June 16, 1835	First Thursday " "	Rev. T. E. St. John,	R. James Tatman,	Worcester, Mass.
Springfield,	June 19, 1830	First Monday " "	Peter S. Bailey,	O. K. Merrill,	Springfield, Mass.
De Molay,	October 10, 1848	Fourth Wednesday " "	John M. Clark,	George Phippen, Jr.	Boston, Mass
Holy Sepulchre,	September 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon,	J. Sewall Read,	Charles R. Bucklin,	Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim,	October 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon,	Chas. E. A. Bartlett,	Arthur G. Pollard,	Lowell, Mass.
Palestine,	October 28, 1859	First Wednesday of each month,	William D. Seeley,	Charles S. Beatley,	Chelsea, Mass.
Milford,	October 28, 1859	Fourth Monday " "	Silas W Hale,	Lewis Fales	Milford, Mass.
Saint Bernard,	October 28, 1859	Second Wednesday " "	Otis E. Weld,	Richard Briggs,	Boston, Mass.
Calvary,	May 22, 1860	First Tuesday " "	Isaac H. Saunders,	H. M. Rawson,	Providence, R. I.
Haverhill,	October 26, 1863	Second Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball,	Francis J. Stephens,	Haverhill, Mass
Old Colony,	October 26, 1863	Monday after full moon,	Amos S. Stetson,	Erastus M. Nash,	Abington, Mass.
Sutton,	May 5, 1864	First Thursday of each month,	A H. Howland, Jr.	H. Wilder Emerson,	New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany,	October 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	John Haigh,	P. B. Robinson,	Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis,	June 27, 1865	Third Thursday " "	George H. Peirson,	John J. Coker,	Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem,	May 6, 1865	Third Thursday " "	A. L. Fessenden,	Charles A. Morgan,	Fitchburg, Mass.
Hugh de Payens,	October 27, 1865	Second Wednesday of each month,	J. D. Parker,	P. D. Walbridge,	Melrose, Mass.
Saint Omer,	October 27, 1865	Third Monday " "	E. H. Brainard,	Alban S. Green,	South Boston, Mass.
Berkshire,	December 22, 1865	Second Monday " "	William D. Axtell,	Clark F. Hall.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Woonsocket,	May 8, 1867	Second Tuesday " "	Walter E. Parker,	George H. Miller,	Woonsocket, R. I.
Connecticut Valley,	October 10, 1867	First Tuesday " "	William S. Severance,	Charles P. Forbes,	Greenfield, Mass.
Godfrey de Boullon,	October 30, 1868	Third Wednesday " "	John B. Whitaker,	Thomas L. Brayton,	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren,	January 1, 1869	First Monday " "	George Moulton,	L. B. Dutton,	Boston Highlands, Mass.
Narragansett,	June , 1869	2d and 4th Monday " "	Azro N. Lewis	George G. Stillman	Westerly, R. I.
William Parkman,	May 12, 1870	Second Thursday " "	William J. Ellis,	Edward H. Morse,	East Boston, Mass.
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon,	John L. Kendall,	E. P. Paine,	Mansfield, Mass.
Northampton,	June 2 1870	Second Monday of each month,	Joseph C. Williams,	Benjamin W. Peck,	Northampton, Mass.
South Shore,	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon,	George W. Fay,	Charles N. Marsh,	Weymouth, Mass.
Natick,	April 12, 1871	First Monday of each month,	James H. Parker,	Andrew J. Nichols,	Natick, Mass.
Cœur de Lion,	October 14, 1871	Third Tuesday " "	William H. Kent,	S E. Chandler,	Boston, Mass.
Trinity,	November 7, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon,	N. S. Chamberlain,	Edwin Amsden,	Hudson, Mass.
Gethsemane,	May 20, 1872	Monday before full moon,	James M. Greenwood,	John G. Tompson,	Newtonville, Mass.
Olivet,	March 13, 1873	First Wednesday of each month,	William D. Pool,	William B. Phillips,	Lynn, Mass.
Athol,	June 7, 1873	" " " "	Vernon O. Taylor,	Frank Hutchinson,	Athol, Mass.
Bay State,	September 13, 1873	First Monday " "	Edward Parker, Jr	H. H. Howard,	Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus,	October 31, 1873	Fourth Tuesday " "	Gamalial Hodges,	Henry S. Bunton,	Hyde Park, Mass.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	19
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	109
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	261
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies	5,076

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS,

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SILAS.	Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH.
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES.	Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS,

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.	* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., 1826.	* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The Charter of this Encampment was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - *CHARLES A. STOTT,*

LOWELL, MASS.

GRAND RECORDER, - *ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,*

91 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders

OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 27, A. D. 1875,

TOGETHER WITH THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Grand Commander.
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ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

MAY 19th, 1875.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, May 19th, A. D. 1875, A. O. 757.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir CHARLES A. STOTT.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. CHARLES H. TITUS, *as*.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir JOHN N. PIKE, *as*.....E. Grand Sword-Bearer.
Sir A. K. BRYER, *as*.....E. Grand Standard-Bearer.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, *as*.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array and the Grand Asylum was opened at 10: 30 o'clock, A. M., the Sir Knights joining in the devotions, with E. Sir Charles H. Titus officiating as E. Grand Prelate.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir ABRAHAM A. DAME,
E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. TITUS,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir HENRY ENDICOTT,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir JOHN W. DADMUN,
E. Sir WILLIAM F. SALMON,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES T. GAY,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir S. S. BRADFORD,
E. Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,
E. Sir JOHN BURNEY,
E. Sir E. H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir S. W. RAZEE,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir Z. L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

Voted, That as the records had been printed and distributed, the reading thereof be dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights:

The first duty devolving upon the Council of this Grand Commandery was to attend the nineteenth triennial session of the Grand Encampment at New Orleans in December last, and I have to report that you were represented by your Grand Commander, Grand Captain-General and Past Grand Commanders ELLISON and VAN SLYCK. The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo were unable to attend, but were represented by Sirs ALDRICH, Senior Grand Warden, and ELLISON, Past Grand Commander. The Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island were further represented at New Orleans by Sir GEORGE S. NOYES, Grand Prelate; GEORGE E. STACY, Junior Grand Warden; A. F. CHAPMAN, Grand Re-

corder, and JOHN L. KENDALL, E. Commander, and SERANUS BOWEN, Prelate, of Bristol Commandery; WILLIAM D. POOL, E. Commander of Olivet Commandery; EDWIN WRIGHT, A. K. BRYER, JOHN H. LAKIN, A. L. RICHARDSON, Boston Commandery. These Sir Knights, while they could not represent you in Grand Encampment, were not unmindful of your interests, and to that end labored with knightly zeal.

We found the Templars of New Orleans fully awake to the importance of the task they had taken upon themselves of entertaining the members of the Grand Encampment and subordinate commanderies who were to be in New Orleans during the week. They were unwearied in their attentions to the Templars of the country, and the many pleasant acquaintances made and friendships formed will long be remembered with pleasure. Hospitality, one of the grand characteristics of our Order, was most fully exemplified by the Knights of New Orleans.

There is one thing in connection with the sessions of the Grand Encampment which I think has a tendency to disturb and in a great measure interfere with its business, and that is, the coming of so many subordinate commanderies to the place of the triennial meeting. They come solely to have a good time, and to that end the Templars where the Grand Encampment is held lay out programmes of pleasure for their entertainment, which are sure to call away members of the Grand Encampment, perhaps at just the time when they should be attending to the business of the session.

I think it was very generally conceded at New Orleans that it would be much better if the Grand Encampment could be relieved of this outside pressure, and a vote was passed restricting such parades in the future.

This session of the Grand Encampment was one of the most important ever held, particularly so far as the prosperity of Templar Masonry in New England was concerned. But the action of that body was conciliatory and generous, and we meet to-day in the full sunlight; not a cloud obscures the horizon, and the gloom which seemed to hang over us at our last annual assembly is dispelled, thanks to a large majority of our *fratres*,

who, while they wear the *white*, were willing that we should retain the *black*.

The session commenced on Tuesday, December 1st, 1874, and continued until Saturday. The question most affecting us was not reached until Friday evening, and when the final vote was taken it was surprising, after all that had been said and written upon the subject, to see the small vote against the proposition allowing commanderies wearing the so-called black uniform to continue in its use.

This vote was illustrative of that noble spirit of chivalry which animated those knights who would not see us deprived of our old and time-honored costume. It was also confirmatory of the opinion expressed by the V. E. Grand Captain-General, Sir Benjamin Dean, in his report to the Grand Encampment — "that the question of costume was one which had occupied too much attention, as it was not of vital importance to the prosperity of Templar Masonry of what we should eat, or what we should drink, or wherewithal we should be clothed."

The following is the statute as adopted by the Grand Encampment:

51.—UNIFORM.

1. The uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. No other uniform is allowed, and no other authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform" be permitted to wear it while members of said commandery; but no other commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the regulation prescribed in 1862.

3. *Provided*, further, that any commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

Thus you will perceive that we have received more than we expected. All that we were striving for was to save those who had the black, but they have given us more, for under the statute passed by the Grand Encampment, any of our commanderies wearing the white can, by vote of this Grand Commandery, adopt the black. But I hope such will not be the

case, for only two have been required to adopt the United States regulation, and I presume they will not care to change. I do not look upon this simply as a *victory* of the *black* over the *white*, but rather a confirmation of the legislation of 1859, wherein those wearing the black were allowed to continue its use, and which right had not been disturbed until December, 1871; and I can but believe that this question, which has been the source of so much feeling during the past three years, is forever at rest.

Worcester County Commandery.

February 4th I visited Worcester County Commandery and found a delegation of knights from Columbian Commandery of Norwich, Conn., who had come charged with the pleasant duty of presenting to Worcester County Commandery a testimonial of their appreciation of the hospitality and courtesy extended to them while in the city of Worcester last summer. It was the photographs of the officers of Columbian Commandery, arranged in the form of a Templar cross, and was an elegant affair. It is the existence of such fraternal feeling as this that has made our Order such a pleasant one to be a member of, for wherever we are, either North, South, East or West, we are always sure of a knightly welcome from our *fratres*. Worcester County Commandery is enjoying its usual prosperity under the excellent government of Sir Knight St. John and his corps of efficient officers. The 16th of June is their fiftieth anniversary, which they intend to celebrate in some appropriate manner.

Obituary.

"Life is the vestibule of Death, and our pilgrimage on earth is but a journey to the tomb." Oh! how true is this, and how our hearts sadden as we realize that Sir George Summerfield Noyes will never again officiate at the altar of this Grand Commandery. There was something about Sir Knight Noyes that attracted those with whom he was brought in contact, and I fear no contradiction when I say that he was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, aye, *loved* by those who knew him best.

life at his residence in Boston. I was not apprised of his death until reading an account of his funeral in the daily papers, else this Grand Commandery had been represented by its officers at the funeral. He presided over this Grand body in 1842, 1843 and 1844, having previously held the office of Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General. He was E. Commander of Boston Commandery in 1836 and 1837. He was also a member and Past Master of St. John's Lodge of Boston, and a member of St. Paul's Chapter. Having during the late war met with a severe accident which prevented him from attending our sessions, he was comparatively a stranger to us younger members; in fact, I do not recollect ever having met him, but I have heard him spoken of by the older Sir Knights with profound feelings of sympathy and respect.

Sir EBEN F. GAY, Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, was called to join "the innumerable caravan" on the 6th of April, after a short illness. He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, Boston, April 15th, 1854, and became a charter member of Winslow Lewis Lodge in 1856. December 27th, 1855, he was appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, which office he held, excepting three years, till his death. He became a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, March 7th, 1855, was knighted in DeMolay Commandery, April 25th, 1855, and was appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, October 25th, 1861, which office he held at his death.

Well do I remember this Sir Knight when I first applied for admission to the Grand Lodge, and with what strictness he interrogated me before allowing me to pass. He has served this Grand body long and faithfully, and I would recommend that suitable notice be taken of his death, as well as of Past Grand Master Flint and Grand Prelate Noyes.

PORTRAIT OF CHARLES W. MOORE.

Grand Master Fellows, in calling the attention of the Grand Encampment to the death of Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, speaks of him as "having been the presiding officer over the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the

oldest body in America, if not in the world, now existing." He says, "Who of the present generation of Masons does not recall his *Trestle-Board* and remember the designs laid down therein by a master hand? Who has not read the numbers of his magazine, which, from its first number up to the time of his death, did more to maintain Freemasonry in its purity than any other Masonic publication?" During the session of the Grand Encampment a resolution was introduced requesting this Grand Commandery to furnish two thousand copies of his portrait, to be bound with the proceedings of the Grand Encampment. Feeling that you would readily comply with such a request, I accordingly directed the Grand Recorder to have them printed and sent to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Diploma.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the engraving of the diploma ordered by this Grand Commandery has been accomplished, and that one thousand diplomas have been printed, so that hereafter no complaint can be made upon that score. It is to be hoped that the officers of subordinate commanderies will see that the knights created since the loss of the old diploma plate are supplied with the new diploma, as the inability to supply any for so long a time may have given rise to the feeling that they are not necessary; but who of us would part with ours? They recall associations of the past, and are oftentimes of great value as records of one's progress in Masonry.

Washington Commandery.

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery you referred the complaint of Sir David Stevens against Washington Commandery to a committee with full powers, said committee to report their conclusions to the R. E. Grand Commander. In accordance therewith I received February 20th, the following letter and report:

Providence, February 20, 1875.

R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Grand Commander:

Dear Sir and Sir Knight:—I transmit herewith the finding of the com-

mittee in the matter of the complaint against Washington Commandery. The full statement of the case, with all the conclusions signed by all the committee it was thought best to retain, and to report simply by the chairman the conclusions arrived at.

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

IN THE MATTER OF SIR KNIGHT DAVID STEVENS VS. WASHINGTON COMMANDERY.

The committee appointed to examine into this complaint make report, that inasmuch as none of the Sir Knights claiming to be members of the commandery have ever signed the by-laws thereof, there are at this time no legal members of Washington Commandery.

The committee recommend that the R. E. Grand Commander issue his edict commanding Washington Commandery to make a new code of by-laws, and submit the same for approval to the Grand Commandery at the semi-annual assembly in May next.

Second. That the R. E. Grand Commander appoint a special deputy to preside at the sessions of the body while engaged in adopting a code of by-laws.

Third. That the Grand Commandery shall fix a time within which all Sir Knights entitled to membership in Washington Commandery shall sign the new by-laws, and after that time has expired no Sir Knight shall be permitted to sign the by-laws unless by a vote of the commandery.

Fourth. The Grand Commandery shall fix the date for an election to be held under the new by-laws, when the officers may be elected, either for the remainder of their present Masonic year, or for a new year, as may be deemed most expedient.

Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,
Chairman.

PROVIDENCE, February 20, 1875.

I accordingly directed the E. Commander to call an assembly, which he did March 17th, at which time I was present and promulgated to them the decision of the committee, which at first caused some uneasiness among the Sir Knights of that old commandery, but wise counsels finally prevailed and before leaving I issued

Special Order No. 1.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, Mass., March 17, 1875.

In accordance with the recommendations of the committee of the Grand Commandery, appointed to examine into and report upon the "matter of Sir Knight David Stevens *vs.* Washington Commandery," I do hereby enjoin upon the Sir Knights of Washington Commandery to prepare a new code of by-laws for their government, and submit them to me at their earliest convenience, for approval. And I do hereby appoint Sir John Eldred as my deputy, to preside over Washington Commandery until an Eminent Commander shall have been installed under the new by-laws.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

You will perceive that this order calls upon them to send by-laws to me for approval instead of to the Grand Commandery. I did this in order to expedite if possible this matter and also at the suggestion of the knights of Washington Commandery.

The disposition evinced by the knights was so loyal that any thing that I could do to promote their welfare I knew would meet your hearty approval. In accordance with Special Order No. 1 they prepared and sent to me a new code of by-laws. I immediately forwarded them to your standing committee on by-laws, who returned them to me and recommended that I approve the same, which I did, and sent them to Sir John Eldred, my special Deputy, directing him to have them neatly transcribed into a book to be kept for the express purpose of receiving the names of those who had been, or should hereafter be knighted in Washington Commandery; upon receiving information that the signatures of thirty-four knights had been obtained and that others would sign as soon as an opportunity was afforded, I issued

Special Order No 2.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, Mass., May 10, 1875.

[COPY.]

The members of Washington Commandery are hereby ordered to

assemble at their asylum on Thursday, May 13th, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the election of officers.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Accordingly, on Thursday evening, May 13th, accompanied by the Grand Recorder, I presided over the election of officers, after which I installed them into their several stations. I was informed by good authority that there were about sixty knights residing in and about Newport, of which fifty-four had signed the new by-laws; only two had refused to sign, and they were original charter members and held to the opinion that as their names appeared in the charter they believed that their membership was as legal as the signing of any by-laws could make it. Still these knights did not attempt to exercise their rights, and therefore no question was raised.

The election was very harmonious, several of the officers receiving a unanimous vote and the others nearly so. The whole number voting for E. Commander was forty-two.

You will perceive by the foregoing that I have anticipated the report of the committee and approved their by-laws, and also held an election, but I have done it from the best of motives, to wit, the prosperity of Washington Commandery, and I ask you to approve my action.

In regard to that portion of the committee's report relating to the time that shall be allowed those entitled to membership to sign the by-laws, I would recommend that the whole matter be left entirely with Washington Commandery, as I understand that many who have received the orders in that commandery and claim it as their Templar home are now absent, and it would be difficult for us to fix a time that would suit all interested.

Commandery at Hyannis.

January 14th, 1875, I received a petition from nine Sir Knights residing in the vicinity of Hyannis that a dispensation be granted to them to open a commandery in the town of Hyannis under the name of Ivanhoe Commandery. Said petition bore the consent of Sutton Commandery of New Bedford.

My answer to the knights was that this same matter having been before the Grand Commandery and reported upon on two different occasions, and each time adversely to the prayer of the petitioners, that I did not feel like granting their request upon my own responsibility, but would bring it before the Grand Commandery, and in fact on the 10th of the present month I received a letter from one of the petitioners requesting me to do so.

Exemplification of Work.

The custom has prevailed to some extent in the past, of inviting the youngest commandery to exemplify the work, but I thought upon this occasion that it would be pleasant to have one of the oldest perform that duty, and therefore I invited Boston Commandery to exemplify the three orders. The order of the Red Cross will be exemplified this afternoon, and the Temple and Malta this evening within the asylum of Boston Commandery.

Digest.

The Grand Encampment passed a code of Statutes and Digest of Templar law at its last assembly (a copy of which I have received), which I would recommend be referred to a committee with authority to report thereon in October next.

On motion of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, the address was divided and referred to committees as follows:

So much as refers to the death of Past Grand Master Flint to E. Sirs Daniel Harwood, A. A. Dame and William Sayward.

So much as refers to the death of E. Grand Prelate, Sir George S. Noyes, to E. Sirs Alfred F. Chapman, William D. Pool and John L. Kendall.

So much as refers to the death of Sir Eben F. Gay, to E. Sirs Winslow Lewis, William Ellison and John M. Clark.

So much as refers to the petition for a commandery at Hyannis, to E. Sirs Henry Chickering, S. C. Lawrence, Gardner T. Sandford, Benjamin Pope and E. L. Freeman.

So much as refers to the "Digest of Templar law," to E. Sirs William S. Gardner, N. Van Slyck and Thomas A. Doyle.

And the remainder of the address to E. Sirs N. Van Slyck, Thomas A. Doyle and John Dean.

The Committee on Diplomas submitted the following report, which was accepted:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
BOSTON, May 19th, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of procuring a new diploma for the use of the subordinates of this Grand Commandery have attended to that duty and beg leave to report,

That they have completed their labors, and the diploma, which has met the approbation of the Grand Officers of this body, may be seen at the desk of the Grand Recorder; they have also had the diploma entered in the office of the Librarian of Congress, and secured a copyright of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
WINSLOW LEWIS, } *Committee.*

The following votes were passed and ordered to be issued for instruction:

Voted, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed, not to affix the seal of this Grand Commandery to any diploma, nor to sign any diploma, issued by any person or authority outside of this jurisdiction.

Voted, That all subordinate commanderies within this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to issue any diploma, except that authorized by this Grand Commandery.

The committee on re-printing reported progress, and stated that the work would probably be ready for delivery in three months.

The committee having in charge the matter relating to Washington Commandery read in detail the reasons for their conclusions thereon as reported to the R. E. Grand Commandery (see Address, Washington Commandery), which, together with the papers incidental thereto, were placed on file.

E. Sir N. Van Slyck, for the Committee on Representatives, reported the following recommendation:

To amend the original vote as reported on page 125, printed proceedings, 1872, by striking out the words "during his term of office," and inserting the words "for the term of three years."

On motion the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred a portion of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, delivered this day, having considered the same, recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

N. VAN SLYCK,
THOMAS A. DOYLE, } *Committee.*
JOHN DEAN,

Boston, May 19th, 1875.

Resolved, That the matter of fixing the date of signing the by-laws of Washington Commandery be left to said commandery.

Resolved, That the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in reference to Washington Commandery be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the course of the R. E. Grand Commander in forwarding to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States portraits of M. E. Past Grand Master Charles W. Moore, is hereby commended and his action therein approved.

Resolved, That so much of address as refers to the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States and its action in reference to costume be referred to Committee on "Digest of Templar Law."

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and is hereby authorized to contribute from the funds of this Grand Commandery toward the fund being raised for the benefit of the widow and children of our late E. Sir George S. Noyes, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

REPORT ON BY-LAWS.

In Grand Commandery,
Boston, May 19th, 1875.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the full code submitted by Palestine Commandery and find them in accord with the Grand Constistution and Masonic Templar usage. We have made one or two slight amendments after consultation with the Eminent Commander. As amended we recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

W. F. SALMON, } *Committee on*
CALEB SAUNDERS, } *By-Laws.*

The report was accepted.

Voted. That the by-laws, as reported by the committee, be approved.

Adjourned at 12:30 o'clock, P. M., for refreshment.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Commandery was again called to order for the dispatch of business.

The Committee on Commandery at Hyannis were granted further time.

Boston Commandery was then formally announced, introduced and received into the Grand Asylum; the R. E. Grand Commander at once relinquished the Grand East and the official stations to that command, who exemplified the work on the Order of the Red Cross, on a candidate regularly elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood in that body.

After conferring the order, the R. E. Grand Commander resumed the Grand East, the Grand Officers re-occupied their respective stations, and Boston Commandery retired.

There being no further business, the R. E. Grand Commander stated that Boston Commandery would exemplify the work on the Orders of the Temple and Malta before the members of the Grand Commandery, in the asylum of that body, commencing at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

He also stated that Boston Commandery invited the members of the Grand Commandery to a collation at 4:30, P. M., and that E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence personally invited them, as well as the members of his own command, to a banquet at the close of the assembly.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned in accordance with the custom of Templar Masons, E. Sir Rev. Lucius R. Paige officiating as Grand Prelate.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

October 27th, 1875.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Masons' Hall, in the city of Providence, R. I., on Wednesday, October 27th, A. D. 1875, A. O. 757.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions, E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John officiating as Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir Charles A. Stott.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Henry W. Rugg.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir Wyzeman Marshall.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir John Dean.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. T. E. St. John, *acting*.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir George E. Stacy.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir William Parkman.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Alfred F. Chapman.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir James C. Tucker, *acting*.....E. Grand Sword-Bearer.
Sir E. Dana Bancroft, *acting*.....E. Grand Standard-Bearer.
Sir William H. Kent.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir George H. Burnham.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir Edward L. Freeman, Sir E. Dana Bancroft.....Grand Lecturers.
Sir Richard Chadwick, *acting*.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
E. Sir WILLIAM WHITE,
E. Sir SPENCER P. READ,
E. Sir ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir ROBERT E. DWELLY,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir HENRY ENDICOTT,
E. Sir J. SEWELL READ,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir LEVI L. WEBSTER,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir THOMAS PHILLIPS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
E. Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,
E. Sir FRANCELLO G. JILLSON,
E. Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

The records of the Semi-Annual Assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

ON PAST GRAND MASTER E. SIR JOHN FLINT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions on the decease of Eminent Past Grand Commander Sir John Flint, make the following report:

Eminent Sir Knight Flint was born in Petersham, in the county of Worcester, in this Commonwealth, in the month of October, 1803, and received an academical education at Leicester Academy, in said county of Worcester.

He studied and qualified himself for the practice of the profession of medicine, with a near relation, an eminent and skillful practitioner located in said Leicester, at the same time attending the medical lectures of Harvard University, where he received a medical degree in 1826, and soon afterwards commenced the practice of his profession in Boston, where until his death he devoted himself with great industry, fidelity, intelligence and skill to its practice. His patients became strongly attached to him, giving him their entire confidence, so that few members of the profession in Boston have acquired a more generous support and substantial success in the practice of their profession. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and was highly esteemed by

his associates in that institution. He was likewise a valuable and useful member of the School Committee in Boston for several years, as also a director in the public charitable institutions.

He was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in a Lodge located in said Leicester, before he came to reside in Boston. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St. Paul's R. A. Chapter in Boston, and became a member thereof in 1831, and was Most Excellent High Priest of said Chapter in 1840 and 1841. He took membership in St. John's Lodge in 1834, and was its Master in 1839 and 1840, and became an Honorary member in 1860. He was Knighted in Boston Encampment in 1832, and was its Eminent Commander in 1836 and 1837. He was also M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1842 and 1843.

He received the degrees in Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1833, and was elected an Honorary member in 1855.

He was Junior Grand Warden of the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1852, and Excellent King of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Massachusetts the same year.

As a Mason he ever discharged the duties devolving upon him in his official relations to the approval and entire satisfaction of his associates, and was always ready and willing to contribute, by his advice, services and otherwise, to the promotion of the best interests of the Masonic institution in all its branches and grades. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the decease of Eminent Sir Knight John Flint, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island mourns the loss of one who at all times and under all circumstances manifested his desire to promote the highest interests of not only Templar Masonry, but of Masonry in all its branches.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his children in this time of their heavy sorrow.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) ABRAHAM A. DAME,
For the Committee.

Adopted.

MEMORIAL

ON REV. GEORGE SUMMERFIELD NOYES, LATE E. GRAND PRELATE.

"He gave his honors to the world again,
His blessed part to heaven, and slept in peace."

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand."

"And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Inasmuch as the work of our late Eminent Grand Prelate is done, and we who live after him would show our hearts in our speech, and declare ourselves upon his labors and his worth; we speak what we feel, and say that, judge him by whatever standard we will, whether by the character of a man, the principles of a Mason, the courage and constancy of a Knight Templar, or the fidelity of a Christian disciple of the Cross, he was always and in all things true to the character he represented.

His Masonic history is sufficiently shown by the record in the R. E. Grand Commander's address in May last; but the richness of his life, as a Mason and as a friend, is superior to the praise of any tongue or pen.

That he had strong attachments, was pronounced in his opinions, and adhered beyond doubt or change to what he deemed principle, is well known by all who ever sat an hour beside him. That he was charitable, humane and just, the sick and the sinful, the widow and the orphan, the destitute and the distressed, have had abundant reason to remember, and their grateful remembrance of him, which also endears him to us, was plaintively expressed by an aged widow and pensioner of his church, who, when speaking for herself and others of her class, declared that she knew not what they would do now, "she could only wish that they were all in heaven with Brother Noyes."

And thus it was and with like general regard, that George Summerfield Noyes, still young in years and of vigorous health, did by reason of overwork and care of a laborious pastoral charge, as he himself declared, give up the labors of this life for the glories of that which is to come; leaving the virtues of his life, in all matters of doubt and in all matters of duty, for an example; and for our sure guide his favorite motto—"*Magna est veritas, et prevalebit.*"

This we do in our Grand Asylum, in token of our sincerity and in memory of our late beloved Brother and Sir Knight; remembering also his widow and children, we recommend them to the favor and protection of all true and courteous Sir Knights, and invoke in their behalf the abundant grace and blessing of Deity.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
October 27th, 1875.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
WILLIAM D. POOL,
JOHN L. KENDALL,
} *Committee.*

Report adopted.

ON LATE GRAND SENTINEL, SIR EBEN FLAGG GAY.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The death of Past G. C. Sir Winslow Lewis, has devolved upon the undersigned the painful duty of presenting for the acceptance of this Grand Commandery a brief memorial of, and departure from life of one who has participated in the labors of this institution, and who was especially noted for his unassuming manners, his kindness of heart, and fidelity to all the duties of a man and a Mason.

On the sixth day of April last, Sir Eben F. Gay, after a short illness, passed away to his final rest. His Masonic career, although not brilliant in official positions, was of that faithful kind which exemplified its ever living principles in the duties of every day life.

Brother Gay was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge in 1854, and in 1856 became a charter member of Winslow Lewis Lodge. He received the Chapter degrees, and became a member of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter in 1855, and was Knighted in DeMolay Commandery during the same year.

He received the appointment of Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in December, 1855, and continued to hold the office for a succession of years with great acceptance. In October, 1861, he was appointed Grand Sentinel of this Grand Commandery, and only relinquished his official position at the summons of the Grand Commander of the Universe.

No multiplication of words can add to the merits of a character so universally esteemed.

He was a friend and brother whose memory will ever dwell among our pleasant recollections.

His earthly troubles are passed, and having a faith, as we believe he had, in the universal goodness and love of our common father, let us hope that his future will be more happy than his past.

It is not the duty of your committee to analyze character, but we may add that the characteristic traits by which Brother Gay was mostly distinguished were those of the self-made men of our day, adding thereto the attributes of a knightly manhood. Kind and affectionate in his disposition, faithful in his friendships, firm in his attachments, unsullied in his integrity, always acting under the stern sense of duty, he walked the earth clad in the garb of a true Knight and Mason, and departed hence, revered by his brethren and mourned by those who best knew him.

In the noble edifice of character, whatever presents itself as a model, let us reverence, admire and imitate.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ELLISON, *Committee.*

Report adopted.

ON COMMANDERY AT HYANNIS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 27, 1875.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of certain Sir Knights for a Dispensation for a Commandery at Hyannis, Mass., have carefully considered the subject, heard such of the petitioners as desired to be heard, and during the interval since the last meeting of the Grand Commandery have taken much pains to confer personally and by letter with Sir Knights and Companions in that section of the State.

The result of our investigation compels us to report, that from all the information we can obtain, the time has not yet come when the interests of the institution would be promoted by granting the prayer of petition.

We therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY CHICKERING,
BENJAMIN POPE,
GARDNER T. SANFORD, } *Committee.*

Report adopted.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Gamaliel Hodges to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Credentials, and that committee subsequently reported as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 27, 1875.

The Committee on Credentials have attended to the duty assigned them, and report the number of members, representatives and proxies present as follows:

Grand Officers	12
Past Grand Officers	6
Past Eminent Commanders	21
Eminent Commanders	22

Generalissimos	11
Captains Generals	11
Proxies	23
Total	106

Fraternally submitted.

J. M. GREENWOOD,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
GAMALIEL HODGES,
} *Committee on Credentials.*

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The following Commanderies were also reported as represented:

St. John's,
Boston,
Newburyport,
Washington,
Worcester County,
Springfield,
Holy Sepulchre,
Pilgrim,
Palestine,
Milford,
Saint Bernard,
Calvary,
Haverhill,
Sutton,
Bethany,
Jerusalem,
Saint Omer,
Joseph Warren,
Narragansett,
William Parkman,
South Shore,
Bristol,
Trinity,
Natick,
Cœur de Lion,
Gethsemane,
Olivet,
Cyprus.—28.

The following Commanderies were represented but not reported in May last:

St. John's,
Boston,
Newburyport,
Washington,
Worcester County,
Springfield,
DeMolay,
Holy Sepulchre,
Pilgrim,
Jerusalem,
Saint Omer,
Connecticut Valley,
Godfrey de Bouillon,
Joseph Warren,
Narragansett,
William Parkman,
Northampton,
South Shore,

Palestine,	Trinity,
Milford,	Natick,
Haverhill,	Olivet,
Old Colony,	Athol,
Sutton,	Bay State,
Bethany,	Cyprus.—31.
Winslow Lewis,	

The Committee on "Digest of Templar Law," not being ready to report, it was, on motion,

Voted, That the committee be discharged, and a new committee appointed.

Committee on Digest of Templar Law.

E. Sirs N. Van Slyck, Thomas A. Doyle, Tracy P. Cheever.

Finance Report.

In Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
Providence, R. I., October 27th, 1875.

The committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, for the current year, have attended to that duty and respectfully report,

That a thorough inspection of the books of each of the Grand Officers demonstrates the accuracy and fidelity necessary to the efficient discharge of the duties of these important stations, and vindicates the wisdom of the Grand Commandery in the choice of these officials.

The Grand Recorder has received during the year, the sums following, viz:

From returns of Subordinate Commanderies.....	$1,457 25
" " " "	383 60
" " " "	29 10
" St. John's Commandery, due on per capita tax of 1871.....	16 00
" cash for Diplomas.....	722 00

All of which he has paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as appears by the receipts of that officer.

It is the requirement of the Grand Constitution that the annual returns of Subordinate Commanderies be made on or before the tenth day of October, for obvious reasons bearing upon the accounts of the Grand

Treasurer and Recorder. From some causes not known to those officers, and which your committee have also failed to discover, this Constitutional requirement was not observed by Northampton, St. Omer, Holy Sepulchre, Washington, Newburyport, Bristol, Connecticut Valley, Natick and Narragansett Commanderies, who, at various times *after* October 10th, 1874, and in one instance as late as February, 1875, presented to the Grand Recorder the returns of 1874, which necessarily he, as well as the Grand Treasurer, was obliged to carry forward to the accounts of 1875.

The following Commanderies have thus far neglected to make their returns for the present year, viz: Springfield, DeMolay, St. Bernard, Bethany, Hugh De Payens, Godfrey De Bouillon, Narragansett, Bristol and Olivet, and as a consequence the amounts receivable from those Commanderies must be carried forward to the accounts of 1876.

Your committee have also examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct, and all expenditures to be duly vouched. We respectfully offer the annexed detailed report of receipts and expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand from last year	$934 75
Returns for years 1874 and 1875	1,984 30
Received for sales Diplomas	722 00
" interest and dividends	290 55
" for Treasurer's note for a loan due October	1,500 00
	$5,431 60

From the expenditures of the past year, which are unusually large, there should be deducted the following items, which are all extraordinary expenses, and the net figures of this statement is the statement of ordinary expenses.

For printing Diplomas	$331 50
" old dues Grand Encampment	204 35
" expenses of Officers at the session of Grand Encampment at New Orleans	605 90
	$1,141 75

Whole expenditures	$4,493 77
Deduct extra outlay	1,141 75
Actual regular expense	$3,352 02

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for Rent and Taxes	$26 44
" " Salaries of Recorder, $300, and Treasurer, $100,	400 00
" " Printing and Stationery	869 98
" " Traveling expenses of Grand Officers	447 53
" " Banquets, two sessions	474 50
" " Dues to Grand Encampment, and the expenses of officers thereto, at the session at New Orleans	968 15
" " Diploma Plate	800 00
" " Interest on loan due October	82 50
" " Charity	125 00
One-tenth dues paid to Grand Fund	299 67
Balance of cash on hand	937 83
	$5,431 60

PROPERTY CONSISTS OF

4 shares Boylston Bank	$494 50
2 " Atlantic "	198 00
14 " Ogdensburg Road	1,218 25
8 " Michigan "	896 00
10 " Naumkeag Mills	1,366 25
	$4,173 00
Cash on hand	$937 83
	$5,110 83
From which deduct note due for loan	$1,500 00
	$3,610 83
Grand Fund is	$13,778 25
Total Property	$17,389 08

There have been some extraordinary expenses during the present year, such as those incurred by our delegates at the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at New Orleans, in December last, and the purchase of a new Diploma plate. To properly meet these expenses, our zealous and devoted Treasurer, in the absence of funds in the Treasury, was obliged to borrow of himself $1,500, until such time as the active cash resources of the Grand Commandery should be sufficient to repay him.

The services of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder can only be partially paid by the small sums heretofore annually voted to them as a salary, and which we recommend should be continued for the present year. It would seem wise that the Grand Treasury should be further reinforced by a return to the old provision of the Constitution under which the sum of five dollars was paid to the Grand Commandery for each Knight created. Some years since this sum was reduced to three dollars. Two years ago that figure was changed to *four*, the amendment yielding annually an additional revenue of between four and five hundred dollars, and your committee are fully persuaded that a return to the original sum of *five* dollars, will be a financial benefit not only to the Grand Commandery, but ultimately to each of its subordinates.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Z. H. THOMAS, JR., } *Committee.*

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That so much as refers to salaries of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be adopted.

So much as refers to increase of dues on Candidates be referred to a special committee.

Voted, That said special committee be instructed to consider and report a penalty to be imposed upon such Commandery or Commanderies as neglect to make the Annual Returns, as provided in the Grand Constitution.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INCREASE OF DUES AND PENALTY.

Sirs Benjamin Dean, Nelson W. Aldrich, Peter S. Bailey.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the family of Past Grand Master Robert Lash.

The committee on the Grand Fund made the following report, which was accepted:

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND FUND.

The undersigned, a committee in comformity with the provision of Section 11 of Article 1, of Constitution of the Grand Commandery of

Massachusetts and Rhode Island, respectfully submit herewith the annual statement of said Fund.

CHAS. A. STOTT, Grand Commander.
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Grand Treasurer.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Grand Recorder.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 27, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

For interest on 49 shares Bank stock	$392 00
One-tenth of all income for 1874–1875	299 67
	$691 67
And accumulated interest on Bank Books, $439 48, making gain	$1,131 15

INVESTMENTS.

A Deposit Book of Provident Institution for Savings, with interest to July 1, 1875	$1,093 98
A Deposit Book of Five Cents Savings Bank, with interest to October 1, 1875	6,286 44
A Deposit Book of North End Savings Bank, with interest to July 1, 1875	1,388 33
Fifteen shares Mt. Vernon Bank, cost	1,579 00
Thirty-four shares Market Bank, cost	3,430 50
	$13,778 25

Whole Fund, October, 1874		$12,647 10
" " 1875		13,778 25
Net gain		$1,131 15
Receipts—Interest on Stocks	$392 00	
Interest on Bank Books	439 48	
	$831 48	
One-tenth Receipts	299 67	
		$1,131 15

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

What I have said in previous reports in regard to the printed proceedings of this and other Grand Bodies, of their value, usefulness in exchange, and general interest to all Masons, still applies with added force, because of the constantly increasing desire to possess them—and our thanks are again due to the Sir Knights and Recorders, who seem to emulate each other in assisting to increase and preserve the store of Masonic literature.

The Archives of this Body are carefully preserved, and its collection of printed proceedings is now creditable and valuable.

The doings of the several Grand Commanderies, as discussed by Committees on Foreign Correspondence, does not come within the scope of this report. We are called singular in this respect, but we certainly have the merit of not furnishing a medium for individual unkindly criticism of our neighbors.

Harmony, however, seems to prevail, and as great prosperity as is consistent with the times; indeed the general stagnation in business has caused a less falling off in the number of Knights created than might have been expected.

The following table will show when each Grand Commandery was organized, the date of its last Annual Conclave, the number created during the year, the number of its members, and the work of the Grand Encampment for the three years ending in 1874:

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of last Annual Conclave.	No. Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 12, 1875	11	23	234
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	Dec.	4		212
Canada	October 9, 1855	October 15, 1874	19		
*England & Wales	Seven bodies existed as early as 1796.	May 14, 1875	116		
California	August 10, 1858	April 17, 1874	10	67	592
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 16, 1875	10	55	1,358
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 26, 1875	8	21	387
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 27, 1874	45	320	3,107
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 27, 1875	25	258	1,734
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 22, 1874	24	129	1,168
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 5, 1875	8	49	308
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	July 9, 1874	15	106	898
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	February 12, 1875	4	121	404
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 5, 1875	12	115	1,481
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 27, 1875	39	382	5,600
Maryland	January 23, 1871	May 10, 1875	6	33	718
Michigan	January 15, 1857	June 1, 1875	30	134	2,171
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1874	10	110	534
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	April 20, 1875	14	65	462
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 5, 1875	29	177	1,276
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 29, 1874	9	60	977
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 8, 1874	12	102	1,005
New York	June 18, 1814	October 13, 1874	52	636	7,262
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	January 6, 1875	7	39	261
Ohio	October 24, 1843	Sept. 9, 10, 1874	27	227	2,172
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 25, 1875	53	684	5,467
Tennessee	October 12, 1859	May 6, 7, 1875	15	66	858
Texas	January 19, 1855	January 27, 1875	9	17	386
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June 9, 1874	9	64	556
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	Dec. 17, 1874	12	79	685
West Virginia	February 25, 1874		5		103
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	October 5, 1875	12	73	856
†Grand Encamp't.	June 22, 1816	Dec. 1, 1874	20	540	1,404
Total number commanderies in U. S., England and dependencies			681		
Total number created in United States only				4752	
Total number of members in United States only					44,636

* Neither England and Wales, nor Canada gives an enumeration.

† Includes work of 1871–1874.

It would be of interest to know how many British Templars are borne upon the roll; and also, how many there are in those Grand Commanderies in the United States who neglect to give an enumeration.

If the Grand Recorders will accept our hint, supply the in-

formation in future, and accept our thanks for their past courtesies and attention, we shall be under renewed obligations.

The work of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction is shown by the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Names of Commanderies.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	St. John's	351	8	2				6
2	Boston	548	17	4		11		10
3	Newburyport	65	4	2		2		
4	Washington	58						1
5	Worcester County	205	15	3	11			4
6	Springfield	297	27	3				5
7	De Molay	313	7	4	1	1		9
8	Holy Sepulchre	208	8	2				3
9	Pilgrim	186	13	1				3
10	Palestine	210	20	2				2
11	Milford	148	7	1	11			5
12	Saint Bernard	88	1	10				
13	Calvary	218	13					2
14	Haverhill	164	9	1				1
15	Old Colony	120	1	5		1		4
16	Sutton	198	21	4				1
17	Bethany	158	11	1				3
18	Winslow Lewis	129	18	1				1
19	Jerusalem	132	3	5				3
20	Hugh de Payens	199	4	10	12			4
21	Saint Omer	122	29		2			3
22	Berkshire	86	10	1				
23	Woonsocket	116	15		4			3
24	Connecticut Valley	83	5	1				2
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	108	8					1
26	Joseph Warren	136	14					1
27	Narragansett	38	2					
28	William Parkman	101	6					2
29	Bristol	112	8					
30	Northampton	59	2					
31	South Shore	101	9			2		1
32	Trinity	70	5	1				
33	Natick	43						
34	Cœur de Lion	135	17	1				1
35	Gethsamane	67	10	1				1
36	Olivet	70	5					
37	Athol	50	16					
38	Bay State	77	8					
39	Cyprus	31	5			1		1
	Totals	5,600	382	66	41	18		83

I have received since the last Annual Assembly—

For amount due and unpaid on Returns of 1874.....	$383 60
" Diplomas to date.....	722 00
" Returns of 1875.....	1,547 25
Amount Total.....	$2,652 85

All of which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer, and hold his receipts therefor.

I have on hand, to the credit of the Grand Commandery, 278 Diplomas, at $1.00, $278 00.

Nine Commanderies have failed to make returns to date. The Constitution, Article II., Section 6, orders that returns shall be made and paid on or before October 10th of each year. This notice is printed on the bottom of page 1, of blank returns; hence, none can plead ignorance in thus violating the constitution.

The correspondence of this office has been frequently inconvenienced by the irregular, if not inefficient, mail service, chiefly at the Boston Post Office, and any suspicion of neglect on the part of the Grand Recorder, in consequence thereof, should be shifted to that department.

The increased rates of postage on pamphlets and circulars has doubled the expense on such mail matter; I have, therefore, employed private conveyance when possible.

It gives me pleasure to report that the friendly relations which have always prevailed between this office and those having superior authority, have lightened our labors, made our intercourse fraternal, and prompt the hope that harmony, wisdom and prosperity may continue to abide with this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Voted That the report of the Grand Recorder be accepted.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights:

Another Annual Assembly has called us from our homes to meet around this altar of Templar Masonry, erected by the fathers, and to unite with the E. Grand Prelate in returning thanks to the Grand Master above for his watchful care over us during the past year.

But while so many of us have been spared and to-day stand "erect in all the strength and pride of manhood," others have been called to the asylum above, and have left voids in our midst which will not be readily filled, for there cannot be but *one* Charles W. Moore or *one* Winslow Lewis. Sir Knight Lewis died August 3d and was buried from St. Paul's Church, Boston, August 6th, under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston Commandery acting as escort. It does not seem possible that he has gone, but such is the sad reality; we never shall look upon his kind and genial face again, or hear the pleasant tones of his voice in our assemblies, but with a "firm reliance upon Divine Providence," may we not hope to join with those who have gone before.

I was apprised of his death, and burial on the afternoon of the 5th, (and then only through the medium of the press,) too late to summons you to the last sad duty which it is our pleasure and privilege to pay those who have endeared themselves to us by a life long devotion to the principles which we hold so dear. When events of this character occur, (the death of a Grand Master and Grand Commander,) it would seem that the body having in charge the funeral obsequies should notify the co-ordinate order of the fact, so that they might be properly represented upon such an occasion; the failure to receive such notice, prevented this Grand Commandery from being fully represented at the funeral of our deceased *frater*.

Sir Knight Lewis was raised in Columbian Lodge, Boston, February 3d, 1831. He received the orders of knighthood in Boston Commandery and presided over that body in 1844 and 1845. He also presided over this Grand Commandery in 1858

and 1859. Sir Knight Lewis had been honored with almost every office in the gift of lodge, chapter and commandery, grand and subordinate. He took a lively interest in everything that tended to promote the growth and prosperity of our beloved institution, through all its grades.

Past Grand Masters, (Commanders) Moore, Flint and Lewis, have died during my brief term of office; thus one after another are being sundered the ties which bind the present to the past. In the sketch of the life of Sir Knight Lewis published in the proceedings for 1873, are these words so expressive alike of the man and mason:—"Truth and my feelings prompt the declaration that in masonry I have found the best friends, the best social ties and comforts, and that the whitest hours of my life (apart from my family) have been when surrounded by brothers and around that altar where heart beats responsive to heart and all 'mingle into bliss.'" I would recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions, and that a memorial page be set apart to his memory.

Visitations.

On the 26th of December last I issued the following General Order:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
Lowell, Mass., December 26, 1874.

[General Order No. 1.]

The following is the assignment of Commanderies for visitation:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, St. John's, Washington, Worcester County, Palestine.

To the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Newburyport, Holy Sepulchre, Sutton, Narragansett, Gethsemane, DeMolay, Pilgrim, Godfrey de Bouillon, Cœur de Lion.

To the E. Grand Generalissimo, Springfield, Calvary, Bethany, Joseph Warren, Trinity, Saint Bernard, Haverhill, Berkshire, South Shore.

To the E. Grand Captain General, Boston, Woonsocket, Northampton, Natick, Athol, Hugh de Payens, Connecticut Valley, Bristol, Olivet.

To Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Le[illegible]
prus, St. Omer.

To Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand [illegible]
Bay State, William Parkman.

The Grand Officers will see [illegible]
the Grand Commandery, and will [illegible]
manderies assigned to them [illegible]

Attest: ALFRED F. [illegible]
Grand [illegible]

My reasons for [illegible]
me" instead of [illegible]
mary hereof [illegible]
sameness in [illegible]
time and [illegible]

In accordance [illegible]
reports of the [illegible]
Generalissimo [illegible]
and they report [illegible]
with the [illegible]
and drill is [illegible]
and this is true [illegible]
to visit. The [illegible]
in the annals [illegible]
opportunity [illegible]
commanderies [illegible]
jurisdictions.

First and foremost [illegible]
mandery, of [illegible]
moment they arrived [illegible]
departure of the [illegible]
entertained. [illegible]
tunity of meeting [illegible]
Faneuil Hall where [illegible]
wards at a grand [illegible]
timents of fraternal [illegible]
exchanged.

Certainly the attentions shown to Richmond Commandery while en route to and from the city of Boston, by St. John's and Calvary, as well as the united escort of Boston, Palestine, St. Omer, Joseph Warren, William Parkman and Cœur de Lion Commanderies, is the best evidence of the good fellowship and kindly feelings of all our knights towards DeMolay and their guests.

On the 24th of June I was present at the laying of the corner-stone of a new city hall in the city of Providence, by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; having been invited by M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, to "participate with him in the celebration of June 24th. Upon that occasion I was tendered, (and accepted,) an escort of mounted knights of Calvary Commandery, who by their fine appearance added much to the attractiveness of the pageant, and I am under many obligations to the Grand Master of Masons and the knights of Calvary for attention shown me upon this occasion.

I was also present by invitation of Worcester County Commandery at the semi-centennial celebration of their existence as an encampment and commandery of Knights Templars, on the evening of June 24th. This celebration should have properly taken place on the 16th of June, but on account of the Templar demonstration in Boston on that day, it was deemed best to postpone it until the 24th. It was not my privilege to be present in the early part of the day, when the knights made a pilgrimage to the town of Holden and assembled in the old hall where Worcester County Encampment was constituted fifty years before, by Sir Henry Fowle, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Portland Commandery, of Portland, Maine, were the guests of Worcester County during a portion of the day, and it was a double pleasure to meet the knights of these two commanderies and to witness the good feeling existing between them.

On the 25th I accompanied Portland Commandery to Melrose where they were the guests of Hugh de Payens. I can but feel that the coming of Templars from other jurisdictions, (and vice versa) to our own, must be productive of good results

to our institution, and to the country. Believing that the interchange of courtesies by the commanderies of our own jurisdiction would tend to strengthen the bonds of fraternal love and affection, I have freely granted dispensations for that purpose when asked.

One of the pleasantest occasions of this kind was the reception and entertainment of Calvary by Pilgrim Commandery on the 8th of October, for it afforded *me* an opportunity of entertaining the knights of both commanderies, and I am sure that Massachusetts and Rhode Island are more firmly united in the "bonds of brotherly love and affection than ever before."

By-Laws.

I have received since our semi-annual, certain amendments from Old Colony, and a new code from St. John's Commandery, which were forwarded to the chairman of Committee on By-Laws, and by him returned to me for approval, which has been done and By-Laws returned to the several bodies.

Athol Commandery.

On the 16th day of October I received the following communication from the recorder of Athol Commandery:—

Athol, Mass., October 15, 1875.

Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.

Eminent Sir:—Athol Commandery had its election October 6th, electing its first eight officers by ballot according to its by-laws, but for the absence of the E. Commander, the remaining officers were not appointed. Henry M. Burleigh was re-elected E. Commander, but his supposed temporary absence has turned out to be the sad reality of a runaway to escape the vengeance of those whose confidence he had betrayed.

A special meeting is called for Wednesday evening, October 20th, to install new officers, and we want to elect another E. Commander, and fill such other vacancies as there may be at that time.

Please set us right in this matter, sending a dispensation if necessary, or if not, direct us what to do, and how to do it.

Yours in knightly esteem,

FRANK HUTCHINSON,
Recorder of Athol Commandery.

Having ascertained from good and reliable sources that Sir Knight Burleigh had committed acts, which, should he return to Athol, (which was very improbable) would entirely unfit him to act as Eminent Commander, I deemed it best to grant the following dispensation:—

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
LOWELL, MASS., October 20th, 1875.

To the Knights of Athol Commandery:

GREETING:—A dispensation is hereby granted to Athol Commandery, to hold a special election October 20th to fill the vacancy in the office of E. Commander occasioned by the peculiar absence and probable declination of the E. Commander elect. Also to fill any other office in said commandery made vacant by reason of the election of E. Commander.

The Recorder of Athol Commandery is charged with the duty of notifying the members of said special election.

CHARLES A. STOTT,
Grand Commander.

Accordingly on the 20th I proceeded to Athol and presided at the election of E. Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, and installed all the officers, and I trust that this young commandery is in as good a condition as could be expected after the blow they have suffered at the hands of their E. Commander.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin have sent me a commission as its representative near our Grand Commandery, and in return for this courtesy I have appointed R. E. P. Grand Commander Sir William H. Hiner as our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin.

At the session of the Grand Encampment in December last the committee on the doings of Grand Officers made the following report:—

"The communication placed in the hands of your committee, as the 'report of the Grand Captain General,' we do not think is such a document as is required by Rule 3 of Section IV of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, as your committee fail to find anything in it relating to the official doings of the Grand Captain General. Your committee find this document to be a most able and eloquent argument of the Grand Captain General in relation to Order No. 3, and the general question of costume. Regarding this document merely as the individual opinion of the learned and distinguished knight, our Captain General, your committee think it would be unfair to other knights with equal rights, to allow this voluminous document to be printed at great expense, with our proceedings as an official report, inasmuch as the Grand Encampment does not print the debates which take place at our meetings.

Regarding this document as an able argument in opposition to Order No. 3 and to the white or templar costume, your committee would recommend that it be received simply as the expression of the individual opinion of the distinguished knight and that it be not printed with our proceedings."

I most heartily agree with this committee when they say that they, "find this document to be a most able and eloquent argument in relation to Order No. 3, and the general question of costume," but I *cannot* agree with them, when they "regard it as simply the individual opinion of the learned and distinguished knight," for through him the thousands of templars in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Virginia and Washington Commanderies were speaking, and the amicable solution of the uniform question I have no doubt was very materially advanced by this able report of V. E. Grand Captain General Dean. Believing that the perusal of this document would afford the knights of our own jurisdiction much pleasure, I have requested of Sir Knight Dean a copy, and would recommend that it be printed with our proceedings.

Sir Knights, by the unwritten law of this Grand Commandery, you will this day make choice of my successor, but I cannot

return to you this insignia of authority, which you invested me with two years ago, without especially thanking you for the very kind and considerate manner in which you have received all my suggestions, and the knightly and courteous treatment which has ever been extended to me by the members of this Grand Commandery. May our relations ever continue in the future as agreeable as they have been in the past, and when we shall have finished our pilgrimage here below may we each and every one receive the commendation, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

On motion of E. Sir John Dean, it was

Voted, That so much of the Address as refers to the death of Past Grand Master Sir Winslow Lewis, be referred to a committee of three—E. Sirs William S. Gardner, Charles H. Titus and Benjamin Dean, committee.

So much as refers to the report of V. E. Grand Captain General, in Grand Encampment of United States, to the committee on "Digest of Templar Law."

And the remainder of the Address to E. Sirs Thomas E. St. John, John F. Newton and Peter S. Bailey.

On motion of E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever, it was

Voted, That the committee on "Digest of Templar Law" be instructed to report in print, that a copy may be sent to each representative prior to the Semi-Annual Assembly in May next.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers—4.30 P. M.—the R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had ordered a collation to be prepared at the close of the election, and appointed a committee to attend to it, consisting of Sirs George H. Burnham, N. W. Aldrich and William Jackson.

E. Sirs William B. Blanding, Samuel Mason, Jr., and George W. Fay were appointed a committee to collect, count and report the number of votes cast.

Grand Officers Elected.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.,....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Medford, Mass., V. E. Deputy G. Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass., E. Grand Prelate.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.,.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY, Springfield, Mass.,...E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.,....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.,...E. Grand Recorder.

Five o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M. From labor to refreshment.

Six o'clock and fifteen minutes. On duty.

An official communication was read by the R. E. Grand Commander, conveying an INVITATION to the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to attend a re-union of Knights Templars, "In commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of American Independence, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, under the auspices of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, 1876."

On motion, it was

Voted, That it be referred to the newly elected Grand Council.

The committee on Amendments to the Grand Constitution were granted further time.

REPORT ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 27, 1875.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The committee on By-Laws have examined the full code submitted by

Haverhill Commandery, and find them in accord with the Grand Constitution and Masonic Templar usage. We therefore recommend their approval.

Fraternally submitted.

CALEB SAUNDERS,

For the Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

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Sir E. DANA BANCROFT,
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Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

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The customary official proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal.

On motion of Sir Wyzeman Marshall, it was

Voted, That the committee on Printing be authorized to fix a price upon such of the Printed Proceedings as are in the Archives of this Grand Commandery, issued since 1864, inclusive.

The R. E. Grand Commander congratulated the Sir Knights upon the harmony which had prevailed in their deliberations during the Assembly, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned, in accordance with the custom of Knights Templars, E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John officiating as Grand Prelate.

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Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Indiana.....E. Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass.
Vermont .....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Georgia .....E. Sir Marlborough Williams, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.
Mississippi.....E. Sir N. Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin .....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania .....E. Sir James M. Porter, Easton.
Vermont .....E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Missouri.....E. Sir George Frank Gouley, St. Louis.
Louisiana.....E. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans.
Kentucky .....E. Sir William Alva Warner, Louisville.
Georgia .....E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong, Macon.
Nebraska .....E. Sir Eben K. Long, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir David P. Whedon, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Chicago.
New York.....E. Sir Robert H. Waterman, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, Baltimore.
Minnesota .....E. Sir Henry L. Carver, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth.
California .....R. E. Sir Charles Marsh, Nevada City.
Wisconsin .....E. Sir William H. Hiner, Fond du Lac.



Sir John Flint,

PAST MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,

BORN OCTOBER 21ST, A. D. 1803. DIED JANUARY 8TH, A. D. 1875.

Esteemed as a man, liked as a physician, honored as a Mason.

FAREWELL PILGRIM! GOD SPEED THEE.



Rev. George Summerfield Noyes,

E. GRAND PRELATE,

BORN JUNE 18TH, A. D. 1834. DIED FEBRUARY 16TH,

A. D. 1875.

"Champion of Jesus! man of God,
Servant of Christ, well done!
Thy path of thorns hath now been trod,
Thy Red-Cross crown is won."

NECROLOGY, 1875.

In Memoriam.

St. John's Commandery.

E. Sir JOHN SHEPLEY,
Sir WILLIAM B. TOWNER,
Sir SHEPARD P. BRIGGS,
Sir LORENZO O. BARNARD,
Sir GARDNER T. SWARTS,
Sir ALBERT H. SWIFT.

Boston Commandery.

Sir DEWITT C. BRACKETT,
E. Sir JOHN FLINT,
Sir CHARLES HALL,
Sir S. WATSON DREW,
Sir WILLIAM H. HOLBROOK,
Sir EDSON E. PLIMPTON,
Sir CHARLES COPELAND,
Sir HENRY C. STRATTON,
E. Sir WINSLOW LEWIS,
Sir RICHARD M. BARKER.

Washington Commandery.

Sir BENJAMIN W. COIT.

Springfield Commandery.

Sir E. W. ABBOTT,
Sir S. E. BAILEY,
Sir W. S. BRECKENRIDGE,
Sir L. E. HOWARD,
Sir R. C. STEELE.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir REV. OTIS CONVERSE,
Sir WILLIAM C. CAPRON,
Sir LEWIS SEBA CARPENTER,
Sir ALBERT J. BAKER.

DeMolay Commandery.

Sir MILTON ANDROS,
Sir JOSEPH P. CALROW,
Sir HENRY S. DOWNES,
Sir EBEN F. GAY,
E. Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, (Honorary.)
Sir REV. GEORGE S. NOYES,
Sir WARREN E. RUSSELL,
Sir NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF,
Sir ROBERT SIMPSON.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir DAVID G. FALES,
Sir HIRAM WILMARTH,
E. Sir NATHAN P. TOWNE.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir SAMUEL K. FIELDING,
Sir TAPPAN WENTWORTH,
Sir FRANK P. JACOBS.

Milford Commandery.

Sir CHARLES CLARK,

Sir GEORGE T. DANIELS,
Sir CHARLES T. EAMES,
Sir GEORGE F. SEAVER,
Sir EDWARD WOODS.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir GEORGE KING,
Sir GEORGE HARRIS.

Haverhill Commandery.

Sir HIRAM SMART.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM A. HURD,
Sir LOVELL BICKNELL,
Sir JOSEPH HUTCHINSON,
Sir JEREMIAH M. LEONARD.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir BARNABAS HILLER.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir JOHN STOWE,
Sir DANIEL W. MARTYN,
Sir WILLIAM R. HATCH.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

E. Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, (Honorary.)

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir GEORGE WHEELOCK,
Sir E. A. HARRIS,
Sir C. H. B. SNOW.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Sir O. H. BOWLER,
Sir HENRY A. LYFORD,
Sir CHARLES COPELAND,(Honorary).
Sir JOSEPH H. WAITT.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir EARL M. CATE,
Sir CHARLES H. DAVIS,
Sir BARNEY HULL.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir JOHN CADY,
Sir HIRAM DANIELS,
Sir RICHARD S. SINCLAIR.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir GEORGE S. CLARK,
Sir ITHAMER F. CONKEY.

Godfrey de Bouillion Commandery.

Sir

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir IRA ALLEN.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir JAMES W. WHITE,
Sir CHARLES H. PEPPER.

South Shore Commandery.

Sir LOVELL BICKNELL, (Honorary.)

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir JOHN MCMATH.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir JAMES E. PARKER.

Cyprus Commandery.

Sir THOMAS J. TIMSON.

"To live forever in realms of light and everlasting bliss."

COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1874–'75.

1.	Saint John's	Providence, R. I.
2.	Boston	Boston, Mass.
3.	Newburyport	Newburyport, Mass.
4.	Washington	Newport, R. I.
5.	Worcester County	Worcester, Mass.
6.	Springfield	Springfield, Mass.
7.	DeMolay	Boston, Mass.
8.	Holy Sepulchre	Pawtucket, R. I.
9.	Pilgrim	Lowell, Mass.
10.	Palestine	Chelsea, Mass.
11.	Milford	Milford, Mass.
12.	Saint Bernard	Boston, Mass.
13.	Calvary	Providence, R. I.
14.	Haverhill	Haverhill, Mass.
15.	Old Colony	Abington, Mass.
16.	Sutton	New Bedford, Mass.
17.	Bethany	Lawrence, Mass.
18.	Winslow Lewis	Salem, Mass,
19.	Jerusalem	Fitchburg, Mass.
20.	Hugh de Payens	Melrose, Mass.
21.	Saint Omer	South Boston, Mass.
22.	Berkshire	Pittsfield, Mass.
23.	Woonsocket	Woonsocket, R. I.
24.	Connecticut Valley	Greenfield, Mass.
25.	Godfrey de Bouillon	Fall River, Mass.
26.	Joseph Warren	Boston Highlands, Mass.
27.	Narragansett	Westerly, R. I.
28.	William Parkman	East Boston, Mass.
29.	Northampton	Northampton, Mass.
30.	South Shore	Weymouth, Mass.
31.	Bristol	Mansfield, Mass.
32.	Trinity	Hudson, Mass.
33.	Natick	Natick, Mass.
34.	Cœur de Lion	Boston,(Charlestown,)Mass.
35.	Gethsemane	Newtonville, Mass.
36.	Olivet	Lynn, Mass.
37.	Athol	Athol, Mass.
38.	Bay State	Brockton, Mass.
39.	Cyprus	Hyde Park, Mass.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 27, 1875.

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R. E. Grand Commander.

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E. Grand Captain-General.

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Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir Thomas Smith Webb,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir William Wilkinson,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir Henry Fowle,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir John Carlile,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir John James Loring,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir Robert Lash,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
Sir Abraham Annis Dame,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir John Hews,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir John Flint, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir Ruel Baker,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir John Rufus Bradford,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir James Hutchison,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir William Field,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
Sir William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir William Sewall Gardner,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir William Wilson Baker,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir Benjamin Dean,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir Charles A. Stott,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75

Deceased, 16; living, 10.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass.....1818–19
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I.....1829–30
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1832
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1833–34
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1835–36
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1845–46
* JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass.....1847
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1848–50
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1851–53
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1854–55
Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass.....1856–57
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, Boston, Mass.....1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1867–68
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1869–70
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1871–73
Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.....1874–75

* Deceased, 14; living, 11.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass 1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass 1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. 1735
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir James Salsbury, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. 1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass 1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I. 1869–70
Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. 1874–75

* Deceased, 19; living, 11. † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir JONATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I 1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass.....1820–22
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass 1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I 1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOSEPH YOUNG, JR., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass 1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass 1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass 1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I 1842–43
* Sir JAMES SALSBURY, Providence, R. I.....1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass..... 1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass 1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE REED, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Rev. Sir CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75

* Deceased, 23; living, 12.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of	
Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	19
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	138
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	290
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,600

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SILAS,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,
Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., 1826.
*Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
*Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828

The Charter of this Encampment was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's.....	March 7, 1805,	1st Monday each month.....	William Jackson,.....
Boston.....	March 8, 1806,	3d Wednesday each month,....	Samuel Mason, Jr.....
Newburyport.....	May 12, 1806,..	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike,.....
Washington.....	June 7, 1814,..	3d Wednesday " "	William J. Underwood,..
Worcester County....	June 16, 1835,	1st Thursday " "	Rev. Thomas E. St. John,
Springfield.....	June 19, 1830,	1st Monday " "	Peter S. Bailey,..... ..
De Molay.....	Oct. 10, 1848,.	4th Wednesday " "	John M. Clark,.....
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849,	Friday on or before full moon,..	J. Sewell Read,..... ...
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855,.	Wednesday after full moon.....	Charles C. Hutchinson,..
Palestine.....	Oct. 28, 1859..	2d Wednesday each month, ...	William D. Seely,.....
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859,.	4th Monday " "	Silas W. Hale,.....
Saint Bernard.....	Oct. 28, 1859,.	2d Wednesday " "	Otis E. Weld, ...
Calvary	May 22, 1860,.	1st Tuesday " "	Eugene D. Burt.....
Haverhill	Oct. 26, 1863,.	2d Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball,.....
Old Colony.....	Oct. 26, 1863,.	Monday after full moon,.....	William H. Maine,.....
Sutton.....	May 5, 1864,..	1st Thursday each month,.....	Abraham H. Howland, Jr.
Bethany.	Oct. 28, 1864,.	Last Tuesday " "	Granville M. Stoddard,...
Winslow Lewis.....	June 27, 1865,	3d Thursday " "	William Sutton,..... ....
Jerusalem.	May 6, 1865,..	3d Thursday " "	John W. Kimball.....
Hugh de Payens.....	Oct. 27, 1865,.	2d Wednesday each month,....	Smith B. Harrington,.....
Saint Omer.....	Oct. 27, 1865,.	3d Monday " " ...	Benjamin Pope,.....
Berkshire.....	Dec. 22, 1865,.	2d Monday " "	Truman E. Cole,.....
Woonsocket..... ...	May 8, 1867,..	2d Tuesday " "	Lebbeus C. Tourtellot,...
Connecticut Valley...	Oct. 10, 1867,.	1st Tuesday " "	Bowdoin S. Parker,.....
Godfrey de Bouillon,.	Oct. 30, 1868,.	3d Wednesday " "	George A. Ballard,.....
Joseph Warren..	Jan. 1, 1869,..	1st Monday " " . ..	John F. Newton,.....
Narragansett.....	June , 1869,	2d Monday " "	James M. Pendleton,. ...
William Parkman....	May 12, 1870,.	2d Thursday " "	Erastus A. Doolittle,.....
Bristol.....	May 28, 1870,.	Friday on or before full moon,.	Daniel H. Smith,.....
Northampton	June 2, 1870,	2d Monday each month,.	Joseph C. Williams,.....
South Shore.....	June 9, 1870,.	Monday on or before full moon,	George W. Fay,..... .....
Natick.....	April 12, 1871,	1st Monday each month,.....	William H. Wright,.....
Cœur de Lion.....	Oct. 14, 1871,.	3d Tuesday " "	William Patterson,.....
Trinity...	Nov. 7, 1871,.	Thursday on or before full moon	James L. Harriman,.. ...
Gethsemane.....	May 20, 1872,.	Monday before full moon,.....	Robert L. Davis,.....
Olivet.....	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month,.. .	William D. Pool,.....
Athol.....	June 7, 1873,.	1st Wednesday " "	.....
Bay State.....	Sept. 13, 1873,	1st Monday " "	Edward Parker, Jr.... ..
Cyprus.	Oct. 31 1873,.	4th Tuesday " "	Gamaliel Hodges,..... .

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Stephen C. Arnold,	Richard Chadwick,	Walter Blodget,	Providence, R. I.
Zephaniah H. Thomas, Jr.	James H. Upham,	William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler,	Warren Currier,	George H. Stevens,	Newburyport, Mass.
Lyman R. Blackman,	William G. Stevens,	Frank H. Wilks,	Newport, R. I.
Henry C. Wadsworth,	David F. Parker,	Daniel Seagrave,	Worcester, Mass.
Henry H. Banks,	Smith R. Phillips,	O. K. Merrill,	Springfield, Mass.
Charles B. Lancaster,	Joseph B. Mason,	George Phippen, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Charles A. Fales,	Henry A. Pierce,	Charles R. Bucklin,	Pawtucket, R. I.
John M. Pevey,	Frederick Frye.	J. W. B. Shaw,	Lowell, Mass.
John C. Hall,	James Donaghy,	Charles S. Beatley,	Chelsea, Mass.
James M. Woods,	Thomas C. Eastman,	Lewis Fales,	Milford, Mass.
John Kent,	William W. McKim,	Richard Briggs,	Boston, Mass.
Joseph E. Spink,	Joshua M. Addeman,	H. M. Rawson,	Providence, R. I.
Dexter B. Vickery,	Frank C. Swan,	Francis J. Stevens,	Haverhill, Mass.
Josiah C. Fuller,	Frederic S. Strong,	Erastus M. Nash,	Abington, Mass.
Gardner T. Sanford,	Henry Fields, Jr.	H. W. Emerson,	New Bedford, Mass.
John F. Cogswell,	Thomas Leyland,	P. B. Robinson.	Lawrence, Mass.
Dana Z. Smith,	John B. Hill,	Henry A. Brown,	Salem, Mass.
George V. Barrett,	David A. Corey,	Charles H. Morgan,	Fitchburg, Mass.
James Swords,	George P. Cox,	P. D. Walbridge,	Melrose, Mass.
George W. Kingman,	Charles W. McLellan,	Alban S. Green,	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham,	Charles E. Morey.	Theo. L. Allen,	Pittsfield, Mass.
Edwin Aldrich,	Amos Sherman,	Dwight R. Adams,	Woonsocket, R. I.
Marvin S. Fellows,	George Pierce, Jr.	Charles P. Forbes,	Greenfield, Mass.
Alfred H. Hartley,	George E. Hoar,	Thomas L. Brayton,	Fall River, Mass.
Charles Harris,	Solomon A. Bolster,	L. B. Dutton,	Boston Highl'ds, Mass.
Robert F. Latimer,	Samuel H. Cross,	George G. Stillman,	Westerly, R. I.
R. M. Ingalls,	True Scales,	Edward H. Morse,	East Boston, Mass.
William N. Hamblet,	Jacob Silloway, Jr.	George F. Seaver,	Mansfield, Mass.
Luke Lyman,	William C. Pomeroy,	Benjamin W. Peck,	Northampton, Mass.
William Humphrey,	William S. Wallace,	Charles N. Marsh,	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend,	Samuel O. Daniels,	Claudius B. Travis,	Natick, Mass.
John B. Wilson,	Caleb Rand,	Samuel C. Chandler,	Boston, Mass.
Willard Houghton,	Julius A. Clisbee,	John F. Cotting,	Hudson, Mass.
William W. Keith,	Henry C. Hayden,	John S. Hayes,	Newtonville, Mass.
John Shaw, 2d,	Ephraim A. Ingalls,	William B. Phillips,	Lynn, Mass.
Cephas L. Sawyer,	James H. Waite,	Frank Hutchinson,	Athol, Mass.
Baalis Sanford, Jr.	H. H. Packard,	H. Herbert Howard,	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton,	George F. Lincoln,	George H. Butler,	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

DECEASED AND LIVING.

