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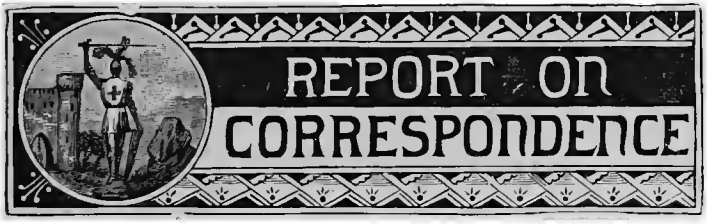

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Sixteenth Annual.

Grand Commandery meeting at usual time this year, we are in receipt of proceedings of all grand commanderies and those of the Templar governing bodies in Great Britain and Ireland.

The great Triennial of San Francisco has been held and is now of the past. We were there, but returning home weary and with no time to rest, as we have had so much to complete of our review of the doings of Templar bodies in our sister states that we cannot write either an introduction nor yet a conclusion, and so we beg the indulgence of our readers. Our journey to Boston in August, to attend the annual gathering of our old comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 15 to 18. Another to San Francisco, September 5 to 9, to the Templar Triennial, followed by a return from the golden shores of the Pacific to the ever interesting rock-bound coast of sturdy New England, September 19 to 23, to attend Supreme Council 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at Boston, has proven too much for one as *youthful* as this writer.

With Grand Lodge in session this week, to be followed by Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery, we may be permitted to say that we have endeavored to write a just review and now must seek rest.

John Corson Smith,

Correspondent.

ALABAMA.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

On opening this volume of the doings of Grand Commandery in its forty-third annual convention we are greeted with the smiling countenance of Sir Knight Lewis W. Hubbard, R. E. grand commander, who presided at this session held in the Asylum of Selma Commandery No. 5, city of Selma, May 11, 1904, commencing at High Twelve.

"I have had no occasion to render any decisions," says the grand commander in his brief and excellent address, and few were the dispensations asked or granted. There was one issued for a new commandery to be called Blockton, and to be stationed in the city of Blockton. Several representatives were appointed and announcement made of the death of Past Grand Commander George F. Wheelock, who died March 26, 1904. Brief notice was given of the dead of sister jurisdictions and recommendation was made as to the coming Triennial at San Francisco.

Reports of grand treasurer and grand recorder were submitted, referred to committee on finance, approval recommended and the reports filed.

Sir Knight H. H. Matthews, inspector general, makes report of having inspected all the commanderies but two or three and found them commendable in many things and delinquent in a few—especially the drill—the usual complaint of inspectors.

There was no legislation of more than local interest and there is no correspondence.

Commanderies, 9; membership, 546; gain, 30; largest commandery, Cyrene No. 5, Birmingham, 192 swords.

Sir Knight CHARLES R. WESTCOTT, R. E. Grand Commander, Montgomery.

Sir Knight GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, E. Grand Recorder, Montgomery.

ARIZONA.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, NOVEMBER, 1903.

A neat pamphlet of 130 pages brings to our table the doings of Grand Commandery of Arizona in eleventh annual conclave assembled in the city of Tucson, Wednesday, November 11, 1903, with Sir Knight Anthony Arthur Jones, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

It must be very gratifying to command a body of Templars, even though so small in number as those of Arizona to find each of its commanderies so largely represented. All the grand officers at their post; five past grand commanders and twenty-one grand representatives in Grand Asylum and so Sir Knight Johns tells his fraters in a plain and concise address.

Tribute is paid the honored dead of his own and other jurisdictions. Christmas Observance is commended. Attention is called to the coming Triennial and a hope expressed that Arizonia will not lose its identity, politically, and be absorbed by New Mexico, as he fears it will be.

Reports of grand treasurer, grand recorder, inspecting officers, and committees are concise and in good form, meeting as they deserved, the approval of the fraters.

Correspondence, 70 pages, the second from Sir Knight N. A. Morford, who wields a ready and pleasing pen.

Reviewing Illinois, the writer says of Grand Commander Purinton's address, "that it was necessarily long and ably covers many points that naturally come up in so large and enthusiastic a jurisdiction as that of Illinois." Dissents from opinion of grand commander as to opening commandery directly on the I. O. of the R. C., and quotes from "Committee on Templar Dead." Reviews correspondence and is pleased with illustrated chapter of a trip through the British Isles.

Commanderies, 3; membership, 225; gain, 9; largest commandery, Arizona No. 1, Tucson, 113 swords.

Sir Knight THOMAS ARMSTRONG, R. E. Grand Commander, Pheonix.

Sir Knight GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, E. Grand Recorder, Tucson.

Sir Knight NATHAN A. MORFORD, Correspondent, Phoenix.

ARKANSAS.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

Grand Commandery met in Asylum of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, city of Little Rock, Tuesday, April 19, 1904, Sir Knight G. J. Klock, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

All the grand officers were present, together with eight past grand commanders, and twenty grand representatives, among whom was Sir Knight Thomas H. Jones, the representative of Illinois.

The day preceding the annual conclave, grand commandery met in special conclave to witness the conferring of the several orders of Knighthood upon two companions, which session was not only interesting but instructive.

A group picture of four of the grand officers appears as frontispiece.

Grand commander gives an interesting account of his visitation to several commanderies and the constituting of those chartered at the thirty-first conclave together with his many other duties. No decisions and but few dispensations.

Sir Knight Charles E. Rosenbaum, V. E. grand captain of guard Grand Encampment U. S. A. being present, was received with honor due his rank and seated in grand conclave.

A beautiful American flag was presented to the grand commandery by V. E. Sir Knight Charles E. Rosenbaum. Portraits of Sir Knight Frank H. Thomas, V. E. grand junior warden, grand encampment, and Frank Hill, past grand commander, each of which was accepted and thanks returned the donors.

Legislation of routine character and of no special interest. There is no correspondence.

Commanderies, 16; membership, 774; gain, 180; largest commandery, Hugh de Payens No. 1, Little Rock, 114 swords.

Sir Knight, THOMAS H. JONES, R. E. Grand Commander, Little Rock.

Sir Knight FAY HEMPSTEAD, E. Grand Recorder, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

A very handsome volume reflecting credit upon Grand Recorder Davies—and the printer, and graced on front page with an excellent steel plate portrait of Past Grand Commander William Durant Knights. In this day of half-tones, electros, photogravures, etc., it is refreshing to see a valuable steel plate engraved likeness of a grand officer and this is one.

The conclave was held as usual in Grand Asylum, San Francisco, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, April 21, 1904, Sir Knight William D. Knights presiding, ably supported by a full corps of grand officers and the representatives of other grand commanderies, in the front rank of which we find Governor and Sir Knight Jacob Hart Neff, the representatives of Illinois.

The address is a business-like presentation of the labors of grand commander during the past year and in which he reviews the Templar field.

The legislation and labors of the conclave partake of the all-prevading Templar topic talked of wherever two or more Templars congregate, the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave, which is so near at hand that we feel little interest in other subjects, in fact we can write of nothing else, it being but three weeks until we are all to be in San Francisco. This is August 13, High Twelve, and our distinguished visitors, the Supreme Grand Master of Knights Templar of England and Wales, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston and his officers, are *en route*—the steamship Minnetonka is now swinging out far from her berth in Tilbury dock on which they are booked. Two hours later and we pull out on the Grand Trunk railway with our Ulysses S Grant, Grand Army Post bound for the National Encampment at Boston, Mass. Who, under such conditions, can review proceedings or talk upon any other subject than the flag of our country or the flag of our faith?

Correspondence, 141 pages, from the knightly pen of Grand Recorder William A. Davis.

Only a busy man could do half the work which has fallen to the share of Frater Davies this year and only a busy man would do it.

Your gentleman of leisure never has time to do anything for the public's good or the pleasure of friends.

Observing carefully the doings of Grand Commandery of Illinois and its officers, Sir Knight Davies makes liberal extracts from address and proceedings, takes note of Peoria parade, presence of distinguished visitors and ends correspondence with the following kind personal, which we know comes direct from his heart. We hope to see you soon, dear frater, and will then thank you for your cheery words.

"As everybody knows, General John C. Smith is chairman of the committee on correspondence for Illinois—in fact, is the committee, and what is most important, he improves with experience and each succeeding report is voted an improvement on its predecessor. Now, suppose half a dozen jurisdictions should unite and give General John a retainer and keep him in spectacles in these dry times for material, we think it would improve the value of the correspondence. He opens the present budget with, old soldier like, the statue of Godfrey de Bouillon at Brussels and a few pages from his Journal on leaving home, April 15, 1903, in search of treasure for the Templars of Illinois first and the Masonic world next. In the thread of his narrative he gives us in finished style Hougomont, the headquarters of Wellington at Waterloo. Then follows the series of Napoleon at Waterloo and the monument of Mont. St. Jean, a fine picture of Buckingham palace, the summer residence of General John's friend and frater, Edward VII; a splendid view of the Nelson monument and the Houses of Parliament; the Temple Church, London, erected in 1185, and the interior Temple Church built the same year; a fine view of London Bridge in a busy day; Ludgate Circus, London; the Hoe promenade at Plymouth, with a bit of scenery at Torquay; the Eddystone Lighthouse, and a couple of young ladies in distress of Land's End in crossing the Irish Sea. Then there is a view of Kate Kearney and her cottage at the gap of Dunloe, a view of Blarney Castle and a couple of natives *en route;* the residence of J. Chetwode Crawley, his study, and a portrait of the Secretary of the Veteran Scottish Masons; Brother Henry Dyer, and finally the certicate of the Earl of Euston that General John is entitled to all the honors, rights and privileges of a Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Temple and of Saint John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and the dependencies of the British Crown.

"Sir John, we salute you and wish you an additional score for the enjoyment of your well-earned heritage."

Commanderies, 39; membership, 4,599; gain, 493; largest commandery, California No. 1, San Francisco, 558 swords.

Sir Knight W. FRANK PIERCE, R. E. Grand Commander, San Francisco.

Sir Knight WILLIAM A. DAVIES, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, San Francisco.

CANADA.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, AUGUST, 1903.

Sovereign Great Priory met the 12th and 13th day of August, 1903, in the town of Sarnia, M. E. Sir Knight David Leonard Carley, on the throne.

There was a large attendance of great and grand officers and representatives and the address was an excellent paper. A welcome was extended members of Great Priory by the mayor and aldermen, in which address the mayor took occasion to compliment the ladies accompanying the Sir Knights as follows:

"We welcome you, Sir Knights, in this great social work which you are supporting, and we are particularly honored that so many of your ladies and your lady friends are with you. We have to admit with graceful submissiveness that 'the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world,' but we are equally happy in the thought that the position of gallant knights and fair ladies has still maintained since days of old."

Grand master reports having visited every district in the jurisdiction and many of the preceptories in the district. At Winnepeg Sir Knight Carley says "there was a splendid turnout and nearly all were uniformed and everything gave evidence of prosperity. Our old friend, frater W. G. Bell, is still active and again filling the office of preceptor." Visiting Vancouver, the grand master informs us that the work was done by three different officers, R. E. Sir Knight Harry H. Watson conferring that of the Temple. Adding, "the work of all three orders being exceptionally well executed," for which we can vouch, having seen the work of Sir Knight Watson in the Vancouver preceptory.

Grand master is much displeased with the work done in some of the preceptories in the rushing of companions through the Order of Knighthood, that they might become "Shriners." He well says: "There

can be nothing more inconsistent than that the Order of the Temple, whose glory is in the perpetuation of the deeds done by the Crusaders, under the banner of the cross, should be subordinated to the Scimitar, Star and Crescent of the Saracen and Turk."

We have said the same ever since this Order of the Mystic Shrine has been in existence, but we have come to recognize the fact that the "Arabs" have come to stay and have turned our attention to the reforming of its work and customs, a marked difference in which may now be seen in all its temples.

When the grand master of so conservative a body of Freemasons as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania officially lays the corner-stone of a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, it is a sure case of permanency and we just as well recognize that fact. Too much ritualism in the several bodies of Masonry in the United States and too little of its social companionship is alone responsible for the up-building of the "Ancient Arabic Orders of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine." Recognizing this state of facts we have turned our attention to the union of the English speaking people and, in our visits to Great Britain, as well as the Dominion of Canada, we have advocated what England's poet laureate has so well put in verse, which we take from the grand master's address.

Should envious aliens plan and plot
'Gainst one, and now the other,
They swift would learn how strong the knot
Binds brother unto brother.
How quickly they would change their tack
And show the recreant feather,
Should Stars and Stripes and Union Jack
But float mast high together.

Now let us give one hearty grip,
As by true men is given,
And vow fraternal fellowship
That never shall be riven.
And with our peaceful flags unfurled,
Be fair or foul the weather
Should need arise, face all the world,
And stand or fall together."

Our fraters over the border having had trouble with the one man who, owing to some pique or disappointment, stops all work in the preceptory by too free use of the silent ballot, have a law permitting preceptories to reject a petition by one or two blackballs as the preceptory

may by law provide. This is wrong, brethren. The vote on admission should be uniform in all the bodies and it is questionable, if under this law, you will not let in as many undesirable candidates as one ballot keeps out good ones.

Reports of Provincial Grand Priors are very complete and those of financial officers are interesting showing as they do a good balance in the treasurer's strong box.

Correspondence by our frater Will H. Whyte, eighty-three pages in which he reviews Illinois in his usual courteous manner. Says Grand Commander Green was very pronounced in his value of yearly inspections and has this to say of Our Gil:

"Illinois 'Grand Old Man,' Gil. Barnard (as every one calls him). presented his twenty-fifth report as grand recorder. One quarter of a century in office. We hope friend 'Gil' will long be spared to present many more reports to his Illinois fraters."

Reviews correspondence, admitting that he "takes much interest in that portion which gives our visits and wanderings away from home."

After noting what we said of our visit to British Columbia, the frater concludes, as follows:

"We had the great pleasure of again meeting with the good frater at Montreal, last October, and enjoyed his short visit to our city, while the sovereign grand commander's wife, Mrs. Stearns, together with Mrs. Tressidor and Mrs. Whyte, had a 'most lovely visit,' so they termed it, with the general's charming wife, driving, sight-seeing and shopping."

Under Indiana we find: "Frater Rice questions the 'appropriateness' of publishing yearly General John Corson Smith's 'Masonic Rambles.' The General replied that as he asked no one to pay his traveling bills, and the Grand Commandery of Illinois cheerfully paid the extra printing, Frater Rice did not have to read them if he did not want to. Frater Rice still reiterates 'the appropriateness,' which sounds a little dyspeptic."

Preceptories, 40; membership, 2,547; gain, 274; largest preceptory, Goeffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, 179 swords.

M. E. Sir Knight, Hon. William Gibson, Supreme Grand Master; Beamsville, Ontario.

M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor and Correspondent, Montreal, Quebec.

COLORADO.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Sir Knight Ed. Gene Arnold, R. E. grand commander, presided over the grand conclave held in Masonic Temple, September 18, 1903. city of Denver, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

From the grand commander's address we learn that he visited nearly, if not quite all, the commanderies in his jurisdiction, imparting much valuable advice and giving instruction in the work. One past grand commander was called to the unseen land, Sir Knight Rogers Williams Woodbury, who was well known to the Templar world and of whom Grand Commander Arnold well says:

"His Masonic history is a long and most distinguished one. He was made a Master Mason in Washington Lodge No. 61, Manchester, New Hampshire, November 25, 1865; M. W. Grand Master, 1878; President of the Order of High Priesthood, 1877-83; Grand High Priest, 1881, and grand commander, 1883. He was also an 18° member of the A. A. S. R. In civil life his services have been no less distinguished. A soldier in the civil war, from private to captain. First president of the Denver chamber of commerce and the father of the present Denver library."

Notes the commanderies assembled for Christmas observance and those attending divine service, Easter and Ascension day.

Dispensations were of the usual order and were approved. One now commandery instituted and chartered as Fort Morgan Commandery No. 28, to be stationed at Fort Morgan.

Committeee on necrology pay appropriate tribute to the honored dead through their chairman, Sir Knight Lawrence N. Greenleaf, who says of Sir Knight Roger Williams Woodbury, their deceased past grand commander—

"The brave and valiant warror has laid his armor down;
His mighty dash in battle's crash, has won the victor's crown.
His listening ear nor more will hear the trumpet call 'to arms;'
Forever free, no more to be aroused by war's alarms.
His faithful struggles ended, have brought him glad release;
The battle roar forever o'er, he dwells in perfect peace..
Afar from earth's last battle field, the final victory won,
The risen Lord hath rich reward for duty nobly done."

An appropriate past grand commander's jewel was presented retiring Grand Commander Ed. Gene Arnold on behalf of grand commander by Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood.

Portrait and brief biography of the present Grand Commander, Sir Knight William J. Fine, appears with proceedings as does an excellent portrait of the deceased Past Grand Commander Roger Williams Woodbury in the obituary pages.

Correspondence, sixty-eight pages, by our esteemed frater Harper M. Orahood; well selected and appropriately presented.

Illinois is carefully reviewed and liberal extracts made from address of Grand Commander Green. Notes presence of Deputy Grand Master Sir Knight George M. Moulton and clips from correspondence, giving our opening remarks in full as he does what we had to say of the careful labor displayed in his discreet selections from addresses of grand commanders and doings of grand commanderies. Of our special for the year reviewed, the writer kindly says.

"This year he embellishes his report with a monograph entitled, 'Sketches of Masonic Interest in America.' It is excellently written and beautifully illustrated; interesting, but it must be taken as a whole, it is not quotable."

Commanderies, 27; membership, 1,816; gain 56; largest commandery, Colorado No. 1, Denver, 377 swords.

Sir Knight William Junkin Fine, R. E. Grand Commander, Denver.

Sir Knight William David Todd, E. Grand Recorder, Denver.

Sir Knight Harper M. Orahood, Correspondent, Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave, March, 1904.

Grand Commandery convened March 15, 1904, in annual conclave in the city of Danville with Sir Knight the Rev. Andrew C. Hubbard, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces this volume, in command.

The eleven commanderies in this jurisdiction were represented and there were present all the grand officers, fifteen past grand commanders, twenty-two grand representatives and forty-seven past commanders.

Grand commander's address is in excellent taste and bespeaks the cultured Christian Templar that he is, as witness the following two extracts from the opening and closing:

"Greater familiarity with the *personnel* of our jurisdiction and a more profound study of the principles of the Order have greatly increased my affection and reverence for both. Founded, as Knights Templarism is, upon the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth, no other order can surpass it in its incomparable dignity and excellence. Jesus Christ is the world's supremest personality. His is 'the name that is above every name.' As is the vast and wandering sea contrasted with dew drops upon the blades of grass, as is Mount Blanc, snow-crowned and cloud-draped, to grains of sand of an ant hill at its base, so is the Captain of our salvation compared with the sons of man."

Speaking of death and the broad river we must all sooner or later cross, the grand commander says:

"This river has been a terror to many; yea, the thoughts of it have also frightened me. Now, methinks, I stand easy; my foot is fixed upon that on which the feet of the priests that bore the ark of the covenant stood while Israel went over this Jordan. The waters are indeed to the palate bitter, and to the stomach cold; yet the thoughts of what I am going to, and of the convoy that wait for me on the other side, lie as a glowing coal at my heart. I see myself now at the end of my journey; my toilsome days are ended. I am going to see that head which was crowned with thorns, and that face which was spit upon for me, and I can now exclaim, Take me, Oh Lord! for I come unto Thee."

Reports of grand recorder, grand treasurer and grand inspector were in good form, found correct and approved. Thanks were voted the Sir Knights of Crusader Commandery No. 10, and the ladies of Danbury for their generous hospitality and the retiring grand commander for the faithful manner in which he had performed the important duties of his office and a steel engraved portrait was ordered for proceedings.

Very Eminent Henry W. Rugg, grand generalissimo, being present installed the officers-elect, Past Grand Commander Henry Woodward acting as grand marshal.

A touching and beautiful tribute is paid our old friend and co-worker in Freemasonry, the late Sir Knight Charles W. Carter, and an excellent steel plate portrait is added.

Correspondence forty-five pages, by Sir Knight Hugh Stirling. Altogether too brief, dear Hugh, for your writings are interesting and instructive.

Reviewing Illinois, the frater notes a creditable increase in membership notwithstanding the large number of dimits taken during the year. Wishes space permitted his reporting the good things said by Sir Knight George M. Moulton and Wm. B. Melish on their reception by grand commandery and says of correspondence that we present a description of a delightful trip abroad to attend a conference of the Great Priories of Great Britain and Ireland.

Comanderies, 11; membership, 2,984; gain, 110; largest commandery, Washington No. 1, Hartford, 703 swords.

Sir Knight Julius W. Knowlton, R. E. Grand Commander, Bridgeport.

Sir Knight Eli C. Birdsey, E. Grand Recorder, Meriden.

Sir Knight Hugh Stirling, Correspondent, Bridgeport.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Ninth Annual Conclave, May, 1904.

This, the ninth annual conclave of Grand Commandery District of Columbia, was held in the nation's capital city—Washington, May 9, 1904, and in their grand asylum Masonic Temple. There was a full corps of officers and many representatives present including thirty Sir Knights representing other grand commanderies.

The address of Sir Knight Alex. McKenzie, R. E. grand commander, who presided, is concise and a plain statement of his labors during the year then ending.

That peace and prosperity are found in this jurisdiction is evidenced in what grand commander says under the head of decisions and dispensations:

"The grand commandery, as well as the constituent commanderies, is to be congratulated on the intelligent manner in which the several commanderies have been conducted during the past year, as evidenced by the fact that I have not been called upon to render any decisions during my term of office, and have been requested to grant only a few dispensations."

One petition for a new commandery was referred to grand commandery and dispensation refused. While the commanderies in this grand jurisdiction are strong in membership the smallest having 132 swords, yet where all have to meet in the same city it would seem that there could be small occasion to multiply commanderies.

A kind word is said of the valued services of Grand Recorder Johnston, who like all of the guild was the guide, philosopher and friend of grand commander and deserved his commendation.

Correspondence by frater George H. Walker, excellent, forty-six pages, wish we could be as brief and yet say as much. Quotes liberally from address of Grand Commander Purinton and takes a clip from correspondence, closing by saying:

"As usual, General Smith gives an interesting account of his summer tour. During the past year it was through the British Isles and in Belgium to the field of Waterloo."

You will forgive us, Frater Walker, if we practice brevity on this review, as we are just off to Boston at the head of our G. A. R. Post, Ulysses S. Grant No. 28, the honored name of the First Citizen of this great republic and at one time a resident of your city.

Commanderies, 5; membership, 1,692; gain, 59; largest commandery, Columbia No. 2, Washington, 586 swords.

Sir Knight ANDREW W. KELLEY, R. E. Grand Commander, Washington, D. C.

Sir Knight ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Grand Recorder, Washington, D. C.

Sir Knight GEORGE H. WALKER, Correspondent, Washington, D. C.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

CHAPTER OF GREAT PRIORY, MAY, 1904.

From advance proof sheets for which we are indebted to V. E. Sir Knight C. Fitzgerald Matier, G. C. T., we are enabled to review proceedings of this interesting Templar body in the mother-land and across the deep blue sea.

A chapter was held Friday, May 13, 1904, in the city of London. The most eminent and supreme grand master, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston on the throne presiding.

All the great officers, many E. Knights from the London preceptories and provincial priories being present, added much to the interesting work of the chapter.

The report of grand master's council presented much that was of interest from which we take the following:

"The council has again the pleasure of reporting the uninterrupted prosperity of Great Priory, and of the preceptories under its rule.

"The conference of the governing bodies of the temple was held at 74, Queen street, Edinburgh, on the 28th April, 1904.

"Present from England—Earl of Euston, G. C. T.; C. F. Matier, G. C. T.; T. P. Dorman, K. C. T.; A. J. Thomas.

"Present from Ireland—Col. Vesey Davoren, G. C. T.; Col. Pratt Saunders, G. C. T.; R. H. Walker, K. C. T.

"Present from Scotland—Earl of Kintore, G. C. T.; Col. Stewart, G. C. T.; J. H. Balfour Melville, K. C. T.; Rev. Dr. Glasse; P. L. Henderson, K. C. T.; J. Morris Stewart, K. C. T.; H. Norman Ballantyne, K. C. T.; J. Pringle Taylor, K. C. T.

"The chair was taken by the Earl of Kintore, who gracefully and cordially welcomed the delegates from England and Ireland.

"It was unanimously agreed that the whole questions relating to an unrecognized body, styling itself "The Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta for Scotland," should be referred to the chapter general, whose decision should be final.

"The delegates unanimously agreed to recommend that the following concordat should be adopted, and that it should be ratified by the governing bodies at their earliest convenience:

"It is hereby agreed between the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown; the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Orders of the Temple in Scotland; and the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple in Ireland—with the view of regulating and assimilating the rights of the parties hereto in their respective countries, and in the Dependencies of the British Crown:

"That each governing body acknowledges that each of the other governing bodies is supreme in its own jurisdiction, and this acknowledgment is also jointly made.

"That no private preceptory under the governing bodies shall confer the United Orders for a fee of less than three guineas for the Order of the Temple, and of one guinea for the Order of Malta; or upon a companion of the Holy Royal Arch hailing from a lodge and chapter under another constitution unless by the special permission of the governing body of that country to which constitution his craft and Royal Arch Chapter belong.

"Any brother who has been affiliated into a lodge and chapter under a constitution other than that under which he was initiated and exalted, shall be at liberty to apply to a preceptory of the United Orders under the governing body of the country to which he has come by such affiliation to belong.

"The three governing bodies agree mutually to support and uphold each other, and declare that any member of the United Orders who may be suspended, excluded, or expelled by any one of the governing bodies shall not be permitted to visit or be affiliated to any preceptory under the jurisdiction of the others.

"Nor shall they in any way recognize any body professing to be a body of Knights Templar in any country which does not hold a warrant from, or which is not recognized by one or other of the three governing bodies.

"It was proposed that the next conference should be held in Dublin in the week beginning 10th April, 1905.

"On motion of the Earl of Euston, seconded by Col. Davoren, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Earl of Kintore for his services in the chair.

"His eminence the grand master has received an invitation to attend the Triennial Grand Encampment of the United Orders, at San Francisco, California, and has expressed his willingness to accept the invitation.

"The council has much pleasure in recommending Great Priory to request his eminence, accompanied by the great vice-chancellor, to visit the grand encampment as the representatives of this Great Priory, and to ask his lordship to allow Great Priory to defray the necessary expenses of the deputation. For this purpose a motion will be submitted to authorize the great treasurer to sign cheques not to exceed an amount to be fixed by Great Priory.

"The council recommends Great Priory to vote the sum of £50 to Mrs. Lane, widow of the late E. Knight Charles S. Lane, of the Mount Grace Preceptory, Stockton-on-Tees; and the sum of £20 to E. Knight Thomas Heaton, of the Plains of Rama Preceptory, Keighley.

"The great chancellor: It is now my pleasing duty to report to Great Priory that our most eminent and supreme grand master has received a very pressing and warm invitation to attend the Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States at the beginning of September next in San Francisco; and the grand master, having signified his willingness to attend, I think it would be only right on our part, considering the benefit he has done to the order, to request him and our great vice-chancellor to represent Great Priory, and to allow us to pay the necessary expenses. I now ask the knights present to endorse this recommendation.

"The great treasurer seconded this motion, which was carried unanimously.

"The M. E. and supreme grand master: I thank you very much for the cordial way in which you have received this motion. I shall be only too happy and proud to represent you amongst one of the greatest English-speaking nations. I feel certain that in going over there I shall be able to cement the already existing good feeling, and I hope that when I return to Great Priory in December I shall be able to tell you what good I have done for the order, and I hope the same feeling will be engendered, and that the concordat which has been ratified by England, Ireland, and Scotland will also be ratified there.

"The great chancellor: In order to carry this out it is necessary that the great treasurer should be authorized to sign a cheque for the expenses. Certain calculations have been made, and of course we wish to be represented in a manner that such a body as the Great Priory of England should be represented. I therefore propose that our great treasurer be authorized to sign cheques not to exceed £500. The amount required may not be anything like this, but some limit must be made.

The great treasurer seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Writing of this action of Great Priory, that distinguished Freemason, E. Knight William J. Hughan, the Sage of Torquay, says:

"At the K. T. Great Priory on Tuesday last, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G. C. T., most eminent and supreme grand master, and V. E. C. Fitzgerald Matier, G. C. T., great vice-chancellor, were selected to visit your grand encampment at San Francisco as our direct representatives. I could not attend but wrote at once to warmly favour the scheme, which to my mind is the legitimate outcome of your welcome visits to our three Great Priories, and the good feeling, sympathy and co-operation thus engendered. So your labors have resulted in one of the most Masonic events of all time. The visit is intended as a compliment from this country and I know, as you do, that it will be very much appreciated."

Alms amounting to £6, 3s, 1d, were collected, after which Great Priory was closed in ample form.

Rt. Hon. the EARL OF EUSTON, G. C. T., Supreme Grand Master.

V. E. Knight C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. C. T., Great Vice-Chancellor, London, England.

FLORIDA.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

With portraits of the retiring grand commander, Sir Knight Olin S. Wright, and the efficient grand recorder, Sir Knight Wilber P. Webster, we are introduced to the proceedings of tenth annual conclave over which R. E. Olin S. Wright presided and which was held in the asylum of Damascus Commandery No. 2, Thursday, May 12, 1904, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. in the city of Jacksonville.

On Grand Recorder Webster informing the fraters of grand chapter, R. A. M., having called its annual for one week later than usual, thus causing the absence of many Templars, it was agreed that grand commandery adjourn for one week, which was done, and with a full attendance the session was reopened May 19, the representatives of many other grand commanderies being present, among whom we note Thomas S. Wilmarth, the ambassador from Illinois.

Among the honored dead named by grand commander we find that of their grand treasurer, Warren Tyler, who was also a past grand commander.

The address is brief, though covering all the duties of office for the year. The legislation was also brief and no business for appeal or grievance committee and no correspondence.

Commanderies, 9; membership, 537; gain, 125; largest commandery, Damascus No. 2, Jacksonville, 153 swords.

Sir Knight Otis L. Keene, R. E. Grand Commander, Jacksonville.
Sir Knight Wilber P. Webster, Grand Recorder, Jacksonville.

GEORGIA.

Forty-third Annual Conclave, May, 1904.

Under escort of twelve commanderies this Templar body was conducted to the asylum of St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, where the fraters were welcomed to their forty-third annual conclave by Sir Knight L. H. Chappell, captain general of St. Aldemar Commandery, and mayor of the city of Columbus, where the conclave was held.

Grand Commander George B. Whiteside, whose portrait graces the frontispiece, wastes no words in presenting his address. First he pays knightly tribute to the honored dead of sister jurisdictions, reports the few dispensations issued, refers to triennial conclave, Christmas observance and the institution of one new commandery.

Referring to the Masonic home now in process of erection at Macon, grand commander says, the site embracing 100 and more acres was the gift of Hon. A. O. Bacon, that the land is fertile and the building now in course of erection is of brick, three stories high and will cost $22,500, all of which sum has been subscribed.

The code of statutes and regulations supposed to have been adopted at previous conclave, meeting with objections, the printing was deferred, and on attention being called to the fact that the same had not been read at a previous annual conclave before being voted upon, they were declared "illegal and of no effect."

On motion of Sir Knight Roland B. Hall, thanks were tendered to

the several persons and bodies to which grand commandery was indebted for courtesies during the conclave.

Appropriate jewels were presented Past Grand Commander Frank O. Miller, and G. B. Whiteside.

Roster of commanderies follows proceedings when we have a brief summary of statistics which could better be presented in tabulated form and this we say without meaning any disrespect to the efficient grand recorder of whom grand commander speaks so highly in his address.

The facts are that in a desire to economize, grand commandery abolished the committee on correspondence and imposed the duty upon grand recorder, and as the pretext was to get rid of so much printing, the grand recorder is not free to write so much as he might desire.

Commanderies, 15; membership, 1,284; gain, 153; largest commandery, Coeur de Lion No. 4, Atlanta, 259 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM SCHWEIGERT, R. E. Grand Commander, Augusta.

Sir Knight WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL, Grand Recorder, Savannah.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S. A.

TWENTY-NINTH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1904.

The long-looked for, much-written-of and everlastingly-talked-of Triennial Conclave, has been held and that large gathering of Templars will soon be a memory and all its pageantry noted only in our records. It was a great gathering of the flower of the manhood of our great nation clothed for the time being in the habiliments of war. With flags, banners and beauseants flying they gathered in the city of San Francisco, but for peaceful purposes. There was no sound of war's alarms. No ringing of steel against steel as swords crossed or cleaved through chain armor. Theirs was a peaceful mission and their only thought of conquest was to do battle for the right, to put down vice and oppression in whatever form it appeared; to do battle for Christianity and on behalf of law and order.

Ten thousand Templars assembled under the banners of their commandery, and another five thousand mingled in the great throng

of a half million people, onlookers of that great parade in the streets of San Francisco.

From foundation to house top waved the banner of our faith, the emblems of our order and the flag of our country. Public and private buildings along the streets set apart for the parade, in the heart of that splendid metropolis, and in many out-lying districts vied with each other in the profuseness of their decorations and the wealth of bunting draping their walls. Over the streets were arches of electric lights, emblems of our faith, "Old Glory" and the great liberty bell, composed of its thousands of electric lights which was suspended over the court of honor, near the Palace hotel.

Hearts beat high in anticipation of the joyous welcome awaiting the Templar from the far eastern shores of the Atlantic, and the heart of the continent, by the fraters on the golden shores of the Pacific and in this they were not disappointed. Earnest and joyous were the greetings, bright and cheery as their sunshine was the welcome to their guests to their homes and their affections.

The twenty-ninth triennial conclave was held in the asylum of Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, commencing immediately after the parade, only stopping to partake of a luncheon before proceeding to the opening of grand encampment.

The session commenced at 4 o'clock p. m., Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard, M. E. grand master, presiding, with a full corps of officers and representatives of all the grand commanderies present.

Addresses of welcome were made by the governor of the state and the mayor of the city, each excellent, but that of Governor Pardee being especially so by reason of its brevity and excellent sentiment.

A feature of the conclave was the presence of the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston, M. E. and supreme grand master, K. G. C., Great Priory of England and Wales, and the Dependencies thereof, together with V. E. Knight Charles Fitzgerald Matier, K. G. C., great vice-chancellor, and V. E. Knights Abraham Woodiwiss, K. C. T., past great constable; Thomas Phipps Dormain, K. C. T., great marshal; Rev. C. E. L. Wright, past grand prelate; Alfred James Thomas, grand standard bearer, and Thomas Fraser, grand master's banner bearer.

The conclave lasted three days during which time there was much legislation, some of general importance but much of local only as there must necessarily be in a body embracing so many constituent bodies and covering so large a territory as the United States of America.

One of the amendments to the constitution was to add a new membership, that of honorary member, when upon motion of Sir Knight

Reuben Hedley Lloyd, past grand master, "The Rt. Hon, the Earl of Euston, K. G. C., M. E. and supreme grand master Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof," was elected the first honorary member of grand encampment, which the distinguished frater accepted in a few, well chosen words of thanks for the honor.

Time nor space will not permit my going into any extended report of the doings of grand encampment and as our courteous grand recorder, John A. Gerow, is earnestly at work to get up and distribute the proceedings it will not be necessary that I should do so.

Of the decisions of grand master and the action thereon I give those in which Illinois is most interested.

Grand commander of Texas says that an officer of the United States army stationed at Fort Bliss in that state, who is a Royal Arch Mason, desires to petition for the Order of Knighthood, that "He is not a native of Texas, has been at Fort Bliss about six months, is not married and that his home is wherever he may be stationed by the government," and asks:

"Can El Paso Commandery No. 18 receive his petition, and if favorably acted upon, confer the Order of Knighthood upon him?"

To which grand master answered:

"Yes, El Paso Commandery can receive the petition referred to, and if found worthy, elect him to the Order of Knighthood."

To this question and decision the committee on Templar jurisprudence reported as follows, and their report was approved:

"The laws of the United States declare that a member of the army does not acquire or lose a residence by being stationed anywhere by the government. Residence is a question of act and intent, so that the fact alone of his being stationed at any place by military order only makes him a sojourner at that place. A residence is generally understood to be the place where a person lives when not called hence to labor or for other purposes, and to which he returns in seasons of repose. The terms "Residence" and "Domicile" are convertible terms.

Under title XXXIX, section 3, the petition for orders must give the residence of the petitioner, and under article IV, section 4, of the constitution of the grand encampment, a commandery is prohibited from conferring the degrees upon a sojourner whose place of residence is within any state, district or territory, in which there is a commandery, regularly at work, without the consent of that commandery, or of the grand commandery, if there be one. The meaning of these provisions, as we interpret the law, is that the place of domicile of the petitioner has exclusive jurisdiction over his application.

As far as the facts appear in this case, the applicant was a mere sojourner at Fort Bliss, and it does not appear whether or not his place of residence was within the jurisdiction of any commandery, or a grand commandery, and, therefore, it cannot be determined from the facts stated, whether or not El Paso Commandery had the right to receive the petition. Before a petition can be received, it must affirmatively appear that the petitioner has a domicile within the jurisdiction of the commandery to which the petition is presented, or that the commandery having jurisdiction over that place, or the grand commandery, has assented to presenting the petition elsewhere."

Grand master reported as follows on questions from the grand commander of Illinois:

"Question 1: 'Can a Knight Templar who has been indefinitely suspended by his commandery be restored to good standing in the order and reinstated to membership in the commandery by one ballot, even though the ballot be clear?'

"Question 2: 'Having been restored to good standing in the order, is he not in the same position as though he had dimitted, and must he not petition for membership in the regular manner?'

"Answer: I approve and commend your decisions, as hereto annexed, as being in my judgment a proper construction of the law.

"First—'A Knight Templar who has been indefinitely suspended by his commandery must be restored to good standing in the order before he can lawfully present a petition to reinstatement to membership, and that restoration to good standing and reinstatement to membership cannot be accomplished by one vote, no matter how that vote may be taken.'

