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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
AT ITS
SIXTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,
HELD IN
WILSON, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AND
14TH, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
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GRAND OFFICERS 1886-'87.

DONALD W. BAIN.....	<i>R. E. Grand Commander</i>	Raleigh.
JAMES A. PORTER.....	<i>V. E. Deputy Grand Commander</i>	Asheville.
W. W. ALLEN.....	<i>E. Grand Generalissimo</i>	Greensboro.
*CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....	<i>E. Grand Captain General</i>	Raleigh.
THOMAS H. PRITCHARD....	<i>E. Grand Prelate</i>	Wilmington.
JAMES W. BLACKWELL.....	<i>E. Grand Senior Warden</i>	Durham.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	<i>E. Grand Junior Warden</i>	Wilson.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	<i>E. Grand Treasurer</i>	Raleigh.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	<i>E. Grand Recorder</i>	Wilmington.
EDWARD M. NADAL.....	<i>E. Grand Standard Bearer</i>	Wilson.
FRANCIS H. GLOVER.....	<i>E. Grand Sword Bearer</i>	Charlotte.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	<i>E. Grand Warder</i>	Raleigh.
W. P. SNAKENBURG.....	<i>E. Grand Sentinel</i>	Wilson.

*Present address, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Sixth Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, in the town of Wilson, on Wednesday evening, October 13th, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768, at 8 o'clock, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

SIR DONALD W. BAIN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
SIR JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR JAMES A. PORTER.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR W. W. ALLEN.....	E. Grand Captain General.
SIR GEORGE W. BLOUNT.....	as E. Grand Prelate.
SIR JAMES W. BLACKWELL.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
SIR R. G. BRIGGS.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON.....	as E. Grand Recorder.
SIR EDWARD M. NADAL.....	as E. Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR FRANCIS H. GLOVER.....	as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR MICHAEL BOWES.....	as E. Grand Warder.
SIR W. P. SNAKENBURG.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

and representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies.

OPENING.

The Grand Commander, after prayer by the acting Grand Prelate, opened the Grand Commandery in Ample and Knightly Form, and declared the same ready for the dispatch of business.

READING OF JOURNAL.

The Journal of last Annual Conclave having been distributed among the Members of this Body, the reading of the same was, on motion of Sir Knight W. W. Allen, dispensed with.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights E. M. Nadal, J. W. Blackwell and H. H. Munson the Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

D. W. BAIN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
J. A. PORTER	E. Grand Generalissimo.
W. W. ALLEN.....	E. Grand Captain General.
J. W. BLACKWELL	E. Grand Senior Warden.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
W. P. SNAKENBURG.....	E. Grand Sentinel.
H. H. MUNSON.....	Past Grand Commander.
G. W. BLOUNT	Past Grand Generalissimo.

PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT:

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	No. 4, Raleigh.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	No. 3, Durham.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMANDERIES:

WILMINGTON, No. 1, Wilmington—H. H. Munson, proxy for Eminent Commander and Captain General.

CHARLOTTE, No. 2, Charlotte—F. H. Glover, Generalissimo.

DURHAM, No. 3, Durham—James Southgate, Eminent Commander.

RALEIGH, No. 4, Raleigh—C. A. Woodruff, Eminent Commander; Wm. Simpson, Generalissimo; Michael Bowes, Captain General.

CYRENE, No. 5, Asheville—J. A. Porter, Eminent Commander; W. L. Shope, proxy for Generalissimo; R. R. Porter, proxy for Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7, Wilson—E. M. Nadal, Eminent Commander; B. F. Briggs, Generalissimo; R. S. Barnes, Captain General.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES:

SIR E. M. NADAL.....	Georgia.
SIR JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	Indiana.
SIR F. H. GLOVER.....	Iowa.
SIR G. W. BLOUNT.....	New York.
SIR C. A. WOODRUFF.....	Nebraska and Texas.
SIR W. W. ALLEN.....	West Virginia.

The report was adopted.

The Sir Knights holding commissions as Grand Representatives were received and welcomed with appropriate honors.

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir D. W. Bain, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his Annual Address, which was, on motion of Sir Knight H. H. Munson, referred to a committee composed of Sir Knights G. W. Blount, James Southgate and J. A. Porter.

ADDRESS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Sixth Annual Conclave brings us to another point of review in our progress. The summary of the year discloses varied experiences in the Commanderies. Some have been active. Others have rested in passive quietude. I have endeavored by correspondence and words of encouragement to accelerate their workings. I have had the pleasure of visiting three Commanderies, including my own, during the term, viz. : Cyrene, No. 5, at Asheville, and Piedmont, No. 6, at Winston.

In Cyrene Commandery I found Sir Knights whose zeal for the order was gratifying. On my visit to Piedmont Commandery I installed the officers elected under special dispensation. I was assisted in this service by Sir Knight Eugene Grissom, Past Grand Commander, who delivered an address which had a beneficial effect. The Commandery resumed work under favorable auspices.

I received invitations to visit other Commanderies, which pressing public duties compelled me to decline at the times indicated in the invitations.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have not received applications for warrants for new Commanderies. I learn that the Sir Knights of Greensboro and vicinity are taking steps to secure a Commandery in that city.

Dispensations have been granted to authorize the election of officers in several Commanderies, and to receive and act upon petitions for the orders without delay. In the latter instances the circumstances, which were properly considered, justified the act. In so doing I avoided establishing a precedent. Such action should never be taken except in extreme cases, and then only in the interest of the Order, and especially the Commandery from which the application emanates. I acted entirely upon these considerations.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir Knight George W. Blount, of Wilson, has been commissioned representative of the Grand Commandery of New York near this Grand Commandery, and Sir Knight Orren C. Parker, of Batavia, New York, our representative near that Grand Commandery, to supply the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Sir J. E. Simmons.

I have adhered to the regulation that governed the course of my predecessors, in recommending Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction for appointment as representative of only one Grand Commandery each, near this Grand Body. By this course the honors and responsibilities are distributed. The time *may* come when the position of Grand Representative will be more appreciated and its importance

recognized. It is already the case in other jurisdictions, as I have had occasion to observe.

Some Grand Commanderies have a regulation requiring that the commissions of all representatives near other Grand Commanderies shall expire with the date of the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment, succeeding their appointment, and I have received notice recently of the expiration of the commissions of Sir Knight Horace H. Munson, for Connecticut, and myself for Vermont. Sir Munson has been recommended for reappointment. It was my purpose to name a successor for Vermont after consulting our register of representatives and membership of the several Commanderies, with a view to distribute the appointments,

OUR GRAND RECORDER.

Having recently learned that Sir James C. Munds, our Grand Recorder, had gone from the State with a view to permanent removal, I entered into correspondence with him concerning the further discharge of the duties of his office and the arrangements for this Annual Conclave. On the 11th inst. I received a communication from him, written in the city of New York, announcing his purpose to remove from this State and declining reelection. His official duties have been performed, as he informs me, during the entire year, and arrangements made for transmission of returns and dues by the several Commanderies to this Annual Conclave. The information of his change of residence was received too late (only on Monday last), to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. The annual report of the Grand Recorder has been forwarded to me and will be presented for your consideration.

RITUAL.

Enquiries have been made as to the authentication of the Ritual in use in this Jurisdiction. Replying, I called attention to the action of the Grand Commandery in 1884 on this subject. At that conclave my predecessor made the following suggestions:

“At the twenty-second triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, held in San Francisco, California, in August, 1883, Right Eminent Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, of Ohio, in behalf of the committee on Ritual of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and the Order of the Temple, presented a report, which was received and its recommendation adopted, said report being accompanied by a manuscript copy of the Rituals. The recommendations in substance authorize the committee to revise and arrange said Rituals in dramatic form, adapted for practical use in conferring the Orders, to print, bind and distribute the same, the question of adopting said Rituals to be postponed for consideration at the next triennial conclave at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1886—in the meantime, however, any Commandery shall be at liberty to use said Rituals in conferring the Orders. * *

“From all that can be learned on this subject, I am satisfied that these new Rituals (new only in name) are the true Rituals, and will, no doubt, be eventually adopted by the Grand Encampment.”

The Grand Commandery at the same Annual Conclave (1884) adopted the report of the committee as follows:

“The special committee, to whom was referred that part of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander relating to Ritual, having considered the same, recommend that the ritualistic work now in the hands of the special committee of the

Grand Encampment of the United States, be adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction as soon as the same shall be promulgated."

This is the authority for the use of the Ritual under which we have been working to this time. If we have not had the *correct* Ritual, it is due to the failure in its promulgation by proper authority of the Grand Encampment of the United States, until recently, and then only for examination by the Grand Commander. It was not my pleasure to represent this Grand Commandery at the twenty-third triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at St. Louis, Mo., but I appointed Sir Knight Carle A. Woodruff, Eminent Commander of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, my proxy, who attended. Sir Knight J. A. Porter, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, also attended, and we hope to receive from these Sir Knights an account of the action of that Body on this subject.

I learn, however, that the Grand Encampment adopted a uniform and Ritual of the Orders of Knights of the Red Cross and Knights Templar, to take effect April 1st, 1887. The question of tactics and drill is left to the discretion of the several Grand Commanderies. This Grand Commandery having adopted Grant's Tactics, it is not necessary to take further action on this subject.

CONSTITUTION AND EDICTS OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Through the courtesy of Sir Woodruff, one of our representatives at the recent triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, I am able to communicate to you the amendments adopted by that Body to its constitution and edicts, as follows:

Article I., sec. 4. Add after the word *Commander* the paragraph:

"The proxies for the first four officers of a Grand Commandery shall be appointed by the Grand Commandery; and the power of representation may be delegated to any one of such proxies to represent any or all of the said officers in their absence or in the absence of either or all of his associate proxies, the proxy to be a member of the Grand Commandery he represents."

Amendments to edict concerning Uniform: The following was added:

"The uniform of a Knight Templar, except as hereinafter provided, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment of 1863. Each Grand Commandery, however, shall have full power and authority to regulate the uniform to be worn within its own jurisdiction, except that the shoulder-straps and insignia of rank shall always remain under the exclusive control of the Grand Encampment."

The following is also added:

"In order to appropriately designate Past Eminent Commanders, who are for such reason members of a Grand Commandery during residence in the jurisdiction thereof, the shoulder-straps for Past Eminent Commanders shall be as follows: Gold bullion with scarlet velvet center, a golden passion cross and halo embroidered thereon, size of strap to be one and one-half inches wide and three and one-half inches long—measuring to the outer edge of the bullion."

CENTENNIAL OF MASONRY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Masonry in this commonwealth has arrived at an important and interesting period in its history. That branch of the Order which we recognize as the foundation stone of our institution, will celebrate its one hundredth annual communication in the city of Raleigh, in January next. I deem it proper to call your attention to this fact with a view to a proper recognition of that important event. We, as an order, have passed the dividing line of two centuries, dating from the

first introduction of Masonry into the State in the year 1771, and the subsequent reorganization of the Grand Lodge, December 9th, 1787, succeeding the great contest of the Revolution, which culminated in the establishment of civil liberty in America. With the rise of this great confederacy, Masonry received a fresh impulse, and has grown proportionately with the advance of the Republic. Looking back through the dim vista of past ages, we can well rejoice in our achievements, and hail the opening era so full of promise to us.

CONCLUSION.

Fraters, the chivalry of arms has passed away with the rolling centuries, but the chivalry of manhood lives always. It is that which is the test of the true Knight, the end and object of the Order, and its mission upon earth.

The mists of ages lend a romantic glow to the deeds of pilgrim Knights in Palestine, and the records of their chivalrous service in the days of the robber Barons of Europe; but after all, what were the exploits of that era in comparison to the fields to be fought and won, that lie before us?

The infidel and the Turk that the faithful Templar must conquer are a hundred times more fierce, more alert and cunning, more harassing and traitorous than the Moslem of old. The robber-barons of an older civilization reappear among us in protean forms. They oppress the poor, they rob the destitute widow, they plunder the helpless orphan, they lay hands upon law and justice, they poison the fountains of public and private morality. They lie in wait in the haunts of trade, they break the bonds of confidence between man and man, they dishonor trusts, and trample upon every tender and noble sensibility of our nature.

Nor are the Paynim of modern society confined to outward and visible foes. The most subtle of our foes lie in the very heart of man—revenge, and malice, and lust, and sloth, and anger, and envy; evil thoughts and evil speaking, and evil doing—are not these upon the earth, an invisible but ever present host, demanding ever Knightly quality to subdue?

Is this an overdrawn picture? Is it a hard utterance? Consider how King David, after his elevation to the loftiest of earthly glories, fell into the clutches of these demons and partook of their iniquity.

Think of the enormous power for the uplifting of humanity in this land, which more than seventy thousand Knights Templar to-day might exert, steadily crushing out evil, and holding a helping hand to every good work, in a grand march toward a Holy City, which shall be the Brotherhood of man, fitting footstool upon earth of the Fatherhood of God.

We need not concern ourselves in enquiries into the threads of connection between our Order and the dim past. Certain it is, if human history is worth our confidence, that the Divinely planted likeness in man, of his great Creator, ever and anon, reappears, and shines forth to-day in all the splendor that surrounds the Cross.

We bear aloft the emblem of our creed, emblazoned thereon inscriptions of loyalty to the Prince of Peace, the Captain of our Salvation. *In hoc signo vinces* is the very life of the noblest works of man to-day. Symbolizing self-denial, it is the inspiration of the noblest characters and the grandest lives. To every Knight that Cross should mean valor, justice, mercy, truth, self-denial, courtesy, magnanimity. It is in Knightly lives that our Order must live and find its lasting Glory. It is well to enjoy the delights of social intercourse—it is well to cultivate the habits of cheerful obedience that martial drill will personate, and supe-

rior authority dictates—it is well to adorn the scenes of our solemn ceremonies of and to wear the panoply that symbolizes our consecration to this life apart from the ordinary walks of men. It is well to reflect that we have been *three times* solemnly selected and have participated in symbolic and mystic ceremonies, and have as often received a precious legacy of wisdom hoary with age and dedicated to charity.