Saint John's Commandery.

DECEASED.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB,
JOHN CARLILE,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
ASA BOSWORTH,
JESSE CLARK,
JOSIAH WHITAKER,
WILLIAM C. BARKER,
MOSES RICHARDSON,
JAMES SALSBURY,
PARDON CLARKE,
BARNEY MERRY,
* WILLIAM FIELD,
CYRUS FISHER.

LIVING.

OLIVER JOHNSON,
* CHARLES H. TITUS,
DANIEL ROUNDS, Jr.,
STILLMAN WHITE,
† SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
A. CRAWFORD GREENE,
SPENCER P. READ,
JAMES H. ALLEN,
* HENRY W. RUGG,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
ROBERT E. DWELLEY.

Boston Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY FOWLE,
ROBERT LASH,
JOHN J. LORING,
† EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
THOMAS POWER,
JOHN HEWS,
JOHN FLINT,
† CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
SAMUEL PEARCE.

LIVING.

* ABRAHAM A. DAME,
* GILBERT NURSE,
* DANIEL HARWOOD,
* WILLIAM ELLISON,
JOHN K. HALL,
* WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES E. POWERS,
WILLIAM SAYWARD,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Newburyport Commandery.

DECEASED.

NATHANIEL KNAPP,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD.

Washington Commandery.

DECEASED.

JOHN A. SHAW,
ISAAC STALL,
H. J. HUDSON.

LIVING.

NATHAN H. GOULD,
JOHN ELDRED.

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Worcester County Commandery.

DECEASED.

ASA WOODBURY,
HENRY EARLE,
SETH P. MILLER.

LIVING.

ALBERT CASE,
LEVI RAWSON,
GEORGE W. BENTLY,
HENRY GODDARD,
JOHN DEAN,
T. E. ST. JOHN.

Springfield Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY DWIGHT,
JOHN NEWBURY,
JAMES W. CROOKS,
JOHN B. KIRKHAM,
ISAAC D. GIBBONS.

LIVING.

OCRAN DICKERSON,
* WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM,
DANIEL REYNOLDS,
ALBERT H. FOTH,
SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
GEORGE W. RAY.

DeMolay Commandery.

DECEASED.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
CHARLES W. MOORE,
S. J. M. HOMER.

LIVING.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT,
CLEMENT A. WALKER,
* WILLIAM PARKMAN,
‡ EDWIN C. BAILEY.
WILLIAM F. DAVIS,
JOHN W. DADMUN,
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

DECEASED.

WILLIAM FIELD,
ALVIN JENKS,
GEORGE A. FRENCH,
NATHAN P. TOWNE.

LIVING.

* JAMES HUTCHISON,
CLAUDIUS B. FARNSWORTH,
SYLVANUS CLAPP,
* HORACE DANIELS,
BELA P. CLAPP,
* EDWARD L. FREEMAN,
J. SEWELL READ.

Pilgrim Commandery.

DECEASED.

CADWALLADER F. BLANCHARD.

LIVING.

SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON,
* WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
JOSEPH BEDLOW,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
SAMUEL D. SARGEANT,
* CHARLES A. STOTT,
HOCUM HOSFORD,
CHARLES E. A. BARTLETT.

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Palestine Commandery.

DECEASED.

CHARLES A. DAVIS.

LIVING.

* CHARLES M. AVERY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
GEORGE H. MARDEN,
CHARLES F. HAYNES,
DANIEL E. CHASE,
CHARLES T. GAY,
WILLIAM D. SEELY.

Milford Commandery.

DECEASED.

J. HARDING SMITH.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
‡ ISAAC BRITTON,
EDWIN F. WHITING,
WILLIAM H. PHIPPS,
* GEORGE E. STACY,
LEONARD FAIRBANKS,
SULLIVAN C. SUMNER.

St. Bernard Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM W. BAKER,
P. ADAMS AMES,
HENRY MULLIKEN,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
CHARLES A. WELSH,
SAMUEL WELLS,
OTIS E. WELD.

Calvary Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY BUTLER.

LIVING.

† * THOMAS A. DOYLE,
LEVI L. WEBSTER,
* WILLIAM B. BLANDING.
EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
CHARLES R. DENNIS,
† JAMES M. PENDLETON,
THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR.
* NELSON W. ALDRICH,
JOHN P. LUTHER,
HENRY C. FIELD,
ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
EUGENE D. BURT.

Haverhill Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

LIVING.

JAMES E. GALE,
CARLOS P. MESSER.

Old Colony Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH,
SAMUEL B. THAXTER,
ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
AMOS S. STETSON.

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* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere,

‡ Not now a member.

Sutton Commandery.

LIVING.

JOHN B. BAYLIES,
A. H. W. CARPENTER,
JOHN A. LEE.

Bethany Commandery.

LIVING.

PARDON ARMINGTON,
WILLIAM H. JAQUITH,
D. FRANK ROBINSON,
* CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN HAIGH.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. PEIRSON.

Jerusalem Commandery.

LIVING.

* E. DANA BANCROFT,
JOHN BURNEY,
SULLIVAN W. HUNTLY,
ALBERT L. FESSENDEN.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

LIVING.

LORING L. FULLER,
F. J. FOSS,
JOHN B. NORTON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
J. D. PARKER.

St. Omer Commandery.

DECEASED.

DUNCAN MCBEAN THAXTER.

LIVING.

* BENJAMIN DEAN,
† N. A. APOLONIO,
CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWARD H. BRAINARD.

Berkshire Commandery.

LIVING.

HEZEKIAH H. RUSSELL,
TRUMAN E. COLE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

LIVING.

EMERSON GODDARD,
IRA W. ARNOLD,
STAFFORD W. RAZEE,
F. G. JILLSON,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
WALTER E. PARKER.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

LIVING.

WENDELL T. DAVIS,
REV. PETER V. FINCH,
WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE,
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

LIVING.

ROBERT HENRY,
ROBERT C. BROWN,
STEPHEN W. BUTLER,
JOHN B. WHITTAKER.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES C. TUCKER,

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

SAMUEL LITTLE,
GEORGE MOULTON.

Narragansett Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
AZRO N. LEWIS.

William Parkman Commandery.

LIVING.

SETH C. AMES,
ALBERT B. BARRETT,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS.

Bristol Commandery.

LIVING.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
JOHN L. KENDALL.

Northampton Commandery.

LIVING.

DAVID W. CRAFTS,
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE.

South Shore Commandery.

LIVING.

ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL.

Natick Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES H. PARKER.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM H. KENT.

Trinity Commandery.

LIVING.

N. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES M. GREENWOOD.

Olivet Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. KEENE.

Athol Commandery.

LIVING.

VERNON O. TAYLOR.

Bay State Commandery.

LIVING.

EDWARD PARKER.

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* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Deceased, 51.

Constitution of the Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

REVISED.

ARTICLE I.—GRAND COMMANDERY.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1.—The style and title of this body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2.—Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

POWERS.

SECT. 3.—In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and opening commanderies of the above Orders, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends, and erases councils and commanderies, and holds any of their members amenable for any violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts.

It has supreme authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the Grand Encampment of the United States.

MEMBERS.

SECT. 4.—It shall consist of a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, Grand Sentinel,—*ex-officiis;* of all Past Grand Commanders and Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Commanders and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains-General of this body; of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General, for the time being, of all subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of commanderies under this jurisdiction, in good standing.

The above-named Present and Past Officers (the Grand Sentinel excepted), and Representatives and Past Commanders of subordinate commanderies, are the only voters in this Grand Commandery.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SECT. 5.—Each of the officers named in the preceding section, save and except Past Commanders and the Grand Sentinel, being unable to attend the assemblies in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery.

Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of *the same subordinate commandery as his principal*, and a templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

The R. E. Grand Commander, immediately after his installation, shall appoint a committee of three members as a standing committee on credentials, for the year ensuing, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the commandery as early as may be at every assembly, who are entitled to seats therein. Also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a Committee on Printing, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the proceedings, and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing. Also a committee of three members to be styled a Committee on By-Laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all By-Laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

OFFICERS, ELECTION, AND TITLES.

SECT. 6.—The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others, by appointment of the Grand Commander.

No knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he be a member of some subordinate commandery, and a templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "RIGHT EMINENT;" that of Deputy Grand Commander, "VERY EMINENT;" of the other Grand Officers, "EMINENT."

ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 7.—This Grand Commandery shall assemble in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint, — in October, for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented, and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the order.

Special Assemblies may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer; but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting save that which was specified in the original notice.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECT. 8.—The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the subordinate commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules, and edicts, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly obeyed.

The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, at their pleasure, visit and preside in any subordinate commandery, and give such instruction and direction in the work and ritual as the good of the Order may require, al-

ways conforming to the ancient landmarks and this Grand Constitution. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander.

It is the duty of the Grand Commander, in person or by one of his council, to visit and examine every subordinate commandery under Dispensation once in three months, and every chartered commandery annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual assembly of this Grand Commandery: *provided, however*, that when in the judgment of the Grand Commander the interest of the institution will be promoted thereby, he may designate one of the Grand Lecturers to make such visit and report to him.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander or presiding officer, whenever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made; and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, and all such other matters as the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall deem to be for the general good of the Order, or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers, are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Commandery and the Grand Commander.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

SECT. 9.—Dispensations for forming and opening new commanderies, upon the petition of not less than nine Knight Templars residing within the jurisdiction, may be issued by the Grand Commander during the recess of the Grand Commandery only. Dispensations so issued to be of force only until the succeeding stated assembly of this body, unless continued by vote thereof; *provided, however*, that no dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery alone, and at a stated assembly.

A Commandery formed within this jurisdiction, without a dispensation or charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communication between Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SECT. 10.—The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Commandery, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a Dispensation or Charter be issued, until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND FUND.

SECT. 11.—One tenth of the unincumbered funds of this

body, at its Annual Assembly in October, 1859, and one tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund;" the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand Body; *provided, however*, that no portion of the interest shall be expended for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase as provided above.

The Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, shall be a Committee, to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this fund. They shall also make a detailed report, in writing, of its condition at each and every Annual Assembly in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II.—SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—Every subordinate commandery shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword-Bearer, Standard-Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

BY-LAWS.

SECT. 2.—No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery.

ASSEMBLIES.

SECT. 3.—Every subordinate commandery shall assemble at least quarterly for improvement and business.

JURISDICTION.

SECT. 4.—Every subordinate commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the Orders of Knighthood over, all territory lying nearer the usual traveled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other commandery; *provided*, that any commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other commandery.

OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SECT. 5.—The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot; the others may be appointed by the Commander at the pleasure of the Commandery. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been installed. The title of the Commander is "EMINENT." The Commander of a subordinate commandery has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his commandery and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special assemblies of his Commandery at pleasure; and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Assemblies of this Grand Commandery.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Commandery or the Commander.

OBLIGATION.

SECT. 6.—The officers of every subordinate commandery before installation, and every candidate upon admission,

shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I —— ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

ANNUAL RETURNS.

SECT. 7.—Every subordinate commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, on or before the tenth day of October, annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the Orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery four dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of five dollars.

ORDERS, FEES, AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SECT. 8.—No subordinate commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of E.A., F.C., M.M., M.M.M., P.M., M. E.M., and R.A.M.; and no candidate for the Orders shall be balloted for, unless he shall have stood proposed at least fourteen days, unless a dispensation therefor shall be obtained from the R. E. Grand Commander. The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession, viz.:—1, KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS; 2, KNIGHT TEMPLAR; 3, KNIGHT OF MALTA.

SECT. 9.—The petition of any and every candidate for the orders in any Commandery under this jurisdiction shall be made in the following form, and signed by the applicant:—

To the Eminent Commander and members of.....Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of.....

The subscriber, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, is desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted to the Orders of Knighthood in your commandery.

Residence.....Age.. .....

Occupation.....

When and in what Lodge made a Master Mason.....

When and in what Chapter exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason .....

Of what Lodge now a member.....

Of what Chapter now a member.....

I have.....before applied for these Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

.....

(DATE.)

.....

RECOMMENDATION.

I.....a member of..... .....

Commandery aforesaid, hereby recommend said Companion.....

.....for admission to the Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

.....

SEC. 10.—If it shall appear that the applicant has before applied for the orders in any commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such commandery shall be situated.

SOJOURNERS.

SECT. 11.—It is not regular for a subordinate commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a commandery regularly established, except by consent of the commandery having jurisdiction. Any commandery which violates

this regulation shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the commandery having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any commandery may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

QUESTIONS.

SECT. 12.—In every assembly of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the by-laws, shall be decided by a majority vote — the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

COSTUME.

SECT. 13.—The costume of this Grand Commandery and its subordinates is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

SECT. 14.—All councils and commanderies should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and commanderies with devotion.

AMENDMENTS.

SECT. 15.—This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Assembly in October.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - - HENRY W. RUGG,

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

GRAND RECORDER, - - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY 18TH, 1876.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Masons' Hall, in the City of Providence, R. I., May 19, A. D. 1875, A. O. 758.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Captain General.
Sir THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY.....E. Grand Junior Warder.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Warden.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Sir CHAS. M. AVERY.....Grand Lecturers.
Sir RICHARD CHADWICK, *acting*.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 1 o'clock P. M., the Sir Knights joining in the devotions, with E. Sir Rev. T. E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHAL,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
Sir A. H. CUSHMAN,
Sir ROBERT E. DWELLY,
Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
Sir J. SEWELL READ,
Sir E. J. NIGHTINGALE,
Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
Sir HENRY WARREN,
Sir A. H. HOWLAND, JR.,
Sir EMERSON GODDARD,
Sir MOSES P. ROBERTS,
Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON,
Sir Z. L. BICKNELL,
Sir CHARLES E. SMITH.

The records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Sir Knights:

We meet to-day under propitious and pleasant auspices. The deep feeling of my heart, to which I would give expression in the first words that fall from my lips on this occasion, is that of congratulation on the generally prosperous condition of our Order throughout the jurisdiction. I rejoice with you, Sir Knights, that we have such abundant cause to "thank God and take courage," in view of the multiplied mercies of the past and the gifts and resources of the present time. And thus would I greet you with glad and hearty salutations as we come together at this Semi-Annual Assembly to renew the associations and memories of former years, to enjoy the sweet communion of Christian knighthood, and to plan and do with reference to the continued advancement of Templar Masonry.

I shall now lay before you, in as brief a manner as possible,

an account of my discharge of the trusts you have reposed in me by calling me to my present official position, together with reference to certain other matters of importance which may require some action at the hands of this Grand Body.

It is made the constitutional duty of the Grand Commander to cause due inspections to be made of all the Subordinate Commanderies. To meet this requirement I issued the following General Order:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20, 1875.

[GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.]

FIRST.—The R. E. Grand Commander reserves to himself for visitation the following Commanderies, viz: Springfield, Palestine, Calvary, Jerusalem, William Parkman.

SECOND.—To the V. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Deputy Grand Commander, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation and examination, viz.: De Molay, Winslow Lewis, Hugh de Payens, Saint Omer, Joseph Warren.

THIRD.—To the E. Sir John Dean, Grand Generalissimo, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation and examination, viz: St. John, Boston, Newburyport, Milford, Saint Bernard, Old Colony, Godfrey de Bouillon, Gethsemane, Athol.

FOURTH.—To the E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Captain General, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation and examination, viz: Washington, Pilgrim, Haverhill, Sutton, Berkshire, Woonsocket, Connecticut Valley, Northampton, Bristol.

FIFTH.—To E. Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation and examination, viz: Holy Sepulchre, Bethany, Narragansett, Cœur de Lion.

SIXTH.—To E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation and examination, viz: Worcester County, Natick, Trinity, Cyprus.

SEVENTH.—To E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, the following Commanderies are assigned for visitation, viz: South Shore, Olivet, Bay State.

EIGHTH.—The Grand Officers to whom these assignments are made will report to the R. E. Grand Commander on or before October 1st, 1876, the results of their official visits, with such facts relating to the condition of the several Commanderies assigned to them, as may appear of importance.

NINTH.—It is further directed that this Order shall be read at the head of each Commandery at the next regular Assembly thereof after its receipt.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

I have presided at the election of officers in several of the Subordinate Commanderies, and, by request, have installed the officers elect into their respective stations. Two of these occasions have been somewhat out of the usual course, and are, perhaps, deserving of special mention.

The members of Berkshire Commandery were desirous, for several reasons, that a public installation of their officers should be held. They arranged for the services to take place on the 29th of November, on which day I visited Pittsfield and performed the duty asked of me. I found a body of earnest and true knights, rallying about the well skilled and veteran Sir Henry Chickering, who, with great unanimity of purpose and desire on the part of his associates, had been selected as their Eminent Commander. The ceremony of installation, accompanied by excellent music, and followed by an address on the past and present significance of the Orders of Christian Knighthood, held the attention of a large and appreciative audience, many of whom not members of the Order, expressed their hearty gratification in the proceedings of the evening. The orderly appearance, knightly bearing and devout conduct of the members of Berkshire Commandery was very largely conducive to the good impression that I am certain must have been produced by this public installation.

The other occasion, of somewhat like character, was the installation of the officers of St. John's Commandery, December 30th; the ceremony being performed in the presence of a large assembly, although on account of the limited accommodations of the hall only Sir Knights and ladies were present. It was an inspiring sight to look upon the line of officers with that accomplished knight Sir Thos. A. Doyle at their head, and ranged on either side so large a number of knights in

costume, whose manly bearing was in accord with the service of the evening and the high demands of Templar Masonry. The exercises, interspersed with musical selections of a high character, passed off pleasantly, and it is believed to the general edification of all who were present.

Masonry in none of its degrees or orders should seek undue publicity, but an occasional reunion or reception, or a public installation, rightly conducted, where we may bring our wives, sisters and daughters, perhaps our friends, among the visitors, when they may look upon symbols that to us have such deep significance — the plume, the banner, the sign of the Holy Cross, and witness ceremonies fraught with beautiful lessons that will certainly help them to form their ideas of the nature and objects of our institution — surely such occasions may be commended even by the most conservative.

On the 12th of April, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, I visited Palestine Commandery at Chelsea, and witnessed the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross in a manner alike accurate and impressive. In the banquet hall an elegant and gracious hospitality was shown and enjoyed, while wit, sentiment and noble thought came forth from the eloquent lips of Sir Knights Cheever, Kent, Parkman and others, giving a delightful charm to the hours that glided swiftly by, whose remembrance will long abide.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted Dispensations in several cases, where the applications seemed supported by proper reasons, for the conferring of the Orders in less time than is prescribed as the ordinary rule. The cases where Dispensations are asked for such a purpose ought to be few.

I have given permission to Wm. Parkman Commandery to appear in costume and parade, the occasion being that of a visit to Palestine Commandery on January 12th; also to Bethany Commandery, to make a visit to Concord, N. H., and to celebrate with Mount Horeb Commandery of that city its fiftieth anniversary.

On December 8th I gave a Dispensation to Old Colony Commandery, authorizing them to hold a special election for

certain officers, as some of those chosen at the Annual Assembly, they not being present, declined to take the positions to which they had been elected.

On December 17th I granted a Dispensation to Sutton Commandery, authorizing them to elect a Prelate, the Sir Knight who was elected at the annual meeting having declined to take the office.

On February 2d, in response to the request of Bristol Commandery, as made to me in a communication from the Recorder and under the seal of the Commandery, setting forth the action that had been taken, I gave a Dispensation to said Bristol Commandery, in words following:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

To all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights Templars:

SALVATION!

BE IT KNOWN, That I, Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander, by virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved Brethren and Sir Knights, comprising Bristol Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, now located in Mansfield, Massachusetts, to open and hold their Regular and Special Assemblies in that part of the town of Attleborough called North Attleborough, as prayed for in a vote passed at a Regular Assembly of said Commandery, and duly certified to me under its seal.

This Dispensation is granted for the purpose of enabling said Commandery to assemble in more commodious apartments, and is in no wise intended to increase or decrease the territorial jurisdiction granted and maintained by the Charter of Bristol Commandery.

It is further ordered that this Dispensation will remain in force until the Semi-Annual Assembly of our Grand Commandery in May next, at which time it shall be returned to this office.

Given under our hand, with seal of our Grand Commandery affixed, this second day of February, A. D. 1876, A. O. 758.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

The permanent removal of the Commandery from Mansfield to North Attleborough is desired, and the sanction of this Grand Commandery for such change of location is prayed for.

Whether the removal ought to be made, and, if allowed, whether any change of jurisdiction should follow, are questions that will demand your careful consideration.

REPRESENTATIONS.

I have had the honor and pleasure of appointing the following named Sir Knights to be the Representatives respectively of this Grand Body near the several Grand Commanderies hereinafter named:

January 24. Connecticut—R. E. Sir HENRY WOODWARD, Middletown.
April 1. Maine—R. E. Sir JOHN W. BALLOU, Bath.
February 28. Tennessee—E. Sir CHAS. H. EASTMAN, Nashville.
May 3. West Virginia—E. Sir HUGH STERLING, Wheeling.

I have also issued commissions renewing the appointments of the following Representatives, the date of whose original commissions reaches back at least three years:

Pennsylvania—E. Sir JAMES M. PORTER.
Vermont—E. Sir W. H. H. WHITCOMB.
Missouri—E. Sir GEO. F. GOULEY.
Louisiana—E. Sir JOSEPH P. HORNOR.
Kentucky—E. Sir WM. A. WARNER.
Georgia—E. Sir CHAS. R. ARMSTRONG.
Indiana—E. Sir DAVID P. WHEDON.

Eminent Sirs Wm. W. Blanding, Wm. D. Pool, Nelson W. Aldrich and John Dean have been appointed to represent, respectively, the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, Tennessee, Maine and West Virginia, near this Grand Body. I am glad to acknowledge and welcome them in their representative positions.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

I have received a considerable number of communications asking that information should be given, or decisions made, on comparatively unimportant matters. Some of the questions I have been able to answer by pointing the seekers for light and knowledge to constitutional requirements, or the well defined policy of this Grand Body, as set forth in its printed proceedings. I do not feel called upon to bring to your atten-

tion these decisions of a minor character, or to specially allude to the communications I have received calling for such action. In two or three instances, however, the course by me pursued should be reported to you. On the 5th of January I received the following communication :

BOSTON, January 5, 1876.

R. E. Grand Commander Henry W. Rugg,

DEAR SIR KNIGHT :—At the last Special Assembly of William Parkman Commandery, held at their Asylum, Monday evening, 3d inst., the following occurrence took place, and the matter requires your decision upon a contested point.

Two candidates were reported upon favorably, unanimously.

The first candidate was rejected. Upon the reception by me of the ballot for the second candidate, named Joseph Augustus Suive, I stated that there was evidently a mistake in the ballot, and ordered another and a second ballot, and directed the Master of Cavalry to place the ballot box in front of the Eminent Commander's chair, and suggested that the friends of the candidate should not vote, meaning thereby to excuse all members of the Commandery who did not desire to vote.

A Sir Knight rose and protested against the manner of ballot. His protest was received by me without reply. I stated that the Council would vote, and one other member of the Commandery also voted. I claim that the ballot was secret and in accordance with our edicts. The result of the ballot was clear, and I declared him elected. After the box had remained some time in front of the chair, I asked the usual question : "Have all Sir Knights voted who wished? If so, I declare the ballot closed." Just as I closed the ballot, and while it was in charge of the Master of Cavalry, a Sir Knight approached and wished to vote. I declined to allow him permission, stating that the ballot was closed, the box then being in the hands of the Master of Cavalry.

I wish your decision upon three points, as follows :

FIRST.—Was the Sir Knight's protest of any avail in preventing the Orders being conferred upon the candidate ?

SECOND.—Was my mode of procedure in having the ballot box so placed in accordance with the edicts and laws of our institution now promulgated and adopted ?

THIRD.—Was my decision in not allowing a Sir Knight permission to vote, after closing the ballot as above, correct ?

As the Stated Assembly will be held on Thursday evening, January 13, your early reply will oblige.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. DOOLITTLE,

Em. Com. William Parkman Commandery.

Address, 26 Tremont street, Boston.

Briefly responding to this communication, I received a letter from the protesting Sir Knight; also a communication from the Recorder, transmitting a copy of the minutes of the evening on which the transaction took place. From all the evidence it appeared that the Eminent Commander's excusing of the friends of the candidate from voting, amounted to an order or direction that they should *not* vote. I therefore made reply to his communication in the following words:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 10, 1876.

E. H. Doolittle, Em. Com. Wm. Parkman Commandery:

DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—Your communication of the 5th inst. has been duly received and considered.

In answer to the first question you propose, I have to express the opinion that the protest of the objecting knight was well taken. It is the well settled law of Masonry, in all its departments, that the ballot must be secret. I am aware that compliance with this fundamental law may sometimes seem to work injuriously. It puts great power in the hands of a single member, which power is liable to grave abuse by the ignorant or unscrupulous. Nevertheless the ballot must be held sacred as an elemental feature of our institution.

The effect of a recommendation that the friends of a candidate should refrain from voting, would be to point out and make known any member or members who should vote against such candidate, and thus practically would destroy the secresy of the ballot.

To refuse the vote of a Sir Knight and member, under the circumstances stated, also seems to have been a mistake.

In view of all the circumstances, I am clear in my opinion that the ballot taken on the application of Comp. Joseph A. Suive should be set aside, and that another balloting in his case be ordered, of which due notice shall be given to all the members of your Commandery.

Yours courteously,

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

I may only add that my direction was complied with and the candidate was rejected, since which time I learn that considerable work has been done, and that this command, bearing so honored a name, is now in a flourishing condition.

Correspondence has been had with the Eminent Commander of one of our older subordinate bodies, who makes complaint

that candidates have been blacked for the reason that they had not taken the Council Degrees. My ruling has been asked, whether members opposing applicants for the Orders solely on such grounds might not be held amenable to discipline and expelled from the Commandery. The decision I gave was to this effect: The ballot must be held absolutely sacred, and no member can be required to give his reasons for an adverse vote. If, however, he should make declarations that he voted against the admission of candidates solely for the reason that they had not taken the Council Degrees, he might then be called to account for his course. However highly we may esteem the Council Degrees, they are, in this jurisdiction, in no sense a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and whether or not a candidate may have received them, should not enter into consideration when voting upon his application.

On the 18th of March, Companion Thomas W. Watkins, now and for several years a citizen of Boston, made application for my permission to receive the Orders of Knighthood in Eureka Commandery, Hillsdale, Mich., at which place he had formerly resided, and where he had taken the Degrees of Lodge and Chapter. St. Bernard Commandery, of Boston, having jurisdiction, waived the same. Under the circumstances I did not interpose any objection.

BY-LAWS.

I have received a new Code of By-Laws from Springfield Commandery, which were placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws, which committee returned the same to me, recommending that I should give my approval thereto, when some trifling alterations were made. My approval was given March 2d, and the changes suggested were promptly made.

PROCEEDINGS, 1805—1863.

I have approved an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for $200, in favor of E. L. Freeman, printer of the proceedings, from the organization until 1863, as authorized by the resolution passed at the Annual Assembly in 1874. The amount still due the printer, exclusive of all amounts received, paid and in hand on account of said proceedings, is $99.50. The

sale of sixty-seven copies will meet this deficit. The volume is of great importance, and it would seem that the whole edition ought to be quickly taken up by the reading Templars of this jurisdiction, who desire to be posted in the early history and movements of this Organization. In view of the slow sales, I felt justified in sending out the following circular letter to the several Commanderies:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 20, 1876.

At the Semi-Annual Assembly, held in May, 1874, the Grand Commandery unanimously voted to print its Proceedings, from the organization in 1805 to 1863, inclusive, but further voted that only a limited proportion of the expense of such publication should fall upon the Grand Commandery.

In accordance with this vote, a committee was appointed to carry forward the enterprise. Under their direction, after the receiving of considerable encouragement from Commanderies and Sir Knights in different portions of the jurisdiction, the work was proceeded with, and a carefully-printed volume of nearly 300 pages has been issued, under the title of "Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, from its organization in 1805 to 1863, inclusive."

This publication furnishes an important contribution to the history of the Orders of Knighthood in the United States, and is of especial value to the Knights of this jurisdiction. The number of copies printed was five hundred; of these two hundred are yet unsold, the subscription price of which, with what has already been received, would nearly meet the cost of printing.

It is earnestly desired that Eminent Commanders, Recorders and Sir Knights throughout the jurisdiction, especially in those bodies where no copies have been taken, will interest themselves in this matter, thus rendering assistance in paying for a work of so much value to all Templar Masons.

The price is $1.50 per copy, or when sent by mail $1.68. An additional copy will be sent to any Commandery or Sir Knight ordering and paying for ten copies at one time.

Please send orders to the Grand Recorder, 223 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

Courteously yours,

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

MASONIC PERIODICALS.

In this connection a word of regret may be interjected, that the number is so limited of those who take interest in Masonic history and literature, and exert themselves to keep posted in the movements and progress of the Institution. "Knowledge is power" always and everywhere; and the Knight Templar who reads and studies, led by an ambition to become acquainted with the history, philosophy and legislation of Masonry and Christian Knighthood, will justly acquire an influence, as he will reap a reward, not otherwise to be secured.

Since the last Annual Assembly that able and scholarly periodical, the *New England Freemason*, has ceased to exist, so that we have now only the *Freemason's Repository*, published at Providence, the support of which is by no means what it should be.

TEMPLAR LAW.

At the session of the Grand Encampment, in December, 1874, a Committee on Templar Law reported several changes and amendments in the constitutional provisions made binding upon all Knights Templars. These alterations have not yet received the formal assent of this Grand Body, *albeit* they are of binding authority. The Committee on Digest of Templar Law were directed to report in print at the present Assembly. If their report is again deferred, I would suggest whether some action should not be taken as regards a portion of the amendments, which are of principal importance, and which ought to be promulgated to the several Subordinate Commanderies without any considerable further delay.

RITUAL AND CEREMONY.

While we may of right congratulate ourselves as to the uniformity of work, so far as words and ritual go, yet in the Order of the Red Cross I think we shall all agree that the costume, methods of procedure and ceremony are widely at variance in the practice of the different Commanderies. I recommend that some action be taken looking to uniformity of costume, arms, equipments, and ceremony of procedure in the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross.

TEMPLAR MANUAL.

There is no authorized Templar Manual in this jurisdiction. Several attempts have been made looking to the preparation and issue of such a hand book, but each has proved abortive. The able committee that reported upon the subject at the Semi-Annual Assembly in 1873, expressed some doubt as to the propriety of issuing such a Manual, at least while the question of Templar costume was in so unsettled a state. Since the action of the Grand Encampment, in 1874, a part of the objections to such publication has been removed.

The Grand Recorder has prepared a work entitled "The Templar's Companion," and adapted to the work and lectures, forms, ceremony and drill of Templar Masonry in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Sir Knight Chapman has taken great pains with this work, seeking to make it correct and complete in all respects. From a hasty examination of the manuscript, as well as from my knowledge of the author's special ability for such work, I am prepared to estimate the manual as of high worth. The manuscript is offered to this Grand Body as a free gift, or the author will publish the same at his own risk, provided the official sanction and endorsement of the Grand Commandery can be had. I recommend the appointment of a committee to examine the work, with a view to its issue in one or the other of these ways, and I suggest that the same committee consider the matter of a drill to be established by this Grand Commandery (and which ought to accompany the Manual to make it a perfect work), that adopted in 1869 never having come into general use. Perhaps it might be simplified in some particulars and made more ornamental in others, and thus be adapted to the growing tendency for intricate evolutions and movements, at the same time presenting a plain and easy system for inside work.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO.

Under a warrant issued by the Grand Master of Knights Templars in the United States, M. E. James H. Hopkins, the Representatives of three Commanderies in Colorado met in Denver, Tuesday, March 14th, 1876, and proceeded to organize a Grand Commandery in due and regular form. The

proceedings being regular, I have no doubt that it will be the pleasure of this Grand Body to give a prompt and courteous recognition to the youngest sister of the Templar family in this country.

TEMPLAR UNION AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania took action at its last Annual Assembly looking to the calling together of Sir Knights, representing the various sections of this country and foreign countries, at Philadelphia, during the present year. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for such a gathering, and to issue invitations, and the committee fixed on May 30th, 31st and June 1st, as the time for the reunion. An official communication, inviting the Grand Commandery to attend, was referred to the present Grand Council, on whose recommendation I caused a communication to be sent to the committee accepting the invitation, and further stating that this Grand Body will be represented on that occasion by the Grand Council, and possibly by other officers and members. M. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, Grand Master M. E. Encampment, having issued a general order commanding and urging the importance of such Templar gathering proposed, I felt justified, after consultation with my associates of the Grand Council, in sending out the following notification and order:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17, 1876.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Most Eminent Jas. H. Hopkins. Grand Master of Templars of the United States of America, has issued a General Order, in the words following, to wit:

1. The Knights Templars of this country will participate, in an organized manner, in the celebration of the first centenary of our existence as a nation.
2. There will be a Grand Assembly of the members of this Order in the City of Philadelphia, commencing on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1876, A. O. 758, and continuing for three days.
3. To this Assembly all the Knights Templars throughout the world are courteously, fraternally and cordially invited.

4. The Grand Commanderies of the several States, and the Subordinate Commanderies of our immediate jurisdiction, are especially urged to make this celebration worthy of the great occasion, and of our illustrious Order.

5. The arrangements for the Assembly will be under the charge of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

AND WHEREAS, This Grand Commandery has been courteously invited by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to participate in the celebration and Templar Union above set forth, and has accepted said invitation through its Grand Council, to whom reference of the same was made; therefore it is hereby announced that the Grand Commander and Grand Council will be accompanied on that occasion by the Grand Officers, permanent members of the Grand Commandery, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains General of the several Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, so far as the convenience of these several officers and members shall permit them to attend.

All Sir Knights to whom this notification shall come, having the intention of participating in said Templar Union at Philadelphia, and of taking their place in the lines of this Grand Commandery on that occasion, are requested to report their intention to the Grand Recorder on or before Saturday, May 13th, so that timely notification can be given, and such arrangements made as shall be found necessary.

Each Knight will be expected to bear his own personal expenses, and to appear in Templar costume as may be required on parade or elsewhere during the celebration.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Between twenty and thirty members of the Grand Commandery have responded, expressing their desire to take their respective places in the lines of the Grand Commandery on an occasion which promises to be of so much interest. I have not felt authorized to incur any expenses in making arrangements, securing headquarters, &c., preferring that the whole subject as to the way and manner in which this Grand Commandery shall be represented be passed upon by you. That the union will be a notable occasion can not be doubted. It will be a gathering of Representative Knights from all civilized countries. It promises to be an assembly, both in numbers and in character, such as will do us no discredit. The Commanderies from widely distant localities will bear their banners side by side in the City of Brotherly Love; will march shoulder to shoulder, all hearts kindling with like impulses of

faith, courage and love, as the familiar signs and symbols of the Order are flung forth to the breeze, as Masonic and Knightly courtesies are interchanged, new friendships formed, and mutual confidence, esteem and affection come forth under the stimulus of a celebration which bids fair to take on so notable and important character.

In this connection I may add that I have granted a Dispensation to Sutton Commandery to visit Philadelphia and join in the parade of said occasion. This Commandery have also courteously offered their services as an escort to the Grand Commandery.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

One year ago the Orders were exemplified in a very graceful and impressive manner by Boston Commandery, one of the oldest bodies in our jurisdiction. Following the precedent of that occasion, I have invited St. John's Commandery to perform that duty this afternoon. On account of the limited time available only the Order of the Temple will be exemplfied.

Thus, Sir Knights, I have laid before you a statement of my official action, and have made suggestions such as in my thought pertain to the general good of the Order, for your consideration. May courtesy, zeal and brotherly love characterize the deliberations of our present Assembly, and may there come to us a baptism of that Divine spirit of love and fraternity whose blessed communication at last shall bring men together in pure and glad accord all the world over:

> "And the far continents be joined in one
> By solemn sacrament, whose ritual
> Flashed throughout the depths is *Glory to God*
> *In the highest, peace on earth, good will to men.*"

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, the address was referred to committees subsequently appointed, as follows:

1. So much as refers to *Dispensations, Decisions and Appointments,* be referred to a committee of three: Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Henry Chickering, Wyzeman Marshall.

2. So much as refers to *Bristol Commandery* and its proposed change of location, to a committee of three, who shall be directed to report at this Assembly: Sirs William H. Kent, N. Van Slyck, John Dean.

3. So much as refers to *Manual and Drill* to a committee of three: Sirs N. W. Aldrich, Chas. A. Stott, A. H. Howland.

4. So much as refers to *Templar Union at Philadelphia* to a committee of three: Sirs C. C. Hutchinson, W. B. Blanding, Peter S. Bailey.

5. And the remainder of the address to a committee of three: Sirs T. E. St. John, S. Mason, Jr., Geo. E. Stacy.

The roll was called and the following Commanderies were represented:

Saint John,	Calvary,	Godefrey De Bouillon,
Boston,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Newburyport,	Sutton,	Narragansett,
Worcester County,	Bethany,	William Parkman,
Springfield,	Winslow Lewis,	South Shore,
Pilgrim,	Hugh de Payens,	Bristol,
Palestine,	Berkshire,	Cœur de Lion,
Saint Bernard,	Woonsocket,	Olivet.

PROXIES.

Sir John Viall for Sir John P. Cox, Captain General of Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Sir James M. Pendleton for Sir R. F. Latimer, Generalissimo of Narragansett Commandery.

The following Committees presented reports:

ON DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee on Digest of Templar Law beg leave to report that upon examination of the Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, adopted by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, it is found that the great body of the law therein laid down is in consonance with Templar law as now understood in this jurisdiction; that there are, however, some rules prescribed contrary to our views of both Masonic and Templar law.

There are none, however, affecting any landmark, or that will, before the next meeting of the Grand Encampment, work any injury to Templarism.

It is known that the Code adopted was adopted as reported, although much of it has, by vote of the Grand Encampment, been condemned, it being understood that it was better to adopt it with the objectionable features in than have the whole fail; and that at the next triennial such objectionable features could and would be brought before the Grand Body and corrected.

In the meantime what is our duty? Is it not to recognize that Code as the supreme Templar law, trusting to our Representatives to cause such changes to be made as should be more in accordance with our views.

For the Committee,

N. VAN SLYCK, Chairman.

Report adopted.

ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS, 1875.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Committee to whom was referred a portion of the address of the Grand Commander at the Annual Assembly, held October 27, 1875, would respectfully report:

That the action of the Grand Commander in directing the Grand Officers, to whom was assigned the work of official visitation, to report to him, is "truly commendable," and is, in the judgment of your Committee, a precedent worthy of being followed.

The fraternal greetings of Sir Knights from other jurisdictions, which occurred during the year last past, and to which the address makes allusion, are events which will long be remembered by the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

By these friendly visits, and the interchange of knightly courtesies attendant thereon, the spirit of moral chivalry is quickened within us, and our Commanderies are stimulated to attain unto a greater degree of perfection.

Fraternally submitted.

T. E. ST. JOHN,
P. S BAILEY,
JOHN F. NEWTON,
} Committee.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18, 1876.

Report adopted.

ON TACTICS AND DRILL.

BOSTON, May 18, 1876.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Your attention is most respectfully asked to the accompanying communication, submitting a system of Tactics for Knights Templars, which has been most carefully prepared by Sir Knights Francis C. Choate, Senior Warden, and Charles E. Pierce, Sword Bearer, of Saint Omer Commandery. The military experience of these two Sir Knights, and the great interest which they have manifested in the subject, is an evidence that the work which they have undertaken has been well performed.

Their petition was referred to the Council of Saint Omer Commandery, who were instructed to present the subject to the Grand Commandery, at its present session, and I am duly authorized to do so by the Council of Saint Omer Commandery.

I would respectfully request that the subject be referred to a committee to examine the work which has been prepared by Sir Knights Choate and Pierce, with instructions to report thereon at the next Assembly of the Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

BENJAMIN POPE,
E. Commander Saint Omer Commandery.

Referred to Committee on Manual and Drill.

REPORT ON LOCATION AND JURISDICTION OF BRISTOL COMMANDERY.

PROVIDENCE, May 18, 1876.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Bristol County Commandery, for a change of location from Mansfield to North Attleboro', having heard the parties interested, and considered the matter fully,

Report, That for reasons set forth at the said hearing, they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a permanent location be assigned the body at North Attleboro', with the condition attached that said Commandery and St. John's Commandery, of Providence, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the City of Taunton.

St. John's Commandery and Bristol County Commandery have, through their Representatives at said hearing, assented to the condition named.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. KENT,
N. VAN SLYCK,
JOHN DEAN,
} Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That so much of the report as fixes the location of the Commandery at North Attleboro' be adopted.

The remainder of the report, relating to jurisdiction, was

Ordered to be recommitted to the same committee.

The Committee having heard all parties interested in Commanderies claiming concurrent jurisdiction over the territorial limits of Taunton, subsequently

Reported, That they had more fully investigated the questions of

convenience and distance, and that by the usual traveled routes sole jurisdiction ought to be, and is, continued in Bristol Commandery.

On motion, it was

Voted, after a full discussion, That the report as amended be adopted.

On so much of the address as refers to the Templar Reunion in Philadelphia, the Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council be authorized to make such arrangements for the Templar Reunion in Philadelphia as they shall deem expedient.

C. C. HUTCHINSON,
W. B. BLANDING,
P. S. BAILEY,
} Committee.

On motion of Sir N. W. Aldrich, the following words were added:

"And they are hereby authorized to expend such sum as may be requisite to carry out such arrangements."

Voted, That the report be adopted.

Voted, That the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution be postponed until the next Annual Assembly.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, St. John's Commandery, of Providence, was formally received into the Grand Asylum, and the R. E. Grand Commander gave the body official welcome.

Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Eminent Commander, in behalf of his Commandery, expressed his readiness to exemplify the Order of the Temple, according to the announcement previously made.

At the conclusion of the work, E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle invited the Grand Commandery to an elegant banquet, prepared by St. John's Commandery.

E. Sir John Dean offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be given to St. John's Commandery for the impressive manner in which the Order of the Temple has been this day exemplified, and also for the courtesies of that body extended to the Grand Commandery.

PAST GRAND MASTER SIR WINSLOW LEWIS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY, MAY 19, 1876.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THAT PART OF THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS WHICH REFERRED TO THE DEATH OF PAST GRAND MASTER SIR WILLIAM LEWIS.

There probably never lived a man who had many more personal friends than our Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis. For the past thirty-five years he has been an active member of the Masonic Brotherhood; for the past thirty-five years he has been the exemplar of the best teachings, of the best influences, and of the noblest results of that Brotherhood; for the past thirty-five years he has been the constant attendant at our gatherings—in the Lodge, in the Chapter, in the Commandery, in the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Chapter, in the Grand Commandery, and in all the bodies of the A. A. Scottish Rite, including the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. He has traveled much, and everywhere he sought and was sought by our Masonic Brethren. He was honored at home and abroad. He was pleased to know all the brethren and all the brethren were proud to know him.

"He loved Masonry for its excellencies,
Masonry loved him for his excellencies."

In him a highly educated and cultivated mind was associated with an educated and cultivated heart. Both mind and heart he gave to Masonry, and Masonry gave to him its whole mind and heart. He honored Masonry with rich gifts, and Masonry added its all to those gifts. The humblest of the fraternity had his sympathy, and the humblest and highest of the fraternity joined hands in doing him honor.

He gave strength to Masonry in its adversity, and Masonry in its prosperity did not forget him. He loved Masonry for what was good in it, and Masonry loved him for what was good in him. There is something touching in his first introduction to our Institution.

When in the height of the Masonic persecution he went to listen to the exposition of its evils, he saw the excellencies of its teachings, and as a consequence he sought admission within its portals, and he brought to it the strength of his own high social position.

A petted child of society, the favorite of the wealthy and aristocratic, he braved all, and joined his fortunes with our despised and persecuted society. The loving and courageous heart that could do this was always doing good and brave deeds. His life was in accordance with this one unexampled act This act furnishes the key to his character. With a gentle and loving nature he had moral courage, which led him to love justice because it was justice, to do right because it was right.

Verily, he must have his reward, and we must all rejoice that "when

he's been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, he'll have no less days to sing God's praise than when he first begun."

For the Committee,

BENJAMIN DEAN.

Adopted, by the Sir Knights, rising and standing uncovered.

The Special Committee on Increase of Dues and Penalty made a partial report:

That it is inexpedient to increase the dues from Subordinate Commanderies at the present time.

Accepted.

On motion of Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the balance due Sir E. L. Freeman for printing the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, from 1805 to 1863, inclusive, be paid from the funds of the Grand Commandery.

Voted, That the space occupied in the columns of the *Freemason's Repository* for publishing the Roll of Officers of the Grand Commandery be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The R. E. Grand Commander expressed his thanks to the Sir Knights for their attendance, attention and courtesy during the Semi-Annual Assembly, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The R. E. Grand Commandery was then adjourned, E. Sir James Hutchison officiating as Grand Prelate.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 27TH, 1876.

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 27th, A. D. 1876, A. O. 758.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock, A. M.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG,.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN,.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH,.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir. REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN,.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY,.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY,.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN,.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM,.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL,.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT,.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS,.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN,.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT,..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY,.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE,.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,
E. Sir REV. CHARLES H. TITUS,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,
E. Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL.

Members, being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
E. Sir REV. JOHN W. DADMUN,
E. Sir J. SEWELL READ,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES T. GAY,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir W. H. PHIPPS,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
E. Sir ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir ZECHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,.....Past Grand Master.
E. Sir HENRY C. WADSWORTH,.....Eminent Commander.
Sir CHARLES B. WEBSTER,.....Generalissimo.
Sir GEORGE C. DUNHAM,.....Generalissimo.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY.

BOSTON, October 27, 1876.

The Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers,	17
Past Grand Officers,	10
Past Eminent Commanders,	19
Eminent Commanders,	18
Generalissimos,	16
Captains-Generals,	11
Proxies,	4
Total voters,	95

They also report the following Commanderies to be represented:

St. John's,	Calvary,	Godfrey de Bouillon,
Boston,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Newburyport,	Old Colony,	South Shore,
Worcester County,	Sutton,	Cœur de Lion,
Springfield,	Bethany,	Gethsemane,
De Molay,	Winslow Lewis,	Olivet,
Holy Sepulchre,	Hugh de Payens,	Athol,
Palestine,	Saint Omer,	Bay State,
Milford,	Berkshire,	Cyprus.
Saint Bernard,		

Total, - - - - - - - - - 28

Courteously submitted,

JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN, } Committee.

The Records of the Semi-Annual assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

REPORTS ON ADDRESS IN MAY LAST.

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Annual Session, October 27th, 1876.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander delivered at the last Semi-Annual Assembly, as relates to Dispensations, Decisions and Appointments, make this their report:

The dispensations granted by the R. E. Grand Commander and by him reported, are in accordance with Masonic law, as are also the several decisions referred to in the address.

The appointments made by him meet our approval.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the matters referred to them.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

THOMAS A. DOYLE,
HENRY CHICKERING,
WYZEMAN MARSHALL, } Committee.

Boston, October 27th, 1876.

Resolved, That the several decisions reported by the R. E. Grand Commander in his last Semi-Annual Address be and they are hereby approved.

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the resolution.

ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS, 1876.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Committee on "the remainder of the address" of the R. E. Grand Commander, given at the Semi-Annual Session of May 19, 1876, present the following report:

We would call especial attention of the Sir Knights to the necessity of sustaining our Masonic periodicals. It is greatly to be regretted that a work so ably conducted as the "New England Freemason" should be compelled to suspend for want of support. We cannot afford to ignore the value of these publications, and would recommend that each Sir Knight should do what he can to prevent the only surviving Masonic Journal in this jurisdiction "The Freemason's Repository," from sharing the same fate.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. ST. JOHN,
SAMUEL MASON, JR. } Committee.
GEORGE E. STACY,

BOSTON, MASS., October 27, 1876.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE V. E. GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL, MADE IN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Committee, to whom was referred the report* of the V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean as Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States, report,

That by the printed proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States, it appears that the report of Sir Knight Dean made to that body, was omitted in the proceedings, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the doings of Grand Officers, and that said recom-

* For report referred to, see appendix.

mendation was concurred in by the Grand Encampment. The reasons for such recommendation are to be found in the printed report of the committee, and are as follows:

"The communication placed in the hands of your committee as the 'Report of the Grand Captain General,' we do not think is such a document as is required by Rule 3, of Section IV. of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, as your committee fail to find anything in it relating to the official doings of the Grand Captain General. Your committee find this document to be a most able and eloquent argument by the Grand Captain General in relation to Order No. 3, and the general question of costume.

Regarding this document merely as the individual opinion of the learned and distinguished knight, our Captain General, your committee think it would be unfair to other knights with equal rights, to allow this voluminous document to be printed, at great expense, with our proceedings, as an official report, inasmuch as this Grand Encampment does not print the debates which take place at our meetings. Regarding this as an able argument in opposition to order No. 3, and to the white or templar costume, your committee would recommend that it be received simply as the expression of the individual opinion of the distinguished knight, and that it be not printed with our official proceedings."

It will be noticed that the Report of the Grand Captain General is designated by the committee a "communication placed in the hands of your committee," although it was the report of a Grand Officer, made in pursuance of the Constitution, and, as such a report, was referred to the committee, and gives it as the opinion of the committee that it is not such a document as is required by Rule 3, Section IV of the Constitution. It would seem as if the subject of costume was of such a character as to blind the eyes of the committee to the other matters contained in said Report. While there are "no special official acts" reported to the Grand Encampment, there is contained therein a report of his presiding at the election of officers of this Grand Body, and the installing of its officers. It also contains an announcement of the death of two prominent members of the Grand Encampment with words appropriate to such announcement, and merited by the deceased. It notifies the Grand Body of the condition of Knight Templarism in that part of the jurisdiction of which the Grand Captain General had a special knowledge, and points out the only disturbing element to be found in the order therein.

Is the duty of presiding at elections, installing officers, of carefully observing the general workings of the order, and notifying the result of such doings to the general body, giving warnings of danger, and notice of deaths of members, a duty such as is traditionally appropriate to the office of a Grand Captain General? If so, it is made the especial duty of

a Grand Captain General to perform such duties, as will be seen by reference to Division 3, Section V, of the Constitution, wherein it is provided that the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General "shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective offices," and they are further required to "read the report of their doings during the preceding three years."

In the report of the Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General, with which the proceedings of the Grand Encampment have hitherto been filled, and to a great extent, it may be said, decorated, much matter has been laid before the Templars of the United States which had no relation to the mere official doings of those officers. From the nature of the case this is inevitable. What has been done by these high functionaries, in the course of their official duties, is often of far less significance than the subjects or ideas that have arisen, and the interests and concern of the brotherhood, about which, perhaps, nothing has yet been done. It would therefore be a most narrow and most technical construction of what should be found in a Grand Officer's Report, to confine it to his actual doings, and to exclude from it matters of the highest gravity, concerning which he may have *done* nothing, but which were nevertheless vital to the fraternity or to any important section of it.

The question of costume, however it may have been regarded in some sections of the country, was of so much importance to the constituents of this Grand Commandery, and indeed to this whole section, and in fact involved so much that menaced the prosperity of Templarism here, that its fair and equitable adjustment by the Grand Encampment was perhaps as vital to the peace and perpetuity of the distinguished body, as to the peace and happiness of those who felt aggrieved by what seemed to them a needless attack upon an ancient and traditional costume.

The report, therefore, of the Grand Captain General, embodying, as it did, not simply his own views as an individual, but representing the ideas and traditions of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, of which he had for the constitutional time been an R. E. Commander, and of which he was then a distinguished and respected member, and representing further the clear views and opinions of all the knights of this jurisdiction, of the jurisdictions of Maine, and New Hampshire, and of every Sir Knight, to whom the black costume was sacred for its history and associations, and covering the very ground, and setting forth the very reasons upon which the Grand Encampment itself acted in its final decree, was a document which, it would seem, the Templars of the United States were entitled to gaze upon in the printed report for which they pay. It would have clearly and succinctly informed them of the reasons why the Grand Encampment yielded the control of the vexed question of costume to the State Grand Comman-

deries. The additional expense of printing would have been trifling, and justice would have thereby been rendered to a faithful officer of the Grand Encampment, and to the whole body of Templar Masons.

It would be as proper to criticize the committee "On the doings of Grand Officers," as exceeding its power and duty, because of this very report of the committee, by quoting the language of the Constitution, as restricting its power "to recommend the apportionments of the Reports of Grand Officers to special or such other of the standing committees as it might deem necessary,"—a duty which it did not perform. The language of the Constitution is, "these reports (Grand Officers' Reports) shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to special or to such other of the standing committees, as they may deem necessary." The real reason, it is thought, that led to the singular recommendation by the Committee is to be found in the statement in its report in reference to the bearing of Sir Dean's report upon Order No. 3. Their language is, "regarding this document as an able argument in opposition to Order No. 3, and to the white or templar costume." While the report contains an able argument in favor of leaving the question of costume to the several State Grand Commanderies, we fail to find any argument or attempt at argument against the issuing of said Order No. 3, but, on the other hand, it expressly disclaims discussing its legality or propriety.

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment show reports of like character by Grand Generalissimos and Grand Captain Generals, and at least one of much greater length, which were printed therein. The criticism might rather be made that such officers have too often regarded their position as merely honorary, and as not calling even for a written report.

This is the first time in the history of the Grand Encampment that a report of a Grand Officer has by vote of the Grand body had the indignity placed upon it of being placed upon file, but to be "omitted from the official printed proceedings."

There seems less excuse for this indignity when the recommendation made in the report was so nearly adopted, and, in effect, entirely adopted, so far as the particular portion of the jurisdiction, especially grieved by the effect of Order No. 3 is concerned.

The distribution of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment has drawn the attention of many Templars to the recent action of that body, and they are desirous of seeing the report which was deemed of that importance that it should cause a reversal of the practice of that Grand Body in the disposition of the reports of its Grand Officers. In the judgment of your committee the report is of a character that will not only repay perusal, but will best show the want of excuse in refusing it its place in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, and to that end

recommend that it be published in the Abstract of Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

N. VAN SLYCK,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
TRACY P. CHEEVER, } Committee.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, October 27th, 1876.

On motion it was unanimously

Voted, To accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

GRAND FUND.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GRAND FUND OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

In conformity with the provisions of Section Eleven of Article One of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the undersigned, a Standing Committee on Grand Fund, respectfully submit the Sixteenth Annual Report on Grand Fund, and specify how the same is invested :

A Deposit Book of Provident Institution for Savings, in Boston, and interest to July 1, 1876,		$ 1,149 82
A Deposit Book on Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, Boston, and interest to October, 1876		6,604 66
A Deposit Book on North End Savings Bank in Boston, and interest to July, 1876		2,003 26
A Certificate of 34 Shares in Market National Bank in Boston.		3,430 50
A Certificate of 15 Shares Mount Vernon Bank		1,579 00
Making total Fund		$14,767 24
1876, Fund	$14,767 24	
1875, Fund	13,778 20	
Gain	$988 99	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PARKMAN, Treas'r,
HENRY W. RUGG, G. C.,
ALFRED F CHAPMAN, G. R., } Standing Committee.

Boston, October 27, 1875.

The Report was accepted by vote.

The vouchers in the hands of the Grand Treasurer having been examined by E. Sir W. W. Baker, who was specially appointed for that purpose, the foregoing Sixteenth Annual Statement of the Grand Fund was certified by him to be correct.

The report of the Grand Treasurer being submitted, it was referred to the Committee on Finance, together with the Report of the Grand Recorder.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, have attended to the duties assigned them. We have carefully examined the books and accounts, and find the same correctly kept, and all expenditures to be duly vouched. Your Committee, therefore, report the annexed statement of the Treasurer's receipts and disbursements:

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance on hand October, 1875	$ 937 83	
" Received for Books	260 50	
" " " Diplomas	165 00	
" " Loan, Treasurer	600 00	
" " Dividend, Stock	130 00	
" " Returns, Commanderies	2,021 55	
		$4,114 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash Paid for Rent	$ 84 00	
" " " Salaries	400 00	
" " " Printing	863 08	
" " " Traveling Fees	45 89	
" " " Banquets	243 00	
" " " Centennial Expenses	461 36	
" " " Stationery, etc	501 93	
" " " Grand Fund	257 73	
" " " Charity Donations	100 00	
	$2,906 99	
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,207 89	
		$4,114 88

Now due Treasurer, two loans, $2,100.

STOCKS ON HAND.

2	Shares	Atlantic Bank	$ 198 00
4	"	Boylston "	494 50
10	"	Naumkeag Manufacturing Co	1,366 25
8	"	Michigan R. R	896 00
14	"	Ogdensburg	1,218 25
			$4,173 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. KENT,
Z. H. THOMAS, JR.,
E. L. FREEMAN,
} Committee on Finance.

Boston, October 27th, 1876.

The Committee further reported that the accounts of the Grand Recorder were correct, and recommended that the salaries be the same as last year, to wit:

To the Grand Treasurer, - - - - - - -	$100 00
To the Grand Recorder, - - - - - - -	300 00

Voted, To accept the report, and to adopt the recommendation.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Archives of this Grand Commandery have been enriched by the addition of the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut from its organization in 1827 to 1869, in two parts. The proceedings of the Grand Priory of Canada are also complete. This body was organized in 1855 as a "Provincial Grand Conclave," which title it retained until its assembly in 1868, when by *letters patent,* it was erected into a "Grand Priory, with the power of self-government, enacting rules and laws for the guidance of their own affairs— * * * not contrary to the common law and statutes of the Order."

The organization of the several Grand Bodies, the date of their Annual Conclaves as reported in their printed proceedings

last received, the number of subordinates in each jurisdiction, the number of knights created during the year, the increase in each, and the average membership in each subordinate, counting the nearest whole numbers, and the totals, is shown by the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of Last Annual Conclave.	No. Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Average Membership.	Increase for the year.	Tot. decrease for the year.
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 17, 1876	11	23	236	21 5-11	2	
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	Dec. 31, 1852	4		212	53		
Canada	October 9, 1855	August 12, 1875	19	70	584	31 14-19		
*England & Wales.	Seven Bodies existed as early as 1796.	May 12, 1876	116		1916	17 15-29		
California	August 10, 1858	April 16, 1875	10	73	643	64 3-10	51	
Colorado	March 14, 1876	Mar. 14-15, 1876	3		127	42 1-3		
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 16, 1875	10	55	1,358	136		
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 3, 1876	8	27	358	49 1-4		29
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 26, 1875	48	419	3,414	71 1-8	307	
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 25, 1876	26	209	1,862	72 8-13	128	
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 19, 1875	24	164	1,260	53 11-12	92	
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 5, 1875	8	49	308	38 1-2		
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	May 10, 1876	18	187	1,129	66	223	
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	Feb. 18, 1876	4	26	403	100		1
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 3, 1876	13	104	1,551	119 4-13	70	
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 27, 1875	39	382	5,600			
Maryland	January 23, 1871	April 17, 1876	6	84	710	118 1-3		8
Michigan	January 15, 1857	June 6, 1876	30	160	2,337	77 9-10	166	
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1876	10	41	600	60	66	
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	May 9, 1876	14	54	470	33 4-7	8	
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 5, 1875	29	177	1,276	44		
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 28, 1875	9	57	1,006	112 7-9	29	
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 7, 1875	12	128	1,081	90 1-12	76	
New York	June 18, 1814	October 12, 1875	52	653	7,262	146 2-3	315	
Nebraska	Dec 28, 1871	January 6, 1875	7	39	261	37 2-7		
Ohio	October 12, 1859	Sept. 8, 1875	27	243	2,438	90 8-27	113	
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 25, 1875	53	684	5,467	103		
Tennessee	October 12, 1843	May 11, 1876	15	53	831	55 6-15		27
Texas	January 19, 1855	January 27, 1875	9	17	386	43		
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June 13, 1876	9	41	624	69 1-3	27	
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	October 18, 1875	14	40	719	50 5-14	34	
West Virginia	February 25, 1874		5		103	21		
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	October 3-4, 1876	12	83	911	76	55	
†Grand Encamp't.	June 22, 1816	Dec. 1, 1874	20	540	1,404			
Total number commanderies in U. S., England and dependencies			691					
Total number created in United States only				4882				
Total number of members in United States only					48,720			

* England and Wales gives no enumeration, though I have quoted from Illinois in the table presented; but from internal evidence in the Report of the Great Priory, I think the number of Knights under that Body must be double the number herein set down.

† Includes work of 1871-1874.

West Virginia has not reported in print, to our knowledge.

The smallest increase of membership during the year was in Alabama, being only 2; the largest was in New York, being

315. The decrease of membership was 29, 1, 8, and 27, in Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland and Tennessee, respectively.

The number of knights created will compare quite favorably with the previous year, but the suspensions and discharges are rather more conspicuous than usual.

The following table will show the work of the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction :

	Names of Commandery.	Members.	Created.	Dimited.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	Saint John's,	358	9					8.
2	Boston,	555	23			4.		8.
3	Newburyport,	70	6					1.
4	Washington,	64	2					
5	Worcester County,	218	11	2.	1.			1.
6	Springfield,	293	8		12.			2.
7	De Molay,	326	19	2.				5.
8	Holy Sepulchre,	207	2					3.
9	Pilgrim,	194	10					2.
10	Palestine,	212	5	4.				1.
11	Milford,	156	15		9.			1.
12	Saint Bernard,	85	2			5.		1.
13	Calvary,	225	10					3.
14	Haverhill,	170	11	2.	1.			
15	Old Colony,	124	7	1.				
16	Sutton,	215	16	1.				2.
17	Bethany	163	8					2.
18	Winslow Lewis,	132	6	2.		1.		
19	Jerusalem,	123		1.		12.		1.
20	Hugh de Payens,	190	12	6.				7.
21	Saint Omer,	135	18	3.				
22	Berkshire,	80	2	3.		4.		1.
23	Woonsocket,	132	13					
24	Connecticut Valley,	85	5				1.	1.
25	Godfrey de Bouillon,	118	9					1.
26	Joseph Warren,	144	11	1.	1			2.
27	Narragansett,	40	2					
28	William Parkman,	107	3	2.				1.
29	Bristol,	116	6	1.				1.
30	Northampton,	63	5					
31	South Shore,	121	15					1.
32	Trinity,	70	1					1.
33	Natick,	49	7	1.				
34	Cœur de Lion,	146	13	1.				1.
35	Gethsemane,	73	7	1.				2.
36	Olivet,	74	5	3.				
37	Athol,	51	4	1.			1.	
38	Bay State,	83	6					
39	Cyprus,	36	5					
	Totals	5803	319	38	24	26	2	60.

Since the last Annual Assembly I have received the following sums of money:

For Returns due in 1875	$ 458 20
" " " " 1876	1,563 35
Diplomas	163 00
Printed Proceedings, 1803 to 1863	260 50
Total	$2,445 05

For which sum I hold the receipt of the Grand Treasurer.

This Grand Body is criticised adversely for not having a report on Foreign Correspondence, and, in some cases, is very briefly reviewed in consequence thereof; nevertheless, the pleasant relations between this office and corresponding ones continue as usual, good will seems to abound, "and the heart and tongue to rejoice in each others prosperity,"

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

Voted, That the Grand Recorder's Report be accepted.

The Grand Recorder read a letter from the venerable Sir Abraham A. Dame, M. E. Grand Master in 1835–'36, regretting his inability to be present by reason of infirm health, in which he also said: "Please inform the R. E. Grand Commander, and assure him of my strong and deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of our beloved institution."

The letter was received with expressions of sympathy and knightly regard.

E. Sir Lucius R. Paige placed in the hands of the Grand Recorder, certain Masonic papers, to be presented to the Grand Commandery. The synopsis is as follows:

From Archibald Bull, Troy, N. Y., February 19, 1848, to Past Grand Master Edward A. Raymond, on matters principally relating to the A. and A. Rite.

From the same, to "General G. Master W. B. Hubbard, dated September 10, 1850, in regard to injuries sustained by the then Grand Master of New York, while on his way to attend the Triennial Session of General Grand Encampment.

A petition, and papers accompanying it, to Sir Charles W. Moore, General G. Captain General, for leave to form Burlington Encampment, in Burlington, Vt., June 22, 1849. Dispensation granted June 28, 1849.

Return of Portland Encampment No. 2, Portland, Me., made August 28, 1849, to General Grand Encampment.

One from Armand P. Pfister, Montgomery, October 8, 1850, to E. Sir B. B. French, General Grand Recorder, with other papers, accompanying a petition for Montgomery Encampment No. 3, to be located in Montgomery, Ala. These papers were forwarded to E. Sir Charles W. Moore, G. G. Generalisimo, who granted the Dispensation, October 17, 1850.

A petition from eleven knights, dated in San Francisco, Cal., September 25, 1852, representing eight jurisdictions, for a Dispensation to form an Encampment in that city, stating that, to their knowledge, no Encampment or authority existed in California to which they could apply.

The thanks of the Grand Commandery were given to E. Sir Knight Paige, of and to whom the R. E. Grand Commander spoke pleasantly, recalling the fact of his presiding over Village Encampment in 1826.

Honorable mention was also made of Past Grand Master James Hutchison, who presided in 1851–'53.

Sir Samuel G. Stiness presented engraved portraits of Past Grand Master Hutchison, and Past Grand Commander Van Slyck, handsomely framed, to the Grand Commandery.

Voted, To accept the portraits, to thank the donor, and that the Recorder notify Sir S. G. Stiness to that effect.

The Grand Recorder asked the Grand Commandery to consider whether it will permit the printing of Diplomas from its plate, for other jurisdictions.

Voted, To refer the subject to the Committee on Printing, to report in May next.

The Grand Recorder also called attention to the want of Traveling or Pocket Certificates.

Voted, To refer the subject to the Committee on Printing, with full powers.

REPORT ON MANUAL AND DRILL.

GRAND COMMANDERY MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

BOSTON, October 27, 1876.

The undersigned, a Committee to whom at the Semi-Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery, held May 18th, 1876, was referred that portion of the Grand Commander's Address relating to Manual and Drill, beg leave to report:

The Committee have examined the Manual prepared by the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight A. F. Chapman, and recommend that the Grand Commandery approve it for use in the Commanderies of the jurisdiction, and they also recommend that the Grand Commandery purchase fifty copies of the work, when published, for the use of the Grand Officers.

The Manual contains all necessary forms, lessons, and services for a complete Templar Manual.

The Committee have also examined a system of Drill prepared by Sir Knights Choate and Pierce, of St. Omer's Commandery, but they are not prepared to make final report at this Assembly. They ask that further time be granted them for the consideration of this important subject.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., } Committee.

Voted, That so much of the report as refers to the Manual submitted by the Grand Recorder, be accepted.

Voted, To adopt the recommendations contained in the Report, in reference thereto.

Voted, That so much of the Report as refers to Drill, be recommitted to the same Committee for further time.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following:

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

This occasion of convening in Annual Assembly, to consult and act for the interests of our cherished institution, will naturally awaken in our minds important associations and suggestions. It will remind us of Time's rapid flight; and will bring home to us the solemn thought that the earthly way which we have yet to pass over, is so much shorter than it was a twelvemonth ago. It will present to us the solemn question, as to what has been the degree of faithfulness with which we have met and discharged the varied demands of duty, during this period now brought under review. It will recall gifts and bestowments that have come to us out of the past; large possessions and blessed experiences, secured to us by the labors and sacrifices of those noble souls, now passed on to their reward, albeit the sweet savor of their faithful lives still abides with us, a perpetual grace and benediction. Surely we shall be moved to remember here and now, that other men have labored, and we have entered into their labors.

This occasion will, also, properly remind us of those gracious increments of light, knowledge and strength vouchsafed to us by Almighty God, and without which our own efforts for good would surely have come to nought. For, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it." Reverently and gladly will we say: "Hitherto has the Lord helped us; the Lord's name be praised."

I greet you, Sir Knights, with cordial salutations. I congratulate you on the general prosperity of our beloved order; and, not the less, on the pleasant and harmonious condition of affairs within our own jurisdiction. I rejoice with you in what the past brings to us of honor and achievement in connection with the history of Masonic Templarism, and in what the future promises to furnish of superior advantage and glory. I welcome you to the sweet communions of this occasion, glad to believe that the spirit of a strong and vital sympathy will hold us in true fellowship, as we shall plan and act for the welfare of Christian Knighthood in this jurisdiction.

I shall now place before you a brief summary of my official acts since the date of the Semi-Annual Assembly in May last, together with such statements and recommendations as seem to be of importance.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

In accordance with General Order No. 1, (reported in my address at the May session,) making assignments for the visiting and inspecting of the subordinate commanderies in this jurisdiction, such visits have been made with but two or three exceptions. From the reports of the Grand Officers, duly received, it is evident that the representatives of this Grand Body have well and faithfully performed the duty with which they were severally charged in this respect. They report a spirit of hearty loyalty everywhere manifest; the commanderies generally full of life and animation, and maintaining a vigorous and financially sound condition, notwithstanding the year has been one of great business depression. The officers commend the work they have witnessed, and unite in saying that in most of the commanderies both the ceremony and the text are substantially in accord with the ritual adopted by this Grand Body. One commandery, which has failed hitherto to adapt its practise to the established ritual, now promises to obtain and adopt the standard work. The reports give gratifying evidence, also, that the occasions of official visitation have furnished opportunities for many delightful reunions, alike pleasing and edifying to all who have participated therein.

The official visits which I have personally made are confirmatory of the reports made by the other Grand Officers. With, possibly, two or three exceptions, all our subordinates are characterized by an active and zealous spirit, which is the sure token of their present usefulness and future prosperity. The majority of these bodies are now located in fine halls, and have abundant aids and resources for the proper carrying forward of the work and business of their respective organizations.

It only needs that the best men shall be called to the front, that the officers shall study to render the work in an intelligent and accurate manner, and that the entire membership, from

the highest to the lowest in rank, shall be possessed with a true *esprit du corps*, which will make them jealous of the honor and reputation of the order to which they belong, to enable us, not alone to hold and enjoy our present vantage ground, but to go forward to fairer possessions and make still better illustration of the true character and glory of Christian Knighthood.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the May Assembly I have granted the following special Dispensations :

MAY 20th. To Sutton Commandery, New Bedford, allowing that body to make a pilgrimage to Philadelphia, and participate in the Templar Reunion in that city, May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, 1876.

JUNE 9th. To Worcester County Commandery, Worcester, giving permission to that body to make an excursion to Portland, Me., and participate in the celebration of St. John's day in that city. I communicated the fact of granting this dispensation to the R. E. Grand Commander of Maine.