"To the second question, I decide that the status of a Knight Templar who has been indefinitely suspended by his commandery and by it afterwards restored to good standing is that of an unaffiliated Knight Templar, but that he differs from the ordinary non-affiliate in this, that he cannot apply for membership by the ordinary petition for membership, but he must do so by a petition conforming to the requirements of the above quoted section 10 of title XXXIII, of the grand encampment code.'"

To this the jurisprudence committee made report as follows and their report was adopted:

XIX. We do not concur in this decision. According to the statement of the case, a Knight was suspended by his commandery. Under title XLIII, Sec. 9, there are two steps which may be taken when a

Templar has been suspended. The first is, he must be restored to good standing, and that can only be done by a majority vote; after he has been restored to good standing, then a vote can be taken on the question of restoring him to membership; and upon that question there must be a unanimous ballot. Therefore, in this case, there should have first been a vote on the question as to whether the commandery would restore him to good standing. If that was carried in the affirmative by a majority vote, then the next question that should have been put before the commandery was, whether or not the commandery would restore him to membership, and upon that question the unanimous vote would have been required to carry it in the affirmative. A knight merely suspended by his commandery, when restored to good standing, is not required to petition to be restored to membership. It is only where he has been expelled by his commandery and then restored to good standing that he is required to petition to be restored to membership. See sections 10 and 11, same title.

The next question in which our jurisdiction was especially interested together with answer of grand master and action of grand encampment is here given in full:

From the grand commander of Illinois:

"Question: 'A member of Rock Island Commandery No. 18, files an objection to the advancement of a companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, basing his objection upon section 3 of title XXXVII, statutes of the grand encampment, claiming it as a right, he not having received a notice that the candidate was to be balloted for, and asks: Will a simple objection filed now be sufficient to prevent the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon the companion?'

"Answer: 'Yes; the objection of a Sir Knight was valid, and should not be questioned. Title XXXVII, section 3, unquestionably gives him that right.'"

To the foregoing committee reported as follows and their report was adopted:

The case finds that the companion had recived the Order of the Red Cross, and prior to conferring the Order of the Temple objection was made to his advancement. The objector claimed that he had received no notice that the candidate was to be balloted for. Title XXXVII of the statutes, section 3, provides: "No member of a commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon any companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the orders in any commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a companion of the

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would at that time, be presented for ballot." The language of section 3, above quoted, is to the effect that the section shall not apply unless a notice of the conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name, at that time, would be presented for ballot. There is no evidence in the case showing that the notice was not sent, as contemplated in section 3, the language being that the objector claimed that he had not received a notice that the candidate was to be balloted for. As the case stands the objector was not entitled to prevent the advancement of the candidate by objection only. The candidate having received the Order of the Red Cross, would be entitled to receive the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after charges and trial. A variety of reasons will occur whereby the objector was prevented from receiving a notice. It cannot be presumed that the commandery would be responsible for such failure to receive the notice, and it would not be consistent to prevent the conferring of the Order of the Temple because for any reason the objector did not receive the notice. If a notice was not sent, as contemplated by section 3, then a simple objection would be sufficient to prevent the advancement of the candidate, but in this case it does not appear that a notice was not sent. The grand master could only decide the question upon the record as presented to him. The objection must be regarded as insufficient. We cannot concur in the decision of the grand master, and recommend that the decision be not approved.

It is unnecessary to say that our own loved frater, Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton was unanimously elected M. E. grand master and that he will be *Our* "Supreme Grand Master" for the next three years and until the THIRTIETH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE, which is to be held in the CITY OF SARATOGA, NEW YORK, *the second Tuesday in July,* 1907.

The following are the officers elected and appointed who were duly installed:

GEORGE M. MOULTON, Chicago, M. E. Grand Master.

HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, V. E. Deputy Grand Master.

WILLIAM B. MELISH, Cincinnati, Grand Generalissimo.

FRANK H. THOMAS, Washington City, Grand Captain General.

ARTHUR MACARTHUR, Troy, N. Y., Grand Senior Warden.

W. Frank Pierce, San Francisco, Grand Junior Warden.
H. Wales Lines, Meriden, Conn., Grand Treasurer.
John A. Gerow, Detroit, Grand Recorder.
John M. Worrall, Danville, Ky., Grand Prelate.
William H. Norris, Manchester, Iowa, Grand Standard Bearer.
Joseph K. Orr, Atlanta, Georgia, Grand Sword Bearer.
Edward W. Wellington, Topeka, Kansas, Grand Warder.
J. W. Chamberlain, St. Paul, Minn., Grand Captain of the Guard.

ILLINOIS.

Forty-seventh Annual Conclave, September, 1903.

This conclave was held in the city of Peoria, and while a grand success as to numbers present and courtesies received, it is not likely to be repeated. The reason for this is that all our state grand bodies meet in Chicago in October, two others same week with grand commandery, which interferes so with the accustomed order of procedure and thus takes so much more time that the Sir Knights cannot well afford to give, especially at that season of the year.

In this year of our Lord, A. D. 1904, grand commandery will resume its labors in October and in the grand asylum in Chicago.

Our proceedings for 1903 have been courteously reviewed by all the correspondents and met with many favorable comments for which Illinois fraters are grateful.

INDIANA.

Fiftieth Annual Conclave, May, 1904.

The golden anniversary of the formation of this grand commandery was observed in annual conclave in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Wednesday, May 11, 1904, Sir Knight Frederick Glass, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

The public ceremonies attending this conclave were a dinner which was served in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, by the gallant knights and fair dames of Indianapolis. A parade in which thirty and more commanderies were represented followed in the evening by addresses of welcome in Tomlinson Hall by Sir Knight and Governor Winfield T. Durbin and Past Grand Commander Hon. John W. Holtzman, mayor of Indianapolis, and the address of the occasion by E. Sir John L. Rupe, entitled "Fifty Years of Templar Masonry in Indiana." The ceremonies closing with a promenade, concert and social.

The history of the formation and growth of the Templar bodies in Indiana was treated in a scholarly and interesting manner by Sir Knight Rupe, as was the growth of the state and nation, the destinies of which were largely moulded and advanced by the teachings of our order.

"No man" said the orator, has ever worn the Templar uniform, appreciating what it symbolizes, and imbued with the spirit of the institution, who has not been lifted out of the narrow life of selfishness, and with a clearer light, broader vision of duty and human responsibility, has entered life's field of larger opportunity and with his life dignified by high and noble purposes and resolves. The Knight Templar should, and ought to be the true type of the American citizen. No man wears our uniform who is not, because of it, the better equipped and qualified for the duties which devolve upon him as a citizen and a responsible member of society. No man enlisted as a soldier under the banner of the Holy Cross, but is patriotic, and who is not, because of such service, a better soldier to uphold the honor and glory of his country's flag, and the preservation of all of beneficence which it symbolizes."

The representative of Grand Commandery of Illinois, Sir Knight Charles N. Mikels, was present throughout the conclave.

Excellent portraits grace the pages of this volume of Charles Goltra, the newly-installed grand commander and of the re-elected and efficient grand recorder, Calvin W. Prather.

From the excellent address of Grand Commander Frederick Glass we learn that three new commanderies were instituted for which charters were duly granted, and that upon notice of the death of their representative to the Grand Commandery of Illinois, our lamented past grand commander, Wilbur F. Bromfield, commission had been sent our grand captain of the guard, E. Sir Knight William Lindsay Orr, to fill the vacancy. At this writing it is our painful duty to inform our fraters in Indiana that Sir Knight Orr is seriously ill and doubtful if he will ever again guard the outer portals of our grand asylum.

The fourth and oldest living past grand master, Rev. William Pelan, now a resident of Spokane, Washington, was, on the approaching eightieth anniversary of his birth, October 14, 1903, sent by grand commander, the loving greetings of the 4,500 courteous Templars of the grand body over which he had presided nearly half a century ago.

The address closes with thanks to Grand Recorder Calvin W. Prather, to whom grand commander acknowledges his indebtedness for advice and assistance in the discharge of his many duties, acts which have ripened their friendship into a lasting affection.

Among the distinguished visitors present we note the name of V. E. William B. Melish, grand captain general grand encampment, who was received with the honors due his rank, warmly welcomed to grand commandery and treated with knightly courtesy. For all of which the V. E. Sir Knight thanked the fraters in a neat and appropriate address such as was befitting the occasion.

Correspondence, seventy-one pages, kindly review of doings of forty-four grand commanderies in which Illinois receives courteous attention, and from the fraternal pen of Sir Knight Martin H. Rice.

Takes note of the ceremonies attending the outing to Peoria of grand commandery in 1903, and recalls the fact of our own St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, bearing away the prize banner from Raper Commandery No. 1 of his own state some twenty years ago.

Says Grand Commander Purinton's address is of forty-two pages and is pleased to note the courtesies extended Vincennes Commandery No. 20, in their visit to Gorin Commandery No. 14, stationed at Olney, through the kindness of Grand Commander Purinton.

Names the distinguished Templars visiting grand commandery at Peoria and looks into our treasury strong box which he finds full of shekels and other good securities.

Takes a run through correspondence and kindly says our "Knights Templar conference and tour through the British Isles," is interesting reading. Those visits, dear Sir Knight Rice, are being productive of good as evidenced in the presence of the knightly visitors who are coming across the deep blue sea to attend the San Francisco triennial.

Commanderies, 47; membership, 4,704; gain, 381; largest commandery, Raper No. 1, Indianapolis, 286 swords.

Sir Knight CHARLES GOLTRA, R. E. Grand Commander, Crawfordsville.

Sir Knight CALVIN W. PRATHER, E. Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.

Sir Knight MARTIN H. RICE, Correspondent, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

With a full corps of officers, many past grand officers and the representatives of the five commanderies of this young jurisdiction, the tenth annual conclave of this grand commandery was held in Masonic Hall, city of Muskogee, Thursday, April 14, 1904, Sir Knight Herbert Johnston Evans, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Letter from M. E. Grand Master Henry Bates Stoddard was read regretting he was denied the pleasure of being present, owing to the annual conclave of his own grand commandery, that of Texas, being then in session. Also telegram from that body saying:

"The Grand Commandery of Texas greets her young sister with congratulations and fraternal love, in which she is joined by the grand master here present."

Grand commander greets his fraters, thanks them for their devotion to the order and says:

"To our first R. E. grand commander, Sir Robert W. Hill, and that little band of energetic Knights is due the credit of our present organization, and I think it would be most appropriate at this time, and a fitting tribute that we wire to Sir Robert W. Hill, at New York, our greetings and good wishes for his welfare."

Telegrams were sent Grand Master Stoddard, Past Grand Commander Hill, and Grand Commandery of Texas, expressing fraternal love of the brethren.

A pleasant business session followed at the close of which the Sir Knights, together with the companions attending Grand Royal Arch Chapter and Grand Council R. and S. M., were entertained at a banquet given them by the ladies of Astrea Chapter, Order Eastern Star.

There is no correspondence.

Commanderies, 5; membership, 273; gain, 31; largest commandery, Muskogee No. 1, Muskogee, 95 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM F. BOWMAN, R. E. Grand Commander, Ardmore.

Sir Knight JOSEPH S. MURROW, E. Grand Recorder, Atoka.

IOWA.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JULY, 1904.

A splendid steel portrait of R. E. Grand Commander John William Wells greets the reader on opening the pages of this excellent volume of proceedings containing addresses and legislation of the forty-first annual conclave of Grand Commandery of Iowa held in their own bivouac on the banks of Spirit Lake and over which Sir Knight Wells presided, July 12-15, 1904.

Speaking for the Templars of Iowa, in which all who have ever been their guests, most heartily join, grand commander, says:

"There is a growing feeling of home-coming as we assemble year after year on the shores of this beautiful lake. As Jerusalem was to the pious Jew, or as Mecca to the Mohammedan, so is our Templar Park to the Templars of Iowa. Beautiful Spirit Lake! a name that suggests a superstition and also a belief in immortality; a beauty-spot in our great prairie state. Like the lily, from its retired situation, it denotes peace. Not only denotes peace, but promotes peace; for I am confident that our annual gatherings here have done very much to magnify Templary in Iowa, and to inspire a fervency and zeal that can come only from close friendships and intimate associations."

After appropriate tribute to the honored dead of his own and sister jurisdictions we have a resume of duties of grand commander during his official year which is full of interest to the Iowa Templar.

Referring to his many visitations, our frater was pleased with his brief sojourn at our grand commandery and renewal of old acquaintance, for this is his mother jurisdiction in which he was an earnest and active worker until his removal across the river and into the land of the Iowaians.

"On invitation of Past Grand Commander John C. Smith, of Illinois, seconded by Gil. W. Barnard, eminent grand recorder, I visited the Grand Commandery of Illinois, in session at Peoria, September 1 and 2, 1903. I received every knightly courtesy there that I could wish, made many acquaintances, and renewed former ones among that grand body of strong and stalwart men."

Several decisions were handed down, the first of which committee on Templar jurisprudence amended and very properly.

The question and answer was:

"A petitioner desired to withdraw his petition for financial reasons. Dispensation was requested to allow him to do so.

"Decided that petition must stand and be balloted on. Suggested that friendly black-ball might be cast."

On recommendation of committee the words, "suggested that friendly blackball be cast," were stricken out.

Decision 5, on which report was deferred until next year being that of the right of affiliation, grand commander having answered yes.

"Can a commandery entertain a petition for re-affiliation of a member dimitted in 1901, now a resident of California, in order that a new dimit may be granted, a commandery in that state having refused to recognize his application, because his dimit was more than six months old?"

You can make statute law depriving a member of many time-honored rights and if sustained by the higher authority we must submit to the same though it be not good law but, we hold it to be time-honored though it may be unwritten law, that a dimitted Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason or Knights Templar has a right to petition for membership to a lodge, chapter or commandery, no matter where located and become a member thereof if duly elected. In that respect he differs from a profance and we dislike to see him deprived of such a time-honored right. Grand Commander was right. See title XXXIII, Section II, Statutes Grand Encampment.

Our honored Past Grand Prelate Sir Knight and Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, closes an excellent report on necrology in the following beautiful language.

"Quite too soon this annual gathering will close; hands will be clasped in farewell, and good-byes be spoken—with some for the last time. Yet shall we part in hope, and with courage undaunted go to our work, though knowing full well that some will weary and fall out by the way ere again the June roses bloom, and the grand master's gavel calls the craft to labor.

"But the wearied workers who 'rest from their labors' are not forgotten, neither do they forget. They abide with us—do we not abide with them? The break in the ranks is but temporary. They who have gone are in detached service, but they are still of the army. Their valiant service here we cherish as a holy memory to incite us to better and nobler living; is not that memory also a ground of confidence that they who were true and valiant here will be no less true

and valiant wherever they are? If there be doubt let it be of ourselves, and that only as a spur to more heroic endeavor to prove ourselves worthy of the noble companionships which have made life so richly worth living. So shall we best honor the dead—who yet live; so shall we best do our part to cheer the world, and make its burden lighter while we stay, and win the love which will keep us in sacred remembrance when we pass to rest and reward."

Correspondence cviii, from the pen of Frater W. I. Babb, and of exceeding great merit.

Reviews Illinois pleasantly and finds much to record as to distinguished visitors, among whom were Deputy—now Grand Master George M. Moulton, the then Grand Captain-General William B. Melish, and his own Grand Commander John W. Wells. Gracefully says of Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, that "his address is a good and able paper, containing a full account of his stewardship, with some excellent suggestions. He seems to have been active and vigilant in the discharge of his duties. His decisions were all approved."

Gives correspondent the following flattering poultice before he proceeds to chide him for being so warlike.

"General John Corson Smith, past grand commander of Illinois, whose name is so dear to many of us, presents us with another of his entertaining and instructive annual reviews, which have been, for many years, the source of constant delight to all of us. He has placed the Templars of the United States under renewed obligations to him, this time by supplementing it with a charming description of his tour through England, Scotland, and Ireland, and his visit to their Annual Masonic and Templar Conferences. It is handsomely illustrated with views and portraits that add much to its value. Long may his life be spared to enlighten the world and make it brighter and happier by these annual contributions."

Quoting the following from our writings of last year:

"Knowing Brother Babb so well we do not dispute his intentions. We know his ability and unhesitatingly declare that we do not care to cross lances with him, but we desire to say that we know of no more pleasing fiction than that trite saying: 'The pen is mightier than the sword.' It pleases those who never fight but who are the cause of so many others' fighting. Search all history and we fail to find any great advance in civilization but through bloodshed. Nations are born in warfare. Our own God-favored country was born in the revolution, and the curse of slavery was only removed by a war such as the world never before witnessed. But our Sir Knight, like he

whose honored name he bears, makes for peace, and we know that he will have peace in the Templar household—if he has to fight for it."

Brother Babb then proceeds to say:

"In thus affirming that war is a greater blessing than peace the General lays down a theme entirely too extensive for discussion at this time, but we cannot refrain from one suggestion on the subject.

"Masonry inculcates the doctrine of friendship, brotherly love, and peace. As Templars we are taught to hope and pray for the advent of that day when swords shall be beaten into plough-shares and spears into pruning-hooks; when nations shall not take up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war any more.

"If these objects which lie at the foundation of Masonry and Templary are a curse and not a blessing, then, my dear General, as an honest man, as I know you are, and as friend of your race, the only thing seemingly left for you to do is to spend your remaining years in an 'Anti-Masonic Crusade.' How does that strike you?"

We submit, dear frater, that we have nowhere said "that war is a greater blessing than peace." We have said that all great advances in civilization have been won on the battle-field and named our own great nation as an illustration. We might cite the nations of the earth in their advance from barbarism, serfdom and ignorance to an enlightened constitutional liberty, but content ourself with a reference to our own continent, to Mexico in her overthrow of the Spanish power; to Texas in her withdrawal from Mexico and defeat of Santa Anna to the South American republics and last and by no means the least, our own liberation of Cuba from the barbaric tyranny of effete Spain.

The sword, my dear Sir Knight, in the hands of the Knights Hospitalers of St. John and Malta, saved Europe from being over-ran by the Mohammedan. It blazes the way to victory which the pen records and with the aid of the rifle and artillery in the hands of an intelligent people affixes its stamp of royalty upon constitutional liberty and secures us in our personal and governmental liberty. No true soldier wants war. Our Great Commander said, "let us have peace," and General Sherman, who truly said, "war is hell!" was for peace though he had "to fight for it." "And so say we, all of us."

When in Atlanta many years ago, I asked a "rebel brigadier," who of their people were clamorous for war, and his answer was, "the old men who hid in the brush during the war and the young men who have grown up since the war." If that was true of Georgia it is none the less true of Illinois or Iowa.

We are for no "anti-crusades," but for a Masonic crusade against vice, ignorance and corruption wherever found and to the end of life.

The dear judge misunderstanding our desire for peace even declines our well-merited words of commendation of his labors and again mistaken attributes them to our having been to Blarney Castle. Why, my dear frater, you don't think we were so silly as to kiss the blarney stone when we could have the girls do that and then we could, as we did, kiss the girls?

Commanderies, 58; membership, 5,271; gain, 150; largest commandery Temple No. 4, Des Moines, 255 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM WELDEN, R. E. Grand Commander, Iowa Falls.

Sir Knight DAVID MILLAR BROWNLEE, Grand Recorder, Sioux City.

Sir Knight W. I. BABB, Correspondent, Mt. Pleasant.

IRELAND.

GREAT PRIORY, 1903-4.

"Brother General John Corson Smith:

"You are hereby summoned to attend the Chapter of the Great Priory of Ireland, to be holden at Freemason's hall, Dublin, on Friday, the 3rd day of June, 1904, at eight o'clock, p. m., precisely, for the transaction of such business as shall be regularly brought before it for the honor and advancement of the order.

A. VESEY DAVOREN, COL., G. C. T.
Great Chancellor."

So reads the summons received by the representatives of Great Priory of Ireland several times a year, which by reason of the incompleteness of the aerial flying-ship, he is excused for not obeying. Either for that or because his preceptory (commandery) has not yet become so generous as to "defray half the dinner cheque for attending the banquet" the representative, near Grand Encampment United States of America, is kindly excused for an *occasional* absence from this the most *elite* of Templar bodies in Christendom.

We say "the most *elite*" advisedly, and for the reason that no companion, Royal Arch Mason can petition for the orders to any preceptory any more than a 32d degree member of the A. A. S. R. can petition supreme council for the thirty-third degree of that rite.

The mode of procedure to attain the orders is for a H. K. T. (High Knight Templar) who desires to have Companion Jenkins receive the orders is to submit the name to his preceptory when, if not objected to, the same is forwarded to the grand master's council, where if unanimously approved it is sent back to the preceptory with authority to ballot and if the ballot is also unanimous in preceptory, Companion Jenkins may then receive the orders of our chivalric brotherhood.

The following are circulars relative to the annual inaugural banquet when great officers are installed or inducted into office.

The Inaugural Banquet of the Great Priory of Ireland will take place on 29th April, 1904.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master's Council, the University Preceptory will defray half the Dinner Cheque of members attending the Banquet.

Application for tickets should be made according to enclosed circular.

W. J. Chetwode Crawley, K.C.T.,

Ely Place, Dublin.

12th April, 1904.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Great Priory of Ireland

GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
FREEMASONS' HALL, DUBLIN

The attention of the Preceptories is directed to the modification of Law No. 7, by which it is proposed to give the Order at large an opportunity of meeting together for fraternal intercourse in April of each year.

With this object, the Conclave of Great Priory, at 5:30 p.m., on 29th April, 1904, will be followed by a Banquet, which all Brethren of the Order shall be eligible to attend.

Several Preceptories have already intimated their intention of defraying, in whole or in part, the Dinner Cheque (fixed by Great Priory at One Guinea) of the Preceptor and Registrar, and other Representatives of the Preceptory. It is to be hoped that the example may be generally followed, so as to ensure a large and representative gathering of H.K.T. from all parts of Ireland.

Full H. K. T. costume must be worn in Great Priory, but ordinary evening dress, with the Star or Jewel of the Order, at the Banquet—See Laws Nos. 12, 96. Application for tickets, etc., should be made to the Great Vice-Chancellor not later than the 22d April. Cheque or Postal Order to be sent with application.

By order,
R. H. WALKER
Great Vice-Chancellor

H. R. and I. H., the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, G. C. T., etc., M. E. and Supreme Grand Master.

COLONEL A. VESEY DAVOREN, G. C. T., Chancellor.

R. H. WALKER, K. C. T., Great Vice Chancellor.

KANSAS.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1903.

This conclave was held in Topeka, May 12 and 13, 1903, Sir Knight Thomas L. Bond, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

The address is plain business and unencumbered with any lengthy suggestions, treating only of work fully accomplished. Pays tribute to the honored dead, Sir Knight A. M. Callaham, past grand commander and others; recites dispensations; tells of installations, visitations and much other work which claimed his attention.

That there were no grievances or decisions called for gives evidence of the peace reigning in that growing jurisdiction. The inspection of every commandery during the year is reported and much good expected to result there from.

A touching report from committee on necrology is submitted, which is introduced with a poem from which we extract.

"Between here and Heaven lies the City of Peace,
And among the dark foliage there
We can see its white spires and glittering domes
Gleam forth through the still evening air,
It has beautiful avenues stretching afar,
And many a cross-running street.
But no sound of horsemen, no rumble of car,
Nor din of on-hurrying feet,
No warder of earth guards the City of Peace,
But the angels of God gather there,
And bending in love over each lowly bed,
They guard it with tenderest care."

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Following this is a splendid tribute to Past Commander Callaham, from which we learn that he was a soldier of the Union in 1861-5.

"He served nearly four years in the twenty-ninth and seventy-third Indiana volunteer infantry. Was a prisoner of war for twenty months. No old soldier in distress ever appealed to Sir Callaham in vain. He was eminent in his profession, uncompromising in his support of every measure espoused by him, an earnest supporter of the principles of our order, a true citizen of the state, and to his family, a loyal and devoted father."

Correspondence, 126 pages. An excellent review of Templar doings by Sir Knight William M. Shaver, in which Illinois is reviewed at some length. Of Grand Commander Green's address, the writer says that it was excellent, and to prove it gives liberal extracts from the same. Reviews proceedings, thus giving evidence that he read them and takes a stroll through correspondence, saying:

"Sir Knight Smith follows his usual custom of adding an illustrated article of travel to his report, this year it being 'Sketches of Masonic Interest in America.' These sketches interestingly cover some rambles on Puget Sound and up into British Columbia on the coast."

Reproducing much of this writer's article on General Grant, Sir Knight Shaver kindly adds, "Later in the 'sketches' General Smith reproduces an article, written by himself some ten years ago, upon the question as to whether General Grant had ever been a Mason.

"This article shows conclusively that the step had never been taken. These 'sketches' will prove very interesting to the frater who will drop into the grand recorder's office and peruse them."

Commanderies, 48; membership, 3,615; gain, 83; largest commandery Topeka No. 5, Topeka, 258 swords.

KANSAS.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

By reason of our early grand conclave of last year we were not in receipt of the preceeding volume of proceedings of this grand commandery, hence have two books to review for this correspondence.

This, their thirty-fifth annual conclave, was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral City of Wichita, commencing May 10, 1904, Sir Knight

Charles J. Webb, R. E. grand commander, presiding, whose portrait graces this book and from whose address we learn of the prosperity of our knightly order in this growing jurisdiction.

"Interpretations are not decisions," says the grand commander in a brief and concise address, and he well says that "it is not necessary to burden this report or the records of the grand commandery with a recital of the various interpretations of law as made by the grand commander during the past year."

The address is of less than five pages, is a model and we wish other grand commanders could take it for copy.

The reports of grand treasurer and grand recorder are also concise and in good taste, while the funds of grand commandery make a good exhibit showing a balance in the treasurer's strong box of $1,725, with which to enter upon the new Templar year.

Correspondence, 101 pages, the work of the Grand Recorder Sir Knight William M. Shaver.

Takes note of distinguished visitors, the grand captain general grand encampment and grand generalissimo Grand Commandery of Kansas, each of whom are always welcome visitors in Illinois and of the legislation of our grand body.

Referring to decision of grand commander that an objection to conferring the Order of the Temple upon a companion was not sufficent to prevent the same, but that charges would have to be preferred and which the grand commander sustained, our brother holds differently, and thinks grand encampment law sustains his position. Sir Knight Moulton, ourself and others hold the other view and believing that a companion having received the Order of the Red Cross is like an Entered Apprentice, has attained to a position entitling him to more consideration than a profane, one of which is that he shall not be debarred receiving the higher degrees upon a simple objection and where there may be a doubt upon such a question we endeavor to make our lodge and commandery laws agree so that we do not have one law govern the lodge and another the grand commandery.

Reviews correspondence and says our "Tour through the British Isles is in Sir Knight Smith's most pleasing vein and is very enjoyable reading."

As to the absence of review of the Kansas proceedings in our last writings, we assure Fater Shaver that we did not have the Kansas report when we went to press, some three months earlier than usual.

Commanderies, 49; membership, 3,781; gain, 166; largest commandery, Topeka No. 5, Topeka, 268 swords.

Sir Knight JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE, R. E. Grand Commander, Jewell City.

Sir Knight THOMAS J. ANDERSON, E. Grand Recorder, Topeka.

Sir Knight WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Correspondent, Topeka.

KENTUCKY.

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

This grand conclave was held in the state capitol building, city of Frankfort, commencing May 18, 1904, with Sir Knight George Alexander Lewis, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Preceding the opening ceremonies there was a parade of some twenty-five commanderies and grand commandery was escorted to the Baptist church, where an excellent sermon was delivered by the Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D., and the Sir Knights were warmly welcomed by the governor, Sir Knight J. C. W. Beckham, Grand Commander Lewis responding in graceful and appropriate words of thanks for the warm greeting.

There is much in the sermon we would gladly extract, but space forbids our taking but one gem:

"Unlike the various orders of nobility, which are by inheritance, knighthood rests upon merit. Each man who is enrolled as a knight is supposed to have a knightly character. The name is the mark of a high character. To shine it is necessary to burn, and so that which shines must be of right material. Clay does not shine, nor stone. It is written that John, the Baptist, was a 'burning and a shining light,' and burning is ever the price of shining. To let our light shine we must have hearts on fire with love to God and with zeal for the good of mankind. Men whose souls do not kindle at the thought of God's love and grace and at the thought of human suffering and need, are incapable of knighthood."

Grand Commander Lewis, whose portrait appears upon the front page, presented a business-like address in which he recited the duties of his office for the year. Paid appropriate tribute to the memory of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Thomas Jefferson Smith, who died at his home in Bowling Green, Ky., March 21, 1904, and to

our dear friend and frater Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke, V. E. grand senior warden, Grand Encampment, U. S. A., who was summoned above from his home in Portland, Maine, April 21, 1904.

Instituted one new commandery, Carlisle U. D., at Carlisle, to which a charter was granted and referred another petition to grand commandery, which declined the request. Several dispensations were reported; two decisions and much miscellaneous business of local interst, concluding with thanks to Grand Recorder Alfred H. Bryant for his valuable assistance during the year.

A very commendable report was made with plates and specifications for Templar uniform, which was adopted and much other routine business transacted.

Correspondence, 98 pages, the work of that veteran writer and courteous Templar, Sir Knight Charles Rankin Woodruff.

Illinois receives careful review though Kentucky failed to appear in our last year's report by reason of our early grand conclave, grand commandery meeting in Peoria. Notes our distinguished visitors; our great parade; St. Bernard's reception to Grand Commander Purinton and his wife and the presentation by Past Grand Commander P. W. Barclay of the usual jewel to the retiring grand commander; takes a ramble through correspondence and concludes with this kind reference to our writings:

"Brother Smith continues his series of fascinating experiences in his diversified travels, entitled, 'Knights Templar Annual Conference and Tour Through the British Isles.' It is a most enjoyable contribution to the information and entertainment of his many, many friends and readers, and is properly embellished with fitting and tastefully chosen illustrations."

Commanderies, 26; membership, 2,987; gain, 196; largest commandery, De Molay No. 12, Louisville, 572 swords.

Sir Knight Robert Rodes Burnham, R. E. Grand Commander, Richmond.

Sir Knight Alfred Hughes Bryant, E. Grand Recorder, Covington.

Sir Knight Charles Rankin Woodruff, Correspondent, Waverly hotel, Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, FEBRUARY, 1904.

Grand commandery met as usual in Grand Asylum, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, in forty-first annual conclave, Friday, February 5, 1904, Sir Knight Henry B. Schreiber, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

In a neat pamphlet of thirty-four pages the grand recorder compiles address of grand commander, legislative proceedings, statistics and roster of commandery membership.

In three pages the grand commander tells of the institution of two commanderies and the installation of their officers, issue of one dispensation to ballot and one for public installation; congratulates the fraters on the strengthening of the bond of amity and fraternity between the commanderies and takes note of the observance of Ascension Day and Christmas. Asks that steps be taken to be represented at the coming triennial in response to which $500 was voted to defray expenses of grand commandery in San Francisco.

We note the presence of the representative from Illinois, Sir Knight E. B. Kemp, during the conclave and the appointment of our Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Harry Hayes Cleaveland, to represent that grand commandery in Illinois.

There is no correspondence.

Commanderies, 8; membership, 518; gain, 68; largest commandery, Jacques de Molay No. 2, New Orleans, 183 swords.

Sir Knight GEORGE W. BOOTH, R. E. Grand Commander, New Orleans.

Sir Knight RICHARD LAMBERT, E. Grand Recorder, New Orleans.

MAINE.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1903.

This grand conclave was held in Masonic Temple, Portland, May 7, 1903, with Sir Knight Frederick W. Plaisted, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Grand commander congratulates his fraters "upon the successful completion of the most prosperous year in the history of Templar Masonry in Maine." Pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of two of our oldest Templar friends, Past Grand Commanders Josiah Hayden Drummond and Edward Payson Burnham, and then proceeds to review his labors for the year.

The dispensations issued were numerous and largely for "pilgrimages" or the entertainment of visting commanderies, which speaks well for the social life of our eastern fraters.

Two decisions referred to committee on Templar jurisprudence, of which Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke is chairman, were promptly, and in our opinion, correctly reported and adopted.

"In regard to the petition made to one of two commanderies having concurrent jurisdiction for waiver of jurisdiction, the rejection by the commandery to which waiver of jurisdiction was made was a finality and petition could not be made to the other commandery for waiver. Had the commandery to which petition was made granted the petition, it would not have been necessary to make petition to the other commandery."

Second: "Your committee further report that in our opinion an eminent commander of a commandery cannot be dimitted from the commandery during the term of office for which he was elected."

Correspondence, sixty pages, by the Grand Recorder Stephen Berry. Entertaining and instructive; notes death of dear Charlie Morse, their long-time representative to Grand Commandery of Illinois; quotes liberally from correspondence and concludes as follows:

"His sketches of travel are very interesting. In Portland, Oregon, he looked up the records of Willamette lodge to see if General Grant was initiated there, and found that the report to that effect was an error, but he discovered the records of the making of Gen. George B. McClellan, Gen. Rufus Ingalls and Gen. Henry C. Hodges."

Commanderies, 21; membership, 4071; gain, 242; largest commandery, Portland No. 2, Portland, 449 swords.

Sir Knight FREDERICK C. THAYER, R. E. Grand Commander, Waterville.

Sir Knight STEPHEN BERRY, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Portland.

MARYLAND.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE, NOVEMBER, 1903.

The volume of proceedings presented by Grand Recorder John H. Miller, is always a welcome guest. Neat, trim and attractive. Its thirty-third is no exception and we take it up for review with pleasure.

The address of Sir Knight William Jackson Cunningham, whose genial portrait graces the front page of this volume, is a concise, methodical recital of the duties performed during the past year. In them we find only the well ordered round of official duties which fall to the lot of all grand commanders in jurisdictions under such well-conducted jurisprudence as that of Maryland.

It is unnecessary to say that the representative of Illinois, Sir Knight Alfred Edwin Booth, was at his post, and beside him that dear frater, Edward Thomas Schultz, whose hearing is as acute and mind as clear though he cannot see God's daily sunlight.

Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, having been invited to lay the corner-stone of the U. S. custom house in Baltimore, grand commandery was tendered and acted as escort to the M. W. grand master Grand Lodge of Maryland, June 13, 1903.

Three evening sessions were held and much business of a local character transacted. After various valuable tables of Templar information, we have a treat in the ninety-six pages of correspondence, the fifth by Sir Knight John H. Miller, who in his conclusion, says:

"We have again finished our report, which has been prepared at our place of business during our leisure moments, (as though a grand recorder ever had any *leisure* moments!) To review forty-five books carefully and write an intelligent report thereon is no easy task, especially when written in a business office."

No writer of correspondence will gainsay that statement, as each well knows from his own experience that as much a labor of love as each may admit it is, yet a laborious task requiring thought and the robbing himself of many hours which had better be devoted to rest.

In our brother's review, Illinois was carefully read, as his comments clearly indicate and his opinions attest. Correspondence was not overlooked as it is liberally quoted, ending with the following paragraph.

"We have been expecting a visit from our globe-trotting friend for a couple of years, and hope to have the pleasure of greeting him in Baltimore in the near future."

That pleasure, dear frater, would be more to me than to any other, for, is not the doubler of my joys and divider of my sorrows, a Baltimorean, and she would enjoy the visit fully as well as either of us? We are sorry to say that it cannot be this year, as our time is more than taken up with other duties. The year has been devoted to my old comrades of the days of 1861-5, and August 15, I must be in Boston with them; September 5, at the triennial in San Francisco and September 20 back in Boston at the Supreme Council 33d degree, A. A. S. R.

An excellent report of the great fire which devasted and laid waste the business portion of the city of Baltimore, closes Brother Miller's correspondence, which we wish space would permit of our reproducing.

Commanderies, 13; membership, 1,441; gain, 87; largest commandery, Maryland No. 1, Baltimore, 276 swords, with Beauseaut No. 8, of same city, a close second with 273 swords.

Sir Knight Edward C. Regester, R. E. Grand Commander, Baltimore.

Sir Knight John H. Miller, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Ninety-seventh Annual Conclave, October, 1903.

On opening this volume containing the proceedings of a semi-annual conclave, May 26, 1903, held in the Freemason's hall, Providence, R. I., and the proceedings of the nine-seventh annual conclave held in Masonic temple, Boston, Mass., October 30, 1903, our attention is drawn

to the frontispiece and we involuntarily exclaim, "How do you do, Doctor Kenyon?"

The portrait is an excellent one of Sir Knight George H. Kenyon, R. E. grand commander, who presided over these conclaves.

The very best evidence that harmony and prosperity go hand in hand in this great Templar jurisdiction, is found in the fact that after a careful reading of semi-annual and annual addresses of the grand commander and proceedings of these grand conclaves, this reviewer has been unable to find any act of grand commander or legislation of grand commander but to commend. The addresses are plain statements of duties performed by the grand commander in the order in which presented, as are his recommendations timely and wise. We fully concur in the following:

"I have learned that in our jurisdiction there are at least four local 'associations' or 'unions' of commanderies of Knights Templars, composed of a few of the commanderies in a certain section. While the interchange of knightly visits by commanderies to one another, and the cultivation of more intimate relations is both pleasing and beneficial, I very much doubt if the formation of an 'association' or 'union' by a few commanderies in a certain section, to the exclusion of others, can be conducive to the best interest of Templar Masonry in any jurisdiction. It must have a tendency to detract somewhat from the interest of the Sir Knights in their grand commandery. I believe there should be but one union, and that should be the union of the subordinate commanderies and the grand commandery under whose authority they have their existence."

In reporting upon this suggestion, the committee on jurisprudence have this to say:

"Respecting such associations the grand commander sounds a note of warning which it will be well to consider. It is undoubtedly the fact that the thought of such organizations originated in a purpose to promote an interest in Templar affairs, particularly in arranging for outings, field days, etc., and so far as observed, this is their only object. These reunions have hitherto been successfully managed without the assistance of any other than the regular organization of Knights Templar, and the necessity of any additional ones is not apparent.