The vital thing to each of us, and to the lasting prosperity and value of the Order to human society, is that we maintain our bearing as true Knights—that we defeat not only the efforts of him whom we see despoiling the weak and the suffering, but that we throttle the enemy of our own peace and purity—the hidden foe under the very baldric and mystic Cross that we wear. So shall greater victories be inscribed on banners—“greater than of him who taketh a city.” Imagination fails to picture the blessings to the world should every Knight, with banner raised and lance in hand, set his face sternly to the heights before him, until the final victory over self is won.

True, as long as men are mortal, they will err. Again and again, dear Fraters, in the midst of human trials and temptations, we may be beaten back in the contest; again and again victory may, like apples of Sodom, turn to ashes on our lips, but if we persevere, we shall meet the smile and hear the welcome of the Everlasting Master and Commander when, in the beautiful words of the poet:

“The time for toil is past and night has come,
The last and saddest of the harvest eaves;
Worn out with labor long and wearisome,
Drooping and faint, the reapers hasten home,
Each laden with his sheaves.

Full well I know I have more tares than wheat,
Brambles and flowers, dried stalks and withered leaves,
Wherefore I blush and weep, as at Thy feet
I kneel down reverently and repeat,
Master, behold my sheaves!

So do I gather strength, and hope renew;
Full well I know thy patient love perceives,
Not what I did, but what I strove to do,
And though the full ripe ears be sadly few,
Thou wilt accept my sheaves.”

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Warrants and Dispensations—Sir Knights F. H. Glover, William Simpson and R. G. Briggs.

On Finance—Sir Knights C. A. Woodruff, W. W. Allen and R. R. Porter.

On Appeals and Grievances—Sir Knights B. F. Briggs, Jas. Southgate and J. A. Porter.

On Next Place of Annual Conclave—Sir Knights H. H. Munson, R. S. Barnes and F. H. Glover.

INVITATION.

On motion of Sir Knight W. W. Allen, an invitation was extended to all members of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, and all visiting Sir Knights in good standing in their Commanderies, to visit this Grand Body during this Annual Conclave.

ADJOURNED.

The Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1886,
10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Commandery convened pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The journal of last evening's session was read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Sir Knight James Southgate, from the Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee would congratulate the Grand Commander upon the prosperous outlook of Templarism under his administration, and would emphasize the matter of Grand Visitations as conducive to the encouragement of the Subordinate Commanderies in their labors.

We recommend that the action and suggestions of the Grand Commander touching Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies be approved.

We note with regret the loss of our Grand Recorder, J. C. Munds, from this Grand Jurisdiction, and extend to him our thanks for services so satisfactorily rendered and our best wishes for his prosperity wherever his lot may be cast.

We recommend that so much of the address as refers to Ritual be referred to a committee of three, with instructions that they report at this Grand Conclave the best means of disseminating the work.

That so much as refers to recent changes in the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Encampment be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with the request that they recommend such changes in our own Constitution as will conform to those of the Grand Encampment.

That so much as refers to Uniform be referred to a committee of three on Uniform, with instructions to inquire if any changes in our present uniform be necessary.

That so much as refers to the Centennial of Masonry in North Carolina be referred to a committee of three, who may report at this meeting whether this Grand Commandery can take part in the ceremonies of that occasion.

Your Committee recommends the historical portions of the address to the careful perusal of all Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction, that they may be more deeply impressed with the glorious mission of our magnanimous Order.

All of which is courteously submitted,

GEO. W. BLOUNT,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
J. A. PORTER,

Committee.

Sir Knight H. H. Munson, from the Committee to select a place for holding the next Annual Conclave, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee, appointed to recommend a place for the holding of the next Annual Conclave, courteously report that they have selected Greensboro. While it is true Knight Templarism has, at present, no home in that city, yet it is equally true that a movement has been inaugurated looking towards attaining at an early day that desirable result; and believing great good may be accomplished by holding a Conclave of this Grand Commandery at points where new interest in this branch of our Masonic Order is spriguing up, they present this place for your consideration.

Courteously submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
R. S. BARNES,
F. H. GLOVER,

Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight E. M. Nadal, the first Tuesday in August, 1887, was designated as the time for holding the next Annual Conclave.

On motion, the Committee, for satisfactory reasons stated by the chairman, was excused from the duty of preparing the report for the year just closing.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Sir Knight W. W. Allen introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That with the view of developing an increased interest in our Order and a thorough understanding of its workings, our R. E. Grand Commander be requested to officially visit all of our Commanderies, or assign this duty to the several subordinate officers (when not convenient for him) at intervals, for the purpose of giving instruction.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Special Committees on subjects recommended by the Committee on his address :

On Ritual—Sir Knights C. A. Woodruff, James Southgate and W. W. Allen.

On Uniform—Sir Knights E. M. Nadal, H. H. Munson and R. R. Porter.

On Centennial of Masonry—Sir Knights G. W. Blount, William Simpson and F. H. Glover.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Sir Knights J. W. Blackwell, R. R. Porter and H. H. Munson acting as tellers, and the following were duly elected :

- SIR DONALD W. BAIN..... Grand Commander.
- SIR J. A. PORTER..... Deputy Grand Commander.
- SIR W. W. ALLEN Grand Generalissimo.
- SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....Grand Captain General.
- SIR THOMAS H. PRITCHARD..Grand Prelate.
- SIR JAMES W. BLACKWELL...Grand Senior Warden.
- SIR R. G. BRIGGS..... Grand Junior Warden.
- SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON Grand Treasurer.
- SIR HORACE H. MUNSON Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery authorized the Grand Commander to appoint the four remaining officers, and the following were appointed:

SIR EDWARD M. NADAL.....Grand Standard Bearer.

SIR FRANCIS H. GLOVERGrand Sword Bearer.

SIR MICHAEL BOWESGrand Warden.

SIR W. P. SNAKENBERGGrand Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers were installed by R. E. Horace H. Munson, Past Grand Commander, assisted by Sir E. M. Nadal, except the Grand Prelate and Grand Junior Warden, who were absent.

The Grand Commander installed Sir H. H. Munson, Grand Reeorder.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

The Grand Commander announced the following Standing Committees:

On Jurisprudence—Sir Knights Eugene Grissom, P. G. C., Horace H. Munson, P. G. C., and Geo. W. Blount, P. G. G.

On Fraternal Correspondence—Sir Knights James Southgate, T. H. Pritchard and G. H. Bell.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports of Standing Committees were submitted as follows, and adopted:

On Appeals and Grievances:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that nothing has been presented to them for their consideration.

B. F. BRIGGS,
For Committee.

On Warrants and Dispensations:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report that they have not been called upon to consider any matter pertaining to Warrants or Dispensations.

F. H. GLOVER,
For Committee.

*On Returns:**To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:*

The Committee on Returns of Commanderies have examined the returns of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1; Charlotte Commandery, No. 2; Durham Commandery, No. 3; Raleigh Commandery, No. 4; Cyrene Commandery, No. 5; Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, and find them correct, with the exception of a slight omission in the returns of Charlotte Commandery, which was unavoidable as the Recorder of that Commandery received no blanks for returns.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. NADAL,
For Committee.

*On Finance:**To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:*

The Committee on Finance find the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer correct. The reports of both officers give the sources of receipts and all disbursements in detail.

Courteously submitted,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
W. W. ALLEN,
R. R. PORTER,
Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Reports of Special Committees were submitted as follows, and adopted:

*On Centennial of Masonry in North Carolina:**To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Six Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:*

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of Grand Commander's address relative to the matter of participation in Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, begs leave to report that the Grand Commandery, through its officers, offers to take such part in the ceremonies as may be assigned to it by the proper authority of the Grand Lodge.

Courteously submitted,

GEO. W. BLOUNT,
For Committee.

*On Ritual:**To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:*

The Committee on Ritual have the honor to report that action by the Grand Commandery in regard to the Ritual of the Orders of Knights of the Red Cross and Knights Templar is not necessary at this time. A uniform Ritual was adopted by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, at its twenty-third Triennial Conclave at St. Louis during last month, and said Ritual will soon be promulgated by said Grand Encampment.

The Committee further reports that the Grand Captain General of this Grand Body has promised to hasten, if possible, the securing of the adopted Ritual, and causing its promulgation to the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,

W. W. ALLEN,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,

Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Sir Knight James Southgate introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and hereby tendered to the Sir Knights of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, for their Knightly reception, courtesies and hospitality extended to the Sir Knights in attendance on this Grand Body, which have been so greatly enjoyed, and to the railroad authorities for special rates given.

CLOSING.

The Grand Commandery having concluded its business, the journal of this morning's session was read and approved, and the Grand Commandery was closed in Ample and Knightly Form, the acting Grand Prelate leading in the devotions.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Commander.

Attest:

HORACE H. MUNSON,

Grand Recorder.

On Wednesday evening, October 13th, 1886, the members of the Grand Commandery and invited guests, composing citizens and ladies of Wilson and elsewhere, upon the invitation of Mount Lebanon Commandery, participated in a banquet spread in honor of the Grand Commandery. It was a social event which will long linger in the memory of all present.

IN MEMORY
OF
OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 1,

B. C. BATES,

DIED FEBRUARY 12th, 1886.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4,

JOHN C. BLAKE,

DIED OCTOBER 21st, 1885.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1886.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

W. R. KENAN	Eminent Commander.
W. H. CHADBOURN	Generalissimo.
W. A. WILLIAMS	Captain General.
T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.	Prelate.
B. P. HARRISON	Treasurer.
H. H. MUNSON	Recorder.
SAMUEL NORTHROP	Senior Warden.
J. D. MUNDS	Junior Warden.
J. McD. FRENCH	Standard Bearer.
H. C. PREMPERT	Sword Bearer.
J. W. WOOLVIN	Warder.
.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

W. W. Allen,	T. B. Carr,	J. M. Forshee,	Geo. Harris,
H. H. Gerhardt,	F. M. Knowles,	J. C. Munds,	S. D. Wallace.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, No. 2, CHARLOTTE.

Time of Stated Conclave: First and Second Thursday nights in each Month.

OFFICERS:

J. H. McADEN	Eminent Commander.
F. H. GLOVER	Generalissimo.
J. W. REMLEY	Captain General.
T. J. MITCHELL	Prelate.
J. W. WADSWORTH	Treasurer.
C. W. ALEXANDER	Recorder.

R. E. McDONALD	Senior Warden.
W. McSMITH.....	Junior Warden.
H. G. SPRINGS.....	Standard Bearer.
S. H. HILTON.....	Sword Bearer.
D. G. MAXWELL.....	Warder.
W. N. PRATHER.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

C. R. Jones,	A. G. Brenizer,	G. H. King,	L. W. Perdue,
H. C. Eccles,	C. A. Frazier,	R. S. Phifer,	O. F. Gregory,
	Theo. Whitfield.		

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	Eminent Commander.
LEO. W. BATTLE.....	Generalissimo.
E. J. PARRISH.....	Captain General.
J. L. MARKHAM.....	Prelate.
J. S. CARR.....	Treasurer.
J. W. BLACKWELL.....	Recorder.
J. F. FREELAND.....	Senior Warden.
W. L. WALL.....	Junior Warden.
C. C. TAYLOR.....	Standard Bearer.
GEORGE A. SCRUGGS.....	Sword Bearer.
L. T. SMITH.....	Warder.
J. D. WILBON.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

W. T. Blackwell,	J. W. Lee,	John Nichols,	I. R. Strayhorn,
	B. Walker.		

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Conclave: Second Friday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....	Eminent Commander.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	Generalissimo.
MICHAEL BOWES, P. E. C.....	Captain General.
WILLIAM A. NELSON.....	Prelate.

SAMUEL D. WAITTreasurer.
 THOMAS W. BLAKE.....Recorder.
 LEO. D. HEARTT.....Senior Warden.
 M. H. JONESJunior Warden.
 GEO. W. SWIFT.....Standard Bearer.
 CHARLES WALLIN.....Sword Bearer.
 EUGENE GRISSOM, P. G. C.....Warder.
 R. H. BRADLEY.....Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

William E. Anderson,	Alex. B. Andrews,	Donald W. Bain, R. E. G. C.,
A. P. Bryan,	J. C. Brewster,	F. H. Busbee,
H. M. Cowan,	W. F. Davis,	W. K. Davis,
J. F. Dobson,	C. B. Edwards,	B. R. Harding,
H. H. Harris,	L. Harvey,	M. J. Hawkins,
Thomas T. Hay,	W. J. Hicks,	George C. Jordan,
W. T. Kornegay,	B. R. Lacy,	A. S. Lee,
John S. Pescud,	J. A. Sexton,	A. W. Shaffer,
J. M. Sherwood,	George H. Snow,	E. M. Uzzell,
Charles J. Voorhees,	Fred. A. Watson,	W. P. Wetherell.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave : First Wednesday in each Month.

OFFICERS:

J. A. PORTER.....Eminent Commander.
 T. I. VANGILDER.....Generalissimo.
 F. L. JACOBSCaptain General.
 G. H. BELL.....Prelate.
 R. R. PORTER.....Treasurer.
 JORDAN STONE.....Recorder.
 J. D. BREVARD.....Senior Warden.
 J. A. BURROUGHS.....Junior Warden.
 JAMES M. BROOKSHIRE.....Standard Bearer.
 W. L. SHOPE.....Sword Bearer.
 H. A. GUDGER.....Warder.
Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

A. J. Blair,	J. H. Carter,	Joseph Baird,
William M. Cocke, Jr.,	R. H. Bomar,	J. Wakefield Cortland.
James M. Gudger,	J. P. Gaston,	H. C. Hunt,
J. A. Nichols,	Charles A. Moore,	W. P. Penley,
James E. Reed,	M. W. Robertson,	W. C. Sprinkle,
James M. Smith,	C. W. Tweed,	J. J. White.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each Month.