JUNE 10th. To South Shore Commandery, Weymouth, to celebrate St. John's day by an excursion and parade on the day preceding the 24th of June.

AUGUST 4th. To Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, granting permission to make an excursion to Keene, N. H., during the last week in September, said commandery having accepted an invitation from the Knights of that city to make them a fraternal visit.

SEPTEMBER 9th. To South Shore Commandery, Weymouth, authorizing the holding of a Special Assembly on the 2d of October, for the transaction of all business properly pertaining to the Annual Meeting.

SEPTEMBER 20th. To Athol Commandery, Athol, giving permission to act upon the petition of Frank Wetherby in less than the constitutional period.

SEPTEMBER 28th. To Berkshire Commandery, Pittsfield, allowing said Commandery to make an excursion to, and parade in South and North Adams, on or about the 10th of October.

OCTOBER 21st. To Haverhill Commandery, granting authority to fill vacancies in list of officers, said vacancies having been caused by the declination of certain knights to accept the offices to which they had been elected at the Annual Assembly.

OCTOBER 23d. To Holy Sepulchre Commandery, Pawtucket, giving permission to omit the Regular Assembly, October 27th, and to transact the business of such Regular Assembly at a Special to be held on November 3d.

I have also authorized and approved public installations in three instances.

In several instances I have declined to give dispensations that have been asked. Two commanderies applied for permission to parade, in their respective localities, with military and civic processions on the fourth of July. Holding to the opinion that, "except upon rare emergencies, public parades by subordinate commanderies ought to be made only on Masonic occasions," and not recognizing either of the cases presented as constituting a proper exception to the general rule, I felt obliged to refuse both applications.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

I have responded to a number of communications asking for information on comparatively trivial matters; and in such cases have pointed the way to those well established principles and landmarks of the Order, that in themselves have been sufficient answers to many of the questions submitted. If the members, and especially the officers of the several commanderies, would but search diligently to ascertain some of the fundamental laws of Masonry, and make themselves acquainted with the decisions that have gone upon record, they would not so often be left in doubt as to the proper methods of procedure. It calls for no small amount of reading and study to prepare a Knight Templar to preside over a commandery, and administer its affairs creditably in the line of established precedent and constitutional enactment.

I have been called to consider several matters which are of sufficient importance to make it desirable that they should be

brought to the attention of the Grand Commandery, together with my action in passing upon said questions.

A decision was desired by the Eminent Commander of one of the oldest commanderies of this jurisdiction, as to whether or not a worthy Royal Arch Mason, deprived of his left arm, could properly receive the Orders. It was stated that his maimed condition was made known to the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, at the time he applied for degrees, many years ago, and that no objection was raised to his being initiated. Subsequently he was exalted to the degree of the Royal Arch, and in due time his petition came before the Commandery, which asked of me a decision as to his eligibility under the provisions of Templar law. The case seemed a hard one, in view of the steps previously taken; but it did not seem that I had any option, as the Grand Encampment at its last session had enacted this provision: "The loss of a leg or an arm by a petitioner, disqualifies him from receiving the Orders of Knighthood." I ruled, therefore, that the way to his admission was constitutionally barred, and that I doubted the right and propriety of overriding the law by a dispensation.

In one of the younger commanderies of this jurisdiction, a Sir Knight, holding only honorary membership in the Body, was elected its Eminent Commander and afterward installed into that office. On presentation of the facts, I decided that the election and installation were *void*, together with the appointment and installations of the several appointed officers. I also gave the Commandery in error a Dispensation to elect and install officers for the places thus made vacant, which was accordingly done. It appears to be a well settled principle of Masonic law, that honorary membership is but complimentary. There must be an actual and active membership to qualify for voting or holding office.

On the 30th of September, Sir Edwin Clapp, E. Commander of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, Pawtucket, called upon me and submitted the following questions in writing, desiring me to respond to the same *seriatim:*

1. "Are Sir Knights who are two years in arrears in paying their dues to Holy Sepulchre Commandery, and who have not offered a satisfactory excuse, to be considered members of the Commandery?"

2. "Am I entitled, under the By-Laws, to receive the excuses of such delinquents and reinstate them?"

3 "If I, or the E. Commander at any future time, am so permitted to reinstate delinquents, for how long a period shall this power continue?"

4. "Can such delinquents for two years, who have not offered reasonable excuse, vote at the approaching election?"

5. "Am I, with the advice of the other members of the Standing Committee, authorized to reinstate such delinquents, if they offer an excuse before election!"

6. "Should an old member of the Commandery, thus delinquent, die, are we under obligations to give him knightly burial, if he should have made request for such service?"

7. "Can Sir Knights who have taken the Order of the Red Cross and Kight Templar, sign the By-Laws and vote before they have taken the Order of Knights of Malta?"

To these enquiries I made answer as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., October 2d, 1876.

EMINENT AND DEAR SIR:—Five of the seven questions which you propounded in the communication placed in my hands on the 30th ultimo, are to be determined by the construction given to Article 2, Section 9 of the By-Laws of your commandery. That section clearly sets forth what shall be the penalty of neglect to pay assessments for two years, viz: suspension of membership; but does it follow that this penalty in any case can be imposed without the special action of the commandery itself? The language of the section referred to may be of doubtful meaning, but as a matter of equity, I am clear in my opinion that no member ought to be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, except by vote of the Body, after notice has been given him of the action proposed to be taken. If he fails to appear, or if he presents no satisfactory excuse, then by a majority vote (where there is no express provision otherwise) his name can be stricken from the roll of membership.

If this view be accepted, it follows that actual suspension can not take place until a vote of the commandery ordering the same has been had; and it will also follow that reinstatement can only be given to a suspended knight by the direct action of the commandery.

The Eminent Commander, therefore, is not authorized to strike names from the roll, nor can he reinstate knights who may be under sentence of suspension.

A commandery is under no obligation to give knightly burial to an unaffiliated Templar, or a suspended member.

In reply to your last question, I have to say that no commandery should allow candidates to sign the By-Laws and come into membership until they have taken the Order of Knights of Malta. Where the practice has been to allow this to be done, and membership has thus been gained, I do not think those thus received should be debarred from the privilege of voting.

Yours Fraternally,

HENRY W. RUGG,

Grand Commander.

The question as to the proper and legal manner of dealing with members who refuse or neglect to pay their dues is not altogether easy of solution. There must be a power somewhere to compel such payment. In my judgment it is not competent for a commandery to make a by-law, or pass a resolution that shall summarily strike members from the rolls when they are in arrears for dues; nor do I belive that it is within the province of the commander or any special committee thus to eliminate the membership of a commandery, or to determine whether or not such delinquents shall be allowed to vote. That the commandery has power to enforce the penalty even to expulsion for non-payment of dues, I do not doubt; but in such enforcement it must proceed according to the well-established principles of Masonic law. It must give the delinquent due notice, summon him to appear and show cause why he has not obeyed the requirements of the body, and then, if it finds the case will warrant such action, it may suspend or expel the delinquent. But the commandery itself must act and vote the suspension to give it legality.

Quite recently I have been asked to pass upon the case of Sir Thomas H. Johnson, who was admitted to Winslow Lewis Commandery, Salem, in 1874. My ruling was asked in regard to the status of said Johnson, in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at its quarterly communication held September 13th, 1876, declared him to be a clandestine

Mason, and recommended that he be formally healed, which recommendation was soon after carried into effect. The cause for such action on the part of the Grand Lodge was that this Brother applied for the degrees in Jordan Lodge, Peabody, (and received them from said Lodge) not having the recommendation of Mt. Carmel Lodge of Lynn, which had previously voted adversely on his petition, thereby acquiring jurisdiction under the Constitution and Rules of Massachusetts. On this ground it appeared that the said Johnson was irregularly made a Mason, hence he was declared clandestine by the action of the Grand Lodge. After such decision had been rendered, at a regular assembly of Winslow Lewis Commandery, the E. Commander announced that Johnson had ceased to be a member of the commandery as a result of the action taken by the Grand Lodge. In this condition of affairs, I was appealed to by Johnson, who was left in doubt as to what was his standing as a Knight Templar, and what his rightful relation to Winslow Lewis Commandery.

It does not belong to my office, nor is it within the province of the Grand Commandery, to review the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in this matter. That action must be accepted as final. Johnson, therefore, having been declared to be a *clandestine* Mason is for a time in the same condition as though he had never received Masonic light and advancement. By the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he loses his membership in the lodge and all Masonic standing. Now, according to the settled principles of the Institution, such loss of membership and privileges in the lodge, (amounting practically to expulsion,) operates as a suspension in the commandery. It would seem, therefore, that Commander Sutton must be sustained, on technical and legal grounds, in deciding that Johnson lost his membership in the commandery as a result of the decision by the Grand Lodge declaring him clandestine. Having now been formally healed, and on petition restored to membership in the Blue Lodge, the question recurs as to his present standing in the commandery. Does the healing, accompanied by a restoration to membership in his lodge, restore Brother Johnson to the same status as a Knight Templar that he held before any proceedings were taken by the Grand Lodge

in his case? In my thought the effect of healing and restoration does *not* of itself restore to membership in the commandery, although in this case it might seem both proper and equitable that such a result should follow. There must be some action on the part of the commandery, both to heal and to restore to membership.

I submit a communication from Brother Johnson (with accompanying papers) reciting the facts already set forth, and making request that the Grand Commandery will take such action as may be necessary to give him good and regular standing as a Knight Templar, and restore him to membership in the commandery, provided such membership has been affected by the proceedings recently taken. I recommend that this application be responded to, if possible, by action which shall be had at the present assembly. The present Templar condition of the applicant is peculiarly embarrassing, and he should be relieved from it with as little delay as possible.

FINANCES.

Two items of expenditure during the past year may properly be classed as extraordinary: The expense incurred by participating in the Templar Reunion at Philadelphia, and the payment of the bill for printing proceedings from organization to 1863, inclusive. A very considerable proportion of the copies of this valuable work remain unsold in the hands of the Recorder.

It is believed that the ordinary expenses of the Grand Body have been kept within proper limits, and that due regard has been had for such prudent management as the times call for. Reference is made to the Treasurer's Books and Report of Finance Committee for particulars as to all receipts and expenditures during the year.

TEMPLAR LAW.

There can be no doubt that the Digest of Templar Laws adopted by the Grand Encampment at New Orleans, contains several enactments which will be regarded with disfavor in this jurisdiction. These edicts, however, having been put forth by

the highest authority, and having, also, on report of an able committee at the May Assembly, received the sanction of this Body, must be obeyed, and therefore they ought to be communicated to our several subordinates for their information and government. I recommend that the Digest be printed with the proceedings for the present year.

TEMPLAR REUNION AT PHILADELPHIA.

A communication from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, inviting this Grand Body to be present at the Templar Reunion in Philadelphia, on May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, 1876, was duly received and accepted, as may be seen by reference to the proceedings of the last Annual and Semi-Annual Assemblies.

The general feeling seemed to be that on such an occasion, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the oldest in the country, should be represented. My own judgment being in accord with such feeling, I made the necessary preliminary arrangements for a pilgrimage by the Officers and members of the Grand Commandery to the "City of Brotherly Love," with a view to participate in the parade and services of said Templar Reunion. I herewith submit a copy of Order No. 2, issued under date of May 20, 1876.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 20, 1876.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, Greeting:

Referring to circular of notification, by me issued under date of April 17th, setting forth the fact that an invitation extended to this Grand Commandery to participate in the Templar Reunion at Philadelphia on June 1st, had been accepted, and that this Grand Body would be represented on that occasion by the Grand Council, together with such others of the officers and members of the Grand Commandery as should choose to attend, under the conditions therein declared,—

It is hereby further communicated: That the Headquarters of this Grand Commandery on that occasion will be at the Washington Hotel, (Chestnut Street, above Seventh,) where it is especially desired that officers and members shall report as soon after their arrival as convenient.

It is further communicated: That the escort of Sutton Commandery, of New Bedford, has been accepted for the day of parade, June 1st, on which day the officers and members of the Grand Commandery, who propose to take their places in the lines, will appear in full Templar costume, and report at Headquarters, Washington Hotel, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Headquarters of the Grand Commandery, in Philadelphia, will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 30th, 31st, and June 1st.

HENRY W. RUGG,

Grand Commander.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Grand Recorder.

Your representative, with several of the officers, and some sixty members of the Grand Commandery, were privileged to have part in that memorable celebration covering the three days before named. The delegation from this jurisdiction included many prominent knights, whose presence in the lines of the Grand Commandery on that occasion was alike creditable to the Body, and a source of pleasure to our hosts and friends with whom we were brought in communion at Philadelphia. That we were the recipients of a munificent hospitality, is a fact that hardly needs to be stated, so proverbial has become the generous attentions of the Philadelphia brethren and knights. Courtesies were showered upon us without ceasing from the time of our arrival to our departure. We passed many delightful hours at receptions and gatherings which had been arranged in connection with, and as a part of, the Reunion. On Tuesday evening, May 31st, your representatives were formally received and welcomed by the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, then convened in annual session at the Masonic Temple.

The parade on June 1st, was in every respect a success. Regarded as a mere spectacle, it was a scene never to be forgotten; but considered as an illustration of the character and strength of the Order of Knights Templars, the display became grandly impressive. Nearly ten thousand knights were in line, whose

waving plumes, richly decorated banners, glittering badges and jewels, gave wonderful attractiveness to the pageant; but the grace and charm of the occasion was not in the outward show alone! The knights that marched beneath the sign of the cross along Philadelphia's crowded streets on that summer day, represented in some good degree character, intelligence and the elements of true manhood, and hence the parade took on a moral significance and glory.

Sutton Commandery, of New Bedford, performed escort duty for the Grand Commandery on the day of parade, in the most satisfactory and creditable manner. Its officers and members bore themselves in such a manner as to reflect honor upon the jurisdiction to which they belong. It affords me pleasure, therefore, in this public way, to thank Sutton Commandery for its escort given to the Grand Commandery, and to speak the word of commendation so justly merited.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

I have now presented such matters, touching my official acts, as it has seemed to me should be reported to you at this time. I would fain add a closing word of exhortation, expressive of my strong desire that the great vital principles of Christian knighthood may become so interwoven with our thoughts and affections, that their constraining power shall be clearly manifest in our lives and characters. To-day's summons is not, as in the ancient time, when the call rang out for brave knights to go forth and render protection to the weak and fainting pilgrims, or to bear arms for the redemption of the City of the Great King. But the heroic quality in life—that moral chivalry which is ever the world's true salt—is needed now as much as in the elder day, when a Richard Cœur de Lion, or Henry of Navarre led their armed hosts to the conflict; when the whole world shook as cross and crescent clashed together on the great battle-fields that are now historic. The sign of the cross has not lost its significance or moral potency. Do we still bear that sign upon our banners, and wear it upon our breasts? Let us see to it then that its impress is on our moral natures; that we both teach and practice the virtues it sym-

bolizes; that we catch an ever fresh stimulus from this now glorified sign which shall make our hearts burn within us, to realize that highest chivalry which forever rests in Honor, Magnanimity, and Charity!

"O, who would not a champion be
"In this, our nobler chivalry?
"Work, brethren, work—work hand and brain;
"We'll win the golden age again,
"And Love's millenial sun shall rise
"In happy hearts—in blessed eyes!
"We may—we will brave champions be
"In this, the knightlier chivalry."

Sir Knights: I have to return to you my heartfelt thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, in calling me to my present position; and, more especially, for that ready coöperation—that unwearied kindness and courtesy which you have shown me—thus relieving my official duties from any heavy, burdensome character; oftener than otherwise, indeed, investing them with a delightful charm.

Into your hands I commit the business for which we have this day assembled. May our communion here be sweet. May the genius of our Institution inspire us to good words and works, that we may run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as relates to the case of Sir Knight Thomas H. Johnson, be referred to Sirs Thomas H. Doyle, Benjamin Dean, and Tracy P. Cheever;

So much as relates to Correspondence, Decisions, and Dispensations, be referred to Sirs William Ellison, B. Sanford, Jr., and S. G. Stiness.

So much as relates to financial matters and special recommendations, to Sirs N. Van Slyck, William Sutton and Edward Parker.

And the remainder to Sirs George E. Stacy, John B. Whittaker and William Jackson.

The R. E. Grand Commander, having appointed Sirs Samuel Mason, Jr., William Patterson, and George H. Burnham a Committee on Collation, they now reported the same to be prepared.

ONE O'CLOCK AND THIRTY MINUTES, P. M.

AT REFRESHMENT.

The R. E. Grand Commander dismissed the Sir Knights from duty until

TWO AND ONE-HALF O'CLOCK P. M.

The hour of duty having arrived, Sir Thomas A. Doyle offered the following

Resolution: That the R. E. Grand Commander be and is hereby authorized to draw from the *income* of the Grand Fund, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, during the current Templar year, for such charitable purposes as the Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer may approve.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

October 27th, 1876.

The amendment to the By-Laws of Berkshire Commandery is in accordance with Masonic usage, and the Committee recommend that the same be approved.

They have amended the By-Laws of Athol Commandery, and recommend that when that Body adopts the same they be approved.

JOHN N. PIKE,

for the Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour assigned for the election of officers having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander requested Past Grand Commander E. Sir Charles A. Stott to preside, and he appointed Sirs A. H. Howland, Jr., Samuel G. Stiness, and John Shaw, 2d, a Committee to collect, count, and report the number of votes thrown. He also appointed Sirs E. L. Freeman, Charles Harris, and James A. Waite, a Second Committee for the same purpose.

R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg was unanimously re-elected R. E. Grand Commander.

A Committee was appointed to introduce the Grand Commander elect, when he was officially informed of his re-election, to which announcement he responded in a graceful and courteous manner.

V. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence declined a re-election.

The following Sir Knights were elected to the several offices named:

Sir JOHN DEAN.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander presiding, requested Past Grand Commander Van Slyck to assist, the official obligation was administered, and Sir Henry W. Rugg was duly installed into the high office of R. E. Grand Commander, and saluted with appropriate honors.

The appointed officers were announced as follows:

E. Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....Grand Sword Bearer.
E. Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....Grand Warder.
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON.....Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir E. L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinal.

During the further ceremonies of installation, E. Sir John N. Pike officiated as Marshal, the officers elected and appointed were officially obligated, and all were installed into their respective stations.

Official proclamation was made by the Marshal, the Grand East was re-occupied by the R. E. Grand Commander, and he announced the following Standing Committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs James M. Greenwood, Albert H. Cushman, and James Swords.

ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, Charles E. Powers, and Alfred F. Chapman.

ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs William B. Blanding, John N. Pike, and Walter B. Vincent.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be donated to the family of the late Sir Robert Lash.

Voted, That the Reports of Officers made to the R. E. Grand Commander, be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Voted, That the several proposed amendments to the Constitution, be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, That the Grand Council be a committee, with full powers, to procure new *Jewels* for the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the day's proceedings, and the harmony which characterized the deliberations, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The Sir Knights were called to their devotions, the Grand Prelate officiating; after which the Grand Commandery was closed.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its assemblies held during the year.

Attest, ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

enactments or orders, whichsoever it may be, commanding them to put all this aside for something they never saw, and which, having no claim to antiquity or correctness, owes its adoption to the mere matter of taste.

Now what the evil was which those who advocated the establishment of an uniformity in costume sought to correct, I do not know. There was no desire on the part of the Grand Encampment to abolish the black uniform. It so stated in a resolution. I understand that the Grand Master has no such desire, and that he prefers the black. The trouble is, the legislation, somehow or other, got in that condition, that he felt it his duty to issue an order to enforce the white. There is something in this legislation which leaves a deep impression on my mind that it all took place without a knowledge, certainly without a thought of the constitutional provision which now plays so important a part in this drama.

There certainly were many good reasons why the Grand Encampment should not obliterate the black costume, and why the Grand Master should be relieved from the necessity of doing violence to his own feelings regarding it. As time rolls on there is a great probability of still further changes, and as they take place, and the order increases in numbers and usefulness, and as the institution grows older, there will arise a wish that the older Commanderies should have preserved the costume adopted by the early fathers. It will become more and more revered as years pass by. Indeed if it should now be deliberately laid aside it would be evidence of a decay of that true Masonic sentiment regarding the old and the ancient which has been its bulwark against innovation and change.

I have known of many innovations in the work of Ancient Craft Masonry, which, in after years the promoters of them themselves regretted, and endeavored to repair by searching after the original work.

There are certain things in the work of those degrees—in Rhode Island—the land of Thomas Smith Webb, which do not exist elsewhere, and I have always advised the brethren of that State to adhere to them. They add much to the interest of the visits of strangers, and form a subject of useful study and reflection.

Uniformity of costume never seemed to me, entitled to the importance others attach to it. I can understand that it might be desirable that some costume should be established for the purpose of instructing new commanderies constituted in remote sections; that they might be freed from the doubts and troubles of a selection; and I have no doubt a recommendation from the Grand Encampment would establish substantial uniformity, except where the commanderies are wedded to the old.

One method of solving this perplexing question would be to exclude from the operation of any provision establishing a costume, those Grand Commanderies in which the ancient costume prevails. Such a course would relieve New England and would be but just to her, and as I have already said, of benefit to the entire fraternity.

The only objection to such a course would be a purely theoretical one, namely that all the Grand Commanderies should have equal control over their several jurisdictions; but even the theoretical objection might have weight with some.

I have suggested this course because it would carry out the obvious wishes of the Grand Encampment, as I understand them. But because some minds would not like it, I think the better way would be to leave the regulation of costume to the several Grand Commanderies.

There can be no possible objection to this course. They certainly have sufficiently large jurisdictions and are quite as competent for so simple a business and know better what they want.

Of what possible advantage is absolute uniformity throughout so widespread a jurisdiction as ours?

If it be said, there is an occasion every three years when commanderies from different States are likely to meet, namely, at the triennial sessions of this Grand Encampment, and that it is desirable that they should there be dressed alike, I answer that it is not desirable even for the magnificence of the pageantry of the procession, that they should be dressed alike, and that *differences* on such occasions are desirable. I also answer that this coming of Commanderies to these triennial

sessions is a bad practice and should be discouraged. If they did not come we might find something of a more elevating character to occupy our attention, than the consideration of so trivial a question as with what trappings we should be caparisoned. For it should be borne in mind that however important it may be to the Commanderies who are stripped of their time honored regalia, the voluntary meddling of this Grand Body is quite another affair.

What the evil was which first suggested this idea of uniformity, I do not know; but certainly no evil calling for it exists now. I know that eminent men have treated it of importance, and I have so tried to consider it, but I cannot.

It is impolitic to meddle with Grand Commanderies further than is absolutely necessary, and if we are going to meddle with all their trivial concerns we might as well abolish them altogether.

There is but one thing which can give dignity to this question, and that is the excitement which already exists regarding it. There are those who will cry out "strip them!" because some of the subordinates have not changed their regalia. There has been so much discussion regarding some of the questions involved, and there is so much pride of opinion in poor human nature, that in these contests for victory, we lose sight of the importance of the question about which we contend. I pray the Sir Knights that they will rise above these considerations, that they will feel it to be their duty to conciliate the Grand Commanderies; that they will not lose sight of what the Grand Commanderies give to this Grand Encampment and the little they receive in return.

They constitute the Grand Encampment. They are its very existence; they give up to it their powers, they support it with their money. They receive, in return, nothing of value to them. They do all for the good of the fraternity at large.

The bodies who first formed the Grand Encampment, did it in order to spread Templar Masonry over the rest of the land. Will this body of representative Templars from all parts of the land, now, because it has the power, alienate the affections of those who gave it its existence and its support?

It may be said this is a representative body, and representing the entire fraternity, no complaint can be made of its actions, whatever it may do.

This suggestion is hollow and specious; however formed, it is a distinct organization, and its action becomes oppressive, if it depends upon shifting majorities depending upon the growth of the country, or the growth of the institution in the different parts of the country.

This question of costume, unless the Grand Encampment reverses its action, is but the beginning of mischief, and but the beginning of a dangerous centralization of power. The very clause of the constitution which makes it the duty of the Grand Master to see that the dress is uniform, also says he shall see that the *work* and discipline are everywhere uniform.

What may he not do under the power thus given him ?

What is left to the Grand Commanderies ?

These words dress, work and discipline, include pretty much everything. The Grand Master must see that the work is uniform. That is his duty ! How shall he do it ?

He cannot do it himself ! He must, therefore, appoint a whole army of grand supervisors, or lecturers, or orators, who will take the chairs of the presiding officers, Grand and subordinate all over the land, for the purpose of instructing, and when the fraternity have been instructed, another Grand Master will come who will appoint another army of the same class of officers, who will teach a new kind of uniformity, as far as his own ideas of work differ from those of his predecessor.

Under the head of discipline, what may the Grand Master not do ? May he not prescribe in detail everything Grand Commanderies now control ? May he not tell you what shall be eaten and what drunk at the banquets ?

All these things, and many other things too numerous to mention, relate to the subject of discipline. Thus it will be seen, there is nothing left for the Grand Commanderies to do. I make these remarks because the clause, before alluded to, has been interpreted, and perhaps correctly, to include Grand Com-

manderies as well as Commanderies holding Charters directly from the Grand Encampment.

I earnestly recommend, for the good of the fraternity and the harmony of the Craft, that such legislation may be had as shall give all Grand Commanderies complete control over the dress, work and discipline within their respective jurisdictions.

Signed,

BENJAMIN DEAN, G. C. G.

A true copy of the original now on file and copied in the "Book of Records."

Attest, T. S. PARVIN,

Grand Recorder.



Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston., Mass
Indiana.....E. Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass.
Vermont.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence. R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Georgia.....E. Sir Marlborough Williams, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.
Mississippi.....E. Sir N. Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Tennessee.....E. Sir William D. Pool, Lynn, Mass.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania.....E. Sir James M. Porter, Easton.
Vermont.....E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb, Burlington,
Missouri.....E. Sir George Frank Gouley, St Louis.
Louisiana.....E. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans.
Kentucky.....E. Sir William Alva Warner, Louisville.
Georgia.....E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong, Macon.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Eben K. Long, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir David P. Whedon, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Chicago.
New York.....E. Sir Robert H. Waterman, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, Baltimore.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Henry L. Carver, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth.
California.....R. E. Sir Charles Marsh, Nevada City.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir Willam H. Hiner, Fon du Lac.
Connecticut.....V. E. Sir Henry Woodward, Middletown.
Tennessee.....Sir Charles H. Eastman, Nashville.
Maine.....John W. Ballou.

NECROLOGY.

1875-'76.

In Memoriam.

St John's Commandery.

Sir ISRAEL D. WASHBURNE,
" OLIVER A. GARDNER,
" JOSEPH W. POND,
" JAMES ABBOTT,
" FRANK H. BIXBY,
" ALEXANDER ALLEN,
" JOSHUA REMINGTON,
" JAMES ABORN RHODES.

Boston Commandery.

Sir THEODORE A. GORE,
" JOSEPH N. PEIRCE, Jr.,
" J. FRANK PALMER,
" EDWARD J. LONG,
" EDWARD MUNGAY,
" JOHN E. M. GILLEY,
" FRANCIS BUSH,
" JOSEPH W. HOWARD.

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir GYLES P. STONE.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir ISAAC T. STEVENS.

Springfield Commandery,

Sir CHARLES CHAPMAN,
" JOHN A. GAMBER.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir JOHN S. TYLER,
" JOHN F. MILLS,
" TIMOTHY INGRAHAM,
" SAMUEL S. FORD,
" GEORGE W. QUIMBY.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM H. BROWN,
" JOHN LAVERY,
" JOHN ROGERS.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM LELAND,
" MYRICK A. BENNER.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir CHARLES H. STICKNEY.

Milford Commandery.

Sir AARON M. LELAND.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir JAMES HEPBURN PARSONS,
" WILLIAM BUTLER,
" EDWIN L. HOWLAND.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir JOHN FULLER,
" ROBERT CROSSMAN, 2d.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir HAMILTON A. HOYLE,
" HORACE N. STEVENS.

Jerusalem Commandery

Sir HENRY J. LANE.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Sir JOSEPH E. WESTGATE,
" CHARLES S. JOSSLYN,
" JOHN M. BRINTNALL,
" EBEN S. PAGE,
" THOMAS WENTWORTH,
" LUKE GOVE,
" SAMUEL TIDD.

Berkshire Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM T. MOLE.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir HENRY S. SHEPARDSON.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery

Sir VERNON COOK.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir GEORGE FROST,
" JOHN HICKLAND.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir HENRY S. KNIGHT.

South Shore Commandery.

Sir ABNER HOLBROOK.

Bristol Commandery.

Sir JOHN A. HAWES.

Trinity Commandery.

Sir HERBERT W. WHITNEY.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir KENDRICK W. CHAPMAN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir M. T. HEYWOOD,
" GEORGE F. HOMER.

"In my Father's house are many mansions."

COMMANDERIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1875–76.

1.	Saint John's	Providence, R. I.
2.	Boston	Boston, Mass.
3.	Newburyport	Newburyport, Mass.
4.	Washington	Newport, R. I.
5.	Worcester County	Worcester, Mass.
6.	Springfield	Springfield, Mass.
7.	DeMolay	Boston, Mass.
8.	Holy Sepulchre	Pawtucket, R. I.
9.	Pilgrim	Lowell, Mass.
10.	Palestine	Chelsea, Mass.
11.	Milford	Milford, Mass.
12.	Saint Bernard	Boston, Mass.
13.	Calvary	Providence, R. I.
14.	Haverhill	Haverhill, Mass.
15.	Old Colony	Abington, Mass.
16.	Sutton	New Bedford, Mass.
17.	Bethany	Lawrence, Mass.
18.	Winslow Lewis	Salem, Mass.
19.	Jerusalem	Fitchburg, Mass.
20.	Hugh De Payens	Melrose, Mass.
21.	Saint Omer	South Boston, Mass.
22.	Berkshire	Pittsfield, Mass.
23.	Woonsocket	Woonsocket, R. I.
24.	Connecticut Valley	Greenfield, Mass.
25.	Godfrey de Bouillon	Fall River, Mass.
26.	Joseph Warren	Boston Highlands, Mass.
27.	Narragansett	Westerly, R. I.
28.	William Parkman	East Boston, Mass.
29.	Northampton	Northampton, Mass.
30.	South Shore	Weymouth, Mass.
31.	Bristol	North Attleboro, Mass.
32.	Trinity	Hudson, Mass.
33.	Natick,	Natick, Mass.
34.	Cœur de Lion	Boston, (Charlestown,) Mass.
35.	Gethsemane	Newtonville, Mass.
36.	Olivet	Lynn, Mass.
37.	Athol	Athol, Mass.
38.	Bay State	Brockton, Mass.
39.	Cyprus	Hyde Park, Mass.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 27, 1876.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.,
E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.,
E. Grand Captain-General.

Sir REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass.,
E. Grand Prelate.

Sir PETER S. BAILEY, Springfield, Mass.,
E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.,
E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Recorder.

Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.,
E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass.,
E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.,
E. Grand Warder.

Sir GEORGE MOULTON, Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.,
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass.,
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass.,
} *Grand Lecturers.*

Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir Thomas Smith Webb,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir William Wilkinson,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir Henry Fowle,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir John Carlile,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir John James Loring,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir Robert Lash,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
Sir Abraham Annis Dame,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir John Hews,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir John Flint, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt,	Boston.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir Ruel Baker,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir John Rufus Bradford,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir James Hutchison,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir William Field,	Providence, R. I.,	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
Sir William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir William Sewall Gardner,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir William Wilson Baker,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir Benjamin Dean,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir Charles A. Stott,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75

Deceased, 16; living, 10.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass.....1818–19
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I.....1829–30
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass 1831
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass..... 1832
Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass..... 1833–34
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1835–36
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston. Mass.....1837–38
* Sir John Flint, M. D.. Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass.....1845–46
* Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass.....1847
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1848–50
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1851–53
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1854–55
Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass.....1856–57
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass..... 1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.... 1867–68
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass.....1869–70
Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.....1871–73
Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.....1874–75
Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.,.....1875–76

* Deceased, 14 ; living, 12.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass. 1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. 1835
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston 1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir James Salsbury, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. 1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I. 1869–70
Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. 1874–75
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. 1876

* Deceased, 19 ; living, 12 ; † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Jonathan Gage, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir Henry Purkitt, Boston, Mass.....1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass.....1823–24
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir Joseph Young, Jr., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston. Mass.....1835
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir Barney Merry, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir James Salsbury, Providence, R. I.,.....1844
* Sir Samuel Fessenden, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir Moses Richardson, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir Asa Woodbury, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir James Warham Crooks, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir John Blake Reed, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir George Francis Wilson, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir Charles Adams Stott, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I.....1876

* Deceased, 23 ; living, 13.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers, (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	20
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	139
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 89 Subordinate Commanderies,	117
Total,	272
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,803



MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SILAS, Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES, Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN,

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825. * Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D., 1826. * Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805,	1st Monday each month,	Thomas A. Doyle,
Boston	March 3, 1806,	3d Wednesday each month,	Samuel Mason, Jr.
Newburyport	May 12, 1808,	3d Thursday, " "	John N. Pike,
Washington	June 7, 1814,	3d Wednesday " "	David Stevens,
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824,	1st Thursday " "	Henry C. Wadsworth,
Springfield	June 19, 1826.	1st Monday " "	Peter S. Bailey,
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848,	4th Wednesday " "	John M. Clark,
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849,	Friday on or before full moon,	Edwin Clapp,
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855,	Wednesday after full moon,	Charles C. Hutchinson,
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859,	2d Wednesday each month,	John C. Hall,
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859,	4th Monday " "	James M. Woods,
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859,	2d Wednesday " "	John Kent,
Calvary	May 22, 1860,	1st Tuesday " "	Charles R. Brayton,
Haverhill	May 13, 1863,	2d Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball,
Old Colony	Oct 26, 1863,	Monday after full moon,	William H. Maine,
Sutton	May 5, 1864,	1st Thursday each month,	Gardner T. Sanford,
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864,	Last Tuesday " "	Granville M. Stoddard,
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865,	3d Thursday " "	William Sutton,
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865,	3d Thursday " "	John W. Kimball,
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	Smith B. Harrington,
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865,	2d Monday " "	Benjamin Pope,
Berkshire	Dec. 22, 1865,	3d Monday " "	Henry Chickering,
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867,	2d Tuesday " "	Edward Aldrich,
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 22, 1866,	1st Tuesday " "	Marvin S. Fellows,
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868,	2d Wednesday " "	George A. Ballard,
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869,	1st Monday " "	John F. Newton,
Narragansett	May, 1869,	2d Monday " "	J. Alonzo Babcock,
William Parkman	May 12, 1870,	2d Thursday " "	Erastus A. Doolittle,
Bristol	May 28, 1870,	Friday on or before full moon,	Daniel H. Smith,
Northampton	June 2, 1870,	2d Monday each month,	Joseph C. Williams,
South Shore	June 9, 1870,	Monday on or before full moon,	George W. Fay,
Natick	April 12, 1871,	1st Monday each month,	William H. Wright,
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871,	3d Tuesday " "	William Patterson,
Trinity	April 8, 1871,	Thursday on or before full moon	James L. Harriman,
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872,	Monday before full moon,	William W. Keith,
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month,	John Shaw, 2d
Athol	June 7, 1873,	1st Wednesday " "	Cephas L. Sawyer,
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873,	1st Monday " "	Baalis Sanford, Jr.
Cyprus	Oct. 31, 1873,	4th Tuesday " "	Gamaliel Hodges,

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
George H. Burnham,.....	Walter B. Vincent,...	Wm. R. Greene....	Providence, R. I.
Zephaniah H. Thomas, Jr..	James H. Upham,....	William Ellison,...	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler,.....	Warren Currier,.....	George H. Stevens,	Newburyport, Mass,
William Gilpin, ...	William G. Stevens,..	Frank H. Wilks,...	Newport, R. I.
David F. Parker,.....	Rob't H. Chamberlain	Daniel Seagrave,...	Worcester, Mass.
Henry H. Banks,.....	Smith R. Phillips,....	O. K. Merrill,.....	Springfield, Mass.
Charles B. Lancaster,.....	Joseph B. Mason,....	George Phippen ,Jr,	Boston, Mass.
Charles A. Fales,.....	George A. Sweet, ...	Osmond H. Briggs.	Pawtucket, R. I.
John M. Pevey,.....	Frederick Frye,.....	J. W. B. Shaw,.....	Lowell, Mass.
James Donaghy,.....	James N. Greenwood,	Charles S. Beatley,.	Chelsea, Mass.
Thomas C. Eastman,.....	Julius M. Woods,....	Lewis Fales,.....	Milford, Mass.
William W. McKim,.....	W. H. Kennard,.....	Richard Briggs,....	Boston, Mass.
Charles B. Webster,.....	Samuel G. Stiness,...	Charles R. Dennis,.	Providence, R. I.
Dexter B. Vickery,.....	Frank C. Swan,.....	Francis J. Stevens,.	Haverhill, Mass.
Josiah C. Fuller,.....	Frederick S. Strong,.	Erastus M. Nash, ..	Abington, Mass.
Henry Fields, Jr.	James Taylor,.....	H. W. Emerson, ...	New Bedford, Mass.
John F. Cogswell,.....	Thomas Leyland,....	P. B. Robinson,....	Lawrence, Mass.
Dana Z. Smith,.....	John B. Hill,.....	Henry A. Brown,..	Salem, Mass.
George V. Barrett,.....	David A. Corey,.....	Charles H. Morgan,	Fitchburg, Mass.
James Swords,.	Rev. E. B. Fairchild,.	Daniel D. Devereux	Melrose, Mass.
George W. Kingman,.....	Francis E. Hersey,...	Alban S. Green,....	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham,.... ...	Charles E. Morey, ...	Theo. L. Allen, ...	Pittsfield, Mass.
Charles W. Talcott,.....	Joshua E. Blood,.....	James W. Greene,..	Woonsocket, R. I.
George Pierce, Jr.,..	Charles Keith,.....	Charles P. Forbes,.	Greenfield, Mass.
Alfred H. Hartley,.....	George E. Hoar,.....	Thomas L. Brayton.	Fall River, Mass.
Charles Harris,.....	Solomon A. Bolster,..	L. B. Dutton, ...	Boston Highl'ds, Mass,
Robert F. Latimer,.....	Samuel H. Cross, ...	George G. Stillman,	Westerly, R. I.
R. M. Ingalls,.....	True Scales,.....	Edward H. Morse,.	East Boston, Mass.
Jacob Silloway, Jr.,.....	Thos. G. Sandland,...	James A. Codding,.	North Attleboro, Mass.
Luke Lyman, ...	William C. Pomeroy,.	Wm. G. McIntyre,.	Northampton, Mass,
William Humphrey,...	William S. Wallace,..	Charles N. Marsh,..	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend,.....	Samuel O. Daniels,..	Claudius B. Travis,	Natick, Mass.
John B. Wilson,.....	Caleb Rand,.....	Sam'l C. Chandler,.	Boston, Mass.
Willard Houghton,.....	Julius A. Clisbee,....	John F. Cotting,...	Hudson, Mass.
Henry C. Hayden,.....	James B. Fuller,.....	John S. Hayes,.....	Newtonville, Mass.
Nathan B. Fletcher,.... ...	Ephraim A. Ingalls,..	William B. Phillips,	Lynn, Mass.
James H. Waite,...	H. C. Tenney,.....	L. E. Peirce,.....	Athol, Mass.
H. H. Packard,.....	Frank Morton,.....	H. Herbert Howard.	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton,.....	George F. Lincoln,,..	George H. Butler,..	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

DECEASED AND LIVING.

Saint John's Commandery.

DECEASED.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB,
JOHN CARLILE,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
ASA BOSWORTH,
JESSE CLARK,
JOSIAH WHITAKER,
WILLIAM C. BARKER,
MOSES RICHARDSON,
JAMES SALSBURY,
PARDON CLARKE,
BARNEY MERRY,
* WILLIAM FIELD,
CYRUS FISHER.

LIVING.

OLIVER JOHNSON,
* CHARLES H. TITUS,
DANIEL ROUNDS, Jr.
STILLMAN WHITE,
† SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
A. CRAWFORD GREENE,
SPENCER P. READ,
JAMES H. ALLEN,
* HENRY W. RUGG,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
ROBERT E. DWELLEY,
WILLIAM JACKSON.

Boston Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY FOWLE,
ROBERT LASH,
JOHN J. LORING,
† EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
THOMAS POWER,
JOHN HEWS,
JOHN FLINT,
† CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
SAMUEL PEARCE.

LIVING.

* ABRAHAM A. DAME,
* GILBERT NURSE,
* DANIEL HARWOOD,
* WILLIAM ELLISON,
JOHN K. HALL,
* WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES E. POWERS,
WILLIAM SAYWARD,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Newburyport Commandery.

DECEASED.

NATHANIEL KNAPP,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD.

Washington Commandery.

DECEASED.

JOHN A. SHAW,
ISAAC STALL,
H. J. HUDSON.

LIVING.

NATHAN H. GOULD,
JOHN ELDRED,
WILLIAM J. UNDERWOOD.

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* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Worcester County Commandery.

DECEASED.

ASA WOODBURY,
HENRY EARLE,
SETH P. MILLER.

LIVING.

ALBERT CASE,
LEVI RAWSON,
GEORGE W. BENTLEY,
HENRY GODDARD,
JOHN DEAN,
T. E. ST. JOHN.

Springfield Commandery,

DECEASED.

HENRY DWIGHT,
JOHN NEWBURY,
JAMES W. CROOK,
JOHN B. KIRKHAM,
ISAAC D. GIBBONS.

LIVING.

OCRAN DICKERSON,
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM,
DANIEL REYNOLDS,
ALBERT H. FOTH,
SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
GEORGE W. RAY,

De Molay Commandery.

DECEASED.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
CHARLES W. MOORE,
S. J. M. HOMER.

LIVING.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT,
CLEMENT A. WALKER,
* WILLIAM PARKMAN,
‡ EDWIN C. BAILEY,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS,
JOHN W. DADMUN,
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS,
JOHN M. CLARK.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

DECEASED.

WILLIAM FIELD,
ALVIN JENKS,
GEORGE A. FRENCH,
NATHAN P. TOWNE.

LIVING.

* JAMES HUTCHISON,
CLAUDIUS B. FARNSWORTH,
SYLVANUS CLAPP,
* HORACE DANIELS.
BELA P. CLAPP,
* EDWARD L. FREEMAN,
J. SEWALL READ,
EDWIN CLAPP.

Pilgrim Commandery.

DECEASED.

CADWALLADER F. BLANCHARD.

LIVING.

SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON,
* WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
JOSEPH BEDLOW,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
SAMUEL D. SERGEANT,
* CHARLES A. STOTT,
HOCUM HOSFORD,
CHARLES E. A. BARTLETT.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Palestine Commandery.

DECEASED.

CHARLES A. DAVIS.

LIVING.

* CHARLES M. AVERY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
GEORGE H. MARDEN,
CHARLES F. HAYNES.
DANIEL E. CHASE,
CHARLES T. GAY,
WILLIAM D. SEELY.

Milford Commandery.

DECEASED.

J. HARDING SMITH.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
‡ ISAAC BRITTON,
EDWIN F. WHITING,
WILLIAM H. PHIPPS,
* GEORGE E. STACY,
LEONARD FAIRBANKS,
SULLIVAN C. SUMNER.
SILAS W. HALE.

St. Bernard Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM W. BAKER,
P. ADAMS AMES,
HENRY MULLIKEN,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
CHARLES A. WELCH,
SAMUEL WELLS,
OTIS E. WELD.

Calvary Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY BUTLER,

LIVING.

† * THOMAS A. DOYLE,
LEVI L. WEBSTER,
* WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
CHARLES R. DENNIS,
† JAMES M. PENDLETON,
THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR.
* NELSON W. ALDRICH,
JOHN P. LUTHER,
HENRY C. FIELD,
ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
EUGENE D. BURT.

Haverhill Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

LIVING.

JAMES E. GALE,
CARLOS P. MESSER.

Old Colony Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH,
SAMUEL B. THAXTER,
ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
AMOS S. STETSON.

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Sutton Commandery.

LIVING.

JOHN B. BAYLIES,
A. H. W. CARPENTER,
JOHN A. LEE,
A. H. HOWLAND, JR.

Bethany Commandery.

LIVING.

PARDON ARMINGTON,
WILLIAM H. JAQUITH,
D. FRANK ROBINSON,
* CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN HAIGH,
G. M. STODDARD.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. PEIRSON.

Jerusalem Commandery.

LIVING.

* E. DANA BANCROFT,
JOHN BURNEY,
SULLIVAN W. HUNTLEY,
ALBERT L. FESSENDEN.

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

LIVING.

LORING L. FULLER,
F. J. FOSS,
JOHN B. NORTON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
J. D. PARKER.

Saint Omer Commandery.

DECEASED.

DUNCAN MCBEAN THAXTER.

LIVING.

* BENJAMIN DEAN,
† N. A. APOLONIO,
CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWARD H. BRAINARD.

Berkshire Commandery.

LIVING.

HEZEKIAH H. RUSSELL,
TRUMAN E. COLE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

LIVING.

EMERSON GODDARD,
IRA W. ARNOLD,
STAFFORD W. RAZEE,
F. G. JILLSON,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
WALTER E. PARKER.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

LIVING.

WENDELL T. DAVIS,
REV. PETER V. FINCH,
WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE.
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE.
BOWDOIN S. PARKER.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

LIVING.

ROBERT HENRY,
ROBERT C. BROWN,
STEPHEN W. BUTLER,
JOHN B. WHITTAKER.

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Joseph Warren Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES C. TUCKER.
SAMUEL LITTLE,
* GEORGE MOULTON,
JOHN F. NEWTON.

Narragansett Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
AZRO N. LEWIS.

William Parkman Commandery.

LIVING.

SETH C. AMES,
ALBERT B. BARRETT,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
ERASTUS H. DOOLITTLE.

Bristol Commandery.

LIVING.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
JOHN L. KENDALL.

Northampton Commandery.

LIVING.

DAVID W. CRAFTS,
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE.

South Shore Commandery.

LIVING.

ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
GEORGE W. FAY.

Natick Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES H. PARKER,

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM H. KENT.

Trinity Commandery.

LIVING.

N. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES M. GREENWOOD.
ROBERT L. DAVIS.

Olivet Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. KEENE.

LIVING.

WILLIAM D. POOL.

Athol Commandery.

LIVING.

VERNON O. TAYLOR.

Bay State Commandery.

LIVING.

EDWARD PARKER.

Cyprus Commandery.

LIVING.

GAMALIEL HODGES.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Deceased, 53.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

Benjamin Dean,

GRAND COMMANDER IN 1869 AND 1870.





Very Truly Yours

BENJAMIN DEAN.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR BENJAMIN DEAN, whose well-known countenance, beaming with true and hearty knightly fellowship, greets us pleasantly from another page, is a native of the town of Clithers, in Old England. He came to this country, with his father's family, when a lad, and was reared and educated in New England, principally in Massachusetts. Cherishing for his noble native land the purest love that the true-hearted man feels and treasures for the mother that gave him life, he is an American, as well, in every fibre of his being. Here are clustered the happy recollections of boyhood; with this land are associated the golden aspirations of his youth; upon it were formed and based the honorable ambitions of manhood and in it are founded all the interests of the present and all the hopes of the future.

From early youth, throughout the whole course of his education, he was noted for an intense love of out-of-door sports, and especially of *boating*. With keenest delight, he was accustomed to pass days, and even weeks in his boat, deftly guiding it through swift and unknown currents, over threatening rapids and down steep and dangerous falls. The dangers attendant upon such excursions, encountered alone and single-handed, served but to quicken the pulse and to heighten the enthusiasm for a manly sport, that was to be the chief joy and recreation of maturer years. By this means, also, was laid the foundation of that fine physique, that healthy, rugged body, the future home and instrument of a sound and vigorous mind.

Inclination leading him to select the law for his profession, he diligently pursued the study of it in Lowell, the residence of his family, and in due time, he was admitted to practice at the Middlesex bar, then, as now, noted throughout New England for its able and learned members, intellectual giants, accustomed to give and receive sturdiest blows, in encounters of legal wit and acumen.

To be welcomed as an equal, in such a forum, was no small honor to our aspiring youth. He at once took an honorable rank among his elders and equals, and his future success was assured.

Soon after, he married a most estimable lady in the first social circles of Lowell, with whom he now enjoys the purest delights of domestic life. At the same time, he transferred his residence to South Boston, where he has since lived, and where he proposes for the future to reside, practicing his profession at the Suffolk bar, and interesting himself in all matters, pertaining to the success and full prosperity of the community, with whom he has cast his lot for weal or for woe.

A public spirited citizen he was soon drawn into the public service in various trusts: as director in savings banks, horse-railroads, and in other capacities, in which his fellow citizens solicited his services. He was an original member of the South Boston Yacht Club, which was formed in 1865 and chartered in 1866. In 1872, he was elected commodore, and served the club for the remainder of 1872, and through 1873–74 and 1875. When he accepted the position in 1872, the club was far from being prosperous, having about one hundred dollars in its treasury, and not more than seventy members! He retired from the command of a growing and vigorous association, with two hundred and sixty active and enthusiastic members, an ample and commodious boat-house, and other real estate, valued altogether at more than fifteen thousand dollars!

He served his ward (old Ward Twelve) in the Common Council, in 1865, 1866, 1873 and 1874, to the marked acceptance of his fellow citizens, who, without regard to party, repeatedly called him to this position.

He was thrice elected to a seat in the Senate of this old commonwealth—in 1862, 1863, and 1869. In this higher and

more honorable position, his course was characterized by modesty, industry, prudence, sound judgment and freedom from partisan feeling. A Democrat in principle and party affiliation, he never forgot that the public good should be the end and aim of all party organization.

In 1872 Mr. Dean was nominated by the Democratic Congressional Convention, for Representative in Congress of the Third District of Massachusetts. This nomination he promptly and emphatically declined, for reasons that commanded the respect and approval of his friends. A second nomination was tendered him in 1874. This nomination he accepted but failed of an election. Last November he was a candidate for the same position. The election was vigorously contested, the vote confessedly a close one; and for a time the result was doubtful and claimed by both sides. At the final revision of the count, the award was in favor of his opponent. He has no doubt of his own election, if those ballots only were counted which clearly declared the will of the voters. But the result of a single contest like this, can be of but little account, to one like Mr. Dean, in the very prime and vigor of life. The future will be prolific of opportunities and rich in results!

The Masonic Fraternity, with its rapidly increasing ranks of members, carefully gathered from all classes of society, with its scarcely questioned claims to great antiquity, its thin, alluring veil of mystery, knowing no religions and no politics, but, under its simple banner, inscribed with Faith, Hope, Charity, uniting, in one homogeneous brotherhood, men of all countries and callings, the high and low, rich and poor, learned and simple, with no distinctions but those of excellence and unity, could not long escape his serious and eager attention. His mind, active, inquiring, alert, soon recognized the fact that this venerable and mysterious institution wielded a vast power and influence only for good, in our land, and possessed unquestioned claim to the favor of good men everywhere, and he was soon found seeking for light.

He sought admission to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry at the door of good old St. John's Lodge, of Boston, Mass.,—the mother of all regular Freemasonry in America. Here he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, February 6th;

passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, March 17th, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, April 21, 1854, by the hand of the writer of this article. He was at once enrolled a member of St. John's Lodge.

In December, 1855, he was a petitioner, with others, mostly from St. John's Lodge, for the formation of "Winslow Lewis Lodge," (the first Lodge formed in Boston, for work in the English language, for more than fifty years,) and was Junior Warden of it while under dispensation. He was dimitted from St. John's Lodge, December 1, 1856, and became a charter member of Winslow Lewis Lodge, December 10, 1856. He was the first Senior Warden, under the charter in 1856–57. He was Worshipful in 1857–58 and 1858–59, and was again chosen Master for 1859–60, but, as he was soon after appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the then First Masonic District, he held the office of Worshipful Master only till January of his third term. This was his first Masonic love and is still his *chosen masonic home!*

The formation of Winslow Lewis Lodge was a pure experiment. The project was approved and encouraged by a few, and discountenanced and opposed by the many. Grand Master Winslow Lewis, whose last official act was the consecration of the young Lodge, bearing his honored and venerated name, and Grand Master Heard were especially in earnest in urging the necessity of the day, and in insisting that Bro. Dean and his associates should carry out the project. Cheered by their approval, the little band of craftsmen persevered in their work, and met with unexpected and most cheering success. They were all recent members of the institution and little knew their power. Had they then understood, what they well knew three years later, they would have formed a Lodge, whose reputation and influence would have made it *the First,* throughout this jurisdiction, for fifty years to come, As it was they fell but little short of it. Two objects were especially prominent in the formation of this Lodge: First, the requirements of real proficiency in the ritual of the preceding degree, before advancement to another. Secondly, the more thorough cultivation of the social element of the institution. During the preceding fifteen years the throng of worthy applicants for ad-

mission had been so pressing, and the attendant labor so burdensome and exhausting, that these almost vital points were, almost of necessity, temporarily put aside and lost sight of. Winslow Lewis Lodge resolutely insisted upon their restitution to their ancient place of importance. She succeeded, and her example gave an impulse to reform, which was felt throughout this jurisdiction, and will continue to be felt for long years to come.

Winslow Lewis Lodge was always most loyal to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and, during the financial troubles and distress of the latter, no subordinate body, considering its numbers and its means, did so much to stay up its credit, and relieve its burdens, as did Winslow Lewis Lodge, of which it is Bro. Dean's proud boast, that he was a charter member, and the second Worshipful Master!

Right Worshipful Bro. Dean was District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District for 1860–61 and 1862, and was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1863, which election constituted him a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dean received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, in the summer and autumn of 1854, and was an active member there until 1863, when he became a charter member of St. Matthew's Royal Arch Chapter in South Boston, and was her first Most Excellent High Priest.

Companion Dean received the degrees of Cryptic Masonry in Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters, November 16, 1854.

Companion Dean received the Orders of Knighthood in De Molay Encampment of Knights Templars, of Boston, and became a member of that body, March 28, 1855. Here he filled various offices of importance, and notably, that of Warder, to the marked acceptance and delight of his companion Knights. By his zeal, love of the beautiful ritual of the Orders, and unselfish devotion to the prosperity of that Encampment, Sir Knight Dean contributed no small share of the means, by which De Molay Encampment won distinction and renown, as the first among her equals, and gave her such a po-

tent influence throughout this and other Templar jurisdictions, in the land—an influence still living and active for good. He continued his affiliation with this body, till October 27, 1865, when he became a charter member of St. Omer Commandery of South Boston, and its first Eminent Commander.

In company with the writer, he received the decrees in the Ancient and Accepted "Scottish Rite," at the hands of the venerable and beloved Van Rensalaer, in bodies especially organized to confer degrees, by the Supreme Council, at its annual sessions. As evidence of his interest in these beautiful degrees, and of the ease with which he learned the ritual, it is remembered that in the evening he assisted in conferring the degrees he had received only the afternoon previous.

On the 22d of May, 1862, he was invested with the Honorary Thirty-third, and on the day following—May 23d—he was elected to active membership in the Supreme Council of Sovereign Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last Degree, of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America,—succeeding the Ill. Bro. Ammi B. Young, who had removed from the jurisdiction.

Eminent Sir Knight Dean was elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1865 and 1866 ; Deputy Grand Master in 1867, and 1868 and Most Eminent Grand Master in 1869 and 1870. His administration of the office of Grand Master was singularly wise and successful, and most acceptable to the great body of Templars throughout the jurisdiction. Several questions of government and internal policy arose, so serious and important, that injudiciously handled, a fatal rupture of this ancient jurisdiction would have been the deplorable result. By the wise, skillful, patient management of the Grand Master, this danger was averted, and the unity, harmony and peace of this venerable and beloved Grand Body was preserved and consolidated. She was never so strong in the affection and respect of her numerous subordinates, and of the Knights throughout the jurisdiction, as now.

In September 1871, at the Eighteenth Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, held in Balti-

more, R. E. Sir Knight Dean was elected Very Eminent Captain General of the United States Grand Encampment.

At the succeeding session of this Grand Encampment, at New Orleans, in December, 1874, V. E. Grand Captain General made a report of his official doings, during the past three years, and of the condition of Templar Masonry in the jurisdiction within which he resided, and in the jurisdictions adjoining—particularly those of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, of Maine, and of New Hampshire.

In this report, he took occasion to speak of the uneasiness and alarm, excited among many of the Knights in these ancient jurisdictions, by the attempt, on the part of the United States Grand Body to compel all of its subordinates to adopt the White or new Templar costume, and to *abandon* the old, or Black costume. He effectively depicted the affection, amounting almost to reverence, felt, towards the old costume, by hundreds of faithful Templars who knew no other costume, and who regarded the black dress as one of the ancient landmarks of the Order, they were sworn to protect and defend, and as an evidence of the antiquity of their dearly-loved institution. Sir Knight Dean did not attempt to discuss any legislation of the Grand Body, expressly declaring it "not decorous in him to do so," but plead that, while requiring all new subordinates to procure the white costume, the older commanderies — old as Knight Templarism itself, in this country — be permitted to retain the black dress, to which they were so fondly attached, and thus strengthen their loyalty and devotion to the parent institution. This report, so loyally conceived and honestly and generously spoken, was not received in the spirit in which it was offered. The Encampment refused the usual courtesy, extended by long custom to all of the Grand Officers, of printing the report among the proceedings of the session, and simply ordered it to be placed on file. As a further result of the opposition to the sentiment of the report—conciliation, harmony, unity, Sir Knight Dean failed by one or two votes, of promotion, by election to the office of Grand Generalissimo for the succeeding term.

At the last annual session of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 27, 1876, this matter

was referred to a committee, the concluding clause of whose report says: "In the judgment of your committee the report is of a character that will not only repay perusal, but will best show the want of excuse in refusing it its place in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment, and to that end, we recommend that it be published in the abstract of proceedings of this Grand Commandery!"

In putting this indignity upon a faithful officer and loyal and stainless Knight, the Grand Encampment forgot its own dignity and fair fame, and inflicted an injury and a wrong, which, upon sober, second thought, it will regretfully acknowledge, and hasten to undo and atone for.

Such is a brief sketch of the masonic life of R. E. Sir Knight Dean, which though short in years, is rich in experience and full of honors—honors, such as are given to most men at the decline of life, after years of patient toil and faithful service. From Alpha to Omega he has shared the labors and tasted of the fruit thereof. And now, at the high noon of life, in the golden year of his span, he finds his purest enjoyment and serenest pleasure, not amid the splendid imagery of the Ineffable Degrees; not in the solemn and impressive rites of the Order of the Temple, nor in the brilliant and effective pageantry of the capitular ceremonies, but in the beautiful and instructive emblems and teachings of the Blue Lodge—of the "Three Degrees of Freemasonry!" Here his imagination is satisfied and his heart finds rest!

The fine portrait which accompanies this, is the loving offering of the valiant and faithful Knights of Saint Omer Commandery—a fitting testimonial of their loyalty to this Grand Commandery, and of their enduring attachment to their First Eminent Commander, Sir Benjamin Dean.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

James Hutchison,

GRAND MASTER IN 1851,-'52 AND '53.

By E. L. Freeman.





Jas. Hutchison



JAMES HUTCHISON.

JAMES HUTCHISON was born in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, on the 23d day of March, 1799. He emigrated to the United States, July 4th, 1819, and arrived in Pawtucket, R. I., on the 31st of August in the same year. He was for several years employed in a factory store in this place as a clerk, and in 1823 removed to Northampton, Mass., where he was engaged in trade for three years; returned to Pawtucket in 1826, and entered the service of Mr. William Field, manufacturer of Nuts and Washers, as his book-keeper. In 1846 the establishment was removed to Providence, and incorporated under the name of the Providence Tool Co., and he was engaged as traveling agent till 1857, when he engaged in a similar capacity with the Providence Union Oil Co. After a service of six years, in 1863, his health having partially failed, he accepted a position in the Providence Gas Co., as clerk of the works, which he holds at the present time.

On the 24th of September, 1824, he was joined in marriage with Phebe Coggeshall of Pawtucket. The fruits of this union were four children, of whom two only are living, Sarah, the wife of Mr. Samuel G. Stiness, Superintendent of the Pawtucket Gas Works, and Andrew, Superintendent of the Providence Gas Works.

Father Hutchison, as he is familiarly called by the members of the craft, though in his seventy-eighth year, is still erect

and active, with mental faculties unimpaired, and he bids fair to weather many more storms of life before he shall enter upon his eternal rest.

His Masonic life of nearly three score years has been crowded full of interest, for through the more than half a century that he has been identified with the fraternity, he has been no idler in the vineyard.

He received the first three degrees in Union Lodge, No. 10, Pawtucket, where he was initiated January 26, A. L. 5821, passed February 7th, and raised February 14th of the same year. In this Lodge he filled the offices of Junior and Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Warden, and in November, A. L. 5832, he was elected Master, which office he held two years.

While in Northampton, Mass., in the year 1826, he was elected Master of Jerusalem Lodge, which he held one year.

A. L. 5849, May 30, he joined St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Providence, of which he is now a member. In this Lodge he for two years filled the office of Senior Warden.

On St. John's Day, June 24th, A. L. 5833, he was elected Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and served one year. In 1842 he was elected Grand Secretary, and held this office for eleven consecutive years. In 1855, he was chosen Deputy Grand Master, and after filling that office two years, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, which office he held two years. He also filled the office of Grand Lecturer for fifteen years.

During the anti-Masonic times of 1835 and 1836, all the meetings of Union Lodge and Pawtucket R. A. Chapter, were held in his house, and there were but few of the regular meetings of either body omitted. The first Mason made in these troublous times was George Crawford, He was proposed April 4, 1838, at which meeting the record shows the following persons present, viz: John B. Read Master, Edwin Howland, Barney Merry, Joseph Smith, Alvin Jenks, J. O. Arnold, U. Gorton, Joseph Walker, William Field and James Hutchison. All these worthies have passed to the Celestial Lodge above

except the subject of our sketch. When George Crawford was made a Mason on the second day of May, 1838, there is no name given of any person present except that of Joseph Smith, Secretary, as at was by the laws of Rhode Island at that time, held to be a crime to be present at, or assist in such a meeting.

He received the Capitular degrees in Pawtucket Royal Arch Chapter in 1821, and held every office in that body, except that of Treasurer. He was chosen High Priest in 1841, and filled that office two years.

In the Grand R. A. Chapter he was Secretary in 1847 and 1848; Grand Scribe in 1850; Deputy Grand High Priest in 1851, and was chosen Grand High Priest in 1852, serving two years.

He received the degrees in Providence Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1822, but never held any office in that body.

He was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in St. John's Encampment, No. 1, Providence, February 4, 1822, and in 1847 was one of the charter members of Holy Sepulchre Encampment, No. 8, Pawtucket, R. I., and was elected Commander of that body in 1851. He afterwards was dimitted to St. John's Encampment again, where he filled the offices of Warder, Sword-Bearer, Junior Warden, Prelate and Generalissimo, being for fourteen years successively in office in that body.

In the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in 1846, he was chosen Grand Captain General, and held the office one year; in 1847 he was elected Grand Generalissimo, and in 1848 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, which office he held three years, and in 1851, he was elevated to the most responsible and honorable position of Grand Master, in which position he served three years, to the great satisfaction of his Companion Sir Knights.

Such is the brief outline of the Masonic labors of Sir Knight Hutchison. His record shows that he has loved and cherished the principles of the order. Never has he kept from its service his time, his talents or his money. No sacrifice has been

too great for him to make in its behalf, and no time that he has devoted to it has been considered lost. Upright and straightforward in all his transactions, he has despised the petty arts and crooked ways of some whose Masonry has been wholly of the head and not of the heart. Neither the smiles of prosperity could win, nor the storms of adversity drive, him from his allegiance to the institution to which he devoted himself in his early manhood. He is a bright and shining light in the craft, and his many friends trust that the time is yet distant when he shall be called away from them, to go up higher and receive the welcome plaudit, "good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

APPENDIX.

CODE OF STATUTES

AND.

DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW.

I. Appeal.

(1.) *Right of Appeal.*

Who may appeal.

An expelled or suspended Knight has the right of appeal to his Grand Commandery.

(2). *Effect of Appeal.*

Effect of an appeal.

1. An appeal taken from expulsion, or indefinite suspension, does not suspend the judgment appealed from. In other cases an appeal operates as a *supersedeas.*

Effect of reversal of judgment.

2. If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

Grand Commandery may modify judgment.

3. A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

Certificate granted to restored Knight.

4. If a Grand Commandery shall restore an expelled or suspended Knight to good standing merely, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect.

Appeal abandoned.

5. An appeal taken and abandoned, leaves the judgment in full force.

(3.) *Appeal, how Heard.*

Appellant may appear.

1. A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

May appear by counsel.

2. An accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial: *Provided*, such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

(4.) *Appeal from the Grand Commandery.*

When appeal to Gr. Encampment allowed.

A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken, *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Edicts, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

(5.) *Appeal from Assessments.*

See title "*Assessments.*"

II. Absentees—Rights of.

Right of absentees.

A member of a Commandery has the right to know all the transactions at the conclaves of his Commandery, whether affecting himself or not.

III. "Adjourn"—Grand Bodies do.

Adjourn.

The Grand Encampment, and Grand Commanderies "*adjourn.*"

IV. Assessments.

May be Levied.

Assessments may be levied.

1. A Commandery, Grand Commandery, and the Grand Encampment, respectively, has the right to levy and collect such *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body.

Majority vote determines.

2. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided*, however, a mem-

ber of a Subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery, if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law.

Appeal to Gr. Commandery.

V. Ballot.

(1.) *To be Secret.*

The ballot upon a petition for the Orders, or for membership, must be secret, and it must be sacred; and it can be taken only at a stated conclave, unless by written permission of the Grand Commander.

Ballot secret —when taken.

(2.) *Who is to Vote.*

Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

All to vote.

(3.) *When it may be Repeated.*

An Eminent Commander, upon good cause shown, may order one re-ballot, before the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the Commandery has left the asylum.

Second ballot —when had.

(4.) *Objections to.*

See title "*Objection After Ballot.*"

VI. Business—Where and When Transacted.

All business of the Commandery must be transacted in the asylum, and at a stated conclave; or at a special conclave, due notice of such conclave and of the business to be transacted, having been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight may be made, and the Orders may be conferred, at special conclaves.

Business.

When and where transacted.

VII. Burial.

(1.) *Ritual for.*

Burial ceremony of 1859.

When a Knight is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed.

(2.) *Right of.*

Unaffiliated not entitled to burial honors.

An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of Knightly burial.

(3.) *When by Lodge.*

Escort duty.

A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight by his Lodge, when so requested.

VIII. Ceremonies.

See title "*Ritual.*"

IX. Charter.

(1.) *Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*

Warrant necessary.

1. A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the Warrant of the Grand Master, although the Grand Encampment has authorized its formation.

Charter required.

2. A Subordinate Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed Warrant or Charter.

(2.) *Loss of.*

Loss of, supplied.

If a Commandery should lose its Charter, the Grand Commander can authorize it to hold conclaves and transact business, by issuing an order setting forth the facts; which order shall have the effect of a Charter until a duplicate shall be issued by the Grand Commandery.

(3.) *When it may be Surrendered.*

Charter, when surrendered.

No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter, according to the regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(4.) *When Surrendered or Arrested, Status of Members.*

When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing, shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled to a certificate of such good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of the arrest of the Charter, the Grand Commander may suspend, and the Grand Commandery may prohibit the issuing of such certificates to those whose actions or neglect of duty may have caused the arrest of the Charter.

Status of members when surrendered.

(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*

1. A Charter surrendered or arrested cannot be granted to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good Templar standing, who are unaffiliated.

Charter surrendered may be restored.

2. In this case, it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

Not to be constituted.

X. Commanderies.

(1.) *Requisites for Forming.*

1. A Dispensation, Warrant or Charter to form a new Commandery cannot be granted except upon a petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing.

When a charter may issue.

2. Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimit from other Commanderies.

Dimit not necessary.

See title "*Membership*—(2.) *Petitioners, etc.*

3. The petition for a Dispensation must have endorsed upon it the recommendation of the Commandery nearest the location designated for the new one.

Recommendation required.

When more than one may be required.

4. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

See title "*Meetings*—(1.) *Where Held.*"

(2.) *Traveling Commanderies.*

Traveling Commandery not allowed.

No Dispensation, Warrant, or Charter can be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

(3.) *Under Dispensation.*

Commandery U. D. not constituted.

A Commandery under dispensation cannot be constituted.

(4.) *Extinct Commanderies cannot be Revived.*

Extinct.

When a Commandery U. D. ceases to exist, it cannot be revived.

(5.) *Officers of, not to be Elected or Installed.*

Cannot elect officers.

Its officers cannot be elected or installed.

(6.) *Cannot be Represented.*

Nor be represented.

It cannot be represented in a Grand Body.

(7.) *Jurisdiction of.*

Jurisdiction of.

Except as above specified, it has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery.

(8.) *Status of Knights Created in.*

Knights created in—status of.

Knights created in a Commandery U. D. are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those Knighted in chartered Commanderies.

(9.) *How Affected by the Formation of Grand Commanderies.*

When it transfers its allegiance.

When a Grand Commandery is formed in a jurisdiction in which there is a Commandery U. D., the latter comes at once under the authority of the

former, and should report to it, and obtain from it or its Grand Commander a continuance of its Dispensation.

(10.) *How Created.*

Commandery—how created.

1. A Commandery is created by the grant of a Charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it.

See title *Charter*—(1.) *Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*

Asylum required before constitution.

2. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable asylum, properly furnished.

Report to be made.

3. When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander (as the case may be) and the Grand Recorder.

(11). *Officers of—When to be Installed.*

Officers installed.

1. The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

Officers, when not members of Gr. Commandery.

2. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted are not members of the Grand Commandery, and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued.

(12.) *Duty when Grand Commandery is Formed.*

Grand Commandery jurisdiction over all Subordinates.

Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, it is the duty of every Subordinate within its jurisdiction to enroll itself under such Grand Commandery, have its Warrant or Charter endorsed thereby, and to obey its Constitution and Statutes.

(13.) *Can belong to no other Grand Commandery.*

State jurisdiction recognized.

A Subordinate Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State or Territory in which it is located.

(14.) *Failure to Meet—Effect of.*

Failure to meet.

A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months, forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its Charter should be arrested.

(15.) *Dissolution of a Grand Commandery—Effect of.*

Dissolution of Grand Commandery.

If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its Subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist; but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

(16.) *When may Appear in Public.*

When Commanderies may appear in public.

1. Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions.

2. When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander, if he chooses to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom under the Constitution his duties devolve, may act in his place. But all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may, at the time, be.

Who commands in public.

(17.) *Commanderies Illegal.*

See title "*Illegal Commanderies.*"

(18.) *Jurisdiction of.*

See title "*Jurisdiction.*"

(19.) *How Conclaves Terminate.*

Subordinate Commanderies close.