"It should be remembered that such occasions are not the sole, or the main, purpose of the order."

Correspondence, the seventeenth, 132 pages, by Rev. and Sir Knight Henry W. Rugg, Massachusetts' able correspondent.

"The annual address of Grand Commander Hamer H. Green, begins with words of hope and cheer, well suited to the occasion," says the writer and then follows liberal extracts from the same. Sir Knight Rugg is especially pleased, as we are, with the following from Commander Green's address.

"I have no sort of patience with the idea of a strictly military inspection as applied to a commandery. Furthermore, from my observation, the fraters who urge it the strongest are the least able to stand the ordeal."

Referring to the beautiful conclusion of that able address, in which Grand Commander Green pleads that we not forget the glories of our order and how through its prowess the *Cross* had been forever exalted above the *Crescent.* We often wonder how many of our Templars take a look at Constantinople, the once proud Christian city, observe its debasement under Mohammedan rule and then think what all Europe had been but for the orders of Knighthood, which stood as a barrier to the advancement westward of the Saracen for so many centuries.

Notes the appropriation of $2,000 for the coming triennial; says it was generous and adds: "Illinois will be numerously represented at San Francisco, for her distinguished son, Deputy Grand Master George M. Moulton, will then be called to go up to the highest place in the grand encampment, names the distinguished visitors to grand commandery and proceeds to review correspondence, saying:

"The proceedings in hand are enriched by a report on correspondence from that veteran Mason and Sir Knight Gen. John Corson Smith, who writes most entertainingly, and instructively, too, concerning matters new and old—at home and far away. The report itself occupies a hundred or more pages. Then there are fifty-one pages, entitled, 'Sketches of Masonic Interest in America.' These 'sketches' include a personal narrative of rare interest. They are illustrated by fine views of places and objects in Canada and on the Pacific coast."

Reviewing Indiana and noting the appointment of a committee to prepare an article for presentation on revision of Red Cross ritual, Sir Knight Rugg thinks it unwise to open up the subject again and in this we quite agree, as we do on the merits of the old and new rituals.

Commanderies, 46; membership, 14,082; gain, 379; largest commandery, Boston No. 2, Boston, 977 swords.

Sir Knight FREEMAN C. HERSEY, R. E. Grand Commander, Boston.

Sir Knight BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, E. Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Boston.

Sir Knight REV. HENRY W. RUGGS, Correspondent, Providence, R.I.

MICHIGAN.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1904.

Under escort of eleven commanderies the Sir Knights composing the Grand Commandery of Michigan, marched from their hotel to the Masonic Temple in the city of Lansing, where the forty-eighth annual conclave convened, June 14, 1904, with Sir Knight Thomas E. Borden, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces the frontispiece, presided.

The address of the grand commander deals with the usual duties of that officer—visitations, decisions, dispensations, miscellaneous matters and necrology and in all matters subject to review was fully approved.

It is a full and interesting report of the doings of that officer for which he merits the "well done thou good and faithful servant."

As the address and legislation is of local interest only, we pass on to the correspondence, which is of 115 pages, from the pen of the efficient grand recorder and interesting writer of correspondence, Sir Knight Henry L. Anthony, from whom we parted but a few days ago, after a pleasant journey from California and the triennial.

The writer finds much to interest and no little to amuse in the proceedings of the Peoria session of Grand Commandery of Illinois. Takes note of the visiting grand officers of grand encampment and neighboring jurisdictions and of their interesting addresses, and of Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, kindly says:

"He not only saw a long term of hard service as a soldier during the civil war, but again when the Spanish war came, the old martial spirit broke out afresh, he again offered his services and saw duty both in Cuba and the Philippines, reaching the rank of captain. He resigned from service in Manila, owing to the ill health of his wife, who accompanied him."

Not only did our Grand Commander Purinton reach the rank of captain in the Spanish war, but he reached the rank of major, serving as such in the Second Regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers, under our present Grand Master of Knights Templar General George M. Moulton, who takes pleasure in saying that 'Major Purinton was a brave and efficient officer in the Cuban war.'"

Quotes approvingly from address and action of Illinois in purging its commanderies of members not affiliated in lodge or chapter.

Makes liberal extract from report on necrology, of which he well says:

"A beautiful tribute to the Templar dead is paid by the committee on necrology, of which the gifted Past Grand Commander James B. McFatrich, is chairman."

Pays his respects to correspondence, as follows:

"Brother John C. Smith again presents a delightful review of the various Templar grand bodies, closing with a description of his 'rambles' through the British Isles undertaken for the benefit of his health and the enjoyment of his daughter Ruth, who accompanied him and incidentally to renew his acquaintance and friendship with his British Masonic brethren. His description of his travels makes excellent historic reading, embellished with illustrations of the places he visited. The one which most appeals to our interest being the home and fields made sacred by the immortal 'Bobby Burns.'"

Quoting what we said to Frater Davies, of California, in our review of last year as to our *financial status,* he truthfully says:

"We question very much if he would exchange the wealth of love and admiration of his family and friends for the ill-gotten millions of Rockefeller. It isn't all of life to live, even though immense wealth in dollars be possessed."

Commanderies, 46; membership, 6,660; gain, 279; largest commandery, Detroit No. 1, Detroit, 516 swords.

Sir Knight RICHARD D. SWARTOUT, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Rapids.

Sir Knight HENRY L. ANTHONY, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Sturgis.

MINNESOTA.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

Portrait of Sir Knight Samuel S. Kilvington, R. E. grand commander, who presided over this, the thirty-ninth annual grand conclave held in Asylum of Damascus Commandery No. 1, and Paladin Com-

mandery No. 21, St. Paul, commencing Wednesday, April 27, 1904, greets the reader on opening this volume of proceedings tastefully arranged and clearly printed.

The address, though of sixty-two pages, is full of information respecting the various commanderies visited and the various duties so well performed, of which the grand commander modestly says:

"It seems fitting as a preliminary to this report, that I offer some explanation why, in many respects, it is so essentially different from those of other grand commanders. Those of you who were present at our last annual conclave will remember these words of my predecessor, remarkable for their comprehensiveness:

"'It has taken this entire year to prepare for and collect this information and now within a few hours we will elect a new grand commander, and, if the same system is carried on as has been for many years past, he will immediately commence to collect the same information again, and by the time he has it well in hand and understands the situation, his term of office will be up and he will retire.'

"As I listened to these words, and realized their truth and force, I determined that my own official life should not be merely a perfunctory routine, or devoid of practical results; hence during the past Templar year, I have traveled 12,700 miles, have visited personally every commandery in the state, and have given almost my undivided attention, including that of my office help, month in and month out, for the interests of the order that it might profit by the seven years of active experience in this work, which have been mine; and, while I have thus conscientiously endeavored to perform my duty, feeling that I lack many requirements and am deficient in many ways in the essential qualities that are necessary for so great a trust, I shall not be true to my own ideas of the obligations which I have assumed, were I to proceed altogether in this report along the lines of my predecessors. Hence you will find here no flights of fancy, no efforts at rhetorical effect, but, I believe, a plain statement of facts as I encountered them, the good commended, the evils reprehended, and all in a spirit of loving kindness and purely unselfish desire for the best interests of this grand jurisdiction."

For services so well performed the grand commander was presented with a valuable jewel and in part for his heavy disbursements with the sum of three hundred dollars.

A beautiful jewel was also forwarded to California and presented to their first grand commander, now a resident of that state, Sir Knight George W. Prescott, who had secured a charter from the grand en-

campment when our own loved frater Henry L. Palmer was grand master of Templars and as Brother Prescott naively says, in speaking of his installation as grand commander, "and to crown all M. E. Grand Master H. L. Palmer was present and assisted at the *borning* and putting the infant *on its feet.*"

During the past year the White Winged Angel of eternal life invaded the Grand Asylum of Minnesota and the lot fell upon Sir Knight Hermon L. Luther, grand captain general, who died February 2, 1904, and Sir Knight John Geddes McFarlane, for twenty-seven years the grand treasurer, who died January 12, 1904.

Correspondence, the fifteenth, by the Grand Recorder Thomas Montgomery. "Frae the Castle O'Montgomery."

Three pages are devoted to a review of the address of Grand Commander Purinton; visitation of numerous grand officers; legislation and correspondence. Of the latter Sir Knight Montgomery says:

"We are always delighted with our dear frater's description of his trips abroad. Last year his journey was from New York to Holland and Belgium, visiting Antwerp, the field of Waterloo, Brussels, Paris, London, and going over England, Scotland and Ireland, returning to New York July 7, 1903, in greatly improved health, after an absence of nearly three months. While in London he attended the annual conference of the Templar governing bodies of England, Scotland and Ireland, representing therein the Grand Encampment of the United States, as noted under our review of England. The numerous full-page illustrations enchance the value of the story of his travels. We appreciate particularly the picture of Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, who was so kind to us on our visit to London in 1897 and 1901."

Reaching the end we discover that Grand Recorder and Correspondent Thomas Montgomery has retired from those offices and another Sir Knight takes up the pen. While we shall welcome the newcomer we ne'er can forget the out-going frater who so long and so faithfully has done good service for our knightly order.

"We twa hae run about the braes,
And pu't the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot,
Sin' auld lang syne,

We twa hae paidl't i' the burn,
Frae mornin sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae soard'd,
Sin' auld lang syne,

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine;
And we'll take a right guid Willie—waught,
For auld lang syne."

Commanderies, 29; membership, 3,104; gain, 108; largest commandery, Zion No. 2, Minneapolis, 487 swords.

Sir Knight GEORGE W. BUCK, R. E. Grand Commander, Duluth.

Sir Knight EDWARD M. VAN CLEVE, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, FEBRUARY, 1904.

This grand conclave was held in the Asylum of Delta Commandery No. 16, city of Greenville, Tuesday, February 16, 1904, Sir Knight Robert Hiram Henry, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Grand commander in a brief paper of four pages tersely makes reports of all his doings which having been well done, were approved as were the reports of Grand Recorder Speed and Grand Treasurer Gus. J. Bahin. Dispensation was issued for one new commandery, the report from which having been certified as correct by the proper committee, a charter was voted and the body named "Edwards" with station at Edwards, Hinds county.

The representative of Illinois, Sir Knight James K. Moore, was present during the conclave.

Past Grand Commander Frederic Speed installed Sir Knight Frank Burkitt, the grand commander elect, whom we will remember who in turn installed the Grand Recorder Sir Knight Speed.

An excellent half-tone portrait of the new grand commander appears as frontispiece to proceedings.

Correspondence, 101 pages by their old-time correspondent, Sir Knight Enoch George DeLap, than whom there are no writings we better enjoy. The writer notes with pleasure our recent visit to Great Priory of England and Wales and under Florida has this to say of commanderies and the issue of dispensations to ballot, in which we agree:

"We believe in the Masonic Monroe doctrine that the subordinate commanderies are the only judge and of right ought to be, of what is or is not for the best interests of the order, in so far as their particular branch of it is concerned."

Reviews Kentucky and of dear Charlie Woodruff's thirtieth report says, "like the other twenty-nine, it is all wool and a yard wide.'

Noting decisions of the grand commander of New York, he has this to say of one of them, which we approve: "He decided that a companion with a cork leg, who could fill the bill in regard to signs and so on, is eligible to the orders of knighthood, and the decision was approved, as being legal and sensible. The order, in order to amount to something good, in the world, requires something besides good legs and a plethoric bank account." And thus the writer goes through proceedings presented for review. Illinois is taken in its order, receiving careful consideration. Of Grand Commander Purinton's address he says that it is "a complete resume of a busy, successful and creditable administration," quoting liberally from the same and from proceedings. Sends this writer his loving sympathies and prays God to restore our health and prolong our years, for all of which he has our thanks, and shall have a copy of the book he so much desires, should we ever publish one.

In Brother DeLap's conclusion he has the following to say of "Our Fred."

"In order to spike the guns of the irrepressible 'Fred,' grand recorder, who is not an admirer of our penmanship and punctuation, simply because he does not know a good thing when he sees it, we have written the whole report, except the clippings on a typewriter, (we mean a machine) and if there are any words spelled wrong, or punctuation marks put in where they do not belong, the fault will be with the intelligent compositor, or the proof-reader, *i. e.* Fred Speed!"

Commanderies, 21; membership, 979; gain, 110; largest commandery, Cyrene No. 9, Meridian, 153 swords.

Sir Knight Frank Burkitt, R. E. Grand Commander, Okolona.

Sir Knight Frederic Speed, E. Grand Recorder, Vicksburg.

Sir Knight Enoch George DeLap, Correspondent, Natchez.

MISSOURI.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

This grand conclave was held April 26-7, 1904, in the Fraternity Temple, erected on the World's Fair grounds in the city of St. Louis, a fair which is being held in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana territorial purchase from France and out of which the great state of Missouri was carved, as the grand commander well says. As we write, the fair is on. We have been there and can testify to the fact that is a great fair and well worth the visit of all our Sir Knights.

Sir Knight Emanuel F. Hartzell, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces the front page, presided, assisted by a full corps of officers and a large attendance of the fraters. The representative of Illinois, Sir Knight John R. Parson, was at his post.

The address is a recital of the labors of grand commander, containing nothing out of the usual duties of that office. One charter arrested and dispensation for one new commandery issued.

Reports of officers, committees and legislation were of local interest presenting nothing of importance to other jurisdictions. Cuts of past grand commander's jewel and the World's Fair Medal illustrate proceedings and among the names of distinguished visitors we find those of Sir Knights Joseph H. Dyas, past grand commander, and Richard T. Higgins, past commander of Illinois.

Correspondence from the pen of the faithful grand recorder, William H. Mayo, cxxix pages and every page worth all the labor it cost that careful writer.

Preceding correspondence we find brief biographical notices of Past Grand Commanders Samuel F. Hartzell and Solomon Ephraim Waggoner, with an excellent portrait of the latter. These biographies of retiring grand commanders have become a feature in Sir Knight Mayo's papers and will prove of great value hereafter.

Illinois is carefully reviewed and liberally quoted. Noting what we said of the report of committee on Templar dead in our last year's review of Missouri correspondent in referring to the very able report of the Illinois committee on Templar dead, asks what we think of our own. We answer: Like that referred to of Missouri. It too is too long.

As we said last year, that "except in the case of one who towers above his fellows as did Sir Knight Josiah Hayden Drummond, it is useless to rake the jurisdiction to find names with which to pad a report even though it be that of necrology." Very often we find half

page and more given to some Sir Knight, copy of a newspaper clipping, because he *had* been a grand officer and yet he was comparatively unknown in his own jurisdiction.

Referring to address of Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, Brother Mayo writes:

"He rendered eight decisions, which were referred to the committee on jurisprudence, and were approved, except Nos. 5 and 6," and then he quotes the complaint and gives decision of Grand Commander Purinton. Also report of commitee on Templar jurisprudence, which he says, was adopted.

We wish to call the attention of Sir Knight Mayo to what follows that report and which the brother would have remembered had his memory not failed him, or had he read farther in our proceedings.

"Past Grand Commander George M. Moulton moved the following: (Italics ours.)

"That this grand commandery *do not* approve of so much of the above report as refers to Decisions 5 and 6 of Grand Commander Purinton."

The motion of Sir Knight Moulton was supported by Grand Recorder Barnard and Sir Knight Smith and as the record reads:

"After a lengthy debate this motion prevailed."

Correspondence is kindly reviewed and we are thanked for Templar information not found in other procedings. In this we can fully reciprocate for nowhere do we find a more concise compilation of Templar statistics than in the table hereto attached which has been made by the grand recorder of Missouri, Sir Knight William H. Mayo.

The Missouri review closes with an urgent appeal for all grand recorders and other writers, as well as secretaries, to be careful and give full names and not initials and in the proper use of titles of actual officers, in which we agree.

There is too much carelessness and seeming desire to have a little writing when recording names and too much fulsomeness of praise in the use of titles. The presiding officer of a commandery is an eminent commander, but when he has served his full term and installed his successor he becomes a *past commander,* and not a past eminent commander.

Commanderies, 58; membership, 5,197; gain, 154; largest commandery, St. Aldemar No. 18, St. Louis, 576 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM A. HALL, R. E. Grand Commander, Springfield.

Sir Knight WILLIAM H. MAYO, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, St. Louis.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

Compiled by Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder of Missouri.

GRAND COMMANDERY.	Number of Com'anderies	Knighted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Membership.
Alabama	8	38	5	2	7	10	6	516
Arizona	3	15	5	3	5	4	5	225
Arkansas	12	86	6	2	21	14	7	574
California	38	378	96	12	55	20	84	4106
Colorado	25	91	27	10	34	16	22	1816
Connecticut	11	197	8	4	5	24	53	2874
District of Columbia	5	108	11	3	19	16	30	1633
Florida	8	93	8	....	10	9	4	412
Georgia	14	223	32	6	47	9	20	1131
Illinois	57	1005	80	38	220	116	178	10906
Indiana	45	396	85	21	86	25	71	4323
Indian Territory	5	17	4	....	2	2	3	242
Iowa	58	405	77	20	117	52	62	5121
Kansas	48	245	36	30	89	103	48	3615
Kentucky	25	277	24	17	76	45	41	2791
Louisiana	8	67	2	7	5	6	4	448
Maine	21	313	61	5	56	19	62	4071
Maryland	13	126	16	3	27	10	21	1441
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	46	818	49	1	136	93	251	14082
Michigan	47	450	56	15	67	64	112	6381
Minnesota	29	160	73	14	58	43	38	2997
Mississippi	20	99	7	7	24	16	17	869
Missouri	58	383	59	35	112	144	87	5202
Montana	10	53	10	3	13	2	6	542
Nebraska	25	113	21	27	36	13	26	1821
New Hampshire	11	110	....	....	12	12	43	2376
New Jersey	17	205	11	9	16	27	27	2132
New Mexico	8	32	3	....	6	4	3	351
New York	60	1713	68	68	118	268	210	14931
North Carolina	12	71	6	1	15	20	6	513
North Dakota	8	83	3	3	12	....	4	690
Ohio	59	824	83	72	105	174	164	10454
Oklahoma	9	63	11	....	5	4	3	344
Oregon	8	75	28	3	16	1	13	637
Pennsylvania	77	1263	132	1	119	104	232	14896
South Dakota	14	101	61	5	69	3	11	922
Tennessee	15	66	11	14	31	12	24	1008
Texas	36	282	92	20	97	47	45	2587
Vermont	12	153	5	1	13	11	33	1965
Virginia	22	218	41	6	54	11	28	1934
Washington	9	84	47	4	10	13	12	841
West Virginia	14	245	9	5	19	9	23	1748
Wisconsin	28	210	24	10	66	39	62	3396
Wyoming	8	27	2	1	4	5	7	411
*Grand Encampment	15	169	15	....	22	7	21	1395
Totals	1091	12158	1510	514	2136	1650	2228	141670

*From last year's report.

MONTANA.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Divine services at St. Peter's Episcopal church and luncheon preceded this grand conclave, held in asylum of Helena Commandery No. 2, Monday, September 14, 1903, city of Helena, Sir Knight Edwin H. Brewster, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

All the officers, Sir Knight Andrew J. Fisk, for Illinois, and fifteen other grand representatives being present, as also the representatives of their ten commanderies.

Grand commander's address is brief except as to visitations, which reports are interesting, and having in person visited each commandery in the jurisdiction, much good may result therefrom. Several dispensations were issued, a local decision or two rendered, and greetings to Grand Commandery of New Mexico suggested. One pretty feature of the address is a print of the coat of arms of the commanderies visited.

An excellent portrait of Grand Commander Brewster graces the proceedings.

The legislation presents no new features, and conclave ended same evening.

Correspondence, seventy pages, by Frater Cornelius Hedges, in which he treats all proceedings in the true Templar spirit so characteristic of that veteran writer.

Reviews Illinois at length and approvingly. Notes death of three of our loved past grand commanders, Sir Knights Charles M. Morse, John L. White, and Harvey M. Hall. Takes a look at Our Gil.'s consolidated twenty-five years' of finance, our reference to the death of dear Judge Drummond, and notes the distinguished visitors at our grand conclave which included our Own George who will be our grand master when these pages are read. The writer takes kindly to correspondence and approves our scoring a grand officer of the Temple who desecrates the uniform of a Templar by wearing Shrine emblems when on duty.

The dear brother does not forget any more than we do, our journey through the Yellowstone, which he himself secured for a great national park, saying:

"The General's personal mention and reference to our trip through the Park recalls a volume of pleasant reminiscences, and though since then we have been close to the borders of the grave, we are now still better than when we went before and would like to go again whenever he will come.

"There have been some great improvements since we were there, General."

All right, Judge, we will hope to make another pilgrimage into that famed Yellowstone, and under your guidance, and with your companionship.

Commanderies, 10; membership, 542; gain, 45; largest commandery, Montana No. 3, Butte, 116 swords.

Sir Knight RICHARD H. WEARING, R. E. Grand Commander, Butte.

Sir Knight EDWARD D. NEILL, E. Grand Recorder, Butte.

Sir Knight CORNELIUS HEDGES, Correspondent, Helena.

NEBRASKA.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

This conclave was held, as is customary, in the asylum of Mount Calvary Commandery, city of Omaha, commencing at 4 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, April 14, 1904, Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

The good custom of our Nebraska Sir Knights is to present as the frontispiece of their proceedings a steel plate engraving of their grand commander, and in this respect the present volume is no exception, for a more truthful portrait of Sir Knight Fred W. Vaughan could not be engraved than the one now before us.

The representative of Illinois, Sir Knight James Tyler, was at his post.

Grand Commander Vaughan's address is a careful abstract presentation of his duties for the year and gives evidence of a thoughtful performance of his responsible duties. His presentation of the long list of names of the honored dead of other grand jurisdictions, twenty-five

in number, alphabetically arranged by states, constituting but one page in an address of but *fifteen* pages is a model that any grand commander may hereafter follow.

Official orders, which are too often sandwiched into the address, in this case follow and are embraced in the number of pages before given.

The round of duties reported are of the usual character. Interstate courtesies, triennial conclave visitations, decisions and dispensations. Under the latter, were issued for a waiver of constitutional time to ballot, a fee being required of ten dollars, grand commander omitted the collection of same because the companion was to be appointed organist of the commandery. Committee on jurisprudence, not agreeing with grand commander, the fee was ordered collected.

The committee on deceased Templars made a report embraced in one page, which is also model and could be profited by other similar committees.

Grand commander, having recommended that grand encampment adopt the following hymn as the official hymn of Knights Templar:

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See his banners go."

The special committee to whom this recommendation was referred reported favorable thereto, and their report was adopted, to which we say, Amen!

Our old Illinois frater, Past Grand Commander George W. Linginger, moved that a new set of official jewels be purchased to be worn at the triennial, and his motion prevailed. After which that Sir Knight installed the officers-elect.

Correspondence, 109 pages, from the able pen of the grand recorder, Francis E. White.

The careful painstaking of this writer is manifest in his review of Illinois and commendation of that which in his judgment seems lawful or condemnation of that which merits his disapproval.

Reviewing the address of Grand Commander Purinton and quoting liberally therefrom he says that "Nine dispensations were granted,

all for legitimate purposes, except, perhaps, one to a commandery to hold its annual conclave July 8, this conclave being postponed from June 10 on account of housing and caring for the sufferers of East St. Louis. We do not believe that a grand commander can make a regular conclave out of a special. Neither do we believe that a grand commander has the power to permit the transaction of any business at a special conclave that could not be transacted without a dispensation."

To the first we have to say that owing to an emergency commandery could not meet on the night of the stated annual conclave, hence it became necessary a dispensation issue permitting the annual conclave for election of officers, etc., the time specified in the by-laws having passed.

That being so, grand commander could issue his dispensation to elect officers and transact the business of an annual conclave for such time as was deemed most suitable, whether it were for a stated or special conclave.

To the second, grand commander may issue dispensation to transact any business other than that applying to membership, acceptance of petitions or balloting on same, at any special conclave but that only such matters of business can be presented or acted upon as are specified in the dispensation.

As to general or special orders being in body of address of grand commander, we always dislike to see them except as an appendix as we have repeatedly said in our writings.

Quotes approvingly as to decisions, notes presence of distinguished Templars and has a kind word for correspondence. "Each year," the frater says:

"We think that Sir Knight Smith has reached the maximum, so far as his descriptions of his tours are concerned, and yet each new review brings something of greater interest than those that have preceded it. The present one is most interesting and relates to his attendance at the Knights Templar annual conference, and tour through the British Isles. Descriptions of renowned places and characters are given, all so nicely arranged and well done that Brother Smith is entitled to the thanks of the Templar world for his labors in its behalf.

Like yourself, Brother White, we hold that a regularly constituted commandery cannot do illegitimate work though it may do some things irregular and which do not merit approval.

Commanderies, 26; membership, 1,962; gain, 141; largest commandery, Mt. Calvary No. 1, Omaha, 319 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM J. TURNER, R. E. Grand Commander, Lincoln.

Sir Knight FRANCES E. WHITE, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent, Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Sir Knight Frank L. Sanders, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces frontispiece, presided over this grand conclave which was held September 29, 1903, in the asylum of Mount Horeb Commandery, city of Concord.

The address of Grand Commander Sanders is a well-ordered business paper treating concisely with the duties of his office during the past year. In his tribute to the dead we note what is said of the late grand prelate, Sir Knight Joseph Kidder, whom we have known since 1860, and to know him was to love and respect him. His labors were long and faithful and at the advanced age of eighty-three years he is now at rest.

The dispensations, waivers of jurisdiction and visitations present no new feature and were approved. In the matter of legislation and condition of the Templar order in New Hampshire it is summed up in the report of Past Grand Commander Joseph W. Fellows, chairman committee on jurisprudence.

"The committee on jurisprudence report that no business has been submitted for their consideration during the year."

The officers were installed by Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke, V. E. grand senior warden, grand encampment K. T., U. S. A., after which a past grand commander's jewel was presented to Sir Knight Frank L. Sanders, the retiring grand commander.

Correspondence, 116 pages, the fourteenth from the pen of Sir Knight A. S. Wait, whom we trust may live to duplicate the number and we be spared to read them.

Of Grand Commander Green's address, Brother Wait says that it is an able and interesting exposition of the local conditions in our

grand commandery together with an account of the progress of the year. Liberal extracts are taken from the same and favorable comment on legislation of the session.

Of correspondence, the writer says:

"Appended to the review the General gives us a most delightful account of a journey he took in the early part of the year 1902, across the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific coast, taking in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, in which he describes the cities he visited and the scenes he witnessed and enjoyed. He attended meetings of many of the Masonic bodies of that part of the continent, and met many of his companions in arms of the war between the states, his accounts of whom cannot fail to be interesting, as well to members of the Masonic fraternity as to the students of history."

Commanderies, 11; membership, 2,376; gain, 43; largest commandery, Trinity, Manchester, 322 swords.

Sir Knight THOMAS M. FLETCHER, R. E. Grand Commander, Alder-Brook.

Sir Knight FRANK D. WOODBURY, E. Grand Recorder, Concord.

Sir Knight ALBERT S. WAIT, Correspondent, Newport.

NEW JERSEY.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

But for sandwiching in his general and field orders the address of Sir Knight Daniel C. Adams, R. E. grand commander, who presided over the forty-sixth annual conclave held in asylum of Palestine Commandery No. 4, Trenton, May 10, 1904, would be a model for conciseness and brevity. With those orders the paper is of thirteen pages only and yet it tells the full story.

One past grand commander passed into the General Grand Asylum above during the year. Our old friend Sir Knight Andrew Blair Frazee, who died March 28, 1904, at his home in Camden.

There was no new legislation, the session was brief and the business was that of receiving the reports of officers, acting upon same, election and installation of officers.

Portraits of Past Grand Commanders Frederic G. Wiese, William H. Sebring, and Daniel C. Adams, appear in proceedings.

Correspondence, 108 pages, and in Sir Knight Dr. Peter McGill's best mood. Carefully reviews our Peoria session with its notables present, what Grand Commander Purinton says of Sir Knights unaffiliated in lodge or chapter, or both. Report on necrology of R. E. Sir James B. McFatrich, and the presentation of jewel to retiring grand commander.

Referring to our review of New Jersey, the writer pleasantly says:

"Now, we want to know who was under the influence of 'peach juice,' when that was elaborated. We think the printer. We were referring to a remark made by Frater Smith in answer to one of ours, 'that instead of traveling he stayed at home this year. His reply was, 'As if we ever left it.' This drew from us the paragraph excerpted. Peach juice had nothing to do with Frater Smith's spirit. His special contribution is 'Knight Templar Annual Conference and Tour Through the British Isles.' The narrative is very interesting, and the illustrations are excellent. When 'our ship comes in,' we want to accompany Frater Smith on one of his tours, if he will allow us."

Sure, Doctor, we could have no better company. In the meantime we will hope to meet before the ship arrives and sample that "peach juice."

Commanderies, 17; membership, 2,255; gain, 123; largest commandery, Cyrene No. 7, Camden, 288 swords.

Sir Knight JOHN J. HENRY, R. E. grand commander, Newark.

Sir Knights THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, Grand Recorder, Trenton.

Sir Knight PETER MCGILL, Correspondent, Lambertville.

NEW MEXICO.

THIRD ANNUAL CONCLAVE, OCTOBER, 1903.

The doings of this, the third annual grand conclave, held October 22, 1903, in the asylum of Pilgrim Commandery No. 3, city of Albuquerque, are found in a neat pamphlet of fifty-four pages, and though brief, they are complete and in good form.

Grand Commander C. N. Blackwell presided and from his address we learn there was a healthy gain in our knightly order in that young jurisdiction. One new commandery was instituted with a membership of nineteen bright, active Templars of which grand commander says: "They not only travel forty miles, but go sixty and seventy-five miles to attend its meetings.' It is this spirit which wins success in all undertakings.

No decisions were asked and no official visitations made, but the Christmas observance was pretty general and noted in the several commanderies.

Reports of grand treasurer and grand recorder brief and business-like, as were those of the several committees and being in good form and correct they were adopted.

Neat and brief memorial pages and roster of membership completes the volume.

Commanderies, 8; membership, 351; gain, 32; largest commandery, Pilgrim No. 3, Albuquerque, 100 swords.

Sir Knight ALEX. STEVENS, R. E. grand commander, Albuquerque.

Sir Knight ALPHEUS A. KEEN, E. Grand Recorder, Albuquerque.

NEW YORK.

NINETIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

This grand conclave held September 1 and 2, 1903, in the asylum of Lake Erie Commandery No. 20, and Hugh De Payens Commandery No. 30, city of Buffalo, was one of the most interesting of grand commandery in the number of distinguished visitors present.

Sir Knight William J. Maxwell, R. E. grand commander, presided, and welcomed grand commanders of Connecticut, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota and Arkansas, past grand commanders and grand representatives. Among the latter the representative of Illinois, Sir Knight Omer A. Hine, and Sir Knight Roland B. Hall, their own representative, from Macon, Georgia. Of the grand encampment officers we find Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard, M. E. grand master, of Bryan, Tex., Sir Knight Daniel C. Roberts, V. E. grand prelate, of Concord, N. H.,

and Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur, V. E. grand sword bearer, of Troy, N. Y. Such an array of grand officers is seldom to be found outside grand encampment.

The welcome accorded all these grand officers was such as becomes the true Templar and to that given the grand master was added the fervency accorded a "Home Coming," as New York was the birthplace of that distinguished officer.

Responding to the hearty welcome of Grand Commander William J. Maxwell:

"Sir Henry Bates Stoddard, grand master, feelingly replied in acknowledging the greeting extended to him and his associate officers. He alluded to the fact that nearly a half century ago he, a beardless, almost penniless boy, went forth from this, his native state, from Essex county, to seek his fortune in the world. He little dreamed that in half a century he would thus return to be showered with honors, occupying the highest gift at the hands of Templars of this Great United States and as the head of this great order, receiving the honors which he, even in his wildest dreams, could never have hoped to have when he left the home of his birth. He had traveled in many countries and in many lands, but he believed fully that this was the proudest moment in his lifetime. He was indeed in the home of his friends, of his native citizens, and was proud now to congratulate New York state on the high honor it had attained in being at the head in point of numbers of the several jurisdictions of the grand encampment. He believed that this event was a very happy and fitting prophetic vision of the rounding out of a long career in the field of Templarism."

Grand commander's address is a plain business-like paper in the reading of which we are surprised to find the number of dispensations granted for invitations between commanderies of neighboring jurisdictions and requests to confer orders for each other which are very properly classed under the head of "Inter State Courtesies." Out here in the "Wild West" such requests are exceptional, but where commerce is so interlocked as between the empire and its neighboring states the demand for such courtesies must be more frequent.

Dispensations, decisions, visitations, etc., being so strictly in accordance with Templar law and usage, were approved.

Among the visitations recorded we find one to the Old Calvary Church, Brooklyn, to hear the farewell sermon of its rector, Sir Knight Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, V. E. grand prelate, grand commandery, who had presided over that parish for eighteen years. Of that occasion grand commander says:

"The large attendance on that Sunday afternoon demonstrates the high esteem in which our grand prelate is held by those who know him and have been permitted to associate with him during his many years of active service in our beloved order, and I know that I echo the sentiment of every frater in this jurisdiction when I say we wish him 'God speed in his new undertaking.'"

A kind word is also said for that officer to whom grand commanders owe so much of the success of their administrations, the grand recorder, of whom he says:

"I cannot close this report without specially thanking our grand recorder, Em. Sir Arthur MacArthur, for his many expressions of friendship, and his hearty co-operation."

While there is nothing of special note in the legislation there is much of interest and for the good of the Templar order in New York.

We find our good frater, Jesse B. Anthony, was the author of the telegram sent, and received by Our Gil. which read:

"The representatives of fourteen thousand nine hundred and thirty-one Knights Templar assembled in annual conclave, would convey a knightly greeting to our fraters of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. *This is by order and 'under the flag.'*"

The order was obeyed and in *red ink* the memory of John F. Shafer, and *the flag* were entwined and drank standing.

Portraits of Sir Knights William J. Maxwell, R. E. grand commander, and John S. Bartlett, past grand commander, *deceased,* are on front pages, while in body of book is copy of an old time photo of past grand commanders, among whom we recognize that veteran Freemason, John W. Simons, and the soldierly Charles Roome.

Any of our fraters would be glad to serve New York as grand commander if they serve all as they very properly did Grand Commander Maxwell to whom the staff presented a beautiful loving cup, and grand commandery gave a splendid jewel, costing $250.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant," is written upon every act of William J. Maxwell, grand commander.

Correspondence, 126 pages, by that prince of correspondents, Sir Knight Jesse B. Anthony.

Frater Anthony was pleased with the address of Grand Commander Green, quotes in full his dispensations and notes his "eloquent and convincing appeal in the interest of the Orphans' Home of this jurisdiction." Is tenderly touched with the report of committee on ne-

crology by Past Grand Commander James B. McFatrich, and makes liberal extract therefrom.

Makes mention of presence of "Our George," the next grand master, and other distinguished visitors as Sir Knight William H. Mayo, past grand recorder, and Sir Knight and Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, past grand prelate, each of grand encampment.

Touching briefly other matters in grand commandery our frater says of correspondence:

"We now have to consider the paper presented by R. E. John C. Smith, which is interesting throughout. That portion devoted to correspondence (78 pp.) embraces the procedings of forty-five grand bodies, including New York for 1901; followed by another valuable contribution (54 pp.) entitled 'Sketches of Masonic Interest in America,' for the benefit of everybody. We trust our beloved frater may be permitted to continue along this line for many years."

Commanderies, 66; membership, 14,931; gain, 1,353; largest commandery, Monroe No. 12, Rochester, 733 swords.

Sir Knight Ckarles D. Bingham, R. E. Grand Commander, Watertown.

Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur, E. Grand Recorder, Troy.

Sir Knight Jesse B. Anthony, Correspondent, Utica.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Twenty-third Annual Conclave, June, 1903.

This grand body met in the asylum of Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, city of Wilmington, June 17, 18, 19, 1903, with Sir Knight John C. Drewry, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Grand commander's address is brief but to the point and in as good taste as the following brief extract:

"It is with a deep sense of pride that I can state to you that Templar Masonry in North Carolina was never in a better condition. Nearly every commandery in the state has shown a healthy and vigorous growth. Two new commanderies have been instituted during the year, and it will be seen from the number of dispensations which I have

granted during the year that it became necessary in many instances for the commanderies to work during extra hours in order to complete the work they had in hand. It will be seen from the figures, which will be presented to you in detail by the grand recorder, that there has been a marked increase, both in numbers and in revenue. This increase in membership has not lowered the high standard of quality always required of Sir Knights in this grand jurisdiction, because we count in this increase a number of the best and most influential citizens to be found within the borders of our state."

Committee on jurisprudence taking note of the number of dispensations issued to ballot on petitions without waiting statutory time make report that they find in no case did the grand commander exceed his authority.

Sir Knight Frank H. Thomas, grand junior warden grand encampment, being present, with the assistance of Sir Knight James Southgate, installed the officers elect, after which thanks were voted the Sir Knights of Plantagenet Commandery for their many courtesies and to the Em. commander, M. S. Willard, and "his accomplished wife, for the very enjoyable luncheon served at their beautiful home," an incident which will long be remembered by the fraters participating.

Correspondence, ninety-five pages, Sir Knight James Southgate, in which we find courteous review of all the proceedings of grand commanderies received.

The writer finds much in Illinois to commend by liberal quotation and expresses delight at the presence in grand commandery of the North Carolina representative, saying, "(and we are pleased to note that Sir Gil. W. Barnard, is present for North Carolina.)" As if Gil. has ever been known to be absent from grand commandery for a century and more! Why, dear Brother Southgate This correspondent is not yet *very old* and yet he has met Gil. W. Barnard, at our grand conclaves for the better part of *two centuries*. Fact! and Gil. will attest the same and seal the attestation with ***red ink***.

Liberally extracting from address of Grand Commander Green, our frater says: "Several pages of the address are given to memorials of the dead. Notes central inspections were held in several districts, a large number of dispensations issued, and that he commends most heartily the Orphans' Home," which the writer kindly says is "A monument to the charity of the Masons of Illinois."