OFFICERS:

E. M. NADAL.....	Eminent Commander.
B. F. BRIGGS.....	Generalissimo.
R. S. BARNES.....	Captain General.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	Prelate.
W. J. HARRIS.....	Treasurer.
J. W. CROWELL.....	Recorder.
JAMES E. ROUNTREE.....	Senior Warden.
S. C. WELLS.....	Junior Warden.
T. B. SUGG.....	Standard Bearer.
JAMES T. COBB.....	Sword Bearer.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

W. H. Applewhite,	James S. Battle,	J. E. Clark,
A. N. Daniel,	Wiley Daniel,	A. B. Deans,
J. O. Farmer,	W. W. Farmer,	W. W. Hargrove,
R. W. King,	James Lipscomb,	F. M. Moye,
J. K. Peacock,	H. R. Strong,	S. M. Warren.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1885.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DIMITTED.	DIED.	MEMBERS 1886.
Wilmington	1	Wilmington	21	.....	.....	1	1	19
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
Durham.....	3	Durham.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh.....	39	5	1	1	1	42
Cyrene.....	5	Asheville	29	.....	1	1	.....	29
Piedmont	6	Winston.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	*20
Mount Lebanon.....	7	Wilson	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Totals.....		.....	174	5	1	3	2	175

*Estimated from former returns.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY,
1886.

GRAND COMMANDERS:

HORACE H. MUNSON, EUGENE GRISSOM,
DONALD W. BAIN.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS:

L. W. BATTLE, G. H. KING,
A. J. BLAIR, J. A. PORTER.

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS:

GEORGE W. BLOUNT, W. W. ALLEN.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL:

JULIAN S. CARR, D. G. MAXWELL,
CARLE A. WOODRUFF.

EMINENT COMMANDERS:

W. H. CHADBOURN.....WILMINGTON, No. 1.
W. R. KENAN.....WILMINGTON, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER.....CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
C. R. JONES.....CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. McADEN.....CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES.....RALEIGH, No. 4.
CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....RALEIGH, No. 4.
H. T. BAHNSON.....PIEDMONT, No. 6.
E. M. NADAL.....MOUNT LEBANON, No. 7.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Grand Commandery shall be convened at eight o'clock P. M. on the first day of the Annual Conclave, and the time for the remaining sessions may be fixed by vote.

2. At the order of the Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights shall repair to their respective posts.

3. It is incumbent on all Sir Knights to appear in the uniform of the Order.

4. The Grand Recorder shall call the roll of Officers and Representatives, and the Grand Commander fill all vacancies in the stations by *pro tem.* appointment.

5. The Grand Commandery shall be opened in Ample and Knightly form.

6. The Grand Recorder shall read the minutes of the previous Annual Conclave and all intervening Special Conclaves, unless, on motion, such reading be dispensed with.

7. The Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, consisting of three members each:

- (1). On Credentials and Returns.
- (2). On Warrants and Dispensations.
- (3). On Finance.
- (4). On Appeals and Grievances.
- (5). On Next Place of Annual Conclave.
- (6). On Templar Jurisprudence.
- (7). On Fraternal Correspondence.

All of which Committees, save the last two, shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Commandery.

8. The Grand Commander shall deliver his annual address.

9. The Deputy Grand Commander and other Grand Officers shall report their official acts.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be passed until the same shall have been referred to and reported on by the Finance Committee.

11. No Sir Knight shall speak more than twice to the same question unless by permission.

12. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

13. An amendment to an amendment may be entertained, but nothing further.

14. Votes are to be taken by show of hands, except in electing officers, when written ballots are to be used.

15. A vote by Commanderies, when asked for by a member, and seconded by the Representatives of two Commanderies, shall be ordered; but it must be called for before the presiding officer has commenced taking the question.

16. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.

GENERAL FORMS.

PETITION FOR ORDERS.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Knights of.....
 Commandery, No....., Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders:*

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing; a member of.....Chapter, No....., under a Charter from the Grand Chapter of.....; that I have a firm and steadfast belief in the truth of the Christian religion; that I have never been rejected in any other Commandery of Knights Templar, and respectfully pray that I may be made in your Commandery a Knight of the Order of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, and become a member of your Commandery.

Should my request be granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, rules and statutes of your Order, as well as those of your Commandery.

WITNESS my hand this day of, A. D. 188....., A. O. 7

Recommended and Vouched	}	(Signed)
for on the Honor of a		Age
Knight by		Occupation
.....		Residence
.....		Lodge

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Knights of.....
 Commandery, No....., Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders:*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

That he is a Knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, and one of the Knights of Malta or Order of St. John of Jerusalem, late a member of Commandery, No., as will appear by the accompanying certificate.

He therefore prays that he may be admitted to membership in your Commandery, if on inquiry he should be found worthy.

WITNESS my hand this day of, A. D. 18....., A. O. 7.....

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of a Knight by	}	(Signed)
		Age
		Occupation
		Residence
		Lodge.....
		Chapter.....

CERTIFICATE OF PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

Be it known : That pursuant to the authority given me by the Statutes, I do hereby appoint Sir Knight, being a member of this Commandery, my proxy, to represent me at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to be holden at the city of on the day of, A. D. 188....., A. O. 7..... Confirming the acts of the said Knight in his capacity aforesaid, I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of, A. D. 188....., A. O. 7.....

.....
 of Com., No.

DIMIT.

“IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.”

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knight Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these Presents may come—Greeting :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight....., whose name appears in the margin, is a Knight Templar, and was a member of Commandery, No., located at, State of North Carolina; that he is clear of all charges on the books of the same, and having been a member in good standing and being desirous of a Dimit, know ye that the same has this day been granted, and we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all Valiant and Magnanimous Sir Knights wherever dispersed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of our Commandery to be affixed, in the city of, this day of in the year of our Lord 18....., and of the Order, 7.....

Ne Varietur

[Seal.] Eminent Commander.

Attest : Recorder.

SUMMONS.

ASYLUM OF COMMANDERY, No., K. T.,
....., 18.....

Sir Knight :

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of this
Commandery, at their Asylum on....., the
..... day of, 18....., at o'clock M.
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By order of the Eminent Commander:

[Seal] , *Recorder.*

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GRAND COMMANDERIES AND ADDRESS OF GRAND
RECORDERS.

STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama.....	Dec. 1st, 1862.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Mar. 25th, 1872.....	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.....	Aug. 10th, 1858.....	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Mar. 14th, 1876.....	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Sept. 13th, 1827.....	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.....	May 14th, 1884.....	B. M. Rowley, Huron.
Georgia.....	April 25th, 1860.....	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois.....	Oct. 27th, 1837.....	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana.....	May 16th, 1854.....	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	June 16th, 1864.....	John C. Parish, Des Moines.
Kansas.....	Dec. 29th, 1864.....	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 5th, 1847.....	L. D. Croninger, Covington.
Louisiana.....	Feb. 4th, 1864.....	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine.....	May 5th, 1852.....	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland.....	Jan. 23d, 1871.....	Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore.
Massachusetts & Rhode Island.....	May 6th, 1805.....	A. F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Michigan.....	Jan. 15th, 1837.....	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Oct. 23d, 1865.....	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Jan. 22d, 1837.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.....	May 3d, 1860.....	W. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Dec. 28th, 1871.....	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	Aug. 22d, 1821.....	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.....	Feb. 14th, 1860.....	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York.....	June 18th, 1840.....	Robert Macey, New York.
North Carolina.....	May 10th, 1881.....	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio.....	Oct. 24th, 1843.....	James Nesbit, Troy.
Pennsylvania.....	April 14th, 1854.....	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee.....	Oct. 12th, 1859.....	Morton B. Howell, Nashville.
Texas.....	Jan. 19th, 1855.....	R. Brewster, Houston.
Vermont.....	Aug. 14th, 1824.....	William C. Bradbury, Vergennes.
Virginia.....	Nov. 27th, 1822.....	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Feb. 24th, 1874.....	George F. Irvine, Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Oct. 28th, 1859.....	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Grand Encampment U. S.....	June 21st, 1816.....	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Great Priory of Canada.....	Oct. 9th, 1876.....	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.
Gt. Priory of England & Wales.....	.....	W. Tinkler, London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.	GRAND COMMANDERIES.	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.
Jesse L. V. Adams.....	Tuskegee.....	Alabama.....	H. T. Bahson.....
John J. Sumpter.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.....	Salem.....
Rethen H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	Winston.....
Roger W. Woodbury.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	Wilmington.....
James H. Welsh.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	Wilmington.....
Samuel Roy.....	Lead City.....	Dakota.....	Wilmington.....
James L. Flemming.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....	Wilson.....
Gil W. Barnard.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	Durham.....
William J. Robie.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.....	Durham.....
Stephen A. Broadwell.....	Logan.....	Iowa.....	Charlotte.....
A. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	Raleigh.....
George W. Wicks.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	Charlotte.....
William H. Chaffé.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	Ashville.....
John Bird.....	Rockland.....	Maine.....	Ashville.....
Joseph F. Hindes.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	Charlotte.....
William H. Kent.....	Charlestown, Mass.....	Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	Charlotte.....
John George.....	Grenada.....	Minnesota.....	Winston.....
F. J. Tygard.....	Butler.....	Mississippi.....	Durham.....
E. S. Dudley.....	Lincoln.....	Missouri.....	Winston.....
Don. H. Woodward.....	Keene.....	Nebraska.....	Charlotte.....
Joseph W. Congdon.....	Fathers-on.....	New Hampshire.....	Winston.....
Orren C. Parker.....	Batavia.....	New Jersey.....	Wilson.....
F. H. Relwinkle.....	Chillicothe.....	New York.....	Raleigh.....
William H. Dickson.....	Nashville.....	Ohio.....	Durham.....
W. C. Smith.....	San Antonio.....	Pennsylvania.....	Wilmington.....
J. G. Lee.....	St. Johnsbury.....	Tennessee.....	Raleigh.....
Rev. F. S. Fisher.....	Wheeling.....	Texas.....	Raleigh.....
W. H. Travis.....	Eau Claire.....	Vermont.....	Wilmington.....
George C. Teall.....		West Virginia.....	Wilmington.....
		Wisconsin.....	Wilmington.....
			W. H. Chadboord.....

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

State of North Carolina,

AT ITS

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

HELD IN

GREENSBORO, N. C.,

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2d and 3d, A. D. 1887,
A. O. 769.



RALEIGH:

EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, POWER PRINTERS AND BINDERS.

1887.

GRAND OFFICERS 1887-'88.

CARLE A. WOODRUFF...RaleighR. E. Grand Commander.
WILLIAM W. ALLENGreensboro .V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
FRANCIS H. GLOVERCharlotte:..E. Grand Generalissimo.
EDWARD M. NADAL.....WilsonE. Grand Captain General.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....Greensboro .E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....MoytonE. Grand Senior Warden.
MICHAEL BOWES.....RaleighE. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....RaleighE. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSONWilmington E. Grand Recorder.
JAMES D. GLENN.....Greensboro .E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN A. NICHOLSMarshall ...E. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. K. PEACOCK.....WilsonE. Grand Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERGWilsonE. Grand Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS.



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Seventh Annual Conclave, at the Asylum of Ivanhoe Commandery U. D., in the city of Greensboro, on Tuesday evening, August 2d, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769, at 8:30 o'clock, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

SIR DONALD W. BAIN	R. E. Grand Commander.
SIR JAMES D. GLENN.....	as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF	E. Grand Captain General.
SIR ALFRED H. STUBBS	as E. Grand Prelate.
SIR FRANCIS M. MOYE	as E. Grand Senior Warden.
SIR R. S. BARNES.....	as E. Grand Junior Warden.
SIR JOHN H. HARRIS	as E. Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
SIR JAMES K. PEACOCK.....	as E. Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR LORENZO A. BAILEY.....	as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR MICHAEL BOWES	E. Grand Warder.
SIR W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

And representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies.

OPENING.

The Grand Commander opened the Grand Commandery in Ample and Knightly Form, the acting Grand Prelate leading in devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

On motion of Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, G. G., the read-

ing of the Journal of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same being in the possession of Sir Knights present.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights H. H. MUNSON, R. S. BARNES and MICHAEL BOWES the Committee on Credentials, whose preliminary report was accepted, retained by the Committee and completed as follows :

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below.

H. H. MUNSON,	}	Committee.
R. S. BARNES,		
MICHAEL BOWES,		

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

DONALD W. BAIN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES A. PORTER.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Com.
WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....	E. Grand Captain General.
.....	E. Grand Prelate.
.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	E. Grand Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS, &C., PRESENT:

H. H. MUNSON.....	Past Grand Commander.
CHARLES R. JONES,	
Past Eminent Commander of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2.	
MICHAEL BOWES,	
Past Eminent Commander of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.	

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

H. H. MUNSON proxy for Eminent Commander.
 H. H. MUNSON proxy for Generalissimo.
 H. H. MUNSON proxy for Captain General.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2, CHARLOTTE.

F. H. GLOVER proxy for Eminent Commander.
 F. H. GLOVER Generalissimo.
 F. H. GLOVER proxy for Captain General.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

MICHAEL BOWES proxy for Eminent Commander.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

J. A. PORTER Eminent Commander.
 JOHN A. NICHOLS proxy for Generalissimo.
 GEORGE H. BELL proxy for Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

J. K. PEACOCK proxy for Eminent Commander.
 R. S. BARNES Generalissimo.
 F. M. MOYE proxy for Captain General.

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir D. W. BAIN, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his annual address, which,

On motion of Sir Knight MICHAEL BOWES, was referred to a committee composed of Sir Knights A. H. STUBBS, C. A. WOODRUFF and R. S. BARNES.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

We meet in our Seventh Annual Conclave in the "city of flowers," proverbial for its beauty and the noble characteristics of its people, whose moral, religious, intellectual and material advancement has added much to the fair name of our commonwealth. Here we see on every hand the evidences of thrift and enterprise which mark an era in the progress of the city of Greensboro, and point to a future of increasing prosperity.