Subordinate Commanderies "close,"—they do not "call off" or "adjourn."

See title "*Adjourn.*"

(20.) *Warrant must be Present.*

See title "*Warrant.*"

(21.) *Uniform of.*

See title "*Uniform.*"

XI. Confer Orders—Who can.

In the absence of the Eminent Commander, the Generalissimo, and in the absence of both, the Captain General, may confer the Orders of Knighthood, or authorize a Past Commander to do so, in his presence.

Who may confer orders.

XII. Costume.

See title "*Uniform.*

XII. Dub and Create.

See title "*Confer Orders,*" *ut supra.*

XIV. Debate—How closed.

When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close, he rises; and that ends the discussion.

Debate—how closed.

XV. Dimits.

(1.) *How Granted.*

A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave, upon request made in the open Commandery: *Provided,* his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

Dimit—how granted.

(2.) *Effect of.*

See titles "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers,* 4;" "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of.*"

XVI. Elections.

(1.) *How Held.*

All elections, in all Templar bodies, must be by ballot.

Election by ballot.

(2.) *Blanks Void.*

Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered as such in the elections of officers.

Blanks void.

XVII. Eminent Commander.

(1.) *How Suspended.*

Eminent Commander — how suspended.

An Eminent Commander may be suspended by his Grand Commander, or the officer acting as such, in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery, and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Commander, or reversed by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his membership in his Commandery.

(2.) *Trial of.*

Trial of.

An Eminent Commander cannot be tried by his own Commandery, but by the Grand Commandery, and by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

XVIII. Extinct Commanderies.

(1.) *How may become so.*

See titles "*Commanderies*—(14.) *Failure to Meet;*" "*Charter*—(4.) *When Surrendered,*" etc.

(2.) *How Revived.*

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

(3.) *Revived, not to be Constituted.*

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

(4.) *Status of Members of.*

Status of members in extinct Commanderies.

When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the State holding the Charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

See title "*Charter*—(4.) *When Surrendered,*" etc.

(5.) *Charter, when it may be Surrendered.*

See title "*Charter*—(3.) *When it may be,*" etc.

XIX. Expulsion or Suspension.

(1.) *By Commandery—Effect of.*

Effect of suspension.

The suspension or expulsion of a Knight by his Commandery deprives him of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood, so long as the judgment remains in force.

(2.) *By Lodge or Chapter.*

By a Lodge or Chapter.

1. Expulsion, or suspension from his *masonic rights* by his Lodge or Chapter, deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

Certificate of, required.

2. In such case, a certificate of the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to wit: that the Knight is thereby divested of his Knightly rank and of all its privileges.

What certificate must show.

3. The certificate from the Lodge or Chapter must show not only the fact of suspension or expulsion, but also that the body had jurisdiction.

Its absence provided for.

4. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and the same entry should be made as required in paragraph 2.

Confirmed by Grand Lodge.

5. When the expulsion or suspension is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

(3.) *How Removed.*

Expulsion — how removed.

1. A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing.

Suspension — how removed.

2. If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing.

How restored to membership.

3. In either case of suspension or expulsion by his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

When certificate required.

4. When the suspension or expulsion from the Commandery was the result of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore the Knight to good standing and membership.

Definite suspension—how restored.

5. In case of definite suspension, the restoration of the Knight to his Lodge or Chapter restores him to Knightly standing.

XX. Fees—Cannot be Remitted.

Fees cannot be remitted.

The prescribed fees for the Orders of Knighthood cannot be remitted by a Commandery, directly or indirectly.

XXI. Foreign Knights—Not Red Cross.

Foreign Knights.

A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the asylum.

XXII. Foreign Representatives.

See title "*Representatives*," etc.

XXIII. Grand Commanderies.

(1.) *How Formed.*

Grand Commandery—how formed.

1. A Grand Commandery can be formed only in a State or Territory where none exists, and only upon petition of at least three Chartered Commanderies.

Warrant necessary.

2. A Warrant and the approval of the Grand Master are necessary, although the Grand Encampment may have authorized a warrant to be issued.

3. Each Subordinate Commandery must be represented, and there must be at least nine members present. Nine members required.

4. When a warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the warrant and approval of the Grand Masters are read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; a Code of Statutes is adopted; and officers are elected and installed. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the minutes; and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment. How organized.

5. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and the Eminent Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed. Rank of Subordinate Commanderies.

(2.) *When Grand Commandery Ceases to Exist.*

A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine, it becomes extinct. When Grand Commandery ceases to be.

XXIV. Healing.

(1.) *How Done.*

Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight, and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation. Healing, what it is.

(2.) *By Whom.*

1. This Grand Commandery or Grand Commander (by its authority), in whose jurisdiction a Knight was irregularly created, has power to heal him. By whom done.

2. This power may be delegated to a subordinate Commandery or an Eminent Commander. May be delegated.

(3.) *Who Cannot be Healed.*

Who cannot be.

One Knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed.

XXV. HONORARY MEMBERS.

See title "*Membership*—(3.) *Honorary.*"

XXVI. ILLEGAL COMMANDERIES — WITHOUT DISPENSATION OR CHARTER.

Illegal Commanderies.

All Commanderies or pretended Commanderies are spurious unless held under a Dispensation, Warrant, or Charter as herein prescribed; and all communication with such bodies is forbidden, and also all recognition and intercourse with their members as Knights.

XXVII. INFORMATION—HOW OBTAINED.

Information in Templar law —how sought.

Knights desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry, should apply to their Eminent Commander; the Eminent Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander in turn to the Grand Master.

XXVIII. INSTALL OFFICERS.

(1.) *Of Grand Encampment — Who may.*

Who may install in Gr. Encampment.

The officers of the Grand Encampment may be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present.

(2.) *Of Grand Commandery.*

In Gr. Commandery.

The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Eminent Commander (by service) who may be present.

(3.) *Of a Subordinate Commandery.*

In Subordinate Commandery.

The officers of a Subordinate Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Eminent Commander, or by a Past Eminent Commander.

(4.) *When to be.*

Commandery cannot install officers till constituted.

The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the Charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected.

(5.) *When by Proxy.*

1. When installation is performed by one in office, no special authority is required.

Commission required.

2. When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced.

3. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy.

(6.) *Officers U. D., not to be.*

See title "*Commanderies*—(3.) *Under Dispensation.*"

(7.) *When by Commission.*

Absent officers—how installed.

1. Officers elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery respectively may designate.

Certificate required.

2. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place, shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

XXIX. Jurisdiction.

(1.) *Boundaries of.*

Jurisdiction of Subordinate Commanderies.

1. In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which it is located.

Penal jurisdiction.

2. Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights non-affiliated, as well as affiliated, for violation of moral or Templar law, within its territorial jurisdiction.

(2.) *Violation of.*

Violation — effect of.

It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery, without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

(3.) *Over Sojourners.*

Signatures.

1. When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner.

Jurisdiction waived.

2. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

XXX. Meetings.

(1.) *Where Held.*

Where meetings may be held.

1. A Commandery can meet only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter.

When may remove.

A Commandery may remove its asylum from one house to another in the same place, by vote of a majority of its members present at a stated meeting, and after due notice of the proposed change.

Grand Commandery may provide.

3. If the regular asylum of a Commandery, from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the conclaves, the Grand Commander may authorize them to he held elsewhere in the same place.

(2.) *Failure of.*

See title "*Commanderies*—(14.) *Failure to Meet.*"

XXXI. Membership.

(1.) *Who are Members of a Commandery.*

Who are members.

Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation.

(2.) *Petitioners for a New Commandery—Status of.*

Status of petitioners for new Commandery.

1. After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under Dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old ones.

Failure of Dispensation.

2. If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor, resume their membership in their former Commanderies, without petition or other ceremony.

How affiliation terminated.

3. When a Charter is granted and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the petitioning Knights belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

(3.) *Honorary.*

Honorary membership.

Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein, but is merely complimentary.

XXXII. Officers.

(1.) *Incompatible.*

Incompatibility of Gr. Officer holding a subordinate office.

The holding of the office of Grand Commander is incompatible with that of one of the first three offices in a Subordinate Commandery.

(2.) *Succession of.*

Succession in office.

1. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Eminent Commander, the powers and duties devolve upon the Generalissimo, and if there should be no Generalissimo, upon the Captain General.

Vacancy—how filled.

2. When there is no officer in line to fill a vacancy, the commanding officer shall, by appointment, fill the vacancy *pro tem.*

Ditto.

3. If a vacancy occur in any elective office, other than that of Eminent Commander, the Grand Commander may authorize a new election, upon request to that effect by the Commandery: ***Provided***, however, in case of a vacancy in both the offices of Eminent Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall succeed to the duties and powers of the Eminent Commander, without an election.

4. When the vacancy is in one of the appointive offices, it shall be filled by appointment by the Commanding officer. Ditto.

(3.) *Failure to be Installed.*

If any officer duly elected or appointed shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the time fixed for installation, his election or appointment may be declared void by a vote of the body which elected him, or by the officer who appointed him. Failure to be installed.

(4.) *Change of Residence—Effect of.*

Whenever a Grand Commander or an Eminent Commander changes his jurisdiction to a place beyond the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, he thereby vacates his office, and can exercise its powers no longer. Change of residence.

(5.) *Rank of.*

See title "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers.*"

(6.) *Who may Resign.*

See title "*Resign.*"

XXXIII. Objection after Ballot.

(1.) *Who may Make.*

1. A member of a Commandery in good standing may object to the conferring of the Orders upon an elected candidate; and this, whether the objecting Knight was present when the ballot was taken or not. Objection after ballot.

2. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Eminent Commander, the Orders cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, should be entered upon the minutes, and it is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot. Effect of an objection.

3. The objecting Knight cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor. Reasons not required.

(2.) *Of Visiting Knights.*

Visiting Knights may object.

Objections to a candidate may be received from a visiting Knight, and should be duly considered by the Commandery; but they are not conclusive, like those of a member.

XXXIV. Petition for Orders.

(1.) *Form of.*

Form of petition.

1. Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery.

Belief of petitioner.

2. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

(2.) *Must be Signed.*

Signature required.

No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation.

(3.) *But one Applicant to Sign a Petition.*

Only one signer.

No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

(4.) *To be Recommended.*

Recommendation required.

Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders, who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

(5.) *Cannot be Withdrawn.*

Cannot be withdrawn.

When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

(6.) *Report not to be Recorded.*

Report not to be recorded.

The character of the report of a committee of inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.

(7.) *Unfavorable Report—Effect of.*

Unfavorable report.

An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

(8.) *When to be Received and Acted on.*

When petition received and acted on.

1. Petitions can be received or acted on only at stated conclaves, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

Ballot only after reference to committee.

2. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

Four weeks must elapse, *unless*, etc.

3. A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

See title "*Ballot*—(1.) *To be Secret.*"

(9.) *When a Rejected Petition may be Renewed.*

When may be renewed.

In the absence of any Statute by the governing Grand Commandery to the contrary, the petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until at least six months after such rejection.

(10.) *Where.*

If jurisdiction is waived.

It may then be received by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides: *Provided*, the Commandery by which he was rejected consents to waive its jurisdiction.

XXXV. Proxy.

(1.) *In Grand Bodies.*

Proxies.

No person can give or act as proxy, except those upon whom the power is conferred in the Constitution.

(2.) *Officers cannot be Installed by.*

See title "*Install Officers*—(5.) *When by Proxy.*"

(3.) *Installing Officer may Grant—When.*

See title "*Install Officers*—(7) *When by Commission.*"

XXXVI. PRELATE IN RED CROSS.

See title "*Red Cross*—(2.) *High Priest.*"

XXXVII. QUALIFICATION FOR ORDERS.

(1.) *What Required.*

See title "*Petition for Orders*—(1.) *Form of.*"

(2.) *Council Degrees, etc., not Necessary.*

Council Degrees not necessary.

It is not necessary that petitioners should have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master; or be a member of either Lodge or Chapter.

See Constitution, Art. Fourth, Sec. II, Reg. 1.

(3.) *Loss of a Leg, etc.—Effect of.*

Maimed.

The loss of a leg or arm by a petitioner disqualifies him from receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

XXXVIII. QUORUM—WHAT CONSTITUTES.

Quorum.

A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies, and Subordinate Commanderies, consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the Body.

XXXIX. RANK.

(1.) *Of Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate.*

Rank of Commanderies.

Commanderies — Grand and Subordinate — take rank according to the date of their several organizations, unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.

(2.) *Of Officers.*

What confers rank.

1. Election or (appointment) and installation are necessary to confer rank.

Rank of officers.

2. The Standard Bearer outranks the Sword Bearer, and the Sword Bearer outranks the Warder, and the Treasurer outranks the Recorder.

3. Present officers on duty in their own bodies, outrank past officers of any grade. Past officers.

4. A Knight dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and Subordinate Commandery of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but a "Past Commander may be elected to membership therein." Dimit—effect of.

See amendment of 1874, X. (2.)—"*Past Commanders*," etc.

But Past Grand Commanders do not lose their membership in the Grand Encampment by change of membership to another jurisdiction, nor by becoming unaffiliated. Past Gr. Commanders do not lose membership.

(3.) *Honorary Membership.*

Honorary membership confers no rank.

XL. Resign.

Who may Resign.

1. Any officer of a Commandery under dispensation may resign, with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively. Who may resign.

2. Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation. Who may not.

XLI. Repeating the Ballot.

See title "*Ballot*—(3.) *When it may be Repeated.*"

XLII. Red Cross.

(1.) *From Foreign Countries.*

See title "*Foreign Knights.*"

(2.) *High Priest, not Prelate.*

In the Council of Red Cross Knights, "High Priest" is the title of the officer ministering at the altar. High Priest.

XLIII. Revival of old Charter.

See title "*Charter*—(5.) *Surrendered and Restored.*"

XLIV. Representatives.

Foreign, not to be Appointed by Grand Commander.

Cannot be appointed to foreign bodies.

Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

XLV. Ritual.

(1.) *Not to be Altered.*

Ritual.

The Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment cannot be altered or abridged by the Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Grand Commandery.

(2.) *For Burial.*

See title "*Burial*—(1.) *Ritual for.*"

(3.) *For Installation.*

See title "*Install Officers,*" etc.

And ceremonies 1859. Appendix, pages 103–112.

XLVI. Summons.

(1.) *What is Legal.*

Summons—when legal.

A notice published in the newspapers is not a legal summons; it must be by personal service, or by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post office directed to his usual address.

(2.) *Seal Necessary.*

Seal—when required.

It is necessary that the seal should be affixed to a summons—but not to a notice of a conclave.

(3.) *Knights should Obey.*

Obedience to summons.

Every Knight should promptly and strictly obey the summons of his Commander.

XLVII. Suspension.

See title "*Expulsion or Suspension.*"

XLVIII. Title.

(1.) *What Constitutes.*

One who has filled by election and a term of service the office of Eminent Commander, Grand Commander, or Grand Master, retains the rank and title with the word "Past," prefixed — as Past Eminent Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Master.

Election and service necessary to.

(2.) *Of Prelate.*

See title "*Red Cross*—(2.) *High Priest.*"

XLIX. Trial.

(1.) *How Conducted.*

1. Trials of Sir Knights shall be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander shall preside, and decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence.

Trials in open Commandery — who presides.

2. When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall preside; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside.

When otherwise.

See titles "*Appeal*—(3.) *How Heard;*" "*Eminent Commander*—(2.) *Trial of.*"

L. Unaffiliated Knights.

(1.) *Cannot Vote.*

Unaffiliated Knights cannot vote in person or as proxy, or hold office in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate.

Non-affiliates.

(2.) *Effect of Dimit.*

See titles "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of;*" "*Rank*—(2.) *Of Officers*—(4.)" "*Dimit*—(2.) *Effect of.*"

(3.) *Cannot have Knightly Burial.*

See title "*Burial*—(2.) *Right of.*"

LI. UNIFORM.

(1.) *Of Knights Templar.*

Uniform prescribed in 1862.

1. The Uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862.* No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

Exceptions.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform," be permitted to wear it while members of said Commandery; but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862.

Ditto.

3. *Provided, further*, that any Commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

Members appear in conclaves in uniform.

4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or in a Grand Commandery, unless in full Templar uniform, except by the vote of the body excusing him.

(2.) *Of Knights of the Red Cross.*

Of Red Cross.

The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side; Templar cap covered; sword and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc.

(3.) *Of Knights of Malta.*

Of Malta.

Same as Knights Templar.

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*See Proceedings of 1862, page 45; Constitution of 1871, page 75, and page 30 of this Code and Digest, 1874.

LII. Under Dispensation—Commandery.

See title *Commanderies*—(3–9.) "*Under Dispensation.*"

LIII. Vacancies—How Filled.

See title "*Officers*—(2) *Succession of.*"

LIV. Visiting Knights'—Objection of a Member Excludes.

No visiting Knight can be admitted to an asylum if one only of the regular members present objects. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Eminent Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objection.

Objection excludes visitors.

LV. Warrant or Charter—Must be Present.

The Warrant or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the conclave.

Warrant must be present at conclaves.



EDICT OF 1862.—TEMPLAR UNIFORM.

UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

FULL DRESS.

Black Frock Coat, Black Pantaloons, Scarf, Sword, Belt, Shoulder Straps, Gauntlets, and Chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

FATIGUE DRESS.

Same as Full Dress, except for Chapeau a black cloth Cap, Navy Form, with appropriate Cross in front, and for Gauntlets, white Gloves.

SCARF.

Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black one inch on either side, a strip of Navy Lace one-fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the Scarf, a Metal Star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" the Star to be three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The Scarf to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.

CHAPEAU.

The military Chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black Plumes, and appropriate Cross on the left side.

GAUNTLETS.

Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrists, and to have the appropriate Cross embroidered in gold, on the proper colored velvet, two inches in length.

SWORD.

Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of Scabbard, Helmet Head, Cross Handle and Metal Scabbard.

BELT.

Red enameled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened round the body with buckle or clasp.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.

Royal Purple Silk Velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the centre, lengthwise.

For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment.

The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem, the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively, embroidered, of silver (**Old English Characters**), at the foot of the Cross, narrowwise of the Strap.

For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of Grand Commandery.

Bright Red Silk Velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (Old English Characters), in silver, on the lower end of the Strap.

For the Commander and Past Commanders of a Subordinate Commandery.

Emerald Green Silk Velvet, one and a half inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the centre.

For the Generalissimo.

Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

For the Captain General.

Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

CAP.

Navy Form; black cloth, four to five inches high, narrow leather strap, fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate Cross in front.

DISTINCTIONS.

The Sir Knights will wear white metal, wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, Gold.

CROSSES.

Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the PASSION CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the TEMPLAR CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the PATRIARCHAL CROSS; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the CROSS OF SALEM, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the center.

The various Crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the Chapeau, and on the Scabbard of the Sword. Those on the Chapeau to be three inches in height; on the Sword, one inch.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.

The Hangings of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD.

Is of White Woolen or Silk stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom, fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings; in the centre of the field, a blood red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" and under, "*Non Nobis Domine! non Nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*" The Cross to be four feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded Globe or Ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The Cross to be crimson, edged with Gold.

BEAUSEANT.

Of Woolen or Silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner.

The upper half of this standard is black, the lower half white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.

A full white linen or muslin Robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen Cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down to the bottom of the Robe; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk Stole reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the Robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of Red Silk. Mitre of white merino bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a Crozier.

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The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Sir Knights joining in the devotions, with E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, as Grand Prelate.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,
E. Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,
E Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
Sir A. H. CUSHMAN,
Sir ROBERT E. DWELLY,
Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
Sir SPENCER P. REED,
Sir JOHN ELDRED,
Sir J. SEWALL READ,
Sir E. J. NIGHTINGALE,
Sir H. C. FIELD,
Sir HENRY WARREN,
Sir A. H. HOWLAND, Jr.,
Sir JOHN HAIGH,
Sir S. W. RAZEE,
Sir BOWDOIN S. PARKER,
Sir GEORGE W. RAY.

The records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Grand Recorder stated that it should appear that the motion offered by E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle (see page 61 printed proceedings, 1876) was adopted, as shown by written records.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had appointed E. Sirs George A. Burnham and John P. Luther a Committee on refreshments at 12.30 P. M., and to be served at the close of the Assembly.

The R. E. Grand Commander welcomed Past Grand Master Sir James Hutchison, who was created a Knight Templar in St. John's Encampment, February 4th, 1822, also General Sir E. J. Mallett, knighted in the same body, October 1st, 1821, into the Grand Asylum.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

That man is born to die, is one of the lessons made impressive in the solemn ceremonies of our Order. We press into service fitly chosen words and suggestive tokens that the fact of our common mortality may be made evident, and we be reminded that this earthly state is not our permanent home. But there are other and still more striking ways in which this truth is forced upon our attention. As friend after friend steps out of life's procession here, and goes over to the great majority, we are touched by the feeling of human weakness and decay, and are brought to realize that the grave is not far away from any one of us. Blessed be God that with this sombre thought we can join another and more cheerful reflection, as we keep in mind the hopeful view Christian Knighthood presents, that, though we are pilgrims and sojourners upon the earth, we are yet journeying to a city which hath foundations, even the new Jerusalem on high.

Since we were last together death has taken away a prominent member of this Body who has held important Masonic positions.

Sir Horace Daniels, of Pawtucket, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, finished his earthly course on Thursday, December 14th, 1876. His death came almost without warning, and was therefore a greater shock to his family and to the large circle of friends who held him very close to their hearts.

The deceased was an active and zealous Mason, especially interested in the Order of Christian Knighthood, for whose advancement he gave liberally of his thought, time and means. He was a public spirited and influential citizen; an honorable, courteous gentleman, a true man. In his life and character he made good illustration of the teachings of the Institution, and both for love's sake and for his works' sake we may well cherish the memory of this faithful and eminent Sir Knight, who has now passed on to his reward.

The funeral services, which were held at Pawtucket on the Monday following his death, were of an impressive character.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery and Jenks Lodge had charge of the obsequies, and performed, respectively, the Templar and Lodge services of burial. The Grand Commandery was represented by the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, the E. Grand Generalissimo, and others of the Grand Officers. The Grand Commander was necessarily absent from the jurisdiction on the day of the funeral.

Outside of the lines of our own Grand Commandery two illustrious Knights Templars have recently passed away, who were so widely known that I deem it proper to refer to them specially in this connection.

Dr. John Dove, died in Richmond, Va., on the 25th of November, 1876, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, having been for more than three-score years devotedly attached to the principles and practical working of the various Masonic organizations. By his genius and culture, no less than by his zeal and fidelity, he rendered rare services to the several Grand Bodies of Virginia, and contributed not a little to the enlargement and prosperity of the Institution in localities far distant from his own State. In his death a light in the Masonic world is extinguished; and Christian Knighthood mourns the taking away of one who exemplified in a large degree those graces of ancient chivalry which are the distinguishing badges of our profession. We mourn the loss of the veteran Christian soldier, but we rejoice that he leaves behind him so glorious a record: *By it, being dead, he yet speaketh.*

More recently still, on the 10th of last month, another whose name is a household word wherever Masonry is recognized, and who was the Representative of this Grand Commandery near the Grand Commandery of Missouri, met his fate in so tragical a way as to make his death seem a greater shock. George Frank Gouley had acquired an extended and enviable reputation. As a Masonic writer and reviewer he held a pre-eminent place. He had brains, and culture, and positive convictions, while his whole character was saturated with the most generous sentiments, so that he made his influence felt in every department of Masonic work and accomplishment. For a number of years he had been especially active in Masonic Templarism, and at the time of his death he was Grand Recorder of the

Grand Commandery of Missouri, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In the prime of his vigor and usefulness this distinguished Knight has been cut down, and thousands of hearts all the land over are chastened by the sad event.

"Among the dead our Brother sleeps,
His life was rounded true and well;
And love in bitter sorrow weeps
Above his dark and silent cell."

I will now place before you as briefly as possible such of my official acts as seem to be of sufficient importance to require mention and record. In pursuance of a duty enjoined upon the Grand Commander by the Constitution, I issued General Order No. 1, making the assignment of Commanderies for Official Inspection, as follows:

First.—To the R. E. Grand Commander: St. Johns, St. Omer, Berkshire, Connecticut Valley.

Second.—To the V. E. Sir John Dean, Deputy Grand Commander: Pilgrim, Calvary, Sutton, Winslow Lewis, Jerusalem, Joseph Warren, William Parkman, Cœur de Lion.

Third.—To the E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Generalissimo: Boston, Newburyport, De Molay, Holy Sepulchre, Palestine, Bethany, Godfrey de Bouillon, Olivet.

Fourth.—To the E. Sir George E. Stacy, Grand Captain General: Washington, Worcester County, Springfield, Haverhill, Woonsocket, Northampton, Natick, Athol.

Fifth.—To the E. Sir E. L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: St. Bernard, Bristol, South Shore, Bay State.

Sixth.—To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Milford, Hugh de Payens, Narragansett, Gethsemane.

Seventh —To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Old Colony, Trinity, Cypress.

The several visiting officers were especially enjoined to notice whether or not the Orders were conferred in accordance with the ritual established in this jurisdiction, and were directed to report the condition of the Commanderies visited by them, respectively, on or before October 1st, 1877.

I regard these official visitations as something more than mere matters of form, affording occasions for the interchange of courtesies between the representatives of this Grand Body and its subordinates. They should be visits of inspection in fact as well as in name, and every officer assigned to such a duty should understand that he is expected to make himself acquainted with the condition of the body visited, note any departures from the ritual in the work, give attention to the general order of procedure, that some practical results of good in the increased efficiency of the several Commanderies may be brought about by these annual visitations. Agreeable festivities may or may not be connected with such occasions, but it should always be borne in mind what is the primary and chief object of the official visitation.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted several dispensations authorizing the balloting on applications for the Orders within the time fixed in the Digest, four weeks; also allowing petitions to be received and acted upon at special assemblies. It is hoped that requests in this line may be few and far between. Only when there is some peculiar exigency or reason for such haste should a Commandery seek to receive a petition, ballot, or confer the Orders other than in the regular way. Lay hands *suddenly* upon no man.

Under date of November 7th, 1876, I granted a dispensation to South Shore Commandery to parade in uniform on the 23d of that month, the occasion being the dedication of a Masonic Hall in Quincy, Mass., at which the Commandery acted as escort to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. I have also authorized Boston and Haverhill Commanderies to make a parade in uniform on the 25th of next month, for the purpose of celebrating St. John's day.

On March 15th, 1877, I issued a dispensation giving permission to Bristol Commandery, whose hall had been destroyed by fire, to meet in such suitable rooms, approved by their E. Commander, as they might be able to obtain from time to time. I learn that the rebuilding of their hall is now going forward and that in a few months they will return to their Templar home.

I have granted dispensations to a number of Commanderies, allowing them to hold elections for the purpose of filling offices made vacant by one cause and another. The vacancies that have thus been filled have been in offices below the Council.

REPRESENTATION.

On the 21st of February, 1877, I caused a commission to be issued, appointing E. Sir William H. Nichols, of Galveston, Texas, as the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand Commandery of Texas. It is also my pleasant duty at this time to acknowledge E. Sir George H. Burnham, of Providence, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas to this Grand Body.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to answer various enquiries in regard to the interpretation and application of Templar law. Only in a few instances, however, have the questions presented or my rulings thereon been of such a character that it would seem needful to pass them under your review. Among the cases of more importance I report the following: In February last, Northampton Commandery desired me to pass upon the question of jurisdiction as connected with a companion's application to the above named Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood, his residence being within the lines of its jurisdiction, he having, before the organization of Northampton Commandery, petitioned for the Orders to Connecticut Valley Commandery at Greenfield, Mass. He was duly elected in that body, but never came forward to receive the Orders applied for. This was in 1870. At the regular assembly of Northampton Commandery, held February 12th, 1877, an application was received from this companion, pending action upon which my ruling was asked whether or not the Commandery could receive said application without consent of Connecticut Valley Commandery. It was maintained that as Northampton Commandery had been organized since the date of the first application for the Orders by the companion, his residence then and now being within its territorial jurisdiction, that body was entitled to receive the application and confer the Orders. I

was unable to adopt this view, and my decision was that Northampton Commandery must obtain the relinquishment of jurisdiction from Connecticut Valley Commandery before taking action upon the petition of the companion who had previously applied to the last named body.

I have been applied to in several instances to construe the law in regard to the re-instatement of suspended members. The eminent Commander of Bethany Commandery, Lawrence, in calling upon me for my ruling upon this point says: "We have suspended several members for non-payment of dues, the vote in each case being that '——— be suspended until all arrearages are paid and he be re-instated by vote of the Commandery.' Several of the suspended Sir Knights are applying to be re-instated; can they be re-instated by a majority vote?" Having ascertained by reference to the By-Laws of Bethany Commandery that the suspension amounted to forfeiture of membership, and it being stated to me that the vote of the Commandery was so intended, I decided that under Article XIX, Section 3, Digest of Templar Law, it was necessary that there should be an unanimous ballot to restore to membership the suspended knights. While I can give no other interpretation to the law as stated in the section referred to, I deem its application harsh and unfair in such cases as that to which I have called attention. It does not seem equitable that a single member should be able to prevent the restoration of a Sir Knight who was suspended solely on account of his having been in arrears in the payment of dues. A majority or two-thirds vote ought, in my judgment, to be sufficient to re-instate him after his arrearages are paid.

In the case of Sir Thomas H. Johnson, referred at the last Annual Assembly of this body to a committee consisting of Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Tracy P. Cheever and Benjamin Dean, action has been taken as hereinafter set forth. Under date of April 11th, the committee sent me their report in the words following:

To the R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, as re-

lates to the case of Sir Knight Thomas H. Johnson, whose membership in Winslow Lewis Commandery has been annulled by the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in declaring him to have been improperly made a Mason, make this their report:

The records in the case show, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts adopted the report of a committee which declared Sir Johnson to be "a clandestine Mason," and recommended that he should "be formally healed," and that he was subsequently "healed" in due form by the required competent authority.

Since the petition of Sir Johnson to be restored to his rights in the Commandery—of which he had been deprived by the Eminent Commander—was presented to the R. E. Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery has promulgated the Digest of Templar law adopted at the last session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and your committee are of the opinion that clause 4, of Section 3, of Article XIX of said Digest, covers the case of Sir Johnson, and it must be decided in accordance therewith. Your committee express no opinion upon this clause, as it is not their duty to vindicate but to interpret the law, and they therefore recommend to the R. E. Grand Commander that he cause Sir Johnson to be at once restored to his rights as a member of Winslow Lewis Commandery.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee,

THOMAS A. DOYLE.

PROVIDENCE, April 11, 1877.

Upon the receiving of this report, I caused the following order to be issued:

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 13, 1877.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Members of Winslow Lewis Commandery, Greeting:

In pursuance of a recommendation in the report of the committee in the case of Sir Thomas H. Johnson, made to me this day—said committee holding that clause 4, of Section 3, of Article XIX, of the Digest of Templar Law, as recently promulgated, covers the case of Sir Johnson, and that it must be decided in accordance therewith—it is hereby ordered:

That the said Thomas H. Johnson be forthwith restored to all his rights and privileges as a member of Winslow Lewis Commandery, satisfactory proof having been furnished to this office that Sir Johnson has been formally healed and restored to good standing and membership in his Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery this 13th day of April, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

It is proper for me to state that I issued this order of restoration because it seemed that I could hardly do otherwise than to follow the recommendation of the able committee which had carefully considered the law and its application to the points involved in this case. Not only did I have the report before me, but two members of the committee assured me, individually, of their positive convictions that it was impossible to construe the law in any other way than that the restoration of Johnson to good standing and membership in the Commandery followed of necessity his healing and re-instatement by the Lodge. The law states that suspension or expulsion by the Lodge works the same result in the Commandery, and restoration in the Lodge works restoration in the Commandery, unless the last named body has taken independent action in the case and inflicted its own penalty. For myself, while I yield willingly to this law as thus given, my opinion remains unchanged, that in equity a Commandery *ought* to have something to say about the restoration of a suspended or expelled member, no matter in what way the forfeiture of good standing or membership has been occasioned.

In two cases I have been called to rule as to what action should be taken on objections made after ballot. The law, as it now stands, is too clear to be mistaken. Such an objection, whether made privately to the Eminent Commander, or publicly in open Commandery, is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot; nor can any enquiry be made as to the reasons governing the action of the objecting member. His objection is an absolute bar to the conferring of the Orders.

Whatever may be thought of some of the statutes put forth at the last Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment, there can be no question that these provisions constitute highest

Templar law, and must be respected accordingly. I therefore felt it my duty to issue the following circular:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 20, 1877.

To the Officers and Members of the several Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction, Greeting:

The Statutes and Digest of Templar Law, adopted by the Grand Encampment at its last Triennial Session, have been printed with the proceedings of this Grand Commandery, for the year ending October 27, 1876, and in this form are communicated to the Commanderies in this jurisdiction for their information and government.

Attention is specially called to the provisions respecting form of petition for the Orders; the time and manner of receiving and acting upon petitions; ballot, and objections after ballot; fees, dimits, suspensions, etc.

It is directed that this communication be read at the head of each Commandery at the next regular assembly thereof after its receipt.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

BY-LAWS.

Several bodies have made amendments to their By-Laws, and such amendments have been placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws, on whose recommendation I have signified my approval of the changes proposed. Every Commandery should make a clear, terse statement of its code and rules of procedure, so that all its members may have a certain source of information as to the law; and it should be seen by those in authority, especially by the visiting officers of the Grand Body, that these By-Laws of Subordinates do not conflict with the constitutional provisions of the higher bodies of Knights Templars to which allegiance is due.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

Some correspondence has been had with this office by Sir Knights especially interested in the Cryptic rites, who desire that these degrees should be recognized as among the qualifications requisite to the obtaining of the Order of Knighthood. An organized effort in this direction is being made in the several jurisdictions, and no doubt a strong appeal will be sent up to the Grand Encampment at its next session. The co-operation of this Grand Body is desired in helping forward such a movement.

To recognize these rites in the way desired, while they are held and worked by a separate organization, may be a matter of doubtful expediency. If the degrees were given up to the Chapters, as has been done in some of the jurisdictions, then might they come in as a part of the preparation for the Orders of Knighthood, the valuable part of the lessons and legends being joined to, and made a part of, the Royal Arch degree.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

The report of the committee in charge of this subject will show what progress has been made in determining upon a system, in the application of which it is expected that results of good will be shown in greater uniformity, precision and grace of movement, both in the work of the Orders and the movements of the knights on parade. When the new system is decided upon, some means should be taken to bring it into general use, that both in the ceremony and in parade there may not be such a various course of procedure as is now the case.

Under this head I may call your attention to the wide divergence of practice in the manner of conferring the Order of the Red Cross. The dress, equipments, and details of procedure are by no means the same in different parts of the jurisdiction, however the words spoken may be in substantial agreement with the ritual.

In this connection I may say that at my request Holy Sepulchre Commandery has consented to exemplify the Order of the Temple before this Grand Body to-day. But for the limited time at our disposal both Orders would have been conferred.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

It is pleasant for me to report the general satisfactory condition of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction. The best of feeling prevails throughout our borders. The management of the various organizations is for the most part in the hands of those who are devotedly attached to the principles of the Order, and who may be relied upon to uphold its honor on every occasion. Fidelity, zeal, and the right use of the means essential to success, have given to our order a healthy growth, so that it is now possessed of influence, power and material resources in larger degree than at any previous period. With this enlargement and prosperity come added responsibilities, even according to that law which says, "Unto whom much is given, of the same much is required." The way to better results and larger accomplishments opens ever before us. Be it ours both to discern the way and to walk therein. The inspirations and obligations of Christian Knighthood are of no light character. Backward our thoughts should go to the pilgrim warriors of the earlier day; to those who so nobly espoused the cause of the weak and oppressed, and rendered love's offices to the poor and needy with a devotion that has rarely been equalled. Pilgrim staff and sword, and waving banner, what do these stand for and represent, if it be not the faith and the valor, the magnanimity and the charity of those ancient worthies whose heroic deeds are at once our glory and inspiration? Thus we see the path trodden for our steps. Thus we are attracted to some higher standard of life and duty.

But there is one mightier and braver and truer than they, whom we are ever to keep in mind. *Immanuel* is the magnetic watchword of Christian Knighthood. It is the Lord Christ who is our Great Leader. It is the glorified sign of the Cross with all its wealth and suggestiveness of spiritual meaning that should most inspire us. In Paris the letter "N" is often seen cut in marble and granite, or wrought with curious devices on the front of public buildings and monumental structures. It stands for the great Corsican Chieftain who was—who still is—the chief idol of France. It is a reminder of what he wrought

for the glory of his people—a visible token of one who despite all his faults succeeded in binding the hearts of a nation very closely to himself. It is a sign that has by no means lost its power, but even now sends its memories and aspirations into the souls of thousands who gaze thereon. O would that on ourselves as Templars,—on our *hearts* as well as on our banners and equipments, there might be inscribed that name which is above every name, and that the legend associated with the sign of the all-saving cross might stir our souls with divinest power. Then should we prove ourselves in very truth to be valiant and magnanimous knights,—true followers of Him, the Lord of light and life!

On motion of R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, it was voted,

1. That so much of the address of the Grand Commander as refers to the death of Past Grand Generalissimo Horace Daniels, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs N. W. Aldrich, S. G. Stiness and David F. Parker.

2. That so much as relates to Dispensations, Decisions and Appointments, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs W. H. Kent, Thomas A. Doyle and Henry Chickering.

3. That so much as relates to the making of the Cryptic degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, be referred to a committee of three, with instructions to report at this session, consisting of R E. N. Van Slyck, E. Sirs John Haigh and E. A. Doolittle.

4. That the remainder of the address be referred to a committee of three, consisting of E. Sirs G. W. Stacy, John Eldred and Jacob Silloway, Jr.

Memorials from committees appointed by the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts were presented, in the following form, varying only in the nomenclature appropriate to each jurisdiction.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18, 1877.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

The memorial of the undersigned would most courteously and respectfully represent—That, at the Annual Convocation of the "Grand Council

of Royal and Select Masters" of the State of Rhode Island, held at Providence, March 13th, 1877, action was duly and regularly taken, and had, by such Grand Council, upon the subject of connecting the degrees of "Cryptic" Masonry with the Orders of Knighthood; and to the end that a basis might be arranged upon such conditions and terms as would be equitable, Masonic and proper, and at the same time accomplish the desired object, the first four officers of the "Grand Council" were appointed a committee, with full powers to act in the matter.

The committee thus appointed would respectfully urge the necessity of your Grand Body recognizing the "Cryptic" degrees, thereby placing them in their proper position in the American System of Masonry.

We are prepared to present to your Grand Body a plan, or basis, upon which the "Cryptic" degrees may, in our opinion, be properly recommended by your Grand Body, as a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

We would, therefore, most courteously and respectfully ask of your Grand Body *a hearing* upon this subject, and the appointment of a Committee of Conference, together with such other action upon your part as in your judgment may be deemed proper.

And we would also respectfully request that you hold a *Special* Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, *before* the first day of August, 1877, to decide upon this matter, so that we may be governed somewhat by your decision when the matter is presented to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, at their meeting to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, next August. And your memorialists will remain,

Courteously and Fraternally,

J. F. ADAMS,

For the Committee.

CALEB SAUNDERS, } Committee for Grand Council
JOHN HAIGH, } of Massachusetts.

Referred to Committee No. 3, on Address, who subsequently reported—

Inexpedient to call a Special Assembly as asked for.

This partial report was accepted, and further time granted on remainder.

On motion of R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, it was

Voted, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to pay for publishing the Roll of Officers of the Grand Commandery, and such other official notices as the Grand Commander may designate, in the Masonic periodicals of this jurisdiction.

On motion of the same Sir Knight, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the first four Grand Officers, or their proxies, incurred in attending upon the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in August next, be paid by this Grand Commandery.

On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the Representatives of this Grand Commandery be instructed to obtain a revision and modification of Digest of Templar Law at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in August next.

ON REMAINDER OF ANNUAL ADDRESS, 1876.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, May 18, 1877.

The committee to whom was referred the "remainder" of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, find that, in connection with other matters, all "special recommendations" were referred to another committee, leaving, in the opinion of this committee, nothing to consider; but we cannot let the opportunity pass without complimenting the ability and zeal evinced by the R. E. Grand Commander, in the various matters presented in his address, which assures us that he is alive in the interests of these Orders of Knighthood.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. STACY,
WM. JACKSON, } Committee.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Manual and Drill presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the system of Templar Tactics and Drill arranged by Sirs Francis C. Choate and Charles E. Pierce, and submitted to the Grand Commandery by St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, is hereby adopted for the use of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction; and the Committee on Tactics and Drill are authorized to cause the same to be printed, provided that a sufficient number of copies shall be subscribed for, in advance, to defray the expense of said printing.

Resolved, That the Grand Commander is hereby authorized to subscribe for fifty (50) copies of the Tactics and Drill this day adopted, for the use of the officers of the Grand Commandery.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
CHAS. A. STOTT,
A. A. HOWLAND, JR., } Committee on Tactics and Drill.

The committee was continued, and authorized to proceed, under the resolutions.

On motion of Sir E. H. Doolittle, it was

Voted, That the Grand Council are hereby authorized to subscribe for fifty copies of the drill as reported, provided they shall deem it expedient.

The roll was called and the following Commanderies were represented:

SAINT JOHN'S,	PALESTINE,	WOONSOCKET,
BOSTON,	SAINT BERNARD,	CONNECTICUT VALLEY,
NEWBURYPORT,	CALVARY,	JOSEPH WARREN,
WASHINGTON,	HAVERHILL,	NARRAGANSETT,
WORCESTER COUNTY,	SUTTON,	SOUTH SHORE,
SPRINGFIELD,	BETHANY,	BRISTOL,
DE MOLAY,	WINSLOW LEWIS,	CŒUR DE LION,
HOLY SEPULCHRE,	SAINT OMER,	OLIVET,
PILGRIM,	BERKSHIRE,	BAY STATE,
	CYPRUS.	

PROXIES.

Sir ISAAC LAWRENCE and Sir H. D. DE BLOIS for the Generalissimo and Captain General of Washington Commandery.

Sir ARTHUR W. DENNIS for the E. C. of Calvary Commandery.

Sir W. THOMAS for the Generalissimo of Bethany Commandery.

Sir GEORGE H. ALLEN for the C. G. of Olivet Commandery.

ON ADDRESS IN OCTOBER, 1876.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

May 18, 1877.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Annual Assembly, as relates to Correspondence, Decisions and Dispensations, respectfully submit the following report:

The Dispensations granted, as reported by him, we find to be in accordance with Masonic law, also the several Decisions referred to in his address, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That the several Decisions reported by the R. E. Grand Commander in his last annual address be and they are hereby approved.

B. SANFORD, JR.,
For the Committee.

Voted, To accept the report and to adopt the resolution.

ON BY-LAWS.

The committee reported that amendments to the By-Laws of several Commanderies had at various times been presented; these, with the consent of the R. E. Grand Commander, had been returned with approval.

The By-Laws of Northampton Commandery were submitted in full; these they had examined, amended, and in their present form they recommended them for approval.

Report adopted.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, Holy Sepulchre Commandery, of Pawtucket, was reported in waiting, and were at once formally received into the Grand Asylum, and the R. E. Grand Commander gave the body official welcome.

Sir Henry A. Pierce, Eminent Commander, in behalf of his Commandery, expressed his readiness to exemplify the Order of the Temple, according to the announcement previously made.

The Grand Officers vacated their respective stations, which were occupied by the officers of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, who proceeded to confer the Order of the Temple on Sir Joseph Henry Foster, in a manner which received very general and hearty approval.

At the conclusion of which, the Commandery retired, and the Grand Officers resumed their stations.

V. E. Sir John Dean offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18, 1877.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and are hereby tendered to Holy Sepulchre Commandery, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the very impressive manner in which they have exemplified the Order of the Temple, and especially would we congratulate the Eminent Commander, his officers and members, for the very correct rendering of the entire ritual connected with the Order.

The Committee on Printing, in consequence of inquiries made, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to print for sale to any other jurisdiction, Diplomas from the plate of this Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the day's proceedings, and the harmony which characterized the deliberations, and wished for all a safe return to their several homes.

The Sir Knights were called to their devotions, the acting Grand Prelate officiating; after which the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.



ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 26TH, 1877.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 26th, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Lucius R. Page, D. D., as Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir HENRY W. RUGG.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir JOHN DEAN.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir GEORGE E. STACY.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, *as*.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir PETER S. BAILEY.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GEORGE MOULTON.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE.

Members, being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir SAMUEL MASON,
E. Sir DAVID STEVENS,
E. Sir J. SEWALL READ,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir EUGENE D. BURT,
E. Sir CHARLES R. BRAYTON,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
E. Sir GEORGE W. FAY,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir EDWARD PARKER, JR.,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF, Past Deputy G. Commander.

Sir R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Generalissimo, and Sir J. E. WOOD, C. G. of Worcester County.

Sir J. S. NOBLE, Generalissimo of Springfield.

Sir S. R. BUCKLIN, C. G. of Holy Sepulchre.

Sir ARTHUR G. POLLARD, C. G. of Pilgrim.

Sir S. G. STINESS, Generalissimo of Calvary.

Sir GEORGE F. TALBOT, Generalissimo, and Sir JAMES B. SMITH, C. G. of Bethany.

Sir GEORGE C. DUNHAM, Generalissimo, and Sir CHARLES E. MOREY, C. G. of Berkshire.

Sir ALFRED H. HARTLEY, E. C. of Godfrey De Bouillon.

Sir JOHN SHAW, 2d, E. C., and Sir E. A. INGALLS, C. G. of Olivet.

Sir BAALIS SANFORD, JR., E. C., and Sir H. H. PACKARD, Generalissimo of Bay State.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 26, 1877.

The Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	16
Past Grand Officers	8
Past Eminent Commanders	25
Eminent Commanders	22
Generalissimos	13
Captains-Generals	9
Proxies	16
Total voters	109

They also report the following Commanderies to be represented:

St. John's,	Calvary,	Godfrey de Bouillon,
Boston,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Newburyport,	Old Colony,	Narragansett,
Worcester County,	Sutton,	William Parkman,
Springfield,	Bethany,	South Shore,
De Molay,	Winslow Lewis,	Bristol,
Holy Sepulchre,	Hugh de Payens,	Cœur de Lion,
Pilgrim,	Saint Omer,	Olivet,
Palestine,	Berkshire,	Bay State,
Milford,	Woonsocket,	Cyprus.
Saint Bernard,		

Total.....31

Courteously submitted,

JAMES M. GREENWOOD, }
JAMES SWORDS, } Committee.

The Records of the Semi-Annual assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed as Committees

ON COLLATION,

to be served at recess, E. Sirs Wm. A. Kent and Alfred F. Chapman,

ON FINANCE,

E. Sirs W. A. Kent, E. L. Freeman and Baalis Sanford, Jr.

GRAND FUND.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 11 of Article One of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Standing Committee of said fund submit their annual report:

Received for interest	$226 00
One-tenth receipts	137 01
	$363 01

INVESTED.

Deposit Book 31,083, in the Provident Savings Institution		$1,259 27
Deposit Book 40,005, in the Five Cent Savings Bank		6,805 14
Deposit Book North End Savings Bank, 1876	$2,090 51	
Interest, 1877	226 00	
One-tenth receipts, 1876–77	137 01	2,453 52
34 shares Market National Bank		3,430 50
15 shares Mount Vernon National Bank		1,579 00
Making a total of		$15,527 43

Whole fund, 1877	$15,527 43	
" 1876	13,777 25	
Gain, 1877		$1,750 18

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. RUGG, G. C.
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Treas.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, G. R.
} Standing Committee.

Boston, October 26, 1877.

On motion of E. Sir E. L. Freeman, it was

Voted That the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of E. Sir E. L. Freeman, it was

Voted, That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into the feasibility of investing the Grand Fund in First Mortgages on Real Estate, or in United States Bonds.

The Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States having entered the Grand Asylum, his presence was recognized by the R. E. Grand Commander, who welcomed him with the honors due his rank and station, and officially introduced him to the Grand Commandery.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Recorder reported, and so much of his report as related to Finance and Returns was referred to the same Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Since the last Annual Assembly, I have secured increased accommodation for the business of this office, and where the archives can be more carefully preserved, and more readily consulted.

During the year, I have received the following sums:

For	Returns due and unpaid in 1876	$189 35
"	Diplomas	145 00
"	Certificates	11 50
"	Proceedings, 1805–1863	8 00
"	" 1876	8 00
"	Returns due in 1877	973 45
	Total	$1,825 80

For these several sums I hold the receipts of the Grand Treasurer; and also, under date of December 1, 1876, I hold his receipt for $23.00 for Diplomas, in excess of amount properly due him; this was my own error, by overlooking the receipt until after the Grand Treasurer's account was made

up. There is, therefore, due the Grand Recorder $23.00 overpaid by him.

I have in hand returns from two Commanderies, received too late to enter into Grand Treasurer's account, with amounts on account thereof, of $74.10.

In one of these there is a rather common error. Six candidates are reported to have received the Order of the Red Cross, but payment is tendered on five only, for the reason, I presume, that the sixth has not received the Orders of the Temple and Malta.

I do not so interpret the Constitution, which requires the fee to be paid on each "Knight created,"—and were it not so, when payment is made on all who receive the Order of the Red Cross, each and every return is complete in itself; it is then but a simple question in arithmetic which can be determined without any reference to former returns; these may have been destroyed, but the Grand Commandery will receive its proportion of fees, whether the remaining Orders are conferred or not; and, indeed, by returns, since and including 1870, in my possession, I can not find that some have received the Order of Malta at all; nor can I tell whether the Grand Commandery has ever had its fees prior to that time.

Eight Commanderies have not made returns, to date.

The work of the several Commanderies will be seen in the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Names of Commandery.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	Saint John's	357	6	1				6
2	Boston	553	10	4		8		5
3	Newburyport	67	3			4		2
4	Washington	66	3		1			2
5	Worcester County	232	14					1
6	Springfield	269	4		24			4
7	De Molay	322	7	5		5		2
8	Holy Sepulchre	199	3	6		4		1
9	Pilgrim	197	6					3
10	Palestine	205	7	5		8	1	1
11	Milford	152		3	1			1
12	Saint Bernard	86	6					
13	Calvary	231	2					1
14	Haverhill	181	11	1	1			
15	Old Colony	128	5	4				1
16	Sutton	222	5					2
17	Bethany	160	12	1	14			3
18	Winslow Lewis	125	1			7		1
19	Jerusalem	122	4	4				3
20	Hugh de Payens	203	11	1				1
21	Saint Omer	150	14	2	1			4
22	Berkshire	81	2	1				
23	Woonsocket	136	5					1
24	Connecticut Valley	85	1					1
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	120	6	2				
26	Joseph Warren	140	3	4	1			2
27	Narragansett	43	4	1				
28	William Parkman	108	7	1				3
29	Bristol	117	5	4				
30	Northampton	64	4					
31	South Shore	127	9					3
32	Trinity	69		1				
33	Natick	53	5	1				
34	Cœur de Lion	154	8	1				2
35	Gethsamane	70	4	2		2		
36	Olivet	72	4	1				1
37	Athol	49	1	3				1
38	Bay State	93	6					
39	Cyprus	39	3					
	Totals	5847	211	59	43	38	1	58

Returns not received in time to print from Commanderies against the names of which blanks are left.

The printed reports of ten Grand Commanderies have failed to reach this office during the year; a synopsis is submitted, however, compiled from proceedings received, which will show when the several Grand Bodies were organized, when the last Annual Conclaves were held, the numbers of Subordinates, of members, of increase and of decrease during the year.

From these, it appears that all the Southern Grand Bodies have decreased in membership during the year, except Virginia and Mississippi, and all the Western ones have increased except Michigan. The greatest relative decrease has been in Arkansas, 69; the greatest in number, in Texas, 72, while Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana have lost 5, 38 and 16 respectively. The greatest increase has been in Illinois, Iowa and Pennsylvania, 282, 181, 174, respectively. New Jersey has also added a trifle over 12 per cent. to her numbers of last year, while Kansas has increased hers 26 per cent., the greatest relative growth.

The tables show that while the net gain in the United States alone has been about 1,800, yet 1,190 dimitted, 1,043 were suspended, 44 were expelled, and 523 have died during the year. It will also be found that in the United States 1 in 40 has dimitted, 1 in 46 has been suspended, 1 in 109 has been expelled, and finally, 1 in 92 has deceased, counting all in round numbers. Among the causes which swell these prejudicial figures may be found business depression, heavy expenses, and a desire, too general, to increase in numbers. What shall be the remedy must become an important question for local and general consideration.

This jurisdiction presents a more settled condition, but not so flattering as to beget neglect or indifference; here, 1 in 153 was dimmitted, 1 in 116 suspended or discharged, and 1 in 2,901 expelled during the year past; but in the last account the variation is small, for 1 in 97 passed on to immortality.

Further details in figures are submitted in the following

TABLE.

Grand Commandery of	When Organized.	Date of Last Annual Conclave.	No. of Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Increase for the year.	Decrease for the year.
Alabama	Nov. 29, 1860	May 16, 1877	11	18	231	...	5
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	October 4, 1876	4	.....	143	....	69
Canada	October 9, 1855	August 10, 1876	19	.....	.....	....	....
*England & Wales	Seven Bodies existed as early as 1795.	May 11, 1877	116	.....	.....	....	....
California	August 10, 1858	April 14, 1876	11	98	734	91	....
Colorado	March 14, 1876	March 13, 1877	3	10	136	....	....
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	March 20, 1877	10	42	1327	....	....
Georgia	April 25, 1860	May 16, 1877	8	24	323	...	38
Illinois	October 27, 1857	October 24, 1876	48	422	3664	282	....
Indiana	May 16, 1854	April 24, 1877	26	168	1932	70	....
Iowa	June 6, 1864	October 5, 1876	28	194	1445	181	....
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	May 1, 1877	9	48	387	79	....
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	May 9, 1877	18	63	1113	....	16
Louisiana	February 12, 1864	Feb. 13, 1876	4	20	403	....	....
Maine	May 5, 1852	May 3, 1877	13	62	1555	....	....
Mass. and R. I.	May 6, 1805	October 26, 1877	39	211	5847	44	....
Maryland	January 23, 1871	April 2, 1877	7	43	787	39	....
Michigan	January 15, 1857	May 8, 1877	30	98	2291	....	46
Minnesota	October 25, 1865	June 24, 1876	10	41	600	....	*
Mississippi	January 21, 1857	May 10, 11, 1877	15	35	491	21	....
Missouri	May 22, 1860	October 3, 1876	29	103	1315	39	*
New Hampshire	June 12, 1860	Sept. 26, 1876	9	57	1065	59	....
New Jersey	February 14, 1860	Sept. 12, 1876	10	138	1212	131	....
New York	June 18, 1814	October 10, 1876	52	510	7339	77	....
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	April 25, 1876	7	35	308	47	....
Ohio	October 12, 1859	Aug. 30, 1877	29	242	2648	110	....
Pennsylvania	April 14, 1854	May 29, 1877	57	309	5964	174	...
Tennessee	October 12, 1843	May 3, 1877	14	52	719	....	72
Texas	January 19, 1855	January, 1875	13	49	498	112	*
Vermont	June 17, 1824	June, 1877	9	41	624	....	*
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	Nov. 15, 1876	14	69	755	36	*
West Virginia	February 25, 1874	.....	.....	.....	251	.....	....
Wisconsin	October 29, 1859	October 3, 1876	12	83	911	55	....
†Grand Encamp't	June 22, 1816	Aug. 28-31, 1877	19	130	1439	....	....
Total number commanderies in United States, England and dependencies			703				
Total number created in United States only				3410			
Total number of members in United States only					48,457		

England and Wales sends no enumeration.

* Those starred in the last column have not sent report of proceedings to this office of nor since date in column of last Annual Conclave; in such cases we have used figures set down by others.

† Includes work of three years ending with Conclave in 1877.

It gives me pleasure to report, that although this Grand Commandery does not discuss any of the many questions which arrest the attention in other jurisdictions, through a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, yet a very general exhibition of good will and good wishes prevail among all.

The Grand Recorders, from among whom we sorrowfully miss E. Sir George Frank Gouley of Missouri, and E. Sir John

A. Harris of New Hampshire, are courteous, considerate, and reasonably prompt; the duties of this office with corresponding ones abroad have been made very pleasant by their attention, while its labors have been added pleasures because of official consideration at home.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 21, 1877.

The committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer have attended to the duty. They have examined the books and accounts, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers are on file for expenditures. The committee report the annexed statement of the Treasurer, receipts and disbursements, with the balance on hand:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, October, 1876	$1,207 89	
Loan from Grand Treasurer	300 00	
Sale 10 shares Naumkeag Stock	1,032 50	
From Recorder and interest	255 50	
Returns from Commanderies	1,114 65	
		$3,910 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent	$69 20	
Salaries	400 00	
Printing	553 05	
Travelling expenses	211 03	
Banquets	304 60	
Grand Encampment, expenses of visiting officers	285 00	
Stationery	116 58	
Grand Fund, dues	137 01	
Charity	125 00	
Loan	600 00	
Interest paid	129 50	
	$2,930 97	
Balance on hand, October 24, 1877	$979 57	
		$3,910 54

INVESTMENTS.

2	Shares	Atlantic Bank	$198 00	
4	"	Boylston "	494 50	
8	"	Michigan Central Railroad	896 00	
14	"	Ogdensburg Railroad	1,218 25	
				$2,806 75

There is due the Grand Treasurer, for loans,

In 1876, (balance)	$1,500 00	
In 1877	300 00	
		$1,800 00

There are yet to be received the returns from several Commanderies, which should have been in the hands of the Recorder previous to October 10. This delinquency is in violation of the provisions of the Grand Constitution, and is the source this year, as it was last, of confusion in the affairs of this Grand Body, and embarrassment to the Treasurer in making up and reporting the financial condition of it.

The committee had further in charge the examination of the accounts of the Grand Recorder, and they report them correct, with proper vouchers, and recommend the salaries be the same as last year.

In regard to another matter referred to the committee, being that as to when fees for orders are due to this Grand Body, the committee are of opinion that the language of the Constitution clearly covers the point, and that the fees are payable and due when the first order has been conferred, whether the succeeding orders are conferred or not. Any other interpretation of the Constitution would result in great confusion and injustice.

The committee have also considered the subject of investments of the Grand Funds, and after consultation with the Grand Treasurer, have concluded that for the present at least it is inexpedient to make any change in the mode of investments.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. KENT, } Finance
E. L. FREEMAN, } Committee.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Grand Commander, then read and submitted the following address:

SIR KNIGHTS:—I greet you with cordial and heartfelt salutations. I congratulate you that we are privileged to meet in annual session under circumstances so auspicious. It is a

cause of congratulation, no less than of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that our review of the past as connected with our cherished institution shows so many bright lines of prosperity and blessing. It is true that the tokens of Templar progress in this jurisdiction, which mark the year just closing, are not as many nor of such notable character as those which have attended some other periods in our history. No new Bodies have been created within our borders during the last year; the work done has been slight in comparison with that of former years, and the accessions to the Order hardly do more than make good the losses occasioned by deaths and other causes. In common with other organizations we have felt the pressure of the times—the unfavorable condition of affairs in business circles having a tendency to retard many of our enterprises and interests. But although the accomplishments of the year in many respects may fall short of our desires, yet it counts for much that the Templar organizations of this jurisdiction have at least held their own in numbers and resources during the past year; while never before, perhaps, were these Bodies in a better condition of efficiency than now. It is believed that all our Commanderies now render the work of the Order with substantial accuracy, and are in quite near accord as regards the various matters pertaining to drill and ceremony. Better still, a spirit of earnest loyalty to the Institution—a spirit of fervency and zeal in all that relates to its welfare—seems to characterize the knights of this jurisdiction who are held together as brethren and friends by the bonds of a true fellowship.

In my address at the semi-annual session in May last, I reported my official acts to that time. It will be my endeavor to place before you now such matters of official procedure since that date as appear to be of sufficient importance to require mention, together with a few general statements and recommendations.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Official visits have been made, in accordance with General Order No. 1, (reported at the May session,) to all the Com-

manderies except two in this jurisdiction. By the reports of the examining officers, duly received, it is evident that these visits have been made the occasions, not only of social interchanges and festivity, but also of careful inspection and wise suggestion. It costs this Grand Body a considerable sum to defray the expenses of these yearly official visits, but if made in the proper spirit, by officers on the alert to detect and remedy any inaccuracies in the work—officers who shall have both the will and the ability to point out the proper course of Templar procedure in all matters of importance—I think such expenditure fully justified.

The reports of the visiting officers are herewith presented. They agree in the statement that the representatives of this Grand Body have been received by its Subordinates with all due courtesy and consideration; that they have found these Subordinate Bodies to be in a generally healthy and hopeful condition, although in some localities little or no work has been done, and heavy financial burdens have been borne. They also report that their respective visits have often been made the occasions of delightful social re-unions such as are peculiarly in keeping with the genius of our Institution.

My own official visits during the past year have been few, but these have been attended with sincere pleasure. One of the most memorable of these visits was that made to St. Omer Commandery on the evening of Sept. 17th, the day of the Templar parade in Boston at the dedication of the Army and Navy monument. St. Omer Commandery held a place of honored observance in that parade, its members making an appearance which elicited approving words from many, both in and out of the Order, who witnessed their marching and evolutions. A long march, protracted until near sunset, was hardly a fitting prelude to the official visit of the evening; nevertheless, at the hour of meeting the members came together in goodly numbers, and the Order of the Red Cross was conferred in a careful and impressive manner. The whole appearance of the Commandery was commendable, and the moral and social atmosphere of the Asylum was of the most inspiriting character.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the date of the last Assembly I have granted special dispensations to the following named Commanderies, authorizing them to parade in uniform for the observance of St. John's day: *St. John's, Calvary, Holy Sepulchre, Sutton, Haverhill, Worcester County, Woonsocket, Old Colony, Narragansett.* All of the celebrations for which these dispensations were asked were of an interesting character. St. John's and Calvary Commanderies observed the day, Sunday, by attending the Church of the Mediator, in Providence, where a special service was arranged for the occasion. Holy Sepulchre celebrated the day on Monday, the 25th, also attending church in a body, where fitting exercises were held, following which, after a short parade, came an elegant banquet, with addresses by many distinguished knights. The officers of this Grand Body were honored with invitations to this celebration, and many of them, including all the members of the Grand Council, were in attendance. The occasion was one of delightful social and intellectual charm—edifying alike both to those who were hosts and those who were guests.

Dispensations have also been issued at various dates to the following Commanderies, authorizing them to make "pilgrimages," or excursions: *Bay State, William Parkman, Joseph Warren, De Molay, Olivet, Newburyport.*

It has been with some degree of reluctance that the authority asked for in some of these cases has been given. When a dispensation is asked for simply that a Commandery may turn out for a day's pleasure, the object being merely an excursion, it is somewhat difficult to discover on what proper grounds it can be granted. It is not easy, however, to draw the line, and precedents are so abundant that it appears quite ungracious to refuse the applications. I am convinced that these objectless excursions are becoming too frequent. It reflects no credit upon our Institution for a Commandery to parade the streets in uniform, with banners flying and the various signs of the Order displayed, when it is known that the sole purpose is to enjoy a trip to the seaside and partake of a clambake, or to make an excursion to the woods for picnic festivities. The

picnic and the clambake—the excursion by rail or boat—are well enough, but why bring out the equipments and significant signs of Templarism on such occasions? Why make the display and gain the consequent publicity when there is no legitimate demand therefor. I am pleased to be able to state that in two instances at least my suggestions in this respect have been followed, the Commanderies having made excursions without parade and not wearing the costume.

Only one Commandery made application this year for leave to parade in a fourth of July civic and military procession. The application was refused.

A dispensation was issued to Washington Commandery authorizing it to parade on July 24th, and thus fittingly receive and escort Palestine Commandery of New York, which had also courteously asked permission to appear as a Body in our jurisdiction.

Authority was given South Shore Commandery to omit the regular assembly, Sept. 17th, and to transact the business of such regular assembly at a special meeting held on the 24th of the same month. The parade in Boston on the 17th of Sept., in which this Commandery participated, was the cause of issuing a general dispensation.

Permission was also given to St. John's Commandery to transact business at a regular assembly, when the original notice of the intended action had not been given. I gave such authority only because I was satisfied that the matter was generally understood, and that there was a unity of feeling among the members in relation thereto.

Two dispensations have been given authorizing action upon petitions in less than the constitutional period. I have refused several applications of like character, when it was apparent that it was only a convenience of the candidate that desired the setting aside of the law. The occasions ought to be very rare when dispensations of this character are asked for.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

I submit the following letter, and have issued a commission to R. E. Philander W. Barclay, as our representative in Illinois:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

CHICAGO, Sept. 15th, 1877.

Henry W. Rugg, G. Com. Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I., Providence, R. I.

R. E. AND DEAR SIR:—As Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, it does not to me seem proper to retain my position as your Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois.

Fully appreciating the courtesy and the honor of this flattering recognition, I hereby tender my resignation of this important trust that you may have ample time—if you so desire—to appoint some worthy frater to represent you in the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, to be held the 23d of October, 1877.

I cannot return my original commission, as it, with all my books and papers, was destroyed in the great fire of 1871.

With knightly courtesy and consideration, I am ever,

Yours fraternally,

VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
Grand Master.

The correspondence belonging to my official position has been considerable in quantity, although for the most part not of a character that needs to be reported for your consideration. Much of the information desired might readily be obtained by consulting the published proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and noting the decisions which have been made heretofore and ratified by the supreme authority. Other questions are asked which seem superfluous in view of the commonly understood principles that govern all Masonic Bodies. For instance, my ruling has been asked on the following questions: "When the by-law of a Commandery conflicts with some enactment of the governing Body, must not such by-law be accepted as the guide of action until changed by regular course of procedure, and the new code, or amendment, has received the approval of the Grand Commandery?" Only one answer seems possible to such a question: No matter what is written in the by-laws of Subordinate Bodies the provisions become nugatory when

the Superior Body pronounces against them. If any of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction have provisions in their by-laws which conflict with the legislation of the Grand Commandery, or of the Grand Encampment, when the same have been properly promulgated, they should know without waiting for any formal decision on the matter that such provisions in their by-laws are only a dead letter.

It is laid down in the Statutes and Code of Templar Law that, "Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation," and I have decided accordingly.

My ruling has been asked as to the obligation of officers to wear shoulder straps when in uniform. My decision was, substantially, that officers of Commanderies adhering to the black costume are under no requirement to appear with shoulder straps. In other Commanderies the officers entitled to wear shoulder straps should, undoubtedly, appear with the same when in uniform.

Under date of June 27th, 1877, Grand Recorder Parvin wrote to me making request that this Body would furnish a portrait of our most esteemed Past Grand Commander, Winslow Lewis, also a Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, it being the desire that such portrait should accompany the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment to be issued this year. Ascertaining that the expense would not be large, and finding a precedent in the action of this Grand Body in furnishing 2,000 copies of the portrait of Thomas Smith Webb for the Grand Encampment Proceedings of 1874, I caused 1,500 copies of the portrait of our distinguished and well beloved frater to be printed and sent forward to Grand Recorder Parvin, whose acknowledgment of the same has been received. The plate used for the printing of the portraits is the property of Winslow Lewis Lodge, to whom our thanks are due for the loan of the same, as also, and especially, to the Grand Treasurer, who personally interested himself in having the work done and the copies duly forwarded.

My excuse for not awaiting the action of the Grand Com-

mandery in this matter is that such delay would have prevented the use of the portrait in the present triennial volume of Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

I have received a number of communications in regard to the proper course of dealing with delinquents for non-payment of dues. My answer has been, invariably, that the Commandery has a right to suspend or expel its members for refusing to pay dues, but in such enforcement of penalty it must proceed according to the well defined principles of Masonic law. It must certainly give the delinquent due notice and afford him a chance to be heard before pronouncing sentence. Under the recent decision of Grand Master Hopkins, sustained by the Grand Encampment, the form of trial need not be gone through with in dealing with delinquents unless the alleged delinquency is denied.

In this connection I present the appeal of Sir A. B. Wentworth of Boston Commandery, who complains that injustice has been done by said Body and the principles of Masonic law violated in suspending him for non-payment of dues. I recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee to report upon the same, if possible, at this session.

FINANCES.

I refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer for a detailed statement of the financial condition, which I believe to be a generally favorable exhibit. I wish to observe, however, that the early date of holding the Triennial Session brings into this year's expense account some exceptional expenditures that might naturally have been expected to appear in the showing of next year. Thus the bills at the last Triennial, held in New Orleans in 1874, appeared in the statement of 1875, and now, only two years later, the expenses of the Grand Representatives at another Triennial appear. I am satisfied that the management of the finances has been prudent and that no rash nor improper expenditure has been made. It costs a good deal to keep the wheels of this Grand Body moving; the expenses of printing, stationery, traveling expenses of Grand officers, make an aggregate of no small amount. When to these usual and

regular expenses there is added, as must often be the case, amounts specially called for in the interests of this Grand Commandery, it will be seen that heavy drafts upon the treasury are liable to be made, and that generous sources of revenue should be provided.

New jewels are needed for the Grand officers, but although authority has been given to the Grand Council to obtain such jewels, we have not thought it best, in view of the large demands made on the treasury during the past two years, to exercise that authority. It is to be hoped, however, that the day is not far distant when not only appropriate jewels for the Grand officers can be procured, but such other equipment, including a suitable Grand Commandery banner, as befits a Body such as ours.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment was held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning on Tuesday, the 28th day of August last, and continuing until the afternoon of the Friday following. This Grand Commandery was represented by all the members of its Council, as also by Past Grand Commanders Dean and Van Slyck.

Of the occasion itself, I may briefly say that in numbers, enthusiasm and general good feeling, no less than in the outward display made, it ranks among the most successful gatherings of Knight Templars ever held. All sections of the country were represented, most of them not only by official representatives, but by Subordinates that came long distances to participate in the parades and festivities of this Triennial Re-union. The hospitality of the Templars of Cleveland and Ohio was literally beyond measurement; nor were the citizens generally much behind in their manifestations of good will and generous attentions to the Order. Cleveland wore a holiday appearance during the entire time of the Triennial Session. The streets were elegantly decorated for miles, and the entire tone and atmosphere of the city bore one unmistakable stamp, that of hearty, cordial welcome. The official parade on the morning of the first day of the session was fully equal in most respects to

the magnificent display made in Philadelphia at the re-union in June, 1876. Nearly ten thousand knights were in line, whose marching and evolutions were witnessed by tens of thousands of applauding spectators.

After this official parade your representatives attended closely upon the business of the Grand Encampment, denying themselves the pleasure of attending the festivities which were projected by the generous fratres of Cleveland.

In regard to the disposition and legislation of the Grand Encampment, while there may be some room for adverse criticism there is abundant cause for congratulation. No attempt was made to present questions or take action calculated to produce discord and alienation between different sections. The session was harmonious in its general feeling, notwithstanding the differences of opinion that were manifest on several points. Grand Master Hopkins gave an able address, reviewing the condition of Christian knighthood both at home and abroad. He presented a report of his official acts and decisions of importance. Among these decisions which were afterward approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted by the Grand Encampment, and which are therefore to be considered as of binding force, the following may be given:

1. That signing a petition for a new Commandery suspends the membership in the former Commandery, and the issue of the charter severs the membership.