Read Sir Knight Mayo's speech on the World's Fair, which was a good one and says that correspondence is again from the pen of "Sir John Corson Smith," (we never part our hair in the middle dear frater) "who from time to time regales us with 'bon mots" too sweet for any-

thing (!) Now a beautiful poem crops out in the report, now a compliment to a correspondent or state, and all the while one is kept interested in his effort to please and entertain. * * * *

"After the report is finished we find several pages of illustrations and descriptions of places visited and they read like they were contributions to some illustrated magazine, and we are sure they serve to entertain and delight the reader, much as the best in magazines. We trust he will continue to travel and never leave his kodak at home."

In our effort to please and entertain, dear Sir Knight James, we are actuated by the following:

"If we've a tender message
Or a loving word to say,
We don't wait to forget it,
But whisper it today.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt one if we wait—
So we make our loved one happy
Before it is too late.'

Commanderies, 12; membership, 513; gain, 75; largest commandery, Charlotte No. 2, Charlotte, 88 swords.

NORTH CAROLINA.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1904.

Grand commandery met in twenty-fourth annual conclave in Asylum of Raleigh Commandery No. 10, city of Raleigh, Wednesday, June 15, 1904, Sir Knight James K. Norfleet presiding; a portrait of said frater constitutes frontispiece, followed on the next page by picture of the Masonic Temple, a four-story substantial building in Wilmington, and a picture of grand commandery library room and grand recorder's office.

Here we have the model, as it is the briefest address under review of any we have seen this year.

Four pages and nothing omitted. The opening paragraphs of thanks conferred on the speaker. Necrology, dispensation, inspection, Christmas observance, official visitations and the conclusion are all embraced in those four pages. We recommend you, Sir Knight Grand Commander, and offer your address for copy to others.

Reports of grand treasurer and grand recorder make a good showing with $1,497.82 in the strong treasure box. Reports of committees were brief and no legislation. Statistics and roster completes the proceedings and after that the correspondence.

We regret to note in proceedings the serious illness of Frater James Southgate, whose cheerful correspondence it has always been a pleasure to read. We trust, dear brother James, that you have fully recovered and are as good as new.

Correspondence xcv, in which appears an excellent review of the doings of Grand Commandery of Illinois at its Peoria session, visitation of distinguished Templars, necrology, Christmas, Easter and Ascension day observances and the grand parade are all noticed with favorable comment, and especially the balance in our treasure box, $11,-689.94.

It was owing to that grand conclave in Peoria called two months earlier than usual that a review of proceedings of North Carolina did not appear in our writings for 1903, which we deeply regretted for we love the fraters of the old pine tree jurisdiction.

Of correspondence the writer says:

"The report on correspondence (174 pp.) is for the fifteenth time submitted by that prince of reporters, Sir John Corson Smith, and is a literary treat that we wish we all could read and digest. We regret that North Carolina is absent from this feast of reason and flow of soul, which runs through the entire report. After concluding the report, he then gives, in beautifully descriptive language a diary, as it were of his trip abroad in search of health, and we rejoice that he returned to his loved ones much improved. Space forbids many quotations we would like to make, and trust we will have a better chance next time."

Commanderies, 12; membership, 593; gain, 80; largest commandery, Charlotte No. 2, (the Christian name of my good wife), Charlotte, 91 swords.

Sir Knight F. Uberich, R. E. grand commander, New Bern.

Sir Knight James C. Munds, Grand Recorder, Wilmington.

Sir Knight James Southgate, Correspondent, Durham.

NORTH DAKOTA.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JANUARY, 1904.

In a neat pamphlet we have the proceedings of this, the fifteenth annual conclave held in Masonic Temple, city of Fargo, over which Sir Knight Robert M. Carothers, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait appears, presided. His address, though brief, is an excellent recital of the duties of his office and proof of duty well performed.

The legislation is along knightly lines and indicates close attention to the furtherance of the good and welfare of our magnanimous order.

Grand Recorder Frank J. Thomson, submitted a resolution which was unanimously adopted requiring the recorder of each commandery to report annually the names of all members two years in arrears for dues, to notify each delinquent by registered letter or personally served written notice of his arrears, that he must appear at a stated conclave not sooner than twenty days, and show cause why he should not be suspended, failing in this the Sir Knight shall be suspended.

Thanks were returned to the Scottish Rite bodies for their many courtesies and Fargo was voted the place of meeting in 1905. There is no correspondence. Sir Knight DeWitt C. Moore, the representative for Illinois, was present on roll call.

Commanderies, 8; membership, 739; gain, 49; largest commandery, Auvergne No. 2, Fargo, 261 swords.

Sir Knight GEORGE H. PHELPS, R. E. Grand Commander, Fargo.

Sir Knight FRANK J. THOMPSON, E. Grand Recorder, Fargo.

OHIO.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, OCTOBER, 1903.

This assembly of grand commandery was preceded by a splendid parade of thirty-eight commanderies of the state and three from sister jurisdictions. Sir Knight William T. McLean, R. E. grand com-

mander, in command, and the conclave was held October 7, 1903, in Masonic Temple, city of Cleveland.

Grand commander's address is an interesting paper containing many excellent suggestions.

Official visitations were numerous and grand commander was observing. Attended annual conclave of Grand Commandery of New York in city of Buffalo, and was well cared for by its grand recorder, Arthur MacArthur. That, my dear Frater McLean, is what grand recorders are for, and if you will but visit the Illinois Grand Commandery, its grand recorder, Gil. Barnard, will give you some of the ***red ink*** in which Sir Knight MacArthur had you toast the flag. He always does and we all enjoy it. Referring to the limiting the number of candidates upon whom the orders may be conferred at one conclave grand commander well says:

"Some of our subordinates make it a practice to work but two or three times a year, withholding all petitioners elected from time to time, in order to make a gala occasion of the few work meetings. I believe this custom wrong for several reasons. One, because these infrequent meetings for work do not afford the officers that opportunity to become eminently proficient in their duties, that work at each regular conclave would. Another is the folly of keeping members up so late at night on these *'big'* occasions as to weary them, and thus cause a loss of interest in the proceedings. One or two candidates in an evening, good, clean, and rapid work; and early hours command close attention and the interest of the members, and induces their attendance upon every conclave. I believe it impossible to impress candidates with the beauty and dignity of this grand order by railroading them through in this manner, and would respectfully, but urgently, recommend that this grand commandery limit by statute the number of candidates upon whom the orders may be conferred at a stated or special conclave." He also recommended that the Order of Malta be conferred upon the candidate the same evening of receiving the Order of the Temple.

General orders follow address and thus makes a model paper and after those the detailed reports of the inspecting officers.

On behalf of the Sir Knights of Pilgrim Commandery No. 55, Past Grand Commander William B. Melish in his own eloquent manner presented Grand Commander McLean with a beautiful pitcher, the work of the potteries of East Liverpol, Ohio, which was accepted with thanks by the recipient.

Sir Knights LaFayette Lyttle, grand treasurer, and John N. Bell, grand recorder, presented interesting reports of the work of their re-

spective offices, showing a substantial balance of the coin of the realm amounting to $11,458.13, in the treasury strong box.

The report of Sir Knight John W. Parsons, superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home, is as usual not only interesting but instructive as are the reports of the other officers of that grand Masonic charity.

In accordance with recommendation of grand commander, Sir Knight Lyttle submitted the following as a standing resolution and it was adopted.

"*Resolved,* That hereafter commanderies in this grand jurisdiction, shall be required to confer at least the essentials of the Order of Malta upon all candidates at the same conclave at which the Order of the Temple shall be conferred."

A very worthy act was the appropriation of $180 to be expended during the year in helping support a past grand commander now in his eighty-fourth year. Such appropriations are commendable.

Correspondence, 145 pages, from the pen of that careful observer of Templar law and usage, Sir Knight John N. Bell.

Reviewing Great Priory of England the writer takes note of annual conference and presence of correspondent from Illinois. Reviews Illinois at length and so proceeds through proceedings of other grand commanderies.

Quotes liberally from address of Grand Commander Green and as he says of our committee on jurisprudence, "Silence gives consent," we take it that he approves much if not all of the address and in doing so makes no mistake. Names distinguished visitors and culls from our general legislation. Very properly credits our statement of our want of knowledge of poetry or music and thinks we had some other jurisdiction in view when we wrote our objections to this constant amendment of the laws as to templar uniforms. No, dear frater, we had no particular grand commandery in view not even Ohio, which gave the opportunity to write what we did. We had in mind that in every volume of proceedings we find a constant desire to be presenting some little bit of a change in uniform, which, while of no importance annoys and seems only productive of work for the uniform manufacturers. Of correspondence, the writer says:

"Brother Smith's report is followed by sketches af Masonic interest in America, profusely illustrated by artistic half-tone portraits of prominent Templars and scenes throughout the northwest portion of the United States and British America."

Commanderies, 59; membership, 10,454; gain, 536; largest commandery, Oriental No. 12, Cleveland, 583 swords.

Sir Knight THOMAS KITE, R. E. Grand Commander, Cincinnati.

Sir Knight JOHN N. BELL, E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent Dayton.

OKLAHOMA.

NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, FEBRUARY, 1904.

In a pamphlet of forty-four pages, of which the grand commander's address takes up one-half, we have the doings of Grand Commandery of Oklahoma in ninth annual conclave over which Sir Knight Enoch Moulton Bamford, R. E. grand commander, presided. The conclave was held in the city of Guthrie, February 11, 1904, and was well attended.

Among the many bits of good advice Grand Commander Bamford gives, is that urging the Sir Knights to look well to the welfare of chapter Masonry, as from the chapters their membership is selected. It is too often the case that the Templar is seldom found in the chapter where he should be as frequent a visitor and as earnest a worker if he desires the prosperity of his commandery.

Grand commander experiences trouble in keeping track of rituals, makes two decisions, which were approved, suggests reduction of fees for the orders to $30, which was agreed to and that a uniform code of by-laws be adopted for the government of the commanderies.

Petition for one new commandery was presented and referred to the incoming grand commander, Charles Archibald Morris, whose portrait appears as frontispiece.

A suitable jewel at a cost of $50 was voted retiring Commander Bamford.

Among the active workers on committee we find the name of our old friend and frater, Sir Knight Charles Porter Johnson whom we are glad to note was elected and installed E. grand junior warden. We congratulate Sir Kinght Johnson and hope at some future day to record his election as grand commander.

There is no correspondence and no statistics as to membership. Is it an oversight on our part, Sir Knight Recorder, or was the table forgotten?

Sir Knight CHARLES ARCHIBALD BAMFORD, R. E. Grand Commander, Hobart.

Sir Knight HARPER S. CUNNINGHAM, E. Grand Recorder, Guthrie.

OREGON.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

This grand conclave was held in the asylum of Temple Commandery No. 3, Albany, September 24, 1903, commencing at 3 o'clock p. m., with Sir Knight F. E. Allen, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

The attendance of grand and past grand officers, grand representatives and the representatives of the commanderies was large and added much to the interest of the conclave.

The address of Grand Commander Allen is concise and clear. Pays tribute to the Templar dead, recites dispensations, tells of visitations and tells the story of Templar prosperity in the following paragraph:

"During the past year as a nation we have been wonderfully blessed; peace and plenty fill our fair land. As a state our own 'fair Oregon' has been blessed with a golden harvest and plenty fills our barn and store. As Templars we have great reason to be thankful. Peace reigns within our gates and prosperity within our palaces. More than usual interest is being shown throughout the jurisdiction, and our grand recorder's report wil show quite a marked gain in membership during the past year."

Dispensation was issued for new commandery to be stationed at Grant's Pass, and one other was applied for in grand commandery but papers not being completed, the request was referred to the incoming grand commander.

The legislation was routine and commendable. The election of officers put Sir Knight George Henry Hill to the front as grand commander and no better frater could have been selected. Last year Sir Knight Hill was prelate of Oregon Commandery and as such we gave his portrait in our "Sketches of Masonic Interest," in grand commandery proceedings. We think, Sir Knight George, that our picture of you helped your advancement for it called attention of the fraters to

the handsome man that you are, thus preceding the action of your own grand commandery.

Correspondence, ninety-five pages, the architect of which is our old friend, Frater J. M. Hodson. Graceful manner of introducing proceedings of each grand commandery with a verse from some sweet and appropriate poem.

Illinois is presented as follows:

"It sometimes happens that two friends will meet,
And with a smile and touch of hand again
Go on their way along the noisy street.
Each is so sure of all the friendship sweet,
The loving silence gives no thought of pain."

As if the foregoing was not sufficient assurance of the love of our far-west fraters the writer adds:

"Even though the silence between us is always near a year, yet we know that the fraters of Illinois are there, and several of them our near friends, to doubt whom would be treason."

Of Grand Commander Hamer H. Green, Brother Hodson well says:

"He delivered an address which ranked above the average. He had opinions and expressed them clearly upon all subjects treated."

He then goes on to present several specimens of our grand commander's writings. His advocacy of thorough inspection of all commanderies, his tender appeal for the Masonic Orphans' Home, and other subjects. Notes presence of Sir Knight George (Our George) M. Moulton, V. E. deputy grand master, and our general legislation. Of correspondence, Frater Hodson says we have put up another of our indescribable writings which covers a visit to "Our Mother Lodge," and proceeds to say:

"Since the General became really posted and an adept on fish stories, it's hard for him to keep away from Puget Sound and the Columbia river. If he were at the mouth of the river today, August 5, 1903, and would walk across on the backs of the Chinooks, he would then have a story worth photographing, and which would paralyze his 'Sucker' brethren sure enough."

It is to our great sorrow and the acute regret of our son Robert that the same could not have been said of the run of the sockeye in Puget Sound, the absence of which for the past seasons has wrecked the fishing interests along its shores. The following attests the accuracy of our "picturs" and is for the benefit of Grand Commander Hill:

"The half-tone engraving in this part of the report are fine, perfectly correct and instructive. We also note that he publishes an inside view of the Asylum of Oregon No. 1, and the pictures of Sir Knights George H. Hill, past commander and present prelate and Henry Roe, at that time eminent commander. Thanks, General, the fraters are worthy of your notice, besides being good to look at as specimens of Oregon Templars. We have 500 equally fine looking that you did not see. Rig up your kodak and come again, you are always welcome."

Were it necessary for us to call forth the glittering blades of the true Templars of this land to defend our person from bodily injury, we are confident we would have 999 of every 1,000 unsheathed in our defence as witness the following in answer to the correspondent of another Templar jurisdiction in which we number friends as close and numerous as in our own.

"He is inclined," says the writer, "to go after General John C. Smith, of Illinois, for publishing his 'Masonic Rambles' in connection with his Templar reports, asking, 'What have they to do with Templar correspondence?' "

"We can answer that and save Sir Knight Smith the trouble by saying—nothing, except in a general way. They contain many interesting matters which General Smith enjoys preparing and his readers enjoy reviewing and always increasing general Masonic knowledge, and as all Templars are Masons, anything that is interesting to a Mason is naturally interesting to a Templar.

"There is but one Sir Knight General John C. Smith, and so long as he presents as good truck for Masonic digestion, pictures and all, do, please, let him alone."

Commanderies, 8; membership, 637; gain, 76; largest commandery Oregon No. 1, 220 swords.

Sir Knight GEORGE HENRY HILL, R. E. Grand Commander, Portland.

Sir Knight JAMES F. ROBINSON, E. Grand Recorder, Eugene.

Sir Knight J. M. HODSON, Correspondent, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1903.

This semi-centennial of this Templar grand body was held in the famed Masonic Temple, city of Philadelphia, May 26, 27, 1903, Sir Knight Ezra S. Bartlett, R. E. grand commander presiding. Preceeding the opening session a grand parade was had of twenty-six or more commanderies in four divisions and with many bands of music.

The parade was held in the forenoon and after luncheon, 3 o'clock p. m., when assembled in Masonic Temple, his Hon. Bro. John Weaver, mayor of Philadelphia, welcomed the Sir Knights in an admirable address and on their duties to the widow and orphan, saying:

"Your mission is not one of warfare, although you wear the sword and plume. They are, I understand, symbolic of great achievements of knighthood of the past, and I am sure the sword is emblematic of devotion to duty. Your mission is essentially one of peace. The victories of peace are as renowned and frequently more enduring than the victories of war. To take care of and sustain the aged, the widow, the orphan and the afflicted is as knightly a duty in our day as formerly was the breaking of a lance in defence of womanhood or the drawing of the sword of the Crusader against the infidel to recover possession of the Holy Sepulchre or in defence and protection of pilgrims on their road to Jerusalem."

The response by Sir Knight George S. Graham, past grand commander, was appropriate and eloquent.

At the opening roll call the representative of Illinois, Sir Knight Harry M. Van Zant, past grand commander, responded, *present!*

The address of Grand Commander Bartlett is a readable paper and plain recital of duties of grand commander, consisting of the usual eulogies of the dead, visitations, issue of dispensations and several decisions. All of which were purely local, provided for in their own laws, and approved by grand commandery.

In concluding, grand commander expresses his pleasure with the outcome of the year.

"It is also a matter for congratulation that the past year has been one of peace and harmony throughout the jurisdiction, and that nothing has occurred to mar our pleasant relations with sister jurisdiction."

Our friend and frater, M. Richards Muckle, presented a very interesting report on the condition and prospects of their Masonic Home, the prominent feature of which is the gift of a property by Bro. William L. Elkins, (since deceased), worth one-half a million dollars. In a letter to Bro. Louis Wagner, president of the Home, Brother Elkin says:

"My Dear General Wagner:

"It has been in my mind for a long time to provide a home for the orphan girls of Masons. In order to carry out this object, I have set apart a piece of ground which I own at the northeast corner of Broad and Bristol streets, and have had plans prepared, which I send you herewith."

In referring to this splendid donation, Sir Knight Muckle adds:

"The munificence of the gift, the beauty of the proposed buildings and the unostentatious manner in which the matter was made public, justify the hearty commendations of Brother Elkins, which come to us from all over the country, with the congratulations of the craft everywhere upon the good fortune of the orphaned daughters of Pennsylvania Masons."

Resolution of thanks, a past grand commander's jewel and shoulder straps were presented retiring Grand Commander Ezra S. Bartlett, which we trust he may be long spared to wear in the performance of his knightly duties.

The installation of officers was public and held in the Academy of Music. There was a large attendance of Sir Knights and ladies and invited guests, the installed Grand Commander Sir Knight Charles M. Stock, delivering an able and interesting address.

Correspondence, 121 pages, by the able correspondent, R. E. Sir Knight Lee S. Smith.

The review of Illinois is very thorough in both address of Grand Commander Green, legislation of grand commandery and correspondence, in all of which the writer finds much to approve. As to correspondence and matters of Templar jurisprudence we see so nearly alike that there is little difference of opinion, and the only point we now differ upon is the practicability of grand commandery traveling about the state like a circus. We know it is popular in several jurisdictions and meets the approval of their Sir Knights; not so in Illinois for while our late experience has been one of pleasant memories and great success our Sir Knights care not to do so again, and so for the coming year, at least, are content to remain in Chicago.

Commanderies, 77; membership, 14,896; largest commandery, Pittsburg No. 1, Pittsburg, 1,122 swords, the largest commandery in the world.

PENNSYLVANIA.

FIFTY-FIRST GRAND CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

With the usual grand parade and under escort of four divisions of thirty-seven commanderies, the officers and members of grand commandery march to the opera house, city of York, where was held the fifty-first annual grand conclave of this grand commandery, May 24, 1904, with Sir Knight Charles M. Stock, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

A cordial welcome to the city was given them by Hon. Milton B. Gibson, mayor; responses by R. E. Sir Knight Thomas F. Penman.

Portrait of Grand Commander Charles M. Stock appears in proceedings, whose opening welcome filled with historic facts, needs no excuse for their reproduction here. The Blue and the Gray have become one. Each fought for what they believed to be the right and their contest has made our people one and our nation a great world power. Who would not now be proud that he is an American citizen?

"Eminent Sir Knights, you, who are now on ground upon which was builded a structure of magnificent parts and proportions, a wonderful Masonry of human kind.

"In the valleys of the Codorus and the Conewago, two centuries ago, met and amalgamated the German Protestant, the Scotch Irishman, and the English Quaker, together with the Cavalier, who ascended from the Chesapeake, settling land to and over the Pennsylvania border, under grant from Charles, Lord Baltimore. These four, welded by the fires of a common persecution and indissolubly joined by the cement of civic interest, became the bed-rock of the American Republic.

And so, from their little city of York, marched the first armed soldiery from Pennsylvania to strike for American independence.

"When the Continental Congress was compelled to flee, first from Philadelphia and then from Lancaster, it found a safe haven here on the west bank of the Susquehanna, and York was for the time the capital of the Thirteen States in Revolution.

"From this little city, again, went forth the first military company from Pennsylvania to resist the great rebellion. In the heart of the Conewago valley, in the very streets of Hanover, began the greatest

battle of the world's history on the 30th of June, '63. By the next morning, July 1, it had shifted to the rocky crests around Gettysburg; and then for three long, proud, immortal, yet awful days—days such as pray God this land may never again see—the life of the American Union hung in the balance. On the afternoon of the third day there came a pause. Then there was being forged behind Seminary Hill such a bolt of war as never before on this earth had been launched. It was the flower of the army of the Cavalier—17,000 strong—with such dauntless men as George Pickett and Lewis Armistead as the chieftains; a living thunder-bolt that moved forward with two hundred cannon on each side playing in sublime diapason the battle-march. It reached the flaming line of the Northern Blue. It pierced the line; the Bayard of the Southern Confederacy, our brother, Lewis Armistead, now at its head, with hat held aloft on his saber point as he crossed the stone wall. For one brief moment in the agony of mortal strife it held its own. But the Cavalier had met in a death struggle the Masonry of blended blood called the North. With the cry, *"I am a widow's son,"* the Southern leader, pierced with many wounds, sank into the arms of those who in the hell of battle heeded his call of distress, and Gettysburg was won.

"Sir Knights, as you this week stand at what is called the High Water Mark of the Civil War, and note the spot where Lewis A. Armistead fell, remember that while it might not be appropriate for the United States Government to erect a specific memorial there, it would be eminently proper and fitting, and an act which would quicken and thrill the generous pulse of the civilized world, for the Freemasons of Pennsylvania to thus honor the memory of a brother, one of the bravest of the brave; and specially, since we have it on the testimony of General Abner Doubleday, that his last words, whispered in the ear of a brother Mason, were: "Tell Hancock I have wronged him and have wronged my country."

The address is an excellent paper and all the work of grand commander was approved.

On report of committee on doings of the grand officers, of which Frater James H. Codding was chairman, the thanks of grand commandery, a jewel and shoulder straps of a past grand commander were voted to Sir Knight Charles M. Stock.

The legislation was of local interest and should be read by all the Sir Knights in that great jurisdiction.

Correspondence, 112 pages, the work of that eminent Templar, Sir Knight Lee S. Smith.

"The volume in hand," says this versatile writer, "is not a small one, about 350 pages, being well printed, under the supervision of our good friend, Sir Gil. W. Barnard, grand recorder, who is known wherever Masonry is worked, and is justly respected for his many excellencies. Several portraits are included, it being the purpose to print each year, the faces of some of the older past grand commanders."

Proceeds to review the 350 pages, of which he well says:

"The reader of these proceedings cannot be otherwise than favorably impressed with the way the business is transacted. And in financial matters, liberality and carefulness go hand in hand. Much is left in the control of the grand recorder, Sir Barnard, and the trust is not misplaced. For a position calling for ability and integrity, no better man can be found."

Closing with these kind words to correspondent:

"General John Corson Smith, in presenting his fifteenth annual wonders where the years have gone. He ought to know, for none have labored in the vineyard more faithfully than he. Ninety pages of correspondence are from his pen, and some jurisdictions are necessarily missing, because Illinois this time held grand conclave two months earlier than ever before. The General writes interestingly, as he always does, and the perusal is pleasing, even though Pennsylvania is absent.

"If we must confess, it our chief interest in the volume is the "Tour Through the British Isles," a Masonic excursion, which the General writes for us by way of supplement. In these pages we can see our brethren of the Isles, just as they are at home. Their Masonic methods, meetings, and personality all stand out in attractive relief. We were almost sorry that the General came back so soon. Instead of seeing no use in this narrative, we think it Masonically edifying and educating. Let us have more! The General came back a "Grand Cross," and we are glad of it."

Commanderies, 79; membership, 16,050; gain, 1,154; largest commandery, Pittsburg No. 1, Pittsburg, 1205 swords.

Sir Knight WILSON I. FLEMING, R. E. Grand Commander, Bellefonte.

Sir Knight WILLIAM W. ALLEN, E. Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Sir Knight LEE S. SMITH, Correspondent, Pittsburg.

SCOTLAND.

CHAPTER GENERAL, APRIL, 1904.

Our information at this time is very limited, knowing only of the meeting of chapter general during the annual conference in Edinburg, April 26 to 29, 1904.

The attendance on this conference was fully as large as on former occasions, with the usual delegations from Great Priories of England and Wales and Ireland. The members of the Preceptory of the Lothians presenting their work in an attrative manner and winning the approbation of all present.

We regret our inability to be present, the more so that we know how well we would have enjoyed ourself with the Lothians.

Since writing this brief of chapter general we have received annual reporter, 1904, in which we find the following personal:

"A letter was read from V. E. Frater General John Corson Smith, Chicago, conveying his cordial greetings to the chapter general, and expressing his great regret that important Templar engagements in America prevented his attending the conference this year. The brethren were much gratified on hearing from their esteemed comrade and conveyed their hearty good wishes to him and all their brethren in America."

The Most Noble, the MARQUIS OF BREADALBANE, G. C. T., etc., Grand Master.

JAMES H. BALFOUR MELVILLE, K. C. T., Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1903.

A splendid steel engraved portrait of Sir Knight Edward S. Lorimer, R. E. grand commander, who presided at this grand conclave, graces the pages of this copy of proceedings before me, a volume

which would do honor to any grand commandery and which is complimentary to the good taste of Grand Recorder George A. Pettigrew—and good workmanship of the printer.

The address of Grand Commander Lorimer is a model of brevity and good taste in which is recited the labors of the year, honorarium to the knightly dead, observance of Christmas, Easter and Ascension days. No grievance. No appeals. One dispensation to install officers, one dispensation to receive and ballot upon petition for the orders refused and best of all, two new commanderies instituted.

The legislation was of local interest and involved no new law; charters were ordered for the two new commanderies and aside from that it was approval of reports and auditing of accounts which as a matter of course, were found correct with a nice little balance in the hands of Sir Knight M. P. Ohlman, grand treasurer.

Correspondence excellent in selections and to the point in opinions by Sir Knight Samuel H. Jumper. How many pages Brother Samuel? We don't know, for we are not up in Roman hieroglyphics—ixix are the figures and the work would be just as good if of any other.

Reviews Illinois courteously and at length, making liberal extracts from address of Grand Commander Green, especially his tribute to the dead and "his grand words spoken in relation to the orphans' home."

Quotes from necrology, legislation and correspondence. Of the latter, he says:

"Sir John's rambles this year were around Puget Sound, both in the States and Canada, the account of which is most interesting and instructive. At Vancouver, British Columbia, the brethren enjoyed his visit very much," from which he takes a paragraph and concludes with the following prayer for our health, for which we are grateful:

"It is the prayer of every member of the guild, that God will, in his infinite goodness, spare to us, for many years, our good Brother, Sir John."

Commanderies, 14; membership, 920; gain, 82; largest commandery, Cyrene No. 2, Sioux Falls, 148 swords.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

TWENTY-FIRST GRAND CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1904.

The engraved likeness of the Grand Commander Sir Knight Fred A. Spafford, who presided at this the twenty-first annual grand conclave held in the Asylum of De Molay Commandery No. 3, Yankton, is in the good taste always evident in the make-up of the volume of proceedings of this jurisdiction.

The representative of Illinois, Sir Knight Bruce M. Rowley, was at his post and the attendance of valiant Templars commendable, to whom grand commander addressed these words of welcome.

"Today, in the famed city of Yankton, on the verge of the prairies rich and wide, it is my pleasure to extend to you, Sir Knights, one and all, a knightly greeting and courteously welcome you to this, the twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Dakota."

Two new commanderies, several decisions, sundry dispensations and other detailed duties were reported and being for the interest and welfare of our knightly order were duly approved. The address is in good taste and form.

Several pictures of interior of office of grand recorder and library appear and are interesting to look upon as models of order and good taste.

Correspondence, ixix pages, by correspondent Sir Knight Samuel H. Jumper, in which we find this tribute to comradeship in our civil war:

"One of the pages in the proceedings of Illinois contains a photo-engraving of Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, whom we recognize as a comrade of a Maine regiment in the civil war. The writer was sergeant-major of the Twenty-ninth Maine Infantry. Holman Purinton, a kid of but seventeen years, came as a recruit to Co. B, while the regiment was fighting with Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley in the summer of 1864. Until this day, we have never heard of private Purinton since the reconstruction year following the civil war, which we spent together in South Carolina."

Pleasing as must have been that recognition, it must be equally so to know that the "kid of seventeen years," who *fit* into the war of

1861-5, was also a soldier in the war with Spain where he wore the shoulder straps of a captain and major of our Second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of our now Grand Master of Knights Templar, General George M. Moulton. That same *kid* saw service in both Cuba and the Philippines, resigning while in those far-distant Pacific islands on account of the ill health of a loved wife, since deceased.

It is interesting to know that Templarism should bring you two old comrades together after forty years of earnest and active life. When in this city don't forget to call upon Veteran Major Purinton, whom you will find in the Masonic Temple where "Our Gil.," grand recorder, holds forth and then give a passing moment to this correspondent.

The report on correspondence says Frater Jumper "is again from that king of correspondents whose descriptions of his travels delight the guild as well as every Sir Knight who has the pleasure of reading these interesting reviews.

"Sir John made a tour of the British Isles this year and his descriptions, with the elegant illustrations, make a most interesting article He was accompanied, as usual, by his daughter, Ruth, whom he delights to call his 'guardian angel.'"

She is, my dear brother, my guardian angel when abroad and at home, in the household she takes full rank as my second best girl.

Commanderies, 14; membership, 941; gain, 19; largest commandery Damascus No. 10, 154 swords.

Sir Knight ALBERT F. PILCHER, R. E. Grand Commander, Sioux Falls.

Sir Knight GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, E. Grand Recorder, Sioux Falls.

Sir Knight SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Correspondent, Aberdeen.

TENNESSEE.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

Only for the fact that we were abroad on a visit to the British Isles when this, the forty-second annual conclave of Grand Commandery of Tennessee was held, we would have been present in the famed city

of Chattanooga in and around which some of the most stirring events in American history transpired in the early sixties. We like Chattanooga and the Tennesse valley and we love the Tennessee fraters.

Sir Knight John Wilson Bailey, R. E. grand commander, presided over this conclave, which was held in the Asylum of Lookout Commandery No. 14, with a full corps of grand officers, representatives and eighteen grand representatives on the roll of which we find the name of Sir Knight S. G. Stratton, the representative of Illinois.

On such hallowed ground and in the midst of such sacred memories it is not to be wondered that grand commander opens his address as follows:

"In assembling again in this historic city, where thousands of noble dead, under both gray and blue, testify to the survival of that essential spirit of knighthood—the willingness to die for the cause believed to be right, I find it difficult to give expression to the thoughts that find lodgment in my mind."

What were the thoughts the grand commander struggled to give utterance we know not, for we do not know if he was a participant in the mighty struggle which took place around Chattanooga in the dark days of 1863, nor if he was of the blue or gray, but we surmise that he was too young to have been one of that mighty host. This writer was of those who wore the blue in the column which entered Chattanooga and passed unscratched through that bloody battle of Chickamauga of September 19 and 20, 1863, where fell a larger per centage of the men engaged on either side than in any battle of the war for the union. Falling back to Chattanooga from the Georgia battlefield, I was under the personal and verbal orders of General Rosecrans, sent to Moccasin Point, to which a brigade of troops had been sent to place several batteries in position and open upon Lookout mountain, which they did at daylight the next morning. The Confederate signal flag staff was cut down. A battery commanded by Major George C. Connor dismounted and the position made untenable. Major Connor was afterward grand recorder of Tennessee. We often met and were fast friends to the end of his life, as have been the soldiers of both armies since the close of that great war, April, 1865. We were with that army at Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge until the advance to East Tennessee from whence we entered upon the Atlanta campaign, May, 1864.

Had we been at Chattanooga last May our thoughts would have been of our heroic comrades and the brave army which opposed us and would have been best expressed in that beautiful poem entitled:

"THE BLUE AND THE GRAY."

By the flow of the Tennessee river,
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the one, the Blue,
Under the other, the Gray.

Those in the robings of glory,
These in the gloom of defeat,
All with the battle-blood gory,
In the dusk of eternity meet.
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the laurel, the Blue,
Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours
The desolate mourners go,
Lovingly laden with flowers
Alike for the friend and the foe,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the roses, the Blue,
Under the lilies, the Gray.

So with an equal splendor
The morning sun-rays fall,
With a touch, impartially tender,
On the blossoms blooming for all.
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Broidered with gold, the Blue,
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So when the summer calleth
On forest and field of grain,
With an equal murmur falleth
The cooling drip of the rain,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Wet with the rain, the Blue,
Wet with the rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not upbraiding,
The generous deed was done;
In the storm of the years that are fading
No braver battle was won,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Under the blossoms, the Blue,
Under the garlands, the Gray.

No more shall the war-cry sever,
Nor the Tennessee river be red;
They banish our anger forever,
When they laurel the graves of our dead,
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day—
Love and tears, for the Blue,
Tears and love, for the Gray.

Grand commander having the question presented of a companion being eligible for the orders of knighthood who was employed by the board of managers of the University Club of Nashville, as steward and manager of the club, very properly decided that he was, and the decision was sustained by grand commandery.

Grand commander says:

"As I understand it, the University Club is purely social in its nature, and was organized for the mutual pleasure, comfort and convenience of its members, and not with a view of becoming 'dealers' in anything, nor for profit, except in so far as would be necessary to defray current expenses. From the membership a board of managers is elected, and it is their duty to select a steward and manager, who simply purchases the supplies, including such liquid refreshments as the membership may require or demand.

"My opinion is, and I so rule, that a steward and manager of a club organized as above could not be considered a liquor dealer or dispenser of liquors, and the statutes and regulations of the grand commandery, regarding dealing in liquors, would not in any sense apply to this case."

Correspondence, 57 pages, by Frater Henry H. Ingersoll.

Illinois is fully reviewed and many kind words are said of Grand Commander Purinton's yearly labors and his address. Takes note of visit of Grand Captain General William B. Melish, of grand encampment, of the Christmas observation and the large attendance of Sir Knights at

the auditorium on Ascension Day to listen to the sermon of Sir Knight, the Rev. Bishop Samuel Fallows.

Referring to the report on necrology, Sir Knight Ingersoll touchingly says:

"From the eloquent report of Templar dead, written by Frater McFatrich, we fain would quote pages of such melodious English as characterized the matchless compositions of Colonel Robert J. Ingersoll, but space forbids," and then follows with a verse and Brother McFatrich's "glorious peroration."

Quoting from the opening page of our correspondence Frater Ingersoll says:

"This year he gives a report of his visit to the Great Priory of England and Wales, and of an illustrated tour through the British Isles and Belgium; and we repeat again that if John Corson Smith does not prepare in his life-time for the publication of an illustrated edition of his Masonic travels, either while he is in the flesh or *post obit*, he will lose his best opportunity of building a Masonic monument to a man whom he and all his friends most highly esteem, and thus save himself from being 'so soon forgot when he is gone.'"

Thank you, Brother Ingersoll. We have written a book far more interesting than our Masonic travels. A book requiring years of patient research for original documents which it is doubtful if any one else could have found and collected, have illustrated the same Masonically and historically, printed and bound 1,000 copies, 165 pages, entitled "History of Freemasonry in Illinois, 1804-1829," and have sold less than *one hundred copies* or less than half what we have given away. No, thank you. We do not propose to publish any more.

Reprints our Tennessee girl's poem written on the lakes of Killarney which will please Grand Recorder John B. Garrett, as it does the Tennessee fraters. Portrait of Grand Commander Archibald N. Sloan appears on front page.

Commanderies, 15; membership, 1,037; gain 29, largest commandery, Coeur de Lion No. 9, Knoxville, 194 swords.

Sir Knight ARCHIBALD NEVINS SLOAN, R. E. Grand Commander, Chattanooga.

Sir Knight JOHN BERRY GARRETT, E. Grand Recorder, Nashville.

Sir Knight HENRY H. INGERSOLL, Correspondent, Knoxville.

TEXAS.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

This fifty-first annual conclave was held in the Asylum of Paris Commandery No. 9, city of Paris, April 16, 1904, Sir Knight William H. Bell, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait appears as frontispiece, presiding.

From grand commander's address we learn that the Templar year was a busy one, new commanderies were constituted, dispensations for others issued and an earnest enthusiasm displayed in all the bodies. A general inspection was ordered, which it is expected will result in much good; Christmas day duly observed and much routine business transacted.

Preceding the address, Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard, M. E. grand master, having been announced, an escort under command of that veteran Templar, Robert M. Elgin, retired to the room of the grand sentinel where meeting the grand master he was conducted to grand asylum and received with the honors due his exalted station and seated in the grand east.

Public ceremonies and church services are held by this grand commandery as is the custom in many grand bodies in the Southland before entering grand asylum and many excellent sermons are heard on those occasions. This was no exception, as the following extract from the one delivered by Sir Knight, the Rev. John K. Black, grand prelate, will attest.