We mingle with the Sir Knights of our young, vigorous and flourish-

ing Commandery, whose zeal, and love for the Order are incentives to renewed activity on the part of their comrades in sister Commanderies.

I present to you such a report as the limited respite from urgent official public duties has permitted.

Seven years ago, in the city of Wilmington, this Body was organized, taking control of, and jurisdiction over, its three Commanderies, Wilmington, No. 1, Charlotte, No. 2, and Durham, No. 3, with an enrolled membership of 68. During the period of seven years, now closing, our growth has been gradual. We have now a membership of 200—as valiant, chivalrous, and magnanimous Templars as ever drew sword in defense of the principles of the Order.

NECROLOGY.

Death has reaped a golden harvest from the ranks of our Fraters throughout the country during the past year. Many of our leaders have fallen. Some had attained a distinction in the various walks of public and business life, which was not confined to State boundaries. I note the following as received through official sources :

Alabama—Peleg Brown, Past Grand Commander, who died at his home in New Berlin, Chenango county, New York, February 21st, 1887, in the 81st year of his age. Although dying at his home where he was born, he spent the greater part of his life in Alabama.

Arkansas—Luke Edward Barber, the first Grand Commander of that Jurisdiction, who died at Little Rock, in that State, June 13th, 1886, aged nearly 80 years. This eminent Sir Knight was known for his extensive knowledge of the work of Masonry in its several branches. He held a number of distinguished positions, each of which added to his well earned renown.

A. J. Thompson, Past Grand Commander, who died at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 12th, 1887.

John William Rison, Past Grand Recorder, who died at Perryville, Arkansas, June 19th, 1886, aged 66 years.

Merrie M. McGuire, Past Grand Generalissimo, who died in Dardanelle, Arkansas, July 27th, 1886, aged nearly 50 years.

California—Theodore F. Tracy, Past Grand Generalissimo, age not given.

Illinois—Theodore T. Gurney, Past Grand Commander, who died at his residence in Chicago, November 9th, 1886, in the 66th year of his age. It is said of him that, as a man he was beloved for his christian character, as a citizen for his unflinching integrity, and as a Templar for his distinguished Masonic attainments.

George C. Lamphere, Past Grand Commander, who died at Galesburg, July 6th, 1886, aged 72 years.

Indiana—William A. Foote, Grand Generalissimo, who died September 10th, 1886, at South Bend, Indiana, at the age of 38 years.

Michigan—Edward W. Kelly, Grand Captain General, who died in Panesville, Ohio, December 10th, 1886, aged 53 years.

Nebraska—Henry Baxter Nicodemus, Grand Captain General, who died at his home near Fremont, Nebraska, June 4th, 1887, aged about 40 years.

Rhode Island—Thomas A. Doyle, Past Grand Generalissimo, a prominent citizen and Mason, who died June 9th, 1886, aged 59 years.

Texas—Edward W. Taylor, Past Grand Commander, who died in Houston, Texas, November 5th, 1886, in the 73d year of his age.

John C. McCoy, Past Grand Commander, who died in Dallas, April 30th, 1887, in his 68th year.

Vermont—Albert Burton Jewett, Past Grand Commander, who died in Jacksonville, Florida, March 6th, 1887, aged about 57 years.

Virginia—Peyton S. Coles, Past Grand Commander of Virginia, and Representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States for the fourth district.

DECISIONS.

I have made two decisions of importance during the year. One affects this Grand Commandery and the other our constituent Commanderies. As each involves a question of law I here state it.

It appearing soon after the close of the last Annual Conclave that the time fixed for this Annual Conclave conflicted with important engagements of a number of our Sir Knights, application was made to me for a change of the time to the 8th day of August.

While it would have been my pleasure to act favorably on the application, yet, I was of the opinion that I had not the authority to make the change.

But, desiring to conform my action, if possible, to the wishes of the Sir Knights, I addressed a communication to the Grand Master, the M. E., Charles Roome, requesting his opinion on the subject.

He decided that, by the terms of our own constitution taken in connection with the constitution of the Grand Encampment, I had no right to change the day appointed by the Grand Commandery unless discretionary power is given in express terms by the Statutes of this Grand Commandery, or by resolution adopted at the time when the day for the Annual Conclave was fixed.

Upon intimation that the statute of the Grand Encampment concerning a quorum of a Commandery had been amended reducing the number to seven, my opinion was asked.

Having no knowledge of such an amendment and failing to find it

upon examination, I decided that the law required nine members of the Commandery to be present in order to transact any business.

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE M. E. GRAND MASTER.

I have received General Orders of the M. E., Charles Roome, Grand Master, to which I make reference as follows:

General Order No. 1, dated first day of November, 1886, communicating the following resolutions adopted at the last Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment :

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America does hereby recognize the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, over which Most Eminent Sir Knight William James Berry McLeod Moore, Grand Commander of the Temple, of Prescott, Ontario, Canada, is Supreme Grand Master *ad vitam*, as a Sovereign and Independent body of Knights Templar.

Resolved, That the Grand Master, to further the establishment of cordial and Knightly relations with the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, be requested to appoint a Representative of this Grand Encampment near that Sovereign Great Priory.”

and announcing that Sir Knight Theodore Sutton Parvin, of Iowa, had been appointed the Grand Representative of said Great Priory near the Grand Encampment of the United States : and that Sir Knight James A. Henderson, Q. C., G. C. T., of Ontario, had been appointed the Representative of the Grand Encampment, near the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

General Order No. 2, dated first day of November, 1886, announcing his appointments as Representatives of the Districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, designating Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles, Past Grand Commander, Estouteville, Va., Representative of the Fourth District, comprising Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and North Carolina.

The office of Representative of the Fourth District having become vacant by the death of R. Em. Peyton S. Coles, the Grand Master has appointed R. Em. Frank A. Reed, P. G. C., of Alexandria, Va., to supply the vacancy.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

As announced in my address at the last Annual Conclave some Grand Commanderies have a regulation limiting the commissions of their representatives to other Grand Commanderies to the date of the triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment next succeeding their appointment. Under this regulation commissions of Sir Knights near this Grand Body have been renewed as follows, since the last Annual Conclave:

- Sir Julian S. Carr, for Illinois.
- “ James Southgate, for Indiana.
- “ Francis H. Glover, for Iowa.
- “ Sidney E. Allen, for New Jersey.

Sir Edward J. Parish, for Pennsylvania.

.. Donald W. Bain, for Vermont.

.. William H. Chadbourn, for Wisconsin.

Sir James A. Porter has been appointed the representative of the Grand Commandery of Maine near this Grand Body, thus completing the interchange between the two Jurisdictions.

Sir Michael Bowes has received the commission as representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, Sir C. A. Woodruff having resigned his commission because of his holding similar credentials from Nebraska.

Sir Alfred H. Stubbs has received a commission as Grand representative from Virginia.

I have appointed the following Sir Knights representatives of this Grand Commandery near their respective Grand Bodies, on the nomination of proper authority:

Sir Edgar S. Dudley, of Lincoln, for Nebraska:

Sir William H. Dickerson, of Philadelphia, for Pennsylvania:

Sir Elbert C. Walthall, of Richmond, for Virginia.

I am favored with a report from Sir Dudley, our representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, giving a summary in brief, of the doings of his Grand Body at the last Annual Conclave. If the custom prevailed of written reports from Grand Representatives, this agency or medium of inter-communication between Grand Bodies might be more appreciated. Benefits have arisen from this representative system, especially where diplomacy was resorted to to adjust disputes and misunderstandings between Grand Bodies.

VISITATIONS.

I have to express my regrets that the urgency of daily business has prevented me from carrying out a desire to visit the Commanderies, and comply with the action of this Grand Body at its last Annual Conclave, looking to a system of visitation.

With a view to revive Durham Commandery, No. 3, and assist in a reorganization of its active working forces, I deputed Sir Knight Woodruff, our Grand Captain General, to visit that Commandery, and, in my name, to take such steps as might be necessary to secure a meeting and resume work. While a reorganization was not effected yet, I trust the visit resulted in benefit to that Commandery.

I hope that my associate officers are able to present a more satisfactory report as to performance of duty in this respect.

NEW COMMANDERY.

On the 3d day of November, 1886, I issued a dispensation to Sir Knights W. W. Allen, of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, Wilmington, N. C. Robert J. Deltor, of Stevenson Commandery, No. 8, Staun-

ton, Va., and James M. Bobbit, of DeMolay Commandery, No. 4, of Lynchburg, Va., to form and open a Commandery of the "Indispensable Number" in the city of Greensboro, for the purpose of conferring the orders upon nine or more Royal Arch Masons. A report from these Sir Knights of the execution of the trust committed to them is eminently satisfactory.

On the 6th day of January, 1887, I issued a dispensation, upon proper petition recommended by Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to establish Ivanhoe Commandery at Greensboro, appointing Sir Knights James D. Glenn, Eminent Commander, John J. Thornton, Generalissimo, and Lorenzo A. Bailey, Captain General.

This new Commandery presents creditable work, and its application for a charter is commended to your favor.

NEW GRAND COMMANDERY.

I have received the proceedings of the organization of the Grand Commandery of Oregon. In the absence of the chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, I lay them before you for your consideration with a recommendation that this Grand Body extend to the Grand Commandery of Oregon that recognition to which it is entitled.

CONCLUSION.

Fraters—I regret that I have, of necessity, so little to report to you. I have striven to do something for the advancement of Templarism in this Jurisdiction. My failure to do more than results show has, in a measure, been explained. I return to you the important trust committed to my keeping the past two years, with an expression of love and veneration for our sacred principles that will increase with the years of my earthly pilgrimage.

I am encouraged in the belief that this Order in North Carolina will move forward until it attains to a position of rank among the seventy-six thousand Knights who constitute our valiant Host.

May we be as true and faithful as were the pilgrims whose devotion to the principles of their Holy religion nerved them to a successful warfare against the enemies of their faith, on their march to the Holy City, to worship at the sepulchre of the Lord. May none of us fall, as perchance, did some of *them*, except with our faces to the foe and our swords unsheathed.

I would that I could portray in all their moral grandeur the scenes surrounding the grandest events of the world's history, which had their beginning in the Bethlehem manger and their conclusion at Bethany, when the Redeemer of mankind closed his earthly mission.

The faith of the lowly shepherds of Judea who received the angelic announcement of the advent of the infant Saviour, heard the song of

the Heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," and witnessed at Bethlehem that which had been made known unto them; or the eastern magi who were guided by the light of the prophetic star until they realized the fulfillment of the Divine promise: or those who followed the Lord as companions in life and beheld the final scene which was the crowning glory of his redeeming work, is the same that sustains every true believer in the doctrine of christianity, at this day.

We depend not upon the stoicism of Zeno or other philosophers of like faith, for the fulfillment of our destiny. We point to the infant Jesus at Bethlehem: to the Divine revelations on Tabor; to Gethsemane where, in the agony of soul, the Saviour drank the first draught of the bitter cup: to Calvary, where the Cross was uplifted in the midst of the darkened heavens bearing the bleeding body of Jesus of Nazareth who, in his expiring breath, said to a sinful world, "it is finished:" to the sepulchre at early morn on the third day, when He, bursting the bands of death, triumphed over the grave and brought immortality to light through the gospel: and to Bethany, whence (all things which the Father had given Him to do having been accomplished) He ascended into Heaven, where He pleads as Man's Advocate before the Eternal Throne.

These, Sir Knights, are the grounds of our faith. Let us ever walk in the light which radiates from the Cross, with our eyes steadily fixed on the words of inspiration glittering in the rays of that light, "In hoc signo vinces," and final victory is sure.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Warrants and Dispensations—Sir Knights W. W. Allen, F. M. Moye and C. A. Woodruff.

On Finance—Sir Knights J. K. Peacock, F. H. Glover and M. Bowes.

INVITATION.

On motion, an invitation was extended to all visiting Sir Knights, in good standing in their respective Commanderies, to visit this Grand Body during its present Annual Conclave.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

Sir Knight H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, submitted the

following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Herewith find my report. I have collected during the past year the following amounts:

Jan'y 1.	For dispensation, Ivanhoe Commandery, Greensboro.	\$ 90 00
June 30.	For dues, Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7.....	27 00
July 7.	Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.....	47 00
July 29.	Wilmington Commandery, No. 1.....	18 00
Aug. 2.	Cyrene Commandery, No. 5.....	28 00
Aug. 2.	Ivanhoe Commandery, U. D.....	8 00

I turned the same over to the Grand Treasurer.....\$218 00
for which I hold his receipt.

January 6. By order of the R. E. Grand Commander, I issued Dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery, at Greensboro.

February 23. Received from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, sixteen copies of the Proceedings of that Grand Body, held in St. Louis in 1886, also a number of Rituals, which I have distributed as usual, according to law.

April 23. Received and distributed Proceedings of our Grand Commandery for 1886.

By order of the R. E. Grand Commander, commissions were issued from this office to Grand Representatives, as follows:

Nebraska	Edward S. Dudley.....	Lincoln.
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Dickerson	Philadelphia.
Virginia	Elbert C. Walthall.....	Richmond.

Commissions have been received, and forwarded to the following Sir Knights:

Connecticut.....	H. H. Munson	Wilmington.
Illinois.....	J. S. Carr.....	Durham.
Indiana.....	James Southgate.....	Durham.
Iowa.....	F. H. Glover.....	Charlotte.
Nebraska.....	C. A. Woodruff	Raleigh.
New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen.....	Winston.
Pennsylvania	E. J. Parish.....	Durham.
Texas.....	M. Bowes.....	Raleigh.
Vermont.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Virginia.....	A. H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.
Wisconsin.....	W. H. Chadbourn.....	Wilmington.

The dues of this Grand Commandery have been forwarded to the

Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and his receipt taken therefor.

I have been able to procure the returns of but few of the Subordinate Commanderies, and would suggest to Recorders greater promptness in furnishing them to the Grand Recorder.