2. A Past Commander may open a Commandery, preside therein, and confer the orders.

3. The form of petition for the orders cannot be altered; hence it is unlawful to add new qualifications or take from those already established.

4. When a Commandery has rejected a petition, no other Commandery can receive it without the consent of the rejecting Commandery.

5. That jurisdiction attaches from a favorable ballot on a petition.

6. A Commandery may enact a by-law disfranchising a member for non-payment of dues, but there must be notice given and a chance to be heard before final judgment is rendered.

7. It is lawful to suspend for non-payment of dues in accordance with the by-laws and by vote of the Commandery, without the form of a trial, unless the delinquency be denied.

8. That a suspended knight may be restored to good standing without restoring his membership.

9. The property of a defunct Commandery, after paying its liabilities, belongs to the Grand Commandery.

10. No officer below the rank of Captain General is entitled to wear shoulder straps.

None of the proposed amendments to the Constitution prevailed, the temper of the Body being eminently conservative. A new ritual for the Order of Knight of Malta was considered and approved, and it was ordered that the same be promulgated, with permission for Commanderies to work under the new or old ritual as they shall elect, until the next session of the Grand Encampment. My judgment is that the new ritual is a vast improvement over the old, and is calculated to give character to one of our Orders which has hitherto been but poorly recognized and esteemed.

In the election of officers this jurisdiction was honored in the person of Sir Benjamin Dean, who was called to the position of Grand Generalissimo.

ESCORT TO GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In August last I received a communication from a committee of the city government of Boston, inviting this Grand Commandery to participate in the services of dedicating the Army and Navy monument in that city, on Sept. 17th, and requesting that a suitable Templar escort might be furnished the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on that occasion, said Grand Lodge having consented to render a Masonic service of dedication. Ascertaining from Grand Master Everett that such escort would be agreeable to himself and to the Grand Lodge, I accepted the invitation in behalf of the Grand Commandery, and caused the following communication to be sent to all the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 16, 1877.

To all the Subordinate Commanderies within our Jurisdiction, Greeting:

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has accepted an invitation to dedicate, with Masonic service, the Army and Navy Monument in the city of Boston, on Monday, September 17th; and whereas, the committee of arrangements on the part of the civic authorities have also invited this Grand Commandery to participate in the ceremonies, and to furnish to the Grand Lodge a Templar escort, which invitation has been by me accepted.

It is hereby announced that the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery will attend on that occasion, with such Subordinate Commanderies of our jurisdiction as may find it convenient to join in the proposed escort, and may elect so to do. The Commanderies that may decide to appear will signify such intention at the office of the Grand Recorder, 223 Washington Street, on or before September 5th.

Commanderies will appear in full Templar costume, and will report to E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Generalissimo, who will have command of the lines.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

In response to this call sixteen Commanderies responded, and the escort was furnished in a manner to reflect no discredit upon the Order. I submit herewith the full report of the Eminent Grand Generalissimo, who had command of the lines, giving many details of interest:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

October 10, 1877.

R. E. HENRY W. RUGG, Grand Commander.

DEAR SIR:—Having been assigned by your order, dated August 16, 1877, to the command of the Templar lines on the occasion of the dedication of the Army and Navy Monument in Boston, September 17th, 1877, I issued, with your approval, September 7th, 1877, the following Special Order:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

SPECIAL ORDER: September 7th, 1877.

1. Commanderies who have accepted the invitation of the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander to join the Templar escort to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Monday, the 17th inst., will form at 9.45 o'clock, A. M., promptly, on Tremont Street Mall of Boston Common, right resting on Boylston Street, in the following order:

1. Saint John's.....Providence, R. I.
2. Worcester County.....Worcester, Mass.
3. Pilgrim.....Lowell, Mass.
4. Palestine.....Chelsea, Mass.
5. Calvary.....Providence, R. I.
6. Saint Omer.....South Boston, Mass.
7. Woonsocket.....Woonsocket, R. I.
8. Connecticut Valley.....Greenfield, Mass.
9. Narragansett.....Westerly, R. I.
10. South Shore.....Weymouth, Mass.
11. Trinity.....Hudson, Mass.
12. Cœur de Lion.....Charlestown, Mass.
13. Bay State.....North Bridgewater, Mass.

Commanders will report to the Grand Generalissimo immediately on their arrival.

2. Boston Commandery, assigned to special duty as Guard of Honor to the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, will report to M.·. W.·. P. L. Everett, Grand Master, at the hour above named.

3. Officers of the Grand Commandery will report to the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, at Room No. 62, Masonic Temple, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

4. E. Sirs Henry A. Pierce, John Kent and Erastus H. Doolittle, and Sir Wm. R. Walker, have been appointed Aids to the Grand Generalissimo, and will be respected accordingly.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
Grand Generalissimo.

Of the Commanderies named in this Order, Narragansett failed to appear. The following Commanderies having reported to me subsequent to the date of the above, were assigned places in line according to rank: Winslow Lewis, Hugh de Payens and William Parkman.

On the morning of the 17th of September the lines were formed on the Tremont Street Mall in the order following, Calvary Commandery,

with forty mounted knights, having been assigned position on the extreme left of the escort.

St. John's, Providence, R. I., 90 knights; Pawtucket Band, (30); George H. Burnham, E. Commander; Newton D. Arnold, Generalissimo; Walter B. Vincent, Captain-General.

Worcester County, Worcester, Mass.; 60 knights; Worcester Brass Band, (20); Daniel F. Parker, E. Commander; Robert H. Chamberlain, Generalissimo; Justin E. Wood, Captain-General.

Pilgrim, Lowell, Mass.; 95 knights; American Brass Band, (25); John M. Pevey, E. Commander; Frederick Frye, Generalissimo; Arthur G. Pollard, Captain-General.

Palestine, Chelsea, Mass.; 125 knights; Maitland's Brockton Band, (25); John C. Hall, E. Commander; James Donaghy, Generalissimo; James N. Greenwood, Captain-General.

Winslow Lewis, Salem, Mass.; 45 knights, Haverhill Cornet Band, (25); John B. Hill, E. Commander.

Hugh de Payens, Melrose, Mass.; 75 knights; Wakefield Band, (22); James Swords, E. Commander; E. B. Fairchild, Generalissimo; John Viall, Captain-General.

Saint Omer, South Boston, Mass.; 75 knights; Brown's Brigade Band, (25); Benjamin Pope, E. Commander; George W. Kingman, Generalissimo; Francis C. Hersey, Captain-General.

Woonsocket, Woonsocket, R. I.; 62 knights; Woonsocket Band, (24); Edwin Aldrich, E. Commander; Charles W, Talbot, Generalissimo; M. P. Roberts, acting Captain-General.

Connecticut Valley, Greenfield, Mass.; 35 knights; Marvin S. Fellows, E. Commander; Charles Keith, Generalissimo; George Pierce, Jr., Captain-General.

William Parkman, East Boston, Mass.; 75 knights; Cobb's Mansfield Band, (22); William Waters, Jr., E. Commander; Philander Nutter, Generalissimo; True Scales, acting Captain-General.

South Shore, East Weymouth, Mass.; 100 knights; Weymouth Brass Band, (22); William Humphrey, E. Commander; William S. Wallace, Generalissimo; James H. Clapp, Captain-General.

Trinity, Hudson, Mass.; 52 knights; Marlboro Band, (22); J. L. Harriman, E. Commander; W. E. C. Worcester, Generalissimo.

Cœur de Lion, Charlestown, Mass.; 60 knights; Edmund's Band, (20); John B. Wilson, E. Commander; Caleb Rand, Generalissimo; Howard F. Rowe, Captain-General.

Bay State, North Bridgewater, Mass.; 50 knights; South Easton Band, (25); B. Sanford, Jr., E. Commander; H. H. Packard, Generalissimo; Frank Morton, Captain-General.

Calvary, Providence, R. I.; 65 knights; Samuel G. Stiness, acting E. Commander; Thomas H. Brownell, acting Generalissimo; Wm. M. Gifford, Captain-General.

Boston, Boston, Mass.; 210 knights; Guard of Honor to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Carter's Band, (25); Samuel Mason, Jr., E. Commander; Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr., Generalissimo; James H. Upham, Captain General.

1,274 knights; 332 musicians.

The escort was marched to Arlington Street, where they were inspected by the Grand Commander and his suite, and where the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formally received. The Templar escort then joined the military and civic procession and marched to the monument, when the lines were dismissed at about five o'clock, P. M.

My thanks are due to my aids for very efficient and acceptable services rendered freely, and, in many instances, at much personal sacrifice; and I also desire to thank Sir T. C. Lawton, who acted as my orderly during the day, having been assigned to that duty, at my request, by the Commander of Calvary Commandery.

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
Grand Generalissimo.

I also present the following communication from Grand Master Everett:

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON, Sept. 26, 1877.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Providence.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Permit me to return my sincere thanks to you, and through you to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery and to the Subordinate Commanderies, for the magnificent escort furnished the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the consecration of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument in this city on the 17th inst.

It seems to be universally conceded that yours was the most brilliant display in the long procession, and the admirable manner in which your body was handled is deserving of all praise.

Again thanking you, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I am,

Yours truly and fraternally,

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

I may properly add that the officers of the Grand Commandery gratefully appreciate the courteous attentions shown them by Boston Commandery on this occasion.

MASONIC DEDICATION OF MONUMENT TO ROGER WILLIAMS.

On October 16th, in Providence, a monument was dedicated to Roger Williams. Masonic services were performed under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which had the escort of St. John's Commandery, and by whose invitation several other Commanderies in the near vicinity also paraded. The Grand Commander and suite were invited to attend, and were present as guests of the Grand Lodge. The Templar parade was an important feature of the occasion.

TACTICS AND DRILL.

Measures have been progressing for some years to secure a uniform system of tactics and drill, and to stimulate Commanderies and members of the Order to make improvements in this direction. Those efforts should be continued. In some sections of the country it may be that too much attention is given to the military side of Templarism, but that is not our danger—at least for the present. Grace and precision of movement, and some manifestation of order and discipline, are certainly demanded of an order such as ours which so frequently appears in public parade. To obtain such desired results a proper instruction is needed, much practice and attention to details, together with an appreciation of the work that is called for and the character that is to be sustained. Some of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction do themselves but little credit when they make an appearance in public. If they would act upon the motto, "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," they would quickly correct the irregular and slip-shod ways into which they have fallen.

DEATH OF PAST M. E. GRAND MASTER SIR WILLIAM ELLISON.

We do not gather here to-day with unbroken ranks. Several members of this Grand Body have been called away since our last Annual Session. They were good men and true, for whose departure we sincerely mourn. One of the Past Grand Commanders of this Body has also been called home. We shall miss from our Assemblies and deliberations Sir William Ellison, who departed this life, at his residence in Boston Highlands, on Sept. 23d, 1874. Sir Ellison was ardently devoted to the Templar Institution; he understood its character and teachings, and had done much to promote the welfare of the Order. His death occurred at a time when the Grand Commander and Council were absent at the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment, and therefore these officers were necessarily absent from the funeral, which was solemnized on the Sunday following the death of Sir Ellison. On my return from Cleveland, I caused the following order to be promulgated:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS, OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 7, 1877.

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, and to the several Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, Greeting:

Sir WILLIAM ELLISON, who was Deputy Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery in 1860 and 1861, and Grand Commander in 1862, finished his earthly course at his residence in Boston, on Thursday, the 23d ultimo, and was buried with knightly honors on the following Sunday.

He was a zealous and prominent member of our Order, whose interest in Templarism never flagged; to him the tribute of respect and remembrance is justly due.

It is therefore ordered that the jewels and swords of the officers of the Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for the next sixty days.

It is further ordered that this Order be read at the head of each Commandery at the next Regular Assembly, and be entered in its records.

HENRY W. RUGG,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren and Sir Knights:—My term of office as your Grand Commander is nearly at an end. By your will I have held for the past two years the high office which has been graced and honored by so many distinguished knights. That I appreciate the distinction which has been conferred upon me I hardly need say. That I entertain the most grateful feeling for that sympathy which has made my path an easy one, and my official labors comparatively light, you will understand without many words of mine. But you cannot know, nor have I any words at my command to tell you how my heart has been knit with yours by our works and experiences together, and by the many proofs I have experienced of the regard and good will of the knights of this jurisdiction. It saddens me for the moment beyond any expression that, for a time at least, I am not to be privileged to share these communions and gatherings which have often given the sweetest zest to my life. The past however is secure; the treasures of memory abide ever, and though I may go forth beyond the lines of this ancient and honored Grand Commandery, I shall cherish to my latest day the bright and refreshing remembrances connected with my Templar experiences in this jurisdiction.

And now, Sir Knights and Brethren, as I speak the word of official farewell, suffer the word of exhortation that you abide steadfastly in the principles and faith of Christian knighthood. Seek first of all to make your hearts and lives right in the sight of God, for

> "He best deserves a knightly crest,
> Who slays the evils that infest
> His soul within. If victor here,
> He soon will find a wider sphere.
> The world is cold to him who pleads;
> The world bows low to knightly deeds."

Then think of the duties and sacrifices to which you are called as loyal followers of Prince Immanuel! Think of Him who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister to others; who stooped to the humblest and poorest of God's children, to give them help; who was so brave and steadfast in his adherence to duty, as well as most gentle and tender, and loving; who for our sakes endured bitter pains and sorrows, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Ponder thus upon the glorified life and sign which enter into the very heart of the Institution, that there may be born in your souls that self-devotion to duty and that chivalrous courage which will most grandly equip you for the service and sacrifice to which the Master bids his every follower. Then shall you live faithfully and bravely, giving and doing for others to the full measure of your ability, mindful that under the law of Christian obligation it is always the duty of the strong to help the weak; the duty of those most blessed to aid their brethren less favored than themselves. Thus shall lonely and forsaken hearts be lifted into light and life; poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar shall be ministered unto; the broken-hearted shall be comforted; noble deeds of charity shall be wrought, and thus shall be rendered unto Christ an acceptable offering, for "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

On motion of E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, it was

Voted, To refer the Address to committees as follows:

So much as relates to Decisions, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, Z. L. Bicknell and David Stevens.

To Ritual and Order of Malta, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Samuel Mason, Jr., and C. C. Hutchinson.

To the appeal of Sir A. B. Wentworth, to E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Caleb Saunders and Henry Chickering, with instructions to report at this session if possible.

To the death of Past M. E. Grand Master Ellison, to E. Sirs Wyzeman Marshall, William B. Blanding and E. H. Brainard.

And the remainder, to E. Sirs John N. Pike, J. H. Upham and Henry A. Pierce.

The committee appointed to report on the death of E. Sir Horace Daniels, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, the Sir Knights rising in token of respect and esteem for the deceased:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery have heard with regret of the death of its Past Grand Generalissimo Sir Horace Daniels.

Resolved, That in the death of Sir Knight Daniels the fraternity suffer the loss of a zealous and consistent member and a generous Christian gentleman.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Commandery, and recommend a page be set apart and suitably inscribed in his memory.

NELSON W. ALDRICH, }
DAVID F. PARKER, } Committee.

E. Sir George E. Stacy, for the committee on remainder of address, in October, 1876,

Reported, That the various subjects of special interest had been referred to and reported upon by other committees, hence there was nothing which required further attention; they would, however, commend the address to the consideration of all the Sir Knights.

At Refreshment.

At one o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M., the business of the Grand Commandery was suspended to allow the Sir Knights to partake of refreshment, provided under the care of the committee, and reported to be now ready.

On Duty.

At two o'clock and thirty minutes, P. M., the Sir Knights were called to duty, and the Grand Commandery proceeded to the dispatch of business.

The Committee on By-Laws

Reported, That they had approved amendments to the By-Laws of Cyprus, Sutton, Holy Sepulchre and Bethany Commanderies.

Report accepted, and the amendments confirmed.
On motion of E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That a Special Committee on Penalty be appointed to consider and report what action should be taken against such Commanderies as neglect to make Annual Returns on or before October 10th in each year, as required by the Grand Constitution.

And E. Sirs William H. Kent, E. L. Freeman and Thomas A. Doyle, were appointed said committee.

ROLL CALL.

On proceeding to call the roll of members and Commanderies, the report of the Committee on Credentials was confirmed.

The committee on the death of P. M. E. William Ellison reported as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY.

BOSTON, October 26th, 1877.

In Memoriam.

The bugle note of death again has sounded, and another honored Sir Knight has gone to his rest.

Sir William Ellison, Past M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was born at Philadelphia, Pa., on the 22d of September, 1811, and passed to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns," August 23, 1877, at his residence on Cottage Street, Boston Highlands, about 4 o'clock, P. M., surrounded by his family and friends, aged 66 years, 11 months and one day. He leaves a widow and one son, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Sir William Ellison came to this city with his parents at an early age, was educated in our schools, and has been a resident of Boston or vicinity nearly all his life.

In early life he was engaged in manufacturing, and later in the leather business, but retired from mercantile pursuits over twenty years previous to his death. He has, however, since retiring, filled several positions of trust, such as treasurer of various firms and institutions.

He was at one time somewhat interested in municipal affairs, having been president of the Common Council of the city of Roxbury in 1855, and a candidate for mayor of that city a year or two later.

Sir William Ellison was made a Master Mason, in Columbian Lodge, May 21st, 1846. Affiliated with Mount Lebanon Lodge, and continued a contributing member thereof more than twenty years. He was elected Senior Warden of that Lodge to fill a vacancy, but declined further promotion.

He was exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, in February, 1851, and was admitted to membership the 21st of October following. He was appointed Principal Sojourner, and, in 1852, was elected E. Scribe. He received a unanimous vote in 1853 for office of E. King. Absence from the State obliged him to withdraw from further service at that time. In 1862, he was again elected E. King, but resigned in 1863, he having become connected with the Commissariat of the army of the Potomac. While with the army he obtained from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia a Warrant, or Dispensation, and, with other members of the order, established an Army Lodge, for the purpose of work while in winter quarters. The Lodge of the Union was opened for the first time February 29th, 1864, when Sir William Ellison was elected Worshipful Master. In 1875 he was elected and installed M. E. High Priest in St. Paul's Chapter of Boston.

He was created and dubbed Knight Templar in Boston Commandery May 21st, 1851; admitted to membership October 15th, same year, and on the same evening was elected Junior Warden, holding that office during six years. He was elected E. Commander in 1857, and presided with grace, ease and remarkable ability for four years. At the time of his death he was Recorder of Boston Commandery, discharging the important duties incumbent upon that office with integrity and fidelity, meriting the approval of every member.

Sir William Ellison served the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as Deputy Grand Master during 1860–61, and was elected, in 1862, Most E. Grand Master. He assisted in the formation of several of the bodies in the A. and A. Rite, located in Boston, and was appointed, Nov. 21st, 1862, by Letters Patent from the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, D. I. G. of the 33d and last degree, and Representative for the State of Massachusetts.

In addition to the foregoing, Sir William Ellison was for many years connected with the order of Odd Fellows. He was Grand Sire of that order for the United States in 1855, being the only person from New England ever honored by an election to that high position.

He was interred at Forest Hill Cemetery, Aug. 26th, 1877, with knightly honors. Boston Commandery of Knights Templars took charge of the

funeral, performed the services at the church on Dudley Street, Boston Highlands, and also at the grave, where the ceremony was conducted according to our ancient usage, in presence of large delegations of the brotherhood from the several orders to which he belonged, and he was laid quietly and peacefully at rest.

Sir William Ellison was devoted to our institutions, a true friend and genial man, conservative in his views, a ready debater and an eloquent speaker. He was usually present at our meetings, and always ready to fill any position which might tend to advance the interest or add to the glory of our rite.

Outside of his connection with the different orders of which he was a member, he most enjoyed the calm quiet of domestic life.

How sad the heart, how moist the eye as we place upon memorial record, one by one, the names of valiant knights whose lives have been made useful to our loved institutions and who now will be seen no more among us.

> "How must a spirit, late escaped from earth,
> The truth of things new blazing in his eye,
> Look back, astonished, on the ways of men,
> Whose lives' whole drift is to forget their graves!"

Respectfully submitted,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL.

SIR A. B. WENTWORTH vs. BOSTON COMMANDERY.

The committee in the case of Sir A. B. Wentworth, in appeal from the action of Boston Commandery discharging him from membership for non-payment of quarterages, found that the Commandery had proceeded regularly in the action taken, and recommended that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.,—the hour assigned for the election of Officers—the R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs A. H. Howland, Jr., and E. J. Nightingale, committee No. 1, and E. Sirs E. L. Freeman and D. F. Parker, com-

mittee No. 2, to receive and report the result of the voting.

The committees reported as follows:

Grand Officers Elected.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.V.E. D. Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass., E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR., Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass....E. Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs Henry Chickering and J. M. Pendleton a committee to escort V. E. Sir John Dean, R. E. Grand Commander elect, into the Grand Asylum, where he was received with appropriate honors and officially informed of his election to the high office, whereupon E. Sir Knight Dean expressed his deep sense of the honor conferred upon him, and heartily thanked the Sir Knights for their kindly expression of confidence in him.

The Grand Officers elect were severally officially informed of their election, and each accepted in terms expressive of their appreciation of the honor conferred.

INSTALLATION.

The R. E. Grand Commander invited the V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States to occupy the Grand East and install the officers into their respective stations.

V. E. Sir John Dean was officially obligated and installed into the high office of R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, after which he announced the following

Appointed Officers.

Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS, Greenfield, Mass..E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I..E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD, N. Bedford, Mass.E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass..... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass...
Sir BENJ. F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass....Grand Sentinel.

And the following Standing Committees:

ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs James M. Greenwood, Albert H. Cushman, and James Swords.

ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, Charles E. Powers, and Alfred F. Chapman.

ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs William B. Blanding, John N. Pike, and Walter B. Vincent.

The V. E. Grand Generalissimo then completed the services of installation, and official proclamation was made by E. Sir W. Marshall, acting Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, and Grand Captain of Guards having been excused for absence, will hereafter be installed, as the Grand Commander may direct.

E. Sir E. L. Freeman offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have learned with deep regret of the contemplated removal from this jurisdiction of R. E. Past Grand Commander H. W. Rugg, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Body in relation thereto, with instructions to transmit a copy to R. E. Henry W. Rugg, and to have a copy spread upon the records of this Grand Body.

E. Sirs E. L. Freeman, N. Van Slyck and W. H. Kent, were appointed the committee, as provided in the resolution.

E. Sir E. L. Freeman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council be a committee to recommend a uniform costume, to be worn by the Grand Officers of this Grand Body while on official duty.

The resolution was lost, the Grand Commandery declining to legislate in the matter.

On motion of E. Sir W. H. Kent, it was again

Voted, That the Grand Council be a committee, with full powers, to procure new *Jewels* for the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

At the request of E. Sir N. W. Aldrich, the Drill adopted by this Grand Commandery was recommitted to the committee for revision in minor particulars—if found to be expedient—and the committee was instructed to report a plan for promulgating the same.

On motion of V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, the Grand Recorder was instructed to furnish a copy of the Templars' Companion to each officer of the Grand Commandery, in accordance with the vote of adoption passed October, 1876.

On motion of E. Sir Caleb Saunders, it was

Voted, That the committee be authorized to communicate with all Commanderies that have not taken action on the DRILL, and ask a reply from each, as to how many copies they will take, or if any.

The business before the Grand Commandery being concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his satisfaction with the result, and for the harmony which had prevailed throughout.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendent Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Assemblies held during the year.

ATTEST: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Kansas.....E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.
New Jersey.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Pennsylvania.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Indiana.....E. Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
California.....E. Sir Charles H. Titus, Boston, Mass.
New York.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Kentucky.....E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass.
Vermont.....E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Iowa.....E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.
Maryland.....E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, Providence, R. I.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Missouri.....E. Sir William S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Georgia.....E. Sir Marlborough Williams, Boston, Mass.
Louisiana.....E. Sir William S. Baker, Boston, Mass.
Mississippi.....E. Sir N. Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.
Tennessee.....E. Sir William D. Pool, Lynn, Mass.
Texas .....E. Sir George H. Burnham, Providence, R. I.

Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies.

Pennsylvania.....E. Sir James M. Porter, Easton.
Vermont.....E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Louisiana.....E. Sir Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans.
Kentucky.....E. Sir William Alva Warner, Louisville.
Georgia.....E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong, Macon.
Nebraska.....E. Sir Eben K. Long, Omaha.
Indiana.....E. Sir David P. Whedon, Fort Wayne.
Virginia.....E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Illinois.....E. Sir Philander W. Barclay, Cairo.
New York.....E. Sir Robert H. Waterman, Albany.
Iowa.....E. Sir Robert F. Bower, Keokuk.
Maryland.....E. Sir Frank J. Kugler, Baltimore.
Minnesota.....E. Sir Henry L. Carver, St. Paul.
New Jersey.....R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, Elizabeth.
Wisconsin.....E. Sir William H. Hiner, Fon du Lac.
Connecticut.....V. E. Sir Henry Woodward, Middletown.
Tennessee.....Sir Charles H. Eastman, Nashville.
Maine.....E. Sir John W. Ballou, Bath.
Texas.....E. Sir William H. Nichols, Galveston.





Sir William Ellison,

MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,

In 1862.

Born September 22, A. D. 1811, in Philadelphia, Penn.

Died August 23, A. D. 1877, in Boston, Mass.

He received the applause of his Brethren, because he served well.



Sir Horace Daniels,

GRAND GENERALISSIMO IN 1871-73.

BORN IN GRAFTON, MASS., MARCH 15TH, 1823.

DIED IN CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., DECEMBER 14TH, 1876.

He rests from his labors.



George Frank Gouley,

GRAND RECORDER

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI,

AND

REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR THAT.

BORN IN WILMINGTON, DEL., FEBRUARY 15TH, 1832.

DIED IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL 12TH, 1877.

His death was sudden; and yet, for him "there is no death."



R. E. Sir Charles Marsh,

PAST GRAND COMMANDER

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY NEAR THAT.

BORN IN VERMONT.

DIED IN NEVADA CITY, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 28, A. D. 1876.

AGED 51.

A gentle and upright Sir Knight.

NECROLOGY.

1876-77.

In Memoriam

St. John's Commandery.

Sir Clark W. Allen,
" Joseph Belcher,
" Alex. F. Campbell,
" John H. Cole,
" Pelig C. Remington,
" James H. Warren.

Boston Commandery.

Sir Calvin Ames,
" Henry J. Bacon,
" Lewis Rice,
" George L Barr,
" Daniel Rickerby.

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir Paul G. Lunt,
" Samuel M. Noyes.

Washington Commandery.

Sir Albert H. Palmer,
" Gilbert Chace.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir Levi Rawson,
" Alfred F. Hewett,

Springfield Commandery.

Sir J. J. Anderson,
" George Fowler,
" Robert S. Howard,
" Thorn Jordan.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir Henry Davis,
" A. S. Cushman.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir Horace Daniels.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir Albert Wheeler,
" Jonathan Rice,
" Samuel K. Hutchinson.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir Edwin Barnes.

Milford Commandery.

Sir Frederick S. Cox.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir Julius P. Bullock.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir DAN PACKARD.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir AMASA L. GLEASON,
" JAMES H. C. RICHMOND.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir CHARLES HENRY EVERETT,
" GEORGE FRENCH.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

Sir JACOB F. BROWN.

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir FRANK L. BOUTELLE.
" OTIS F. RUGGLES,
" JOHN SAXTON.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

Sir JOSEPH F. TURNER.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir WALTER E. HAWES,
" JAMES B. ROBB,
" CALVIN TERRY,
" WILLIAM F. WILSON.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir AUGUSTUS D. CLARK.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir WENDALL T. DAVIS.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir CHARLES R. CUTTER,
" CHARLES E. CARTWRIGHT.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir ELISHA POTE,
" E. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
" JOSEPH MARSHALL.

South Shore Commandery.

Sir ABRAHAM H. THAYER,
" WARREN WHITE BARKER,
" ROYAL WHITON.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir HORATIO G. WALDRON,
" GEORGE H. W. HERRICK.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir C. E. CHENERY.

Olivet Commandery.

Sir WILLIAM H. STONE.

Athol Commandery.

Sir GEORGE H. HOYT.

"He giveth his Beloved sleep."

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars

AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

Of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

OCTOBER 26, 1877.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.,
E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.,
E. Grand Captain-General.

Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass.,
E. Grand Prelate.

Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR., Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.,
E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.,
E. Grand Recorder.

Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass.,
E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS, Greenfield, Mass.,
E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I.,
E. Grand Warder.

Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD, New Bedford, Mass.,
E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.,
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass.,
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass.,
Grand Lecturers.

Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir Thomas Smith Webb	Providence, R. I.	St. John's	1805–17
* Sir William Wilkinson	Providence, R. I.	St. John's	1818–19
* Sir Henry Fowle	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1820–25
* Sir John Carlile	Providence, R. I.	St. John's	1826–28
* Sir John James Loring	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1829–31
* Sir Robert Lash	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1832
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1833–34
Sir Abraham Annis Dame	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1835–36
* Sir John Hews	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston	1837–38
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1839–41
* Sir John Flint, M. D.	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1842–44
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1845–46
* † Sir Ruel Baker	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1847
* Sir John Rufus Bradford	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1848–50
Sir James Hutchison	Providence, R. I.	St. John's	1851–53
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay	1854–55
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D.	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1856–57
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D.	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1858–59
* Sir William Field	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre	1860–61
* Sir William Ellison	Boston, Mass.	Boston	1862
Sir William Sewall Gardner	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim	1863–64
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus	Boston, Mass.	St. John's	1865–66
Sir William Wilson Baker	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard	1867–68
Sir Benjamin Dean	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer	1869–70
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck	Providence, R. I.	Calvary	1871–73
Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim	1874–75
Sir Henry W. Rugg	Providence, R. I.	St. John's	1876–77

Deceased, 17; living, 10.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. GRAND MASTER and GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass.....1818–19
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I.....1829–30
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass.....1832
Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass.....1833–34
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1835–36
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass.....1845–46
* Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass.....1847
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1848–50
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1851–53
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1854–55
Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass.....1856–57
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I,.....1858–59
* Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass.....1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.....1867–68
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass.....1869–70
Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.....1871–73
Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.....1874–75
Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass.....1875–76
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 15; living, 12.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass. 1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass. 1835
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence. R. I. 1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
Sir John McClellan, Bosson, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence. R. I. 1869–70
* Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass. 1874–75
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. 1875–76
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I. 1876–77

* Deceased, 20; living, 12; † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Jonathan Gage, Newburyport, Mass... 1805–14
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir Henry Purkitt, Boston, Mass.....1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass 1823–24
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass.....1831
Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JosephYoung, Jr., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass..... 1835
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir Barney Merry, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I.....1844
* Sir Samuel Fessenden, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir Moses Richardson, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir Asa Woodbury, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir James Warham Crooks, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir John Blake Reed, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir George Francis Wilson, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass.. 1865–66
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir Charles Adams Stott, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I.....1875–76
Sir George E. Stacy, Milford, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 23; living, 14.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers, (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	20
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	154
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	307
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,847

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, March 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SIAS,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,
Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854 it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, June 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D., 1826.
* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.



OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805	1st Monday each month	George H. Burnham.
Boston	March 8, 1806	3d Wednesday each month	James H. Upham
Newburyport	May 13, 1808	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike
Washington	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday " "	William Gilpin
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday " "	David F. Parker
Springfield	June 19, 1826	1st Monday " "	Henry H. Banks
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday " "	Charles B. Lancaster
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon	Henry A. Pierce
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon	John M. Pevey
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday each month	John C. Hall
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday " "	James M. Woods
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859	3d Wednesday " "	John Kent
Calvary	May 29, 1860	1st Tuesday " "	Charles B. Webster
Haverhill	May 13, 1863	2d Tuesday " "	Nathan S. Kimball
Old Colony	Oct. 26, 1863	Monday after full moon	William H. Maine
Sutton	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday " "	Gardner T. Sanford
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	Thomas Leyland
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday " "	William Sutton
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865	3d Thursday " "	John W. Kimball.
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	James Swords
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865	2d Monday " "	Benjamin Pope
Berkshire	Dec. 23, 1865	3d Monday " "	Henry Chickering
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday " "	Edward Aldrich
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 23, 1866	1st Tuesday " "	Marvin S. Fellows
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868	2d Wednesday " "	Charles E. Gifford
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday " "	Charles Harris
Narragansett	May —, 1869	2d Monday " "	Robert F. Latimer.
William Parkman	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday " "	William Waters, Jr.
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon	Jacob Silloway, Jr.
Northampton	June 2, 1870	2d Monday each month	Luke Lyman
South Shore	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon.	William Humphrey
Natick	April 12, 1871	1st Monday each month	William H. Wright.
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday " "	John B Wilson
Trinity	April 8, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon	James L. Harriman
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872	Monday before full moon.	William W. Keith
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month	John Shaw, 2d
Athol	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday " "	Cephas L Sawyer
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873	1st Monday " "	Baalis Sanford, Jr.
Cyprus	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday " "	Henry C. Chamberlain.

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Newton D. Arnold.....	Walter B. Vincent...	Wm. R. Greene....	Providence, R. I.
J. F. Lotts.	John L. Stevenson ..	Zeph. H. Thomas,Jr	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler	Warren Currier..	George H. Stevens.	Newburyport, Mass.
William G. Stevens.....	Henry Bull, Jr.....	Frank H. Wilks....	Newport, R. I.
Robert H. Chamberlain.. ..	Justin E. Wood.. ...	Daniel Seagrave....	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph S. Noble.....	*Smith R. Phillips...	O. K. Merrill.....	Springfield, Mass.
Joseph B. Mason.....	John Mack.....	George Phippen, Jr	Boston, Mass.
George A. Sweet.....	Stephen R. Bucklin.	Osmond H. Briggs.	Pawtucket, R. I.
Frederick Frye....	Arthur G. Pollard....	J. W. B. Shaw,.....	Lowell, Mass.
James Donaghy.....	James N. Greenwood.	Charles S. Bentley .	Chelsea, Mass.
Thomas C. Eastman.....	Julius M. Woods.....	Lewis Fales.....	Milford, Mass.
William W. McKim.....	W. H. Kennard..	Richard Briggs.....	Boston, Mass.
Samuel G. Stiness.....	W. M. Gifford...	Arthur W. Dennis..	Providence, R. I.
Dexter B. Vickery..	Frank C. Swan.....	Francis J. Stevens.	Haverhill, Mass.
Silas B. Dickerman..... ..	Frederick S. Strong..	Erastus M. Nash...	Abington, Mass.
Henry Field, Jr.....	James Taylor.....	H. W. Emerson....	New Bedford, Mass.
George F. Talbot....	J. B. Smith.....	P. B. Robinson....	Lawrence, Mass.
John B. Hill....	William Babson.....	Henry A. Brown...	Salem, Mass.
George V. Barrett.....	David A. Corey.....	Charles H. Morgan.	Fitchburg, Mass.
Rev. E. B. Fairchild.....	John Viall.....	Daniel D. Devereux	Melrose, Mass.
George W. Kingman.....	Francis E. Hersey....	Alban S. Greene....	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham.....	Charles E. Morey.....	Theo. L. Allen.....	Pittsfield, Mass.
Charles W. Talcott.....	Joshua E. Blood	Samuel P. Cook....	Woonsocket, R. I.
Charles Keith.....	George Pierce, Jr. ...	Charles P. Forbes..	Greenfield, Mass.
Alfred H. Hartley.....	George E Hoar.....	Edward F. Lucas...	Fall River, Mass.
Solomon A. Bolster.....	G. R. Emerson.....	L. B. Dutton.....	Bost'n Highl'ds,Mass.
Samuel H. Cross.....	Alva A. Crandall.....	James F. Pendleton	Westerly, R. I.
Philander Nutter.....	Wesley Gove.....	James B. Ditmars..	East Boston, Mass.
Thomas G. Sandland.....	Arthur E. Codding...	James A. Codding..	No. Attleboro', Mass.
William C. Pomeroy.....	Stephen B. Fuller....	Vernet E. Cleveland	Northampton, Mass.
William S. Wallace.....	James H. Clapp.....	Charles N. Marsh..	EastWeymouth,Mass.
George J. Townsend.....	Samuel O. Daniels...	Claudius B. Travis.	Natick, Mass.
Caleb Rand.....	Howard F. Rowe ...	Samuel E. Chandler	Boston, Mass.
W. E. C. Worcester.....	Julius A. Clisbee.....	John F. Cotting....	Hudson, Mass.
Henry C. Hayden.....	James B. Fuller.....	John S. Hayes. ...	Newtonville, Mass.
Nathan B. Fletcher.	Ephraim A. Ingalls ..	William B. Phillips	Lynn, Mass.
James H. Waite.....	H. C. Tenney.....	L. E. Peirce.....	Athol, Mass.
H. H. Packard.....	Frank Morton.....	H. Herbert Howard	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton.....	George F. Lincoln...	George H. Butler...	Hyde Park, Mass.

* Died while in office.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

DECEASED AND LIVING.

St. John's Commandery.

DECEASED.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB,
JOHN CARLILE,
SAMUEL JACKSON,
ASA BOSWORTH,
JESSE CLARK,
JOSIAH WHITAKER,
WILLIAM C. BARKER,
MOSES RICHARDSON,
JAMES SALSBURY,
PARDON CLARKE,
BARNEY MERRY,
* WILLIAM FIELD,
CYRUS FISHER,
JOHN SHEPLEY.

LIVING.

OLIVER JOHNSON,
* CHARLES H. TITUS,
DANIEL ROUNDS, Jr.
STILLMAN WHITE,
† SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
A. CRAWFORD GREENE,
SPENCER P. READ,
JAMES H. ALLEN,
* HENRY W. RUGG,
ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
ROBERT E. DWELLY,
WILLIAM JACKSON,
THOMAS A. DOYLE.

Boston Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY FOWLE,
ROBERT LASH,
JOHN J. LORING,
† EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
THOMAS POWER,
JOHN HEWS,
JOHN FLINT,
† CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
WINSLOW LEWIS,
JOHN R. BRADFORD,
SAMUEL PEARCE.
* WILLIAM ELLISON,

LIVING.

* ABRAHAM A. DAME,
* GILBERT NURSE,
* DANIEL HARWOOD,
JOHN K. HALL,
* WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
CHARLES C. DAME,
CHARLES E. POWERS,
WILLIAM SAYWARD,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
SAMUEL MASON, Jr.

Newburyport Commandery.

DECEASED.

NATHANIEL KNAPP,
RICHARD S. SPOFFORD.

Washington Commandery.

DECEASED.

JOHN A. SHAW,
ISAAC STALL,
H. J. HUDSON.

LIVING.

NATHAN H. GOULD,
JOHN ELDRED,
WILLIAM J. UNDERWOOD,
DAVID STEVENS.

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Worcester County Commandery.

DECEASED.

ASA WOODBURY,
HENRY EARLE,
SETH P. MILLER,
LEVI RAWSON.

LIVING.

ALBERT CASE,
GEORGE W. BENTLEY,
HENRY GODDARD,
JOHN DEAN,
T. E. ST. JOHN,
HENRY C. WADSWORTH.

Springfield Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY DWIGHT,,
JOHN NEWBURY,
JAMES W. CROOK,
JOHN B. KIRKHAM,
ISAAC D. GIBBONS.

LIVING.

OCRAN DICKERSON,
WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,
ALBERT H. KIRKHAM,
DANIEL REYNOLDS,
ALBERT H. FOTH,
SAMUEL B. SPOONER,
GEORGE W. RAY,
PETER S. BAILEY,
H. H. BANKS.

De Molay Commandery.

DECEASED.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
CHARLES W. MOORE,
S. J. M. HOMER.

LIVING.

THOMAS R. LAMBERT,
CLEMENT A. WALKER,
* WILLIAM PARKMAN,
‡ EDWIN C. BAILEY,
WILLIAM F. DAVIS,
JOHN W. DADMUN,
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS,
JOHN M. CLARK.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

DECEASED.

WILLIAM FIELD,
ALVIN JENKS,
GEORGE A. FRENCH,
NATHAN P. TOWNE,
HORACE DANIELS.

LIVING.

*† JAMES HUTCHISON,
CLAUDIUS B. FARNSWORTH.
SYLVANUS CLAPP,
BELA P. CLAPP.
* EDWARD L. FREEMAN,
J. SEWALL READ,
EDWIN CLAPP.

Pilgrim Commandery.

DECEASED.

CADWALLADER F. BLANCHARD.
SAMUEL K. HUTCHINSON,

LIVING.

* WILLIAM S. GARDNER,
JOSEPH BEDLOW,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
SAMUEL D. SERGEANT.
* CHARLES A. STOTT,
HOCUM HOSFORD,
CHARLES E. A. BARTLETT,
CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON.

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.
‡ Not now a member.

Palestine Commandery.

DECEASED.

CHARLES A. DAVIS.

LIVING.

* CHARLES M. AVERY,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
GEORGE H. MARDEN,
CHARLES F. HAYNES,
DANIEL E. CHASE,
CHARLES T. GAY,
WILLIAM D. SEELY,
JOHN C. HALL.

Milford Commandery.

DECEASED.

J. HARDING SMITH.

LIVING.

GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
‡ ISAAC BRITTON,
EDWIN F. WHITING,
WILLIAM H. PHIPPS,
* GEORGE E. STACY,
LEONARD FAIRBANKS,
SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
SAMUEL A. FISHER,
SILAS W. HALE.

St. Bernard Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM W. BAKER,
P. ADAMS AMES,
HENRY MULLIKEN,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
CHARLES A. WELCH,
SAMUEL WELLS,
OTIS E. WELD.

Calvary Commandery.

DECEASED.

HENRY BUTLER.

LIVING.

† * THOMAS A. DOYLE,
LEVI L. WEBSTER,
* WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
CHARLES R. DENNIS,
† JAMES M. PENDLETON,
THOMAS PHILLIPS, JR.,
* NELSON W. ALDRICH,
JOHN P. LUTHER,
HENRY C. FIELD,
ISAAC H. SAUNDERS,
EUGENE D. BURT.

Haverhill Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. CHASE.

LIVING.

JAMES E. GALE,
CARLOS P. MESSER,
NATHAN S. KIMBALL.

Old Colony Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM W. WHITMARSH,
SAMUEL B. THAXTER,
† ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
AMOS S. STETSON.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

‡ Not now a member.

Sutton Commandery.

LIVING.

JOHN B. BAYLIES,
A. H. W. CARPENTER,
JOHN A. LEE,
A. H. HOWLAND, JR.

Bethany Commandery.

LIVING.

‡ PARDON ARMINGTON,
WILLIAM H. JAQUITH,
D. FRANK ROBINSON,
* CALEB SAUNDERS,
JOHN HAIGH,
G. M. STODDARD,

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

LIVING.

WILLIAM SUTTON,
GEORGE E. PEIRSON.

Jerusalem Commandery.

LIVING.

* E. DANA BANCROFT,
JOHN BURNEY,
SULLIVAN W. HUNTLEY,
ALBERT L. FESSENDEN,
JOHN W. KIMBALL.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

LIVING.

LORING L. FULLER,
F. J. FOSS,
JOHN B. NORTON,
THOMAS WINSHIP,
J. D. PARKER,
SMITH B. HARRINGTON,

St. Omer Commandery.

DECEASED.

DUNCAN MCBEAN THAXTER.

LIVING.

* BENJAMIN DEAN,
† N. A. APOLONIO,
CHARLES H. WHITE,
EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
BENJAMIN POPE.

Berkshire Commandery.

LIVING.

HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL,
TRUMAN E. COLE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

LIVING.

EMERSON GODDARD,
IRA W. ARNOLD,
STAFFORD W. RAZEE,
F. G. JILLSON,
MOSES P. ROBERTS,
WALTER E. PARKER,
EDWARD ALDRICH.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

DECEASED.

* WENDELL T. DAVIS,

LIVING.

REV. PETER V. FINCH,
WILLIAM S. SEVERANCE,
CHARLES E. SEVERANCE,
BOWDOIN S. PARKER.

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* Represented in Past and Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

LIVING.

ROBERT HENRY,
ROBERT C. BROWN,
STEPHEN W. BUTLER,
JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
GEORGE A. BALLARD,
CHARLES E. GIFFORD,

Joseph Warren Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES C. TUCKER,
SAMUEL LITTLE.
* GEORGE MOULTON,
JOHN F. NEWTON.

Narragansett Commandery.

LIVING.

GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
AZRO N. LEWIS,
J. ALONZO BABCOCK.

William Parkman Commandery.

LIVING.

SETH C. AMES,
ALBERT B. BARRETT,
WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
ERASTUS H. DOOLITTLE,

Bristol Commandery.

LIVING.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
SAMUEL S. GINNODO,
JOHN L. KENDALL,
DANIEL H. SMITH.

Northampton Commandery.

LIVING.

DAVID W. CRAFTS,
JOSIAH H. PRINDLE,
JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS.

South Shore Commandery.

LIVING.

ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
GEORGE W. FAY.

Natick Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES H. PARKER.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

LIVING.

* WILLIAM H. KENT,
WILLIAM PATTERSON.

Trinity Commandery.

LIVING.

N. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

Gethsemane Commandery.

LIVING.

JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
ROBERT L. DAVIS.

Olivet Commandery.

DECEASED.

GEORGE W. KEENE.

LIVING.

WILLIAM D. POOL.

Athol Commandery.

LIVING.

VERNON O. TAYLOR.

Bay State Commandery.

LIVING.

EDWARD PARKER.

Cyprus Commandery.

LIVING.

GAMALIEL HODGES.

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.
Deceased, 57.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - - JOHN DEAN,

WORCESTER, MASS.

GRAND RECORDER, - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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NOTE 1.—By an error of long standing, the Annual Assemblies have been numbered incorrectly—this, appearing in print as the SIXTY-EIGHTH Annual Assembly.

It should read, "THE SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island," in accordance with the facts.

NOTE 2.—The death of Past M. E. Grand Master Charles H. Titus occurring immediately before the Annual Assembly, the R. E. Grand Commander paused in his Address to make a verbal allusion to the fact, and on this the Committee reported as on page 61.

GRAND RECORDER.



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OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

FOR THE YEAR 1878.

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY 29TH, 1878.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island was held in Masonic Temple, in the City of Boston, May 29, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, Jr.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....} Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY.....
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M., for the dispatch of business.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with the E. Grand Prelate, Rev. Sir T. E. St. John.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir S. C. LAWRENCE,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACEY.

Past Eminent Commanders not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D.,
E. Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
E. Sir ALBERT CUSHMAN,
E. Sir CHARLES C. DAME,
E. Sir WILLIAM SAYWARD,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir CHARLES T. GAY,
E. Sir JOHN C. HALL,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir SILAS W. HALL,
E. Sir CHARLES A. WELCH,
E. Sir JOHN KENT,
E. Sir E. J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir THOMAS PHILLIPS, Jr.,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir STEPHEN S. BRADFORD,
E. Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD,
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir J. D. PARKER,
E. Sir S. B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir E. H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir BENJAMIN POPE,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir Z. L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir G. W. FAY,
E. Sir J. H. PARKER,
E. Sir WILLIAM PATTERSON,
E. Sir J. M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir V. O. TAYLOR,
E. Sir C. L. SAWYER,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES.

Represented by Proxy.

Sir C. C. HUTCHINSON, E. C. of Pilgrim, by Sir V. O. TAYLOR.

The records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then made the following

ADDRESS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

Sir Knights:

I congratulate you that so many of us are permitted to meet in Semi-Annual Assembly. The Master has dealt kindly by us. I am not informed of the death of any member of this Grand Commandery since last we met.

We have not always been thus exempt. Memory brings to mind the associations of these gatherings in the past—the dignified and cheerful bearing of those who graced these occasions with their presence, and whom we learned to esteem and love. The asterisk significantly marks the annals of this Grand Body, and we meet to-day, with not unmixed emotions in our fraternal greetings, to render thanksgiving for the past, to rejoice in the present, and to magnify with hope the future.

In accordance with General Order No. 4, from the M. E. the Grand Master of the United States, I have caused our Grand Asylum to be draped with the emblems of mourning, in respect to the memory of our Ill.: Brother, the R. E. Orrin Welch.

General Order No. 4 is as follows:

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 4. 1880.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE M.·. E.·., THE GRAND MASTER, SENDS GREETING:

To the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

MEMORIA IN AETERNA.

It is with profound regret that we are called upon to announce the death of our beloved associate, R.·. E.·. ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and our immediate official Representative in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

The sad event occurred Thursday evening, March 21st, at his home in the city of Syracuse, New York.

Our late official associate, Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, was a Christian gentleman and upright citizen, a distinguished Freemason, and an eminent and chivalrous Knight Templar. These high attributes won for him, while living, the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and will plant a living monument in the hearts of all who enjoyed the rare privilege of companionship with him. "*Nihil quod tetigit non ornavit.*"

Therefore, it is hereby ordered, That upon receipt hereof, as a token of respect for the deceased, your Banners or Stations in your Asylum be suitably draped with Emblems of Mourning, and so remain until the close of the next Annual Conclave of your Grand Commandery, and that the Right Eminent, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, make such further orders in the premises as to him may seem proper.

It is further ordered, That this Communication be read in your Grand Commandery at its next Conclave, and the same be spread at length upon the records thereof.

Given under my hand and seal of our Grand Encampment,
[SEAL.] at the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, this 25th day of March, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

VINCENT L. HURLBUT,
Grand Master.

Attest:
T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

The last time I had the pleasure to meet Bro. Welch, was at the Annual Session of the Supreme Council held in Boston, September 18th, 1877, at which time he appeared to be in his usual health, and manifested his usual zeal.

Sir Knight Welch was a very widely known and distinguished member of the craft. Extended obituary notices of the deceased have appeared in the New York Dispatch, and, in briefer form, in our local Masonic Magazines.

He was born in 1828, and died March 21, 1878, aged fifty years.

He was made a Mason in 1850, since which time he has passed through all the grades of Masonry, having occupied the following honorable positions:

He was a charter member and Master of Central City Lodge for several years; High Priest of the Chapter, and, for sixteen

years, E. C. of the Commandery of Syracuse. He was Past D. D. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand Commander of Knights Templars in New York, and was, at the time of his death, Very Eminent Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In the Ancient Accepted Rite he was a Grand Inspector General, 33°, and, for many years past, an active member, and Deputy for the State of New York. He was, also, the author of a system of tactics and drill for Knights Templars.

The R. E. Sir was much beloved in social life, and, in civic matters, had received from his fellow citizens many proofs of their respect and confidence. His life was crowned with honors, and, measured by these, and not by years, extended to a ripe old age.

The following General Order No. 5 has been issued by the M. E. Grand Master:

1877. GENERAL ORDER No. 5. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR KNIGHT VINCENT L. HURLBUT, M.·. E.·. GRAND MASTER,

To all our Grand Officers,
To the Grand Commanders of our Constituent Grand Commanderies,
To the Commanders of Commanderies holding Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment, and
To all True and Courteous Sir Knights—Greeting:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Disposer of Events has removed from all earthly work our V.·. E.·. Sir Knight ORRIN WELCH, Grand Warder of our Grand Encampment;

AND, WHEREAS, The M.·. E.·. Grand Master, confiding in the fidelity, discretion, and knightly valor of Sir Knight GETER C. SHIDLE, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, has constituted and appointed him, the said GETER C. SHIDLE, Grand Warder, to fill the vacancy aforesaid, who has fully qualified in said office:

These are, therefore, to notify you, and each of you, of said appointment, and that to the officer thus constituted and appointed you extend due honor in his official appointment.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

By the Grand Master.

[SEAL.] Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, this twentieth day of April, A. D. 1878, A.·. O.·. 760.

T. S. Parvin,
Grand Recorder.

I will now submit a report of my official acts, pursuant to the trust reposed in me as Grand Commander, since the Annual Assembly in October last, together with some recommendations for your consideration and judgment.

In conformity with my duty under the Constitutional requirement, I issued General Order No. 1, assigning the Commanderies of the jurisdiction, for official visitation and inspection, as follows:

First. To the R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander: Washington, Springfield, De Molay, Olivet, and Connecticut Valley.

Second. To the V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Deputy Grand Commander: Worcester County, Pilgrim, Milford, St. Bernard, Jerusalem, Hugh de Payens, St. Omer, and Narragansett.

Third. To the E. Sir William H. Kent, Grand Generalissimo: Boston, Holy Sepulchre, Calvary, Bethany, Joseph Warren, William Parkman, Trinity, and Gethsemane.

Fourth. To the E. Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Captain General: Newburyport, Haverhill, Winslow Lewis, South Shore, Natick, Cœur de Lion, Bay State, and Cyprus.

Fifth. To the E. Sir E. L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: St. John's, Palestine, Old Colony, and Woonsocket.

Sixth. To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Athol, Sutton, and Godfrey de Bouillon.

Seventh. To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Berkshire, Northampton, and Bristol.

I present, also, the following General Order No. 1, issued by the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, dividing the General Jurisdiction into twelve Representative Districts:

1877. GENERAL ORDER NO. 1. 1880.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR KNIGHT VINCENT LUMBARD HURLBUT, M.·. E.·. GRAND MASTER.

To all the Grand Commanderies, and the Commanderies holding their Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment—Greeting:

In order to secure a more active relation between the Grand Encampment and its Constituent Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, I have divided the General Jurisdiction into twelve Districts, and appointed the following Eminent Sir Knights my Representatives to visit the Grand Commanderies, and the Subordinate Commanderies under our immediate jurisdiction, in their respective Districts, and report to me:

COMMISSIONS OF APPOINTMENT have been issued by my order from the office of our R. E. Grand Recorder, to the Sir Knights named below:

FIRST DISTRICT.—*The New England States.*—Sir Knight Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass., Representative.

SECOND DISTRICT.—*New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.*—Sir Knight Orrin Welch, Syracuse, N. Y., Representative.

THIRD DISTRICT.—*Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, and Delaware.*—Sir Knight Robert E. Withers, Alexandria, Va., Representative.

FOURTH DISTRICT.—*North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.*—Sir Knight William J. Pollard, Augusta, Ga., Representative.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—*Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi.*—Sir Knight Walter L. Bragg, Mobile, Alabama, Representative.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—*Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.*—Sir Knight Benjamin B. Richardson, Galveston, Texas, Representative.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.*—Sir Knight LaFayette Lytle, Toledo, Ohio, Representative.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.—*Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.*—Sir Knight Vincent L. Hurlbut, G.·. M.·., Chicago, Illinois.

NINTH DISTRICT.—*Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.*—Sir Knight Thomas L. Anderson, Topeka, Kansas, Representative.

TENTH DISTRICT.—*Iowa and Nebraska.*—Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City, Iowa, Representative.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.—*Minnesota and Dakota.*—Sir Knight John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee, Wis., Representative.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.—*California and Oregon.*—Sir Knight Hiram Graves, San Francisco, Cal., Representative.

Done at Chicago, Illinois, this 11th day of September, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, by the M.·. E.·. Grand Master.

Attest my hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment,
[SEAL.] at Iowa City, Iowa, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1877.

THEODORE S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

INSTALLATIONS.

November 15, 1877, in the presence of a numerous assembly of Sir Knights, their wives, and lady friends, I installed, assisted by the E. Grand Recorder, the officers of Worcester County Commandery.

At the same time the following elected and appointed Grand Officers, whose absence at the time of the installation of officers in October I excused, were present by my request, and were severally installed into their respective offices:

Sir REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate;
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer;
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.

E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford, appointed to the office of Captain of Guards, being unable, from illness, to attend on this occasion, I issued a commission, November 20, 1877, appointing E. Sir Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Past E. C. of Sutton Commandery, a special deputy to install Sir Gardner T. Sanford into the office aforesaid at the first convenient Regular Assembly of Sutton Commandery.

Sir A. H. Howland made due return under said commission that on December 6th, 1877, he duly installed E. Sir Gardner T. Sanford Grand Captain of Guards.

In the evening of December 3d, 1877, accompanied by Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, I visited Springfield to install publicly the officers of Springfield Commandery.

Dr. William J. Sawin, the E. C. elect, with polite consid-

eration for his guests, lingered at the supper table till the time had arrived for a business session of the Commandery, which was called a half hour prior to the time fixed for the public ceremonies of the evening.

Excusing himself, he hastened to the apartments of the Commandery. On entering the Asylum he assumed his station, and, while in the act of putting on his gloves, without any previous exhibition of distress, suddenly expired.

This tragic event put an end to the proceedings of the evening, and the assembly separated awe-stricken and silent.

How amazing the change! how solemn the warning! Elate with life, ardent, expectant,—and in a moment, dead! Surrounded by Sir Knights, within the guarded walls of the Asylum,—and yet defenceless!

Prone as we are to look forward to a gradual decay of our natural force, we should draw from this visitation a salutary lesson. Truly, "in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Doctor Sawin was a much esteemed citizen of Chicopee Falls, and stood high in his profession. In the various grades of Masonry through which he had passed, he held important offices. His ability and zeal designated him for the high position which the Commandery had chosen him to fill.

DISPENSATIONS.

In three instances I have granted Dispensations allowing the officers elect of the respective Commanderies to be installed publicly, with such display of Templar costume as in their discretion might seem meet.

October 27th, I granted a Dispensation to Jerusalem Commandery to elect an Eminent Commander, and to fill all vacancies existing in other offices at the time of said election—the election to be had November 15th, 1877. In this case the officers elect had not been installed, and the E. Commander *elect* declined to accept the position because he was about to remove beyond the jurisdiction.

December 10, 1877, I gave permission to Narragansett Commandery to receive and act upon the petition of Rev. Hugh O.

Pentecost for the Orders, at their stated meeting,—all the members to be duly notified.

December 15, 1877, on request, I granted Springfield Commandery a Dispensation to hold a Special Assembly to elect an Eminent Commander; to fill, by election, any offices that might become vacant by the resignation (or otherwise) of any of the officers elect; and to transact any business of the Regular Assembly left unfinished on account of the painful event of December 3d.

January 1st, I received the following communication:

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 31st, 1877.

R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander Knights Templars of Mass. and R. I.

DEAR SIR:—A disastrous fire last night completely destroyed the whole paraphernalia of our Commandery, together with our charter and nearly all the uniforms of the Sir Knights.

We now ask for permission to hold meetings, and transact business, including our election, until such time as our charter can be replaced by the Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

R. F. LATIMER,

E. C. of Narragansett Commandery.

I responded to the above as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

WORCESTER, Mass., January 2d, 1878.

R. F. Latimer, Esq., E. C. of Narragansett Commandery, Westerly, R. I.

EMINENT SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication informing me of the loss by fire of the whole paraphernalia of your Commandery, together with your charter. I assure you I deeply sympathize with you and all the members of your Commandery. But your loss is not irreparable. Knightly courage and constancy will supply every such loss.

It has not fallen upon weak and timorous souls. I know it will not discourage you, nor retard your prosperity.

I gladly give you the Dispensation you ask. You are therefore hereby authorized to convene your Commandery in such convenient places within the town of Westerly as you may choose; and your Commandery is hereby authorized to do and transact all such business as it was authorized to do and transact under its charter, until a new charter be issued in place of the one destroyed.

Praying for your Commandery a renewal of zeal and devotion to the principles of our Noble Orders, in the midst of your temporal misfortunes, I am

Yours in the bonds of Knighthood,

JOHN DEAN,

Grand Commander.

January 21, 1878, I authorized by Dispensation Sir R. F. Latimer, E. C. of Narragansett Commandery, to accept the kind invitation of Calvary Commandery of Providence to use their Asylum and paraphernalia, and to convene Narragansett Commandery in Special Assembly in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery in the City of Providence, at such early time as might be convenient, and to there confer the Order of the Temple on the three candidates awaiting it.

In this connection I would state, that, as the Sir Knights of Narragansett Commandery have lost their charter, and believing that I should be only anticipating your wishes, I directed the Grand Recorder to have executed a new charter as nearly as possible like the one destroyed.

My reason for this course was to anticipate, by some degree of time, the possible contingency of death and the loss of some of the original signatures.

I would recommend the issuance of such charter at this time in place of the one destroyed; and as an expression of our interest in their welfare I recommend, in this case, the remission of the usual fees.

The foregoing casualty suggests the propriety of all the subordinate Commanderies transmitting to the Grand Recorder copies of their charters for preservation.

March 8, 1878, I granted a Dispensation to Haverhill Commandery to elect a Recorder and fill vacancies in the board of officers below the Council.

April 6, 1878, I granted a Dispensation to Bay State Com-

mandery to parade publicly, in Templar costume, as an escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of the constituting of a Lodge at Campello, Brockton, Mass.

My consent was asked to the formation of an association—within a Commandery, and under its sanction—for improvement in Templar drill.

Such a body—an association within an association or Commandery—suggested to my mind very objectionable features.

I therefore withheld my consent.

A Dispensation was requested by a Commandery to serve as an escort to a procession in a "Carnival of Authors" at an annual fair of a society for the relief of aged females. This request I felt called upon to refuse, the occasion not being of a Masonic or Templar character, but purely for public display.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The correspondence incident to the office of Grand Commander embraces many questions regarding which we might expect the officers of subordinate Commanderies to be informed. In view, however, of the limited means of information accessible to them, this should not be a matter of surprise. It is true there are the published proceedings, embracing the decisions of this Grand Body, and, in the year 1876, the Digest of Templar Law was bound with our proceedings. It must, however, be borne in mind that these publications are retained by the retiring officers.

I recommend the printing of an additional number of copies of our proceedings this year, embracing the Grand Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law,—one copy to be supplied to each subordinate Commandery, and to be retained by such Commandery for consultation; or that the Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law be bound in a separate volume for the said purpose.

The Constitution, Statutes, and Digest may be obtained at a reasonable cost, in the desired number of copies, in sheets, ready for binding with our proceedings, on application to William G. Johnston & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., the publishers of the same for the Grand Encampment.

I would also recommend the appointment, at this time, of a special Committee to report, at the Annual Assembly in October next, such amendments to the Constitution of this Body as shall appear necessary to make it in harmony with the Constitution, Code of Statutes, and Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment.

DECISIONS — JURISDICTION.

On the 9th of December, 1877, I received a communication from Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River, asking my decision as to whether they had jurisdiction over the towns of Bristol and Warren.

Section 4, Art. 2, of the Grand Constitution, provides as follows: "Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and in conferring, the Orders of Knighthood, over all territory lying nearer the usual traveled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other Commandery."

Careful examination made it evident that the said towns are within the jurisdiction of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, and I gave my decision accordingly.

I present the following statement of distances from Warren to Providence; from Warren to Fall River; and from Bristol Ferry to Fall River and Newport,—remarking that, starting at Bristol by rail, it will be necessary to pass through Warren to go either to Providence or Fall River:

From Warren to Providence, O. C. R. R. time-table	10	miles.
" " " Fall River	9¼	"
" Bristol Ferry to Newport	11¼	"
" " " " Fall River	7	"

Time from Warren to Providence	39	minutes.
" " " " Fall River	28	"
" " " " " " 7 P. M.	25	"

Cars leave Providence	7.35	A. M.
" " Fall River	7.10	"
" " Warren for Fall River	7.00	P. M.
" " " " Providence	4.27	"

PROVIDENCE, December 22, 1877.

John Dean, Esq., Gr. Com.

R. E. SIR:—I find the distances on P. W. & B. & F. R. R. R. to be as follows:

From Providence	to	Warren	10	miles.
" "	"	Bristol	14¼	"
" "	"	Fall River	18	"
From Warren	"	"	8	"
" Bristol	"	"	12¼	"

The distances by R. R. vary but little from those by Post Road. The relative distances between the points are about the same by boat. No boat regularly touches at Warren. I don't know but Washington Commandery might set up a good claim to Bristol, as it would be about as easy to get to Newport from Bristol as to Fall River, and the distance is very nearly the same. From Bristol Ferry to Newport by rail it is 11¼ miles. From B. F. to Fall River by boat it is, I should judge, about three-fourths as far.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE H. BURNHAM.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The resolve of this Grand Commandery, passed October 25, 1872, authorizing the Grand Commander, in his discretion, to appoint representatives of this body near other State Grand Commanderies for the period of his term of office, was so amended May 19th, 1875, as to fix the term of their representation at three years from the date of appointment.

I have made the following appointments to fill vacancies arising under said resolution as amended. In each case I have had the pleasure of issuing a commission reappointing the late incumbent.

Sir Robert H. Waterman, of Albany, N. Y.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of New York.

Sir Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Sir Frank J. Kugler, of Baltimore, Maryland.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Maryland.

Sir Henry L. Carver, of St. Paul, Minnesota.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney, of Elizabeth, N. J....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Sir Eben K. Long, of Omaha, Nebraska.....March 6, 1878,
For Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

BY-LAWS.

I received from Springfield, Woonsocket, and St. Omer Commanderies proposed amendments to their By-Laws, which were placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on By-Laws.

The committee signified their approval of the proposed changes, which, being consonant with our Templar Law, received, also, my approval, (under dates of Dec. 25, 1877, and Feb. 21 and 23, 1878.)

EXEMPLIFICATION.

At my request, St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, has cheerfully assumed the duty of exemplifying, during the present session, the work of the Red Cross; also, of illustrating the system of Tactics and Drill approved by this Grand Body.

I deemed it important that the working of the system should be illustrated to you on this occasion, and inasmuch as the system originated in St. Omer Commandery, I regarded that Commandery as eminently the proper one to exemplify its workings.

I have now laid before you such of my official acts as appeared sufficiently important for your consideration; also some recommendations intended to promote the general good and prosperity of the Order.

I trust that the harmony and wisdom which have always attended your deliberations may prevail during the present session.

On motion of E. Sir William H. Kent, it was

Voted, That the Address be referred to appropriate committees.

The motion was adopted; and the Address was referred, as follows:

1. So much as relates to the death of M. E. Sir Orrin Welch, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, Samuel C. Lawrence and Samuel Mason, Jr.

2. So much as relates to Dispensations, Charter and Decisions, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, William H. Kent and James H. Upham.

3. So much as relates to Correspondence and Recommendations, to E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle, E. L. Freeman and Nelson W. Aldrich.

4. The remainder to E. Sirs Thomas E. St. John, Henry Chickering and William D. Pool.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON PENALTIES.

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of delinquencies in making the annual returns on the part of subordinate Commanderies, report:

That these delinquencies have, in the past two or three years, been productive of much embarrassment and delay in closing the accounts of, and settling the demands against, this Grand Body; and they apparently occur through carelessness rather than from any show of necessity.

The consequences are so material, that some decided action is necessary to remedy the evil from which they result.

Under existing circumstances, the only proper action seems to be the enforcement of a penalty upon the delinquents, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following vote:

That hereafter any subordinate Commandery neglecting to have their annual returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Recorder on or before the 10th day of October, shall be deprived of any voice or vote in the proceedings of the Grand Commandery next succeeding the said date.

The committee venture to express the hope that this presentation of the matter may excite such attention, as to cause a cessation of the evil. If it does not, then the only remedy would seem to be the adoption of some other mode of collecting the Grand Dues than that now in practice.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. KENT,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
E. L. FREEMAN.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

ORDER OF MALTA RITUAL.

Further time was granted to the Committee on the Ritual of the Order of Malta.

REPORT ON DECISIONS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND R. I.,

May 29, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the decisions reported by the late R. E. Grand Commander, as having been made by him during the past year, respectfully report:

That the decisions thus reported are in conformity with a code or system of law adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and promulgated as a Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
For the Committee.

The report was adopted.

Moved and

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the Code and Digest of Templar Law, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

And the committee consists of E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, Thomas A. Doyle and Nicholas Van Slyck.

It was also

Voted, That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be referred to the same committee, to consider and report what amendments, if any, should be made to it.

The following amendment, proposed by E. Sir William Gilpin, in writing, was referred to the same committee:

"The Petition of one who has been rejected, may be renewed at the next stated Conclave, after such rejection."

E. Sir John Haigh was received and recognized as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that he had authorized a collation to be prepared under the supervision of E. Sirs Caleb Saunders and Samuel Mason, Jr., to be served at

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The lines were then formed, and the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Representatives were escorted to the Banquet Hall, where the Sir Knights were invited to partake of

REFRESHMENTS.

AT TWO O'CLOCK,

the lines were reformed, and marched to the Grand Asylum, where the dispatch of business was resumed.

On motion of E. Sir. Tracy P. Cheever, it was

Voted, That a charter be issued to Narragansett Commandery, at Westerly, R. I., to replace the one destroyed by fire, and that no charge be made for the same.

The Grand Recorder stated that an exact copy of the original charter was prepared, and that all the official signatures attached to that could be had to this, as all the signers are living at this date.

E. Sir John N. Pike, for Committee on By-Laws, recommended that the code submitted by Worcester County Commandery be approved, provided they are satisfactory to the R. E. Grand Commander.

Adopted.

R. E. SIR HENRY W. RUGG.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

BOSTON, Mass., May 29th, 1878.

The undersigned, committee appointed at the annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to pre-

pare resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Grand Body in relation to the removal of R. E. Past Grand Commander H. W. Rugg to another jurisdiction, report that they have attended to that duty, and have transmitted a copy of the preamble and resolutions to the R. E. Sir Knight, with the following letter:

R. E. Henry W. Rugg,

DEAR SIR AND R. E. SIR KNIGHT:—At the Sixty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the R. E Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, held in the city of Boston, on Friday, October 26th, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare and transmit to you, resolutions expressive of the feelings of that Grand Body in relation to your departure from this jurisdiction. In accordance with said vote, we transmit herewith the accompanying preamble and resolutions, and with them the assurance of our esteem, and our individual wishes for the continued prosperity of you and yours.

Yours in Knightly courtesy,

E. L. FREEMAN,
N. VAN SLYCK,
W. H. KENT,
} Committee.

WHEREAS, R. E. Henry W. Rugg, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has deemed it his duty to remove from this jurisdiction and take up his residence in the city of Halifax, N. S., therefore

Resolved, That in leaving us, he bears with him our fraternal regards and our best wishes for his happiness and success in his new sphere of labor.

Resolved, That though we shall sorely miss his genial presence and his wise counsels at our Assemblies, and his courteous companionship at our social gatherings, yet it shall be our aim to emulate the fidelity to every trust, as a friend, citizen and Knight Templar, which he has so constantly displayed in his public and private life.

Resolved, That it is our earnest hope and expectation that he will be spared, and the way made clear for him to again make his Masonic home in this jurisdiction; and meanwhile we trust that he will favor us with his presence whenever it may be convenient for him so to do, sure at all times of a hearty and fraternal welcome.

Voted, That the report be adopted.

ON REMAINDER.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred "the remainder" of the R. E. Commander's address at the Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery in October, 1877, offer the following report:

The reports of the visiting officers represent the several subordinate Commanderies as prosperous and in a healthy condition; they have done but little work, yet the interest in Templar Masonry does not flag, and the work has borne a careful inspection.