"Life is a pilgrimage, whose end is a goal and the goal Christ-like perfection of character. Masonry, especially that branch of it known as Knights Templar, teaches, exemplifies, and emphasizes this statement more fully than any other purely human organization of which I have any knowledge. From the moment we cross the threshhold of the lodge room, until we reach the Asylum of the Commandery, from the Entered Apprentice degree, until we attain the Valiant and Magnanimous degree of Knighthood, we are regarded as and taught that we are pilgrims, pursuing a journey in search of a path we have never yet trodden, and a good, that, to us, is as yet unknown. In seeking admission to the order, if our declarations were sincere and truthful, we avowed that in doing so our object was to obtain a nobler manhood, and not from any mercenary motive. * * * *

Knight Templarism, if I may so designate it, had no mean origin, but was of noble birth, having first seen the light in a royal palace, in that city whose streets were hallowed by the footsteps of the Savior of mankind."

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with grand commanderies of California and Indian Territory, then in session. Grand commandery also endorsed petition of a number of Knights Templar residents of the city of Mexico and recommended grand master to issue dispensations for a commandery in the Capital City of our sister republic.

Correspondence, 105 pages, by that genial Templar, Robert M. Elgin, assisted in his labors by Sir Knight R. O. Rounsavall, who pushes a genial pen, tipped with a ready and discriminating judgment.

Sir Knight Elgin takes Illinois unto himself and proceeds to read, digest and carefully present its most important and interesting doings in his usual courteous manner. Of our outing to Peoria last year, he well says:

"We are not prepared to say whether or not the putting of the grand commandery on wheels and having it meet at a different place each year has had any effect or benefit in a material point of view, but certainly the social functions incident to its meeting at Peoria was a new revelation to the fraters who are accustomed to attending its conclaves. 'From start to finish' the occasion was made a succession of festivities." Takes note of the presence of grand encampment officers in the persons of Sir Knight George M. Moulton, deputy grand master, and William B. Melish, grand captain general. Kindly refers to resolutions of sympathy sent Sir Knight George Edwin Ohara, deputy grand commander, then ill in Mississippi, and recalls the illness in Illinois of our dear frater, Fred Speed.

Thinks address of Grand Commander Purinton a good paper but marred by having general and special orders sandwiched through its pages, in which we agree. We have always urged that all orders and circulars should be relegated to the appendix where they are more useful for reference. The presence of Sir Knights, John W. Wells, grand commander of Iowa (an old Illinoisan) and Bestor G. Brown, grand generalissimo of Kansas, is noticed and the contents of our treasury box carefully scrutinized.

Quotes liberally from what we say of Great Priories of England and Ireland and Chapter General of Scotland, extends sympathy which like the prayers of friends we are proud to receive and tells us that he has been ill himself, but we can thank God that he was not seriously ill and is still spared to us. "Only been too ill to go to school and just

well enough to go fishing." Long may the dear frater be well enough to go fishing and enjoy the society of his companions.

Much which is pleasant is said of our "Knights Templar Annual Conference," and a highly prized compliment paid us in the following, with the first of which relating to the diplomatic corps we agree:

"The prestige attained by the United States in the estimation of foreign nations within the past decade is due not alone to her powers on sea and land in death-dealing achievements. The ability, discretion and conservatism of our diplomatic corps has been a potent factor in placing our government upon the highest level with enlightened nations throughout the world. And it is not surprising that the opinions of one of our countrymen as thoroughly conversant as Sir Knight Smith is with the laws, usages and constituent elements of all the Masonic bodies in this country, should be considered and respected by an enlightened body whose functions are eminently of a plenipotentiary character."

Commanderies, 39; membership, 2,865; gain, 278; largest commandery, Colorado No. 4, Austin, 192 swords.

Sir Knight Edwin Chamberlain, R. E. Grand Commander, San Antonio.

Sir Knight John Carson Kidd, E. Grand Recorder, Houston.

Sir Knight Robert M. Elgin, Correspondent, Houston.

VERMONT.

Sixty-second Annual Conclave, June, 1904.

Portrait of Sir Knight Silas H. Danforth, R. E. grand commander, who presided over this sixty-second annual conclave, held in Masonic Temple, Burlington, June 14, 1904, greets us as we open this volume of proceedings and read the record of Templarism for the past year in the Green Mountain State.

The record is a good one, made up of the usual doings, dispensations granted, fraternal courtesies extended and other official acts performed. Peace and prosperity reigns as it ever will so long as the Sir Knights are governed by the advice of Grand Commander Danforth.

"To all Sir Knights of our own jurisdiction, and to all visitors in our midst, we extend a most cordial welcome. Among us none should be a stranger, for we are all pilgrims of one order, we are all upon one purpose bent, and by knightly courtesy, the warm grasp of the hand, the kindly inquiry and response, brightened by the brotherly love beam of the eye, we should feel at home, and of one united family.

We should not wait for formal introductions to each other, but feel at liberty to waive the cold formalities of society's etiquette in the outer world, and here spread abundantly the tenet of brotherly love and friendship which enables us on our journey through life to blaze our trail through the wilderness and the shadowy places, that those who follow may know that by this way we passed on toward the setting sun of our lives, and toward that bourne of justice impartial and mercy unrestrained, where at last we shall rest from our labors."

Reports of officers and committees in good form and taste. No legislation, evidently moved by the belief that he is governed best who is governed least, in which we firmly believe as to a body of gentlemen such as compose our Order of Knighthood.

Correspondence, seventy-nine pages, by our old friend and coworker in the guild, Sir Knight Marsh O. Perkins, whom we cordially welcome once more to our ranks. Vermont always does select its ablest Templars to represent it in the high places and there could be no better frater to fill the place of dear Sir Knight Kittredge Haskins.

The only thing that surprises this writer and of which he would like to be informed is to know of what offense against Templarism Frater Haskins has been guilty which should banish him from the liberty-inspiring scenes of his mountain home to the dreary halls of congress?

Illinois is kindly reviewed and with cordial approval. Address of Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, the writer thought one of the ablest passing under his notice and we rather agree with him. Approves decisions and looks approvingly into the treasure chest upon that solid balance of $11,689.04.

Quotes approvingly from committee on Templar dead and excerpts one of its most beautiful passages. Takes a look through correspondence and concludes with:

"We would gladly follow Brother Smith through report and supplement, but desist, knowing that once started with the scissors we would never know where to stop. We therefore call especial attention on the part of our Vermont fraters to the treat that can be enjoyed by the reading of this feature of the Illinois proceedings, to be found at the grand recorder's office."

Commanderies, 12; membership, 2,052; gain, 87; largest commandery, Palestine No. 5, St. Johnsbury, 326 swords.

Sir Knight WILLIAM H. KINGSBURY, R. E. Grand Commander, Middlebury.

Sir Knight HENRY H. ROSS, E. Grand Recorder, Burlington.

Sir Knight MARSH O. PERKINS, Correspondent, Windsor.

VIRGINIA.

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE, NOVEMBER, 1903.

Grand Recorder Sir Knight James B. Blanks, having been seriously il and in danger of losing his eye sight apologizes under date of August 6, 1904, for delay in issue of proceedings. The dear frater says:

"I was taken very sick in Richmond the night the grand commandery closed, November 12, 1903, and have not seen a well hour since. For weeks I could not see either to read or write. Last Friday was the first time Ihave attempted to do a day's work this year. I am thankful to say that my sight has been fully restored, and my general health greatly improved."

Brother Blanks has the loving sympathy of his fellow Templars, soldiers with him in the journey of life and thanks to our Heavenly Father for his recovery.

This eighty-first anual conclave was held in Masonic Temple, Richmond, November 12, 1903, Sir Knight James Thomas LeSueur, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait appears on frontispiece, presiding, whose address is brief and a plain statement of duties well done.

From it we learn that one dispensation was issued for a new commandery and that the fraters were called upon to mourn the death of:

Sir Knight Thomas Edward Schwartz, Em. grand generalissimo, who crossed the river of light December 2, 1902, and

Sir Knight Dr. James O'Keeffe, Em. grand senior warden, whose spirit took its flight July 24, 1903, and passed to that better land.

There were no decisions rendered, but few dispensations issued and much routine business transacted.

Reports of inspecting officers give evidence of activity in commandery matters. A new code of specifications for uniform was adopted, some local legislation passed upon and a past grand commander's jewel presented the retiring grand commander, Sir Knight James T. LeSueur.

Correspondence, forty-six pages, from the pen of Sir Knight J. E. Alexander, whose reviews it gives us pleasure to read and digest.

Illinois is reviewed at length and we only regret time will not permit and health forbids our going as fully into detail as the review deserves. Noting the vacancy in office of grand captain general and advancement of all officers below that grade Frater Alexander asks if it is the only proper form. We answer: There is no required form other than the statutes and regulations which provide for advancement in case of death or removal from office of grand commander or eminent commander for any cause the next in rank fills the vacancy. Following that usage and that of all military organizations it is eminently proper to fill all vacancies by promotion along the line until the vacancy is filled by regular election.

Referring to our criticism of a recent decision as to irregularity which has been "healed" the writer asks if it is not best we should agree that "all's well that ends well," to which we say, Amen, fully believing in the spirit of an amicable adjustment of all misunderstanding between fraters of our chivalric bodies.

Makes liberal extracts from correspondence, our special articles and "My Mother Lodge," in which he kindly says there is a wealth of truth, closing with a kind word for our efficient grand recorder, saying:

"If we have not succeeded in submitting a readable resume of the proceedings of Illinois, it has not been the fault of E. Sir Knight Barnard, for he has furnished us everything necessary in the volume we are now closing."

Commanderies, 22; membership, 1,934; gain, 172; largest commandery, St. Andrew No. 13, Richmond, 196 swords.

Sir Knight JAMES W. BRYANT, R. E. Grand Commander, Crewe.

Sir Knight JAMES B. BLANKS, E. Grand Recorder, Petersburg.

Sir Knight JAMES E. ALEXANDER, Correspondent, Alexandria.

WASHINGTON.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1903.

This grand conclave was held in the asylum of Seattle Commandery No. 21, Seattle, June 17, 1903, Sir Knight Frank P. Weymouth, R.E. grand commander, presiding.

Portrait of Frater Weymouth appears as frontispiece but is not up to the standard; you know, Sir Knight Blalock, that Frank is a handsomer man.

Grand commander's address is a plain recital of labors of his office during the past year, dispensations issued and a decision or two which were modified by committee on jurisprudence and adopted.

There was no new principle involved in decisions or legislation. Sympathies of grand commandery were wired the grand prelate, Sir Knight Rev. William Pelan, who was unable to be present owing to his age and illness.

An appropriate tribute was paid the memory of Past Grand Commander Jacob Weatherwax, recently deceased, and the thanks of grand commandery voted the "Sir Knights of Seattle Commandery and ladies for their kindness and courtesies during the conclave."

Correspondence, 148 pages, the twelfth from the pen of the efficient grand recorder, and able correspondent, Sir Knight Yancey C. Blalock.

Frater Blalock has the happy faculty of presenting all the decisions of grand commanders and action of grand commanderies including legislation of interest, but seldom presents his own views upon the subject. In fact he leaves the reader to form his own opinion as to what is good Templar law.

Four pages are given to decisions and arguments of Grand Commander Hamer H. Green, presence of Sir Knight George M. Moulton, R. E. deputy grand master, is noted and the donation of $500 to the Masonic Orphans' Home.

Correspondence, the writer says, is by "R. E. Sir John C. Smith, who reviews forty-seven grand commanderies, including fifty-five pages of sketches of Masonic interest in America with a description of his travels through the west and northwest, including our own state; would we could reprint it for the benefit of our readers and give the ilustrations, which are fine."

Commanderies, 9; membership, 841; gain, 100; largest commandery, Seattle No. 2, Seattle, 255 swords.

WASHINGTON.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1904.

Escorted to the asylum by the Sir Knights of Seattle Commandery No. 2, and Ivanhoe No. 4, grand commandery held its seventeenth annual conclave June 21, 1904, in the city of Seattle and was presided over by Sir Knight Lincoln F. Gault, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces the volume of proceedings now open before me.

The address presents the labors of grand commander in a concise manner and should be carefully read by all the fraters. Report is made of several dispensations for various purposes, observances of Christmas Easter and Ascension Day and the grand prelate, the venerable "Father" Phelan's eightieth birthday.

Grand commander excepts to the doings of some of the members of the Mystic Shrine and asks that hereafter the ceremonials of that order be conducted more in accordance with the teachings of Masonry which resulted in the appointment of a committee to petition the Imperial Council of that order to adopt such regulations as will remove or prohibit all matters objectional from their meetings.

Having attended a meeting of Afifi Temple in Tacoma we do not recall anything objectional at that meeting and assure the frater that were he present at any meeting of Medinah Temple of this city, the second largest in the Arabian desert, he would find nothing to which he could object either in its work or banquets which follow every session.

Correspondence, sixty-three pages, the work of the grand recorder, Yancy C. Blalock, who, owing to have to go to press so early was able to review but twenty-eight volumes, which had come to hand. One-sixth of the report is a review of Illinois, from which generous excerpts are made and concludes with reference to correspondence in which the writer says in conclusion:

"Would we could reproduce it with the cuts. We know our fraters would enjoy it." Perhaps!

Commanderies, 9; membership, 928; gain, 87; largest commandery, Seattle No. 2, Seattle, 285 swords.

Sir Knight EDWIN W. CRAVEN, R. E. Grand Commander, Seattle.

Sir Knight YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Recorder, and Correspondent, Walla Walla.

WEST VIRGINIA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY, 1904.

The thirtieth annual grand conclave of this grand commandery was held in the asylum of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, city of Charlestown, Wednesday, May 11, 1904, Sir Knight Charles H. Ahrens, R. E. grand commander, presiding.

Portrait of Sir Knight Samuel N. Myers, graces frontispiece and portraits of loved fraters who have passed to life immortal are found in memorial pages.

Sir Knight Robert Carter Dunnington, the efficient grand recorder, 1886-1904, who passed to the beyond February 10, 1904; and

Sir Knight George Washington Creel, deputy grand commander, 1903, whose spirit took its flight to the better land June 22, 1903.

The address of grand commander is an excellent paper, presenting in concise form his various duties, all of which having the stamp of the true Templar, received full approval. Reports of officers and committees were of the same character, thus facilitating the business of the conclave.

One charter was issued to Greenbriar Commandery U. D., now No. 15, stationed at Lewisburg. A new manual on tactics was reported and other business of local interest transacted and grand commandery adjourned to meet second Monday in May in city of Fairmont.

Correspondence, 114 pages, from that observing correspondent, Frater W. W. Van Winkle.

Reviews Illinois at length and approvingly, making liberal extracts from grand commander's address, doings of grand commandery and report on correspondence, closing with:

"During Frater Smith's visit to England as representative of the grand master of the grand encampment to the Knights Templar Annual Conference in May, 1903, he was made Knight of the Grand Cross, and so proclaimed."

Commanderies, 15; membership, 1,960; gain, 212; largest commandery Kanawa No. 4, Charleston, 287 swords.

Sir Knight SAMUEL N. MYERS, R. E. Grand Commander, Martinsburg.

Sir Knight FRANCIS E. NICHOLS, E. Grand Recorder, Fairmont.

Sir Knight W. W. VAN WINKLE, Correspondent, Parkersburg.

WISCONSIN.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE, OCTOBER, 1903.

This grand body met in the asylum of Wisconsin Commandery No. 1, Milwaukee, October 13, 1903, Sir Knight Robert H. Ormsby, deputy grand commander, presiding.

The address is a model of conciseness and brevity and yet gave full account of the doings of his predecessor who had passed from earth in the middle of his term, and his own acts for the remainder of the year.

Referring to the death of R. E. Grand Commander B. E. Reid, the deputy grand commander touchingly says:

"It was just as the first buds of spring began to open, when after a long, dreary winter, there was promise of revivication. It was on the second day of April last, surounded by his brethren and friends, and after a long illness in which our grand commander exhibited the greatest fortitude, that suddenly he passed to his home beyond, without a murmur or a struggle.

"On Sunday afternoon, April 5, we laid the good Sir Knight to rest, with all the honors of a valiant Templar. His work is finished, and he may justly claim 'the awards that await the valiant Templar.'

"The last official act of our late grand commander was to issue the Easter circular, which peculiarly suited him in that it spoke with a certain and no mistaken fervor of the Resurrection of the Blessed Immanuel, the Prince of Peace and the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

"It was a fitting tribute to the memory of our late grand commander that he was laid to rest on Palm Sunday, a day commemorative of the entrance of our blessed Saviour into old Jerusalem, and also the entrance of that valiant Knight, our grand commander, into the New Jerusalem."

To the foregoing tribute was added that of Sir Knights J. O. Watson, Merton Herrick, grand senior warden, and committee on necrology.

We note the presence as usual of the representative of Illinois, Past Grand Master Henry L. Palmer, and doing duty as chairman of committee on finance.

Grand commandery awarded a beautiful banner and beauseant to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Milwaukee, for having put up the best inspection for two consecutive years of any commandery in the state, and a beauseant to LaCrosse Commandery No. 9, LaCrosse, for the highest increase in advancement and proficiency during the year.

The legislation was of no special interest, and proceedings close with very interesting and detailed reports of inspection of commanderies.

Correspondence, as usual, from pen of that genial Sir Knight, William C. Swain, and his twenty-first which we hope he may live to double, and we be here to review it.

This we know is not his way of thinking for he already fears he will not be here to read our twenty-fifth. And why not, Sir William?

We know Frater Swain tells a good story and next to telling one himself takes pleasure in having another fellow, so here goes for one applicable to this case. We have a friend who, in his early manhood, was engaged in merchandizing and according to the then custom went east semi-annually to buy goods. His usual purchase was about ten thousand dollars' worth, and on thirty, sixty and ninety days. On this occasion, he increased his purchase to $15,000, and asked two, four and six months, to which the jobber demurred, saying: "I know what you say is true. The crops are good, immigration is setting strong to the Mississippi valley, and you need more goods, but six months is a long credit and you may die." "Die," responded my friend, "Who the ——— ever heard of a man dying in six months" Now, we submit, dear Brother William, who ever heard of one of the guild dying before he has read my twenty-fifth annual review?

Likes to note my presence in Great Priory of England, and the honors there awarded the American Templar, doing me the honor of reprinting my speech on that occasion.

Is not so well pleased with another correspondent who seems disgruntled that anything but statistics or necrological reports should appear in correspondence, and has this to say:

"We do not, however, sympathize with his criticism of General

Smith, that his 'Rambles' are not appropriate to Templar correspondence. We think anything appropriate which interests his readers."

Sir Knight Swain finds much to commend and of interest in the Illinois volume and especially in the address of our grand commander, Hamer H. Green. Says we have the bad taste to so live as to make him love us more and more. That is what we are here for, Sir Knight William, and we intend so to live that

When we've a tender message
Or a loving word to say,
We'll not wait till we forget it
But speak it out today.

Agrees with what we say on the subject of a brother in Templar uniform displaying the Shrine jewels, and likes our home lodge paper, knowing from personal experience how true it is.

Our brother's reviews of other jurisdictions are as entertaining as those from which we have quoted, but space forbids our extending them.

Commanderies, 28; membership, 3,396; gain, 77; largest commandery, Ivanhoe No. 1, Milwaukee, 425 swords.

Sir Knight Robert H. Ormsby, R. E. Grand Commander, Milwaukee.

Sir Knight William W. Perry, Grand Recorder, Milwaukee.

Sir Knight William C. Swain, Correspondent, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

Sixteenth Annual Conclave, April, 1903.

Sir Knight James M. Rumsey, R. E. grand commander, whose portrait graces front page of procedings, presided over this grand conclave held in asylum of Albert Pike Commandery No. 4, Evanston, Wednesday, April 8, 1903, with a full corps of grand officers and a constitutional number of representatives.

The address is a brief paper aside from the detailed report of commandery property, drill and ceremonials which is sandwiched between the opening and closing. The minuteness of detail is painful and

would delight a martinet. Get more real companionship into the Templar bodies and less of this millinery business. Act upon advise grand commander gives in opening of address.

"Rely on it, Sir Knights, no sword is so glittering and beautiful as the Faith, Hope and Charity of which it is the symbol; no plume, baldric or jewel makes a knight so distinguished as that upright, chivalrous and brotherly bearing, to which we are exhorted in the first degree in Freemasonry, and no honors conferred on us by our brothers can bring that satisfaction and peace at the last which comes from a quiet conscience and an intergrity which has never fallen before temptation."

Legislation was of local interest and of the true knightly character, Grand Recorder Parshall asked to be permitted to make some purchases for grand commandery library and to bind some of its books. Authority was granted and $100 voted with which to pay for binding.

We note that the name of the grand standard bearer is Corson, a time honored name and not unknown to templarly. A splendid illustration of which we had in the life of R. E. Sir Thomas J. Corson, grand recorder of New Jersey, and further duplicated in the career of George E. Corson, R. E. grand commander of District of Columbia. To these illustrious Sir Knights, we yet hope to add the name of Samuel Corson as "R. E. Grand Commander" of Wyoming.

Correspondence, a brief review of twenty pages, largey assigned to Illinois, to the address of Grand Commander Green and the defense of its correspondent. Of Frater Jesse Knight's writings we can say what the brother cannot say of ours. His writings have improved since coming under our eye and we wish that we could use the same judgment and only present such matter as of interest to our knightly order.

The dear little boy that didn't have gum drops enough to give each of "the hundreds of men all dressed alike" in the prison our good brother *visited,* must have been twin brother to the other little fellow found crying as he viewed a picture of the Christians being torn to pieces by the lions, and on being asked if he was crying because of the cruel death of the martyrs answered "No," that he was crying to see "one little lion in the corner which had no martyr."

We see now how it comes that there were not gum drops enough to go around or why there was one martyr short. Grand Commandery of Illinois met two months before its usual time this year and proceedings of Wyoming not having been received could not be reviewed.

Touchingly reprints what we said to Brother Swain last year in his great affliction and reprints the daughter's poem to her father, adding to our indebtedness for the following:

"Every reviewer has a kind word or more for his work, and it takes no powerful imagination to picture his daily life, as one intent upon doing some act of kindness or an attempt to make someone happy. Not finding the field large enough at home, he takes his camera and goes hunting for something nice to say of some one, and he finds the fellow, or sometimes for want of a "fellow" he takes anything in sight —an old dilapidated lodge room, that no one else would notice, and then makes a picture that fits a little verse that nearly makes you cry."

Under another jurisdiction in which his own excellent work has been brushed aside because of its brevity, the writer says of its correspondent:

"His manner of review convinces one that he is able and knows it, but to be judged by the number of pages one writes lacks something that we cannot justly describe, to one trying to make a start. A little caustic occasionally, enough to make one want to say something. As for instance, we feel a little out of line, when we really admire the taste of Sir John Corson Smith in giving us, in addition to his review, his sketches of 'Masonic Interest in America," all in report of Illinois, and no doubt intended to instruct and please us children or small fry, and we don't quite grasp the spirit that would speak of the effort to do a little kindergarten work as follows:

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"Some way we have felt that the General must be very old to write so well; we never saw him, and we do dislike having any one pitch on an old man. Never mind, General, we will carry your umbrella also, along with that of Sir Stirling, of Connecticut."

Commanderies, 8; membership, 411; gain, 14; largest commandery, Wyoming No. 11, Cheyenne, 91 swords.

Sir Knight FENNIMORE CHATTERTON, R. E. Grand Commander, Cheyenne.

Sir Knight ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, E. Grand Recorder, Cheyenne.

Sir Knight JESSE KNIGHT, Correspondent, Cheyenne.

1904

MASONIC DOINGS IN 1904

AND

VISIT OF OUR ENGLISH BRETHREN

BY

GENERAL JOHN CORSON SMITH, G.C.T.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
AND
KNIGHTS OF MALTA

ILLINOIS



Masonic Temple, Peoria, Illinois

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Returning from Europe in July, 1903, I was soon at work preparing for conclave of Grand Commandery which for the first time in forty-four years was to hold its session outside the city of Chicago. My Templar correspondence had to be completed and my tour through Great Britain written. The time was short and I hurried, as Grand Commandery was to meet two months earlier than usual and in the city of Peoria, where it held a Grand Conclave in 1859, as in Alton in 1858.

Great preparations were made by commanderies throughout the state and especially in Chicago, for the outing, and participation in the ceremonies attending the Forty-seventh Grand Conclave of Grand Commandery. The gathering in Peoria September 1, 1903, was the most imposing Templar display ever seen in that city and only equalled in Chicago on special occasions.

Fully 1,200 Sir Knights, many of them accompanied by their wives, reached Peoria on Monday evening, the day before the conclave, that they might participate in the parade. Of their coming the daily press said:

"A special delegation from Peoria Commandery met all incoming trains and escorted them to their hotels. Spencer's band furnished music and the two big Chicago commanderies, St. Bernard and Apollo, each brought bands with them. The Fey hotel was headquarters for the majority of the visiting Knights. St. Bernard Commandery, of Chicago, occupying rooms at this place, while Apollo Commandery No. 1, was quartered at the National. Smaller commanderies were divided between the two hotels and at the other hostelries. Over thirty different commanderies are represented at the conclave.

"The reception last evening in the Fey hotel, tendered by St. Bernard Commandery to Peoria Commandery and all visiting Knights and ladies, was the first social event of the conclave and was an entire success. The members of St. Bernard Commandery, with their ladies, proved admirable hosts and hostesses. The guests were received in the hotel parlors. The rooms were beautifully trimmed with roses and carnations, with a background of palms, ferns, etc., and refreshments were served during the evening.

"The scene in the parlors and about the hotel was a brilliant one. The ladies were gowned in elaborate costumes and the Knights with their full uniforms, glittering swords and various insignia of rank, made a scene to be remembered. The Second Regiment band from Chi-

cago accompanied St. Bernard Commandery and gave a splendid concert of classic and popular airs in the hotel lobby, preceding the reception. During the reception they were stationed in the alcove off the parlors, and there discoursed pleasing selections.

"The Lexington quartet, composed entirely of members of St. Bernard Commandery, proved one of the most popular attractions of the evening. They sang a number of songs in the reception hall, and at once won favor by their fine renditions. They were the subject of much merited praise. Among the selections they gave were: 'Comrades in Arms,' 'The Old Brigade,' 'Our Own United States,' 'Mary, Dear' and 'Illinois.' Composing the famous quartet are Sir Knights John R. Matheny, William J. Brookes, Sam W. Hurdle and Frank J. Knowles.

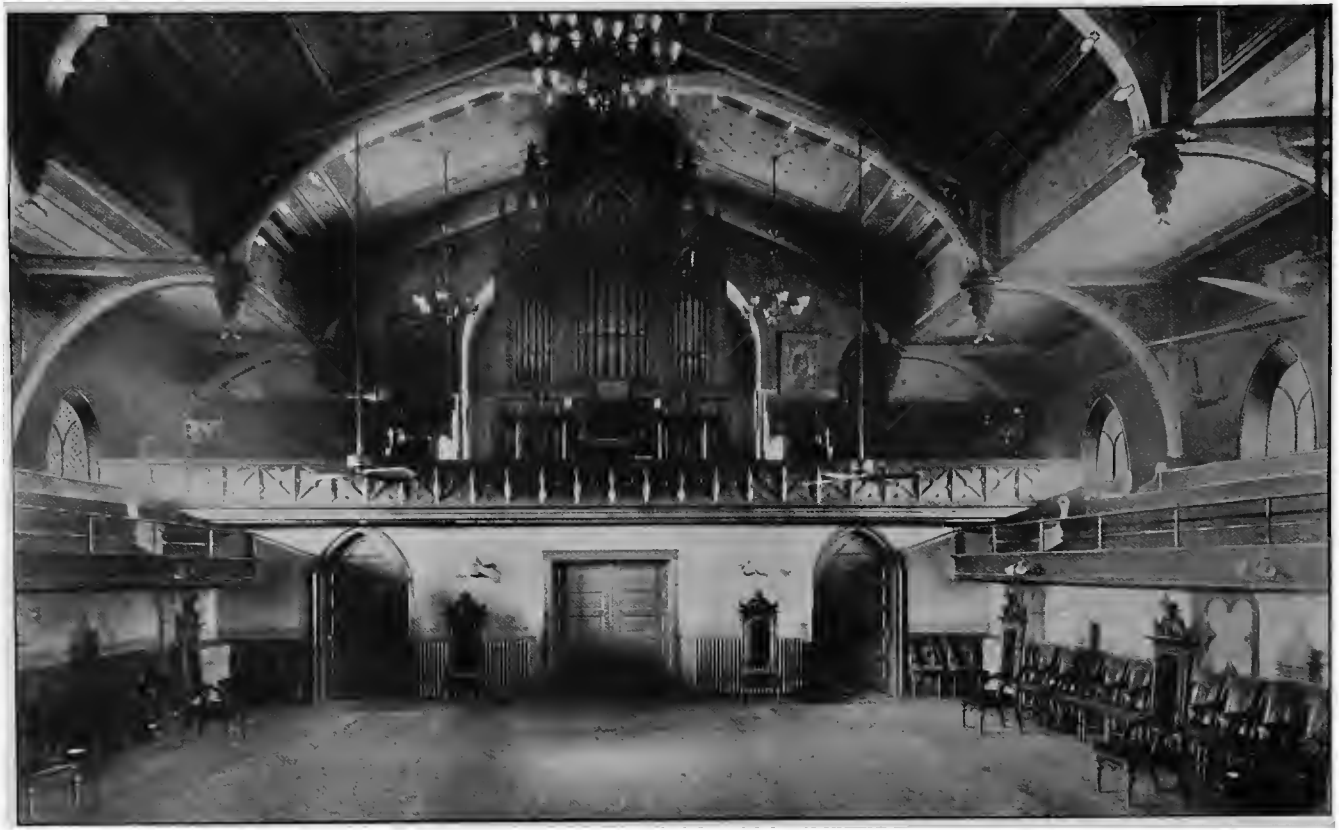
"It had been the previous intention to hold two receptions, one at the Fey and the other at the National, but owing to the lateness of the arrival of the Chicago delegations the reception at the National was abandoned and they joined in with the members of St. Bernard at the Fey. The universal opinion was that the evening's program was one of the most complete and well managed of any ever given in the history of the order.

"The entire membership of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, together with their wives and daughters, acted as a reception committee. As guests of honor there were present Sir Knight George M. Moulton, R. E. Deputy Grand Master Grand Encampment U. S. A., and Mrs. Moulton; William B. Melish, V. E. Grand Captain General; R. E. Sir Holman G. Purinton and Mrs. Purinton; E. Sir Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder; Gen. John Corson Smith, and other distinguished Templars.

"With a perfect day and an ideal program September 1, 1903, proved a notable one in the history of the Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, assembled in Peoria for their Forty-seventh Annual Conclave. From the magnificent parade in the morning, participated in by fifteen hundred Knights in full uniform to the close of the day's program with a reception and ball at the Coliseum, the entire affair was a success.

"The parade probably attracted more attention than any such assemblage in recent years. While not the largest parade seen in the city, it was undoubtedly the most imposing and best organized gathering of men. Fully twenty thousand Peoria citizens viewed the glittering pageant. With the sun shining brightly, though not too warmly to be uncomfortable, the procession marched through the principal streets of the city and passed the reviewing stand erected in front of the Asylum.

"The column was headed by a platoon of police, followed by the Grand Marshal and his staff, all mounted. Grand Marshal S. O. Spring



INTERIOR VIEW OF MASONIC TEMPLE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS
(Looking West)



INTERIOR VIEW OF MASONIC TEMPLE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS
(Looking East)

was followed by a number of his aides and the members of Grand Commandery. A number of the Past Grand Commanders rode in carriages. The entire command was reviewed from the stand by the commander. St. Bernard Commandery acted as escort for the Grand Commander, and opened ranks while the remainder of the column passed through. The entire parade was a flattering success and speaks volumes for the management who had the details to arrange. The unanimous opinion of those who saw it was that it was the best parade ever given in the city.

"The reception, with the members and their wives of Peoria Commandery No. 3 as hosts and hostesses, was held from 8 until 9 o'clock. During that time hundreds of handsomely gowned ladies on the arms of their Knights, dressed in full dress uniform, promenaded the floor, making a spectacle of unusual brilliancy. The Second Regiment and Spencer's band, of Peoria, rendered popular selections at frequent intervals.

"At 9 o'clock the exhibition drill by members of St. Bernard Commandery, of Chicago, was announced. Thirty of the Sir Knights in full uniform, with their swords and under the direction of Sir Knight Frank C. Roundy marched, counter-marched and performed various evolutions to the edification of the large assemblage. The work of the drill team was the finest ever seen in this city by any such organization. They were continuously applauded and were the subject of unlimited praise.

"Their evolutions were gone through with the precision of a veteran regiment and many of their movements would have turned the head of an old campaigner. The effect was both novel and interesting and held the close attention of the spectators throughout the entire drill, lasting nearly an hour. The Second Regiment band furnished music for part of the movements and came in for their share of the applause.

"Following the conclusion of the drill the grand march was announced and dancing commenced. Over one hundred couples were in the line. The march was led by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Holman G. Purinton and wife. Following was Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master George M. Moulton and wife.

"Music for the dancing was furnished by Spencer's band and an admirable program of waltzes and two-steps intermingled with schottisches, served to pass the time quickly until a late hour. Frappe was served all during the evening and a table lunch.

"Immediately following the parade the members of the Grand Commandery met at the Asylum of Peoria Commandery on Main street. Reports were listened to and the usual routine of business transacted. In the afternoon the election of officers was taken up, and much busi-

ness completed. An adjournment was early taken that the Sir Knights might get ready for the reception and ball to be given in the Coliseum."

An excursion on Lake Peoria to their new park was enjoyed by many of the Sir Knights and their ladies during the afternoon of the first day, the steamer City of Peoria and barge Pearl affording ample accommodations for all the excursionists.

The second day was devoted to routine business of Grand Commandery and installation of officers, the session closing in time to take the evening trains. Resolutions of thanks were adopted for the many courtesies received by the visiting Sir Knights and those accompanying them from officers and members of Peoria Commandery, the Masonic brethren and ladies of the beautiful city of Peoria.

Thus ended the first conclave of Grand Commandery of Illinois held outside the city of Chicago in forty-four years.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

This grand body met in Ninety-first Annual Session in the city of Boston, Mass., Tuesday, September 15, 1903, the officers and active members present except three who were detained at home by reason of illness.

There was a larger attendance of the honorary members than usual. Also of the officers and several members of the Southern Supreme Council and the Supreme Council of Canada. The unusual sight was afforded the members of seeing present the M. P. Sovereign Grand Commanders of the three largest Supreme Councils 33° in the world, two of which, the Northern and the Southern are the oldest, M. P. Bro. Henry L. Palmer, 33°, of the Northern; M. P. Bro. James D. Richardson, 33°, of the Southern, and M. P. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, 33°, of the Canadian Supreme Councils.

It is not our intention to enter into any account of the business of this body but only to note its session and the fact of our presence as a part of our Masonic labors and so soon after our meeting with annual conference of the officers of three English speaking Supreme Councils of England, Ireland and Scotland in annual session in the city of London, May, 1903.

The session held for three days, luncheon being served daily in the Masonic Temple, city of Boston so that morning and afternoon meetings were held with slight interruption. The following, with change of dishes, was the daily lunch menu:

Supreme Council 33°

Menu

CAPES ON SHELL

SOFT SHELL CRABS TARTARE SAUCE

BROILED CHICKEN

FRENCH FRIED POTATOES

FILLET OF BEEF, MUSHROOM SAUCE

BAKED CAULIFLOWER

POTATO CROQUETTES

TOMATO SALAD

CELERY

OLIVES SALT NUTS

ROLLS CAKE

FROZEN PUDDING

NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM

FRUIT

CRACKERS CHEESE

COFFEE

Thursday, September 17, 1903

The evening of the first day's session the 33° is always conferred and while that occupies the time of Supreme Council the ladies who accompany the members are entertained by the brethren and ladies of Boston with a theatre party. At this sesion there were in attendance about 150 ladies who enjoyed the performance of "The Silver Slipper" at the Colonial Theatre. It is one of the features of these Masonic celebrations to give a theatre party for the ladies on the night of the conferring of the degree, and when the arrangements for the convention in Boston were completed seats for this evening were purchased at the Colonial. A block of seats running fifteen rows back was bought in the center of the house. The ladies had all been at the Hotel Brunswick, and they went down to the theater in carriages, and the lobby was a brilliant and animated place as they passed inside the auditorium.

Sam Bernard, the principal comedian of "The Silver Slipper," took advantage of their presence to make a number of topical allusions, which were greatly appreciated by those of the audience who knew the nature of the party. A number of the Masons visiting Boston cut short their participation in the Masonic exercises at the Temple and appeared in the theatre before the close of the evening, so as to see the finale of the performance.

The ladies' reception committee in charge of the entertainment of the visitors consists of Mrs. Samuel C. Lawrence and a large committee of the Massachusetts ladies.

In addition to the theatre party there was the annual clam bake down the bay which is thus noted in the daily press:

"The excursion party, numbering nearly 300 gentlemen and ladies, took special electrics from the Hotel Brunswick to the Union wharf, where the steamer Frederick de Bary was boarded for a trip down the harbor to Bass Point, Nahant. Dinner was served at the Bass Point House, and after an evening spent informally in social enjoyment the party returned to Boston at a late hour."

The "late hour" is well said, for owing to a severe storm of wind and rain, the steamer was unable to return owing to the heavy seas which necessitated returning by carriage, trolley and various conveyances, many having to remain at the Bass Point House for the night.

The session was harmonious as they always are where gentlemen and brethren meet and as the officers are elected for three years there was no change in the *personnel.* The Ninety-second Annual will again be held in the Grand East which by the constitution is fixed at Boston.

FREEPORT, ILLINOIS.

The occasion of my visit to this thrifty Masonic city, October 27, 1903, was that I might see old friends and be present at the reception to be given my dear old friend and brother, Loyal Levi Munn, on the fiftieth anniversary of his having been made a Mason. From the fact that for the first half of that time I had lived in the adjoining county to Brother Munn and that we had been politically, socially and Masonically connected for the round half century makes him my "dear and old friend," and I could not keep away from the reception to be given him.