I sincerely regret being unable to comply with urgent requests, emanating from Grand Recorders, and the Chairmen of Fraternal Correspondence Committees, to forward the proceedings of this Grand Body for 1886, owing to the difficulty of getting them out of the printer's hands in reasonable time.

The proceedings of the different Grand Bodies have in most cases come to hand and been properly placed.

Courteously submitted.

H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS.

Reports were received from Sir Knights E. S. DUDLEY and F. H. REHWINKLE, Representatives of this Grand Body near the Grand Commanderies, respectively, of Nebraska and Ohio, and ordered to be filed.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report, that an application for charter having been made by Ivanhoe Commandery U. D., located at Greensboro, N. C., an examination of their proceedings, while under dispensation, has been made with satisfactory results. Their future is promising. We take pleasure in advising the granting of a charter for this Commandery.

W. W. ALLEN, *for Committee:*

COMMUNICATION FROM GRAND RECORDER GRAND ENCAMPMENT U. S.

The following communication was read and ordered to be published with these Proceedings :

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K. T., UNITED STATES,
 GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE,
 Richmond, Va., July 11th, 1887.

HON. DONALD W. BAIN, G. C., Raleigh, N. C.,

R. Em. and Dear Sir :—I am instructed by the M. Em. Grand Master to notify you of the appointment of R. Em. Frank A. Reed, P. G. C., Alexandria, Va., as his Representative of the Fourth District, vice R. Em. Peyton S. Coles, deceased.

I am, truly and courteously yours,

WILLIAM B. ISAACS.
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.



SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 3d, 1887.

The Grand Commandery convened pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Sir Knights J. A. PORTER, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander; F. H. GLOVER, Grand Sword Bearer, and GEORGE W. BLOUNT, Past Grand Generalissimo, appeared.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following representatives of Grand Commanderies near this Grand Body, were received with knightly greetings:

H. H. MUNSON.....	Connecticut.
F. H. GLOVER.....	Iowa.
J. A. PORTER.....	Maine.

C. A. WOODRUFF	Nebraska.
G. W. BLOUNT	New York.
MICHAEL BOWES	Texas.
D. W. BAIN	Vermont.
A. H. STUBBS	Virginia.
W. W. ALLEN	West Virginia.

REPORT NO. 2, COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The following report of the Committee on Credentials was presented and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials report that, a charter having been granted to Ivanhoe Commandery, Greensboro, N. C., with number 8, and said Commandery having elected officers and the R. E. Grand Commander having constituted it, and installed said officers, the following Sir Knights claim seats in this Grand Commandery, as representatives of said Ivanhoe Commandery, viz.:

James D. Glenn	Eminent Commander.
Charles H. Ireland	Generalissimo.
Lorenzo A. Bailey	Captain General.

Respectfully submitted,

M. BOWES,	} Committee.
R. S. BARNES,	

The officers named in foregoing report were recognized as entitled to seats in this Grand Body.

DECISION ON TEMPLAR LAW.

On a question being raised, Sir Knight C. R. JONES introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that any officer of this body has the right and privilege to be represented in any Conclave of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, by proxy, but such right does not confer the power to occupy the position to which such absent officer had previously been elected by this Grand Body.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1887.		DR.		
Jan.	1.	To balance on hand	.....	\$ 12 72
Mar.	11.	To cash from Grand Recorder	.....	90 00
Aug.	2.	To cash from Grand Recorder	.....	128 00
1887.		CR.		
Mar.	12.	By cash paid W. C. Richardson, Freight	... \$	4 66
Apr.	13.	“ “ Southern Express Co	.....	1 00
May	18.	“ “ E. M. Uzzell, Printing Proceed- ings	.....	49 20
June	25.	“ “ Grand Encampment, Dues	....	8 75
Aug.	1.	“ “ H. H. Munson, Printing	.....	13 86
	5.	“ “ Expenses, Grand Recorder	....	18 40
	5.	“ “ Salary, Grand Recorder	50 00
	5.	“ “ Expenses, Grand Commander	..	6 00
	13.	“ “ Southern Express Co	85
	13.	“ “ On hand	78 00
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The Grand Recorder read a communication from Sir Knight WILLIAM SIMPSON, Grand Treasurer, explaining his absence from the Grand Commandery.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Sir Knight A. H. STUBBS, from the Committee on the Grand Commander's Address, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee would congratulate the Grand Commandery upon having enjoyed the presidency of one, who, in spite of urgent official public duties, as the honored Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, has never neglected the interests, nor slighted in any way the responsibilities, nor omitted the courtesies expected of the Head of the Valiant Order, he has governed for the past two years, with such justice and moderation.

We recommend that so much of the address as notes the death of dis-

tinguished Knights Templar be referred to a Special Committee on Memoirs.

That so much as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their endorsement.

That so much as refers to Grand Representatives, be commended to the perusal of those who hold such office, with the request that they observe the custom suggested.

That so much as announces the organization of the Grand Commandery of Oregon be received with gratification, and that recognition and the greetings and best wishes of this Grand Body be extended, and made known, to our sister Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon.

That so much as refers to visitations be submitted to the earnest consideration of the next Grand Commander.

Your Committee courteously recommend the latter portion of the address to the careful and reverent perusal of all Sir Knights that they may realize the solemn character of their vows, and the serious import of their warfare.

All which is courteously submitted,

ALFRED H. STUBBS, Chairman,
for the Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander announced the following Standing Committees :

On Appeals and Grievances—Sir Knights J. D. Glenn, J. A. Porter and C. R. Jones.

On Next Place of Annual Conclave—Sir Knights W. W. Allen, C. H. Ireland and G. H. Bell.

On Templar Jurisprudence—Sir Knights Eugene Grissom, P. G. C., H. H. Munson, P. G. C., and F. H. Busbee.

On Fraternal Correspondence—Sir Knights G. W. Blount, A. H. Stubbs and James Southgate.

Sir Knights A. H. STUBBS, G. W. BLOUNT and G. H. BELL, were appointed the Special Committee on Memoirs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Reports from Standing Committees were submitted as follows and adopted :

By Sir Knight J. D. GLENN, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that there is nothing for their consideration, which speaks well for the harmony of the order.

J. D. GLENN,
for Committee.

By Sir Knight J. K. PEACOCK, from the Committee on Finance :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, find them correct.

Courteously submitted,

J. K. PEACOCK, Chairman,
for Committee.

REPORT OF GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

Sir Knight C. A. WOODRUFF, E. Grand Captain General, submitted the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be published with these Proceedings :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL,
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

RIGHT EMINENT SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of all duties, &c., performed by me as the Grand Captain General of this Grand Commandery, since our last Annual Conclave, held at Wilson, North Carolina, October 13th and 14th, 1886.

October 15th, 1886. Agreeable to your instructions and as your representative, I proceeded to Durham, N. C., for the purpose of calling a Special Conclave of Durham Commandery No. 3.

A special report of my visit was submitted to you on my return to Raleigh, N. C.

October 29th, 1886. I returned to my military station, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES.

November 5th, 1886. I addressed letters to the Grand Commander of

the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, and to the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, giving a detailed report of our Annual Conclave held at Wilson. These reports were made by me, as the Grand Representative of the above mentioned Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

I regret to state that I neglected to retain copies of these letters.

I herewith attach the replies that I received, marked "A" and "B," respectively :

"A"

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS,
GRAND COMMANDER'S OFFICE,
Houston, Texas, November 9th, 1886.

EM. SIR C. A. WOODRUFF, *Grand Rep. of Texas,*
Near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina,
Leavenworth, Kansas :

MY DEAR SIR AND FRATER :—Yours of the 5th is before me, and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Texas, which I have the honor to be the Executive head of, we return to you, our Grand Representative, grateful thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your official duties. And we believe that, in the person of yourself, Templarism finds a true and courteous Knight, who ever stands ready to advocate manfully the principles of our Noble Order. And rest assured that, so far as I can control, your commission as our Representative shall be continued for many years, should Providence in His wisdom prolong your life, and I trust He will. The recollections of the pleasant hours passed, while in attendance on the Triennial Couclave, will long remain a green spot in memory's waste, and you, Sir Knight, will be intimately connected therewith. When weary of traveling from pillow to post, I admonish you to heed our injunction, and "steer for Texas," the land of promise.

Courteously your friend,

T. M. LUBBOCK, G. C.

Received Nov. 12, 1886.

"B"

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA.
GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE—FIRE-PROOF, FREE MASON'S HALL,
Omaha, Nebraska, November 29th, 1886.

SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF, K. T.,
Representative, etc., Fort Leavenworth, Kansas :

EMINENT AND DEAR COMRADE-IN-ARMS :—I have received and forwarded to our Grand Commander your letter dated Nov. 5, 1886.

I remember our association at St. Louis and hope for the continuance and growth of our acquaintance.

With Knightly and personal regard, I am
 Courteously and truly yours,

WM. R. BOWEN,
Grand Recorder.

Received Nov. 30, 1886.

May 13th, 1887. Tendered my resignation as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Copy of letter herewith attached marked "C."

"C."

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF N. C.
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

May 13th, 1887.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery K. T. of Texas,

Through Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina:

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND SIR:—I have the honor to tender herewith my resignation as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, to enable me to comply with a regulation of my Grand Commandery, that "Sir Knights be recommended for appointment as Representative of only one Grand Commandery each," I being also Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina for the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

It is with feelings of regret that I ask you to accept my resignation, with the recollection of the pleasant hours passed together at St. Louis, vividly impressed upon my memory. I know however that a true and courteous Sir Knight will be recommended for appointment as my successor.

With wishes for continued prosperity in your Grand Commandery, and that you extend to my Texas friends, my sincere and fraternal regards, believe me,

Courteously and sincerely yours,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of N. C.

May 22d, 1887. Received a new commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska, near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

June 6th, 1887. Received letter from the Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas, accepting my resignation as

Grand Representative of that Grand Body. Letter herewith attached, marked "D."

"D."

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TEXAS,
 GRAND COMMANDER'S OFFICE,
 Austin, Texas, May 30th, 1887.

SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF, *E. Grand Captain General of the
 Grand Commandery of North Carolina :*

EM. SIR :—In accepting your resignation as the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Texas, near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, you will permit me to extend to you the thanks of this Grand Commandery for Knightly services rendered, and their best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, and should you ever invade our territory either "with or without our permission," you will receive a cordial and Knightly welcome to our Asylums.

Courteously yours.

JNO. O. JOHNSON,
Grand Commander.

Received June 6, 1887.

WORK REGARDING PROMULGATION OF THE RITUAL, &C.

During February, 1887, I forwarded to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, a manuscript copy of the adopted ritual of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, for his use as a Grand Officer, and for use of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, and a similar copy to Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, for his use in Charlotte Commandery, No. 2.

A manuscript copy of the kind above referred to I had already presented to the Eminent Grand Warder for use in Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.

June 11th, 1887. Forwarded manuscript copy as above to Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, for use in Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7; and on June 13th, 1887, mailed a like copy to Eminent Sir H. T. Bahnson, for use in Piedmont Commandery, No. 6.

These copies I had expended considerable labor upon, and had made many diagrams to illustrate the work, besides explanations, &c., not to be found in the printed copies.

In addition to the five (5) manuscript copies above mentioned, I forwarded a printed copy to our Right Eminent Grand Commander and one to the Eminent Grand Treasurer.

During the month of April, 1887, I was occupied, when time would permit, in preparing a Form for Opening a Grand Commandery, or

rather in revising the form that I had prepared and had presented to the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, some two or three years ago.

To this I added the Form for Installation of Grand Officers, &c. This compilation was forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander on the 17th of May, 1887.

On the 24th of June, 1887, I completed a copy of Forms for Grand Commandery, similar to that above mentioned, which I presented to the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

VISITS TO COMMANDERIES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I have availed myself of frequent opportunities of visiting Leavenworth Commandery, No. 1, stationed in Leavenworth, Kansas, three miles from the Fort, also bearing that name, my present military station.

I have always worn my uniform as Grand Captain General of this Grand Commandery, and I have always been received with marked attention by that Commandery. Its Recorder courteously sends me a postal card, giving notice of all regular and special conclaves.

At its meetings, I have officiated by request in various positions, viz.: as Eminent Commander, as Generalissimo, as Captain General, and as Master of Infantry, when convened as a Council of Knights of the Red Cross.

On December 22d, 1886, I was invited to install the officers elect of Leavenworth Commandery, which duty I performed to the best of my ability, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas officiating as Grand Marshal.

July 24th, 1887. I left Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, en route to attend this Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

July 26th, arrived at Asheville, N. C., and on that night met the Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery, with whom I had previously communicated, who informed me that they had plenty of work for me.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 27th, I opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, in the Asylum of Cyrene Commandery, and at the request of its Eminent Commander, Sir J. A. Porter, I constituted and created two Royal Arch Masons, Knights of the Red Cross.

Only a few Sir Knights were present, sufficient, however, for opening and for work. Owing to the absence of some of the officers, Eminent Commander Porter, and Past Eminent Commander Blair, filled the other important stations.

At 8 o'clock P. M. a special conclave of the Commandery was ordered. A very fair number of Sir Knights being present, several of whom were in uniform. I was again requested to officiate, and three Knights of the Illustrious Order of Knights of the Red Cross were constituted,

created and dubbed Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar and Knights of Malta.

As at the afternoon session Eminent Sirs Porter and Blair rendered valuable assistance, filling important positions. This Commandery seems to be in a fair way to become one of the most prominent in the State. Its financial condition, I am informed, is good, and many are seeking admission. My visit was upon the personal invitation of the Eminent Commander. Had my visit been an official one, by order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, I should have required each officer present to perform the duties of his station.

This Commandery has not yet received the printed copy of the adopted ritual, all they possess is the manuscript copy I forwarded to its Eminent Commander sometime last February, and on my own responsibility.

July 29th, 1887. I proceeded to Charlotte, and on the night of the 30th ult., visited Charlotte Commandery, No. 2.