St. Omer Commandery, so conspicuous in the perfection of its drill, is justly entitled to credit, and elicited praise from the R. E. for its work, performed after "a long march, protracted until near sunset," on the occasion of dedicating the Army and Navy Monument in Boston.

In the matter of "Dispensations," the R. E. Grand Commander says "permission was given to St. John's Commandery to transact business at a regular assembly, when the original notice of the intended action had not been given." It is necessary that notice should be given! See "Code of Statutes and Digest of Templar Law," Art. 1, Sec. 6, Page 111 of Proceedings of 1876.

The Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment appears to have passed off satisfactorily. That bone of contention, Templar Uniform, has been removed, and we trust is sleeping its last sleep.

The Templar escort on the 17th of September in Boston was most brilliant; commanders and commanded reflected honor, each upon the other, and all upon the executive officer.

The subject of "Tactics and Drill" is spoken of; and until the Work on Drill is published and promulgated, we may yet again hear of "irregular and slipshod ways."

JOHN N. PIKE,
For Committee.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
May 29, 1878.

Adopted.

ON CORRESPONDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to which was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander delivered this day as relates to "Correspondence and Recommendations," make this report:

That the only matter referred, requiring action at this time, is the recommendation relating to the printing of the Code of Templar Law; and the committee present a resolution herewith which it recommends be adopted.

The committee requests that it may be discharged from the further consideration of the address.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. A. DOYLE,
NELSON W. ALDRICH, } Committee.
E. L. FREEMAN,

BOSTON, May 29, 1878.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be hereby authorized, under the advice and direction of the Committee on Printing, to print 600 copies of the Constitution and Code of Templar Law of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The hour for the exemplification of Work having arrived, St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, was reported in waiting, and were at once formally received into the Grand Asylum, and the R. E. Grand Commander gave the body official welcome.

Sir Francis C. Hersey, Eminent Commander, in behalf of his Commandery, expressed his readiness to exemplify so much of the Ritual and Drill as might be required, according to the announcement previously made.

The Grand Officers vacated their respective stations, which were occupied by the officers of St. Omer Commandery, who proceeded to confer the Order of the Red Cross on Sir ——— ———, in a manner which received very general and hearty approval.

The Drill by St. Omer, as approved by the Grand Commandery, was then exemplified in a very efficient manner, and reflected much credit on the Commandery, its officers and members.

At the conclusion of which, the Commandery retired, and the Grand Officers resumed their stations.

V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby extended to St. Omer Commandery for their careful and effective exemplification of the Work of the Order of the Red Cross, and for their very satisfactory and instructive exhibition of Templar Tactics and Drill.

The business of the Semi-Annual Assembly being concluded, the Sir Knights were called to their devotions, the Grand Asylum was closed, and the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.



ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 30TH, 1878.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 30th, A. D. 1878, A. O. 760.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....} Grand Lecturers.
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING,
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACY.

Members, being Past Eminent Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir STILLMAN WHITE,
E. Sir ROBERT E. DWELLEY,
E. Sir CHARLES B. LANCASTER,
E. Sir HENRY A. PIERCE,
E. Sir GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
E. Sir SULLIVAN C. SUMNER,
E. Sir CHARLES A. WELCH,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir CHARLES R. BRAYTON,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,
E. Sir JOHN HAIGH,
E. Sir G. M. STODDARD,
E. Sir SMITH B. HARRINGTON,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir FRANCIS C. HERSEY,
E. Sir AZRO N. LEWIS,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir CHARLES E. GIFFORD,
E. Sir JAMES C. TUCKER,
E. Sir GEORGE MOULTON,
E. Sir CHARLES HARRIS,
E. Sir E. H. DOOLITTLE,
E. Sir JACOB SILLOWAY, JR.,
E. Sir ZACHARIAH L. BICKNELL,
E. Sir GEORGE W. FAY,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES,
E. Sir HENRY C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK, Past Grand Commander.

Sir WALTER B. VINCENT, Generalissimo of St. Johns.

Sir R. JAMES TATMAN, Captain General of Worcester County.

Sir HORACE B. BLANCHARD, Captain General of Calvary.

Sir GEORGE F. TALBOT, E. C.; P. G. PILLSBURY, Generalissimo; and S. M. DECKER, Captain General of Bethany.

Sir GEORGE C. DUNHAM, Generalissimo, and CLARK F. HALL, Captain General of Berkshire.

Sir CHARLES KEITH, Generalissimo of Connecticut Valley.

Sir A. H. HARTLEY, E. C., and ALBERT F. DOW, Generalissimo of Godfrey De Bouillon.

Sir ROBERT F. LATIMER, E. C. of Narragansett.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended, and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	16
Past Grand Officers	10
Past Eminent Commanders	31
Eminent Commanders	22
Generalissimos	15
Captains-Generals	6
Proxies	13
Total voters	113

They also report the following Commanderies to be represented:

St. John's,	Haverhill,	Joseph Warren,
Boston,	Old Colony,	Narragansett,
Newburyport,	Sutton,	William Parkman,
Washington,	Bethany,	South Shore,
Worcester County,	Winslow Lewis,	Bristol,
Springfield,	Hugh de Payens,	Trinity,
De Molay,	Saint Omer,	Natick,
Holy Sepulchre,	Berkshire,	Cœur de Lion,
Pilgrim,	Woonsocket,	Olivet,
Palestine,	Connecticut Valley,	Bay State,
Milford,	Godfrey de Bouillon,	Cyprus.
Calvary,		

Total 34

Courteously submitted for the Committee,

JAMES SWORDS.

The Records of the Semi-Annual Assembly having been printed and distributed, the reading was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander stated that he had appointed as Committees,—

ON COLLATION,

to be served at recess, E. Sirs Samuel Mason, Jr., and George H. Burnham.

On Finance,

E. Sirs Samuel C. Lawrence, Charles B. Lancaster and Edward L. Freeman.

GRAND FUND.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of Grand Fund of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In conformity with the provisions of Section Eleven of Article One of the Constitution, the Trustees of the Grand Fund submit the annual report of said fund:

RECEIPTS.

On hand, as stated October, 1877		$15,527 43
Add error in last year	$100 00	
Received from interest	498 94	
One-tenth receipts of $1,905.50	190 51—	789 49
		$16,316 92

INVESTED.

Book 31,084, Provident Institution, Boston	$1,310 13
" 40,005, Five-Cent Savings, "	7,184 10
" 3,360, North-End Savings, "	2,813 19
34 shares Market Bank	3,430 50
15 " Mt. Vernon Bank	1,579 00
	$16,316 92

Fund, 1877, report	$15,527 43	
" 1878	789 49	
		$16,316 92

JOHN DEAN, G. C.,
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Treas.,
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Gr. Rec.

In Grand Commandery, October 30, 1878.

E. Sir W. W. Baker had been appointed by the Grand Commander a Special Committee to examine the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and reported that the foregoing statement is correct.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their reports, and they were referred to the Finance Committee, who subsequently reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The Committee charged with auditing the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, find the receipts of the Grand Recorder reported as follows:

Dues from Commanderies in 1877	$350 80
For Diplomas	149 00
" Certificates	6 00
" Proceedings	2 75
" Dues from Commanderies in 1878	1,335 80
	$1,844 35

In the item of Diplomas, the Grand Recorder has retained twenty-three (23) dollars to reimburse him for an error of one payment made last year, as per proceedings of 1877, page 35. With this exception, the total received has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have examined the account of the Grand Treasurer and find it correct, with the requisite vouchers for the expenditures. A synopsis of this account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1877.			
Oct. 25.	Cash on hand		$979 57
1878.			
May 27.	Sale of 2 shares Atlantic Bank, " " 4 shares Boylston Bank,		665 00
Aug. 2.	" " 8 shares Michigan Central Railroad		522 00
	Diplomas		126 00
	Certificates		6 00
	Proceedings		2 75
	Dividends on Stocks		36 00
	Returns from Commanderies in 1877	$398 95	
	" " " " 1878	1,335 80—	1,734 75
			$4,072 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

1877.	Salaries	$420 65	
	Rent	10 00	
	Printing	368 61	
	Travelling expenses	138 06	
	Banquets	246 50	
	Grand Encampment capitation dues	290 15	
	Stationery	69 78	
	Grand Fund dues	190 55	
	Charity	175 00	
1878.	Paid on loan and interest	1,216 63	
		$3,125 93	
Oct. 30.	Balance on hand	946 14	
			$4,072 07

INVESTMENT.

14 shares Ogdensburg Railroad, common stock.

There is due on the Grand Treasurer's note, for cash borrowed, six hundred (600) dollars.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be paid the same salaries as heretofore.

It appears evident to your Committee that some change in the financial system of the Grand Commandery is not only desirable for the better administration of its financial affairs, but is really indispensable for its financial prosperity; yet the two hours allowed to-day for the examination of the accounts is too brief a time for the Committee to devise and present, in proper form, any improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
CHAS. B. LANCASTER,
E. L. FREEMAN.

On motion, it was

Voted, That so much of the Report as relates to salaries of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be adopted.

Voted, That the Report, except as already voted, be referred to a Special Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Archives of this Grand Commandery in my keeping are in good condition, and have been increased during the year by the addition of the printed proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, as hereinafter shown.

Since the last Annual Assembly I have collected the following sums:

For Returns due and unpaid, October, 1877.....	$350 80
" Diplomas	149 00
" Certificates.....	6 00
" Proceedings, 1803–64, one copy.....	1 50
" " other years.....	1 25
" Returns, due October 10, 1878.....	1,335 80
Total	$1,844 35

These amounts have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, for which I hold his receipts.

In the amount for Diplomas is included $23.00 overpaid to the Grand Treasurer, as shown by his receipt, and reported by me. (See page 35, printed proceedings of 1877).

The Returns of Subordinate Commanderies are epitomized in the following:

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number.	Names of Commanderies.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	Saint John's	335	4	2	20			2
2	Boston	542	14	7		7		10
3	Newburyport	69	3					1
4	Washington	71	7					3
5	Worcester County	229	13	4	4			8
6	Springfield	278	9	7				7
7	De Molay	322	14	1				4
8	Holy Sepulchre	195	1	2				4
9	Pilgrim	207	12	1				2
10	Palestine	194	8	5	8			4
11	Milford	141	5	1	15			
12	Saint Bernard	88	3	1				
13	Calvary	233	5	1	7		1	1
14	Haverhill	174	3	7	5	1		
15	Old Colony	123		3				3
16	Sutton	222	8	3				3
17	Bethany	166	6					1
18	Winslow Lewis	127	4	2				
19	Jerusalem	120	3	3				1
20	Hugh de Payens	195	3	8	5			3
21	Saint Omer	150	13	1	2			3
22	Berkshire	78	2		6			
23	Woonsocket	135	4					5
24	Connecticut Valley	88	4					1
25	Godfrey de Bouillon	121	4	2				1
26	Joseph Warren	139	5	4				2
27	Narragansett	52	11					
28	William Parkman	107	1	1				
29	Bristol	117	3					3
30	Northampton	62	1	1				2
31	South Shore	135	10	1		1		
32	Trinity	70	2					
33	Natick	57	4					1
34	Cœur de Lion	157	10	5				1
35	Gethsemane	72	3	2				
36	Olivet	80	4	2				
37	Athol	45		3				1
38	Bay State	99	8	2				
39	Cyprus	40						
	Totals	5835	214	82	72	9	1	77

I suggest that four copies of the printed proceedings of each year be furnished to each Commandery, one copy of which

shall be for the use of the Recorder, and remain among the archives of that office, and that it be enforced by this Grand Commandery.

By direction of the R. E. Grand commander, I issued renewals of Representatives' Commissions, under date of March 6, 1878, as reported by him in May last; and on June 6, 1878, a commission to E. Sir Oliver A. Whittemore, Colorado; and on August 21, 1878, to William Wilson Frayler, of California, to succeed R. E. Sir Charles Marsh, deceased.

The charter authorized to be reissued to Narragansett Commandery, to replace that destroyed by fire, was, after some inevitable delay, placed in possession of that body. It is a true copy of the original, including the official signatures, all of which were made by those then in office, and who are happily alive to-day. Its receipt has been acknowledged by Sir R. F. Latimer, Eminent Commander.

This case gives emphasis to prior allusions to the importance of having true copies of all the charters in the archives, a work which as yet I have been unable fully to accomplish.

The printed proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies show increased care in their preparation, and a due regard for the good reputation of their respective jurisdictions. The reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence occupy a large space in these proceedings, some of which are quite pronounced in reference to the non-compliance by this Grand Commandery with this somewhat modern creation of such committees.

The following compilation, in tabular form, will show the latest reports received, and the various numbers affecting the numerical growth or decay of the several jurisdictions.

TABLE.

Grand Commandery of	Date of Last Annual Conclave.	No. of Subordinates.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Increase in the year.	Decrease in the year.
Alabama	May 15, 1878	11	9	210	.....	21
Arkansas	Report of 1877	4	3	113	.....	30
California	April 12, 1878	14	73	892	39	....
Canada	August 7, 1877	20	48	420	.....	.....
Colorado	.....	3	10	136	.....	.....
Connecticut	March 19, 1878	10	33	1,306	.....	21
England and Wales	May 10, 1878	123	.....	2,200	284	....
Georgia	1877	8	27	310	.....	10
Illinois	October 23, 1877	49	325	3,865	198	....
Indiana	April 30, 1878	28	117	1,929	.....	7
Iowa	October 4, 1877	31	170	1,534	89	....
Kansas	May 14, 15, 1878	11	49	422	35	....
Kentucky	May 8, 9, 1878	18	63	1,150	37	....
Louisiana	February 15, 1878	4	10	372	.....	31
Maine	May 8, 1878	18	50	1,562	7	....
Maryland	May 15, 1878	8	30	729	.....	59
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	October 30, 1878	39	214	5,835	.....	8
Michigan	May 14, 15, 1878	30	155	2,417	126	....
Minnesota	June 24, 1878	11	71	617	67	....
Mississippi	May 14, 1878	14	27	460	.....	31
Missouri	October 8, 9, 1878	31	77	1,253	27	....
Nebraska	April 30, 1878	7	37	346	14	....
New Jersey	September 11, 1877	12	42	1,165	.....	47
New York	.....	53	345	6,996	.....	343
New Hampshire	September 25, 1877	9	34	1,084	.....	31
Ohio	August 30, 31, 1877	29	242	2,648	.....	....
Pennsylvania	May 28, 29, 30, 1878	57	308	6,035	71	....
Tennessee	.....	14	53	719	.....	....
Texas	February 14, 1877	13	49	496	.....	....
Vermont	June 11, 1878	9	39	659	27	....
Virginia	October 9-19, 1877	14	63	895	50	....
West Virginia	August 25, 1877	6	42	223	27	....
Wisconsin	September 3, 4, 1878	13	41	955	.....	2
Grand Encampment, United States	August 28-31, 1877	19	108	1,462	.....	....
Total number of Commanderies in the United States, England and Wales and dependencies		734			1,128	641
Total number created in United States only			2,962			
Total number of members as above reported				51,337		
Total number of members in United States only				49,137		

From these it appears that in 13 jurisdictions there has been a total loss in membership of 641, against 246 last year in 6. The greatest loss this year has been 343 in New York, against 72 in Tennessee, in 1877. Maryland has lost 59; Louisiana, Mississippi and New Hampshire, 31 each; New Jersey, 47; Arkansas, 30; Alabama and Connecticut, 21 each; Georgia, 10; Indiana, 7, and Wisconsin, 2.

The largest increase in any jurisdiction in the United States, has been 198, in Illinois, which also showed the largest increase in 1877. The smallest increase is 7, in Maine. England and Wales has added 284, and reports confidently.

The direct causes of loss are found under the respective heads of Dimitted, Suspended, Discharged, Expelled, and Died. These losses are 928, 788, 76, 63 and 495, respectively.

These facts commend themselves to all thinking Knights Templars, who may fairly ask with some concern, "Why should the roll of Templar Masons be reduced in one year by the first four causes by the number of 1,855?" "And what, if any, is the remedy?"

It would be interesting to examine the returns at greater length than this report will permit; but we may make it suggestive.

The losses appear to be local or sectional, though it does not appear whether this is in consequence of local reasons. All complain of business depression, hence this reason is a general one. Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, adjoining States, lose in the proportion of 1 in 5, 13, 16, 11 and 31, respectively, or an average of 1 in 13. Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, also adjoining, and New Hampshire nearly so, lose 1 in 13, 26, 21, 66, 731 and 34, respectively, or an average of 2 in 69, or 1 in 34½.

Omitting Indiana and Wisconsin, which lose 7 and 2, and the last six named, it appears that all others north of the 37°, including California, have gained. Indeed, that line runs through a region of increase.

These several facts allude to, and may serve to excite the living, who, possibly, may find some still existing defect in the local or more general plan of introduction into the Order.

If we turn to the lists of the dead, there is less variation. One in 98 has deceased during the year, against one in 92 in 1877. No jurisdiction or section has been exempt from this cause for sorrow, and for sympathy; but this jurisdiction has been more afflicted, numerically, in this particular, than in any previous year of its history, except 1875. One in 77 has surrendered to the inevitable, making the loss by death to be 77.

Other jurisdictions have lost heavily. Tennessee announces by official circular the death of Sir Andrew J. Wheeler, E. C. of St. Elmo Commandery, in Memphis, on September 7, 1878,

distinguished also as Past Grand Master, and editor of "The Masonic Jewel;" and on the 15th following, that of R. E. Sir Edward R. T. Worsham, Past Grand Commander, each of whom stood at his post, yet powerless against the pestilence of yellow fever. And from the same cause, Mississippi mourns the death of Past Grand Commander William A. Fairchild, at Vicksburg, on September 20th. Each of these Past Grand Commanders were in office, and met your representatives in Cleveland, at the Triennial Conclave in 1877.

Kindly words of sympathy and of duty express the sense of obligations resting upon the living. The printed proceedings record the evidence of Templar purification abroad as at home, and the need of mutual help, and mutual forbearance, characterize the doings and the sayings of those in correspondence with this office, and make us grateful for these associations.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder's Report was referred to E. Sir George H. Burnham, Thomas A. Doyle, and James H. Upham, who subsequently reported, recommending that so much of said report as related to finance be referred to a Special Committee on Finance to be appointed.

Adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

E. Sirs Samuel C. Lawrence, Tracy P. Cheever, Thomas A. Doyle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, CHARTERS, AND DECISIONS.

In Grand Commandery of Mass. and Rhode Island,
Annual Assembly, October 30th, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred, at the last Semi-Annual Assembly of this Grand Commandery, that portion of the address of the

R. E. Grand Commander which related to Dispensations, Charters and Decisions, respectfully report: That the Dispensations granted by the R. E. G. Commander and reported in his address, were all either within the inherent or the constitutionally granted powers vested in him, and in each instance were wisely and properly issued. The only action by him in regard to the charter of a Commandery, has reference to the charter of Narragansett Commandery, which was destroyed, together with other property, by the fire of December 30th, 1877. In consequence of the loss of this charter, in a spirit of generous sympathy, he authorized the Commandery to transact without a charter "all such business as it was authorized to do and transact under its charter," until a new charter could be issued by authority of the Grand Commandery; and furthermore, to meet for work in the Asylum of Calvary Commandery, in the city of Providence, which had been generously tendered for that purpose. There can be no question either of the right or the wisdom of the Grand Commander in the action thus taken.

The only *decision* of the Grand Commander reported in the address, relates to the question of the jurisdiction of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, of Fall River, over applicants for the Orders in Templar Masonry who resided in the towns of Bristol and Warren, in the State of Rhode Island. This question must be determined by the provisions of Section 4, Article 2, of the Grand Constitution, viz: "Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and in conferring the Orders of Knighthood over all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of meeting than to that of any other Commandery." By that happy conjunction of Templar interests which has existed so long and so pleasantly between Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the jurisdictional lines include both states in the same grand organization, so that they are to be treated, for all Templar purposes, as *one*. The assignment of lines of jurisdiction for the various commanderies comes legitimately within the legislative province of the Grand Commandery. A rule should, of course, be adopted, which will be practically just and fair, and when adopted, should be inflexibly observed. The rule or test, in this regard is, that distance by usual travelled routes, shall determine the jurisdiction. In a case, should such a case arise, when the town of A is, by one usual travelled route, nearer to the town of B, and by another usual travelled route, nearer to the town of C, the present provisions of the Grand Commandery would not furnish a sufficient guide upon the question of jurisdiction, and the inherent power of the Grand Commander might be invoked for its determination. But the case upon which the Grand Commander reported his decision, presents no such difficulty. It is simply a mathematical question, whether the towns of Bristol and Warren are actually nearer by usual travelled routes to Fall River, than to Providence or Newport. The table of distances submitted by the Grand Commander shows, that Fall River

by the usual travelled routes *is* nearer to Bristol and Warren, than are Providence and Newport. If there be no mistake in the figures, therefore Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, has, under the constitutional provisions above cited, exclusive jurisdiction over applicants for the Orders of Knighthood who reside in the towns of Bristol and Warren. Accordingly your Committee do not hesitate in the expression of the opinion that the decision of the R. E. Grand Commander upon this question was correct.

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODE AND DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW AND CONSTITUTION.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND,

SEMI-ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, October 30, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred, at the last Semi-Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery, the following vote, viz.:

Voted, That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be referred to the same committee, (*i. e.* to the committee who had been previously appointed to consider and report upon the Code and Digest of Templar Law, &c.,) to consider and report what amendments, if any, should be made to it, have attended to the duty assigned them and hereby report that they have examined the Constitution of this Grand Commandery in its relation to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which is to be considered as the fundamental or organic law governing Templar Masonry in this country. This constitution relates mainly to the organization, jurisdiction and general authority of the Grand Encampment, to its connection with the State Grand Commanderies and its own direct subordinate commanderies, and to the scope and limitations of the functions of its officers. In addition to this grand constitution there is another source or fountain of law, supplementary to the constitution, and entitled a Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment; and still another, which is officially denominated an amendment to the Code of Statutes, and which is also officially said to embrace all decisions of the Grand Master, as approved or modified by the Grand Encampment, which is published as a Supplement to the Code of Statutes. This supplement, which was thoroughly prepared by our eminent frater, Sir Kt. Drummond, of Maine, and is a fair and able statement of the points decided, is known as the Digest of Templar Law of the Grand Encamp-

ment. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment, in its declaration of general principles, contains nothing, so far as your committee are aware, to which this or any other State Grand Commandery may reasonably object, so far as the interests of Templar Masonry are concerned, and to its provisions our constitution should doubtless conform. Your committee do not, however, regard it as the duty of the Grand Commandery, as a loyal subordinate of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to subject its constitution to all the vicissitudes and changes, either in principle or policy, which may arise under the varying legislations or official decisions of the General Grand Body, and especially when fundamental doctrines, and long settled usages of Masonry, are ignored by such legislation or decision. It would hardly be consistent for this Grand Commandery to sanction the adoption of a principle or a regulation which it regards as unmasonic or otherwise unsound by incorporating it into its own constitution. To the fixed and fundamental law we should conform, but as to the flexible, variable and often ill-considered statute or decision we may reasonably hesitate. Even if there were no limitations to the power of the Grand Encampment, in respect to its control by legislation or edict of the State Grand Commanderies, the varying, changeable quality of this latter species of law is such that, to keep in harmony with it, your committee on constitutional revision would be in danger of finding permanent employment.

The changes in our constitution which your committee recommend, for the purpose of conformity to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, are as follows, viz.:

In Article 1, Section 3, paragraph 2, in third line, after the word *orders*, insert the words *within this jurisdiction.*

In Section 3, paragraph 4, in third line, after the word *edicts*, insert *and;* and, in fourth line, strike out *it.*

In Section 4, change the names *Senior Grand Warden* and *Junior Grand Warden* to *Grand Junior Warden* and *Grand Senior Warden.* Place the *Grand Standard Bearer* in rank next before the *Grand Sword Bearer.* Strike out *Grand Sentinel.* In the tenth line, after the word *body*, insert the words *so long as they remain members of Commanderies under this jurisdiction.* In the fourteenth line, strike out the words *in good standing.* Strike out paragraph 2; and insert, as an addition, to paragraph 1 the following: *Each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote and no more, except as proxy.* Strike out paragraph 2.

In Section 5, paragraph 1, second line, strike out *and the Grand Sentinel;* third line, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves.* In paragraph 3, fifth line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 6, paragraph 1, second line, after the word *others* insert the words *together with a Grand Sentinel.* In paragraph 3, second line, after the word *been* insert the words *duly elected and.*

In Section 7, paragraph 1, strike out the heading *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in first line, strike out *assemble* and insert *hold a regular conclave.* In paragraph 2, first line, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in third line, strike out *meeting* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 8, paragraph 3, fifth line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 9, paragraph 1, sixth line, strike out the words *succeeding stated assembly* and insert the words *next stated conclave.* In paragraph 2, second line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 11, paragraph 1, second line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.* In paragraph 2, sixth line, strike out *each and every* and insert *the;* in same line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Article 2, Section 1, fourth line, change so that the *Standard Bearer* shall precede the *Sword Bearer.*

In Section 3, first line, strike out *assemble* and insert *hold a conclave.*

In Section 4, fourth line, strike out *meeting* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 5, twelfth and fourteenth lines, strike out *assemblies* and insert *conclaves;* in fifth line, after *been* insert *duly elected or appointed and.*

In Section 8, sixth line, strike out *unless* and insert *until;* seventh line, strike out *fourteen days* and insert *four weeks;* also, in same line, strike out the words *a dispensation therefor shall be obtained from* and insert the words *by written permission of.* At the end of this sentence add the following, viz.: *If a candidate be rejected, no new petition for the Orders shall be presented until after the expiration of four months from the time of such rejection.*

In Section 12, first line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

In Section 15, third line, strike out *assembly* and insert *conclave.*

Fraternally submitted,

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
N. VAN SLYCK.

The Committee reported progress, and were granted further time on the Code and Digest.

The Report on the Constitution was accepted and the several recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR ORRIN WELCH.

The committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Commander's address, delivered at the last Semi-Annual Conclave, as relates

to the decease of R. E. Orrin Welch, makes report, recommending the adoption of the following memorial:

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has received with deep emotion the sad intelligence of the decease of R. E. Orrin Welch, P. G. C. of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, and mourn the loss of a true and courteous knight whose high moral worth and arduous labors in the cause of Templar Masonry had endeared him to the members, not alone of his own jurisdiction, but of the entire fraternity.

The Grand Commandery tenders its profound sympathy to the Grand Commandery of the State of New York in the bereavement it has sustained, and orders this tribute to the memory of the distinguished frater, to be placed upon the records of this session, and a copy thereof transmitted to the Grand Commandery of New York and to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. DOYLE,
S. C. LAWRENCE,
SAMUEL MASON, JR.

Adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander made the following

ADDRESS.

SIR KNIGHTS:—I have the honor to submit to you a report of my official acts, as Grand Commander, since our Semi-Annual Assembly in May last.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

In compliance with General Order No. 1, (presented at the semi-annual session,) the several inspecting officers have made to me their reports, herewith submitted, of the condition of the subordinate Commanderies assigned them for visitation. Their statements bear evidence that they were imbued with an appreciation and knowledge of their duties. They report that all the Commanderies have been visited, excepting Trinity, Old Colony and Narragansett, which omissions, for the reasons given me, I have excused.

The depressed condition of business which has been so widely felt throughout the land, has not failed to lessen the number of initiates. The returns will doubtless show light work during the year. I gather from the reports rendered, that, while there may be room in some cases for criticism, our subordinate Commanderies, in the main, conform to our approved work, are under good discipline, and in a favorable condition.

The visits of the inspecting officers were also made occasions of social intercourse, and rendered agreeable by the courtesy and respect uniformly bestowed on them as the representatives of this Grand Body. I would add that my own experience corresponds with theirs.

On the evening of September 11th, at the request of E. Sir David F. Parker, the Commander of Worcester County Commandery, I conferred the Order of Malta, in full, upon thirteen Sir Knights. I also officially visited this body, March 7th, in place of our V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, who, unexpectedly, had to be in Washington at the time set for his visit. This Commandery is efficiently managed by E. Sir Parker and his corps of officers, and is in a prosperous condition.

ISAIAH THOMAS.

On the 24th of June, I was permitted to represent this Grand Body at Worcester, on the occasion of the re-interment, with civic and Masonic ceremonies, of the remains of Isaiah Thomas. The Masonic ceremonies were conducted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master.

The different Masonic bodies of the city, and the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts were present, in procession, under the escort of Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templars.

Isaiah Thomas was a distinguished Mason and a prominent man in revolutionary times and years succeeding. He was born in Boston, January 19, 1749, and died in Worcester, April 4, 1831, at the age of 82. He was a contemporary of Thomas Smith Webb, of Providence, R. I., Henry Fowle, of Boston, Mass., and their associates, and is mentioned as a

visitor in the proceedings of an Assembly of the U. S. Grand Encampment held at Boston, in Mason's Hall, May 28, 1807. He was for four years the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and for three years Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1792, he was placed upon a committee with Paul Revere and others, to prepare the Book of Constitutions for the use of the Grand Lodge. His attachment for Masonry continued throughout his eventful life, and, doubtless, had much to do with modifying and tempering a mind and character that greatly influenced the people of his State, and laid broad and deep the foundation for future good.

With his pen and press he did gallant battle for human rights and constitutional freedom. It has been happily said that "He who would be counted among the benefactors of posterity must add by his own toil to the acquisitions of his ancestors." This, in a large sense, Isaiah Thomas did, and by his example and benefactions reared for himself an enduring monument.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the Semi-Annual Session in May, I have granted the following special dispensations:

June 14.—To Boston Commandery, to visit St. John's Commandery at Providence, on the evening of June 18. I accompanied Boston Commandery on this occasion, and was pleased to witness the cordial salutations of these two, the first born, the oldest Commanderies in the jurisdiction. I was accompanied by E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever, Past Grand Senior Warden, and by E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder.

June 17.—To South Shore Commandery, to make a pilgrimage to the Vineyard, June 24, to return the following day.

June 18.—To Saint John's Commandery, to appear in the streets of Providence, on Sunday, June 23, to attend service at the Church of the Mediator, in observance of the festival of Saint John the Baptist. The services on this occasion must have proved most profitable and interesting to the members of St. John's Commandery and the Sir Knights of Calvary Com-

mandery, their guests. Sir Walter B. Vincent, Generalissimo of St. John's Commandery, was the orator of the day.

June 18.—To Worcester County Commandery, to parade, June 24, as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of the re-interment of the remains of Most Worshipful brother and Sir Knight, Isaiah Thomas, with civic and Masonic ceremonies.

July 6.—To Bay State Commandery, to parade as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Town Hall in Holbrook, July 10.

July 15.—To Washington Commandery, of Newport, R. I., permission to parade, in courtesy to Melita Commandery, of Paterson, N. J., should it seem desirable, on the occasion of the contemplated visit of the latter to Newport, July 18.

July 16.—To Springfield Commandery, sometime during said month to make a pilgrimage to Double Beach, Conn., to improve the body in field drill and to strengthen the social ties of their scattered membership. The R. E. Grand Commander of Connecticut courteously granted permission for them to enter within the lines of his jurisdiction.

July 18.—To Calvary Commandery, of Providence, to appear in public, in the costume of the Order, at their discretion, in extending knightly courtesies to Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, on the occasion of their contemplated visit to Providence, as guests of Calvary Commandery, on the 13th and 14th of August, 1878.

August 19.—To Old Colony Commandery, to parade and fittingly receive Mt. Horeb Commandery, of Concord, N. H., on the occasion of their visit to Plymouth, September 3, 1878.

September 12.—To Boston Commandery, to serve as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Friday, September 13, at the funeral ceremonies of the late Hon. Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

October 1.—To Boston Commandery, to act as escort to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at the funeral obsequies to our deceased Past Deputy Grand Master, E. Sir John McClellan.

October 12.—To Hugh de Payens Commandery, to appear in public parade, October 17, in acceptance of knightly cour-

tesies extended by the Sir Knights, resident at Medford and Woburn.

October 18.—To Gethsemane Commandery, permission to elect, at the Stated Assembly, October 21 instant, officers to fill such vacancies as might occur by resignation, or otherwise, of the officers *elect.*

I have, in two instances, granted permission to ballot upon candidates in less time than that required by the Constitution; and have, also in two instances, granted permission for the public installation of officers.

At the request of the respective R. E. Grand Commanders of New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, I have granted Mt. Horeb Commandery, of Concord, N. H., Melita Commandery, of Paterson, N. J., and Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, permission to enter our jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

The correspondence of the year, though large, has not involved any new questions for decision, and I therefore refrain from further allusion to it here.

FINANCES.

It will be seen upon the examination of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Body, as rendered in the financial statements in the proceedings, (omitting, in so doing, the amount of receipts from the sale of the invested funds, and the loans from the Grand Treasurer,) that the sources of revenue for the support of this Grand Body have proved insufficient, for several years, to meet the current expenses, that is, from 1875 to 1878, inclusive.

We find in the following reports, viz.: In 1875, the expenditures to exceed the receipts, $1,496.97; in 1876, $329.96; in 1877, $960.82.

I have not the last entries that will appear in the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's reports to enable me to make a perfect statement for the present year, but I shall be able, by some estimates made by me at the time of this writing, October

28th, to come so nearly to it as not to affect the result I have in view.

For the year just closed, the receipts to the time of this writing, 28th instant, are $1,741.30, and the expenses have been, as per statement and bills, $1,822.10, a deficit of $80.80.

The returns of eleven Commanderies, due last year, appear among the receipts of this year, amounting to $398.95, which, if applied on last years' accounts, would have reduced the deficiency of last year from $960.82 to $561.87, and increased the deficiency of this year to $479.75.

There were expenses in 1875 which may be termed unusual; and in 1876 and 1877 there were expenses such as have not been incurred during the year ending October, 1878. The expenses of the last named year, so far as ascertained, and by estimate as before stated, have been $508.86 less than in any of the three preceding years. It will not, however, do to take the light expenses of 1878 as a standard.

On account of the deficiency in the annual receipts, our Grand Treasurer has been obliged to make loans to meet the recurring expenses, and, as necessities required, to sell our Grand Commandery invested funds, thus cutting off the interest income on investment account.

The annual income of this Grand Body is fluctuating in amount. It mainly consists of the five dollar dues from each subordinate Commandery, and of the four dollar dues from each knight created.

To illustrate: During the years from 1865 to 1876, inclusive, (twelve years,) the average number created, per year, is 460. During the last four years there were created, per year, as follows: In 1875, 382; in 1876, 319; in 1877, 211; and in the year ending to day, 212, making a falling off of 716 knights created from what would have been the number created had the above average been maintained. This decrease of 716 in the number created, amounts, at four dollars each, to a difference in income of $2,864.00 for the four years named.

I am fully satisfied that the financial management of our worthy Grand Treasurer, and his associates—my predecessors—has been conducted with prudence and economy.

This deficiency of income should be supplied. We have 5,850 knights in our jurisdiction. The additional payment of fifteen cents per year by each knight of the jurisdiction would meet the want.

I recommend for your wise consideration this important matter, with the hope that such action may be taken as shall prove for the permanent prosperity of the body.

Our Grand Treasurer will present the detailed report of the committee on the Grand Fund, together with his usual financial statement.

BY-LAWS.

Since the Assembly in May, one full code of by-laws from Haverhill Commandery, and certain amendments to the by-laws of Washington Commandery, have been received and submitted to the Committee on By-Laws. In both cases, certain changes were made by the committee. The code of by-laws and the amendments, as altered by the committee, were approved by me, September 26, 1878.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I caused a commission to be issued, under date of June 6, 1878, appointing Sir Oliver A. Whittemore, of Denver, Colorado, the Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery, near the Grand Commandery of Colorado.

E. Sir David F. Parker, of Worcester, has presented a commission, bearing date June 12, 1878, from the Grand Commander of Colorado, appointing him their Grand Representative, near this Grand Body, and it gives me pleasure at this time to acknowledge him as such.

I also caused a commission to be issued, appointing E. Sir William Wilson Traylor, of San Francisco, Cal., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that State, the Grand Representative of this Grand Body, near that Grand Body. This was to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our Grand Representative, E. Sir Charles Marsh, of memorable virtues.

OBITUARY.

I would call your attention to the loss we have sustained in the death of our Past Deputy Grand Master, John McClellan.

He was born in Providence, R. I., in the year 1810, and died in Boston, September 29, 1878. For the last thirty-four years of his life he was an active and consistent Mason, and was honored by being called to fill distinguished positions in all the Masonic bodies he became connected with, both Grand and Subordinate. At the time of his death he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which office he filled for seventeen years. He was created a Knight Templar in Boston Encampment in 1845, and was elected Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1856–7.

For many years, as Secretary of the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, he was largely brought in contact with the needy and distressed.

The faithfulness with which he attended to his duties in this regard attests to more than diligence in business—it suggests a sympathetic heart. He was not merely the almoner of others' bounty, but the giver of his own, in his advice and friendliness and hopeful words.

His long association with such an office is in itself a eulogy.

A noteworthy circumstance in his Masonic life was his protracted continuance in positions of trust—a proof of the confidence of others in his accuracy, business capacity, and fidelity. He left an untarnished record—a proof that the confidence was not misplaced.

"He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

October 3, I caused the following order to be promulgated:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
WORCESTER, Mass., October 3, 1878.

To all our Grand Officers, to all our Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our Jurisdiction:

Our Past Deputy Grand Master, Eminent Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, no longer liveth. He died at his residence in Boston, Mass., September 29th, A. D. 1878, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

It is, therefore, *Ordered*, That the Jewels and Swords of the Grand Officers be draped in mourning, for the term of ninety days, succeeding the receipt of this order.

It is also ordered, that this order be read at the head of each subordinate Commandery, at the next Regular Assembly thereof, and that the same tokens of mourning be displayed by each, and for the same term as is enjoined upon the Grand Officers.

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We have met once more in annual assembly. Another year has been added to recorded time—another link to the lengthening chain that binds us to the past. A host of stalwart knights have gone before: we live to cherish their traditions and to fulfill their vows.

How changed are the times and circumstances! No longer the crusades calling forth the banded power of chivalry—no longer the knight-errant, with lance in rest, doing battle for the oppressed, or jousting for glory and his lady's smile.

The holy fields that once were trampled by the feet of mail-clad warriors in desperate contest with the infidel, are to day visited by the peaceful traveler; the tournament is over, and a broader civilization has given to law the sword and shield.

Is, then, our knightly mission ended, and do we bear our swords in vain? Ah, no: our mission is yet loftier, our weapons have a diviner service. Of the warfare ever waging between good and evil, of the dangers and temptations that beset our march towards the heavenly Jerusalem, our good blades are symbolic. They recall the fierce struggles in which they triumphed for the Sepulchre and the Cross, and, freed from sanguine stain, they speak of mightier victories, won through chastity, through love of our fellow men, and voices raised in behalf of the oppressed.

We have fallen upon happier days. Our labor is in a peaceful sphere; but even more gloriously can we there exemplify the principles of our noble Institution. Founded, as it is, on

the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, wide as the world in its tenets and philanthropy, never sectarian, there is hardly a limit to its usefulness in family, church, and state. Rich in sacred and glorious associations, illustrated by knightly deeds and patient suffering, our Order appeals to the noblest qualities of our nature, and urges us to the performance of the loftiest duties—to aid the distressed, to support the weak, and so to live that men, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father.

Whether we are in conclave or in banquet hall the wondrous history of our Order is an inspiration; our solemn ceremonies subdue us, and move us toward the better way. Vigor is added to the performance of our daily duties; honor controls us; our lives become a common good. Human will can do much, but the strength that receives its nurture from on high can do infinitely more. Let us strive, then, to quicken our lives with a renewed sense of the good we may accomplish to ourselves and others.

The spotless knight Sir Galahad was alone permitted to gaze upon the Holy Cup which had held the blood of our Saviour. Well does this knight express the might of purity:

> "My good sword carves the casques of men;
> My tough lance thrusteth sure;
> My strength is as the strength of ten
> Because my heart is pure."

On motion of E. Sir Knight Kent, it was

Voted, That the R. E. Grand Commander's address be divided and referred to appropriate committees.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following committees on the address:

1. So much as relates to Dispensations and Appointments, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, William D. Pool and S. Mason, Jr.

2. So much as relates to Finance, to E. Sirs S. C. Lawrence, Charles B. Lancaster and Edward L. Freeman.

3. So much as relates to the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John McClellan, to E. Sirs William W. Baker, William Parkman and Charles Harris.

4. So much as relates to the death of Past Grand Master Charles H. Titus, to E. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, T. P. Cheever and T. E. St. John.

5. The remainder of the address, to E. Sirs Henry Chickering, C. C. Hutchinson and George E. Stacy.

At Refreshment.

At one o'clock and forty-five minutes, P. M., the Sir Knights were called to refreshment, served in the banquet hall.

On Duty.

At three o'clock P. M., attention to duty, was called, and the business of the Grand Commandery was resumed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR JOHN McCLELLAN.

The committee appointed to prepare remarks and resolutions on the death of R. E. Sir John McClellan, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report:

In recording the death of our Knight Companion, Sir John McClellan, your committee feel that they would not be doing justice to themselves, to this Grand Body, or to our departed knight, did they fail also to place on record, the estimation this Grand Body holds of his services when alive, and their respect for his memory when dead.

So much has been already said and written, and will be written and delivered on the death of this brother, that your committee propose to confine their remarks to a brief abstract of his life and services and the estimation in which he is held by his brethren.

John McClellan was born in Providence, R. I., on February 28, 1810, and died at his home in Boston, Sunday, September 29, 1878, of a complication of diseases, the basis of which was Bright's disease. In early life he removed to Boston, when he entered the service of a connection, one Mr. Frothingham, in the dry goods business; he was for a time in the service of the Probate Court of this county, but finally, about the year 1846, engaged with our late brother, Col. N. A. Thompson, as an auctioneer, in which business he remained to the time of his death.

John McClellan was initiated in Masonry in Columbian Lodge, Boston, April 4, 1844. In January, 1846, he was installed into office as Secretary of that Lodge, which he held for a period of ten years, in which office he was of essential service to the Craft and the Lodge in the assistance he rendered R. W. Brother Heard in his interesting history of Columbian Lodge. In the meantime, Brother McClellan had made rapid progress in other branches of the Order, and filled many important positions, in both Subordinate and Grand Bodies, among which may be enumerated eighteen years service as Treasurer of Revere Lodge, twenty-two years as Treasurer of Saint Andrew Chapter, of which he has also been High Priest. He was also Grand High Priest of Massachusetts, and Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the United States, and for seventeen years, to the time of his death, was Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Ia 1845, he received the Orders in Knighthood in Boston Encampment, where he held several offices, the highest of which, however, was that of Senior Warden. In 1856 he was elected to the important position of Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Body, which place he held to general acceptance.

In all the varied positions in which our brother has been placed, his services have ever been characterized by a single desire to do his duty, and ennoble and magnify his office. In places of responsibility — and he filled many of them — his course was marked by a stern integrity and honesty, that drew down upon him the commendation of his associates. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars of Masonic funds have passed through his hands, but his record has been clean; the breath of suspicion has never tainted his honest reputation. Strictly systematic and methodical in the conducting of his affairs, his accounts were easily understood and comprehended by his auditors.

There remains but little more to add. As a citizen, our brother was ever on the side of truth and justice; as a friend he was manly and courteous, and as a Mason, many of us who have known him for years can testify that he was true to the Brethren, and faithful to the Craft. In his domestic relations, he was a kind husband and devoted brother. His family circle was small, but it was ever enlivened by cheerfulness and a mutual desire for the happiness of each other.

In conclusion your committee would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of R. E. Sir John McClellan, this Grand Body is deprived of the society of one who, in the days of his earliest manhood, filled with acceptance many of the active offices of the Order, as in latter days positions of trust and responsiblity, and by his irreproachable character and integrity, added honor and reputation to Masonry.

Resolved, That our sincere sympathies are extended to the afflicted family of our deceased brother in this hour of their distress, and join with them in cherishing his memory in our hearts.

WILLIAM W. BAKER,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
CHARLES HARRIS.

The Report was accepted, and the Resolutions were adopted, the Sir Knights rising in token of respect for the memory of the deceased.

Committee No. 4, on address of this day, were authorized to report in print, and submit the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF SIR CHARLES H. TITUS.

Report of committee on that part of the Grand Commander's address having reference to the death of PAST GRAND MASTER TITUS.

Another name is added to the list of the illustrious dead of this Grand Commandery. Again the Angel of Death has made his summons and called hence a great-hearted and honored member of our Order, a beloved brother and friend. We know that he has ascended to a more glorious state; that he has passed the dark river to the land of the immortals, where faithful souls receive the crowns of righteousness and joy. We would not sorrow as those without hope, for have we not received the lessons of the empty tomb and the ascension glory, and are not our hearts stayed on the promise of the risen Lord, "because I live, ye shall live also?"

We can but mourn, however, for we are human; whilst all the keener is our sense of bereavement, because the ties of our Order knit congenial hearts so closely together. Thus do we recall the sweet communions which we have shared with our departed brother, and our hearts are made tender at the taking away of one so honored and so loved. He has gone from us, but his memory abides in our hearts, a blessed inheritance.

"—— Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like sunlight hues when that bright orb has set."

Your committee deem it unnecessary to give at length the Masonic history of our departed Past Grand Commander. It may suffice to state the fact that he had passed through all Masonic grades, and that in each

and every branch of the Institution he made full proof of that ability, faithfulness and zeal, which were conspicuous in the entire work of his life. He was called to many important official positions, the duties of which he performed in a way to merit the commendation of those who thus honored him. He was invested with dignities and distinctions that attest with unmistakable significance his stronghold upon the respect and confidence of his brethren, but such preferments afford little insight into the wealth and truth of his character. As a Mason—as a man and a brother—must his brethren revere him.

The intellectual character of Past Grand Master Titus was formed, not only from the elementary, academic and theological education of the schools, but by diligent and careful general reading, by the mental excitations demanded in his profession and by his contact with men in the work of the ministry, and with Masons in the work of the Fraternity. It was a growth which proceeded steadfast to the end of his days. His mind was an orderly one and accomplished substantial if not brilliant results. It was trained to the most Catholic quality of charity, for however strong his theological opinions may have been, they left him absolutely devoid of bigotry and sectarian narrowness, and in the full possession of the broadest toleration of manly dogmatic differences.

But it is in the glory of his moral nature that the character of our eminent brother stands most conspicuous and pronounced. It is not too much to say that his integrity was as nearly absolute as the lot of humanity will admit. In the presence of all men he was open and sincere, but before his brethren he wore his heart upon his sleeve. Benevolence and graciousness glowed upon his face, lighted up every feature, and were visible in his daily speech and conduct. His generosity, his genial regard for the interests of others had no taint of selfishness or even of self-love. His sentiments were no less pure than refined. His humanity was broad as well as warm. Firm in resolve and purpose, he was ever gracious in exercising these qualities. Highly as he valued the appreciation of his brethren, he could not seek for such approbation by the smallest sacrifice of principle. "Duty was his guiding star, and love the faithful ally of duty."

In his death a star has disappeared from the Masonic firmament. Sensible of the loss we have sustained, be it ours to cherish the memory and imitate the virtues of that knightly soul which now finds in its ample spiritual sphere a wider Fraternity and a sublimer Fatherhood; and be it ours, by a fresh consecration to duty and truth, so to live that we may renew in a higher life the companionship we have lost in this.

HENRY W. RUGG,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
T. E. ST. JOHN.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF ADDRESS IN MAY, 1878.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 30, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Commander's address, which has not been considered by special committee, beg leave to report.

That we recognize with much pleasure the prosperity attendant upon the work and general interests of the Grand Commandery, and that the subordinate bodies are in a healthy condition.

The unprecedented experience of Springfield Commandery in the sudden decease of its Eminent Commander elect, on the eve of his installation, presents us a deep and solemn lesson of the brevity of life and the urgent necessity of being ever ready to meet the vicissitudes which press upon us.

We are happy to note that the officers of the Grand Commandery absent at the last annual session have been duly installed, thus completing the organization in due and ample form.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. ST. JOHN,
HENRY CHICKERING,
W. D. POOL,
Committee.

Report accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TACTICS AND DRILL.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASS. AND RHODE ISLAND,

October 30, 1878.

The Committee on Tactics and Drill, for the purpose of perfecting the work heretofore reported by them, recommend that they be empowered to select three Sir Knights, experts in military matters, who shall be requested to critically examine the tactics approved by the Grand Commandery, with authority to recommend such changes as they shall deem desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON W. ALDRICH,
A. H. HOWLAND, JR.

The presence of V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States, being observed, the R. E. Grand Commander appointed E. Sirs Thomas A. Doyle and Tracy P. Cheever to wait upon and introduce him into the Grand Asylum, where he was officially welcomed by the Right Eminent, and to which he gracefully responded.

ROLL CALL.

The roll of Commanderies was now called, and the number as reported by the Committee on Credentials, was found to be correct.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the request of the Grand Commander, Past R. E. Sir H. W. Rugg presided during the election of officers, whom he subsequently installed into office.

E. Sirs John N. Pike, Charles R. Brayton and Henry Chickering were appointed to count the number of votes thrown, and report the names of the Sir Knights elected to office.

Officers Elected.

Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I..V. E. D. Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass.E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOS. E. ST. JOHN, Worcester, Mass.E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR., Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I.E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN, Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass....E. Grand Recorder.

V. E. Sirs N. W. Aldrich, Wyzeman Marshal and E. D. Bancroft were appointed to wait upon and introduce R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander elect, into the Grand Asylum, where he acknowledged the courtesy of the Sir

Knights in re-electing him to high official station, and returned to them his thanks.

After being installed into office, he announced the following appointments to office and the standing committees:

Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS, Greenfield, Mass. E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL, Lynn, Mass. ..... E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I. E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD, N. Bedford, Mass. E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass. .... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass...
Sir BENJ. F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass. ... Grand Sentinel.

Standing Committees.

ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs J. M. Greenwood, A. H. Cushman, James Swords.

ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, A. F. Chapman, C. E. Powers.

ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs W. B. Blanding, Walter B. Vincent, John N. Pike.

The officers were all present and installed, except Sir C. M. Avery, who was absent by reason of sickness.

R. E. Sir H. W. Rugg was assisted by E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall, who made the usual official proclamation.

On motion of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the printing of the Code and Digest, as authorized on page 31, be suspended until further order.

On motion of E. Sir W. H. Kent, it was

Voted, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to procure a sufficient number of copies of the Code and Digest of Templar Law, to furnish one copy to each Commandery in the jurisdiction.

Moved and

Voted, That the special committee on finance be instructed to report in print, and that a copy of said report be sent to each subordinate Commandery in the jurisdiction, at least two weeks in advance of the Semi-Annual Conclave.

The business before the Grand Commandery being happily concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his pleasure thereat, and thanked the Sir Knights for their courteous attention to duty during the Conclave.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Conclaves held during the year.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES TO AND FROM MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

From	Address.	Grand Commanderies.	To	Address.
R. E. Sir Elbert H. English.....	Little Rock..	Arkansas.....	E. Sir John Haigh.....	Somerville, Mass.
E. Sir William W. Traylor.....	San Francisco	California....		
E. Sir Oliver A. Whittemore.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	E. Sir David F. Parker.....	Worcester, Mass.
V. E. Sir Henry Woodward.....	Middletown..	Connecticut...	E. Sir William B. Blanding.. ...	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong.....	Macon.....	Georgia.....	E. Sir Marlborough Williams....	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Philander W. Barclay.	Cairo.....	Illinois.....	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
		Indiana.....	E. Sir Henry Chickering.....	Pittsfield, Mass.
R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck.....	Providence, R. I.
		Kansas.....	V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean.....	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William Alva Warner.....	Louisville....	Kentucky.....	E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall.....	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Joseph P. Horner.....	New Orleans.	Louisiana.....	R. E. Sir William W. Baker.....	Boston, Mass
R. E. Sir John W. Ballou.....	Bath.....	Maine.....	V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich.....	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Frank J. Kugler.....	Baltimore....	Maryland.....	E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle..... ...	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.....	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott.....	Lowell, Mass.
		Mississippi....	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck. ...	Providence, R. I.
		Missouri.....	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner....	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Eben K. Long.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	R E. Sir Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence, R. I.
R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney.	Elizabeth....	New Jersey...	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Robert H. Waterman.....	Albany.....	New York ...	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir James M. Porter.....	Easton.....	Pennsylvania..	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman.....	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Eastman.....	Nashville....	Tennessee....	E. Sir William D. Pool.....	Lynn, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Nichols.....	Galveston....	Texas.....	E. Sir George H. Burnham.....	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb.....	Burlington...	Vermont.....	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman.....	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Hugh Sterling.....	Wheeling....	West Virginia.	R. E. Sir John Dean.....	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Hiner.....	Fond du Lac.	Wisconsin....	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott... ...	Lowell, Mass.





Sir John McClellan,

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

In 1856–57.

Born in Providence, R. I., February 28, 1810.

Died in Boston, Mass., September 29, 1878.

Esteemed for his integrity and fidelity, "he lived respected, and died regretted."



Rev. Charles Henry Titus,

M. E. GRAND MASTER,

In 1865–66.

Born in Monmouth, Maine, April 11, A. D. 1819.

Died in Boston, Mass., October 29, A. D. 1878.

"Meekly he gave his being up, and went
To share the holy rest that waits a life well spent."



Abraham Annis Dame,

M. E. GRAND MASTER IN 1835-36.

BORN IN ORFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 27, 1792.

DIED IN BOSTON, MASS., NOVEMBER 14, 1878.

Made a Mason in 1818, he served in all the grades in Masonry, Grand and Subordinate.

Pupil of Webb and Fowle, he exceeded both in extent and accuracy in Ritualism.

——"when his hand grew palsied, and his eye
Dark with the mists of age, it was his time to die."

NECROLOGY.

1877-78.

In Memoriam

St. John's Commandery.

Sir HERBERT E. TINKHAM,
" JAMES G. CHAFFEE.

Boston Commandery.

Sir SAMUEL JEPSON,
" WILLIAM ELLISON,
" JOSEPH H. CLAPP,
" WILLIAM B. MAY,
" JOSEPH HAYDEN,
" CHARLES E. FOX,
" PHILANDER J. FORRISTALL,
" CHAUNCY PAGE,
" ELEAZER FREDERICK,
" JOHN MCCLELLAN.

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir JAMES W. CHENEY.

Washington Commandery.

Sir NATHAN CHAMBERLAIN,
" GEORGE HOWLAND.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir ASA WALKER,
" AMOS C. ALLEN,
" JAMES L. BURBANK,
" HENRY C. HILL,
" DAVID SCOTT,
" JEREMIAH S. MCINTIRE,
" SIMEON THOMPSON,
" JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

Springfield Commandery.

Sir SMITH R. PHILLIPS,
" WILLIAM O. BELL,
" WILLIAM J. SAWIN,
" S. K. LUCAS,
" C. B. HARRIS,
" W. S. GREENE,
" HENRY ALEXANDER, JR.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir JOHN BIGELOW,
" JOSEPH DIX,
" GEORGE A. BATES,
" WILLIAM CARL.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir JEREMIAH D. ARNOLD,
" HEBER LEFAVOUR,
" CHARLES F. MANCHESTER,
" EDWIN CLAPP.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir RICHARD W. BAKER,
" SOLON STEVENS.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir ZENAS BANGS,
" GEORGE PEARCE.
" WILLIAM R. BAGNELL, JR.,
" SLADE LUTHER.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir GEORGE B. EARLE.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir GEORGE S. RYDER,
" GEORGE TALBOT,
" EZRA S. CONANT.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir CHARLES A. HOLMES,
" BENJAMIN CUSHMAN,
" SAMUEL BENSON.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir GEORGE W. PLUMMER.

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir MERRILL CARLETON.

Hugh De Payens Commandery.

Sir J. E. BRAY,
" WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
" H. C. BICKFORD.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir ALBERT J. WRIGHT,
" CHAUNCY PAGE,
" HUMPHREY CHOATE.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir GEORGE W. WETHERELL,
" CHARLES N. ELLIOTT,
" HENRY E. BIGELOW,
" GEORGE L. BOTHRICK,
" B. L. RAYMOND.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir GEORGE A. ALLEN.

Godfrey De Bouillon Commandery.

Sir ROBERT A. BROWN.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir HENRY J. HAIGT,
" NELSON W. FARRER.

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir RICHARD M. INGALLS,
" SAMUEL W. GLEASON.

Bristol Commandery.

Sir EMERY LEACH,
" DANIEL H. CAPRON,
" WILLIAM K. BISHOP.

Northampton Commandery.

Sir TIMOTHY R. PELTON,
" HENRY W. MORGAN.

Natick Commandery.

Sir LORIN R. EDGARTON.

Athol Commandery.

Sir C. F. PRESCOTT.

" The leaves are swept from the branches;
But the living buds are there,
With folded flower and foliage,
To sprout in a kinder air."

ORGANIZATION

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OCTOBER 30, 1878.

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Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Pawtucket, R. I.,
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass.,
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass.,
Grand Lecturers.

Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridge, Mass.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	MEMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir Thomas Smith Webb,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir William Wilkinson,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir Henry Fowle,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir John Carlile,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir John James Loring,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir Robert Lash,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
* Sir Abraham Annis Dame,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir John Hews,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir John Flint, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir Ruel Baker,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir John Rufus Bradford,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir James Hutchison,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir Winslow Lewis, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir William Field,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
* Sir William Ellison,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir William Sewall Gardner,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
* Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir William Wilson Baker,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir Benjamin Dean,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir Charles A. Stott,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75
Sir Henry W. Rugg,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1876–77

Deceased, 19; living, 8.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

Note.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. Grand Master and Grand Encampment, and in 1878, Conclave and Conclaves was adopted in place of Assembly or Assemblies.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1818–19
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I. 1829–30
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass. 1832
* Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass. 1833–34
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1835–36
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1845–46
* Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1847
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. 1848–50
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1851–53
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. 1856–57
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
* Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass. 1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
* Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass. 1867–68
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass. 1869–70
Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass. 1871–73
Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I. 1874–75
Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass. 1875–76
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. 1876–77

* Deceased, 18; living, 9.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass.....1805–17
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I.....1820–24
* Sir John James Loring, Boston, Mass.....1825–28
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir Jacob Amee, Boston, Mass.....1831
* Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass.....1833–34
Sir Gilbert Nurse, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass.....1839–41
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass.....1842–44
* Sir James Saulsbury, Providence, R. I.....1845
* Sir James Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass.....1846
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I.....1847
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass.....1848–50
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass.....1854–55
* Sir Cyrus Fisher, Providence, R. I.....1856
* Sir Samuel Lewis, Providence, R. I.....1857
* Sir Charles Robbins, Boston, Mass.....1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir William Sewall Gardner, Lowell, Mass.....1862
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass.....1863–64
Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle, Providence, R. I.....1865
* † Sir Henry Butler, Providence, R. I.....1866
Sir William Bullock Blanding, Providence, R. I.....1867–68
Sir Nicholas Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.....1869–70
* Sir Horace Daniels, Pawtucket, R. I.....1871–73
Sir Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, Mass.....1874–75
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass.....1875–76
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I.....1876–77

* Deceased, 21; living, 11; † Died while in office.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

* Sir JONATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass.....1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I.....1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I.....1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass.....1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass.....1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I.....1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass.....1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass.....1831
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass.....1832
* Sir JOSEPH YOUNG, JR., Newburyport, Mass.....1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass.....1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass.....1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass.....1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I.....1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I.....1842–43
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I 1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine.....1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I.....1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass.....1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.....1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I.....1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass.....1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I.....1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass.....1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE REED, Pawtucket, R. I.....1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I.....1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass.....1860–61
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass.....1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I.....1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass.....1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass.....1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass.....1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass.....1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass.....1874–75
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I.....1875–76
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass.....1876–77

* Deceased, 25; living, 12.

RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers, (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	17
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	177
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	327
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,835

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, MARCH 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SIAS,	Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,	Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN,

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, JUNE 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.	* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAGE, D. D., 1826.	* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.



OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805	1st Monday each month	Newton D. Arnold
Boston	March 3, 1806	3d Wednesday each month	James H. Upham
Newburyport	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday " "	John N. Pike
Washington	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday " "	Robert S. Franklin
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday " "	David F. Parker
Springfield	June 19, 1826	1st Monday " "	E. P. Chapin
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday " "	Joseph B. Mason
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon	Henry A. Pierce
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon	C. C. Hutchinson
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday each month	James Donaghy
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday " "	Thomas C. Eastman
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday " "	William W. McKim
Calvary	May 22, 1860	1st Tuesday " "	Samuel G. Stiness
Haverhill	May 13, 1863	2d Tuesday " "	Dexter B. Vickery
Old Colony	Oct. 26, 1863	Monday after full moon	William H. Maine
Sutton	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday each month	Henry Field, Jr
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	Thomas Leyland
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday " "	John B. Hill
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865	3d Thursday " "	George V. Barrett
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	James Swords
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865	2d Monday " "	Francis E. Hersey
Berkshire	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday " "	Henry Chickering
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday " "	S. N. Lougee, Jr
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tuesday " "	Marvin S. Fellows
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868	3d Wednesday " "	Alfred H. Hartley
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday " "	Charles Harris
Narragansett	May —, 1869	2d Monday " "	Robert F. Latimer
William Parkman	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday " "	William Waters, Jr.
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon	Thomas G. Sandland
Northampton	June 2, 1870	2d Monday each month	Luke Lyman
South Shore	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon.	William Humphrey
Natick	April 12, 1871	1st Monday each month	William H. Wright
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday " "	Caleb Rand
Trinity	April 8, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon	W. E. C. Worcester
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872	3d Monday each month	Henry C. Hayden
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month	Nathan B. Fletcher
Athol	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday " "	James H. Waite
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873	1st Monday " "	Baalis Sanford, Jr.
"	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday " "	Henry C. Chamberlain

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
Walter B. Vincent	William E. Husband	William R. Greene	Providence, R. I.
J. F. Lotts	John L. Stevenson	Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Moses H. Fowler	Warren Currier	George H. Stevens	Newburyport, Mass.
William G. Stevens	Henry Bull, Jr	Frank H. Wilks	Newport, R. I.
Robert H. Chamberlain	R. J. Tatman	Daniel Seagrave	Worcester, Mass.
W. E. Granger	H. C. Lee	O. K. Merrill	Springfield, Mass.
John W. Fairbanks	E. G. Stevens	George Phippen, Jr	Boston, Mass.
George A. Sweet	Stephen R. Bucklin	Osmond H. Briggs	Pawtucket, R. I.
C. E. A. Bartlett	H. Hosford	J. W. B. Shaw	Lowell, Mass.
James N. Greenwood	William Robinson	Charles S. Beatley	Chelsea, Mass.
Julius M. Woods	Daniel Reed	Lewis Fales	Milford, Mass.
George F. Hurd	Charles T. Randall	Richard Briggs	Boston, Mass.
C. D. Sellew	H. K. Blanchard	Edwin Baker	Providence, R. I.
Charles T. Chase	C. S. Chase	Walter S. Goodell	Haverhill, Mass.
Silas B. Dickerman	Frederick S. Strong	Erastus M. Nash	Abington, Mass.
James Taylor	C. H. Sanford	H. W. Emerson	New Bedford, Mass.
George F. Talbot	S. M. Decker	William A. Barrell	Lawrence, Mass.
Thomas H. Johnson	Nathaniel Shatswell	Henry A. Brown	Salem, Mass.
David A. Corey	Eli Culley	Charles A. Morgan	Fitchburg, Mass.
Rev. E. B. Fairchild	John Viall	Daniel D. Devereux	Melrose, Mass.
W. H. H. Soule	Jerome Smith	Alban S. Green	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham	Clark F. Hall	Theo. L. Allen	Pittsfield, Mass.
A. W. Colwell	A. A. Pevey	Samuel P. Cook	Woonsocket, R. I.
Charles Keith	George Pierce, Jr.	Charles P. Forbes	Greenfield, Mass.
Albert F. Dow	Thomas F. Vickery	Edward F. Lucas	Fall River, Mass.
Solomon A. Bolster	G. R. Emerson	L. B. Dutton	Boston Highlands, Mass.
Alva A. Crandall	James F. Pendleton	Frank W. Holmes	Westerly, R. I.
Philander Nutter	Wesley Gove	James B. Ditmars	East Boston, Mass.
Arthur E. Codding	C. E. Smith	James A. Codding	North Attleboro', Mass.
William C. Pomeroy	Stephen B. Fuller	Vernet E. Cleveland	Northampton, Mass.
William S. Wallace	James H. Clapp	Charles N. Marsh	East Weymouth, Mass.
George J. Townsend	Samuel O. Daniels	Charles M. Gleason	Natick, Mass.
Howard F. Rowe	J. W. Hill	J. W. Linnell	Boston, Mass.
Julius A. Clisbee	J. T. Joslin	John F. Cotting	Hudson, Mass.
Moses Clark, Jr.	James B. Fuller	E. O. Childs	Newtonville, Mass.
George H. Allen	Ephraim A. Ingalls	William B. Phillips	Lynn, Mass.
H. C. Tenney	Amos Lock	L. E. Brooks	Athol, Mass.
H. H. Packard	A. T. Jones	H. Herbert Howard	Brockton, Mass.
Henry S. Bunton	George F. Lincoln	George H. Butler	Hyde Park, Mass.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS,

Living and Entitled to Vote in Grand Commandery.

St. John's Commandery.

Oliver Johnson, Providence, R. I.
Daniel Rounds, Jr., Norfolk, Mass.
Stillman White, Providence, R. I.
† Samuel S. Ginnodo,
A. Crawford Greene, Prov., R. I.
Spencer P. Read, " "
James H. Allen, " "
* Henry W. Rugg, " "
Albert H. Cushman, " "
Robert E. Dwelley, " "
William Jackson, " "
* Thomas A. Doyle, " "
Geo. H Burnham, " "

Boston Commandery.

* Gilbert Nurse, Pepperell, Mass.
* Dan'l Harwood, Dorchester, Mass.
John K. Hall, E. Somerville, "
* Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, "
Chas. C. Dame, Newburyport, "
Chas. E. Powers, Boston, "
William Sayward, Dorchester, "
Henry Endicott, Cambridgeport, "
* Sam'l C. Lawrence, Medford, "
* Samuel Mason, Jr., Boston, "

Newburyport Commandery.

John N. Pike, Newburyport, Mass.

Washington Commandery.

Nathan H. Gould, San Antonia, Tex.
John Eldred, Newport, R. I.
Wm. J. Underwood, Newport, R. I.
David Stevens, " "
William Gilpin, " "

Worcester County Commandery.

Geo. W. Bentley, N. London, Ct.
Henry Goddard, Worcester, Mass.
* John Dean, " "
* T. E. St. John, " "
Henry C. Wadsworth, " "

Springfield Commandery.

Ocran Dickerson, Springfield, Mass.
* Wm. S. Shurtleff, " "
Albert H. Kirkham, " "
Wm. R. Ladd, Holyoke, "
Daniel Reynolds, Springfield, "
Albert H. Foth, " "
Samuel B. Spooner, " "
George W. Ray, " "
Peter S. Bailey, " "
H. H. Banks, " "

De Molay Commandery.

T. R. Lambert, Charlestown, Mass.
Clement A. Walker, S. Boston, "
* William Parkman, Boston, "
William F. Davis, " "
John W. Dadmun, " "
Marlborough Williams, " "
John M. Clark, " "
Charles B. Lancaster, " "

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

* † James Hutchison, Providence.
C. B. Farnsworth, Pawtucket, R. I.
Sylvanus Clapp, " "
Bela P. Clapp, " "
* Edward L. Freeman, " "
J. Sewall Read, " "

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.

† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Pilgrim Commandery.

* Wm. S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Joseph Bedlow, Lowell, "
William F. Salmon, " "
Samuel D. Sergeant, " "
* Charles A. Stott, " "
Hocum Hosford, " "
Chas. E. A. Bartlett. " "
Chas. C. Hutchinson, " "
John M. Pevey, " "

Palestine Commandery.

* Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Mass.
Tracy P. Cheever, " "
Geo. H. Marden, Charlestown, "
C. F. Haynes, Blue Earth City, Min.
Daniel E. Chase, Somerville, Mass.
Charles T. Gay, Chelsea, "
William D. Seely, " "
John C. Hall, " "

Milford Commandery.

Geo. E. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
Edw. F. Whiting, Holliston, Mass.
W. H. Phipps, S. Framingham, "
* George E. Stacy, Milford, "
Leonard Fairbanks, " "
Sullivan C. Sumner, " "
Sam'l A. Fisher, Davenport, Iowa.
Silas W. Hale, Milford, Mass.
James M. Woods, " "

St. Bernard Commandery.

* William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.
P. Adams Ames, San Francisco, Cal.
Henry Mulliken, Boston, Mass.
F. Lyman Winship, " "
Charles A. Welch, " "
Samuel Wells, " "
Otis E. Weld, " "
John Kent, " "

Calvary Commandery.

* † Thomas A. Doyle, Prov., R. I.
Levi L. Webster, " "
* William B. Blanding, " "
Edwin J. Nightingale, " "
Charles R. Dennis, " "
† * J. M. Pendleton, Westerly, "
Thomas Phillips, Jr., Prov., "
* Nelson W. Aldrich, " "
Henry C. Field, " "
John P. Luther, " "
Isaac H. Saunders, " "
Eugene D. Burt, " "
Charles R. Brayton, " "
Charles B. Webster, New York.

Haverhill Mass.

James E. Gale,
Carlos P. Messer,
Nathan S. Kimball.

Old Colony Commandery.

W. W. Whitmarsh, Neponset, Mass.
Samuel B. Thaxter, Abington, "
† Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, "
S. S. Bradford, Plymouth, "
Amos S. Stetson, S. Abington, "

Sutton Commandery.

John B. Baylies, N. Bedford, Mass.
A. H. W. Carpenter, " "
John A. Lee, " "
A. H. Howland, Jr., " "
* Gardner T. Sanford, " "

Bethany Commandery.

Wm. H. Jaquith, Lawrence, Mass.
D. Frank Robinson, " "
* Caleb Saunders, " "
John Haigh, Somerville, "
G. M. Stoddard, Lawrence, "

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† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Winslow Lewis Commandery.

William Sutton, Salem, Mass.
George H. Peirson, " "

Jerusalem Commandery.

* E. Dana Bancroft, Ayer, Mass.
John Burney, Fitchburg, "
S. W. Huntley, " "
A. L. Fessenden, Townsend, Mass.
John W. Kimball, Fitchburg, "

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Loring L. Fuller, Malden, Mass.
F. J. Foss, " "
J. B. Norton, Charlestown, Mass.
Thomas Winship, Wakefield, "
J. D. Parker, Malden, "
Smith B. Harrington, Medford, "

St. Omer Commandery.

* Benj. Dean, So. Boston, Mass.
† N. A. Apolonio, " "
Charles H. White, " "
E. H. Brainard, So. Boston, "
Benjamin Pope, Boston, "
Frank C. Hersey, " "

Berkshire Commandery.

* Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
Hezekiah S. Russell, " "
William D. Axtell, " "
Truman E. Cole, New York.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Emerson Goddard, Woons'ket, R. I.
Ira W. Arnold, " "
Stafford W. Razee, Providence, "
F. G. Jillson, Woonsocket, "
Moses P. Roberts, Woonsocket, R. I
Walter E. Parker, " "
L. C. Tourtellott, " "
Edward Aldrich, " "

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Rev. Peter V. Finch,
Wm. S. Severance, Greenfield, Mass.
C. E. Severance, Shelburne Falls.
B. S. Parker, Greenfield, Mass.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

Robert Henry, Fall River, Mass.
Robert C. Brown, " "
Stephen W. Butler, " "
John B. Whittaker, " "
Geo. A. Ballard, " "
Charles E. Gifford, " "

Joseph Warren Commandery.

James C. Tucker, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Little, " "
George Moulton, " "
John F. Newton, " "
Charles Harris, " "

Narragansett Commandery.

* Jas. M. Pendleton, Westerly, R. I.
George G. Stillman, " "
Azro N. Lewis, " "
J. Alonzo Babcock, " "

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William Parkman Commandery.

Seth C. Ames, E. Boston, Mass.
Albert B. Barrett, Portland, Me.
William J. Ellis, E. Boston, Mass.
Erastus H. Doolittle, " "
William Waters, Jr. " "

Bristol Commandery.

Chas. E. Smith. N. Attleboro'. Mass.
Samuel S. Ginnodo, " "
John L. Kendall, New York.
Daniel H. Smith, Attleboro', Mass.
Jacob Silloway, Jr., Canton, "

Northampton Commandery.

D. W. Crafts, Northampton, Mass.
Josiah H. Prindle, " "
Jos. C. Williams, " "

South Shore Commandery.

Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, Mass.
George W. Fay, " "

Natick Commandery.

James H. Parker, Natick, Mass.
Wm. H. Wright, " "

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

* William H. Kent, Boston, Mass.
William Patterson, Chelsea, "
John B. Wilson, Boston, "

Trinity Commandery.

N. S. Chamberlain, Marlboro, Mass.
Jas. L. Harriman, Hudson, Mass.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Jas. M. Greenwood, Boston, Mass.
Robert L. Davis, Watertown, "
W. W. Keith, Newtonville, "

Olivet Commandery.

* William D. Pool, Lynn, Mass.
John Shaw, 2d, " "

Athol Commandery.

† Vernon O. Taylor, Lowell, Mass.
C. L. Sawyer, Athol, " "

Bay State Commandery.

Edward Parker.

Cyprus Commandery.

Gamaliel Hodges, Boston, Mass.
H. C. Chamberlain, Hyde Park.

Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., Cambridgeport, Mass., in 1826.

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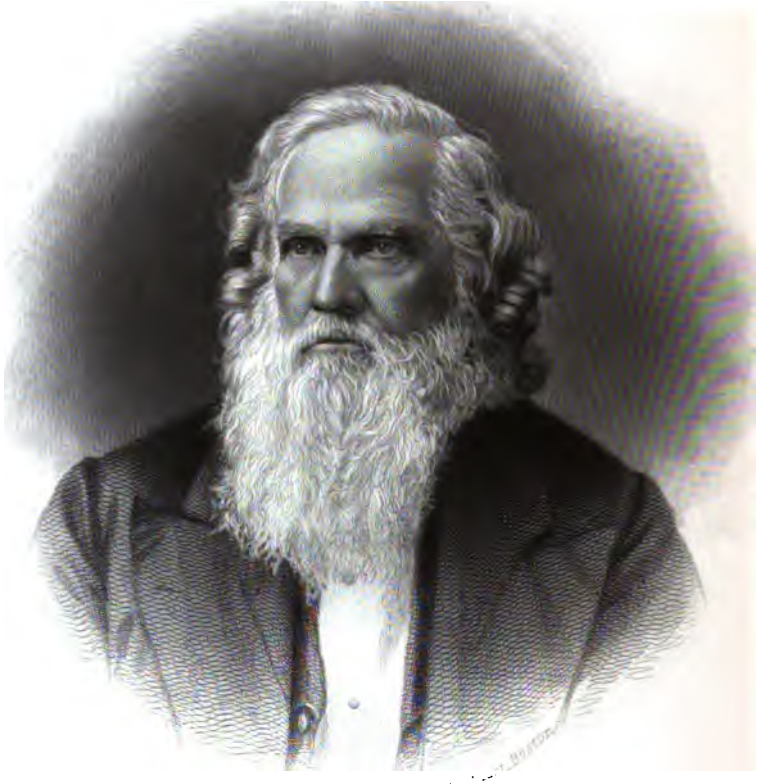

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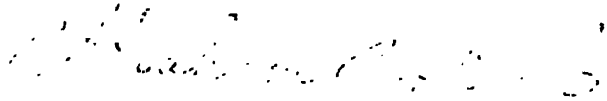

ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME.

BORN in Orford, New Hampshire, on the 27th day of August, 1792, Abraham Annis Dame grew into a well proportioned manhood, of conspicuous and impressive figure, fully six feet in height, whose head was covered by a wealth of hair, which in his extreme age became to him a "crown of glory," whose thickness was as exceptional, as was its silky fineness, and the purity of its clear and snowy color.

Of respectable parentage and good natural abilities, he acquired a liberal education, and early inclined to the profession of the law. After a year's reading in his native State, he removed to Boston, Mass., in February, 1814, where he read two years with Timothy Bigelow, afterwards Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, and from whose office he was admitted to the bar in Concord, Mass., in March, 1816. It was Mr. Bigelow's choice that all his students should be admitted in Middlesex County, because of some real or fancied slight put upon him by certain leaders at the Suffolk Bar, and this he adhered to in the case of Mr. Dame, of whom he entertained a high opinion, and whom he frequently took occasion to advise and befriend.

Following the admission of his student with his favor, Mr. Bigelow at once recommended him as a proper person to be qualified as a Justice of the Peace, and in May, 1816, Abraham A. Dame, Esq., was enrolled as one of the justices of the Commonwealth, and the functions belonging thereto, he exercised through life.

It may here be noted, that a son of Timothy Bigelow, the Hon. John Bigelow, afterwards Mayor of the city of Boston, read law in the office of his father's pupil.

It is possible that his associations with Mr. Bigelow inclined him to think favorably of Freemasonry—certain it is that he

early applied for the degrees, and received them in Massachusetts Lodge, in Boston, on the evenings of March 27th, April 8th and 24th, 1818, respectively; and from this time forward he was distinguished among the Craft.

On the 3d day of December, 1823, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and re-elected to the office December 4th, 1824,—and was always remarkable for his accuracy in the ritual, it being known as the Old York, or York Ritual, and quite different in its construction from the later or present one. Adhering to the Lodge and always jealous of its interests, he experienced the fury of anti-masonry, felt its spite, but turning away from its wrath, he again stepped into line, and served the Lodge for a second term of two years, as Master, commencing with December 3d, 1843. In this Lodge, too, he may be regarded as one of the founders of its Charity Fund, and was for many years a Trustee. His last public appearance in the Lodge for official purpose, was on May 12th, 1870, when he read the charter, at its Centennial celebration.

In the M. W. Grand Lodge, he was Junior Grand Warden in 1828, Senior Grand Warden in 1829–31, and Deputy Grand Master in 1832–33.

He was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in St. Paul's Chapter, in Boston, February 17th, 1819, two months after that body was organized, served it as Scribe in 1820, again in 1840, and again in 1853. In 1821, and again in 1841, he was King, and was High Priest in 1822–23, and also in 1842–43. He became an Honorary Member by operation of the By-Laws, a reward bestowed for twenty-five years continuous membership. At the time of his death he was the oldest living member of the Chapter.

He first appeared in the list of officers in the Grand Chapter, as Grand R. A. Captain, June 24th, 1823, and was elected Grand Treasurer, September 9th of that year; which office he continued to hold until September, 1844, and was elected subsequently to permanent membership.

He was admitted to Boston Council of R. and S. Masters, July 27th, 1819, and to Honorary Membership, March 15th, 1855,—and at his death was, by seven years, its oldest living member. He also presided over it from 1825 to 1829.

He was chosen chairman of the second meeting or convention, held in Boston, June 15th, 1826, which adopted a Constitution, and organized the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters—he was also elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, served with ability, and notably so in the anti-masonic period—when he, as well as the heads of other Masonic Grand Bodies were catechised without effect by that party.

The Orders of Knighthood in Templar Masonry were conferred upon him in Boston Encampment, he being created and dubbed a Knight Templar, February 13th, 1822, served as Junior Warden under Henry Fowle, and was elected Eminent Commander, 1827–30. He was elected an Honorary Member of that body in September, 1855.

In the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he was Grand Captain-General one year, Deputy Grand Master two years, and M. E. Grand Master in 1835–36.

His interest in Masonry seemed to be as broad as the institution itself. It appears that on February 16th, 1825, the Southern Supreme Council granted a charter to Abraham A. Dame and eight others, all of Boston, to form a "Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and for the Consistory of S. P. R. S., at Boston," (the jurisdiction of the Northern and Southern Councils does not appear to have been defined until March, 1828,) and from that organization sprang Boston Grand Lodge of Perfection.

The name of Abraham A. Dame was on the original charter granted by the Grand Council referred to, and dated January 21st, 1842; this charter was signed by him as Most Equitable Grand Sovereign Rose ✠ K. H., Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret, and duly attested.

After the Lodge became dormant in 1856, Ill. Bro. Dame was not associated actively with it, but after the union of the two Councils in the Northern jurisdiction in 1869, he renewed his oath of fealty to the Supreme Council, as reported in proceedings of that year, and in 1870 was gazetted in the Balustre of Honorary 33°.

Under date of June 2d, 1830, certain resolutions adopted by the Anti-Masonic Convention held in Fanueil Hall in January of that year, were enclosed to Joseph Jenkins, Samuel Clark,

Abraham A. Dame and John J. Loring, then presiding over the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Encampment, respectively, making certain charges, and asking among other things, that they disfellowship the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Encampment of New York—"because of the alleged truth of those charges," and it was reported by the Assistant Secretary of the Anti-Masonic State Committee, "but from neither of these has any answer been received." It may be, that the answer suggested to the minds of these brethren was embraced in a statement made to Brother Dame some years after, by an honorary member of that convention, and one who was conspicuous in Massachusetts, as well as in Rhode Island for his anti-masonic conduct.

On the Saturday preceding his death, Brother Dame told the maker of this sketch that Benjamin F. Hallett desired to be made a Mason, and said that he "was satisfied of his folly," and asked if he could get the degrees. As might be expected, the answer given was "No," and that settled it.

Brother Dame was a life-long resident of the "West End" in Boston. He resided for a time on Allen street, but on May 5th, 1824, he purchased a commodious house on Poplar street, in which he ever after remained, except, for a period of three years, when he had a son (since deceased) in Harvard College, and during that time he lived in Cambridge, though by his wife's request, he maintained his house in Boston, in the care of a housekeeper.

During all this period of over sixty years, he was actively engaged in the practice of the law, was familiar with its details, and cognizant of the decisions of courts, which he readily distinguished from the dictums of judges. He had varying financial success, but acquired sufficient to relieve him from any pecuniary need in his declining years.

His business interests were frequently subordinated to those of Masonry, in which for over sixty years, he made friends, exhibited fidelity, adhered to principle, and though he outlived his generation, dying on November 14th, 1878, yet that which succeeds him has respected and honored him, as was sufficiently attested at the ceremonies attending his funeral, and by the many Masonic and other friends who followed his remains to their rest in Mount Auburn.

Constitution of the Grand Commandery

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS,

OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

AS AMENDED OCTOBER 30, 1878.

ARTICLE I.—GRAND COMMANDERY.

STYLE AND TITLE.

SECTION 1.—The style and title of this body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 2.—Its jurisdiction extends over the territorial limits of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

POWERS.

SEC. 3.—In it alone is vested the right and duty, which it cannot delegate, to superintend and govern all Commanderies of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders within this jurisdiction.

It has exclusive power to grant Dispensations and Warrants for forming and opening commanderies of the above Orders, within this jurisdiction, and to extend or revoke the same.

It enacts statutes and issues edicts, and amends and repeals the same.

It censures, suspends, and erases counsels and commanderies, and holds any of their members amenable for any violation or neglect of its statutes and edicts, and has supreme authority, throughout this jurisdiction, in all matters pertaining to Templar Masonry, subject only to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and the Grand Encampment of the United States.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 4.—It shall consist of a Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Prelate, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guards, — *ex-officiis*; of all Past Grand Commanders and Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Commanders and Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Generalissimos, and Past Grand Captains-General of this body, so long as they remain members of commanderies under this jurisdiction; of the Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General, for the time being, of all subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction; and of all Past Commanders of such subordinates, so long as they are members of commanderies under this jurisdiction, each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote and no more, except as proxy.

A permanent member has but one vote in his own right as such, and but two in any case.

ATTENDANCE AND PROXIES.

SEC. 5.—Each of the officers named in the preceding section, save and except Past Commanders, being unable to attend the conclaves in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, except that of taking his rank in Grand Commandery.

Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of *the same subordinate commandery as his principal*, and a templar of not less than three years' standing, and must present a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

The R. E. Grand Commander, immediately after his installation, shall appoint a committee of three members as a standing Committee on Credentials, for the year ensuing, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the commandery as early as may be at every conclave, who are entitled to seats therein; also a committee of three members, who shall be styled a Committee on Printing, whose duty it shall be to supervise the printing of the proceedings, and shall have authority to decide what shall be printed therein, and the Grand Recorder shall act under the advice and direction of said committee in all matters of printing; also a committee of three members to be styled a Committee on By-Laws, who shall take into consideration and report upon all By-Laws of subordinate bodies which may be referred to them by the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander.

OFFICERS, ELECTION, AND TITLES.

SEC. 6.—The first nine officers shall be chosen by written ballot; the others, together with a Grand Sentinel, by appointment of the Grand Commander.

No knight is eligible to any office in this Grand Commandery, unless he be a member of some subordinate commandery, and a templar of not less than three years' standing.

The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The title of the Grand Commander is "RIGHT EMINENT;" that of Deputy Grand Commander, "VERY EMINENT;" of the other Grand Officers, "EMINENT."

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 7.—This Grand Commandery shall hold a regular conclave in October and May of each year, at such time and place as the presiding officer shall appoint, — in October, for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business; and in May, for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the order.

Special conclaves may be held at the pleasure of the presiding officer; but no business shall be transacted at a special conclave, save that which was specified in the original notice.

PREROGATIVES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 8.—The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the subordinate commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules and edicts, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and of this Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly obeyed.

The Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander, at their pleasure, visit and preside in any subordinate commandery, and give such instruction and direction in

the work and ritual as the good of the order may require, always conforming to the ancient landmarks and this Grand Constitution. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander.

It is the duty of the Grand Commander, in person or by one of his council, to visit and examine every subordinate commandery under Dispensation once in three months, and every chartered commandery annually, and cause a report of the same to be made at the annual conclave of this Grand Commandery: *provided, however*, that when in the judgment of the Grand Commander the interest of the institution will be promoted thereby, he may designate one of the Grand Lecturers to make such visit and report to him.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to report to the Grand Commander or presiding officer, whenever and as often as there shall be a surplus of one hundred dollars in the treasury, not subject to any appropriation already made; and to invest the same by and with the advice of the first two officers.

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder, annually to communicate to the Grand Recorders of all State Grand Commanderies, and to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a list of all the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, and all such other matters as the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall deem to be for the general good of the Order, or useful for their information.

The other duties of the above officers, and the duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their offices, and such as may be required of them by this Grand Commandery and the Grand Commander.

NEW COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 9.—Dispensations for forming and opening new commanderies, upon the petition of not less than nine Knight Templars residing within the jurisdiction, may be issued by the Grand Commander during the recess of the Grand Commandery only. Dispensations so issued to be of force only until the next stated conclave of this body, unless continued by vote thereof; *provided, however*, that no dispensation shall be issued without the consent of the commandery nearest to the place where the new one is to be located; and, if in that town or city there is more than one, the consent of all shall be obtained.

Charters shall be granted by vote of the Grand Commandery alone, and at a stated conclave.

A Commandery formed within this jurisdiction, without a dispensation or charter, as above provided, shall be deemed illegal; and all communication between Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and the members of such illegal ones, is hereby strictly forbidden.

FEES FOR DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 10.—The fees for a Dispensation are forty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and three dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a Charter, sixty dollars to the Grand Commandery, and seven dollars to the Grand Recorder; and, for a charter without a previous Dispensation, one hundred dollars to the Grand Commandery, and ten dollars to the Grand Recorder. In no case shall a dispensation or Charter be issued, until the required fees shall have been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

GRAND FUND.

SEC. 11.—One-tenth of the unincumbered funds of this body, at its Annual Conclave in October, 1859, and one-

tenth of its present and future income, shall be set apart, and shall form a "Grand Fund;" the interest only of which shall be expended, for charitable and other purposes, at the discretion of this Grand Body; *provided, however*, that no portion of the interest shall be expended for any purpose whatever, until the principal shall amount to five thousand dollars. The unexpended income of the fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal. Until this fund shall amount to five thousand dollars, it shall not be in knightly faith to diminish the rate of increase as provided above.

The Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder, shall be a committee to be styled "The Grand Fund Committee," whose duty it shall be to attend to the safe and profitable investment of this fund. They shall also make a detailed report in writing of its condition at the Annual Conclave in October. A failure so to do shall render them ineligible to re-election for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II.—SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1.—Every subordinate commandery shall consist of a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Prelate, Senior Warder, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard-Bearer, Sword-Bearer, and Warder, and such other officers and members as may be found convenient.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 2.—No by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 3.—Every subordinate commandery shall hold a conclave at least quarterly for improvement and business.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 4.—Every subordinate commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the orders of Knighthood over, all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of conclave, than to that of any other commandery; *provided*, that any commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other commandery.

OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SEC. 5.—The first eight officers shall be elected by written ballot; the others may be appointed by the Commander at the pleasure of the Commandery. The officers thus chosen shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed, and installed. The title of the Commander is "EMINENT." The Commander of a subordinate commandery has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his commandery and this Grand Constitution are duly observed; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns to this Grand Commandery are made annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. He calls special conclaves of his Commandery at pleasure; and it is his duty, with his Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all conclaves of this Grand Commandery.

The duties of the other officers are such as are traditionally appropriate, and such as may be assigned them by the Commandery or the Commander.

OBLIGATION.

SEC. 6.—The officers of every subordinate commandery before installation, and every candidate upon admission, shall take the following obligation, viz.: "I —— ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

ANNUAL RETURNS.

SEC. 7.—Every subordinate commandery shall make a return to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, on or before the tenth day of October, annually, of the roll of its officers and members, of all candidates for the Orders, accepted or rejected; and shall pay to this Grand Commandery four dollars for every Knight created, and an annual fee of five dollars.

ORDERS, FEES, AND RULE OF SUCCESSION.

SEC. 8.—No subordinate commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars, nor on any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., M. M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M.; and no candidate for the Orders shall be balloted for, until he shall have stood proposed at least four weeks, unless by written permission of the R. E. Grand Commander. If a candidate be rejected, no new petition for the Orders shall be presented until after the expiration of four months from the time of such rejection, The Orders shall be conferred in the following succession. viz.: 1. KNIGHT OF THE RED CROSS; 2. KNIGHT TEMPLAR; 3. KNIGHT OF MALTA.

SEC. 9.—The petition of any and every candidate for the orders in any commandery under this jurisdiction shall be made in the following form, and signed by the applicant:

To the Eminent Commander and members of.....Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant orders of.....

The subscriber, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, is desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted to the Orders of Knighthood in your commandery.

Residence.....Age.....

Occupation.....

When and in what Lodge made a Master Mason.....

When in and what Chapter exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason.....

Of what Lodge now a member.....

Of what Chapter now a member.....

I am a believer in the Christian religion.....

I have.....before applied for these orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

.....

(DATE)

.....

RECOMMENDATION.

I.....a member of.....Commandery aforesaid, hereby recommend said Companion.....

.....for admission to the Orders of Knighthood.

(SIGNED)

.....

SEC. 10.—If it shall appear that the applicant has before applied for the Orders in any commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such commandery shall be situated.

SOJOURNERS.

SEC. 11. It is not regular for a subordinate commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any sojourner from any State or place in which there is a commandery regularly established, except by consent of the commandery having jurisdiction. Any commandery which violates this regulation shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay, on demand, to the commandery having jurisdiction, the amount of fees received.

Any commandery may, however, take cognizance of the conduct of sojourning Knights.

QUESTIONS.

SEC. 12.—In every conclave of Knights, all questions, except of the admission of candidates and members, and of matters specially reserved by the by-laws, shall be decided by a majority vote—the presiding officer, if a member, being entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, to the casting vote.

COSTUME.

SEC. 13.—The costume of this Grand Commandery and its subordinates is such as is, from time to time, approved by this Grand Body.

OPENING AND CLOSING.

SEC. 14.—All councils and commanderies should be opened and closed in due and ancient form; and commanderies with devotion.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 15.—This Grand Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Conclave in October.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - - JOHN DEAN,

WORCESTER, MASS.

GRAND RECORDER, - - ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

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OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

MAY 23d, 1879.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND was held in Masons' Hall, in the city of Providence, R. I., on Friday, May 23, A. D. 1879, A. O. 761.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir A. H. HOWLAND, JR., *as*.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN,
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, } Grand Lecturers.
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened at 11.30 o'clock, A. M., for the dispatch of business.

The Sir Knights joined in devotions with the Grand Prelate, E. Sir Rev. T. E. St. John.

Permanent Members Present, being Past Grand Officers.

R. E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,
R. E. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,
R. E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK,
R. E. Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,
R. E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir HENRY CHICKERING.

Past Eminent Commanders not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir LUCIUS R. PAIGE,
E. Sir OLIVER JOHNSON,
E. Sir ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir HENRY A. PIERCE,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir JOHN KENT,
E. Sir EDWIN J. NIGHTINGALE,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir SAMUEL G. STINESS,
E. Sir ABRAMAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,
E. Sir EDWARD H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir FRANCIS C. HERSEY,
E. Sir MOSES P. ROBERTS,
E. Sir JACOB SILLOWAY, JR.,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES,
E. Sir HENRY C. CHAMBERLAIN.

Proxies.

E. Sir C. C. HUTCHINSON, of Pilgrim, by Sir CHARLES MORRILL.

The Committee on Credentials were authorized to sit during the Conclave, and their report is as follows:

The Committee on Credentials having attended to their duty, respectfully beg leave to report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	13
Past Grand Officers	8
Past Eminent Commanders	17
Eminent Commanders	26

Generalissimos	11
Captains-General	7
Proxies, in form, only	1
Total	83

They also report thirty commanderies represented.

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
JAMES SWORDS, } Committee.

Roll of Commanderies reported.

St. John,	Old Colony,	Godfrey De Bouillon,
Boston,	Sutton,	Joseph Warren,
Springfield,	Bethany,	Narragansett,
De Molay,	Winslow Lewis,	William Parkman,
Holy Sepulchre,	Jerusalem,	South Shore,
Pilgrim,	Hugh De Payens,	Natick,
Palestine,	St. Omer,	Cœur de Lion,
Saint Bernard,	Berkshire,	Olivet,
Calvary,	Woonsocket,	Athol,
Haverhill,	Connecticut Valley,	Cyprus.

The Records of 1878 having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander then made the following

ADDRESS:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,
PROVIDENCE, May 23, 1879.

Sir Knights:

We have met to-day, as provided in our Grand Constitution, "for the exemplification of the work and ritual, the transaction of such special business as shall be presented, and the consideration of such matters as pertain to the general good of the Order."

It is a matter for heartfelt congratulation that so many of this grand body are permitted to convene in Semi-Annual Conclave, and once more kneel within our Grand Asylum in devout thanksgiving for our preservation, and for the countless blessings we have enjoyed.

Though we still live, the lesson of our common mortality is renewed as we annnounce, at our stated conclaves, the decease of some of our number.

My reference, at the Annual Conclave, to the death of our Past M. E. Grand Master, Rev. Sir Charles Henry Titus, has been inadvertently omitted in the proceedings. The committee, to which was referred the subject of his death, has happily embodied in its report a discriminating and eloquent tribute to his memory.

On Friday, the first day of November, I represented this Grand Body at the funeral ceremonies of our departed brother.

In accordance with his request while living, his body was conveyed to Warren, Rhode Island, for interment, where the Masonic burial services were performed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master. Other very impressive ceremonies were held in the Methodist Church in Warren, of which he had been a former pastor, before the concluding ceremonies at the grave by the Grand Lodge.

I copy from the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the following order of procession accompanying the remains to the grave :

St. John's Commandery, K. T., of Providence.

Washington Lodge, No. 3, of Warren, W. William H. Crawley, W. M.

Charles H. Titus Lodge, of Taunton, W. George H. Rhodes, W. M.

Officers of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, M. W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master, and M. W. Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island.

Hearse.

Guard of Honor, composed of Sir Knights of St. John's Commandery.

Coaches containing mourners.

The pall bearers were R. W. Percival L. Everett, representing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; W. George H. Rhodes, W. M., and Walter S. Sprague, P. M., representing Charles H. Titus Lodge, of Taunton, and W. Abner Coleman, representing King David's Lodge, of Taunton; E. Cyrus B. Manchester, representing Grand R. A. Chapter of Rhode Island; E. Sir Knights George H. Burnham, and A. H. Cushman, representing St. John's Commandery; R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander, and V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Deputy Grand Commander, representing the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; R. W. Thomas A. Doyle, representing the Supreme Council, 33d Degree.

November 4th, 1878, I caused the following order to be promulgated:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 4th, 1878.

To all our Grand Officers, to all our Commanderies, and to all Knights Templars within our Jurisdiction:

It becomes my sad duty to communicate that the messenger of death has again invaded the lines of our Grand Commandery.

M. E. and Rev. Sir CHARLES HENRY TITUS died on Tuesday, October 29th, at his residence, Jamaica Plain, aged 59 years and 6 months.

He had served in the respective offices of Grand Prelate, Grand Captain-General, Deputy Grand Master, and, in 1865–66, as M. E. Grand Master of this Grand Body; and, since 1871, as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In all of which positions he reflected honor upon our Orders "and gained the respect and affection of all the brethren with whom he became associated."

It is, therefore, *ordered*, that your Altars be draped with mourning until the termination of the third regular meeting from this date.

It is also *ordered*, that this order be read at the head of each commandery at the next Regular Assembly, and be entered in its records.

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

On the 14th day of November, M. E. Sir Abraham Annis Dame, the oldest Past Grand Master of this Grand Body, departed this life. On Sunday, the 17th, at Mount Auburn cemetery, his remains were consigned to earth.

The funeral ceremonies were held at Dr. Bartol's Church, Cambridge street, Boston.

After the pastor's address, the Templar burial services were performed in the church by Boston Commandery. The services in the church were of a very impressive character.

Representatives of the various Masonic organizations, including Massachusetts Lodge, in which he was made a Mason in 1818, were present to do honor to his memory.

The Grand Commandery was represented by your Grand Commander; E. Sirs William H. Kent, Grand Generalissimo; A. F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, and others.

The speaking likeness of the departed which appears in our last proceedings, is the gift of E. Sir James H. Upham, the Commander of Boston Commandery, of which the deceased had been a member since 1822.

Brother Dame was exceptionally endowed by nature with physical vigor and a most retentive memory; to the latter quality, and his great interest in Masonry, he owed the ritualistic knowledge for which he became remarkable.

His acquirements were recognized by this Grand Body, and were resorted to in the perfecting of the ritual now in use.

Brother Dame was strong in his convictions, and fearless in their expression. To him, and such as he, we are under no light obligations, for their example in less peaceful times. During the anti-Masonic crusade, when the feebler minded cowered before the storm of persecution, our departed brother never wavered in his devotion to Masonry, but bore full knightly the Beauseant of our Order.

The following announcement of his death was issued :

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 22d, 1878.

To the Grand Officers, Commanderies and Knights Templars of our Jurisdiction:

Another summons to "the silent halls of death" has come, and our oldest Past M. E. Grand Master, ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, has heard and responded to the call, as though he were but lying "down to pleasant dreams."

A Mason since 1818—a Knight Templar since 1822, and Past Grand Master since 1835. He has, whether in official or private stations, constantly adorned our noble Orders.

His death occurred November 14th, A. D. 1878, at the ripe age of 86 years.

It is, therefore, *ordered,* in token of our respect for his memory, that the emblems of mourning at present displayed, by reason of previous and recent deaths, be continued for a period of ninety days after the receipt of this order.

It is also *ordered,* that this order be read at the head of each commandery at the next Regular Assembly, and be entered in its records.

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

I will now present for your consideration a report of my official acts as Grand Commander since our Annual Conclave in October last.

The following order of assignment of Commanderies of the jurisdiction, for official visitation and inspection for the year, is submitted:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
WORCESTER, Mass., November 22d, 1878.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.

The following is the Assignment of Commanderies for Official Visitation and Inspection:

First.—To the R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander: Pilgrim, Palestine, Saint Bernard, and Woonsocket.

Second.—To the V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Deputy Grand Commander: Saint John's, Washington, Springfield, Holy Sepulchre, Winslow Lewis, Narragansett, and Bristol.

Third.—To the E. Sir William H. Kent, Grand Generalissimo: Worcester County, De Molay, Bethany, Saint Omer, Natick, Cœur de Lion, Gethsemane, and Cyprus.

Fourth.—To the E. Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Captain-General: Boston, Calvary, Jerusalem, Berkshire, Connecticut Valley, Joseph Warren, Northampton, and Athol.

Fifth.—To the E. Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: Old Colony, Milford, William Parkman, and Olivet.

Sixth.—To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Newburyport, Haverhill, South Shore, and Trinity.

Seventh.—To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Sutton, Hugh de Payens, Bay State, and Godfrey de Bouillon.

The Grand Officers will see that the Work of the several Commanderies assigned them conforms to the approved ritual, and will report to me their condition on or before October 1st, 1879.

This Order shall be read at the head of each Commandery at the regular Assembly next after its receipt.

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,
Grand Recorder.

Subsequently, at the request of E. Sir William H. Kent, who from illness sought relief from the duty of visiting a part of the Commanderies assigned to him, the following changes in the assignments of Commanderies were made :

First.—To the R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander: Worcester County Commandery.

Second.—To the E. Sir Caleb Saunders, Grand Captain-General: Bethany Commandery.

Third.—To the E. Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Lecturer: Natick Commandery.

Fourth.—To the E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft, Grand Lecturer: Cyprus Commandery.

Fifth.—To the E. Sir Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer: Gethsemane Commandery.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following special dispensations :

December 20th, to Cœur de Lion Commandery, to fill by election a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden.

February 7th, to Jerusalem Commandery, to do escort duty for Trinity Lodge, of Clinton, at the burial of a Sir Knight of said Commandery by said Lodge.

February 19th, to Springfield Commandery, to visit the Sir Knights of said Commandery resident in Holyoke, and to participate in a drill at the City Hall in Holyoke.

April 11th, to Springfield Commandery, to hold a social reunion, drill, and promenade concert, in the City Hall, Springfield, May 14th, tickets of admission to be issued to Masons and their lady friends; also to parade in reception of the non-resident members.

April 12th, to St. Omer Commandery, to parade on the 24th of June, in celebration of St. John's Day, and to receive and entertain Haverhill Commandery, their invited guest on that occasion.

April 24th, to Boston Commandery, to parade in regalia, and to visit the city of Providence, and Rocky Point, Rhode

Island, on St. John's Day, June 24th, and to return to Boston the following day.

April 28th, to Haverhill Commandery, to accept the hospitalities of St. Omer Commandery, and for that purpose to make a pilgrimage to South Boston and such other localities as may be necessary, on St. John's Day, June 24th, next.

May 2d, to Calvary Commandery, to parade, and to attend as escort, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to Westerly, on the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Westerly, May 15th instant.

May 10th, to St. John's Commandery, to visit Boston Commandery, at Boston, on the 21st of May, to witness the work, and, for convenience in going to and from said city, to appear in costume unattended by music.

May 10th, to Narragansett Commandery, of Westerly, Rhode Island, to parade in costume as escort to Franklin Lodge, on the occasion of the dedication of their new Masonic Hall.

I have in three instances granted dispensations for the public installation of officers.

In three instances I have authorized commanderies to ballot on petitions for the orders in less time than is constitutionally provided; in each case I have required proper notice to be given of the proposed action.

I have, in other instances, withheld my consent to the setting aside of the law for said purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence incident to the office of your Grand Commander has been of the usual character and amount.

A gratifying feature of it is the marked disposition manifested by the commanders of subordinate bodies to carry out in their fullest meaning all the requirements of our laws and usages. The fidelity and loyalty thus exhibited are cheering indications of the spirit actuating our subordinate commanderies, and cannot be too highly commended.

I would, however, say that in some cases there is apparent a tendency to depend upon the Grand Commander in matters

that should seem to be within the experience or means of research of those who have attained to positions of dignity in our institution.

While I would not say anything to discourage application to the Grand Commander in a case of doubt, I would suggest, not merely as affecting the labors of the Grand Commander, but as a source of advantage and satisfaction to the E. Commanders of our subordinate bodies, that they should study to become fully conversant with the established precedents, and constitutional provisions, as defined and set forth in our printed proceedings.

The satisfaction derived from the acquisition of this knowledge, and the consciousness of increased efficiency, would amply compensate for the labor bestowed.

Of the matters treated in the correspondence, only a few seem to be of sufficient importance for your consideration.

My opinion was asked "Whether Commanderies that are in debt are obliged to grant all dimits to their members that may be applied for." My reply was, I am not aware of any law that will sustain a commandery in withholding a dimit, when requested, if the applicant has paid all dues and assessments properly laid, and is not the subject of charges.

A manuscript was presented for my approval, embracing, in addition to the proper lessons now in use, alternate lessons, prayers, and other matters, which the writer trusted would be found not inappropriate for use in our ceremonies. I replied that I did not feel authorized to give my official endorsement to any ritual or ceremonies to be used in our commanderies, other than those approved by the Grand Commandery.

I was asked to give my opinion on the case which is briefly presented below.

The by-laws of a commandery provided for the establishment of a relief fund to the amount of five thousand dollars. Under this, the sum of $1,300 had accumulated. The income of the commandery failing to meet expenses, and the appropriation due this fund under the by-laws; the commandery had voted to discontinue such appropriation.

It was then proposed on the part of a number of the mem-

bers of the commandery, to turn the Relief Fund itself already accumulated from its intended use, into the general treasury, to pay the debts of the commandery.

To this course a strong opposition was manifested by the conservative element of the body.

The question submitted for my opinion was this: "Is the action proposed at variance with Templar usages?"

I replied as follows: "The tenets of our Order require us to distribute alms, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. The adoption of the by-law, by your Commandery, making provision for the Relief Fund, was in fulfillment of these tenets, and was, in a knightly sense, a pledge to devote the accumulations under this by-law to the purposes assigned. To divert this accumulated fund from the purposes intended, would in my judgment, be at 'variance' with Templar precedents, and with 'Templar usages.'

A commandery might be in a financial condition that would fully justify it in appropriating its charity fund; but I do not understand this to be the condition of your Commandery."

DECISIONS. — JURISDICTION.

I present the following correspondence on the matter of jurisdiction:

St. Omer Commandery, in anticipation of applications for the orders from companions resident in Quincy, requested my official decision as to the jurisdiction of St. Omer, or of South Shore Commandery, over the companions residing at Quincy.

The following statement of facts is taken from the correspondence:

"(1) Quincy is contiguous to both Boston and Weymouth, yet Quincy Centre is nearer the Asylum of South Shore Commandery in Weymouth than that of St. Omer in Boston. (2) Quite a number of Sir Knights living in Quincy have received the orders, and are members of South Shore Commandery, while several have received the orders and are members of Boston Commandery.

Whether any question of jurisdiction was raised when the latter were knighted, I am not informed. (3) Sir Knights living in Quincy, in order to be present at the conclaves of South Shore Commandery in Weymouth, are obliged to employ special conveyance, there being no evening trains on the Old Colony Railroad leaving Weymouth later than 6.30 P. M., while to be present at conclaves in this city, they have every advantage of the many trains running each way, and particularly of the late trains, (9.30 and 11.15 P. M.) for leaving the city for their homes after the close of the conclaves. (4) Many of the companions living in Quincy have their business in Boston. The ones to whom I refer as contemplating placing their applications with us are business men in this city, (Boston,) and could therefore attend our conclaves before returning to their homes, thus saving considerable time and travel, and often extra expense."

I replied that the matter of jurisdiction had better be decided in Grand Commandery.

March 4th, E. Sir Knight Soule, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, wrote informing me that an application had been received from a companion residing in Quincy, and earnestly requesting a decision in the case.

In view of the earnest solicitation of E. Sir Knight Soule, and the fact of an actual application having been received, I concluded to pass upon the matter and rendered the following decision:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

WORCESTER, Mass., March 5th, 1879.

WM. H. H. SOULE, ESQ.,

E. C. St. Omer Commandery:

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—I have received your letter. In reply I would refer you to Section 4, Article 2, of the Grand Constitution, which reads as follows: "Every subordinate Commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the

orders of Knighthood over all territory lying nearer the usual traveled routes to its place of conclave, than to that of any other Commandery; *provided*, that any Commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other Commandery."

So far as I can ascertain, it is nearer from Quincy to the place of conclave of South Shore Commandery, by the usual traveled routes, than to that of St. Omer Commandery.

Consequently my decision is that the South Shore Commandery has jurisdiction over the companions resident in Quincy.

It will, therefore, be necessary to obtain the consent of South Shore Commandery, as provided in the article quoted, before you can act upon the application of the companion in question.

Courteously yours,

JOHN DEAN,
Grand Commander.

The Old Colony Railroad time table presents the following distances:

From Boston to Quincy, 8 miles.
From Quincy to East Weymouth 6¼ miles.

An official of the Old Colony Railroad reports the exact distance by the railroad to be,

From Boston to Quincy 7 83-100 miles.
From Quincy to East Weymouth 6 63-100 miles.

The following letter is in answer to my inquiry as to the distance between said places by ordinary carriage roads:

BOSTON, May 14, 1879.

JOHN DEAN, ESQ., *Grand Commander, &c:*

MY DEAR SIR:—Your communication asking me "to ascertain and report to you the distance between *Boston and Quincy*, also between *Quincy and East Weymouth*," is received.

I have made strict inquiries from reliable sources, and taking Quincy Meeting House as a centre, the distance by ordinary carriage travel, from there to the United States Court House on Tremont street, in Boston, is *eight miles*. The distance from Quincy Meeting House to a central portion of the town of East Weymouth is *three and one-half miles*.

I am, courteously yours,

WM. D. POOL.

I have also ruled as presented below.

Section 10 of Article 2 of the Grand Constitution reads as follows:

"If it shall appear that the applicant has before applied for the Orders in any Commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the Commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such Commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such Commandery shall be situated."

I have ruled that the provisions of the said section of the Grand Constitution apply not only to a rejected candidate, but also to an elected candidate, who has failed to present himself to receive the Orders.

BY-LAWS.

I received from Washington and Trinity Commanderies proposed amendments to their by-laws, which were referred by me to the committee on by-laws, and which received the approval of the committee, and subsequently my approval, December 4th, 1878, and April 18th, 1879.

I also received certain proposed amendments to the by-laws of Haverhill, Boston and Connecticut Valley Commanderies, which I thought proper to approve without referring them, since they were of a character obviously not requiring the deliberations of the committee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

By my direction, commissions have been issued appointing the following Sir Knights as representatives of this Grand Body for three years, at and near the respective Grand Commanderies named. We have received assurances that these Eminent Sir Knights are worthy of the honor conferred:

March 12th, 1879, E. Sir Robert B. Brannin, Aberdeen, Miss., Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

March 12th, 1879, E. Sir Henry H. Boudinot, Terra Haute, Ind., Grand Commandery of Indiana.

May 2d, 1879, R. E. Sir John L. Philbrick, Doniphan, Kansas, Grand Commandery of Kansas.

May 2d, 1879, E. Sir John B. Maude, Saint Louis, Mo., Grand Commandery of Missouri.

May 2d, 1879, E. Sir Alexander F. Vance, Jr., Urbana, Ohio, Grand Commandery of Ohio.

It gives me pleasure to state that I have reappointed as our Grand Representatives, the following distinguished knights, whose terms of office had expired:

V. E. Sir Henry Woodward, Middletown, Conn., May 3d, 1879, Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

R. E. Sir John W. Ballou, Bath, Me., May 3d, 1879, Grand Commandery of Maine.

E. Sir Charles H. Eastman, Nashville, Tenn., May 3d, 1879, Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

E. Sir Hugh Sterling, Wheeling, West Va., May 3d, 1879, Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

The commission issued May 2d, appointing E. Sir John B. Maude, of Saint Louis, Missouri, as our Grand Representative at and near the Grand Commandery of Missouri, has been returned with the announcement of his decease just prior to its arrival. I am not informed as to the circumstances of his death.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

The work and ritual of the Order of the Temple will be exemplified before you, during the present session, by Calvary Commandery of Providence.

I have appointed E. Sirs George H. Burnham, Grand Junior Warden, and Clinton D. Sellew, Commander of Calvary Commandery, to make the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the Grand Body during the present conclave, and to provide a collation to be served at one o'clock.

I have now placed before you such of my official acts as seem to me of sufficient importance for your consideration.

May the wisdom that has guided us in the past, attend our present deliberations.

On motion of R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, the Address was referred to appropriate committees, as follows, appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

1. So much as relates to the death of Past Grand Master Abraham Annis Dame, to E. Sirs Wyzeman Marshall, William Parkman, and Frank C. Hersey.

2. So much as relates to Dispensations and Appointments, to E. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, Joseph B. Mason, and Nathan B. Fletcher.

3. So much as relates to Correspondence and Decisions, to E. Sirs Tracy P. Cheever, William W. McKinn, and Dexter B. Vickery.

4. The remainder to E. Sirs Charles C. Hutchinson, Walter B. Vincent, and James H. Upham.

By-Laws.

The proposed change in the By-Laws of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, to which the remarks of the R. E. Grand Commander applies, as against changing the intended purpose of a Relief Fund, was to amend Article VII of the By-Laws, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

"The revenue of this Commandery, from whatever source derived, shall be paid into the treasury thereof."

"All By-Laws inconsistent with this are hereby repealed."

On motion it was

Voted, That the proposed change be not approved.

The Committees on By-Laws reported amendments to the codes submitted by Holy Sepulchre and Sutton Commanderies, the report being very full in regard to the latter.

On motion, it was voted to accept the report; and it was subsequently voted that By-Laws of Sutton Commandery be approved, when made to conform to the report of committee.

It was also

Voted, That all By-Laws hereafter approved by the R. E. Grand Commander, be hereby approved by the Grand Commandery.

The Special Committee on Finance

reported as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The Special Committee on Finance, appointed to examine the financial system of the Grand Commandery with a view to suggest remedies for any defects, find that, since the year 1874, the expenditures, notwithstanding the wise economy practiced, have exceeded the receipts an average of a thousand dollars a year. The deficiency has chiefly arisen from the decrease in the annual receipts, resulting largely from the great business depression.

As the invested funds, held by the Treasurer, have been sold to liquidate the annual deficits, and as it is probable that even, with the utmost economy, the average of the annual expenses in the future will exceed the comparatively light expenditure of the past year, it is clearly evident that an emergency confronts us requiring prompt action to prevent the accumulation of an annoying debt.

The Committee recommend the raising of the fee for each Knight created from four to five dollars, and a capitation tax of fifteen cents on each member of the Commanderies, and propose the following amendments embracing these points, and reconstructing the method of holding the Grand Fund.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

In Article I, Section 4, amend by adding in the sixth line, after the word Guards, the words "*and three Trustees of the Grand Fund.*"

In Article I, Section 11, strike out the whole section, and insert the following as Section 11.

"The invested funds of this Grand Commandery heretofore established by the provisions of the Constitution, and now held in accordance with said provisions, and one-tenth part of the future income of said Grand Commandery annually to be added to the principal thereof, shall constitute *the Grand Fund.* The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery. All unexpended income of this Fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal.

"A Board, to be styled 'The Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Mass. and R. I.,' shall be constituted in manner following, viz: The R. E. Grand Commander and the E. Grand Treasurer, shall be, *ex-officiis*, members of said Board, and there shall be elected at the regular conclave in October, 1879, three members of the Grand Commandery, to serve, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, as members of said Board, who, during their term of service thereon, shall hold no other office in this Grand Body. And thereafter there shall be annually elected one such member of said Board for the term of three years. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled, for the remainder of the term by the Grand Commandery, by election at any regular or special conclave.

"It shall be the duty of said Board to hold in trust, for the benefit of the Grand Commandery, the property belonging to the said Grand Fund, and to attend to the care and safe and profitable investment thereof. They shall make a detailed report, in writing, of the condition of the said Grand Fund at each annual conclave. A failure to make such report, unless excused by the Grand Commandery, shall render the members of said Board ineligible to election to any office in the Grand Commandery the ensuing year. The Treasurer of the Trustees shall give bonds with sureties to the satisfaction of the Board for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office."

"In Article II, Section 7, amend by striking out in sixth line the word '*four*,' and inserting the word '*five*'; also by adding at the end of the Section the words 'together with the sum of fifteen cents for each member of the Commandery.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
} Committee.

On motion of E. Sir T. A. Doyle, it was

Voted, That the report be printed in the proceedings of this session, and referred for further action to the Annual Conclave in October next.

The Committee on Remainder of Address in October, 1878, reported as follows:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

MAY 23d, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the R. E. Grand Commander's Address, at the last annual conclave, not specially referred to other committees, respectfully report that the subjects thus disposed of by special reference, leaves very little that seems to require comment by this committee.

It is a matter of congratulation that the R. E. Grand Commander is enabled to state that from the reports of the Grand Officers making official visitations to the Subordinate Commanderies, and his own observation, he gathers that, though the depressed condition of business has lessened the number of initiates, yet the Commanderies "in the main conform to our approved work, are under good discipline and are in a favorable condition." That harmony and peace prevail may be inferred from the fact stated that the large amount of correspondence for the year "has not involved any new question for decision."

We are happy to note the part taken by the R. E. Grand Commander in representing this Body in the services connected with the re-interment of the remains of that distinguished Mason, Isaiah Thomas — a very proper mark of respect to the memory of a so justly extolled brother, citizen and patriot.

The R. E. Grand Commander states that one full code of by-laws, and amendments to another, had been received since the May Assembly, referred to the Committee on By-Laws, and, as amended by the Committee, approved by him. As the Constitution says—Art. 2, Sec. 2,—"No By-Laws of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery," a question might arise as to the validity of by-laws thus approved, we therefore recommend that a vote of approval of the By-Laws of Haverhill and Washington Commanderies be passed.

Sir Knights: Let us not only listen with attention to the incisive sentences with which the address closes, but may they be to each of us an inspiration to the practice of those Christian virtues to which they summon us, that the world may be the better and the happier for our living in it.

HENRY CHICKERING,

For the Committee.

The report was accepted.

R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee be and they are hereby appointed to take into consideration the subject of the approval of the by-laws of subordinate commanderies, and to report such amendments to the Grand Constitution as they shall deem proper to preserve to the Grand Commander the right to approve any by-law of a subordinate commandery when the Grand Commandery is not in session.

The resolution was adopted and referred to E. Sirs T. P. Cheever, H. W. Rugg and T. A. Doyle.

E. Sir Walter B. Vincent offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of granting to St. John's Commandery No. 1, jurisdiction concurrent with Bristol Commandery over the city of Taunton and vicinity, and report to this Grand Commandery at its next meeting, and that the committee be instructed to report an amendment to the Grand Constitution, if they shall find it expedient to secure such jurisdiction Such amendment to be borne upon the notices of the next conclave.

After discussion, which included the jurisdictional rights of Calvary, Holy Sepulchre, Sutton, Bay State and Godfrey de Bouillon Commanderies, the resolution was lost.

E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 4, by adding the words "and provided further, that the Grand Commandery may give concurrent jurisdiction to any Commandery over territory within the jurisdiction of another Commandery."

Referred to R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, E. Sir T. P. Cheever, and E. Sir C. C. Hutchinson.

The V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Sir Benjamin Dean, was observed to have entered the Grand Asylum, whereupon the R. E. Grand Commander appointed R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott,

and E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle, a committee to escort him to the Grand East, where he was received and welcomed with the honors due his rank and station.

E. Sir George H. Burnham, in behalf of the committee, announced that refreshments were now ready, and at

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

the Sir Knights were called from duty for one hour.

AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.,

the R. E. Grand Commander called the Sir Knights to duty and the Grand Commandery proceeded with the dispatch of business.

E. Sir E. Dana Bancroft offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ritual of this Grand Commandery be made to conform to the requirements of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by considering the Prelate as High Priest in the order of the Red Cross, and addressing him as Excellent High Priest in the Council Chamber, and Most Excellent High Priest in the Royal Arch Council.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized and instructed to correct the ritual in the opening ceremony, work, closing ceremony and lecture, so that it will conform to the foregoing resolution, and also to correct the ritual so as to make the Standard Bearer outrank the Sword Bearer.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, it was

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Grand Council, so much money as may be necessary to meet the expenses of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had not procured copies of the Code and Digest of Templar Law as author-

ized in October, 1878, for the reason that no funds were at disposal to pay for the same.

E. Sir George H. Burnham, J. G. W., announced that Calvary Commandery was in waiting for the purpose of exemplifying the work on the Order of the Temple.

The R. E. Grand Commander ordered that the Commandery be admitted, when Sir Clinton D. Sellew stated that he and his command were ready for work and awaited the pleasure of the Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Officers at once vacated their respective stations, and Calvary Commandery proceeded to duty.

Having completed their work, the Grand Officers resumed their stations, Calvary Commandery retired, and on motion of R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery are hereby extended to Calvary Commandery for the effective manner in which they have this day exemplified the beautiful work on the Order of the Temple.

No further business being presented at the Semi-Annual Conclave, the Sir Knights were called to their devotions, E. Sir H. C. Field acting as Grand Prelate, the Grand Asylum was closed, and the Grand Commandery adjourned.

ATTEST:

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.



ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

OCTOBER 31ST, 1879.

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, Mass., on Friday, October 31st, A. D. 1879, A. O. 760.

The Grand Commandery was formed in due array, and the Grand Asylum was opened in ample form at *Eleven* o'clock.

The Sir Knights united in their devotions with E. Sir Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Grand Prelate.

Grand Officers Present.

Sir JOHN DEAN.....R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS.....E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir SAMUEL MASON, JR.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir WILLIAM PARKMAN.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.....E. Grand Recorder.
Sir WILLIAM D. POOL.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir MARVIN S. FELLOWS.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir GARDNER T. SANFORD.....E. Grand Captain of Guards.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN.....
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT.....} Grand Lecturers.
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE.....Grand Sentinel.

Permanent Members, being Past Grand Officers.

E. Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,
E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER,
E. Sir N. VAN SLYCK,
E. Sir C. A. STOTT,
E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG,
E. Sir S. C. LAWRENCE,
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING,
E. Sir THOMAS A. DOYLE,
E. Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
E. Sir GEORGE E. STACY.

Members, being Past E. Commanders, not elsewhere represented.

E. Sir STILLMAN WHITE,
E. Sir ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
E. Sir WILLIAM JACKSON,
E. Sir LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D.,
E. Sir JAMES H. UPHAM,
E. Sir JOHN N. PIKE,
E. Sir DAVID STEVENS,
E. Sir ROBERT S. FRANKLIN,
E. Sir THOMAS R. LAMBERT,
E. Sir WILLIAM F. DAVIS,
E. Sir CHARLES B. LANCASTER,
E. Sir HENRY A. PIERCE,
E. Sir CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON,
E. Sir TRACY P. CHEEVER,
E. Sir JOHN C. HALL,
E. Sir JAMES DONAGHY,
E. Sir F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
E. Sir JOHN KENT,
E. Sir CHARLES R. DENNIS,
E. Sir JOHN P. LUTHER,
E. Sir EUGENE D. BURT,
E. Sir CHARLES R. BRAYTON,
E. Sir SAMUEL G. STINESS,
E. Sir NATHAN S. KIMBALL,
E. Sir THOMAS LEYLAND,
E. Sir JOHN BURNEY,
E. Sir JAMES SWORDS,
E. Sir CHARLES H. WHITE,
E. Sir E. H. BRAINARD,
E. Sir FRANCIS C. HERSEY,
E. Sir FRANCELLO G. JILLSON,
E. Sir MOSES P. ROBERTS,
E. Sir JOHN B. WHITTAKER,
E. Sir CHARLES HARRIS,
E. Sir GEORGE G. STILLMAN,
E. Sir WILLIAM J. ELLIS,
E. Sir E. H. DOOLITTLE,
E. Sir JACOB SILLOWAY, JR.,
E. Sir GEORGE W. FAY,
E. Sir JOHN B. WILSON,
E. Sir JAMES M. GREENWOOD,
E. Sir GAMALIEL HODGES,
E. Sir H. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
E. Sir SYLVANUS COBB, JR.

Represented by Proxy.

E. Sir WILLIAM G. STEVENS, E. Commander, and JOHN S. COGGSHALL, of Washington.

Sir DANIEL REED, Generalissimo of Milford.

Sir HORACE K. BLANCHARD, Generalissimo of Calvary.

Sir G. F. HURD, Generalissimo, and Sir CHARLES T. RANDALL, Captain-General, of St. Bernard.

Sir A. C. SMITH, Captain-General, of William Parkman.

Sir ARTHUR E. CODDING, Generalissimo, of Bristol.

E. Sir W. E. C. WORCESTER, E. Commander, of Trinity.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which was subsequently amended, and is as follows:

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 31, 1879.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following members, representatives and proxies present:

Grand Officers	15
Past Grand Officers	10
Past Eminent Commanders	44
Eminent Commanders	29
Generalissimos	16
Captains-Generals	11
Proxies	9
Total voters	134

Courteously submitted,

ALBERT H. CUSHMAN,
JAMES SWORDS, } Committee.

They also reported the Commanderies represented to be as follows:

St. John,	Calvary,	Joseph Warren,
Boston,	Haverhill,	Narragansett,
Newburyport,	Old Colony,	William Parkman,
Washington,	Sutton,	South Shore,
Worcester County,	Bethany,	Bristol,
Springfield,	Winslow Lewis,	Trinity,
De Molay,	Jerusalem,	Natick,
Holy Sepulchre,	Hugh de Payens,	Cœur de Lion,
Pilgrim,	Saint Omer,	Olivet,
Palestine,	Woonsocket,	Bay State,
Milford,	Connecticut Valley,	Cyprus.
Saint Bernard,	Godfrey de Bouillon,	

Total 35

The Records having been printed and distributed, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES.

ON FINANCE,

E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, E. Sir Charles B. Lancaster, and M. E. Sir William W. Baker.

ON COLLATION,

E. Sir Samuel Mason, Jr., and E. Sir Otis E. Weld.

ON GRAND FUND,

M. E. Sir William W. Baker.

The Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred to Committee on Finance.

GRAND FUND.

The following report, together with the certificate of E. Sir W. W. Baker thereon, were read and accepted:

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT ON GRAND FUND OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

In conformity with the provisions of Section 11 of Article 1, of Constitution of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the undersigned respectfully report a statement of said Fund.

There has been received,—

For interest	$343 68
Dividends	136 00
One-tenth of receipts of Grand Commandery, 1879	134 23
	$613 91

All of which has been deposited, and the whole Fund now amounts to ($16,930.83) sixteen thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars 83-100, and is invested as follows:

Oct. 30, 1878.	Deposit Book 31,084 on Provident Institution for Savings.....	$1,310 13		
	Interest to July, 1879.....	52 92—		$1,363 05
	Deposit Book 40,005 on Five Cent Savings Bank.....	$7,184 10		
	Interest to October, 1879.....	239 82—		$7,423 92
	Deposit Book 3,360 on North End Savings Bank.....	$2,813 19		
	Deposit two Dividends.....	136 00		
	Interest to January, 1879.....	50 94		
	Deposit one-tenth receipts.....	134 23—		$3,134 36
Oct. 31, 1878.	Thirty-four shares Bank stock, Market National Bank.....	$3,430 50		
	Fifteen shares Mt. Vernon National Bank.....	1,579 00—		$5,009 50
				$16,930 83

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DEAN, Grand Commander,
WILLIAM PARKMAN, G. Treasurer,
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, G. Recorder.

BOSTON, October 31, 1879.

BOSTON, October 29, 1879.

I have examined the above report and find it to be correct, and proper vouchers exhibited.

WILLIAM W. BAKER.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders, of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The property of the Grand Commandery in the care of this office is in good condition, and the Archives are well preserved.

In some respects, the year just past has been exceptional, and ranks all previous years in the promptness with which the

returns have been made, the last of these being made on the 24th instant.

I have received, from sources herein named, the following sums, for which I hold receipts showing their proper transfer to the treasury.

For Returns due and unpaid, October, 1878.....	$7 45
" Diplomas.....	81 00
" Certificates.....	4 00
" Proceedings 1803–1864, one copy.....	1 50
" Returns in full to October, 1879.....	1,342 35
Total.....	$1,436 30

Of this amount $291.75 is due the Grand Encampment of the United States, leaving the net amount to the Grand Commandery, $1,144.55.

The expense of postage and express charges for the year have been kept at the minimum. The total cost has been $37.80, more than one half of which was on account of our printed proceedings.

It may be of interest, for comparative purposes, to state that the number of knights created in 1877, 1878 and 1879, were 213, 214 and 214, respectively. And further, that while 214 were knighted the past year, only 81 Diplomas were called for. An equality in numbers in this matter would be to the advantage of the Grand Commandery.

Our printed proceedings are received with satisfaction, and commented upon for their merits—and to this I may add, the printing is not only well done, but at very favorable rates.

The work in the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction is shown in the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number.	Names of Commanderies.	Affiliated.	Members.	Created.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Discharged.	Expelled.	Died.
1	St. John's	1	341	8					4
2	Boston		531	13	5		7		14
3	Newburyport		69	3					3
4	Washington		72	4		2			2
5	Worcester County	2	244	17					4
6	Springfield	6	299	20	2				3
7	De Molay		327	2	4				3
8	Holy Sepulchre		171		1		18		3
9	Pilgrim	2	209	4					3
10	Palestine		185	3	3	8			3
11	Milford		141	3					
12	St. Bernard		90	6	2		3		2
13	Calvary		208	6	4	21			5
14	Haverhill	1	165	4	10	3			1
15	Old Colony		119	3	3				2
16	Sutton		222		3	1			1
17	Bethany	2	162	2	2				4
18	Winslow Lewis		122	2	5		3		
19	Jerusalem		111	1	5				5
20	Hugh de Payens	1	200	7	3				
21	Saint Omer		153	13	2	3	1		3
22	Berkshire		78	5	3				1
23	Woonsocket		136	7	2				2
24	Connecticut Valley		93	8	2				1
25	Godfrey de Bouillon		123	5	2				1
26	Joseph Warren		140	5		3			1
27	Narragansett	1	65	10					
28	William Parkman		105	9	2	6			3
29	Bristol		114	1					
30	Northampton		68	5					2
31	South Shore		140	6	1				
32	Trinity	1	69	2	2				
33	Natick		56	2	2		2		
34	Cœur de Lion	5	159	8	5		6		1
35	Gethsemane		72	1					1
36	Olivet		78	2	2				1
37	Athol		41	1	1	2			1
38	Bay State	1	103	6	1				1
39	Cyprus		48	10					
	Totals	23	5829	214	79	49	40		81

The printed proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies have been generally received, and show the usual care in preparation and printing. From these we are able to give an exhibit

of the work and numerical condition of the various jurisdictions in the following

TABLE.

Grand Commandery of	Date of last Annual Conclave.	No. of Subordinate Commanderies.	No. Created.	No. of Members.	Increase in the year.	Decrease in the year.
Alabama	May 21, 1879	11	16	206	...	4
Arkansas	January 8, 1879	4	9	140	27	
California	April 11, 1879	14	70	928	36	
Canada	October 11, 1878	21	40	587	167	
Colorado	September 20, 1878	3	12	141	5	
Connecticut	March 18, 1879	10	38	1,334	28	
England and Wales	May 9, 1879	126	....	2,200	....	
Georgia	May 21, 22, 1879	8	17	311	1	
Illinois	October 22, 1878	51	293	3,931	51	
Indiana	April 29, 1879	27	67	1,854	....	75
Iowa	October 17, 1878	34	134	1,636	102	
Kansas	May 13, 1879	14	70	508	86	
Kentucky	May 14, 1879	19	62	1,155	5	
Louisiana	February 14, 1879	4	.....	352	....	20
Maine	May 7, 1879	13	80	1,569	8	
Maryland	April 14, 1879	8	27	749	20	
Massachusetts and R. I.	October 31, 1879	39	214	5,829	....	6
Michigan	May 13, 1879	30	135	2,459	....	
Minnesota	June 24, 1879	11	50	702	25	
Mississippi	May 21, 22, 23, 1879	14	26	446	...	14
Missouri	October 8, 9, 1878	31	77	1,253	27	
Nebraska	April 30, 1878	7	37	346	12	
New Jersey	September 10, 1878	13	46	1,117	....	48
New York	October 8, 1878	54	247	6,864	....	142
New Hampshire	September 24, 1878	9	65	1,063	29	
Ohio	August 27, 1878	34	221	2,783	135	
Pennsylvania	May 27, 28, 29, 1879	57	220	5,824	.....	211
Tennessee	May 8, 1879	14	27	735	16	
Texas	February 12, 1879	13	74	579	81	
Vermont	.....	6	39	659	....	
Virginia	Nov. 12, 13, 1878	15	87	852	47	
West Virginia	.....	9	19	234	11	
Wisconsin	September 2, 1879	14	95	1,036	65	
Grand Encampm't U. S.	August 28–31, 1877	19	108	1,462	....	
Total number of Commanderies in United States only		620				
Total number of Commanderies in the U. S., England and Wales, and dependencies		756				
Total number created in United States and Canada			2722			
Total number of members in U. S. only				49,057		
Total number of members as above reported in all				51,844		

This shows a loss since last year of 80 in the United States, but a total Templar gain of 507, and an increase in the number of Commanderies of 22 in all.

In the foregoing Table we are unable to give the dates of the last Conclaves of a few of the Grand Commanderies, and these are left blank, for the reason that their proceedings have not been received. The figures in the columns filled have been obtained from other sources, and as presented can vary but very little from correctness at the present time. We have enough, however, to present some unmistakable facts, from which conclusions may be drawn.

Under the several heads of Dimitted, Suspended, and Died, we read 997, 1,144 and 596, respectively.

From this it appears that the number dimitted is 69 more than in 1878. If we add 30 expelled to the number suspended, we find that in these items the excess over last year is 336, or a total excess of loss from dimits, suspensions, discharges and expulsions of 286—making the entire loss for the year from these causes to be 2,141.

In the South the health of the Grand Bodies seems to be more soundly established. Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi are the only losers, their loss being 4, 20 and 14, against 21, 31 and 31 last year; all the others have gained, the smallest being 1 in Georgia, the largest, 47 in Virginia, though in proportion to numbers Arkansas shows the best, in adding 27 to 113.

If we come North, it appears that Indiana, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania lose 75, 48, 142 and 211, respectively. Massachusetts and Rhode Island lose 6; all others gain, the least being 8 in Maine, unless we except Colorado, where it is 5.

The largest net gains are in Canada, 167, Iowa, 102, Ohio, 135.

It may appear a little singular that in Illinois the dimits should equal 1 in 34 in the time of their great efforts to crown the Triennial Conclave at Chicago, in 1880, with supreme success.

The average of dimits to membership is, in round numbers, 1 in 60; in this jurisdiction it is 1 in 76.

The restorations to good Templar standing, reported, are 183—or 1 in 10 of those stricken from the rolls in 1878.

Notwithstanding these heavy losses, they are tokens of encouragement that the process of hardening into a firmer Templar life is going on, and that another year will show more uniform and healthful results.

The death roll is largely in excess of former years. As compared to last year it is 596 to 495—or a fraction over 1 in 82. In this jurisdiction it is 81—or 1 in 72—a mortality unequalled except in 1875, when the loss in numbers was 83.

But the silver cord has been loosed in every Templar jurisdiction, and the mourners meet in their many Asylums, where the vacant stalls and the draped banners remind us all that this mortal must put on immortality.

A further examination of the proceedings will reveal a very general good will between the jurisdictions, and a pronounced desire for improvement.

The correspondence with this office is quite uniform, and at times considerable, but this and the general character of its labors lead to better opportunities, to broader duties, and to enduring friendships.

Courteously submitted,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

The Report was accepted, and so much as refers to Finance was referred to the Committee on Finance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

BOSTON, October 31, 1879.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, find the receipts of the Grand Recorder reported as follows:

Dues from Commanderies in 1878	$7 45
For Diplomas	81 00
" Certificates	4 00
" Reprint of Proceedings	1 50
" Dues from Commanderies in 1879	1,342 35
	$1,436 30

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The committee find the account of the Grand Treasurer correct, with duly approved vouchers for the expenditures. A synopsis of the account is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1878.			
Oct. 30.	Cash on hand		$946 19
	Sundry loans from the Grand Fund		1,500 00
	Loan from C. B. Lancaster		1,500 00
	Diplomas		81 00
	Certificates		4 00
	Reprint of Proceedings		1 50
	Returns from Commanderies in 1878	$7 45	
	" " " " 1879	1,342 35	1,349 80
	Total received		$5,382 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries for 1878	$400 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer for 1879	100 00
Rent to Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1871 to 1879	250 00
Rent of Masons Hall, Providence, in 1879	20 00
Printing the Proceedings of 1878	200 00
Printing, stationery, etc.	49 40
Travelling expenses	228 80
Banquets	195 00
Grand Encampment, capitation dues	292 35
Postage, etc., Grand Recorder	37 80

Grand Fund dues	$134 23
Grand Treasurer's note	600 00
Interest on Grand Treasurer's note	100 00
Sundry loans from the Grand Fund	1,500 00
Grand Tyler's fees	22 00
Boston taxes on Bank stock, 1878, $15.36 " " " " " 1879, 15.00	30 36
Carriages and flowers at funeral	22 00
Total expended	$4,181 94
Balance on hand October 31, 1879	$1,200 55
	$5,382 49

INVESTMENT.

14 shares Ogdensburg Railroad, common stock.

There is due on the Grand Treasurer's note, for cash borrowed from C. B. Lancaster, fifteen hundred dollars.

The committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be paid the same salaries as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
CHARLES B. LANCASTER,
WILLIAM W. BAKER,
} Committee.

The report on Finance was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander submitted, as follows, his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY,

BOSTON, October 31st, 1879.

SIR KNIGHTS:

We meet to-day in the seventy-fourth Annual Session, "for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business."

Since the birth of this Grand Body, in the floral month of May, 1805, our annals show that two-thirds of the Past Grand Officers of this Body have died; but

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

In years gone by, they, and their associates, laid the foundation of this Grand Commandery, were devoted to its interests, and left to us the sacred trust of its perpetuation.

I congratulate you that so large a representation is present to act on the important matters that will be presented for your consideration.

I will now submit the following report for the time elapsed since last we met.

Agreeably to the provisions of General Order No. 1, presented in May last, official visits have been made to all the Commanderies in the jurisdiction, excepting Northampton, Old Colony, Milford and Natick. These omissions, for satisfactory reasons, I have excused.

The reports of the visiting officers give evidence of a proper appreciation and faithful discharge of their duties. Their detailed statements of the condition of the respective Commanderies assigned them are herewith submitted. While there may be occasion to comment on the lack of interest in several bodies, there is much more to approve in others. The reports present, in the main, a very gratifying exhibit of the condition of our subordinates.

This is especially noteworthy in view of the financial vicissitudes and embarrassments from which the community has so greatly suffered.

The visiting officers acknowledge the courtesy and loyal consideration bestowed on them in the discharge of their official duties; also the hospitality which has ever attended the occasions of their visits.

The Commanderies that I have personally inspected were found in a very satisfactory condition. Several of the visits are memorable for the number of distinguished knights accompanying me, and present in the Commanderies.

These occasions have always been attended with a display of knightly courtesy, our Grand Commander, and graced by those knightly virtues which are characteristic of our institution.

On the evening of September 4th, at the request of Sir Knight Robert H. Chamberlain, Generalissimo of Worcester County Commandery, I conferred the Order of Malta, in full, on sixteen Sir Knights. This occurred during the last illness of E. Sir David F. Parker, the Commander, who died at his residence in Worcester, September 20th, 1879, while still in office.

One year ago yesterday we recognized E. Sir David Fiske Parker as the accredited representative of the Grand Commandery of Colorado near this Grand Body. To-day I announce his decease.

Sir Knight Parker had been a resident of Worcester since 1862, and, in his varied business pursuits since that time, had been identified with the city's progress. At the time of his death he was Street Commissioner, which office he had held for many years.

In Masonic life, Sir Knight Parker had passed through the various grades of Masonry, including the thirty-second degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

His funeral ceremonies were conducted by Worcester County Commandery, on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, in the presence of civic and Masonic bodies assembled in his honor, our Grand Prelate, Rev. T. E. St. John, officiating.

His loss will be deeply felt. He was eminently a man of affairs and usefulness.

Of rare judgment, prompt decision, energetic and self-reliant, he impressed himself on all with whom he came in contact. There was nothing spasmodic in his efforts; they were not a mere outflow of superfluous energy, but were the steady application of resources. Thoroughness marked everything he did.

These characteristics were not more apparent in business than in fulfilling the promptings of his benevolent nature; kind of heart and open of hand, with him to sympathize was to assist.

On Monday, September 29th, I attended the funeral of Sir Knight Benjamin Pope, Past E. Commander of Saint Omer Commandery. At the conclusion of the services at St. Matthew's Church, by the clergy, the burial services of our Order were conducted by Saint Omer Commandery.

Various Masonic bodies were present, and the city government of Boston was largely represented.

Sir Knight Pope's Masonic life was well rounded by zeal and services in all the grades of Masonry. He retired from the office of Ill. Commander-in-chief of Massachusetts Consistory in 1876, after holding it for a period of six years. He was a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General 33°, and honorary member of the Supreme Council. For several years as a member of the city government of Boston, both in the Common Council and as Alderman, he labored with signal ability and faithfulness. He was a person of exceptional endowments, mental and physical, a strong man everyway. One who knew him best has said:

"His personal popularity was universal; his well known integrity of purpose, and the purity of his life and conduct, won the love and respect of the entire community among whom he had lived from his infancy. Those of every shade of opinion, religious or political, of every grade in social life, rich and poor, high and low, young and old, delighted to do him honor."

I would recommend that a memorial page be devoted to his memory.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since the May session I have granted the following special dispensations:

June 2. To Winslow Lewis Commandery, to parade and perform escort duty on the 24th of June, on the occasion of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into Salem.