In the great number of men who enter the portals of Freemasonry it is allotted to but few to continue their membership for fifty years hence when we have a brother who has reached that golden age it is fitting that we should take note of and commemorate the same. Among the many kind words of greeting and praise tendered Brother Munn the following appeared in the local press:

"Masonic hall was filled to overflowing last evening by the members of the fraternity who had assembled to pay their respects to Hon. L. L. Munn, who has been a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 97 for fifty years. Mr. Munn has been an honored member of the fraternity during all these years and has in return been honored with many important offices both in the constituent lodges and the grand lodge. It was therefore deemed appropriate that some substantial recognition should be made of his work for the craft, and with this end in view, a reception and banquet was planned in his honor and one of the most pleasing features of the affair last night was the presentation to Mr. Munn of a handsome silver loving cup.

"The cup rests on an ebony base and is of sterling silver and gold lined. It is seven and a half inches high.

"The reception was held from 8 to 9 o'clock, and during that time Mr. Munn received the congratulations of hundreds of his Masonic brethren. Gen. John C. Smith, of Chicago, who is known in every part of the world, and who is a warm personal friend of Mr. Munn, assisted in receiving the guests.

"There were about two hundred present, including the members of Excelsior Lodge and those of Moses R. Thompson Lodge, which consolidated with Excelsior a few years ago.

"At the conclusion of the reception the members partook of an elegant banquet prepared by the Troy restaurant. Everything that a

person could desire was provided for the guests. The service was excellent and the banqueters occupied twenty-eight tables. At a long table occupying the east side of the room sat Mr. Munn. On his right was General John C. Smith, of Chicago, and on his left Robert D. Keuhner, Worshipful Master of Excelsior Lodge. The remaining places were occupied by the other officers of the lodge and the speakers.

"The bill of fare included raw and escalloped oysters, salads, cold roast beef, veal and ham, buttered bread, assorted cake, ice cream, coffee and cigars."

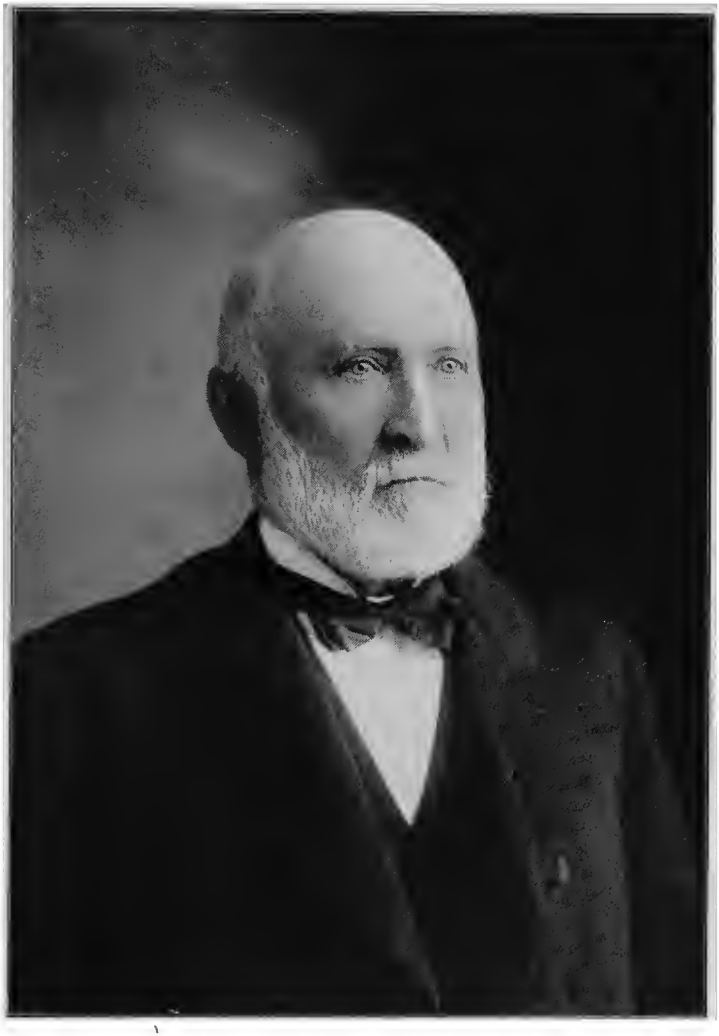
The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and many large chrysanthemums added beauty to the scene.

"Mr. Keuhner acted as toastmaster, and introduced Hon. M. Stoskopf, who gave an appropriate address of congratulation. Mr. Stoskopf said he believed that all would agree with him that too much credit could not be given to the committee in arranging for this celebration. 'Fifty years in Masonry,' said Mr. Stoskopf, 'seems a long time, but I think to Brother Munn the time has swiftly passed. I have known him as an active, industrious and worthy Mason, and one who has been at all times ready to assume any duties asked of him. Brother Munn united with this lodge when he was a young man and has continued in the work until today his name is known throughout the United States as an authority on Masonic law. In the work of the Grand Lodge of Illinois no man was more active in bringing about uniformity than he. His work has been well done and during these fifty years he has acquired a knowledge that has been beneficial to all, and among his achievements are the grand lodge by-laws that were prepared by him.'

PRESENTS LOVING CUP.

"'Feeling that great credit is due to you, Brother Munn,' continued Mr. Stoskopf, 'we desire to place in a substantial form some token of our esteem, and the brethren have requested me to present to you this loving cup. Take it, keep it, cherish it, and with it go the best wishes of your Masonic brethren.'

"Mr. Munn was visibly affected by the presentation and his voice trembled when he thanked the members. He said that no language could express his high appreciation of this compliment and that he felt unworthy of such encomiums. 'I have tried in my own feeble way,' said Mr. Munn, 'to help this lodge and Masonry wherever I have found it, and all I have achieved is due to you and I appreciate it. Anything I have accomplished in the grand lodge is due to you, for you have stood behind me and upheld me in all my actions, but I think you are giving me more credit than I deserve,' Mr. Munn referred briefly to his early



LOYAL L. MUNN, PAST GRAND SECRETARY
Grand Lodge of Illinois A. F. & A. M


Presented
L. L. Mann
in his 50th Anniversary
as a Master Mason
by members of
Excelsior Lodge № 97
Oct 27th 1903

work in the lodge and spoke feelingly of a score of members who had been associated with him at that time. He spoke of the work of the late M. D. Chamberlain, who, he said, was a brother of all brothers, and had done a great deal to perfect Masonry in Illinois.

"'I wish to say that Brother Chamberlain did more for it than I did. And I must mention in that connection also that noble man, Dr. Prentice, a better man or truer Mason than whom I never knew. Dr. Prentice, as head of the grand commandery, did much to build it up. His death, just after the cholera plague, in treating which he had had great success, was a calamity felt by all the people of Freeport. The outpouring to his funeral was the most notable that ever occurred in the city.'

"After speaking kindly also of Robert Little, J. S. McCall and others who had been prominent in Excelsior Lodge in years gone by, Mr. Munn introduced General Smith, but this formality seemed superfluous, as General Smith is personally known to nearly every Mason in this vicinity. He is a former resident of Galena, but of late has made his home in Chicago. He still holds his membership in the blue lodge at Galena, and is a member of Freeport consistory. He said he was glad to be able to join with the members in honoring one who was so worthy of their esteem. The fact that this was the fiftieth anniversary as a Mason of Mr. Munn was apt to put one in a reminiscent mood, and he felt inclined that way. The General said that fifty years ago next September he first visited Freeport, and that he has known Mr. Munn since that time.

"'I received my Scottish Rite degrees here and at the hands of Brother Munn. My membership is still here and with your permission will so remain so long as life lasts.

"'I was also knighted in Freeport Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, and by the man whom I consider the Chevalier Bayard of Masons of Illinois, Dr. Nathan F. Prentice, our sixth grand commander. And with Dr. Prentice's name I cannot fail to connect that of General Shaffer, who afterward went out to be governor of Utah, and whom had he lived long enough, I believe would have solved the Mormon question. I am reminded too of Dr. McKim, 'Jim' McCall, 'Bob' Little, Brother Rowell, M. D. Chamberlain, George Thompson, a good Mason, though unfortunate, Brother Gates, Brother Rogers, Ed. Warner and many more.

"'All of these were near and dear to me and especially those with whom I served in the armies of the United States. Col. Thomas J. Turner, past grand master; Captain Young, and my old brigade com-

mander, General Smith D. Atkins, with whom I campaigned in 1862-3, and I wish he were here tonight.

" 'Many named have passed to the land beyond the river and while honoring those dead we must not forget those living.

" 'At my right is a man who deserves our especial esteem. This district has produced many good and capable public servants, from Col. Ed. Baker down to Robert R. Hitt, but Horatio C. Burchard I consider the peer of any of them. After serving many years in congress and ten years as director of the United States mint, Mr. Burchard returned to Freeport a poorer man than when he went out from among us. And then there are M. Stoskopf, William S. Best, E. L. Cronkrite, W. W. Lott and others who have been faithful members of this lodge, some of them for almost fifty years. I call the attention of your young men to these, that they may follow in their steps and advance the cause of Masonry.

" 'I have been close to Brother Munn for many years. To him is due the credit for the high financial standing of the grand treasury. His predecessor had been guilty of irregularities, but Brother Munn brought order out of chaos and now the grand lodge has thousands of dollars to give to charity. As I came out from Chicago today I thought of the beautiful day as typical of the sunset of his life, and I join with the brethren of Excelsior Lodge in wishing Brother Munn many years of health, peace and prosperity.'

"Following General Smith there were addresses by State's Attorney L. H. Burrell, W. S. Best, P. S. Lerch, Hon. H. C. Burchard and F. B. Taylor, the last speaker mentioned being the youngest Master Mason of the lodge, having been initiated less than a week ago."

An extended biography appeared in the press from which we take the following:

"Mr. Munn has not only become prominent in the Masonic world, but he has held an important place in the business and social life of this city for over a half century. He is a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he was born September 1, 1829. His father, Abel Munn, came here in 1848, and located on a farm near the city, and lived there until a few years before his death, which occurred in Freeport in 1855. In 1853 when Mr. Munn became a Mason, Excelsior Lodge met on the upper floor of what was known as the Stoskopf building, at the corner of Galena avenue and Galena street. In 1856 he became a member of Freeport chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the following year a Knights Templar. In 1865 he became connected with Freeport Consistory, of Scottish Rite Masons, and in 1870 the thirty-third degree was conferred on him.

"Very few men in the west have been as active in the fraternity as Mr. Munn. He has been a member of the grand lodge and grand chapter since 1862; he was the grand secretary of the grand lodge for several years; in 1863-4 he was lecturer in the grand chapter; was grand high priest of the grand chapter; right eminent grand commander of the grand commandery; presided over the order of high priesthood for thirty-five years; is a trustee of the home for aged Masons at Sullivan, Ill., and for twelve years was the commander-in-chief of Freeport consistory, besides holding other positions of prominence in the Masonic world. He still manifests a deep interest in the work here, and his presence at the business and social gatherings of the various bodies he is affiliated with, is a source of much pleasure to the members.

"Mr. Munn has also been very active in the business and religious life of Freeport. He has been a member of the First Presbyterian church a great many years; he owns a magnificent structure known as Munn's block, and for several years was the owner of a half interest in the gas works. In 1893 he became identified with the Arcade Manufacturing company, and is the president of the corporation. He owns one of the handsomest residences in the city, and his family includes a wife, two sons, George L., a lawyer at Seattle, Wash., L. L. Munn, Jr., of this city, and two daughters, Misses Ella and Florence Munn."

Since his fiftieth anniversary in Freemasonry Brother Munn has had another birthday, the day when he completed three-quarters of a century and recorded his seventy-fifth day of light upon earth. His friends again gathered about him, invaded his home and presented several tokens of their friendship among which was a comfortable rocking chair in which he can rest himself during the coming quarter of a century preparatory to his departure to that land where we never will grow old.

THE NEW TEMPLE.

There have been no later birthdays celebrated in Freeport, but there has been a later celebration attending the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, the ceremonies of which were conducted by Bro. William B. Wright M. W. grand master, assisted by R. W. Deputy Grand Master M. Stoskopf; R. W. Senior Grand Warden J. F. Fair; R. W. Junior Grand Warden L. L. Munn; R. W. Grand Secretary Gil. W. Barnard; R. W. Grand Treasurer O. E. Heard; R. W. Grand Chaplain J. M. Phelps; R. W. Grand Orator S. D. Atkins; W. Grand Pursivant Amos Pettibone; Grand Principal Architect J. H. Rife; W. Grand

Marshal Wm. Trembor; W. Grand Standard Bearer S. Widdowson; W. Grand Sword Bearer J. H. Donaldson; W. Senior Grand Deacon W. E. Tucker; W. Junior Grand Deacon J. M. Oliver; W. Grand Stewards Jas. Carr, S. Sinclair, P. S. McMilan, R. C. McCready; Bro. Grand Tyler, C. S. Gurney.

"The location of the Temple is directly opposite the public library and when completed it will be one of the most imposing buildings in the city. The cut of the temple, herewith presented, does not do justice, as it has the appearance of only two stories in height. The building will be three stories high, having three separate floors, the windows over the first floor extending through the second and third floors. Its dimensions are 95 by 115 and the height will be 68 feet. Watson & Hazelton, of Chicago, are the architects. The front of the building will be ornamented with cut stone and buff speckled pressed brick.

"In the front part of the basement will be a large banqueting hall, measuring 90 by 57 feet, with kitchen, serving room and pantries connected with it in the rear. Fronting on the alley is the boiler-room.

"The entrance to the building is in the center. On one side of the entrance in the first story is a club-room for a proposed Masonic club, and on the other side are parlors and a retiring-room. The rear part of the first floor is occupied by a spacious ball-room measuring 48 by 89 feet.

"The second story will be used by the Masonic fraternity for its own purposes. There will be a large lodge-room in front, extending east and west, and with ante-rooms in the west end. The dimensions of the lodge-room are 50x72 feet. Over the ante-rooms and overlooking the lodge-rooms are galleries. Back of the lodge-room is the commandery-room. Its dimensions are 38x54 feet and it is fitted up with a stage. In the rear is an armory. This is of unusual height. The lodge-room is 22 feet high. The third floor will be used in connection with the work of the consistory.

"The contract for the erection of the temple was awarded to G. Maffioli on June 30 and excavation for the basement was commenced the same day. The contract provides for the completion of the building by December 1."

The Temple is being erected under the auspices of Freeport Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32°, and under the mangement of its committee, Bros. R. D. Kuehner, Dr. John F. Fair, L. H. Burrell, William Trembor and W. N. Cronkrite. The cost of the building and its appointments will be $50,000 and more, every dollar of which has been subscribed for by the several bodies of Masonry holding in that city and the membership.



Masonic Temple, Freeport, Illinois



"Tracy's Cabin," Detroit, Michigan

There are now the following lodges, etc., in that city actively at work:

Excelsior Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 97.

Evergreen Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 170.

Freeport Chapter, R. A. M., No. 23.

Freeport Council, R. and S. M., No. 39.

Freeport Commandery, K. T., No. 7.

Freeport Consistory, S. P. R. S. 32° degree, and co-ordinate bodies.

THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

In obedience to the following request from our Michigan Masonic Veterans, the writer "booked" passage on the Michigan Central railway for Detroit, 284 miles, and in due time arrived at "Tracy's Cabin," where I was heartily welcomed and participated in the doings, as will be seen from the records, for copy of which I am indebted to the Secretary, Venerable Bro. W. M. Bailey.

D. Burnham Tracy
President

W. M. Bailey, *Secretary*
25 Miami Ave.

Masonic Veteran Association of Michigan

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 3, 1903

Venerable Brother:

Your are requested to meet the Veteran Free Masons Ancient Society, Assembled in Annual reception at Tracy's Cabin, 120 Bagg Road, Wednesday, November 11th, at early candle light accompanied by your good dame.

Venerable President,

D. Burnham Tracy

W. M. Bailey

Ven. Secretary

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS.

"The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of Michigan was held November 11, 1903, at 'Tracy's Cabin,' 120 Bagg Road, Detroit, Mich.

"D. Burnham Tracy, Venerable President, presiding. Present—Veterans N. Coulson, W. M. Bailey, F. A. Blades, Wm. H. Baxter, Carl Engel, R. H. Osborn, John Blessed, J. S. Van Alstyn, J. A. Gerow, A. Brow, G. A. Peters, B. H. Lawson, Wm. Haste, A. Watson, T. Smith, and Gen. John C. Smith, honorary member.

"The meeting was called to order by the Venerable President.

"Prayer was offered up by Chaplain F. A. Blades.

"The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

"A communication was read from Veteran John McLean, requesting to be dropped from the roll of membership, but on motion of Veteran F. A. Blades, Veteran W. M. Bailey was appointed a committee of one to wait upon Veteran McLean to prevail upon him to remain in the association. The Venerable Secretary then read a number of communications from honorary and active members of the association expressing regret that time and distance and in some instances the infirmities of age, prevented them from participating in the annual reunion at 'Tracy's Cabin.' These letters were fraught with many expressions of deep regret for the Venerable President and members of the association, and many good wishes for its future welfare and prosperity.

"The Venerable Secretary then read a poem written by the poet laureate, Palmer H. Taylor, of Ionia, entitled 'The Roll Call.'

"The Venerable President presented his annual address, reviewing the work of the past year, referring to our fraternal dead, and also to the attempted assassination of one of our honorary members, President Diaz, of Mexico. He congratulated the association on its prosperity and the perfect harmony existing in the Order.

"The Venerable President then introduced the guest of the evening, Gen. John Corson Smith, Venerable Chief of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois, who came from Chicago to do honor to the Veteran Association of Michigan.

General Smith, in opening, said he felt himself no stranger to Michigan, having been so long associated with its representative Freemasons, as beside those present there were Judge Hugh McCurdy, Dr. A. T. Metcalf, His Honor the Mayor William C. Maybury, Samuel M. Stephenson, James Findlater and Lou B. Windsor.

"Dear as were these brethren, there were others from Michigan with whom he had been associated in the service of his country as the lamented Grand Secretary General William P. Innis, and that brave victor in the Spanish-American war, General William R. Shafter. A farmer boy, who, leaving the plow to enter the army in the defence of the Union, had risen to high rank and in command of the army for occupation of Cuba, had defeated and driven the Spanish forces from the continent of America (applause). Aside from the boy, Johnnie Clem, whom he remembered seeing on the battle-field, there was another soldier from Michigan whose gallantry he should ever remember—Heber Le Favour, colonel of the twenty-second Michigan Infantry, who was temporarily attached to General James B. Steedman's division of the reserve corps during the Chickamauga campaign. A few days before the battle, General Steedman made a reconnoissance Ringgold, where we had a lively skirmish with the enemy and learned of General Longstreet's forces coming to reinforce Bragg. Having put Col. Le Favour, with his demi-brigade of two regiments in line of battle before Ringgold, and rode with him frequently for several days I came to know him well. At Chickamauga I was with his command again in battle and visited the colonel several times during the day. I always found him where the fighting was the heaviest, cheering and urging his men to maintain their line or press the enemy. At sundown, with ranks decimated, the musketry fire slacking and artillery firing more slowly as I rode along the lines encouraging the men, Col. Le Favour rode up to me reporting his command out of ammunition, the enemy pressing and asked for orders. My answer was "fixed bayonets and give them cold steel." Recognizing what that meant, the colonel looking me earnestly in the eyes, asked, "Are those your orders, sir?" I answered, "They are." I saw Colonel Le Favour execute that order, but I never saw him again. Three brigades of the enemy are proven to have been in his front, they were checked and the division was saved, but the cost of that charge, as shown in the official report, made to me afterward and which is still in my possession, was 372 officers and men of the Twenty-second Michigan. All the field and staff officers of the line and men who had not previously been killed or wounded were in that charge and all were lost. Do you wonder that I feel myself no stranger in Michigan and that I love her Freemasons and particularly her brave soldiery?

"In his own inimitable way he described scenes enacted on the battle-field and probably no man living had a better opportunity to hear orders given, or to see them executed, than did General Smith, who was the friend and warm supporter of General Sherman in that grand historical march of Sherman to the sea. And again, wounds received



"Tracy's Cabin," Masonic Veterans Lodge Room



"Tracy's Cabin," Cozy Corner in Sitting Room

in hot battle no doubt serve to refresh his memory of the many bullets that rained down like drops in a summer shower. He also spoke of his travels on the continent and of the countries of the Eastern Hemisphere and related many amusing anecdotes incident to his travels, referring to the banquets prepared for guests, the manner of partaking of the viands prepared, and lastly the choice morsels reserved for the guest of honor, which we do not hesitate to say would scarcely find favor with an American epicure. His speech was replete with anecdote and story and at its conclusion received the warmest applause from the Veterans and their dames.

"By request of the Venerable President, Veteran Francis A. Blades rose to respond to General Smith's speech and humorously attempted to discredit the General's stories, some of which he questioned, but, finally determined that if Miss Ruth, the daughter of Venerable Chief Smith was with her father and would vouch for his statements, he would then allow the General was right. He concluded by thanking General Smith for honoring the Veteran Association of Michigan with his presence and hoped all might meet many times in annual session at 'Tracy's Cabin.'

"The treasurer then read his annual report showing a balance on hand of $135.56.

"Moved by Veteran Carl Engel that the report of the treasurer be received and placed on file, which motion prevailed.

"The secretary presented his annual report as follows: Number of members last annual meeting, fifty-seven. Elected during the year, three; total membership, sixty; died, one; total membership, fifty-nine.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

"Number last annual meeting, forty-five; elected during year, three; total honorary membership, forty-eight.

"Moved by Veteran Wm. H. Baxter that the secretary's report be received and placed on file, the motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The secretary announced that Veteran James Findlater, first vice-president requested that he be excused from further service as an officer of the association on account of his inability to be present regularly at the sessions of the association.

"Veteran Carl Engel proposed the name of Veteran William H. Baxter as first vice-president and Veteran F. A. Blades proposed the

name of Veteran John Blessed as steward in place of Veteran Samuel Adams, deceased, and also moved that the officers as they now appear with the substitutes above named be declared elected for the ensuing year. The motion was carried unanimously.

"The Venerable Secretary presented several bills, amounting to $26.60, which on motion of Veteran Carl Engel were ordered paid.

"The Venerable President called upon Veteran J. S. Van Alstyn for a recitation which was admirably rendered. Mrs. Murray recited a charming poem, which was warmly received.

"Mr. Fred Warington, by request of the Venerable President, sang "The Baby on the Shore," and other selections to the great pleasure of all present.

"Miss Grace Harris entertained the Veterans with a very fine piano solo, which was particularly well rendered.

"Miss Henning, of Wyandotte, sang a very sweet little song, which was very well received.

"Veteran Wm. H. Baxter, on behalf of the Veterans and their dames, addressed the Venerable President and his good dame, expressing the thanks of the members and their ladies for the courtesies extended them and the pleasure all felt in meeting at 'Tracy's Cabin.'

"The Venerable President requested Veteran F. A. Blades to respond for him.

"Veteran Blades, quick at response and with a rare fund of humor, did ample justice to his subject and concluded by thanking Veteran Baxter on behalf of the Venerable President and his good dame for the kind wishes as expressed by him and addressing the president on his own behalf hoped he might be spared for many years to preside over the Veteran Association of Michigan and his good dame to welcome and entertain their ladies.

"Refreshments were then served by the good Dame Tracy to which all did ample justice.

"Taking leave of the Venerable President and his dame and Gen. John Corson Smith, their honored guest, the members left for their homes.

W. M. Bailey,
Venerable Secretary.

OUR SUMMER WANDERINGS.

Where and how to begin an account of my summer wanderings, is a question which gives me much concern and I am at a loss how to tell the story, that it may prove of interest to my readers. Two visits to Boston, 1,175 miles east, one in the month of August and the other in September, with a journey to San Francisco of 2,672 miles west, sandwiched in between. Ten thousand miles of travel; two weeks on railroad trains; two weeks in Boston and one week in 'Frisco, with the mercury above 90° on the Atlantic seaboard and above 100° on the golden shores of the Pacific, would seem to be enough to tire a young man and cause heart failure of an old man. That we did have several deaths in the ranks of the old soldiers on my August visit to Boston, is not to be wondered at, as but few of the men in that splendid parade, where we saw the old age of the young men of "'61" were less than sixty years of age and for every one of less age there were many in their seventies.

From the foregoing, it will readily be surmised that my summer outings began with the advance movement of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic toward their annual Grand Encampment held in that patriotic city of Boston, August 16-18, 1904, which is true and this is the way it began.

Saturday, August 13, Ulysses S. Grant Post No. 28, G. A. R., Department of Illinois, left Chicago with 200 comrades, their wives and daughters, on a special train of six Pullman coaches, over the Grand Trunk railway. Sunday morning found us in the Dominion of Canada, having entered at an open gateway guarded judicially by our friend, Judge Daniel F. Macwatt, our invasion being a peaceful one, only asking permission to "cross the Dominion," to reach our eastern seaboard. We were warmly welcomed at many stations, and spending several hours in Montreal, we saw our friends, Isaac H. Stearns, Will H. Whyte and others. Arriving in Boston Monday morning, we made headquarters at the Hotel Vendome.

The Grand Army of the Republic encampment being now history, we will not dwell upon that, but to say that Illinois being the birthplace of the society and Ulysses S. Grant Post No. 28, having been selected as escort to the commander of the department, Major Robert Mann Woods, had the right of the line in the parade and at the head of

that command this writer marched through the streets of that historic city, as may be seen in the picture we here reproduce.

The members of Grant Post were the recipients of many courtesies during their week's stay in Boston, the most notable of which was their visit to an old commander, Captain Aaron F. Walcott, at his home in Melrose and their reception by Ulysses S. Grant Post No. 4 of that beautiful little city. Of that event, the Melrose *Free Press* said:

PATRIOTIC MELROSE.

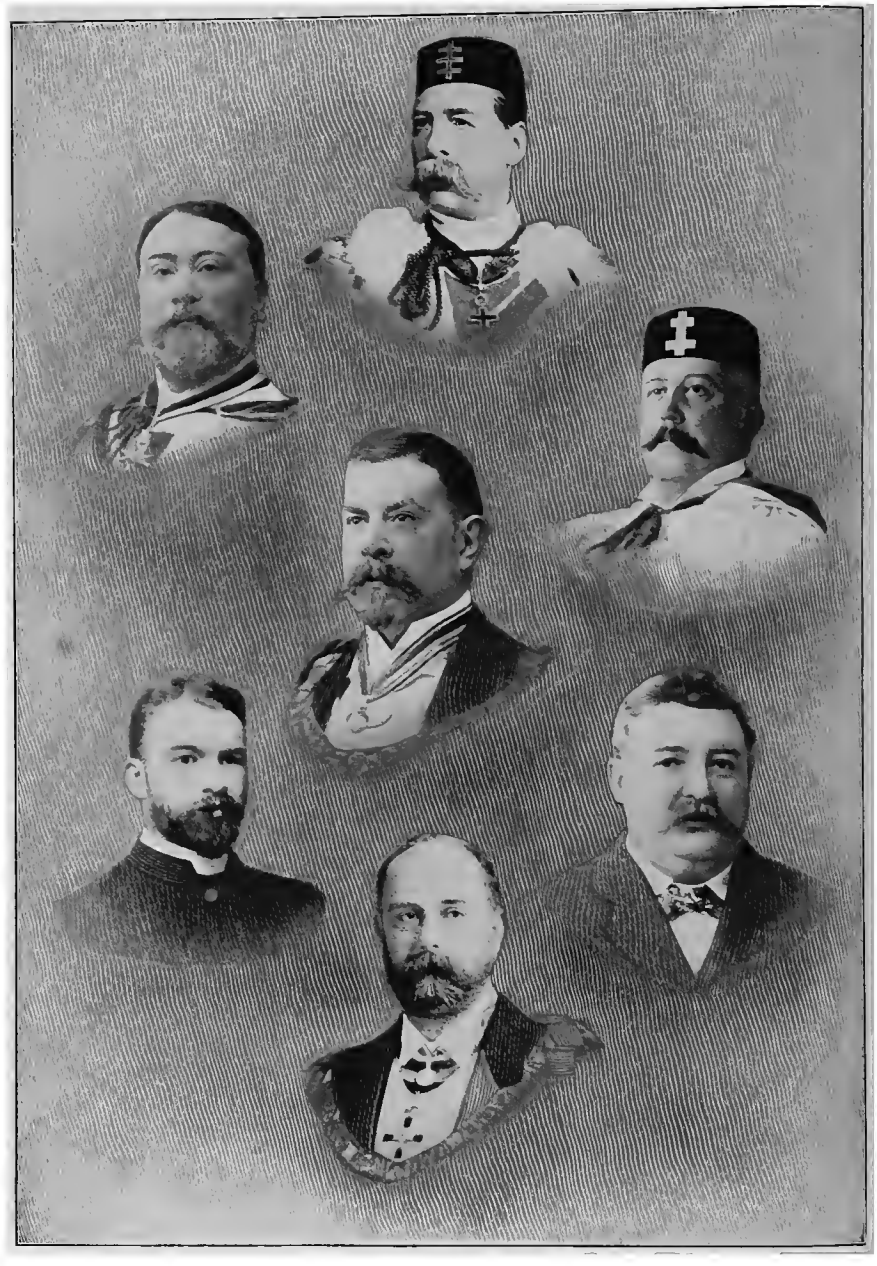
"Melrose had its share in the Grand Army celebration on Wednesday, when it extended welcome to the U. S. Grant Post No. 28 of Chicago, Ill., which came here as guests of its former commander, Captain Aaron F. Walcott, of Vinton street. The Chicago post was met at Wyoming depot at 4 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, by the U. S. Grant Post No. 4 of Melrose and the line of march was taken up Wyoming avenue and through Main street to city hall in the following order: Platoon of police, under Chief Frank M. McLaughlin; Boston Cadet band, U. S. Grant Post No. 4, G. A. R., Captain A. A. Carlton; drum and fife corps composed of the veteran members of the Chicago Post, fifteen in number; U. S. Grant Post. No. 28 of Chicago, under the following officers: General John C. Smith commanding, Acting Senior Vice Commander W. L. Smith, Junior Vice Commander Edward L. Lewis, Past Commander Henry McCall, marshal.

"At the city hall Mayor S. H. Buttrick was taken under escort, a detail from Wm. F. Barry Camp, Sons of Veterans, acting as guard of honor. At West Emerson street another halt was made, when Mrs. Mary A. Livermore also joined the line, she being accompanied in her carriage by Miss Witherington and Colonel Alfred Hocking and Mrs. Hocking. The residences of City Auditor E. C. Gould on Wyoming avenue, and Ex-Mayor Levi S. Gould on Main street, were finely decorated, as were several of the buildings on Main street.

"On arriving at the residence of Captain Walcott, which was covered with stars and stripes, Mayor Buttrick welcomed the comrades, stating that he presented the visitors with the keys of the city, golden keys of friendship and cordial welcome. Mrs. Livermore was also presented, and bowed her welcome. Commander Smith in responding, said the comrades from Chicago would have gone much farther upon their Eastern pilgrimage, if only for the sake of greeting "Mother Livermore" and conveying to her the loving messages from her old boys in Chicago. After these formal greetings, the com-



RIGHT OF THE LINE, G. A. R. PARADE, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 16, 1904
Ulysses S. Grant Post, No. 28, G. A. R., Chicago



Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston, M. E. and Supreme Grand Master

Charles Fitzgerald Matier — Thomas Fraser

A. J. Thomas

Rev. C. E. L. Wright — T. P. Dorman

Abraham Woodiwiss

rades were invited to fall out and visit the grounds at the rear, and there to fall to in the commissary department. Under a large marquee tent Caterer Dill had laid one of his most tempting spreads with side tables of punch and coffee. To all these good things the comrades did full justice, and then cigars being lighted they were at ease the remainder of the afternoon. Photographs were taken of various groups, patriotic selections played by the Cadet band, and their own peculiar stirring war strains played by the Veteran drum and fife corps, every one of whom has a war history to be proud of. Later they gave a fine concert on Vinton street in front of the house. There were comrades present not only from Illinois, but also from California, Minnesota, Nevada, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Maine and Vermont, and probably never has there been in Melrose such a gathering representing so many states. Certainly never has there been one where so much good feeling and fraternity prevailed. There were no need of introductions, every one chummed with his neighbor, and cards of introduction were freely interchanged. It was a grand love feast as well as camp fire, minus the fire, and the vistors expressed themselves greatly pleased with the hospitalities extended them.

"A guidon presented by Captain Walcott to the Chicago post when it was first formed, was brought back by them and in turn presented to him.

"We published last week in brief the war record of Captain Walcott, who so bravely commanded the Massachusetts Third battery light artillery during the latter part of the war. He was actively engaged in thirty-three battles fought by the army of the Potomac. Captain Walcott was mustered into the U. G. Grant Post No. 28 of Chicago, in December, 1879, and was its commander in 1886. He also served in several offices in the Illinois state department.

"Misses Bessie Alice Green and Susan Ida Clough were the little mascots of the Chicago post and were prettily arrayed in patriotic colors.

"One of the veteran drummers, John M. Raymond, received a prize at the California encampment as the champion drummer of the United States and he proved his right by his drumming on Wednesday.

"Another drummer, William B. Crawford, resided in Melrose twenty years ago, on the corner of Main and Emerson streets and was engineer in one of our factories. He is now engineer at the Briggs house, Chicago.

"John Rankin, a fifer, was in the Civil war, and afterwards in the regular army, serving thus for thirty years. He still carries a bullet in his body.

"Nelse Holmes, another veteran fifer, served as a private in the Black Hawk war, also in the Civil and later in the Spanish war. He was certainly an old vet.

"Mrs. Livermore sat during the afternon upon the veranda, and welcomed with all her old time grace and cordiality, her many friends and her dear old soldier boys, receiving all the kind words which were sent from absent comrades as well as those spoken from the present ones.

"About thirty ladies accompanied the U. S. Grant Chicago post, and they were finely entertained by Mrs. Walcott, the committee of the Woman's Relief corps and other Melrose ladies.

AT THE CITY HALL.

"The event of the evening in the city auditorium, however, surpassed in point of numbers and enthusiasm any similar gathering ever held in Melrose. In addition to the throngs of veterans that occupied the floor of the hall, upon the platform were seated as two of the speakers the leading woman of America and the magnetic orator, the leader among the veterans, Corporal James Tanner, whose crutches bear mute testimony to the sacrifice he made in the Civil War. The hall was finely festooned with bunting and flags, the old colors were massed upon the platform and spanning the arch were the words "Melrose welcomes Chicago." The balconies were crowded with ladies, the center one being reserved for the visiting ladies from Chicago. The comrades of Melrose and Chicago marched down from Captain Walcott's residence after giving three cheers for their host about 7:30 and they were soon followed into the hall by the other guests of U. S. Grant Post No. 4. The comrades of the Posts from Wakefield, Malden, Stoneham, Saugus and Reading were all greeted with cheers as they entered and their commanding officers were invited to seats upon the platform. Song books, the gift of the Chicago Post, were passed about the hall containing the music of all the old war songs. Pipes and tobacco were also handed about and later in the evening these necessary adjuncts of all veteran camp fires were enjoyed. The tobacco was the gift of an ex-Confederate major, Tom Scott, second Virginia Cavalry.

"Mrs. Mary A. Livermore received a most enthusiastic welcome. She said no one could exceed her in enthusiasm for the heroism of the men of the Civil War. She related her experiences upon the battlefield and in the hospital, blending in her inimitable manner the pathetic and the humorous, extolling the patient endurance of the men and then

lighting up the picture by the story of the man who cried because he had pneumonia instead of dysentery because if he had the latter disease he could have milk three times a day. While proud of being a Bostonian, Chicago was very dear to her and the day had been very precious to her as she had renewed old friendships and brought back scenes of the past. She had undying faith in her country because of what she knew of the men who had saved it, and after relating a story connected with her trip abroad as showing the patriotism of the common soldier, she closed by prophesying great good for this country in the future through the help of God.

"The band played 'The Vacant Chair' with vocal accompaniment by the veterans in memory of departed comrades and then the posts arose and gave three arousing cheers for the Chicago post.

"Commander General John C. Smith, of that post, spoke of the music as reminding him of the march and the bivouac. The post would ever recall with pleasure their visit to these historic places of the nation in Massachusetts and especially to their visit to Melrose. This city was indebted to Chicago for the gift of Mary A. Livermore. She was born in Boston but she could not help that and had gone to Chicago and thence to her grand work in the Sanitary Commission. He told of his own severe, and thought to be mortal, wound and the treatment he received in the hospital from the ministering angels with Mrs. Livermore, a Chicago product, at their head. He eulogized the men Massachusetts had given to the nation in the war, the great war, Governor Andrew, Generals Banks, Miles and Butler, the latter, he said, solved the great problem of slavery by declaring the black man "contraband of war." Illinois had also furnished men, the peers of the world. General John A. Logan, formerly a member of U. S. Grant Post, Abraham Lincoln, General U. S. Grant. From his intimacy with General Grant in early years he told many interesting and unwritten stories of that General in private life and of his struggle to obtain recognition at the opening of the war, especially of the consternation he produced when he proposed to march his first regiment into Missouri instead of transporting them by car or steamer. This marching was then an unheard of hardship. The speaker said he had seen all the armies of the world except the Russian, and the American soldier surpassed them all, owing to his superior intelligence. He paid a glowing tribute at the close of his remarks to the great Commander Grant, whom these posts bearing his name love to honor.

"After the several addresses which followed the comrades were invited to partake of a soldiers' lunch in the corridors below where sandwiches, coffee and punch were freely served and so ended the Grand Army day of 1904 for Melrose."

CHICAGO AND THE RECEPTION OF OUR ENGLISH FRATERS.

The encampment closed, I hastened home to receive a delegation of Templars from Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies thereof, due to arrive in Chicago, morning of Wednesday, August 24. They came in on the Twentieth Century train over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, where I met and accompanied them to their rooms in the Auditorium Annex. The delegation consisted of:

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G. C. T., Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown.