Though my visit was by invitation, nevertheless, I was received with the honors due an officer of the Grand Commandery. I was called upon to open the Commandery, which I did in due form. There being no work and but little business, the time was spent in the discussion of topics of interest to the members of the Order, and the interchanging of expressions of friendship.

The attendance was not as large as I would have wished, due I suppose to the fact of its being Saturday night. Many of those present were in the uniform of the Order. The printed copy of the Ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment, has not yet been received, the only work in the possession of the Commandery, is the manuscript copy I forwarded to its Generalissimo, Eminent Sir Glover, our Grand Sword Bearer.

At the last meeting of this Grand Body, I was Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, the report of said Committee is contained in the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

I promised in that report to do all that I could to hasten the promulgation of the ritual. I believe that I have faithfully fulfilled that promise.

Courteously submitted.

CARLE A. WOODRUFF.

Grand Captain General.

Sir Knights J. A. PORTER, Deputy Grand Commander, and W. W. ALLEN, Grand Generalissimo, made verbal reports.

PLACE FOR NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, from the Committee on next place of Annual Conclave, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Your Committee on next place of Annual Conclave, report that two propositions have been submitted to them :

1st. That the next Annual Conclave be held in Goldsboro during the week of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which Body convenes in that place on the third Tuesday in May, 1888.

2d. That the next Annual Conclave be held in Winston on the first Wednesday in August, 1888.

The Committee submit these propositions for your consideration.

(Signed) W. W. ALLEN,
For Committee.

The Grand Commandery adopted that part of the report referring to Winston as the place and the first Wednesday in August, 1888, as the time for the next Annual Conclave.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Sir Knights C. R. JONES, J. D. GLENN and J. K. PEACOCK, acting as tellers. The following were elected for the ensuing Templar year :

SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF.....	Grand Commander.
SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN	Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR FRANCIS H. GLOVER.....	Grand Generalissimo.
SIR EDWARD M. NADAL.....	Grand Captain General.
SIR ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	Grand Prelate.
SIR FRANCIS M. MOYE	Grand Senior Warden.
SIR MICHAEL BOWES	Grand Junior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON	Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON.....	Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander elect made the following appointments :

SIR JAMES D. GLENN.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR JOHN A. NICHOLS.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR J. K. PEACOCK.....	Grand Warder.
SIR W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	Grand Sentinel.

Sir Knight G. W. BLOUNT introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, Our frater, Sir Knight James Southgate, Chairman of the Committee of Fraternal Correspondence, is precluded from attendance upon this Grand Conclave, by reason of ill-health : and whereas, we miss him at our council board and in the social gatherings, we by this writing, in Grand Conclave assembled, do testify our appreciation of his past labors amongst us, and assure him of our sincerest sympathy, and of our earnest prayer for his speedy restoration to health and usefulness in the Order, the community and State. While we shall deplore the loss of his report, as Chairman we feel that he is excusable and hereby exonerate him from all blame for not having report ready for this Grand Conclave ; therefore

Resolved, That such report as he may feel able to make be spread upon the records and printed with the proceedings of this session of the Grand Commandery.

That this action of the Grand Commandery be certified to our frater by the Grand Recorder.

COMPENSATION, &C., TO GRAND OFFICERS.

On motion of Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, it was ordered,

That fifty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder for his services during the past Templar year ;

That five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Sentinel for services during this Annual Conclave ; and

That the expenses of the Grand Commander incurred in attending this Annual Conclave, be paid.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.



SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 3d, 1887.

The Grand Commandery convened pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of Commanderies submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns have examined the returns of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, and find them correct except that Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, and Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, have no date to their charters. Returns of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, without seal.

Courteously submitted,

M. BOWES,
R. S. BARNES,
For Committee.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

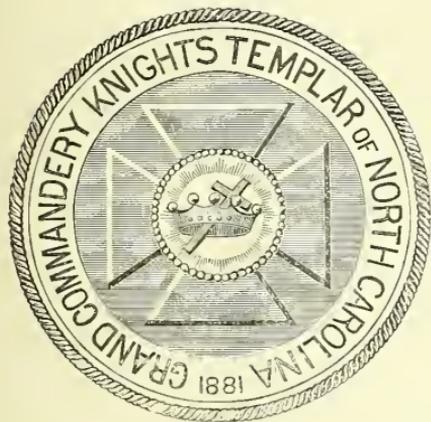
The Grand officers elected and appointed this morning were installed by R. E., D. W. BAIN, Past Grand Commander, assisted by Sir Knight GEORGE W. BLOUNT, as Grand Marshal, except the Grand Captain General and Grand Treasurer, who were absent.

[The Grand Commander subsequently installed the Grand Captain General at Wilson, N. C., in the presence of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7.

THANKS.

Thanks were expressed to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, for the use of its Asylum, and to the Sir Knights of the Commandery for personal courtesies extended to the members of this Grand Body.

CLOSING.

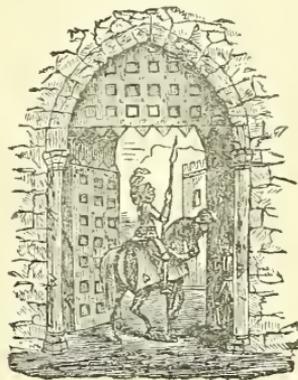


The Grand Commandery having concluded its business was closed in Ample and Knightly Form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

✠ CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.



ENTERTAINMENT.



The Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, of the city of Greensboro, added much to the pleasure of the Annual Conclave, by personal courtesies and the elegant display of their Knightly hospitality in the superb banquet given in honor of the Grand Commandery at the McAdoo House, on Wednesday evening, August 3d. The guests separated with benedictions on the "City of Flowers" and Ivanhoe Commandery.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1887.



WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Conclave : Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

W. R. KENAN	Eminent Commander.
W. H. CHADBOURN	Generalissimo.
W. A. WILLIAMS	Captain General.
T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D	Prelate.
B. P. HARRISON	Treasurer.
J. D. MUNDS	Recorder.
S. NORTHROP	Senior Warden.
J. W. WOOLVIN	Junior Warden.
J. McD. FRENCH	Standard Bearer.
T. B. CARR	Sword Bearer.
J. M. FORSHEE	Warder.
H. C. PREMPERT	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. W. Allen,	F. M. Knowles,	J. C. Munds,
H. H. Munson, P. G. C.,	Geo. Harriss,	S. D. Wallace.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, No. 2, CHARLOTTE.

Time of Stated Conclave: First and Third Thursday nights in each month.

OFFICERS :

A. G. BRENZER	Eminent Commander.
F. H. GLOVER	Generalissimo.
G. H. KING	Captain General.

H. C. ECCLES	Prelate.
J. W. WADSWORTH	Treasurer.
C. W. ALEXANDER	Recorder.
CHAS. R. JONES	Senior Warden.
R. E. McDONALD	Junior Warden.
H. G. SPRINGS	Standard Bearer.
S. H. HILTON	Sword Bearer.
D. G. MAXWELL	Warder.
W. N. PRATHER	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

C. A. Frazier,	J. H. McAden,	W. Mc. Smith.
R. S. Phifer,	L. W. Perdue.	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Conclave : Second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

WM. SIMPSON	Eminent Commander.
L. D. HEARTT	Generalissimo.
M. J. HAWKINS	Captain General.
EUGENE GRISSOM, <i>pro tem</i>	Prelate.
S. D. WAIT	Treasurer.
T. W. BLAKE	Recorder.
F. A. WATSON	Senior Warden.
WAYNE ALLCOTT	Junior Warden.
.....	Standard Bearer.
.....	Sword Bearer.
M. BOWES	Warder.
R. H. BRADLEY	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. E. Anderson,	W. F. Davis,	Geo. C. Jordan,
A. B. Andrews,	W. K. Davis,	W. F. Kornegay,
A. P. C. Bryan,	C. B. Edwards,	T. B. Keogh,
D. W. Bain,	W. J. Hicks,	A. S. Lee,
J. C. Brewster,	B. R. Harding,	B. R. Lacy,
F. H. Busbee,	L. Harvey,	John S. Pescud,
H. M. Cowan,	T. T. Hay,	J. A. Sexton,
J. F. Dobson.	H. H. Harris,	Geo. H. Snow,

A. W. Shaffer,	C. J. Voohees,	Chas. Wallin,
J. M. Sherwood,	W. P. Wetherell,	D. S. Waitt.
E. M. Uzzell,	Carle A. Woodruff,	

HONORARY MEMBER—Sir W. B. Carpenter, P. E. C., of Covington, Kentucky, Covington Commandery, No. 7.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave : First Wednesday night in each month.

OFFICERS :

J. A. PORTER	Eminent Commander.
T. I. VANGILDER	Generalissimo.
F. L. JACOBS	Captain General.
G. H. BELL	Prelate.
R. R. PORTER	Treasurer.
JORDAN STONE	Recorder.
J. D. BREVARD	Senior Warden.
J. A. BURROUGHES	Junior Warden.
J. M. BROOKSHIRE	Standard Bearer.
W. L. SHOPE	Sword Bearer.
H. A. GUDGER	Warder.
.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

A. J. Blair,	H. C. Hunt,	M. W. Robertson,
J. C. Baird,	Jas. M. Gudger,	W. C. Sprinkle,
I. H. Bomar,	J. P. Gaston,	Jas. M. Smith,
Wm. M. Cocke, Jr.,	C. A. Moore,	C. W. Tweed,
J. H. Carter,	J. A. Nichols,	J. J. White.
J. W. Cortland,	W. P. Penly,	

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7. Wilson.

Time of Stated Conclave : Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS :

E. M. NADAL	Eminent Commander.
R. S. BARNES	Generalissimo.
S. C. WELLS	Captain General.

G. W. BLOUNT.....	Prelate.
W. J. HARRISS	Treasurer.
J. W. CROWELL	Recorder.
W. W. HARGRAVE	Senior Warden.
R. G. BRIGGS	Junior Warden.
R. W. KING	Standard Bearer.
J. T. COBB	Sword Bearer.
JAS. LIPSCOMB	Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

B. F. Briggs,	W. W. Farmer,	T. B. Sugg,
Jas. E. Clarke,	J. O. Farmer,	S. M. Warren,
Wilie Daniel,	F. M. Moyer,	Jas. S. Battle,
A. N. Daniel,	Jas. E. Rountree,	W. H. Applewhite,
A. B. Deans,	H. R. Strong,	Jas. K. Peacock.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Conclave : First Friday in each and every month.

OFFICERS :

JAMES D. GLENN.....	Eminent Commander.
CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	Generalissimo.
LORENZO A. BAILEY	Captain General.
ALFRED H. STUBBS	Prelate.
HERBERT H. CARTLAND	Treasurer.
PINCKNEY L. GROOME	Recorder.
JOHN W. WINFREE	Senior Warden.
JOHN H. HARRIS	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM S. CARROLL.....	Standard Bearer.
NATHANIEL L. HALL.....	Sword Bearer.
RICHARD FASOLT.....	Warder.
JOHN C. CLENDENIN	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Walter E. Bastine,	Jacob E. Kantner,	Dwight W. Newell,
Benj. L. Bingham,	John L. Keeling,	Wm. R. Richardson,
Richard F. Boyd,	George Lampman,	Jesse F. Stephens,
Thomas H. Cook,	John Van M. Lindley,	John J. Thornton,
Chas. Eugene Eckel,	James N. Nelson,	John W. Winfree.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUB-
ORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS 1886.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DIMITED.	DIED.	SUSPENDED.	MEMBERS 1887.
Wilmington.....	1	Wilmington....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18
Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte.....	21	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	17
*Durham.....	3	Durham.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh.....	42	3	.....	4	.....	.....	41
Cyrene.....	5	Asheville.....	29	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	28
*Piedmont.....	6	Winston.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Mount Lebanon..	7	Wilson.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Ivanhoe.....	8	Greensboro....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Totals.....	.....	.....	175	7	1	8	0	1	195

*Estimated from last returns. No returns in 1887.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY,
1887.



GRAND COMMANDERS :

HORACE H. MUNSON,
DONALD W. BAIN,

EUGENE GRISSOM,
CARLE A. WOODRUFF.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS :

L. W. BATTLE,
A. J. BLAIR,

G. H. KING,
J. A. PORTER,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS :

GEORGE W. BLOUNT,

FRANCIS H. GLOVER.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL :

JULIAN S. CARR,

D. G. MAXWELL,

EDWARD M. NADAL.

EMINENT COMMANDERS :

W. H. CHADBOURN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
W. R. KENAN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
C. R. JONES	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. McADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	RALEIGH, No. 4.
H. T. BAHNSON	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
J. D. GLENN	IVANHOE, No. 8.

RULES OF ORDER.



1. The Grand Commandery shall be convened at eight o'clock P. M. on the first day of the Annual Conclave, and the time for the remaining sessions may be fixed by vote.

2. At the order of the Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights shall repair to their respective posts.

3. It is incumbent on all Sir Knights to appear in the uniform of the Order.

4. The Grand Recorder shall call the roll of Officers and Representatives, and the Grand Commander fill all vacancies in the stations by *pro tem.* appointment.

5. The Grand Commandery shall be opened in Ample and Knightly form.

6. The Grand Recorder shall read the minutes of the previous Annual Conclave and all intervening Special Conclaves, unless, on motion, such reading be dispensed with.

7. The Grand Commander shall appoint the following Standing Committees, consisting of three members each :

- (1). On Credentials and Returns.
- (2). On Warrants and Dispensations.
- (3). On Finance.
- (4). On Appeals and Grievances.
- (5). On Next Place of Annual Conclave.
- (6). On Templar Jurisprudence.
- (7). On Fraternal Correspondence.

All of which Committees, save the last two, shall be discharged by the closing of the Grand Commandery.

8. The Grand Commander shall deliver his annual address.

9. The Deputy Grand Commander and other Grand Officers shall report their official acts.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money shall be passed until the same shall have been referred to and reported on by the Finance Committee.