June 11. To South Shore Commandery, to celebrate St. John's Day by a pilgrimage to Old Orchard Beach, June 23d

and 24th, permission for said Commandery to enter the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine having been granted.

June 13. To St. John's Commandery, Providence, to parade, June 24th, in the extension of knightly civilities to Boston Commandery, on the visit of the latter to Providence.

June 18. To Worcester County Commandery, to celebrate St. John's Day by an excursion to Providence and vicinity.

August 30. To Hugh de Payens Commandery, to visit Dover and Wolfboro, N. H., to accept the hospitalities of St. Paul Commandery, of Dover, on the 4th and 5th of September, R. E. Sir A. S. Wait, Grand Commander of New Hampshire, courteously consenting.

October 3. To Hugh de Payens Commandery, to hold a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Junior Warden.

June 10. To Mt. Horeb Commandery, of Concord, N. H., for a delegation of said Body to enter our jurisdiction to bury a Sir Knight, at Quincy, Mass.

August 19. To St. George Commandery, of Nashua, N. H., to make an excursion, within our jurisdiction, to Rocky Point and Newport, R. I., Aug. 27 and 28.

I have granted dispensations in two instances to act on petitions in less time than is constitutionally provided; also in one instance granted permission for the public installation of officers. I have refused my consent to a Commandery to attend, in regalia, an un-Masonic society ball. I also declined to permit a Commandery to appear as escort to a promiscuous parade of military, fire department, benevolent and other organizations.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of the office of your Grand Commander since the Semi-Annual Conclave, has been unimportant, save in the matter of indulgences prayed for by the subordinate Commanderies.

FINANCES.

In my address at the last Annual Conclave, the financial condition of this Body was presented, showing a yearly deficiency of income to meet the current expenses. A special committee was appointed to take into consideration the matter. It was voted that the committee should report "in print, and that a copy of said report be sent to each subordinate Commandery in the jurisdiction, at least two weeks in advance of the Semi-Annual Conclave."

The very able committee, after due investigation of our finances, have made their report as directed. Having given the matter further personal investigation, I fully endorse the report of the committee, and trust their recommendations will receive your approval.

This financial year closes as follows:

Receipts for the year	$1,436 30
Disbursements for the year	2,081 94
Disbursements in excess of receipts	$645 64

I would also present the following statement, computed from the financial reports in our proceedings:

Expenses above receipts in 1875	$1,787 47
" " " " 1876	885 44
" " " " 1877	1,715 32
" " " " 1878	174 55
" " " " 1879	645 64
Loss for five years	$5,208 42
Average loss per year	$1,041 68

As we have no interest accruing from investments, as formerly, and as the amount of income from the sale of books and diplomas is uncertain, in the computation of this statement is embraced only the returns from the Commanderies upon which we depend to meet current expenses.

My confidence in your love for this Grand Body, and interest in its prosperity forbids the thought of a time-serving or parsimonious policy in the treatment of this subject. Existing debts must be met, and a liberal provision should be made for current expenses.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Commandery, the Treasurer was authorized to borrow money, with the consent of the council. In accordance with this authority the Grand Treasurer has procured a temporary loan of fifteen hundred dollars. I recommend that like authority be given the Treasurer, the coming year, to pay said loan and the necessary expenses of the Grand Commandery.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I received official notice of the death of E. Sir James Madison Porter, Past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, the Representative of this Grand Body near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. He died August 2d, 1879.

Sir Knight Porter was a distinguished Mason, greatly esteemed and beloved by the Masonic fraternity in that jurisdiction. I issued a commission, bearing date October 16, 1879, appointing R. E. Sir John P. S. Gobin our Grand Representative near the said Grand Commandery, for the term of three years. The following reply was received:

OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,

LEBANON, Pa., Oct. 21, 1879.

R. E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander.

MY DEAR SIR KNIGHT:—I have the honor to acknowledge, through E. Sir C. E. Meyer, the receipt of your commission appointing me your representative near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Accept my thanks for the distinguished honor, and believe me it will ever be my aim and desire to foster the cordial relations between the two jurisdictions, and in all matters to see you are properly represented. With assurances of esteem,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN P. S. GOBIN, G. C.

BY-LAWS.

I have directed the Committee on By-laws to make their report, at this Conclave, on all by-laws, submitted to them for their consideration.

CONCLUSION.

To-day will terminate my official relations as your Grand Commander.

For two years, by your indulgence, I have been permitted to occupy the most honorable position in your power to bestow. For this mark of your esteem, and for the consideration and kindness I have always received at your hands, I am truly grateful.

My love for our cherished institution, and the importance of the trust reposed in me, have commanded my best efforts. In these efforts I have been greatly assisted by my Council and officers, who never failed to respond with cheerful readiness to all demands I have made upon them.

I would also here acknowledge the courteous attentions I have received from our subordinate Commanderies, many of whom have kindly invited me to accept their hospitalities on various occasions of interest.

I am happy to state that of the thirty-nine Commanderies composing our jurisdiction, embracing nearly six thousand knights, there is no complaint or appeal, but, so far as I am informed, harmony prevails and an earnest desire for the welfare of our institution.

May this harmony ever abide, and may the influence for good of our noble Order enlarge continually as time goes on! Associated with the Christian religion, owing its existence and inspiration to the life and sorrows of our Saviour, our institution will flourish just as it cherishes the motives of its origin. The manger in Bethlehem, the crown of thorns upon the bleeding brow, the cross of Calvary, suggest no earthly greatness, but godlike submission. Purity of purpose, unselfishness, self-denial, sacrifice, are the divine attributes that we must strive to make in some degree our own.

Zeal and forbearance, righteous ambition and devotion to the cause, will intensify friendships and ensure prosperity and peace. Let the thought of the Cross and its awful burden be ever before us; our pillar of cloud by day, of fire by night. Who can foretell the lofty destiny, amid the jarring elements of civil life, that yet awaits our Order!

The address was referred to committees as follows:

1.—So much as refers to Finance to E. Sirs S. C. Lawrence, Charles B. Lancaster and W. W. Baker.

2.—So much as refers to Dispensations and appointments, to E. Sirs N. Van Slyck, Nathan S. Kimball and W. H. H. Soule.

3.—The remainder to E. Sirs H. W. Rugg, S. N. Lougee and Caleb Rand.

ABRAHAM A. DAME.

In Grand Commandery,

Boston, Oct. 31st, 1879.

IN MEMORIAM.

Eminent Sir Abraham Annis Dame,

Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Life and death, to be born and to die are the landmarks that bound the lives of all mankind; and the finger of time, as it moves around the great dial plate, checks off life after life in its solemn march; some at early dawn, others at high noon, and some when the shadows of evening are lengthening towards the west. Our brother had long been looking toward the sunset, and when his time came the angel of death found him quietly waiting his summons, with the snows of many winters upon his brow and all life's joys and sorrows enveloped in the great shadow of the past. A long, active and useful life. What better record need any of us desire.

Abraham Annis Dame was born in the town of Orford, N. H., Aug. 27th, 1792, and passed from this life November 14th, 1878, at his residence on Poplar Street, Boston, Mass., surrounded by his family and

many of his friends, aged 86 years, 2 months and 18 days. The oldest Mason in Boston.

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

Brother Dame came to Boston in the year 1814. Entered the office of Hon. Timothy Bigelow, with whom he studied his profession of the law, and was admitted to the bar at the session of the Court of Common Pleas holden at Concord, Mass., June, 1816. He was commissioned Justice of the Peace in May following, which position he held throughout his life. He was admitted to the Supreme Judicial Court, according to the requirements of the laws of this Commonwealth, December 25, 1818.

Brother Dame was married Jan. 28, 1818, to Harriet W. White, of Boston, a widow, by whom he had one son, William Augustus Dame, who received a collegiate education, graduating at Harvard in 1838, and died Aug. 29, 1849. Mrs. Dame also deceased Sept. 7, 1850. On Dec. 31st, 1850, he was married to his second wife, Emily Rust, of Lexington, who passed away in 1851, leaving no children. On February 3d, 1852, he was married to his third wife, Miss Susan Hamilton Palmer, of South Berwick, Maine, whom he now leaves a widow. By her he had three children, one son and two daughters; the eldest, a daughter, now about twenty years of age (and who was most devoted to her father), survives him. The others died young.

To the family of our deceased brother and Eminent Past Commander we extend our deep condolence and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and great affliction.

Brother Dame was duly initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, in Massachusetts Lodge, March 27th, 1818, crafted the 8th of April and raised the 24th, and was admitted to membership June 29th of the same year, and continued his membership to the time of his death. A membership of sixty years, four months and fifteen days, and was elected to honorary membership May 17th, 1852. He was early elected to the office of Steward in his Lodge, and on Dec. 1st, 1820, he was elected Senior Deacon; Dec. 7th, 1821, Junior Warden; Dec. 6th, 1822, Senior Warden, and on Dec. 3d, 1823, he was elected Worshipful Master, and was installed the 26th of the same month, which office he filled for two successive years. On Dec. 29th, 1843, he was again elected Worshipful Master, and again for two successive years filled the oriental chair. He was elected one of the trustees of the Charity Fund in 1834, which office he held at the time of his death, a period of over forty years.

He was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1828, R. W. Senior Grand Warden in 1829 and 1831, and served as R. W. Deputy Grand Master in 1832 and 1833, and so became a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St. Paul's Chapter, on Feb. 17th, 1819, and immediately took membership. He served this Chapter in many important positions, as E. Scribe in 1820, E. King in 1821, and as M. E. High Priest in 1822 and 1823, and, at the call of his Companions, he again, in 1840 and in 1853, served as Scribe; in 1841 as King, and for the two successive years of 1842 and 1843 discharged the duties of High Priest with peculiar ability, and was elected an honorary member. He was one of the originators of the present Fund of the Chapter, and for more than twenty-five years served on the Committee of Finance.

In the Grand Chapter of Massachusets he became Grand R. A. Captain June 24th, 1823, and was elected Grand Treasurer Sept. 9th of the same year, which office he continued to hold until September, 1844. At the annual convocation of 1854, he was elected Grand Scribe, and thereby became a permanent member of the Grand Chapter. His name appears on the Records as being present at nearly every convocation.

He received the degrees and was admitted to membership in Boston Council of R.·. and S.·. Masters July 27, 1819, and to honorary membership March 15, 1855. He was elected Right Ill.·. Master Nov. 13, 1821. He served three years in that office, and by the records it appears that he presided on several occasions during that time. He was appointed Corresponding Secretary in 1824, and was elected Most Ill.·. Master Jan. 25, 1825, and filled the office four successive years.

He was chairman of the convention held in Boston, June 15th, 1826, which adopted a constitution and organized the Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. Masters of Massachusetts, and was elected its first Most Illustrious Grand Master, and served in that capacity with remarkable ability in the anti-Masonic period, so called.

Brother Dame was created and dubbed Knight Templar February 13, 1822, in Boston Encampment (now Commandery), of Knights Templars, and on the 12th of the following March he was admitted to membership in that Body. He filled, with great distinction, the several offices of Junior Warden, Prelate, Captain-General and Generalissimo, and was elected M. E. Grand Commander in October, 1827, and presided in its Asylum during the three years of 1827, 1828 and 1829. He was awarded honorary membership on the 19th of September, 1855.

He served the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as Grand Captain-General one year, Deputy Grand Master for two years, and Most Eminent Grand Master in 1835 and 1836. To his wonderfully retentive memory this Grand Body is indebted for its present authentic Ritual.

The degrees of the Ancient Accepted Rite were conferred upon him in the month of March, 1824, by authority transmitted from Charleston, in South Carolina, and by officers duly commissioned for that purpose.

On Feb. 16th, 1825, the Southern Supreme Council granted a charter to Abraham A. Dame, and eight others, to form a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and for the Consistory of S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. at Boston; and Brother Dame became, in the same year, the presiding officer of the Grand Body of the Rite within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under whose authority the original charter of Boston Lodge of Perfection was issued, Jan. 21st, 1842.

On Jan. 6th, 1863, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector of the thirty-third and last degree, by the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and became an honorary member of that body.

Eminent Sir Abraham Annis Dame was a zealous and active Mason, and one of the most reliable and thorough ritualists of his day. He delivered an address to his Lodge, in 1819, and a dissertation on the principles of Masonry and its moral virtues, in 1829.

For over sixty years he was actively engaged in the practice of the law; he was faithful to his clients, a kind husband and father, beloved by his family and regarded with respect and veneration by all with whom he came in contact. He was outspoken and fearless, and, like his native granite hills, tenacious and unyielding in his opinion when it had been deliberately formed.

He was one of the first who signed the famous Masonic Declaration, which was issued during the unjust anti-Masonic warfare from 1829 to 1841, advising with earnestness and warding off the insinuating taunts and spiteful thrusts of the opposing faction with manly dignity.

The occasion of his last visit to Boston Commandery will long be remembered. He was waited upon by a committee and conducted through the lines, while all joined in signing, "Should old acquaintance be forgot, &c." His reply to the kindly welcome by the E. Commander was fervent and impressive. Age seemed to have dropped its mantle from his shoulders and clothed the form with youthful vigor. His appearance was indeed picturesque and grand.

His funeral took place at Rev. Dr. Bartol's church, on Lynde and Cambridge streets, Boston, on Sunday, Nov. 17th, 1878, the Rev. Doctor officiating, in presence of a large congregation. Massachusetts Lodge and Boston Commandery attended in regalia. Delegations were present from the several Grand Bodies of the State, also from every institution to which he belonged. He was buried with knightly honors. Immediately after the regular services of the church, Boston Commandery of Knights Templars received the body under the arch of steel, and conducted the funeral ceremony, according to our usage.

He was interred at Mount Auburn, where he quietly rests, clasped within the bosom of our common mother, earth.

Sleeping among the many dead, lies all that was visible to the eye of our Eminent Past Grand Commander Dame. The soul which animated

that form, and was its being, motion and its life, has passed beyond the great portal that divides the spiritual world from the material, whose gateway is death in the shadow of which we all stand; and when the great bell of time, that tolls the hour of death for all that live, shall ring our summons, may it find us as well prepared for the great change as him to whom we now pay this last sad tribute of friendship and esteem.

Respectfully submitted,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
WILLIAM PARKMAN,
FRANCIS C. HERSEY,
} Committee.

Accepted.

ON APPOINTMENTS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, given at Providence, May 23d, 1879, as relates to appointments and dispensations, respectfully submit the following:

The appointments appear to have been properly considered and duly made. By the system of interchanging Representatives, now in such general practice, it is believed that the Grand Commanderies are brought into somewhat closer alliance, thus evoking an enlarged manifestation of that sympathy and good-fellowship which are especially the characteristics of Christian knighthood.

The dispensations issued were for sufficient cause, and accord with Templar law. The R. E. Grand Commander is to be commended for refusing dispensations, except in three instances, to ballot for applicants in less than the constitutional time. The law should be set aside, in the respect referred to, only in very extraordinary cases.

HENRY W. RUGG,
JOS. B. MASON,
N. B. FLETCHER.

Boston, Oct. 31, 1879.

Accepted.

ON REMAINDER.

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Boston, Oct. 31, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, at the last semi-annual conclave, not espe-

cially referred to other committees, respectfully report that nothing remains which requires comment.

C. C. HUTCHINSON,
WALTER B. VINCENT,
JAMES H. UPHAM,
} Committee.

Accepted.

ON RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

October 31st, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the following resolution, offered at the last semi-annual conclave, by R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck, viz:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be and they are hereby appointed to take into consideration the subject of the approval of the by-laws of subordinate commanderies, and to report such amendments to the Grand Constitution as they shall deem proper to preserve to the Grand Commander the right to approve any by-law of a subordinate commandery when the Grand Commandery is not in session,"

present the following report:

The Grand Constitution, in Art. 2, Sec. 2, ordains that "no by-law of any subordinate body shall be valid until the same shall be approved by the Grand Commandery." The approval of by-laws is a necessary attribute of the sovereignty of the Grand Body. This sovereignty should be exclusive, and unimpaired even by regulation, unless to subserve some necessary purpose, and then only temporarily, until the Grand Commandery, in regular conclave, can have the opportunity to exercise the authority. In practice, however, the interval between the dates of the regular conclaves is so long, that it may sometimes happen that an important amendment of the by-laws of a subordinate commandery cannot be put in operation for several months, in consequence of which the commandery may suffer inconvenience. Although your committee do not think that much mischief is likely to arise from this source, or that the right of this Grand Body to supervise and control the by-laws of its subordinates should be in any degree impaired, yet with a view to avert an occasional hardship which might be felt if there were no authority to approve a by-law provisionally, they hereby submit the following amendment:

Amend Sec. 2, Art. 2, by adding the following words, viz.:

"Provided, however, that if, in the interval between the conclaves of

the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall deem it necessary, he may approve such by-law; but his approval thereof shall be valid only until the next conclave."

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
HENRY W. RUGG,
THOS. A. DOYLE,
} Committee.

Accepted and adopted.

ON CORRESPONDENCE AND DECISIONS.

IN GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

ANNUAL CONCLAVE, October 31st, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address at the Semi-Annual Conclave, held at Providence, R. I., on May 23d, 1879, as relates to *Correspondence* and *Decisions*, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following report:

The address of the R. E. Grand Commander contains a report of but two decisions made by him, both of which involved a question of the jurisdictional right of subordinate commanderies. The first decision arose upon a question between Saint Omer Commandery, of South Boston, and South Shore Commandery, of East Weymouth, as to the right of jurisdiction over Companions desiring the orders of knighthood, who reside in Quincy. The provisions of the Grand Constitution applicable to this subject are found in Sec. 4, Art. 2, in which it is laid down that every subordinate commandery shall have exclusive jurisdiction in receiving applications for, and conferring the orders of knighthood over, all territory lying nearer the usual travelled routes to its place of conclave than to that of any other commandery; *provided*, that any commandery may waive this jurisdiction in favor of any person desirous to apply to any other commandery."

It appears therefore that, with the exception of the cases of the concurrent jurisdiction of two or more commanderies located at the place of the applicant's residence, the only test given by the Constitution for determining the right of one commandery rather than another to entertain applications for the orders, is the proximity of the applicant's residence by the usual travelled routes to the *one* or the *other*. The commandery nearest to the place of his residence by these routes has exclusive jurisdiction over him. In the present case, the Grand Commander, applying the provisions of the section above cited, determined that as by the usual travelled routes, viz: "the Old Colony Railroad and the carriage road, Quincy is nearer to *East Weymouth*,— the place where, by its Charter, South Shore Commandery is located,— than to Boston,

the location of St. Omer Commandery," the former commandery possesses exclusive jurisdiction over applicants residing at Quincy. This decision conforms to that made by the Grand Commander in the case of applicants residing in the towns of Bristol and Warren, R. I., which was approved by the committee and confirmed by the Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave in 1878.

The second decision or ruling of the Grand Commander, as reported in his address, was upon the construction of Section 10, Article 2, which is as follows: "If it shall appear that the applicant has before *applied* for the Orders in any commandery other than the one to which he now applies, it shall not be competent for the commandery to act upon the application unless it be accompanied by the written consent of such commandery duly attested, if within our jurisdiction; and if without our jurisdiction, the consent in writing of the Grand Commander of the State in which such commandery shall be situated."

The ruling of the Grand Commander upon this section was that its provisions apply not only to a rejected candidate, but also to an elected candidate who has failed to present himself to receive the Orders. Inasmuch as by its express terms, as well as by its clear intent, the section refers to *applicants* for Orders and embraces comprehensively all persons *applying*, whatever may be the result of their applications, the construction of the R. E. Grand Commander is obviously correct. In other words, jurisdiction has been secured by the commandery to which the application was first made and by the force of that application, and cannot lawfully pass to any other commandery without the consent of the former.

The Grand Commander refers in his address, to his approval of certain By-Laws of which some had received the approval of the Committee on By-Laws and others had been sanctioned by him without the action of the committee. In either case your committee find no warrant either in the Constitution of this Grand Commandery or in the general Masonic law, for the action of the Grand Commander. Doubtless by inadvertence, or for the convenience of the several commanderies interested, he assumed a function which belongs solely to the Grand Commandery. But inasmuch as neither the convenience of commanderies nor a negligent usage to the contrary, however long maintained, can justify any encroachment upon the positive requirements of the Constitution, the action of the Grand Commander in this regard must be declared erroneous. If the proposed amendment of the section of the Constitution relating to this subject shall be adopted, it will enable the Grand Commander hereafter to exercise *lawfully*, an authority, which for some years seems to have been exercised by usurpation.

Upon the subject of *correspondence*, (as referred to in the Grand Commander's Address), through which he was called upon for opinions rather than for *decisions*, only two questions need here be considered. The first

relates to the duty and obligation of commanderies which are in debt, to grant demits to members applying for them. The opinion of the Grand Commander was, that he was "not aware of any law that will sustain a commandery in withholding a demit, when requested, if the applicant has paid all dues and assessments properly laid, and is not the subject of charges." The doctrine thus laid down is as your committee believe in accordance with the views and practice of nearly all the Masonic jurisdictions of this country.

The second opinion rendered by the Grand Commander is of much greater consequence, as it relates to one of the vital questions of Templar Masonry.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery, by Article 7th of its By-Laws, established a "Commandery Relief Fund," to be raised by the appropriation of a certain proportion of the sums received from candidates for the Orders and for membership and from the annual assessment of its members. The moneys thus raised were to be paid over once in three months to the Commandery Fund Committee, to be invested by them and held as trustees of this relief fund. Until the sum thus raised shall amount to five thousand dollars, the income *only* of the amount actually raised was to be appropriated for the relief of "distressed members, their widows and minor children, and for such other charitable or burial purposes as might be designated by vote of the commandery," and the principal of the fund was never to be reduced to a less sum than five thousand dollars. All unexpended income, together with all donations and appropriations made to the fund of the commandery were, in October of each year, to be added to and become a part of the fund.

Under the provisions of this article of the By-Laws, the principal of the fund, by virtue of appropriations made under them, had reached the sum of thirteen hundred dollars. Owing, doubtless, to the financial pressure of the past few years, the income of the commandery became insufficient to meet its current expenses and the appropriation due this fund under the By-Laws, and thereupon the commandery voted to discontinue such appropriation. It should here be observed that Article 8, of the By-Laws contained provisions for their repeal or alteration, the principal condition of which was a two-thirds vote of the members present in favor of such repeal or alteration. While, therefore, the action of the commandery in discontinuing the appropriation to this fund might have been valid if that part of the provisions of the By-Laws which relates merely to the appropriation of moneys to this fund had been repealed in the manner prescribed, it is obvious that by no other method could such appropriation be discontinued. It certainly could not be so discontinued by a simple vote of the commandery, for that action would be equivalent to setting aside by a mere vote of the body an existing by-law which could only be set aside by the constitu-

tional method of repeal or alteration. The members, if they choose to assume the responsibility and considered that the circumstances required it, had the right, in the judgment of your committee, in the constitutional manner and of course subject to the final action of the Grand Commandery thereon to repeal so much of the By-Laws as related to the yearly appropriation by the commandery to the fund; but without such repeal no mere vote to discontinue the appropriation was lawful. But a graver question remains. After the vote to discontinue the appropriation, a proposition was made "to turn the relief fund itself already accumulated, from its intended use, into the general treasury, to pay the debts of the commandery." This course was vigorously opposed and the question was submitted to the R. E. Grand Commander. "Is the action proposed at variance with Templar usages?" His answer was as follows: "The tenets of our Order require us to distribute alms, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. The adoption of the By-Laws by your commandery, making provision for the relief fund, was in fulfillment of these tenets, and was, in a knightly sense, a pledge to devote the accumulations under the By-Laws to the purposes assigned. To divert this accumulated fund from the purposes intended, would, in my judgment, be at variance with Templar precedents and with Templar usages." Upon the soundness of this opinion as given by the R. E. Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as the ultimate arbiter of the highest interests of Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction, must render its judgment. Your committee cannot believe that any elaborate argument in support of the opinion of the Grand Commander upon this interesting question is required, but one or two thoughts instantly arise which may be briefly laid before this Grand Body.

In the first place, the moneys appropriated to this fund and held by the trustees, were in the nature of a grant. They were given in trust, to be held as a trust for the sole use of the beneficiaries named in the By-Laws, to wit: "the distressed members of the commandery, their widows and minor children, or for such other charitable or burial purposes as might be designated by vote of the commandery." It was a trust which could be enforced in a court of equity against any attempt to use the fund for any other object. It was a trust not only valid in law, but in the form of conscience. Still farther, it was a Masonic trust, which no brother could divert from its sacred purpose, without a violation of his Masonic obligations. The money or property invested actually belongs to the designated recipients, to whom the commandery is really indebted *pro tanto* and it can owe no debt of a higher obligation.

It is too late in the history of Masonry to deny, even in *theory*, the relation of charity to the institution and let us fervently hope that it will always be too late to ignore it in practice. When the long controversy between the "Ancients" and the "Moderns" in England, a con-

troversy which resulted in two antagonistic Grand Lodges, was finally composed in 1813 by the merging of the two Grand Bodies in the United Grand Lodge of England, Articles of Union were adopted, under the eighteenth and nineteenth of which it was solemnly declared that "the property of the said two fraternities, whether freehold, household, funded, real or personal, shall remain sacredly appropriate to the purposes for which it was created; it shall constitute one grand fund, by which the blessed object of Masonic benevolence may be more extensively obtained." * * * "The fund appropriate to the objects of Masonic benevolence shall not be infringed for any purpose, but shall be kept strictly and solely devoted to charity, and pains shall be taken to increase the same."

It will readily be seen that this declaration involves something beyond the range of sentiment. It is the enactment of Masonic law and carries with it obligation and a corresponding injunction to duty.

The Masons of the two States of this Grand Commandery jurisdiction have not fallen below their peers of other jurisdictions in placing the virtue of charity in the van of her sister graces. At the Quarterly Communication of St. John's Grand Lodge held in Boston, January 28, 1774, R. W. John Rowe, Grand Master, in his address to the brethren, while emphasizing the duty of the members upon the subject of raising funds for the relief of distressed brethren and for the general purposes of Masonic charity, said:

"The beautiful fabric of Masonry is Benevolence! the pillars which have been and ever will be its support are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. A work thus designed must last while Charity shall be a virtue."

At the Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1790, R. W. Josiah Bartlett, in his celebrated address on Free Masonry, rightly claimed that one of the leading purposes of the institution was "to exercise that godlike charity which consists in giving to the necessitous and wiping the tear of sorrow from the disconsolate eye.

> 'Tis what the happy to the unhappy owe,
> For what man gives, the gods on him bestow."

The distinguished Brother Moses Richardson, for many years Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, in a report made to the Grand Lodge of that State, in 1848, in hailing the then reviving prospects of the fraternity, said: "May the scene continue to brighten, may the course of Masonry be onward, till true benevolence shall become the master passion of humanity!"

But if charity be one of the conceded characteristics of Ancient Craft Masonry, how much brighter should be its glow in illustration of the Orders of Christian Knighthood. The fervent apostle of Christianity, in his memorable discourse on that sublime spirit to which all concrete forms of benevolence and kindness must ever be subordinate, declares

that "whether there be prophesies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away; but charity never faileth." Wherever this spirit exists, its action must dominate all lower tendencies, and to the extent of its exercise, exalt the lives of men.

In affirming the opinion of the R. E. Grand Commander upon this important question, the Grand Commandery will surely express the hope and even the assurance that the well-tempered members of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, not less worthy and honorable in intent and purpose than any Sir Knights of the jurisdiction, but temporarily thrown from the level of their usual judgment and devotion by the force of unfavorable conditions, now, as we trust, rapidly passing away, will take good care that in their Asylum, to its latest day, whatever may betide, even if tongues shall cease and knowledge vanish away, *Charity shall never fail!*

For the Committee,

TRACY P. CHEEVER, *Chairman*,
DEXTER B. VICKERY,
WM. W. McKIM.

Accepted and adopted.

Representatives Received.

The Commissions of E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever and E. Sir Caleb Saunders, appointing them to be Representatives near this Grand Commandery, of the Grand Commandery of California and the Grand Commandery of Ohio, respectively, were presented; and due recognition was given to the two Sir Knights.

E. Sir Wm. B. Blanding, Representative of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, gave notice of the death of Israel M. Bullock, Grand Master of Masons and V. E. Deputy Grand Commander of the jurisdiction of Connecticut. The announcement was heard with profound regret.

By-Laws.

The By-Laws, or amendments thereto, were submitted from Pilgrim, Cœur de Lion, De Molay, Hugh de Payens, William Parkman, and St. Bernard Commanderies, all of which were referred to the Committee on By-Laws, who reported amendments to all except those of Pilgrim, and, as finally amended, all were approved.

Action on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 4 (see page 31), was deferred until the next Semi-Annual Conclave.

On the Financial System, &c.

The report of the Special Committee on Finance was taken up, and, pending the discussion,

A collation was served at one o'clock P. M.

The order of business was resumed at two o'clock P. M., and the report as amended and adopted amends Art. I, Sec. 4, of the Constitution so as to include the words, "and three Trustees of the Grand Fund," as recommended on page 28; and also the further recommendation to strike out the whole of Section 11, from Article I, and insert the following, so that Section 11, Article I, now reads:

"The invested funds of this Grand Commandery heretofore established by the provisions of the Constitution, and now held in accordance with said provisions, shall constitute *the Grand Fund.* The income of said Grand Fund, but no part of the principal thereof, may be expended for charitable or other purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery. All unexpended income of this Fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal.

"A board, to be styled 'The Trustees of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Mass. and R. I.,' shall be constituted *in* manner following, viz: The R. E. Grand Commander and the E. Grand Treasurer, shall be, *ex-officiis*, members of said Board, and there shall

be elected at the regular conclave in October, 1879, three members of the Grand Commandery, to serve, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, as members of said Board, who, during their term of service thereon, shall hold no other office in this Grand Body. And thereafter there shall be annually elected one such member of said Board for the term of three years. Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Grand Commandery, by election at any regular or special conclave.

"It shall be the duty of said Board to hold in trust, for the benefit of the Grand Commandery, the property belonging to the said Grand Fund, and to attend to the care and safe and profitable investment thereof. They shall make a detailed report, in writing, of the condition of the said Grand Fund at each annual conclave. A failure to make such report, unless excused by the Grand Commandery, shall render the members of said Board ineligible to election to any office in the Grand Commandery the ensuing year. The Treasurer of the Trustees shall give bonds with sureties to the satisfaction of the Board for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office."

The further recommendation, to amend Article II, Section 7, (see page 29) was negatived.

THREE O'CLOCK, the hour assigned for the election of officers, having arrived, the R. E. Grand Commander invited R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott, Past Grand Commander, to preside during the election, and to install the officers elected.

Committees to receive, count and report the result of the ballot were appointed as follows:

1. Sirs Charles R. Brayton, Frederick G. Walbridge and Caleb Rand.
2. Sirs E. H. Doolittle, William D. Pool and John C. Hall.

The E. Grand Treasurer, Sir William Parkman, arose in his station and asked to be excused from further service in that office, giving such reasons as induced the Grand Commandery to comply with his request.

Grand Officers Elected.

Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I..R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass..V.E.D. Grand Commander.
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass.....E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir GEORGE H. BURNHAM, Providence, R. I..E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, Melrose Highlands, Mass.....E. Grand Prelate.
Sir CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, Lowell, Mass.E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir EDWARD L. FREEMAN, Central Falls, R.I..E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir JAMES H. UPHAM, Dorchester, Mass.....E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Mass.....E. Grand Recorder.

E. Sirs Henry W. Rugg, Wyzeman Marshall and Edwin Wright were appointed a committee to introduce the R. E. Grand Commander elect into the Grand Asylum, when he was officially informed of his unanimous election, and welcomed to the highest office in the gift of the Grand Commandery.

The compliment was acknowledged in a neat speech, and the ceremonies of installation proceeded.

The installation prayer was by the E. Grand Prelate.

R. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Commander, announced the following appointments to office:

Appointed Officers.

Sir JAMES M. PENDLETON, Westerly, R. I...E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir CHARLES B. LANCASTER, Boston, Mass..E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir JOHN KENT, Boston Mass.....E. Grand Warder.
Sir FRANCELLO G. JILLSON, Woonsocket, R. I.....E. Grand Captain of the Guards.
Sir E. DANA BANCROFT, Ayer, Mass.....
Sir CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, Mass... } Grand Lecturers.
Sir HENRY A. PIERCE, Pawtucket, R. I..
Sir BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, Cambridgeport, Mass.....Grand Sentinel.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Sirs W. H. H. Soule, John B. Whittaker and Charles Harris.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Sirs N. Van Slyck, Alfred F. Chapman and E. H. Doolittle.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Sirs Walter B. Vincent, John N. Pike and Robert S. Franklin.

The ceremonies of installation were concluded and the official Proclamation was made by E. Sir W. Marshall.

TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND.

On motion it was

Voted, To appoint a committee to nominate "Trustees of the Grand Fund."

Sirs John L. Stephenson, N. Van Slyck and Charles C. Hutchinson were appointed such committee.

The committee nominated and recommended,

E. Sir HOCUM HOSFORD, Lowell, Mass., for one year.
E. Sir WILLIAM B. BLANDING, Providence, R. I., for two years.
E. Sir SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, Medford, Mass., for three years.

and the nominations were confirmed by election.

On motion it was voted to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Fund are hereby directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery the income of the Grand Fund for the year ending this day, and the income of said fund for the year ensuing, as the same shall accrue; said income to be applied for the payment of the current expenses of the Grand Commandery.

R. E. Sir N. Van Slyck offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each subordinate commandery pay to this Grand Commandery Five Cents for every member of such commandery, as such membership may be on the first day of December, 1879—such payment to be made on or before the first day of February, A. D. 1880.

Voted, That the resolution be adopted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Commandery be given to the retiring Grand Treasurer, E. Sir William Parkman, for his long and meritorious service in the interests of the Body.

The business before the Grand Commandery being happily concluded, the R. E. Grand Commander expressed his pleasure thereat, and thanked the Sir Knights for their courteous attention to duty during the Conclave.

The Grand Commandery was then adjourned.

A true report of the official acts and doings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at its Conclaves held during the year.

Attest: ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,

Grand Recorder.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES TO AND FROM MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

From	Address.	Grand Commanderies.	To	Address.
R. E. Sir Elbert H. English	Little Rock	Arkansas	E. Sir John Haigh	Somerville, Mass.
E. Sir William W. Traylor	San Francisco	California	E. Sir Tracy P. Cheever	Chelsea, Mass.
E. Sir Oliver A. Whittemore	Denver	Colorado		
V. E. Sir Henry Woodward	Middletown	Connecticut	E. Sir William B. Blanding	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Charles R. Armstong	Macon	Georgia	E. Sir Marlborough Williams	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Philander W. Barclay	Cairo	Illinois	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Henry H. Boudinot	Terre Haute	Indiana	E. Sir Henry Chickering	Pittsfield, Mass.
R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower	Keokuk	Iowa	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck	Providence, R. I.
R. E. Sir John L. Philbrick	Doniphan	Kansas	V. E. Sir Benjamin Dean	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir William Alva Warner	Louisville	Kentucky	E. Sir Wyzeman Marshall	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir Joseph P. Horner	New Orleans	Louisiana	R. E. Sir William W. Baker	Boston, Mass.
R. E. Sir John W. Ballou	Bath	Maine	V. E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Frank J. Kugler	Baltimore	Maryland	E. Sir Thomas A. Doyle	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir Henry L. Carver	St. Paul	Minnesota	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.
E. Sir Robert B. Brannin	Aberdeen	Mississippi	R. E. Sir Nicholas Van Slyck	Providence, R. I.
		Missouri	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Eben K. Long	Omaha	Nebraska	R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg	Providence, R. I.
R. E. Sir William H. McIlhanney	Elizabeth	New Jersey	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Robert H. Waterman	Albany	New York	R. E. Sir William S. Gardner	Newton, Mass.
E. Sir Alexander F. Vance, Jr.	Urbana	Ohio	E. Sir Caleb Saunders	Lawrence, Mass.
E. Sir John P. S. Gobin	Lebanon	Pennsylvania	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Charles H. Eastman	Nashville	Tennessee	E. Sir William D. Pool	Lynn, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Nichols	Galveston	Texas	E. Sir George H. Burnham	Providence, R. I.
E. Sir W. H. H. Whitcomb	Burlington	Vermont	E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman	Boston, Mass.
E. Sir Hugh Sterling	Wheeling	West Virginia	R. E. Sir John Dean	Worcester, Mass.
E. Sir William H. Hiner	Fond du Lac	Wisconsin	R. E. Sir Charles A. Stott	Lowell, Mass.





Sir David F. Parker,

EMINENT COMMANDER OF WORCESTER COUNTY COMMANDERY,

AND

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF COLORADO,

DIED SEPTEMBER 20, A. D. 1879,

In Worcester, Mass.,

AGED 45 YEARS.

His was a useful Life and a lamented Death.



E. Sir Benjamin Pope,

PAST COMMANDER OF ST. OMER COMMANDERY,

BORN JANUARY 13, 1829.

DIED SEPTEMBER 25, 1879, IN SOUTH BOSTON.

CONSPICUOUS, USEFUL AND HONORABLE IN LIFE,

THIS IS INSCRIBED TO HIS MEMORY.



Sir James H. Porter,

REPRESENTATIVE NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

DIED, IN EASTON, PENN., AUGUST 2, 1879, AGED 46 YEARS.

"Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues yet,
Lingers, like twilight hues, when the bright sun is set."

NECROLOGY, 1878-79.

In Memoriam

St. John's Commandery.

Sir CHARLES H. TITUS,
" DWIGHT I. BROWN,
" HENRY MARTIN,
" ALBERT BOWEN.

Boston Commandery.

Sir ARTHUR CHENEY,
" ABRAHAM A. DAME,
" GEORGE O. BRASTOW,
" Rev. E. M. P. WELLS,
" BENJ. P. CUNNINGHAM,
" CHARLES H. CROSBY,
" DEXTER HUMPHREYS,
" PHILIP R. RIDGWAY,
" WILLIAM H. MAINE,
" WILLIAM F. JACKSON,
" SAMUEL L. FRENCH,
" FREEMAN C. RAYMOND,
" GUSTAVUS A. SOMERBY,
" WILLIAM SAYWARD, P. E. C.,

Newburyport Commandery.

Sir EDWARD H. GREENE,
" ABNER KENISTON,
" HENRY S. DEARBORN.

Washington Commandery.

Sir RAY BLEVINS TAYER,
" ISAAC GILL.

Worcester County Commandery.

Sir AMASA BOND,
" CHENEY HATCH,
" SAMUEL F. BIGELOW,
" DAVID F. PARKER, E. C.

Springfield Commandery.

Sir GEORGE GREENE,
" E. S. ALLIN,
" ADDISON SANFORD.

De Molay Commandery.

Sir HAMILTON WILLIS,
" CHARLES H. ALMY,
" HORACE JENKINS.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

Sir JOHN GOSLING,
" SYLVANUS CLAPP, P. E. C.,
" AMOS M. READ.

Pilgrim Commandery.

Sir ALBERT G. COOK,
" CHARLES KIMBALL,
" ABRAM FRENCH.

Palestine Commandery.

Sir EBEN W. LOTHROP,
" AMOS SEAVEY,
" CLIFTON A. BLANCHARD.

Saint Bernard Commandery.

Sir Franklin S. Merritt,
" Josiah Bacon.

Calvary Commandery.

Sir Thomas F. Holder,
" Daniel Stillwell,
" Joseph Crandall,
" Edwin J. Nightingale, P. E. C.
" Stephen Smith.

Haverhill Commandery.

Sir Calvin Smith.

Old Colony Commandery.

Sir Elijah W. Woodward,
" James Ford.

Sutton Commandery.

Sir Hiram Webb.

Bethany Commandery.

Sir William Thomas,
" John Edwards,
" Joseph U. Taylor,
" William S. Miller.

Jerusalem Commandery.

Sir D. Waterman Tuttle,
" Moses G. Lyon,
" Sylvester S. Welch,
" Charles F. Reed,
" Milton M. Cushing.

St. Omer Commandery.

Sir Edward K. Hall,
" Joshua B. Smith,
" Benjamin Pope, P. E. C.

Berkshire Commandery.

Sir Charles D. Mills.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Sir James F. Smith,
" Thomas A. Paine.

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Sir John Sprague.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

Sir James Marsden.

Joseph Warren Commandery.

Sir David Chamberlain,
" William Sayward (Honor'y).

William Parkman Commandery.

Sir Francis C. Stromberg,
" George W. Lamson,
" Henry G. Morse.

Bristol Commandery.

Sir Avery Fobes,
" Oliver B. Cook.

Northampton Commandery.

Sir William Parsons,
" Timothy C. Spaulding.

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

Sir George McKay.

Gethsemane Commandery.

Sir Benjamin F. Brown.

Olivet Commandery.

Sir James W. Wellington.

Athol Commandery.

Sir Frank Hutchinson.

Bay State Commandery.

Sir John S. Fuller.



William Seward

WILLIAM FIELD,

PAST GRAND MASTER,

Was born in Pawtucket, R. I., September 13th, A.·. L.·. 5797, and was the son of John and Lucy Field. His death occurred December 27th, A.·. L.·. 5869, at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 14 days. His funeral was attended by all the Masonic Bodies, and was under the direction of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge.

He was initiated into Freemasonry, April 15th, A.·. L.·. 5818, Crafted July 15th, A.·. L.·. 5818, and raised August 12th, A.·. L.·. 5818, in Strafford Lodge, No. 29, Dover, New Hampshire.

The records of that Lodge contain the following under date of May 5th, A.·. L.·. 5819, "*Voted*, That the request be granted and that he be honorably dismissed."

He was admitted a member of Union Lodge, No. 10, Pawtucket, R. I., January 22, A.·. L.·. 5834, but did not sign the By-Laws until June 19th, A.·. L.·. 5839. He was elected Senior Warden December 4th, A.·. L.·. 5839, and was elected Master November 17th, A.·. L.·. 5840, serving two years.

June 24th, A.·. L.·. 5833, he was elected Grand Marshal of the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge, and held the office for nine successive years. June 24th, A.·. L.·. 5842, he was elected Senior Grand Deacon; June 24th, A.·. L.·. 5843, Junior Grand Warden; July 1st, A.·. L.·. 5845, Senior Grand Warden, serving in that capacity two years. He was elected Deputy Grand Master June 24th, A.·. L.·. 5847; was elected Grand Master June 26th, A.·. L.·. 5848, serving in that capacity five years.

December 28th, A.·. L.·. 5840, he was appointed a committee by the Grand Lodge to ascertain "how much control the Grand Lodge has over the property of subordinate Lodges," and the same day a committee to report on a per capita tax on subordinate Lodges, which was laid at fifty cents.

September 27th, A.·. L.·. 5841, he was appointed a "Committee to attend the General Convention, in March, 1842, in Washington, to prepare a code of work and to form a National Grand Lodge."

His Royal Arch record is as follows: Marked August 9th, 5819; Past August 6th, 5819; Acknowledged December 25th, 5819; Exalted December 28th, 5819, and received membership February 2d, 5820, in Pawtucket Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, and was elected Master of 1st Veil December 3d, 5823; of 3d Veil December 1st, 5824; Captain of the Host December 7th, 5825–6; Scribe December 5th, 5827–8; King December 2d, 5829–30; High Priest December 7th, 5831–2–3, and again elected Captain of the Host December 27th, 5837, serving four years.

He was elected Grand King in 5832; Deputy Grand High Priest in 5833–4–5, and Grand High Priest in 5844, and re-elected the ensuing year.

He received the degrees of Cryptic Masonry in Providence Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. 1, on February 8th, 5828, but never took any active part in either Grand or subordinate Councils.

He received his Orders of Knighthood in Saint John's Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I., and was created a Knight Templar June 24th, 5826. He was Senior Warden 5832–3, and again in 5838, serving for six years; was Warder 5836–7, Captain-General 5844, and Commander 5845, serving for two years.

He was a charter member of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, Pawtucket, serving as Commander from March 1st, 5848, to October 7th, 5851, and again from October 10th, 5854, to October 7th, 5856; was Generalissimo from October 7th, serving one year.

He was Grand Captain-General in the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island 5839–40–41, Deputy Grand Commander 5858–59, and Grand Commander 5860–61.

He was also a member of the Providence Consistory of the A.·. and A.·. Rite, and held the rank of 33° in the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

The important trusts committed by the Fraternity to the hands of our late Brother, and the commendations of his surviving Companions, all testify in the strongest manner to the well known love and devoted interest he always manifested for the Craft, who are to-day reaping the benefits of his well-directed labors. B.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

Of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,

OCTOBER 31, 1879.

SIR NELSON W. ALDRICH, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
R. E. Grand Commander.

SIR WILLIAM H. KENT, CHARLESTOWN, MASS.,
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

SIR CALEB SAUNDERS, LAWRENCE, MASS.,
E. Grand Generalissimo.

SIR GEORGE H. BURNHAM, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
E. Grand Captain General.

SIR REV. THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, WORCESTER, MASS.,
E. Grand Prelate.

SIR CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, LOWELL, MASS.,
E. Grand Senior Warden.

SIR EDWARD L. FREEMAN, PAWTUCKET, R. I.,
E. Grand Junior Warden.

SIR JAMES H. UPHAM, DORCHESTER, MASS.,
E. Grand Treasurer.

SIR ALFRED CHAPMAN, BOSTON, MASS.,
E. Grand Recorder.

SIR JAMES M. PENDLETON, WESTERLY, R. I.,
E. Grand Standard Bearer.

SIR CHARLES B. LANCASTER, BOSTON, MASS.,
E. Grand Sword Bearer.

SIR JOHN KENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
E. Grand Warder.

SIR FRANCELLO G. JILLSON, WOONSOCKET, R. I.,
E. Grand Captain of Guards.

SIR E. DANA BANCROFT, AYER, MASS.,
SIR CHARLES M. AVERY, CHELSEA, MASS.,
SIR HENRY A. PIERCE, PAWTUCKET, R. I.,
Grand Lecturers.

SIR BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	NUMBER OF WHEN IN OFFICE.	YEARS.
* Sir THOMAS SMITH WEBB,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1805–17
* Sir WILLIAM WILKINSON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1818–19
* Sir HENRY FOWLE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1820–25
* Sir JOHN CARLILE,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1826–28
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1829–31
* Sir ROBERT LASH,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1832
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1833–34
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1835–36
* Sir JOHN HEWS,	Cambridgeport, Mass.	Boston,	1837–38
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1839–41
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1842–44
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1845–46
* † Sir RUEL BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1847
* Sir JOHN RUFUS BRADFORD,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1848–50
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1851–53
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON,	Lexington, Mass.	De Molay,	1854–55
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1856–57
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1858–59
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD,	Providence, R. I.	Holy Sepulchre,	1860–61
* Sir WILLIAM ELLISON,	Boston, Mass.	Boston,	1862
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,	Newton, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1863–64
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS,	Boston, Mass.	St. John's,	1865–66
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER,	Boston, Mass.	St. Bernard,	1867–68
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN,	Boston, Mass.	St. Omer,	1869–70
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK,	Providence, R. I.	Calvary,	1871–73
Sir CHARLES A. STOTT,	Lowell, Mass.	Pilgrim,	1874–75
Sir HENRY W. RUGG,	Providence, R. I.	St. John's,	1876–77
Sir JOHN DEAN,	Worcester, Mass.	Worcester County,	1878–79

Deceased, 19; living, 9.

* Deceased. † Died while in office as Grand Master.

NOTE.—Until and including 1868, the nomenclature was M. E. Grand Master and Grand Encampment, and in 1878, Conclave and Conclaves was adopted in place of Assembly or Assemblies.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir Henry Fowle, Boston, Mass. 1818–19
* Sir John Carlile, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir Peter Grinnell, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir Josiah Whitaker, Providence, R. I. 1829–30
* Sir Robert Lash, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir Thomas Power, Framingham, Mass. 1832
* Sir Abraham Annis Dame, Boston, Mass. 1833–34
* Sir John Hews, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1835–36
* Sir Charles Whitlock Moore, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir John Flint, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir John Barrett Hammatt, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir Ruel Baker, Boston, Mass. 1845–46
* Sir John Rufus Bradford, Boston, Mass. 1847
Sir James Hutchison, Providence, R. I. 1848–50
* Sir Simon Wiggin Robinson, Lexington, Mass. 1851–53
Sir Daniel Harwood, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir John McClellan, Boston, Mass. 1856–57
* Sir William Field, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
* Sir William Ellison, Boston, Mass. 1860–61
‡ Sir 1862
* Sir Rev. Charles Henry Titus, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir William Wilson Baker, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir Benjamin Dean, Boston, Mass. 1867–68
Sir William Steele Shurtleff, Springfield, Mass. 1869–70
Sir Charles A. Stott, Lowell, Mass. 1871–73
Sir Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I. 1874–75
Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass. 1875–76
Sir John Dean, Worcester, Mass. 1876–77
Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Providence, R. I. 1878–79

* Deceased, 18; living, 10.

‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

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* Sir HENRY FOWLE, Boston, Mass. 1805–17
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I. 1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass. 1825–28
* Sir ROBERT LASH, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass. 1831
* Sir EDWARD ASA RAYMOND, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir JOHN HEWS, Cambridgeport, Mass. 1833–34
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass. 1835
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass. 1839–41
* Sir RUEL BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1842–44
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I. 1845
* Sir JAMES RUFUS BRADFORD, Boston, Mass. 1846
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I. 1847
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass. 1848–50
Sir DANIEL HARWOOD, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1851–53
* Sir JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass. 1854–55
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I. 1856
* Sir SAMUEL LEWIS, Providence, R. I. 1857
* Sir CHARLES ROBBINS, Boston, Mass. 1858–59
‡ Sir 1860–61
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass. 1862
Sir WILLIAM WILSON BAKER, Boston, Mass. 1863–64
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I. 1865
* † Sir HENRY BUTLER, Providence, R. I. 1866
Sir WILLIAM BULLOCK BLANDING, Providence, R. I. 1867–68
Sir NICHOLAS VAN SLYCK, Providence, R. I. 1869–70
* Sir HORACE DANIELS, Pawtucket, R. I. 1871–73
Sir WYZEMAN MARSHALL, Boston, Mass 1874–75
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass. 1875–76
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I. 1876–77
Sir WILLIAM H. KENT, Charlestown, Mass. 1878–79

* Deceased, 21; living, 12. † Died while in office. ‡ Expelled.

PAST GRAND CAPTAINS-GENERAL

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

* Sir JOHATHAN GAGE, Newburyport, Mass. 1805–14
* Sir JOHN CARLILE, Providence, R. I. 1815–17
* Sir PETER GRINNELL, Providence, R. I. 1818–19
* Sir HENRY PURKITT, Boston, Mass. 1820–24
* Sir JOHN JAMES LORING, Boston, Mass. 1823–24
* Sir JOSIAH WHITAKER, Providence, R. I. 1825–28
* Sir JACOB AMEE, Boston, Mass. 1829–30
* Sir THOMAS POWER, Framingham, Mass. 1831
* Sir ABRAHAM ANNIS DAME, Boston, Mass. 1832
* Sir JOSEPH YOUNG, Jr., Newburyport, Mass. 1833
Sir GILBERT NURSE, Boston, Mass. 1834
* Sir CHARLES WHITLOCK MOORE, Boston, Mass. 1835
* Sir JOHN FLINT, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1836
* Sir JOHN BARRETT HAMMATT, Boston, Mass. 1837–38
* Sir WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I. 1839–41
* Sir BARNEY MERRY, Pawtucket, R. I. 1842–43
* Sir JAMES SAULSBURY, Providence, R. I. 1844
* Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Portland, Maine 1845
Sir JAMES HUTCHISON, Providence, R. I. 1846
* Sir SIMON WIGGIN ROBINSON, Lexington, Mass. 1847
* Sir WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Boston, Mass. 1848–49
* Sir MOSES RICHARDSON, Providence, R. I. 1850
* Sir ASA WOODBURY, Wilkinsonville, Mass. 1851–53
* Sir CYRUS FISHER, Providence, R. I. 1854–55
* Sir JAMES WARHAM CROOKS, Springfield, Mass. 1856
* Sir JOHN BLAKE READ, Pawtucket, R. I. 1857
Sir GEORGE FRANCIS WILSON, Providence, R. I. 1858–59
Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Lowell, Mass. 1860–61
* Sir Rev. CHARLES HENRY TITUS, Taunton, Mass. 1862
Sir THOMAS ARTHUR DOYLE, Providence, R. I. 1863–64
Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, Boston, Mass. 1865–66
Sir WILLIAM STEELE SHURTLEFF, Springfield, Mass. 1867–68
Sir CHARLES ADAMS STOTT, Lowell, Mass. 1869–70
Sir HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield, Mass. 1871–73
Sir JOHN DEAN, Worcester, Mass. 1874–75
Sir NELSON W. ALDRICH, Providence, R. I. 1875–76
Sir GEORGE E. STACY, Milford, Mass. 1876–77
Sir CALEB SAUNDERS, Lawrence, Mass. 1878–79

* Deceased, 25; living, 13.

OF SUBORDINATE

NAME OF COMMANDERY.	DATE OF CHARTER.	REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.	E. COMMANDERS.
Saint John's	March 7, 1805	1st Monday each month	Walter B. Vincent
Boston	March 3, 1806	3d Wednesday each month	J. F. Lotts
Newburyport	May 12, 1808	3d Thursday " "	Moses H. Fowler
Washington	June 7, 1814	3d Wednesday " "	William G. Stevens
Worcester County	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thursday " "	Robert H. Chamberlain
Springfield	June 19, 1826	1st Monday " "	E. P. Chapin
De Molay	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wednesday " "	Joseph B. Mason
Holy Sepulchre	Sept. 25, 1849	Friday on or before full moon	George A. Sweet
Pilgrim	Oct. 10, 1855	Wednesday after full moon	C. C. Hutchinson
Palestine	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday each month	James Donaghy
Milford	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Monday " "	Thomas C. Eastman
Saint Bernard	Oct. 28, 1859	2d Wednesday " "	William W. McKim
Calvary	May 22, 1860	1st Tuesday " "	C. D. Sellew
Haverhill	May 13, 1863	2d Tuesday " "	Dexter B. Vickery
Old Colony	Oct. 26, 1863	Monday after full moon	Silas B. Dickerman
Sutton	May 5, 1864	1st Thursday each month	Henry Field, Jr
Bethany	Oct. 28, 1864	Last Tuesday " "	George F. Talbot
Winslow Lewis	June 27, 1865	3d Thursday " "	John B. Hill
Jerusalem	May 5, 1865	3d Thursday " "	George V. Barrett
Hugh de Payens	March 27, 1865	2d Wednesday " "	Rev. E. B. Fairchild
Saint Omer	Oct. 27, 1865	2d Monday " "	W. H. H. Soule
Berkshire	Dec. 22, 1865	2d Monday " "	Henry Chickering
Woonsocket	Jan. 31, 1867	2d Tuesday " "	S. N. Lougee, Jr.
Connecticut Valley	Dec. 22, 1866	1st Tuesday " "	Charles H. McClellan
Godfrey de Bouillon	May 29, 1868	3d Wednesday " "	Albert F. Dow
Joseph Warren	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Monday " "	Solomon A. Bolster
Narragansett	May —, 1869	2d Monday " "	Alva A. Crandall
William Parkman	May 12, 1870	2d Thursday " "	True Scales
Bristol	May 28, 1870	Friday on or before full moon	Thomas G. Sandland
Northampton	June 2, 1870	2d Monday each month	Luke Lyman
South Shore	June 9, 1870	Monday on or before full moon	William Humphrey
Natick	April 12, 1871	1st Monday each month	Charles A. Davis
Cœur de Lion	Oct. 14, 1871	3d Tuesday " "	Caleb Rand
Trinity	April 8, 1871	Thursday on or before full moon	W. E. C. Worcester
Gethsemane	May 20, 1872	3d Monday each month	Henry C. Hayden
Olivet	March 13, 1873	1st Wednesday each month	Nathan B. Fletcher
Athol	June 7, 1873	1st Wednesday " "	James H. Waite
Bay State	Sept. 13, 1873	1st Monday " "	H. H. Packard
Cyprus	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Tuesday " "	Henry S. Bunton

COMMANDERIES.

GENERALISSIMOS.	CAPTAINS-GENERAL.	RECORDERS.	LOCATION.
William E. Husband...	Alfred G. Pierce.....	William R. Greene...	Providence, R. I.
John L. Stevenson.....	Edwin Wright.....	Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Warren Currier.....	William P. Sanders...	George H. Stevens....	Newburyport, Mass.
John P. Sanborn.....	John S. Coggshall...	Frank H. Wilks.. ...	Newport, R. I.
R. J. Tatman.....	Chas. G. Reed.....	Wm. S. Dadmun.....	Worcester, Mass.
W. E. Granger...	C. C. Spellman.....	O. K. Merrill...	Springfield, Mass.
Fred G. Walbridge.....	H. C. Hemenway.....	George Phippen, Jr...	Boston, Mass.
Moses D. Church.....	James M. Bishop.....	Osmond H. Briggs....	Pawtucket, R. I.
Arthur G. Pollard.....	Solon W. Stevens.....	J. W. B. Shaw.....	Lowell, Mass.
James N. Greenwood..	Philip G. Illsley.....	Charles S. Beatley....	Chelsea, Mass.
Julius M. Woods... ...	Daniel Reed..	Lewis Fales.....	Milford, Mass.
George F. Hurd.....	Charles T. Randall...	Richard Briggs.....	Boston, Mass.
H. K. Blanchard.	A. O. Miles.....	C. A. Babcock.	Providence, R. I.
David B. Tenney.....	H. O. Burr..	Walter S. Goodell....	Haverhill, Mass.
Frederick S. Strong....	W. H. Davis.....	Erastus M. Nash... .	Abington, Mass.
James Taylor.....	C. H. Sanford.....	H. W. Emerson	New Bedford, Mass.
P. G. Pillsbury.....	S. M. Decker..	William A. Barrell...	Lawrence, Mass.
Thomas H. Johnson....	Nathaniel Shatswell..	Henry A. Brown.....	Salem, Mass.
David A. Corey.....	Charles C. Walker....	Charles A. Morgan...	Fitchburg, Mass.
John Viall.....	N. J. Simonds.....	Daniel D. Devereux..	Melrose, Mass
Jerome Smith.....	Charles J. Noyes.....	Alban S. Greene.....	South Boston, Mass.
George C. Dunham.....	Clark F. Hall.....	Theo. L. Allen...	Pittsfield, Mass.
A. A. Pevey..... ...	Willard Kent.	C. L. Knight...	Woonsocket, R. I.
Henry L. Miller...	Hiram O. Smith.....	Charles P. Forbes....	Greenfield, Mass.
Henry Waring.	Alex. J. Wilcox.....	Charles A. Pardee....	Fall River, Mass.
G. R. Emerson.....	Daniel W. Jones.	L. B. Dutton.....	Boston Highlands, Mass.
James F. Pendleton....	James W. Pollett.....	Robert F. Latimer. ..	Westerly, R. I.
Murdock Matheson.. ..	Albert C. Smith.....	James B. Ditmars....	East Boston, Mass.
Arthur E. Codding.....	C. E. Smith.....	James A. Codding....	North Attleboro', Mass.
William C. Pomeroy....	Stephen B. Fuller....	Egbert S. Clapp... ..	Northampton, Mass.
William S. Wallace.....	James H. Clapp.....	Charles N. Marsh.....	East Weymouth, Mass.
S. O. Daniels.....	E. F. Perry.....	Charles W. Gleason..	Natick, Mass.
Howard F. Rowe.	J. W. Hill	J. W. Linnell.....	Boston, Mass.
Luman T. Jefts.....	George B. Cochran...	Daniel W. Stratton...	Hudson, Mass.
Moses Clark, Jr.....	James B. Fuller.....	E. O. Childs.....	Newtonville, Mass.
George H. Allen.....	Charles C. Fry... ...	William B. Phillips...	Lynn, Mass.
H. C. Tenney.....	Amos Locke.....	Frank Wetherbee....	Athol, Mass.
A. T. Jones.....	Samuel B. Hinckley..	Baalis Sanford, Jr....	Brockton, Mass.
George F. Lincoln.....	Clark C. Gregg.	Francis L. Gerald.....	Hyde Park, Mass.

MAINE ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE.

CHARTER, MARCH 17, 1821.

PAST COMMANDERS.

(While under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachu setts and Rhode Island.)

Sir Rev. SOLOMON SIAS,	Sir JOSEPH M. GERRISH,
Sir THOMAS S. BOWLES,	Sir SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

Maine Encampment ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, October 10, 1849. In 1854, it was removed from Portland to Gardiner, where it is now located.

VILLAGE ENCAMPMENT, GREENWICH, MASS.

CHARTER, JUNE 16, 1825.

PAST COMMANDERS.

* Sir Rev. EZIEKIEL L. BASCOMB, 1825.	* Sir JOHN WARNER, 1827.
Sir Rev. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D.D., 1826.	* Sir Rev. JOSHUA FLAGG, 1828.

The last recorded Assembly of this Encampment was held April 14, 1829. Its Charter was declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Encampment, at a Special Assembly, held February 28, 1838. The records were finally restored to the Grand Recorder November 13, 1876, and are now in the Archives of the Grand Commandery.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS

LIVING AND ENTITLED TO VOTE IN GRAND COMMANDERY.

St. John's Commandery.

Oliver Johnson, Providence, R. I.
Daniel Rounds, Jr., Norfolk, Mass.
Stillman White, Providence, R. I.
† Samuel S. Ginnodo.
A. Crawford Greene, Prov., R. I.
Spencer P. Read, " "
James H. Allen, " "
* Henry W. Rugg, " "
Albert H. Cushman, " "
Robert E. Dwelley, " "
William Jackson, " "
* Thomas A. Doyle, " "
* Geo. H. Burnham, " "
Newton D. Arnold, " "

Boston Commandery.

* Gilbert Nurse, Pepperell, Mass.
* Dan'l Harwood, Dorchester, Mass.
John K. Hall, E. Somerville, "
* Wyzeman Marshall, Boston, "
Chas. C. Dame, Newburyport, "
Chas. E. Powers, Boston, "
Henry Endicott, Cambridgep't, "
* Sam'l C. Lawrence, Medford, "
Samuel Mason, Jr., Boston, "
* James H. Upham, " "

Newburyport Commandery.

John N. Pike, Newburyport, Mass.

Washington Commandery.

Nathan H. Gould, San Antonia, Tex.
John Eldred, Newport, R. I.
Wm. J. Underwood, Newport, R. I.
David Stevens, " "
William Gilpin, " "
Robert S. Franklin, " "

Worcester County Commandery.

Geo. W. Bentley, N. London, Ct.
Henry Goddard, Worcester, Mass.
* John Dean, " "
* T. E. St. John, " "
Henry C. Wadsworth, " "

Springfield Commandery.

Ocran Dickerson, Springfield, Mass.
* Wm. S. Shurtleff, " "
Albert H. Kirkham, " "
Wm. R. Ladd, Holyoke, "
Daniel Reynolds, Springfield, "
Albert H. Foth, " "
Samuel B. Spooner, " "
George W. Ray, " "
Peter S. Bailey, " "
H. H. Banks, " "

De Molay Commandery.

T. R. Lambert, Charlestown, Mass.
Clement A. Walker, S. Boston, "
William Parkman, Boston, "
William F. Davis, " "
John W. Dadmun, " "
Marlborough Williams, " "
John M. Clark, " "
* Charles B. Lancaster, " "

Holy Sepulchre Commandery.

* † James Hutchison, Providence.
C. B. Farnsworth, Pawtucket, R. I.
Bela P. Clapp, " "
* Edward L. Freeman, " "
J. Sewall Read, " "
* Henry A. Pierce, " "
George A. Sweet, " "

* Represented in Past or Present Grand Officers.
† Dimitted and has membership elsewhere.

Pilgrim Commandery.

* Wm. S. Gardner, Newton, Mass.
Joseph Bedlow, Lowell, "
William F. Salmon, " "
Samuel D. Sergeant, " "
* Charles A. Stott, " "
Hocum Hosford, " "
Chas. E. A. Bartlett, " "
* Chas. C. Hutchinson, " "
John M. Pevey, " "

Palestine Commandery.

* Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, Mass.
Tracy P. Cheever, " "
Geo. H. Marden, Charlestown, "
C. F. Haynes, Blue Earth City, Min.
Daniel E. Chase, Somerville, Mass.
Charles T. Gay, Chelsea, "
William D. Seely, " "
John C. Hall, " "
James Donaghy, " "

Milford Commandery.

Geo. E. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
Edw. F. Whiting, Holliston, Mass.
W. H. Phipps, S. Framingham, "
* George E. Stacy, Milford, "
Leonard Fairbanks, " "
Sullivan C. Sumner, " "
Sam'l A. Fisher, Davenport, Iowa.
Silas W. Hale, Milford, Mass.
James M. Woods, " "

Saint Bernard Commandery.

* William W. Baker, Boston, Mass.
P. Adams Ames, San Francisco, Cal.
Henry Mulliken, Boston, Mass.
F. Lyman Winship, " "
Charles A. Welch, " "
Samuel Wells, " "
Otis E. Weld, " "
* John Kent, " "

Calvary Commandery.

* † Thomas A. Doyle, Prov., R. I.
Levi L. Webster, " "
* William B. Blanding, " "
Charles R. Dennis, " "
† * J. M. Pendleton, Westerly, "
Thomas Phillips, Jr., Prov., "
* Nelson W. Aldrich, " "
John P. Luther, " "
Henry C. Field, " "
Isaac H. Saunders, " "
Eugene D. Burt, " "
Charles R. Brayton, " "
Charles B. Webster, New York.
Samuel G. Stiness, Pawtucket, R. I.

Haverhill Commandery.

James E. Gale, Haverhill, Mass.
Carlos P. Messer, " "
Nathan S. Kimball. " "

Old Colony Commandery.

W. W. Whitmarsh, Neponset, Mass.
Samuel B. Thaxter, Abington, "
† Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, "
S. S. Bradford, Plymouth, "
Amos S. Stetson, S. Abington, "
Wm. H. Maine, " "

Sutton Commandery.

John B. Baylies, N. Bedford, Mass.
A. H. W. Carpenter, " "
John A. Lee, " "
A. H. Howland, Jr., " "
Gardner T. Sanford, " "

Bethany Commandery.

Wm. H. Jaquith, Lawrence, Mass.
D. Frank Robinson, " "
* Caleb Saunders, " "
John Haigh, Somerville, "
G. M. Stoddard, Lawrence, "
Thomas Leyland, " "

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Winslow Lewis Commandery.

William Sutton, Salem, Mass.
George H. Peirson. " "

Jerusalem Commandery.

* E. Dana Bancroft, Ayer, Mass.
John Burney, Fitchburg, "
S. W. Huntley, " "
A. L. Fessenden, Townsend, Mass.
John W. Kimball, Fitchburg, "

Hugh de Payens Commandery.

Loring L. Fuller, Malden, Mass.
F. J. Foss, " "
J. B. Norton, Charlestown, Mass.
Thomas Winship, Wakefield, "
J. D. Parker, Malden, "
Smith B. Harrington, Medford, "
James Swords, Boston, "

St. Omer Commandery.

* Benj. Dean, So. Boston, Mass.
† N. A. Apolonio, " "
Charles H. White, " "
E. H. Brainard, So. Boston, "
Francis C. Hersey, " "

Berkshire Commandery.

*Henry Chickering, Pittsfield, Mass.
Hezekiah S. Russell, " "
William D. Axtell, " "
Truman E. Cole, New York.

Woonsocket Commandery.

Emerson Goddard, Woonsocket, R.I.
Ira W. Arnold, " "
Stafford W. Razee, Providence, "
* F. G. Jillson, Woonsocket, "
Moses P. Roberts, " "
Walter E. Parker, " "
L. C. Tourtelott, " "
Edward Aldrich, " "
S. N. Lougee, " "

Connecticut Valley Commandery.

Rev, Peter V. Finch,
Wm. S. Severance, Greenfield, Mass.
C. E. Severance, Shelburne Falls, "
B. S. Parker, Greenfield, "
Marvin S. Fellows, " "

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery.

Robert Henry, Fall River, Mass.
Robert C. Brown, " "
Stephen W. Butler, " "
John B. Whittaker, " "
Geo. A. Ballard, " "
Charles E. Gifford, " "
Alfred H. Hartley, " "

Joseph Warren Commandery.

James C. Tucker, Boston, Mass.
Samuel Little, " "
George Moulton, " "
John F. Newton, " "
Charles Harris, " "

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Narragansett Commandery.

* Jas. M. Pendleton, Westerly, R.I.
George G. Stillman, " "
Azro N. Lewis, " "
J. Alonzo Babcock, " "
Robert F. Latimer, " "

William Parkman Commandery.

Seth C. Ames, E. Boston, Mass.
Albert B. Barrett, Portland, Me.
William J. Ellis, E. Boston, Mass.
* Erastus H. Doolittle, " "
William Waters, Jr., " "

Bristol Commandery.

Chas. E. Smith, N. Attleboro', Mass.
Samuel S. Ginnodo, " "
John L. Kendall, New York.
Daniel H. Smith, Attleboro', Mass.
Jacob Silloway, Jr., Canton, "

Northampton Commandery.

D. W. Crafts, Northampton, Mass.
Josiah H. Prindle, " "
Jos. C. Williams, " "

South Shore Commandery.

Z. L. Bicknell, E. Weymouth, Mass.
George W. Fay, " "
William Humphrey, " "

Natick Commandery.

James H. Parker, Natick, Mass.
Wm. H. Wright, " "

Cœur de Lion Commandery.

* William H. Kent, Boston, Mass.
William Patterson, Chelsea, "
John B. Wilson, Boston, "
Caleb Rand, Charlestown, "

Trinity Commandery.

N. S. Chamberlain, Marlboro, Mass.
Jas. L. Harriman, Hudson, "
W. E. C. Worcester, " "

Gethsemane Commandery.

Jas. M. Greenwood, Boston, Mass.
Robert L. Davis, Watertown, "
W. W. Keith, Newtonville, "
Henry C. Hayden, " "

Olivet Commandery.

William D. Pool, Lynn, Mass.
* John Shaw, 2d, " "
Nathan B. Fletcher, " "

Athol Commandery.

† Vernon O. Taylor, Lowell, Mass.
C. L. Sawyer, Athol, "
James H. Waite, Orange, "

Bay State Commandery.

Edward Parker, Brockton, Mass.
Baalis Sanford, Jr., " "

Cyprus Commandery.

Gamaliel Hodges, Boston, Mass.
H. C. Chamberlain, Hyde Park.
Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., " "

Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., Cambridgeport, Mass., in 1826.

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RECAPITULATIONS.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is composed of

Grand Officers (Sentinel excluded)	16
Past Grand Officers (permanent members, excluding present Grand Officers)	18
Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies (permanent members not included in enumeration of past or present Grand Officers, or present Commanders)	190
Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of 39 Subordinate Commanderies	117
Total	341
Whole number of Knights affiliated with Subordinate Commanderies, including the above	5,829

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER, - - *NELSON W. ALDRICH,*

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

GRAND RECORDER, - - - *ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,*

223 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.