V. E. Knight Charles Fitzgerald Matier, G. C. T., Great Vice Chancellor.

V. E. Knight Abraham Woodiwiss, K. C. T., Past Grand Constable.

V. E. Knight Thomas Phipps Dorman, K. C. T., Great Marshal.

V. E. Knight Rev. C. E. L. Wright, Past Great Prelate.

V. E. Knight Alfred James Thomas, K. C. T., Great Standard Bearer.

V. E. Knight Thomas Fraser, K. C. T., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.

On entering their rooms the fraters found them decorated with clusters of roses and other choice flowers, while in parlor of grand master was a large cross, emblematic of his distinguished rank in our knightly order, all of which had been placed according to the good taste of Sir Knight Gilbert W. Barnard, grand recorder, for and with the compliments of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The day was spent in rest, looking about the city and preparing for the evening at St. Bernard Commandery and under its eminent commander, Sir Knight Hiram Lorenzo Wiltse.

The following is what the press said of the coming of these gentlemen:

ENGLISH MASONS OF NOTE COME TODAY.

MOST DISTINGUISHED BRITISH TEMPLAR PARTY THAT HAS EVER CROSSED ATLANTIC TO VISIT HERE.

"The most distinguished party of Knights Templar that has ever visited the United States from abroad will be welcomed in Chicago this

The Grand Encampment Knights Templar

of the United States of America

sends Knightly Greeting to

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

The Right Hon. The Earl of Euston, G. C. T.

and his Official Staff,

of 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;

and solicits the honor of their presence at its

Twenty-Ninth Triennial Conclave

to be convened in the

City of San Francisco, California, U. S. A.

on the Sixth day of September,

A. D. 1904. A. O. 786.

Attest:

John A. Gerow
Very Eminent Grand Recorder.

Henry Baker Stoddard
Most Eminent Grand Master.

Bryan, Texas, U. S. A.
March Twenty-Fourth,
A. D. 1904. A. O. 786.

MILITIA TEMPLI.

‡ Euston Grand Master.

NON NOBIS DOMINE



Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

THE EARL OF EUSTON, G.C.T.,

has the great pleasure of accepting the kind and fraternal invitation of the

MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER HENRY BATES STODDARD, ESQ.

AND THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

and accompanied by the Great Vice-Chancellor and several other Great Officers will have the honour of being present at the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave, to be held at San Francisco, California, on the Sixth of September, 1904.

LONDON,
13th May A.D. 1904, A.O. 786.

SIG. MILIT. XPISTI IN ANGLIA

‡‡ C. J. Matthew G.V.C.



morning by General John Corson Smith. The Rt. Hon. Earl of Euston, M. E. and Supreme Grand Master, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Thomas Fraser, Alfred James Thomas, the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, T. D. Dorman, and Abraham Woodiwiss, special envoys of Great Priory, on their way to attend the twenty-ninth triennial conclave of the Knights Templar of America, to be held at San Francisco September 4 to 9, will arrive from the east at 9:45 o'clock.

"The party will be at once escorted to the Auditorium Annex, where headquarters have been provided, and an informal reception will be held. In the afternoon Governor Yates will extend welcome in the name of Illinois.

"This evening the distinguished visitors will be the guests of St. Bernard Commandery at the temple, Walton place and Dearborn avenue, where they will witness exhibition drills and the conferring of degrees upon a number of candidates. They themselves will be made honorary members.

WILL TRAVEL THE HOT SANDS.

"Tomorrow a tour of the North and South parks will be made in automobiles, and at night the most interesting part of the visit of the Englishmen will come when they are introduced into the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine. Charles Fitzgerald Matier is the only one who is a member of the ancient Arabic order. He became a "Shriner" a few years ago. His brothers have signified their willingness to brave the ordeal and thousands of the members in Chicago will turn out to witness the ceremonies.

"The degree will be conferred by Samuel H. Smith, illustrious potentate of Medinah temple, and other Turks.

"Friday a tour of the west boulevards will be made and the Britons will be guests at a reception given at General Smith's house, 65 Sibley street. The party will leave for California Friday night and will arrive in San Francisco September 5, after having visited many other western cities."

At 7 o'clock p. m. there assembled in front of the Auditorium Annex 1,000 and more Templars of the Chicago, Cook county and commanderies from other counties, all under the command of Sir Knight Holman G. Purinton, as escort to the distinguished guests, Acting Grand Commander George Edwin Ohara, Sir Knight Governor Richard Yates and officers of grand commandery in carriages.

The line moving promptly on time as does everything under command of Major Purinton, reached Medinah Temple, in which the con-

clave of St. Bernard Commandery was to be held by eight o'clock and the 3,000 Templars present were soon seated. Of that meeting we read:

"Preceding the reception of St. Bernard Commandery, a procession composed of 1,000 and more Knights Templar of the twelve commanderies in Chicago and members of the commanderies of Waukegan, Aurora and Elgin, under the direction of Right Eminent Sir Holman Greene Purinton, chief of escort, formed in front of the Auditorium Annex and escorted the distinguished foreigners to the new Medinah Temple. There they were received by Very Eminent Sir George Edwin Ohara, acting grand commander of Illinois, and Eminent Sir Hiram Lorenzo Wiltse of St. Bernard Commandery.

EXERCISES ELABORATE.

"The exercises at the temple were the most elaborate that have ever been held in Chicago.

"One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation of Great Priory jewels of gold and enamel by the Earl of Euston who had the same specially designed in commemoration of his visit and for presentation to those to whom he desired to make acknowledgment of their courtesies.

"Four were presented this evening and to the following Templars:

"Sir Knight Hiram L. Wiltse, E. C. St. Bernard Commandery.

"Sir Knight Richard Yates, Governor of Illinois.

"Sir Knight Samuel H. Smith, St. Bernard Commandery, and Ill. Potentate, Medinah Temple.

"Sir Knight John Corson Smith, Representative Great Priory of England Wales.

"At other dates and places as the reception at General Smith's, Mrs. Smith, daughter Ruth, their sons, wives and Grand Recorder Gil. W. Barnard, were presented with these jewels, as were Sir Knight George M. Moulton, M. E. Grand Master, and Dame Moulton, and Sir Knight George E. Ohara, Acting Grand Commander, while in San Francisco, California.

"In addition to the conferring of degrees, an excellent instrumental and vocal musical program was furnished, and late in the evening a banquet was held in honor of the English members of the temple."

The souvenir programme, flags in colors, was as follows:



Souvenir Programme
St. Bernard Commandery
No. 35. Knights Templar
Chicago
Special Conclave in Medinah Temple
Corner Dearborn Avenue and Walton Place
on Wednesday evening August the twenty fourth
nineteen hundred and four
at half after seven o'clock



Ceremonial of

The Order of the Temple

the valiant and magnanimous order of

Knights Templar

and the attributes of

The Order of Knights of Malta

as conferred in

St. Bernard Commandery

and by the

Knights Templars of America

NOTE: The use of these commodious quarters for this Conclave is secured through the courtesy of Sir Samuel Haines Smith, the Illustrious Potentate of Medinah Temple. The great organ and other accessories will enable the Commandery to present the work more elaborately than would have been possible in Commandery Hall, and at the same time entertain a larger gathering to do honor to the occasion—one doubtless long to be remembered by us all.

Assembled in response to the courteous request of

Rt. Em. Sir John Corson Smith

in honor of our guests, the Illustrious Fraters

from Europe

The Right Honourable Henry James, Earl of Euston, K. G. C.

MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER GREAT PRIORY, UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE DEPENDENCIES THEREOF

Charles Fitzgerald Matier, K. G. C.

GREAT VICE CHANCELLOR

Abraham Woodiwiss, K. C. T.

PAST GREAT CONSTABLE AND MEMBER GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL

Thomas Phipps Dorman, K. C. T.

GRAND MARSHAL AND MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Rev. Charles E. L. Wright

PAST GREAT PRELATE

Alfred James Thomas, K. C. T.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER, BEAUCEANT AND MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Thomas Fraser

GREAT VICE CHANCELLOR
ST. ANDREW'S CONCLAVE, NO. 15

The first official and fraternal delegation from the Knights Templars of England, en route to attend the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., at San Francisco.

In the presence of

V. Em. Sir George Edwin Ohara, D. G. C.

and Acting Grand Commander of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of

Illinois and suite, and the assembled

Subordinate Commanderies of Chicago

Officers of St. Bernard Commandery,

No. 35, K. T., 1904-05

Em. Sir Hiram Lorenzo Wiltse,	Eminent Commander
Em. Sir John William Swatek,	Generalissimo
Sir George Albert Eddy,	Captain General
Sir Calvin Breckenridge Ford,	Senior Warden
Sir Frederick Hall Barringer,	Junior Warden
Em. Sir Raymond Lockwood Leonard,	Excellent Prelate
Sir Thomas Eaton Miller,	Treasurer
Em. Sir Thomas Lincoln Miller,	Recorder
Sir William Henry Dellenback,	Standard Bearer
Sir Henry Mecklenburg Walker,	Sword Bearer
Sir Berkeley Brandt,	Warder
Sir Samuel Morgan Richardson,	Sentinel
Sir George Jacob Kurzenknabe,	Organist
Sir Charles Augustus Loomis,	Third Guard
Sir Charles Mortimer Eddy,	Second Guard
Sir George H. Elliot,	First Guard

MUSICAL PROGRAM

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

WHEN THEY RING THE GOLDEN BELLS,	*Dion de Marbelle*
LEXINGTON QUARTETTE.	
SERENADE,	*Titl*
Sir Knights JOHN E. and GEO. J. KURZENKNABE.	
THE LOST CHORD,	*Sullivon*
Sir Knight LINUS H. ALLENDORFF.	
PROCESSIONAL—Father, We Turn to Thee	
INVOCATION—Father, I Bend to Thee,	*Trench*
RESPONSE—Witness, Ye Men and Angels, Now,	*Brookes*
RECESSIONAL—Servant of God, Well Done,	*Trench*
ORGAN—Chorus of Angels,	*Scotson Clark*
GLORIA TIBI—(1)	*Kurzenknabe*
GLORIA TIBI—(2)	*Trench*
GLORIA TIBI—(3)	
KYRIE ELEISON—(1)	*Mendelssohn*
KYRIE ELEISON—(2)	*Kurzenknabe*
MISERERE from Trovatore,	*Verdi*
KYRIE ELEISON—(3)	*Kurzenknabe*
OH, BLESSED LIGHT FROM THE CROSS OF CHRIST,	*Trench*
ORGAN—Funeral March,	*Chopin*
THE RISING GOD FORSAKES THE TOMB,	*Hastings*
SWEET THE MOMENTS, RICH IN BLESSING,	*Rousseau*
ORGAN—Dead March from Saul,	*Handel*
SANCTUS from Messe Selennelle,	*Gounod*
Sir Knight LOUIS KRETLOW.	
SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER,	*Bradbury*
NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE,	*Mason*
KYRIE ELEISON—(4)	*Trench*
SEVEN-FOLD AMEN,	*Buck*

PARTICIPATING

LEXINGTON QUARTET

Sir Knight JOHN R. MATHENY — Sir Knight SAM W. HUROLE

Sir Knight WILLIAM J. BROOKES — Sir Knight FRANK J. KNOWLES

Sir Knight LOUIS KRETLOW, Chicago Commandery, 19, Cornet.
Sir Knight JOHN E. KURZENKNABE, Lincoln Park Commandery, 64, 'Cello.
Sir Knight HENRY J. BENALLACK, Apollo Commandery, 1, Trumpet.
Sir Knight WILL HOOFER WADE, Trumpet.
Sir Knight LINUS H ALLENDORFF, Cornet.
Sir Knight GEO. J. KURKENKNABE, Organist and Director.

"Today will be spent in sightseeing, visiting the parks and other places of interest under the guidance of different members of the local commanderies of Knights Templar, and tomorrow night a reception has been arranged by General John Corson Smith at his residence, 65 Sibley street.

WILL CROSS THE HOT SANDS.

"Tonight the visitors will go to the new Medinah Temple, where they will witness the Arab patrol of Medinah Temple give an exhibition drill. Here, together with a class of about 200 other candidates, they will cross the hot sands, and "hold on to the rope," leading into the secrets of the Mystic Shriners. This is strictly an American branch to which only Knights Templar and 32° Masons of the A. A. S. R., are admitted.

"Samuel H. Smith, the illustrious potentate of Medinah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.; Harris W. Huehl, chief rabban; Dr. James B. McFatrich, assistant rabban, and William Johnston, the recorder, will have charge of the initiation of the British visitors. The new temple of the shrine at Dearborn avenue and Walton place, where the ceremonies will take place, has been especially fitted up for the occasion. The business session will begin at 6:30 p. m. The carvan to the shrine will start at 7:30 p. m.

After the ceremonial session there will be an oriental banquet, given to all the nobles, which will be followed by a "musicale, terpsichorean and spectacular entertainment." Today the vistors are guests of Gen. John Corson Smith."

Thursday, 25th, was devoted to automobile riding, with the result hereafter described and the evening to Medinah Temple, a memorable occasion never to be forgotten by those participating.

ENGLISH TEMPLARS INITIATED INTO MOSLEM MYSTERIES BEFORE 6,000 CHICAGO NOBLES.

GOVERNOR YATES ACCOMPANIES THEM ON FLYING TRIP.

BRITISH VISITORS HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH BALKY AUTOS; LEAVE FOR FRISCO TONIGHT.

"The Earl of Euston and his suite of leading Knights Templar from the Great Priory of England, bound for the triennial grand conclave of United States Templars to be held in San Francisco week after

next, are having a great time in Chicago. They say so themselves, and with the air of meaning it.

"They are having a busy time, too. Last night they were all made members of Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, for which pleasant if arduous ceremony they prepared by being blown up by a balky automobile.

"The meeting of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, arranged purposely to suit the convenience of the distinguished members of the craft, who were unacquainted with its dire and grewsome secrets, as the order is unknown in England, was the largest it has ever held. Fully 6,000 members of the order filled the three large buildings that are the temple's quarters, and the ceremony, including the supper that followed, lasted until long after midnight.

BIG PARTY TREADS SANDS.

"The caravan that was conducted over the hot sands numbered 190, including the notables from abroad. Governor Richard Yates was also of the party. The Englishmen were voted in as life members, and in addition another compliment was paid them in that they were not required to make all the stations of the dreary, arid way, but were permitted to look on while others less fortunate were made to thirst in the desert and ride the humpy camels.

"Governor Yates, and the Grand Prelate, it was announced in advance, were not allowed to escape so easily. Particular friends declared it their express purpose to see that they trod the entire length of the burning sands in their bare feet.

"Following the ceremony came the supper. It was not a formal affair, for it is no simple matter for even Medinah Temple to feed 6,000 men at one sitting, but it was a good-natured, happy feast of plenty, though not elaborately served.

"There was some little speech-making after the supper. Illustrious Potentate S. H. Smith presented the Englishmen with handsomely embroidered fezes, the insignia of the order, which the Earl of Euston gracefully accepted. General John Corson Smith, Governor Yates and all of the English party also spoke wittily and briefly.

"The autocar incident was not on the programme. No damage was done except to the temper of General John Corson Smith, who is the host and guide of the party during their stay in Chicago. He never thought much of motor cars, and he thinks less of them now.

"The plan for the entertainment of the English guests yesterday was to take them on a trip over the North and South Side parks and boulevards. Auto-cars were settled upon as the best method of transportation.

"The trip through Lincoln Park was accomplished under the most satisfactory circumstances, but coming back trouble began. The third auto balked, the driver swore, and the second gave it a tow. It balked at intervals until it was stopped for a minute on Michigan avenue that the vistors might admire the Montgomery Ward weather vane, and then it blew up—not the engine, but just a tire.

"The passengers of the crippled car distributed themselves among the other machines and the tour to the South parks was resumed, but at the Lakota hotel the second car balked. After being towed part way home, the sulky car consented to crawl along and made the run back to the Annex in forty minutes, its consort having accomplished the trip in ten.

"The English party will start westward tonight as the guests of President Stickney of the Great Western road in his private car. The Masonic bodies of every important city along the route have asked them to receptions and they will make stops at Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake and Los Angeles.

Friday, August 26, was spent in trying to see the West Side Parks in auto-cars, with a result as before described and reception at General Smith's home, Masonically known as "Smith's Inn," 65 Sibley street, where a number of the veteran Freemasons assembled to meet their brethren from across the Atlantic. The spacious halls were embowered in roses and the flags of the United States "Old Glory" and those of Great Britain and Ireland gracefully draped and entwined about the walls. Refreshments were served by Dame Smith and daughters and a social time was had.

A brief session of the Veteran Association was held during which time the following fraters of the party not already members, were proposed, duly balloted for and unanimously elected honorary members: Abraham Woodiwiss, Thomas Phipps Dorman, Rev. C. E. L. Wright and Alfred James Thomas.

Several attempts were made to photograph the party on the lawn in front of the mansion, but with a result little better than the auto-cars. What we did get was with Brother Dorman's camera, a dainty bit of a thing he carries in his watch fob pocket and such as they are we give them you.



GROUP OF MASONIC VETERANS ON LAWN AT "SMITH'S INN," AUGUST 26, 1904



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HEADQUARTERS

ULYSSES S. GRANT POST, NO. 28

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

G. A. R.

BUSINESS OFEICE:
69 DEARBORN STREET

CHICAGO, December 1, 1904.

COMRADES:

Ulysses S. Grant Post, No. 28, Department of Illinois, having unanimously nominated one of its Comrades for Commander of the Department of Illinois, the undersigned Committee of the Post takes great pleasure in presenting to your consideration the name of Comrade GENERAL JOHN CORSON SMITH as our candidate for the position of Department Commander, to be elected at the Encampment to be held in the City of Rockford during the coming Spring of 1905.

Comrade JOHN CORSON SMITH entered the service of our country in 1861 as a private soldier, and soon rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of his regiment, the 96th Illinois, Brevet-Colonel and Brevet-Brigadier-General of Volunteers. He served as Chief of Staff with MAJOR-GENERAL J. B. STEEDMAN in many of the hard fought battles in which that famous General was engaged; was severely wounded at Kenesaw Mountain while in command of a brigade, and then returned to his regiment and commanded it until it was mustered out of service. He was at all times a splendid and intrepid soldier, and the intimate friend and associate of the immortal GRANT, and of our own loved Comrade, GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN.

As a citizen, and Comrade of the Grand Army, his record is no less honorable and commendable than his record as a soldier. He was twice elected Treasurer of our great State of Illinois– the second time by an increased majority, and the only candidate on the ticket to be elected—and was Lieutenant-Governor of the State in 1884. He was one of the committee of three who formulated the Ritual and book of services now used by the G. A. R. and is the present Commander of this Post.

We know that from any point of view, either as a brave and gallant soldier, or as an honest, upright and illustrious citizen, or as an earnest, tried and loyal Comrade, he has but few equals and no superior in the ranks of the Grand Army.

We deem it our plain, consistent duty to use every honorable effort in his behalf; and we fraternally urge all our Comrades having a voice, or influence in our State Encampment, to vote and work for him for our next Department Commander. Believing that your Post will agree with us in our estimate of Comrade SMITH as an entirely suitable candidate for this honorable office, we respectfully ask you to come to our support and help to elect him.

Fraternally,

Yours in F., C. and L.

COMMITTEE SIGNATURES.

WM. L. SMITH, *Chairman.*	Past Commander.	GEO. E. ADAMS
HENRY MCCALL,	" "	E. B. SHERMAN
JOHN W. CORLIES,	" "	W. B. KEELER
JOHN L. MANNING,	" "	J. B. LEAKE
R. H. PETERS,	" "	GEO. F. MCKNIGHT
ZEB R. WINSLOW,	" "	E. H. LEWIS, J. V. Commander
ANDREW P. CAMP,	" "	J. H. PLECKER, Post Surgeon
H. S. DIETRICH,	" "	WM. BUSBY, Post Chaplain
W. S. KAUFMAN,	" "	J. M. EMERY, S. V. Commander
A. J. MIKSCH,	" "	ISIDORE EISENSTAEDT
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J. C. SINCLAIR,	" "	CHAS. A. HUDSON
C. C. STARKWEATHER,	" "	CHAS. F. HALL
A. W. SMITH,	" "	JOHN F. SCANLAN
R. S. TUTHILL		JOHN C. WHITE
A. N. WATERMAN		CHAS. E. BISHOP, Adjutant and Secretary
FRANK BAKER		



JOHN CORSON SMITH

Friends and guests separated at General Smith's, the former going to their homes and the latter to the Annex to pack their luggage and get off on their journey to the golden shores of the Pacific.

In the evening the venerable chief accompanied our English brethren to their train and saw them start on their pilgrimage across the continent.

EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, the members of Grand Commandery of Illinois, with their ladies and guests, pulled out on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway for San Francisco, and with them we entered upon our journey to the Templar Mecca of San Francisco. The party was composed of more than 200 people who were comfortably provided for in Pullman palace cars, with a good dining and aggage car, the whole being in charge of a committee of which Past Grand Commander Holman G. Purinton, was chief and ably assisted by Past Commander William L. Sharp and Sir Knight Herbert E. Cobb.

Busy as were each member of the committee from Major Purinton to his orderly private Cobb, you would have thought they had nothing to do from the time and care they gave to the Correspondent of Grand Commandery of Illinois, who desires to thus publicly acknowledge his indebtedness to each of them including the second in command, Captain Sharp. From the attention we received it might be thought that correspondent was alone, but there were others on the train and even some in the same car with him, of whom we recall Acting Grand Commander George E. Ohara, wife and neice; Grand Generalissimo Dr. A. A. Whipple, Dr. T. D. Palmer and wife, Grand Sword Bearer John D. Cleaveland and wife, with several others, each and all of whom received the same courteous attention.

Our journey was uneventful until we reached Colorado Springs, where we rested for the day and met our English fraters who had preceded us one day.

Here our party scattered, some going to Pike's Peak and others to the Garden of the Gods. We took the latter, and with Grand Senior Warden Smyth Crooks, were caught in a terrific thunder storm in which the rain fell in torrents, making Frater Crooks, his wife and

others who were taking a donkey ride through the Garden, look like mermaids stranded on a sandy shore.

Correspondent being in a covered carriage which one of his old soldier's had brought to give his old commander a drive, was well protected and escaped the deluge into which the donkey riders rode. We had a pleasant day with our old comrade, Norman P. Ward, our brother-in-law, Rock Bennett, also a comrade, his wife, a sister of Mrs. Smith's, and neice (residents of Colorado City,) who accompanied us through the Garden of the Gods.

To describe the picturesque rocks and grandeur of the scenery here about is impossible. We cannot and so content ourselves with giving you two pictures of the same.

Leaving Colorado Springs over the Denver and Rio Grande railway, we stopped the next evening for several hours at Glenwood Springs, having passed through the Royal Gorge, and some of the most awe-inspiring mountain scenery found on our trans-continental journey. Here the pilgrims who had failed of a bath at Colorado Springs indulged in a plunge in the hot pool.

Wednesday, 31st, several hours in the beautiful city of Salt Lake, where we were chaperoned by that staunch craftsman, Christopher Diehl, the grand secretary of Utah, whose genial countenance it is always an inspiration to behold. A visit to the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle, etc., and a drive about the city in a genial sun was restful and strengthened us for the remainder of our journey.

Here we again caught up with our distinguished guests and found they had been delightfully entertained by the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons during their stay of one day and as we knew they would be when we commended them to the fraternal care of Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl.

The following and many other kind things were said of our visitors along the route where they stopped one hour or one day, the brethren of which we had duly informed of the coming of the Most Supreme Grand Master of English Knights Templar and party.

"A party of the most distinguished Knights Templar who ever visited the United States will pass through Salt Lake Tuesday, August 30, on their way from England to attend the twenty-ninth triennial conclave of Knights Templar to be held in San Francisco, September 4 to 9. The party will include Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Thomas Fraser, A. J. Thomas, Rev. C. E. L. Wright, T. P. Dorman and Abraham Woodiwiss.



GATEWAY TO THE GARDEN OF THE GODS, COLORADO



CATHEDRAL SPIRES, GARDEN OF THE GODS, COLORADO

"The party is traveling from Chicago to San Francisco in the private care of President Stickney, of the Chicago, Great Western Railway. They will be in charge of J. P. Elmer, general passenger agent for the road, himself a thirty second degree Mason. He will play the part of host to the distinguished foreigners on the trip to and from San Francisco.

"The members of the party are distinguished both as citizens of England and as members of the Masonic fraternity. Their visit at this time is intended in the nature of the courtesy to the Knights Templar of America in exchange for the visit of General John Corson Smith and other distingushed American Knights Templar to England some time since.

"The party of English Knights Templar is scheduled to arrive in Salt Lake on a special train at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning next. They will remain in Salt Lake for eight hours and during that time they will be entertained by the Scottish Rite Masons and the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction. No definite arrangements have yet been announced for the entertainment, but it is understood that a trip to Saltair and an organ recital will form a part of the day's plans. In the evening the special train will leave for San Francisco."

At Los Angeles, "The Home of the Angels," we met our old friend and veteran brother, Isaac S. Montgomery, partook of luncheon with Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 and visited many places of interest in the city and adjacent country, many of our party going to Mount Lowe, while others visited Pasadena, Baldwin's ranch, San Gabriel mission or the ostrich farm. Leaving Los Angeles in the evening, we ran down to San Pedro, where the next day, Saturday, we took boat for the Cataline Islands and had an enjoyable time. The sea was smooth and with a bright sunshine we enjoyed the bathing and especially the boating, where through the plate glass bottomed boats we could see the fish and plant life thirty to forty feet beneath the surface. It was like a kaleidoscope in its beautiful and ever changing scenery of marine ferns, mosses, rocks, caverns and fish. We have never seen anything more interesting and would like to have remained there for a month or more.

Except for a few hours at Santa Barbara to visit an old mission founded in 1786, Sunday, September 3, was spent at Hotel Del Monte, near Monterey, where we again met Lord Euston and party and dined with them. Monterey and the Hotel Del Monte are so well known to all travelers, who have ever visited or expect to visit Southern California that we need not dwell upon its tropical beauties. Next to the

Cataline Islands, it is one of the most interesting places to visit and rest on the California coast. Suffice it to say that we left here at midnight and early Monday morning September 5, 1904, found ourselves at the end of our journey west and safely settled in San Francisco's palatial Palace hotel.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Our first day in California's metropolis was devoted to meeting friends, receiving Lord Euston and suite and the splendid banquet of the evening. Of the reception of the distinguished Templars from Great Priory of England and Wales we take the following from the city press.

GRAND PRIORY ENVOY REACHES SAN FRANCISCO.

EARL OF EUSTON HERE REPRESENTING ENGLAND.

MOUNTED FRATERS ESCORT HIM TO PALACE.

"The Right Honorable Henry James Fitz Roy, Earl of Euston, most eminent and supreme grand master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the dependencies of the British crown, who comes as special envoy to the triennial conclave, arrived in town yesterday and was received with honors befitting his rank and station.

"This visit marks an epoch in the history of Knights Templar. Euston is the first official representative from the Great Priory of England and Wales to be in attendance here upon any triennial conclave. Long before the arrival of the train at Third and Townsend streets every point of vantage was taken up by Sir Knights and citizens, including many women. All had come to pay respect and gain a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. The Earl was accompanied by the very eminent knight, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, great vice chancellor; the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, A. Woodiwiss, Thomas Fraser, A. J. Thomas and T. P. Dorman. In the party was also a committee that had gone to Monterey to meet the Earl and act as a special escort from that point to the city. The committee was composed of Reuben H. Lloyd, W. H.



RT. HON. THE EARL OF EUSTON, G. C. T.
M. E. and Supreme Grand Master Great Priory, England and Wales



V. E. Knight Charles Fitzgerald Matier, G. C. T.
Great Vice Chancellor, Great Priory, England and Wales

Crocker, T. P. Elmer of the Chicago & Northwestern railway and T. H. Goodman. The party arrived in a magnificent private car attached to the regular Del Monte train.

KNIGHTS EXTEND WELCOME.

"On the train's arrival at the station the representatives of Grand Master Stoddard, namely Sir George M. Moulton, deputy grand master of the Grand Encampment; Sir Henry W. Rugg, grand generalissimo, and Grand Captain General William B. Melish, boarded the car. They were accompanied by the grand commander of California, Sir W. Frank Pierce, and past grand commanders, Charles F. Lott, S. H. Wagener, F. M. Miller and General J. C. Smith of Chicago, chairman of committee on foreign relations. The citizen's reception committee was represented by Julius Kahn, Colonel F. E. Beck, E. B. Grace, W. F. Perkins, J. M. Currier, General C. A. Coolidge, U. S. A.; G. F. Marsh, Clement Bennett, G. Gilbert Dexter, George M. Chalmers, T. H. Hudson and G. C. Bornemann.

"After a few words of welcome by Sir Knight Moulton and introductions by R. H. Lloyd, the party left the train, and the Earl, escorted by the deputy grand master, marched down through the long depot, which was densely packed with onlookers. Just as he reached the entrance to the street Pacific Commandery No. 3 was lined up on both sides of the passageway and stood at attention with drawn swords. As the Earl reached this position the Sonoma band struck up "God Save the King."

THE EARL DOFFS HIS HAT.

"The Earl at once doffed his silk hat and bowed repeatedly as he passed through the line of Sir Knights. The distinguished party entered carriages in waiting and the march began up Third street to Market, and down Market to the Palace hotel.

"The procession was headed by the official escort of the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave, under the command of Colonel William Edwards, chairman of the escort committee. Other officers in the escort were Major C. Toohey, Captain A. Woodside and Lieutenant C. F. Parks, in charge of Troop A, and Captain E. N. Gains and Lieutenant Richard Martins, in chargs of Troop B. Next came Knights on foot from Golden Gate Commandery, in command of Captain Thomas Tribell, followed by a company from Oakland, No. 11, in charge of U. G. Richards. Then came the carriages containing the Earl of Euston, together with members of his suite, high officials of the Knights Templar and the committee of citizens.

"Following and surrounding the carriages was a guard of honor, composed of California Commandery No. 1, in charge of C. M. Plum, commander of California Commandery.

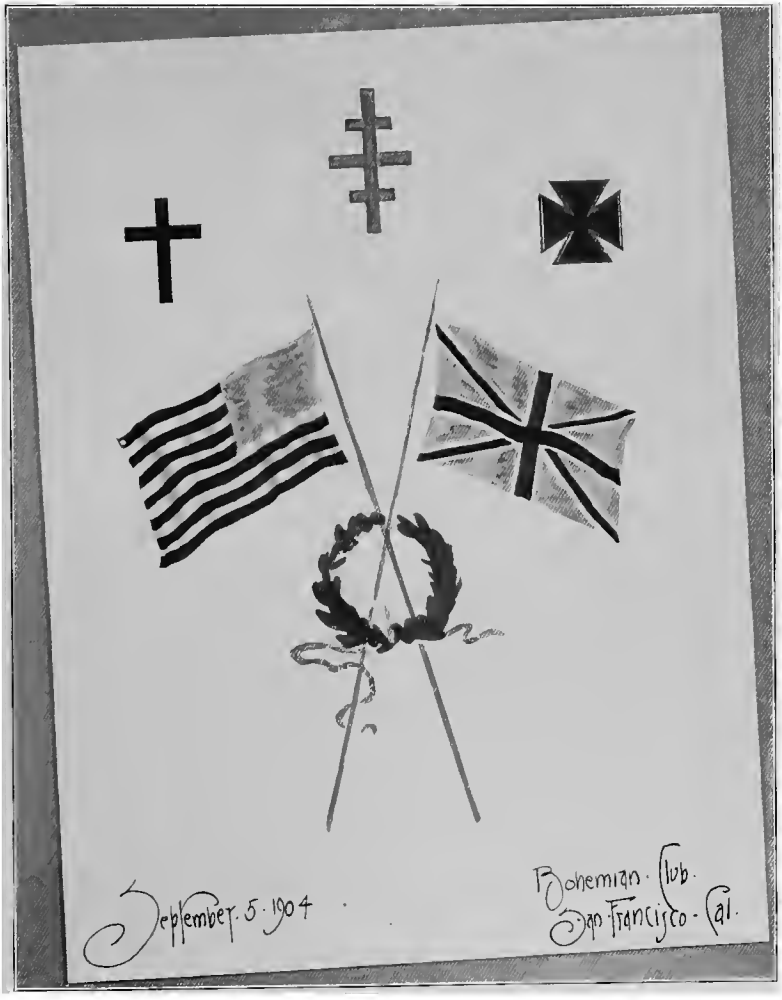
CROWD CHEERS VISITORS.

"At the grand entrance to the Palace Hotel an immense crowd had collected and it lustily cheered the visitor. It required the united efforts of a big body of policemen to clear the way so that the party could drive up to the steps in the court.

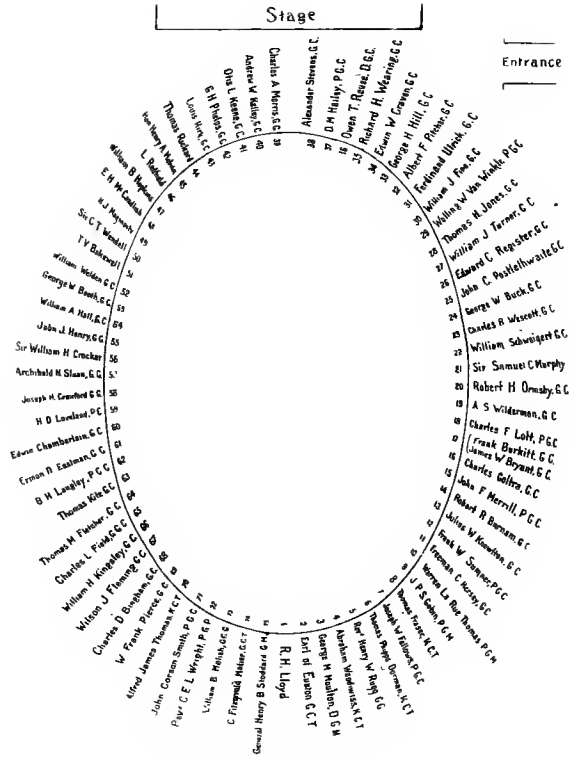
"The Earl is a distinguished looking man, about 6 feet 2 inches in height, of commanding and dignified bearing. He is the eldest son of the Duke of Grafton, K. G., and was born in London on November 8, 1848. He entered the army in 1867 and served in Canada during the "Fenian raid," for which service he received a medal. For twenty-one years he was the colonel commandant of the First Volunteer Battalion of the Northampstonshire Regiment. He has served as aide de camp to his Majesty King Edward VII. He is a widower, having but recently lost his wife. He has no children. The Earl is one of the most prominent Freemasons in England. On arrival here yesterday he was attired, as were the other members of his suite, in long dark gray frock coats, gray trousers, silk hats and rich white scarfs."

The banquet complimentary to the Earl of Euston and suite and grand commanders of the Grand Commanderies of the United States of America, was given by Past Grand Master Reuben Hedly Lloyd in the great banqueting room of the Bohemian Club. The room being oblong the table was an elipsis, over which was a large tent around the walls of which were trellised grape vines laden with lucious purple and golden grapes which extending over the seats and well onto the table gave one the impression that he was seated in a tent set in a vineyard, the vines of which were bending down with the luscious grape so plentiful in California. A flashlight of the scene was attempted but the artist awaiting the close of the banquet found the tent too dense with smoke and so failed to secure such a picture as we could desire to present our fraters. We give you copies of the best that could be had of the weird and unique scene, also of the invitation, menu and program.

The following is a copy of the card invitations and menu:



Lloyd Banquet Menu



LLOYD BANQUET, SEPTEMBER 5, 1904

Song

1. Carol.
2. Soup is served.
3. Steward (followed by servant bearing Fish, Chef accompanying).
4. The Swan, borne aloft by servants
5. The cooks bring in the Boar's head.
6. Bearers bring in the Baron of Beef.
7. Plum Pudding, garnished with greens, ablaze, borne on the shoulders of the cooks
8. The Steward ushers in the Wassail Bowl and serves the Knights.

Menu



California Oysters, Cocktail

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Green Turtle, clear

—

Salted Almonds Olives

—

Whole Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce

Reisling Mt. Hamilton

—

Swan, larded

Stewed Spinach

—

Boar's Head, Mustard Sauce

Cabernet Cordova

—

Baron of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding

Boiled Cauliflower, Cream Sauce

—

Bohemian Salad

Moet & Chandon White Seal

—

Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce

Walnuts Filberts Seeded Raisins

Cheese Black Coffee

Reuben Hedley Lloyd, P. G. M.

requests the pleasure of the
company of

R. E. John Corson Smith, P. G. C.

at dinner at the Bohemian Club

on

Monday, September fifth
at seven o'clock

to meet

The Right Honorable, The Earl of Euston, G. C. T.

and

The Most Eminent Grand Master

General Henry Bates Stoddard

and their respective Staffs

Full dress or Templar Uniform

We clip the following which was but a brief of what was said of this feast, the like of which few, if any present, had ever seen equaled:

"The Earl of Euston was the guest of honor last night at a banquet at the Bohemian Club. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd was the host of the occasion. Seldom in the history of California has so magnificent a feast been spread. The gorgeousness of the superb decorations was in keeping with the open-handed good fellowship and expressions of good will that were showered upon the honored guest of the evening. Nor was the distinguished visitor lacking in cordiality in his reply, which was filled with enthusiasm over the prolonged ovation of friendship proffered to him since his arrval in America.

"The banquet was served in the jinks room, under a bower of grape vines, from which hung great clusters of luscious, briliant hued grapes. Interspersed throughout these decorations were tiny incandescent lights. Beneath this superb canopy was the great round festive board, which filled the entire center of the hall. The table was decorated with a center piece of growing pink begonias, about which was a mass of grape leaves. Between this and the guests' place was a garland wrought entirely of bunches of grapes.

CROSS GLEAMS WITH LIGHT.