11. No Sir Knight shall speak more than twice to the same question unless by permission.

12. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

13. An amendment to an amendment may be entertained, but nothing further.

14. Votes are to be taken by show of hands, except in electing officers, when written ballots are to be used.

15. A vote by Commanderies, when asked for by a member, and seconded by the Representatives of two Commanderies, shall be ordered; but it must be called for before the presiding officer has commenced taking the question.

16. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members present.



GENERAL FORMS.



PETITION FOR ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Knights of
Commandery, No., Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders :

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing ; a member of Chapter, No., under a Charter from the Grand Chapter of : that I have a firm and steadfast belief in the truth of the Christian religion ; that I have never been rejected in any other Commandery of Knights Templar, and respectfully pray that I may be made in your Commandery a Knight of the Order of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, and become a member of your Commandery.

Should my request be granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, rules and statutes of your Order, as well as those of your Commandery.

WITNESS, my hand, this day of, A. D. 188...,
 A. O. 7

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of a Knight by	} } } } }	(Signed) Age Occupation Residence Lodge
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PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

*To the Eminent Commander, Officers and Knights of
Commandery, No., Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders :*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents :

That he is a Knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, and one of the Knights of Malta or Order of St. John of Jerusalem, late a member of Commandery, No., as will appear by the accompanying certificate.

He therefore prays that he may be admitted to membership in your Commandery, if on inquiry he should be found worthy.

WITNESS, my hand, this day of, A. D. 18.....,
A. O. 7.....

Recommended and Vouched	}	(Signed)
for on the Honor of a		Age
Knight by		Occupation
.....		Residence
.....		Lodge
.....		Chapter
.....	

CERTIFICATE OF PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

Be it known : That pursuant to the authority given me by the Statutes, I do hereby appoint Sir Knight, being a member of this Commandery, my Proxy, to represent me at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to be holden at the city of on the day of, A. D. 188....., A. O. 7..... Confirming the acts of the said Knight in his capacity aforesaid, I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this day of, A. D. 188....., A. O. 7.....

.....
of Com., No.

DIMIT.

“ IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.”

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these Presents may come—Greeting :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight whose name appears in the margin, is a Knight Templar, and was a member of Commandery, No., located at, State of North Carolina ; that he is clear of all charges on the books of the same, and having been a member in good standing and being desirous of a Dimit, know ye that the same has this day been granted, and we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all Valiant and Magnanimous Sir Knights wherever dispersed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of our Commandery to be affixed, in the city of, this day of in the year of our Lord 18...., and of the Order, 7....

[Seal.], *Eminent Commander.*

Attest :, *Recorder.*

Ne Varietur

SUMMONS.

ASYLUM OF COMMANDERY, No., K. T.,
....., 18....

Sir Knight :

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of this Commandery, at their Asylum, on....., the day of, 18...., at ... o'clock ... M.
.....
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By order of the Eminent Commander :

[Seal.] *Recorder.*

GRAND COMMANDERIES AND ADDRESS OF GRAND
RECORDERS.

STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZA- TION.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama.....	Dec. 1st, 1862	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Mar. 25th, 1872	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.....	Aug. 10th, 1858	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Mar. 14th, 1876	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Sept. 13th, 1827	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.....	May 14th, 1881	B. M. Rowley, Huron.
Georgia.....	April 25th, 1860	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois.....	Oct. 27th, 1857	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana.....	May 16th, 1854	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	June 16th, 1864	John C. Parish, Des Moines.
Kansas.....	Dec. 29th, 1864	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 5th, 1847	L. D. Croninger, Covington.
Louisiana.....	Feb. 4th, 1864	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine.....	May 5th, 1852	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland.....	Jan. 23d, 1871	Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore.
Massachusetts & Rhode Island	May 6th, 1805	A. F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Michigan.....	Jan. 15th, 1857	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Oct. 23d, 1865	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Jan. 2d, 1857	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.....	May 3d, 1860	W. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Dec. 28th, 1871	William R. Bowen, Omaha
New Hampshire.....	Aug. 22d, 1821	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey.....	Feb. 14th, 1860	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York.....	June 18th, 1840	Robert Macoy, New York.
North Carolina.....	May 10th, 1881	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio.....	Oct. 24th, 1843	John N. Bell, Dayton.
Oregon.....	April 13th, 1887	Frelon J. Babcock, Salem
Pennsylvania.....	April 14th, 1854	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee.....	Oct. 12th, 1859	Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville.
Texas.....	Jan. 19th, 1855	R. Brewster, Houston.
Vermont.....	Aug. 14th, 1824	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia.....	Nov. 27th, 1822	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Feb. 24th, 1874	E. C. Dunnington, Fairmount.
Wisconsin.....	Oct. 28th, 1859	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Grand Encampment U. S.....	June 21st, 1816	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Great Priory of Canada.....	Oct. 9th, 1876	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.
Gt. Priory of England & Wales.....	.....	W. Tinkler, London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.	GRAND COMMANDERIES.	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.
Jesse L. V. Adams.....	Tuskegee.....	Alabama.....	H. T. Babnson.....
John J. Stumpler.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.....	S. H. Smith.....
Reuben H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	H. H. Munson.....
Roger W. Woodbury.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	J. Med. Freneh.....
James H. Welsh.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	E. M. Nadal.....
Samuel Roy.....	Lead City.....	Dakota.....	Julian S. Carr.....
James L. Flemming.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....	James Southgate.....
Gil. W. Barnard.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	F. H. Glover.....
William J. Robie.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.....	William Simpson.....
Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	A. G. Brentizer.....
A. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	Jordan Stone.....
George W. Wieks.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	James A. Porter.....
William H. Charfe.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	A. J. Blair.....
John Bird.....	Rockland.....	Maine.....	George H. King.....
Joseph F. Hinds.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	J. W. Hunter.....
William H. Kent.....	Charlestown, Mass.....	Massachusetts & Rhode Island.....	W. L. Wall.....
John George.....	Grenada.....	Minnesota.....	Carle A. Woodruff.....
F. J. Tygard.....	Butler.....	Mississippi.....	S. E. Allen.....
E. S. Dudley.....	Lincoln.....	Missouri.....	George W. Blount.....
Don H. Woodward.....	Keene.....	Nebraska.....	Eugene Grissom.....
Joseph W. Congdon.....	Faterson.....	New Hampshire.....	E. J. Parish.....
Orren C. Parker.....	Batavia.....	New Jersey.....	W. R. Kenan.....
F. H. Rehwinkel.....	Chillicothe.....	New York.....	Michael Bowes.....
William H. Dickson.....	William H. Dickson.....	Ohio.....	D. W. Bath.....
W. C. Smith.....	Nashville.....	Pennsylvania.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....
I. G. C. Lee.....	San Antonio.....	Tennessee.....	W. W. Allen.....
Rev. F. S. Fisher.....	St. Johnsbury.....	Texas.....	W. H. Chadbourne.....
Elbert C. Walthall.....	Rhemond.....	Vermont.....	
W. H. Travis.....	Wheeling.....	Virginia.....	
George C. Teall.....	Eau Claire.....	West Virginia.....	
		Wisconsin.....	

TEMPLAR CHRONOLOGY.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMENCE THEIR ERA WITH THE ORGANIZATION
OF THEIR ORDER—*Anno Ordinis*—(A. O.) IN THE YEAR OF THE ORDER.

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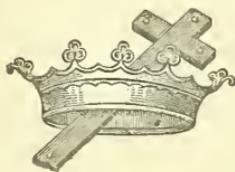
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BATTLE OF HATTIN,	- - - - -	1118
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TEMPLAR YEAR,	- - - - -	769

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS
EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

HELD IN
WINSTON, N. C.,

Wednesday and Thursday, August 1st and 2d, A. D., 1888,
A. O. 770.



RALEIGH :
EDWARDS & BROUGHTON, POWER PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1888.

GRAND OFFICERS 1888-'89.

JOHN A. PORTERAsheville....R. E. Grand Commander.
EDWARD M. NADALWilson.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
*FRANCIS H. GLOVER ..Charlotte....E. Grand Generalissimo.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....Greensboro..E. Grand Captain General.
THOS. H. PRITCHARD...Wilmington.E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....MoytonE. Grand Senior Warden.
SAMUEL H. SMITH.....WinstonE. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSONRaleighE. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON . .Wilmington.E. Grand Recorder.
JAMES D. GLENN.....Greensboro..E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JAMES K. PEACOCKWilson.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
EUGENE S. MARTIN....Wilmington.E. Grand Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERGWilson.....E. Grand Sentinel.

*Died suddenly at his home in Charlotte, N. C., August 6th, 1888.

PROCEEDINGS.



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Eighth Annual Conclave, at the Asylum of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, in the city of Winston, N. C., Wednesday evening, August 1st, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770, at 8½ o'clock, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

SIR CARLE A. WOODRUFF	R. E. Grand Commander.
SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR FRANCIS H. GLOVER	E. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR EDWARD M. NADAL	E. Grand Captain General.
SIR ALFRED H. STUBBS	E. Grand Prelate.
SIR FRANCIS M. MOYE	Grand Senior Warden.
SIR SAMUEL H. SMITH	as Grand Junior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON	Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON	Grand Recorder.
SIR J. W. HUNTER	as Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR GEORGE LAMPMAN	as Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR JAMES K. PEACOCK	Grand Warder.
SIR WILLIAM P. SNAKENBERG	Grand Sentinel.

OPENING.

It appearing that representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies were present, the Grand Commandery was opened in Ample and Knightly Form, the Grand Prelate leading in devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

On motion of Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, the reading of the Journal of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same, in printed form, being in the possession of the Sir Knights present.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights E. M. NADAL, S. H. SMITH and GEO. W. BLOUNT the Committee on Credentials, who subsequently submitted a report complete, which was read and adopted, as follows :

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers, present and past, as mentioned below.

E. M. NADAL,	} Committee.
S. H. SMITH,	
GEO. W. BLOUNT,	

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

CARLE A. WOODRUFF	R. E. Grand Commander.
W. W. ALLEN	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
F. H. GLOVER	E. Grand Generalissimo.
E. M. NADAL	E. Grand Captain General.
A. H. STUBBS	E. Grand Prelate.
F. M. MOYE.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. K. PEACOCK.....	E. Grand Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

H. H. MUNSON.....	Past Grand Commander.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	Past Grand Generalissimo.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

E. S. MARTIN.....	proxy for Eminent Commander.
E. S. MARTIN	proxy for Generalissimo.
E. S. MARTIN.....	proxy for Captain General.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2, CHARLOTTE.

F. H. GLOVER proxy for Eminent Commander.
 F. H. GLOVER proxy for Generalissimo.
 F. H. GLOVER proxy for Captain General.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

WILLIAM SIMPSON Eminent Commander.
 WILLIAM SIMPSON proxy for Generalissimo.
 WILLIAM SIMPSON proxy for Captain General.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

FRED. L. JACOBS proxy for Eminent Commander.
 FRED. L. JACOBS proxy for Generalissimo.
 FRED. L. JACOBS Captain General.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

J. W. HUNTER Generalissimo.
 S. H. SMITH Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

F. M. MOYE Eminent Commander.
 J. W. HAYES proxy for Generalissimo.
 J. W. HAYES proxy for Captain General.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

J. J. THORNTON Eminent Commander.
 L. A. BAILEY Generalissimo.
 RICHARD FASOLT Captain General.

C. A. WOODRUFF, proxy for Eugene Grissom, P. G. Commander, and
 M. Bowes, Grand Junior Warden.

J. J. THORNTON, proxy for J. D. Glenn, Grand Standard Bearer.

F. H. GLOVER, proxy for G. H. King, Past Deputy Grand Commander.

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir CARLE A. WOODRUFF, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his annual address which, on motion of Sir Knight E. M. NADAL, was referred to a committee, which was an-

nounced as follows: Sir Knights E. M. NADAL, F. H. GLOVER and A. H. STUBBS.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

As your Chief Officer I extend to you a cordial and Knightly welcome to this our Eighth Annual Conclave.

“ We greet you, brothers of the mystic tie,
 And bid you welcome to this sacred shrine ;
 The varied symbols which before us lie,
 And highest of them all, the Red Cross Sign,
 Are fitting emblems for this holy place—
 Emblems of Truth, and Purity, and Grace.”

We are assembled here to review the work of the past year, and to plan for the future good and prosperity of our Order. Let us, therefore, return thanks to the Author of our being, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, for the blessings we have received, in that so many of us are permitted, after a twelve months' separation, to again meet and extend Knightly and courteous greetings.

The statutes of this Grand Body require me to make report, in writing, of all of my official acts.

Before rendering an account of my stewardship, let us pause awhile to lay the Sprig of Acacia upon the tombs of those valiant Sir Knights, Soldiers of the Cross, who have ended their earthly pilgrimage, and have been called to that glorious asylum above, to rest from their labors and be at peace forever.

The Angel of Death has passed by our Grand Commandery, but has reaped a golden harvest from among our Fratres throughout the country.

From official sources, I note the following deaths during the past year:

Em. Sir WILLIAM M. BLACK, of Indiana, who served faithfully as “Grand Captain of the Guard” for nearly twenty years, died at Indianapolis on the 19th of August, 1887.

Rev. Sir JOHN G. WEBSTER, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, died on the 27th of September, 1887.

I quote the following from the Order of our Most Eminent Grand Master, in his announcement of the death of his warm friend, the esteemed Grand Prelate of our Grand Encampment.

“For nearly half a century Sir Knight Webster has been a faithful and devoted servant of the Master, performing his duties with unflagging zeal and ministering unto all with the gentle tenderness of a father

who seeks to guide his children in the ways of pleasantness and the paths of peace.

For a like period he was a devoted and consistent Mason in the various branches of the institution.