"At the east end of the hall and directly over the seat occupied by Sir H. B. Stoddard, was a magnificent triple purple cross, studded with electric lights and embroidered on a background of pure white silk. On the stage, surrounded by a wealth of evergreens, was the representation of a Sir Knight in full uniform, mounted on horseback. Above this whole beautiful scene was stretched a canopy of a cloth of shimmering gold, in the midst of which was a sparkling display of gold and blue electric lights. A splendid stringed orchestra and a chorus of thirty voices added quality to the enjoyment of the guests.

"Sir R. H. Lloyd was most happy in his speech of welcome and his remarks were warmly applauded by all the Sir Knights and especially by Lord Euston. Lord Euston in reply said that he was overwhelmed by the lavishness of California's hospitality. He was surprised at the great resources of the state. The decorations of the city also received his complimentary notice. He said the greatest cordial feeling existed in England for America and her people, a feeling, he was sure, which was entirely reciprocated by all on this side of the water.

CHEERS FOR THE EARL.

"At the close of the Earl's speech there was prolonged cheering. The banquet came to an end shortly before midnight. The guests be-



LLOYD BANQUET, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., SEPTEMBER 5, 1904
(*Looking East*)



LLOYD BANQUET, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., SEPTEMBER 5, 1904
(Looking West)

sides the Earl and his party consisted almost entirely of eminent grand commanders from each state in the union."

Several appropriate sentiments were presented by the host who presided, and responses were made by distinguished Templars, not one of whom had been notified that he would be called upon, hence the more earnest and interesting.

During the evening the Earl of Euston presented each Templar present with a beautiful gold and enameled Great Priory jewel he had specially designed in commemoration of this visit, which souvenir is highly prized by the those fortunate to receive one. This jewel was the same as that presented to the fraters and ladies in Chicago for their courtesies during his brief sojourn in that city.

Tuesday, September 6, was devoted to the grand parade in which ten thousand Templars participated and to the opening of grand encampment. Addresses of welcome, address of Grand Master Stoddard and its reference to appropriate committee, and this is what was said of our doings:

GRAND MASTERS OF AMERICA AND ENGLAND LEAD THE HOST.

"Under the blue vault of a cloudless California sky, through smooth-paved streets roped off at the curb line by cables to restrain part of the multitude of 250,000 spectators, and walled with buildings that made resounding echo canyons for the martial music, the Knights Templar army of the United States marched by winding route for four miles through San Francisco yesterday. So great was the magnificent procession, with its white-plumed host from many states, and its forty-seven musical organizations, that four hours were taken in the complete presentation of the pageant, and nearly three for the passage of a given point.

"American flags fluttered everywhere along the sides of thoroughfares, and from lofty poles piercing above the irregular architectural sky line beautiful streaming Stars and Stripes trailed and rolled gracefully and serenely in the gentle breeze that came in off the Pacific and gave a perfect summer's day just enough of freshness to make ideal weather for the rare outdoor spectacle.

"When the richly-costumed members of this high Masonic order were moving along a street their white ostrich plumes above the white-lined capes thrown back over the shoulder, and their divisions separated by radiantly uniformed bands in solid colors, the alignment was so true and the spacing so perfect that the general effect, viewed from some high building, was that of a beautiful ribbon of Indian bead work laid along a width of weathered canvas. The individuals were the beads,

the costumes, the varying shades, making the patterns of design, and the clean pavement the underlying cloth.

EXCEEDED ALL OTHERS.

"When President McKinley came to San Francisco for that memorable visit three years ago 200,000 persons were closely estimated to comprise the immense outpouring of proud and loyal citizens that swarmed to the edges of the long line of his triumphal procession. That massing was eclipsed yesterday. All of the better parade records were surpassed. The conclave of 1883, with its 2,911 Knights in line, was made a little thing by comparison. The National Grand Army encampment processional of last October was equaled in numbers and idealized in beauty and richness of effect. All of the preceding twenty-eight triennial gatherings of these leaders of American knighthood were made small by contrast with the number of mounted Knights in line.

"Great Britain has sent to this imposing ceremony the highest officials that control the affairs of the chivalric orders of Freemasonry in the British Isles, where Masonry as a fraternity had its origin nearly 200 years back. Like the Templars of the Crusades of 900 years ago, the protoypes of these Christian Knights of today, the representatives from England added a distinctive novelty to the pageant by appearing in the original white and scarlet tunics and white cloaks that similarly identified the brotherhood that marched into Jerusalem so often to protect pilgrims and expel the infidels who were desecrating the holy city and the sepulcher.

GRAND MASTERS SIDE BY SIDE.

"In an open carriage drawn by four white horses rode the grand master of England, seated beside the grand master of the United States the first time in all the history of Templary that the leaders of modern knighthood in two nations had ever been seen publicly together; the only time an English chief had ever participated in a foreign Templar ceremony or visited a foreign land. Behind the British Earl's carriage moved seven others, drawn by alternating pairs of black and white horses, aptly carrying out the scheme of Templar colors.

"A giant St. Bernard dog walked, bear-like at the head of a delegation, and by that sign the spectators were quick to see its significance in connection with the name on the banner, the California-favored St. Bernard Commandery of Chicago. A small black bear tirelessly walked up and down and back and forth upon a broad while and gold float, and it was not difficult to guess that he was the pet of one of the California commanderies, Golden Gate of this city, which has had similar bears in every conclave parade for the last twenty-four years.

"But it was not simply a docile, unresponsive army of onlookers assembled just to be amused. When the Ohio division passed through Montgomery street and men read "Canton Commandery" on one of the approaching banners, the multitude did not have to be reminded that it was from the home of the martyred McKinley and the emblem of the very commandery of which he was a member.

"The parade ended, the members of grand encampment marched with dignified ceremonies and impressive entry into Golden Gate Hall, the grand master and officers opened the preliminary meeting of the grand encampment. As invited guests came the grand master of the Priory of England and Wales and the high officers, in imposing uniforms of the English branch of the order.

"In the beautifully decorated hall, done in oriental tapestries and elaborate furnishings, the officers of the grand encampment, after leaving their carriages, were entertained at an informal dinner given by California Commandery No. 1, at which the Earl of Euston and the English officers were the guests of honor.

"At about 4 o'clock the banquet was finished and the members of grand encampment proceeded to the deliberative functions of the opening.

"The opening address of welcome was delivered by Governor Pardee, of California, on behalf of the Knights of the state, who was followed in a few short sentences by Mayor Schmitz on behalf of the Knights of the city of San Francisco. The Earl of Euston was made a welcome guest at the deliberations of the grand encampment."

Wednesday, September 7, was devoted to legislative work in Grand Encampment by its members and to seeing the prize drill by those who could give the time. In this drill our own St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, was awarded the second prize, a handsome solid silver punch bowl; just the trophy they wished to bring home. We give a picture of the same, together with an excellent one of the fraters composing that famous command and a poem written for the occasion by the poetess of the Masonic veterans.

Good St. Bernard once more has won
the victor's crown,
Adding another drill, "well done"
To their renown.
Though they made no change on the face of the map,
Nor startled the world like the Russ or the Jap,
They put a new plume in Chicago's cap
Proudly bearing their trophy home.

A silver punch bowl was the prize;
Someone must win.
The boys craved one about that size,
So took it in.
With Adam's ale they will fill it up,
Weave 'round it the grace of the loving cup,
Call all their comrades in to sup,
Since they've landed the trophy home.

A fitting "welcome home" prepare,
Their triumph greet;
Heap well the board with viands rare;
The boys to treat.
Roundy's men have got used to a place at the top,
Only telling maneuvers their prestige can stop.
They never will suffer their record to drop,
But keep bringing new trophies home.

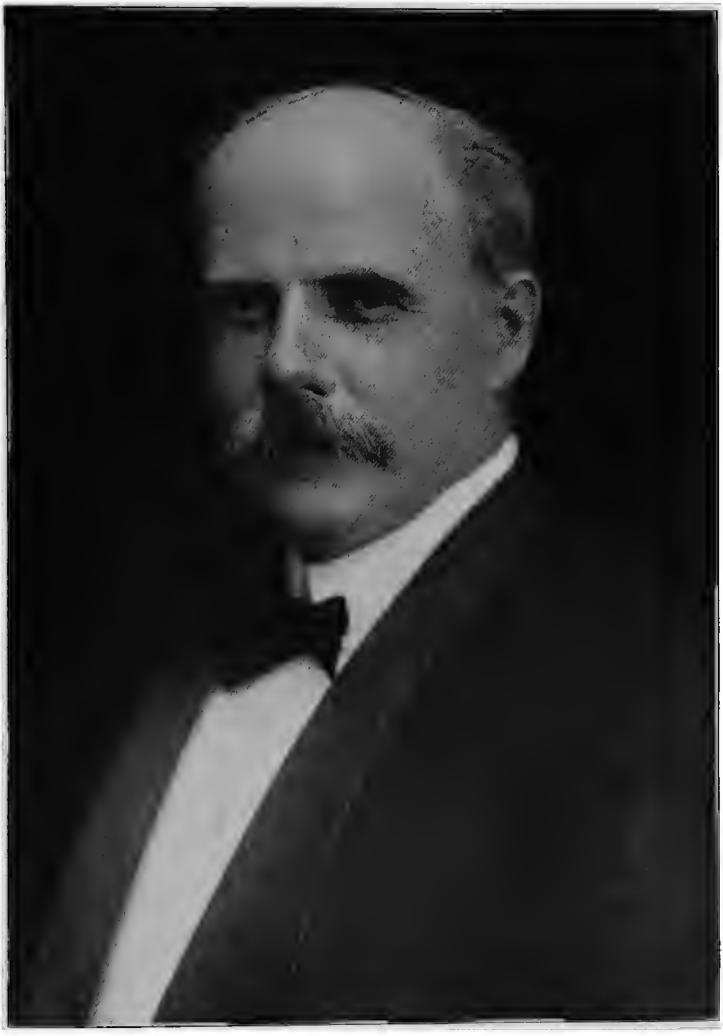
—*Alice J. Whitney, September,* 1904.

BANQUET OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA.

In the evening Grand Commandery of California gave a banquet to the members of Grand Encampment and the visiting brethren from Great Britain. The decorations and menu are seldom equalled and only surpassed by such an outlay as that of Sir Knight Lloyd's. We may truly say that the greeting was poetical and appropriate.

GREETING.

No hermit monk, with soul elate,
Hath preached his crusade to our gate;
Nor moslem hosts my coming wait.
But here where land and waters meet,
Where loyal hearts of fraters beat,
With welcome's glad acclaim we greet,
The knightly hosts of chivalry.



Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton, M. E. Grand Master
Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America



Sir Knight John A. Gerow, V. E. Grand Recorder
Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America

Welcome from Albion's land,
Welcome, Columbia's knightly band,
'Neath beauseant and standard grand.
We pledge thee freedom from all care,
We pledge thee all that's bright and fair,
To see that naught thy joys impair,
Shall be our generous rivalry.

"All present were unanimous in saying that the banquet tendered to the most eminent grand master, officers and members of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, at the St. Francis last night was the crown of the hospitality that has distinguished the conclave. The beautiful white and gold dining hall of the great hotel was radiant with its wealth of electric lights, enhanced by a marvelous floral display. Palms of huge proportions fell in graceful profusion from the gallery, while about the side walls were banners emblematic of the different commanderies and great clusters of rare and beautiful flowers. The long tables were decked with American Beauty roses and clusters of luscious grapes, while at intervals were Masonic designs.

"The chief guests of honor sat on a raised dais at the west side of the banquet hall. Besides the toastmaster, Reuben H. Lloyd, there were Sir H. B. Stoddard, Sir H. W. Rugg, Sir John Corson Smith, Sir George M. Moulton, Sir W. B. Melish, the Earl of Euston, Sir A. Woodiwiss, Sir C. F. Matier, Sir T. P. Dorman, Sir Rev. C. E. L. Wright, Sir A. J. Thomas and Sir Thomas Fraser

"Reuben H. Lloyd was master of ceremonies. He presided with the dignity and courteous grace for which he is so widely famed. His remarks, while concise, were always pertinent to the subject in question and brilliant. They were frequently punctuated with applause by his hearers.

"Following were the toasts and names of the speakers:

"The President of the United States," music, the National Anthem; response by R. E. Sir George C. Perkins, P. G. C.

"His Majesty Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India," music, "God Save the King."

"The Grand Encampment of the United States," music, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"; response by M. E. Sir Henry Bates Stoddard, grand master.

"The Great Priory of England and Wales;" response by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, most eminent and supreme grand master of the Great Priory of England and Wales.

"The Great Priory of Ireland;" music, "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Halls"; response by Sir Knight V. E. John Corson Smith, P. G. C.

"The Chapter General of Scotland;" music, "Bonnie Doon"; response by Very Eminent Knight G. E. Matier.

"The Great Priory of Canada;" music; response by Very Eminent Sir Henry W. Rugg, grand generalissimo.

"The Ladies;" music; response by Very Eminent Sir William B. Melish, grand captain general.

"The speeches were of exceptional brilliancy. Sir Knight Matier said that he had been a Templar since 1864 and he brought from the land of Robert Bruce and Robert Burns greetings to the order in the United States. (Prolonged applause.)

"The Earl of Euston was very happy in his remarks. He said in part:

"I thank you most kindly for drinking to the toast of the Priory of England and Wales. I bring from this priory a greeting of brotherly love to the Sir Knights of your country. Your hospitality has been unbounded. I have journeyed across your country in a most comfortable manner. Everywhere I have received hospitality and kindness. I take back with me an idea of the greatness of America. We cannot give you in England anything like the magnificent pageant of yesterday, for we have only 2,000 members of our order there, but when you come to visit us these 2,000 will all extend to you the same magnificent hospitality that your great hosts have extended to us here in this grand conclave. (Cheers.)

"The same chivalry that exists here permeates our own order at home. I want to come here again and see you all once more. We are very fond of you on our side of the water. We want you to cross the herring pond and come and visit us.

"I want to make a little remark about the Spanish-American war. While this war was in its incipiency there was a little island that was a friend of yours, and this little island said a few words to the other powers, the purport of which was that you should be left to fight the battle out yourselves. (Cheers.)

"Now in closing I want to thank you all for your kindness and may the bonds of union between us become closer and closer. (Loud and repeated cheers.)

Thursday, September 8, one of the pleasing incidents of the grand conclave was the distinguished honor conferred upon three of our eminent fraters by the supreme grand master of Great Priory, which was thus referred to by the press.

"A beautiful Masonic ceremony took place yesterday at the Palace Hotel, when Past Grand Master Henry Bates Stoddard, of Texas, Grand Master George M. Moulton, of Chicago, Ill., and Past Grand Commander Reuben H. Lloyd, of San Francisco, were honored with an English degree by the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston.

"As grand master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Earl conferred upon these eminent American Templars the K. C. T. or Order of Knight Commander of the Temple. After conferring the order the Earl decorated the recipients with the jewels and insignia in the presence of many of the officers of the grand encampment.

"The jewels of the order with which the American Knights were decorated consist of a cordon of scarlet ribbon from which is suspended a gold and enamel cross and large silver and gold embossed rosettes. These Knights are the only ones in America, except General John Corson Smith, of Chicago, who has also the order of the G. C. T. —Grand Cross Templar, who have been thus honored and are the only ones in the world outside the jurisdiction of the Great Priory of England on whom the degree has been conferred, with the exception of General Smith, the representative in grand encampment of the Earl of Euston."

The day in grand encampment was a busy one for jurisprudence and by reason of election of officers it was a busy day for all present. Illinois bore away the honors in the election of that splendid Templar Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton, M. E. Grand Master Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A., for the next ensuing three years and until the Thirtieth Triennial Conclave which is to be held in the city of Saratoga, the second Tuesday in August, 1907.

Sir Knight Moulton needs no eulogy and much less does he need an introduction to the Templar world. He is known to be as brave as were the grand masters of old for he has been tested on the battlefields of his country and in the administration of the affairs Masonically from Grand Master of Ancient Craft Masons to the valiant Order of the Temple, M. E. Grand Master Moulton has few equals and no superior.

The remainder of the officers-elect and appointed are named in our review of the doings in grand encampment, and form a splendid corps of Templar commanders.

An interesting and appropriate act was that of amending the constitution and electing the Supreme Grand Master of Great Priory of England and Wales the first honorary member of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

And this is the way it was done:

Past Grand Master Lloyd asked unanimous leave to introduce an amendment to the constitution of the grand encampment to be considered and acted on at this session. Leave being granted he offered the following:

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article 1, of constitution be amended by adding at the bottom of said section a subdivision to be known as subdivision five, which shall read as follows:

(.5) Any distinguished Knight Templar, from a foreign country, who, by a vote of at least two-thirds of those present (at the time of voting) has been elected an honorary member of the grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Which resolution was duly seconded and being put to vote was unanimously adopted and the vote was so declared by the grand master.

Past Grand Master Lloyd offered the following:

WHEREAS, We have with us a distinguished Knight Templar, from England, namely: Henry James, The Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, G. C. T., Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, who, with his official staff, is paying a visit to this grand encampment—as a mark of the esteem in which we hold our noble frater, be it

Resolved, That he be, and he is hereby elected the first Honorary Member of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

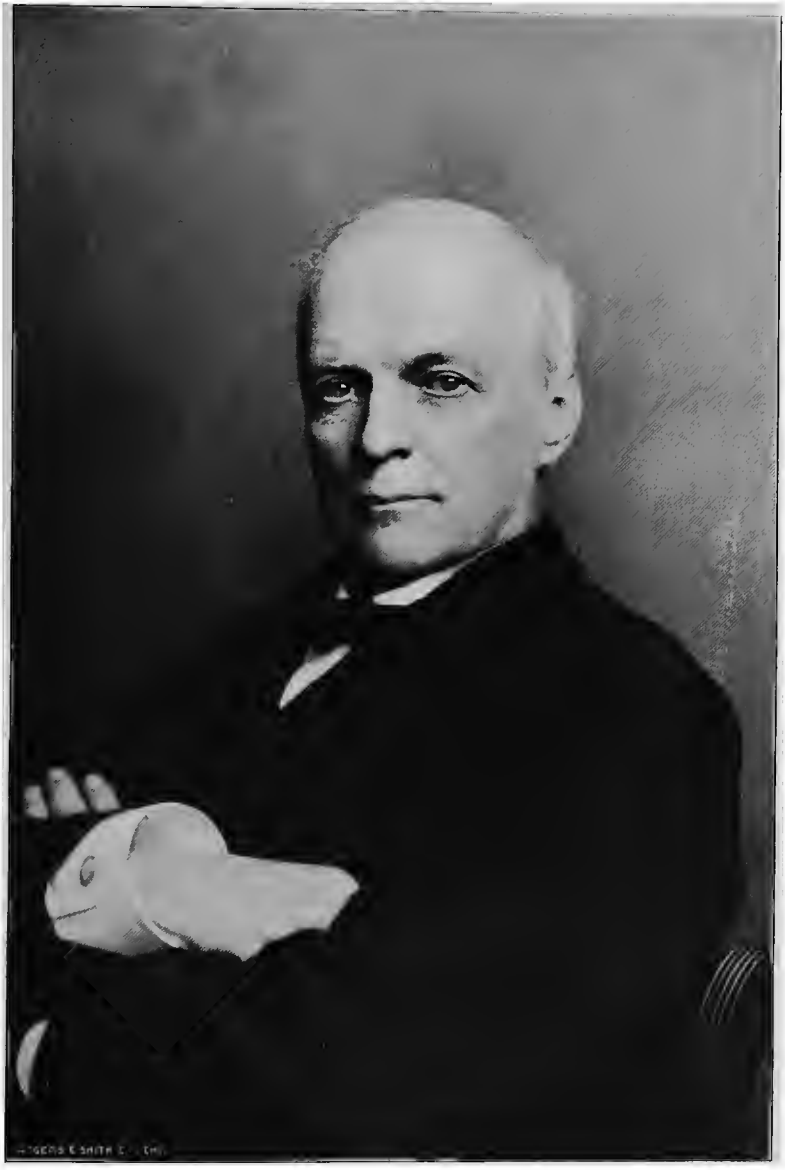
Our grand master is authorized and requested to officially notify our frater of his election.

Which preamble and resolution was duly seconded, and being put to vote, was unanimously carried and so declared by the grand master.

With the closing of grand encampment, ended the Twenty-Ninth Triennial Conclave of that Templar body and the members began to arrange for their departure home. Few left until the morrow giving the evening to entertainments, receptions and farewells to their princely hosts in all of which Illinois was conspicuous and received great praise, we note the following:

ILLINOIS ENTERTAINS THE NEW GRAND MASTER.

"The reception by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, given in the Maple room of the Palace Hotel in honor of Grand Master George M. Moulton, was attended by every grand officer from that state.



Sir Knight Rueben Hedley Lloyd, Past Grand Master
Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America



Reviewing Stand, Templar Parade, San Francisco, Cal., September 6, 1904

"The newly-elected grand master is not new to honors, for he is a past grand commander of Illinois, and is a brigadier-general of the Illinois guard.

"The other grand officers and their ladies present were Deputy Grand Commander George E. Ohara and wife, Grand Generalissimo Dr. A. A. Whipple, escorting Mrs. Bell; Grand Captain-General A. F. Schock and daughter, Grand Senior Warden Smyth Crooks and wife, Grand Standard Bearer J. B. Cleveland and wife, Grand Sword Bearer H. H. Cleaveland and wife, Grand Junior Warden Dr. T. D. Palmer and wife, Grand Prelate Dr. C. F. Smith and wife, and Grand Warder Joel Benton and wife.

"The crack St. Bernard drill corps, from Chicago, which won the second prize in Wednesday's contest, attended the reception in a body."

THE TEMPLAR CORRESPONDENTS.

No triennial conclave would be satisfactory without the presence of the Templar correspondents, who will be called upon to review the legislation of the session and to whose impartial judgment and deep research, so many grand commanders are indebted for information as to law, usage and custom.

To the Grand Commandery of California and Past Grand Master Reuben Hedley Lloyd, the Templar correspondents desire to make grateful acknowledgment for the handsome entertainment given them on the evening of Thursday, September 8, 1904, at Marchand's, the only restauranteur in San Francisco who could put up such a dinner as the correspondents ate that evening and which will ever be a memory associated with the name of California's competent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight William A. Davies, who so faithfully carried out the instructions of our hosts aforenamed.

The following was our program:

Twenty-ninth Triennial Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America

Compliments of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California

to the

Past and Present

Templar Correspondents

at Marchands
San Francisco

September 8, 1904, at 7 o'clock

Sixth Triennial Reunion of the Society of Mutuals

Regent.

HON. JAMES H. HOPKINS,

PAST GRAND MASTER, GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Vice-Regent.

SIR JOHN C. SMITH,
PAST GRAND COMMANDER, ILLINOIS.

Prelate.

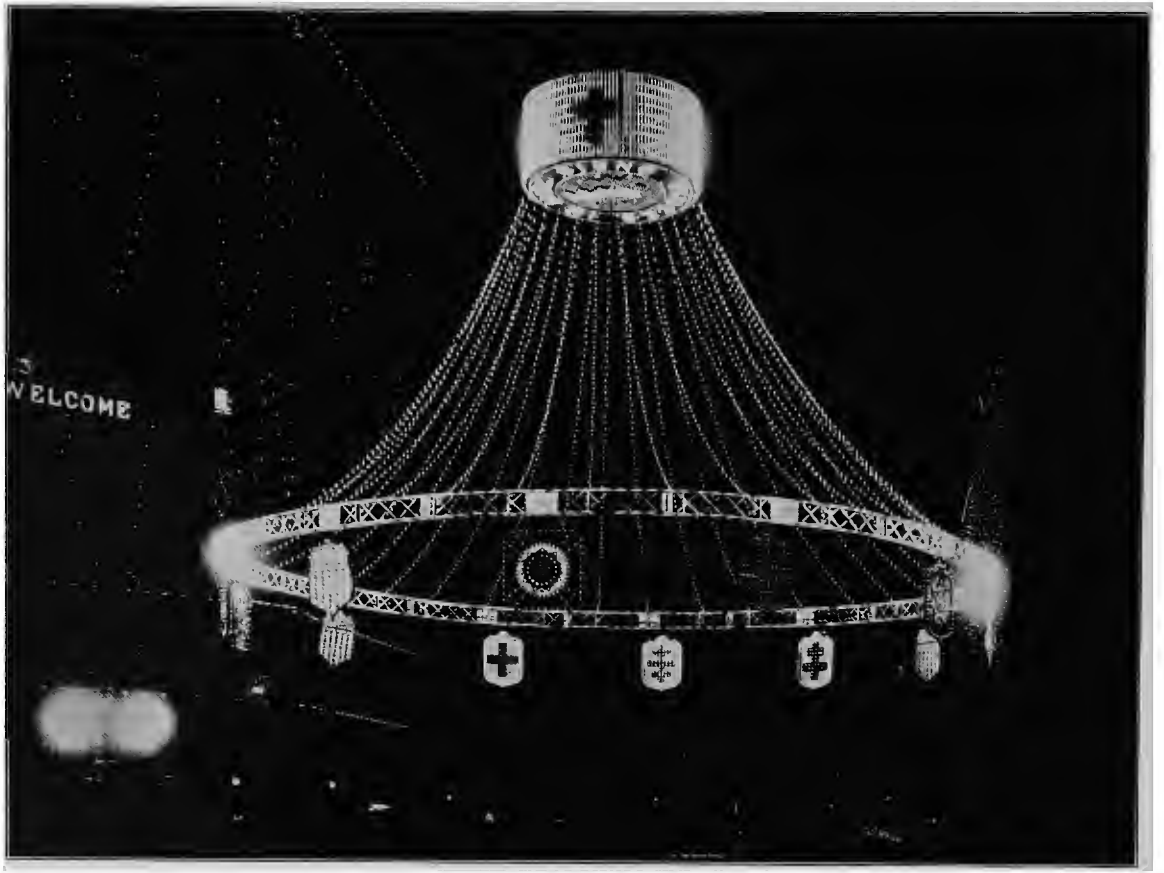
REV. J. C. W. COXE, D. D.,
AST GRAND PRELATE, GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Secretary.

WILLIAM H. MAYO,
PAST GRAND RECORDER, GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Special Committee, California.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
CORRESPONDENT FOR CALIFORNIA.



Electric Display, September 5-10, 1904



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After suitable reference to the Sir Knights of our employment, who, during the last triennial term have taken on immortality, the session will be devoted to friendly greetings and such extemporaneous talk as may be moved by the spirit of the occasion. No prepared sentiments will be submitted for digestion by this assemblage of Templar wisdom, and "lest you forget," Sir Knights, as you "fall to," we remind you of the words of the immortal Burns:

"Some hae meat that cannot eat,
And some would eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit."

Therefore we will proceed to discuss the

MENU

OYSTERS, HALF SHELL, BLUE POINT

CONSOMME OF GREEN SEA TURTLE

STRIPED BASS AU GRATIN
CUCUMBERS

SWEETBREADS BRAISED
FRENCH PEAS

FILET OF BEEF POTATOES
ROMAN PUNCH

ROAST CHICKEN STUFFED PEPPERS

WHOLE TOMATO MAYONNAISE

ICE CREAM FRUITS CHEESE

COFFEE

There were present:

John Corson Smith, Regent, Illinois.

John C. Kidd, Vice Regent, Texas.

William H. Mayo, Secretary, Missouri.

Wiliam A. Davies, Special Committee, California.

William M. Shaver, Kansas.

Cornelius Hedges, Montana.

E. S. Lippitt, California.

John N. Bell, Ohio.

Rev. Daniel C. Roberts, D. D., Prelate, Concord, N. H.

John H. Miller, Maryland.

George H. Walker, Washington, D. C.

Harper M. Orahood, Colorado.

Henry L. Anthony, Michigan.

John A. Gerow, Michigan.

J. M. Hodson, Oregon.

Wilber P. Webster, Florida.

Francis E. White, Nebraska.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

James F. Robinson and others.

A pleasant hour or two having been spent in the rooms of William A. Davies, grand recorder and correspondent for California, during which eulogies were spoken in memory of our late Regent Past Grand Master James H. Hopkins, and others, who have been called since last we met and the officers having been elected the society of Templar correspondents frequently referred to as the "Mutuals," adjourned to Marchand's, where the evening was devoted to social companionship until "low twelve," when the members separated to meet again (our blessed Emanuel willing) at the Thirtieth Triennial in Saratoga, N. Y., the second Tuesday in August, 1907.

The officers are:

John Corson Smith, Regent, Chicago, Illinois.

John Carson Kidd, Vice Regent, Houston, Texas.

William H. Mayo, Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.

Jesse B. Anthony, Treasurer and Special Committee, Utica, N. Y.

"On leaving for the East the day following close of session of Grand Encampment the Earl of Euston and his suite received a hand-



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Templar Parade and Decorations, September 6, 1904

some send off at the hands of the Knights Templar, fully in keeping with the royal reception that was accorded to them on their arrival here Monday morning. The feature of the departure was the Earl's presentation of a beautiful banner of the Great Priory of England and Wales to California Commandery No. 1. This commandery had been appointed a special escort to the Earl, while he was sojourning in the city.

"Long before 5 o'clock, the hour announced for the departure of the Earl, crowds began to assemble in the court of the Palace hotel, at the Market street entrance and at the entrance to the court in New Montgomery street. Every window in both the Palace and the Grand was filled with onlookers. Promptly at 5 o'clock the members of California Commandery No. 1, arrayed in their knightly robes and mounted on their splendid horses, drew up in front of the entrance to the court. They had only to wait a moment when the Earl appeared, accompanied by Sir Knight Reuben H. Lloyd. As the Earl stepped to the edge of the sidewalk Commander Charles M. Plum dismounted from his white charger, and with his chapeau in hand, advanced to meet him.

"In presenting the banner the Earl said: "I take great pleasure in presenting to you and the California Commandery No. 1 this banner of the Great Priory of England and Wales. I am glad I have this opportunity to show the appreciation that our order has for yours, and I take a special pleasure in thanking you for the great assistance and kindness you have shown to me since I have been staying in your beautiful city."

Replying, Sir Charles M. Plum said:

"In accepting this beautiful banner allow me to assure you that California Commandery No. 1 will always cherish this gift with loving remembrance of your visit to our country and to the twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave held in our city. May God speed you on your homeward way to England.'

"At the conclusion of this speech the Earl handed to Commander Plum six superb badges, richly wrought in gold and jewels, representing the cross of the Great Priory of England and Wales, with the request that they be presented to the highest officers in the California Commandery. After these formalities the Earl entered a coach drawn by four black horses and the procession started on its march to the railway station. A band led the way, playing lively marches, and was followed by the escort of honor, the Earl's coach being last in the procession.

The crowds lining the streets cheered heartily and the Earl acknowledged the salutes by raising his hat and smiling pleasantly as he passed on the way to his train for home."

AND THIS WAS THE END.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT TAKES TRAIN FOR EAST.

"The escort of California Commandery that has done such good service in welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guests, performed its final function last night so far as the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar was concerned. Grand Master George M. Moulton and ex-Grand Master Stoddard and all of the corps of the grand encampment bid farewell to the city and left for Southern California on the 8 o'clock boat from the Ferry building. A detachment of the California Commandery mounted escort, a band, and a number of California Knights in carriages, accompanied the departing officers to the city front.

"Grand Master Moulton expressed himself as highly pleased with the reception tendered the Knights during their stay in San Francisco and he spoke feelingly of the hospitality of the state in general. Ex-Grand Master Stoddard was also profuse in his expressions of sincere thanks for the courtesies shown him."

Having seen the end of the most attractive grand conclave this correspondent ever attended and encountering much trouble in getting my return ticket *validated,* if the reader knows what that implies, I was saved a spell of insanity by Captain T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent Southern Pacific company taking up my return and giving me a through ticket home on their limited train which brought me to Chicago inside three days where, after three or four days overhauling accumulated correspondence, I was off for my second visit to Boston inside of five weeks with the journey to California sandwiched between.

This second visit was to attend the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., and other bodies to present our English friends and attend to my duties in the same.



Solid Silver Punch Bowl Won by St. Bernard Drill Corps, San Francisco, Cal., September 7, 1904



St. Bernard Drill Corps, September, 1904

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 18, 1904.

One month and I was back in Boston after a journey of nearly 4,000 miles to California, where I again met our English friends who had returned via St. Louis and its great Exposition. Coming as they did from St. Louis *via* Niagara Falls, Toronto and Montreal, they were delightfully entertained by our Canadian fraters during their brief stay in the latter city. Arriving in the early morning of Monday, September 19, they were met at the station by Bro. General Samuel C. Lawrence, Lieut. grand commander of Supreme Council, and myself and escorted to their quarters in the Hotel Somerset, where every provision had been made for their comfort. The forenoon was devoted to their introduction and visit to the brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland, then in annual session, the presiding officer of which is the Hon. James D. Richardson, M. C., each of our visiting brothers being members of that order.

The afternoon was given to the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Grand Cross of Constantine of the United States of America of which John Corson Smith is the M. E. Grand Sovereign. While each of our visitors are members and officers of the Constantine Orders of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, St. John and Holy Sepulchre, only the Earl of Euston and Charles F. Matier, are Knights Grand Cross of that chivalrous order. The Rt. Hon the Earl of Euston, being M. E. Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of England, and Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Past Grand Viceroy, is the Grand Recorder and Registrar General. Each of these distinguished brethren was introduced to the members present, warmly welcomed by Grand Sovereign John Corson Smith to which M. E. Grand Sovereign the Earl of Euston and Grand Registrar Charles F. Matier responded in kind words and courteous greetings, were seated during the session and expressed much pleasure at their reception.

In the evening the annual dinner of the Royal Order of Scotland was held in the Hotel Somerset, when all our visitors were present together with the members of the Royal Order and their ladies.

The following was the menu:

Menu

Huitres sur Coquille

Tortue Verte a l'Anglaise

Olives Celeri Radis

Basse Rayee a la Chambord

Pommes Parisienne Concombres

Filet de Boeuf aux Champignons Frais

Tomates Farcies

Sorbet au Kirsch

Pluviers Roti au Cresson

Salade de Laitue

Glace Napolitaine Gateaux

Cafe

Several sentiments were offered by Brother Richardson, who selected the brethren to respond which they did impromptu and the occasion was much enjoyed.

Tuesday, the 20th, was given to the Supreme Council 33°, A. A. S. R., of which Rite the Earl of Euston is M. Ill. Past Lieut. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown. Supreme council was opened on the 30° to admit members of that grade to hear the allocution of the M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander, the Hon. Henry L. Palmer, 33°, when all our visitors were admitted and remained until the allocution was read, after which supreme council was closed and reopened on the 33°, all below that grade retiring. The Hon. the Earl of Euston, and Charles Fitzgerald Matier being of the 33° remained in all sessions of the supreme council for two days including that of conferring the honorarium on the evening of Tuesday.

The session was a memorable one from the fact that there were three sovereign grand commanders, a past Lieut. grand commander and a special envoy present during the three days' session. Our own Ill. Bro. Henry L. Palmer, 33° Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Ill. Bro. James D. Richardson, 33° Supreme Council, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, both of the United States of America.

Ill. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, 33°, Supreme Council, Dominion of Canda.

Ill. Bro. The Earl of Euston, 33°, Past Lieutenant Grand Commander Supreme Council of England and Wales.

Ill. Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, 33°, special envoy and representative for Supreme Council of Scotland.

Ill. Bro. John Corson Smith, 33°, representative for Supreme Council of Scotland, being requested to present the distinguished vistors from Great Britain, did so, saying among other things:

"In the presence of these fraters Sovereign Grand Commander, you have evidence of work being done toward a closer union of our Masonic bodies and the bringing together for world purposes the people of our great nations. That is the purpose of their visit and it is the consummation of what you so happily inaugurated years ago, when you gave me letters of commendation to the Supreme Councils of Great Britain and Ireland, with the view of bringing about a closer union of our fraternity."

The guests were warmly welcomed by Sovereign Grand Commander in the graceful and courteous manner so proverbial of Ill. Bro.

Henry L. Palmer, to which welcome the Earl of Euston responded, closing with: "I want to thank you all for the many courtesies and the universal kindness shown to me and those who accompany me while in your great country and I express the hope that the bonds of union between us become closer and closer."

Each day Supreme Council partook of noon day luncheon in which our friends participated, as follows:

Supreme Council 33d

Menu

CAPES ON SHELL

LOBSTER CUTLETS PEAS
SUPREME SAUCE

FRICASSEE CHICKEN DELMONICO POTATOES

ROAST SIRLOIN YORKSHIRE PUDDING
CAULIFLOWER AU GRATIN
GREEN CORN

COLD HAM JELLY
TOMATO MAYONNAISE
CELERY

CHEESE OLIVES SALTED ALMONDS
ROLLS CAKE

FRUIT
FROZEN PUDDING VANILLA ICE CREAM
FRUIT ICES

COFFEE

Thursday, September 22, 1904

THE END.

The time for parting came and on the evening of Wednesday, September 21, we saw our English friends away, having enjoyed their visit of one month during which time we had been with them from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again. They departed for New York from which port they sailed on the 24th inst. on board the S. S. Minnetonka for London. We bade them *bon voyage,* wired to their steamer a farewell on sailing day as we passed through Montreal on our way home. We received a letter from the Earl as they were about to leave but before going on board ship and we have the following of their safe arrival home as we go press.

(CREST.) "4th October, 1904, 6 Chesterfield Gardens,
"London, W.

"MY DEAR GENERAL:—Many thanks for your telegram which I got on board S. S. Minnetonka. We landed yesterday morning early after a capital passage and I must take this opportunity of thanking you for all your kindness to myself and party while in the United States and assure you we most thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the whole of our trip immensely. Yours sincerely,

"EUSTON."

Their visit has been all that could be desired, has drawn our knightly order more closely together and made the bond of brotherhood more firm in all branches of Freemasonry. Not only has it done all this but it will aid in bringing the people of these two great nations into a closer union thus proving to the world the truth of the old adage that "blood is thicker than water."

It is the happy consummation of our labors of many years and we are content, though we are weary and need rest.