While we express our regret at his departure, there is an instinctive feeling that tears are not the tribute due to the memory of such a man, but rather a sense of triumph that he has left us the example of his loving and pure life, inciting us to a firmer devotion to our duties, a more intimate resolution to uphold and practice the tenets of our Order, thus practically demonstrating our sincere admiration of his virtues, our regret at his death, and our belief that of him it may be truly said:

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

Believing that the world has been the gainer by his life and his work; that they will be his best monument; that in departing from among us he has simply “gone up higher.”

Em. Sir JOSEPH EASTBURN WELLS, of Georgia, died at his home in the city of Macon, on the 11th of December, 1887. He was for twenty-six years Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, and for thirty-nine years a member of St. Omer Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar of Macon, Ga.

His life was noted for his unswerving attachment to Masonry in all its branches.

Honored, respected, loved, he passed more than the allotted term of three score years and ten in active, useful life, and has exchanged the cross for the crown.

Right Em. Sir R. M. JOHNSON, Past Grand Commander of Arkansas, died on the 27th of December, 1887. Sir Knight Johnson was one of that noble band of Knights Templar who assembled at Fort Smith in 1872 for the purpose of organizing the Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

Past Deputy Grand Commander, Sir BENJAMIN HOGAN RIGGS, finished his earthly pilgrimage at Selma, Alabama, on the 11th of January, 1888.

Of him, the Grand Commander of Alabama, says: “In his death the Order mourns a devoted and brilliant member, society a shining light, and the State an honorable and useful citizen. He has left behind him a record that should be emulated by us all. An ornament to his chosen profession, a tender husband, loving father, and a consistent Christian and churchman.”

Sir ROBERT HOUSTON ANDERSON, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Commandery of Georgia, died at his home in the city of Savannah on the 8th of February, 1888.

Having had a personal acquaintance with General Anderson, I can testify to his high standing as an officer and a gentleman. He was graduated at the West Point Military Academy on the 1st of July, 1857, and

was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in the 9th U. S. Infantry, from which he resigned on the 17th of May, 1861. He joined the Confederate Army, in which he served with distinction, attaining the rank of a General officer.

Upon the restoration of peace, his love for the old army, and his devotion to his Flag and Country also returned. It was impossible for him to be restored to his former position in the United States Army, but he had the satisfaction, before his death, of having his only son, bearing his own name (Robert H. Anderson, Jr.), appointed a 2d Lieutenant in his old regiment—the 9th U. S. Infantry.

The death of Most Eminent Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, who was Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, from 1868 to 1871, is announced by our Most Eminent Grand Master, and the tribute of our Grand Master to the memory of the illustrious dead will be read by our Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir JOHN H. HESS, Past Grand Commander K. T. of Indiana, died at his home in the city of Columbus, Indiana, May 25th, 1888.

RITUAL.

I am pleased to report that the Sir Knights of the Old North State have cheerfully accepted the adopted Ritual, and this Grand Commandery actually adopted this Ritual two years before its final adoption by the Grand Encampment and order for its promulgation. (See page 19, Proceedings of 1884.)

This Ritual may not be perfect, but any imperfections or omissions that may exist, can be corrected by proper legislation at the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment. It would indeed be difficult, if not impossible, to secure a ritual that would please every one of the 70,000 Sir Knights in this vast country; however, I am an advocate of uniformity, not only as regards ritual, but in all matters of interest to our Order, as dress, tactics, &c.

In this I trust that I voice the sentiments of this Grand Commandery.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

A few Sir Knights have enlisted under our banner; the number is not large, but I hope that this number may increase year by year, and I trust that the day is not far distant when a thousand valiant Knights are enrolled as members of the various Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

There are many unaffiliated Sir Knights within the confines of this Grand Commandery. "Every Sir Knight ought to belong to a Com-

mandery, and to assist by his presence and contributions in maintaining its dignity and promoting its prosperity:" let us strive to bring these worthy unaffiliated Sir Knights within the protecting walls of our asylums.

Upon my election as Grand Commander, I determined to promulgate an order for inspections of the various Commanderies, by some of the officers of this Grand Commandery, but upon reflection I deemed it best not to do so until after exemplification could be had of the ritual, but recently adopted, and with which all of our Grand officers are not perfectly familiar.

I therefore desire, if possible, during this Grand Conclave to exemplify the ritual, with the assistance of members of this body, and I would respectfully recommend to my successor, that hereafter inspections be made by the different Grand officers, who should be required to make reports in writing of their inspections, noting proficiency in the ritual, and in asylum tactics, uniforms, records, financial condition, paraphernalia, &c. Anything in fact that might be of interest to the Grand Commander and to the Sir Knights of the order.

On these tours of inspection the inspecting officer might invite any Sir Knights to accompany him; by so doing, the spirit of fraternal and courteous friendship existing between different bodies and its members would become increased and strengthened, and a spirit of contention, or emulation engendered, "of who can best work and best agree."

VISITATIONS.

August 10th and 11th, 1887. I visited Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, at Wilson. On the 10th of August I installed in the asylum of this Commandery, its Eminent Commander, Eminent Sir E. M. Nadal, as Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, to which office he had been elected, though absent from the Annual Conclave of that Grand Body.

After the transaction of certain business for which the Commandery had been assembled, the Commandery was closed, and a Council of Knights of the Red Cross opened, and I had the pleasure of conferring said order upon four Companion Royal Arch Masons.

On the evening of the 11th of August, I created one of the Red Cross Knights of the previous evening a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

On the afternoon of August 10th I instructed the Sir Knights of this Commandery in the order of the Red Cross, and on the afternoon of August 11th, gave them instruction in the order of the Temple.

There was a very large attendance at all of the meetings, and an interest manifested upon the part of all present, to become conversant with the work. I found this Commandery in excellent condition, having

every appliance with which to render an impressive exemplification of the work. I found all of its members uniformed, not only as regards the Templar regalia, but every Sir Knight has a uniform dress coat and trousers.

At the meetings before mentioned every Sir Knight present was dressed as a Templar should be. This Commandery is the only one in the State completely uniformed, though the statutes of this Grand Body require a Sir Knight to procure a uniform. (See page 12, Proceedings of the Grand Commandery for 1885.)

August 12th, 1887, I visited Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, and was invited to preside. After the transaction of the usual business, the Commandery was closed, and a Council of Knights of the Red Cross opened, and a Companion Royal Arch Mason was created a Knight of the Red Cross.

On August 15th, 1887, I again visited Raleigh Commandery, again presided, and the Knight of the Red Cross, before referred to, was created and dubbed a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

Eminent Sir William Simpson, the Commander of this Commandery, was re-elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Body, though absent from the last Annual Conclave. I did not install him as such, inasmuch as officers re-elected do not require installation. (Page 27, Proceedings of Grand Encampment, 1886.)

August 17th, 1887, I visited Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, at Greensboro. I was invited to preside, and opened the Commandery, according to the form in the new ritual, page 37 to 46, both inclusive.

It was expected that there would be work, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Candidate failed to appear, and many of the Sir Knights were absent.

August 18th, 1887, I started on my return to my military station, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

July 5th, 1888, I left my military station, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, arriving within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, on the 8th day of July. I immediately notified the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and the Eminent Grand Recorder of my return.

Before leaving Fort Leavenworth I addressed a communication to the Eminent Commander of Durham Commandery, No. 3, informing him of my desire to visit that Commandery, and requesting him to designate the time.

His reply, written from the sea-side where he would remain for perhaps two months, in pursuit of health, contained the following: "We have had no meeting since you were there, and I doubt if one can be had."

My last visit to this Commandery was on October 15th, 1886, when Grand Captain General, and as the representative of our then Grand Commander.

I was particularly anxious to visit Durham Commandery, No. 3, it being one of the original Commanderies to organize this Grand Body.

We should cherish our Subordinate bodies, particularly those who gave life and existence to this Grand Commandery.

July 23d, 1888. I visited Wilmington Commandery, No. 1. Only a small number of the Commandery were present, all, however, in the uniform of our Order. After the transaction of business of importance the Commandery was closed, and a Council of Knights of the Red Cross was opened, whereupon I conferred the order of Knight of the Red Cross, upon five candidates. The Council was then closed, and a Commandery of Knights Templar opened, when I created one of the Knights of the Red Cross before mentioned, a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

This Commandery, though small in numbers, is composed of excellent material, and, I believe, is now in a fair way to become one of the largest and best in the State. Em. Sir E. M. Nadal, Grand Captain General, was present during this official visit.

July 30th, 1888, I visited Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8. A Council of Knights of the Red Cross was opened, and one candidate created a Knight of the Red Cross. The Council was then closed, and a Commandery of Knights Templar opened, and the Red Cross Knight was dubbed a Knight of the Temple.

There was a fair attendance present, including two visiting Sir Knights, only five of the officers were present, the Generalissimo appearing at a late hour. I was invited to confer both orders, in which I was assisted by Em. Sir John J. Thornton and the Rev. Sir A. H. Stubbs, Recorder, who filled the offices of Prelate, Junior Warden, &c. The appendant Order of Knights of Malta, I then conferred, according to the short ceremonial, upon four Sir Knights, including the Candidate above referred to.

Twelve Royal Arch Masons, residing in Reidsville, have been elected to receive the orders of Knighthood in this Commandery, with a view of organizing a Commandery in Reidsville. It was expected that they would be present to receive the orders at this time, but they were unavoidably detained.

July 31st, 1888, I visited Piedmont Commandery, No. 6. About ten or twelve Sir Knights were present. There being no work or other business before the Commandery, the evening was devoted to practice and instruction.

From July 27th, 1887, to date, I have visited every Commandery in the State, excepting Durham Commandery, and in five of the seven that I have visited, I have conferred the order of Knighthood.

In my official visitations, I have been received with a warm and cordial welcome from both officers and Sir Knights of all Commanderies visited.

I found much to approve of, some things to correct, and had all of the officers been conversant with the authorized Ritual, would have been more critical in my inspections, requiring the Eminent Commanders of each Commandery to preside. instead of consenting to preside myself. However, my visits were more for the purpose of instruction and encouragement than for inspection.

I was pleased to find everywhere in this jurisdiction a disposition on the part of all Sir Knights to accept the Ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and a desire to become proficient in all of its requirements.

I found that many Sir Knights did not appear in uniform. The statutes of this Grand Body require every Sir Knight to provide himself with a uniform.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of Commanderies appearing in their asylums in proper uniform: a neglect of this is subversive of the interests of the Order, as it begets a spirit of carelessness, which results in indifference and poor work.

I would suggest that this Body set an example, by requiring its members to appear at this and all future Conclaves, in Templar uniform, Full dress at the opening session, and Un-dress at the subsequent sessions of the Conclave, and that no Sir Knight be admitted to the Grand Asylum, unless so uniformed.

One other suggestion is prompted by my experience of the past year, viz.: There should be no abridgment in the opening or closing of a Commandery: the ceremonies should be in full, thereby creating interest in the Order, and imparting instruction that may prove useful.

DISPENSATIONS.

August 10th, 1887, I granted authority to Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, to ballot for four Royal Arch Masons to receive the order of Knighthood without waiting the prescribed time. This was on the occasion of my visit to this Commandery.

Some time toward the end of September I received a request from Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, for a dispensation to ballot.

Being at my military station, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, I sent the application to our Deputy Grand Commander, and addressed a communication to him, of which the following is a copy:

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, September 25th, 1887.

VERY EM. SIR W. W. ALLEN, *Deputy Grand Commander,*
K. T. of North Carolina, Greensboro. N. C.:

VERY EMINENT AND DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of a letter from Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, asking for a dispensation to receive and act upon the petition of one Royal Arch Mason, without waiting the required time.

I herewith enclose a dispensation with seal attached, which please forward, after having signed the same. During my absence from the State, I do not believe it proper for me to grant dispensations, but will from time to time as occasion may require—which should be seldom—write out the dispensation and forward to you for your signature.

Please keep a record of this, and of any other official act, that you may make a report of the same at the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

In connection herewith, I hereby authorize you to make such official visitations, as may in your judgment advance the interests of our Order and of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Very respectfully and courteously yours,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
Grand Commander.

While at my military station, I received applications from several Commanderies for dispensations to elect officers and ballot for candidates. In every case I forwarded the application to Very Em. Sir Allen for such action as he might be pleased to take.

July 12th, 1888, I granted authority to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to hold a Special Conclave on Friday, July 13th, 1888, to receive and ballot upon petitions.

July 19th, 1888. Granted authority to Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to receive and ballot upon the petition of one Royal Arch Mason, without waiting the required period.

July 23d, 1888. At the time of my visit to Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, I authorized said Commandery to hold a Special Conclave, to receive and ballot upon petitions, and to confer the orders of Knighthood.

Opposed as I am to the granting of dispensations to ballot for Candidates in less than the constitutional time, still I believe that in every case, where I have exercised this prerogative of the Grand Commander, that it has been for the best interests of the Order, and that my acts in this particular will meet with the approval of this Grand Body.

DECISIONS.

I have rendered the following decisions during the year, viz.:

1. That from an unaffiliated Sir Knight should be withheld the commission as a Grand Representative, he not being entitled to Templar honors.

2. A quorum in Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies as fixed by the statutes consists of *nine* members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body. A quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid. Consequently a less number than nine may confer the orders, after the Commandery has been legally opened.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

A number of appointments have been made during the past year, and commissions received for Representatives of other Grand Bodies, near this Grand Commandery, all of which will be noted by the Grand Recorder in his report.

It was with regret that I accepted the resignation of R. E. Sir Rehwinkel as our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, as he and Right Em. Sir Dudley, our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, are the only Sir Knights holding commissions from this Grand Body who have heretofore recognized the importance of, and appreciated the position of Grand Representative, having annually rendered a report in writing of the doings of their respective Grand Commanderies.

April 27th, 1888, I received from R. E. Sir Dudley, our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, a brief report of the doings of his Grand Commandery, at its sixteenth Annual Conclave, which I forwarded to our Grand Recorder on the date of its receipt by me.

July 26th, 1888, I received from Sir Knight Roger W. Woodbury a letter, dated July 14th, 1888, tendering his resignation as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, near the Grand Commandery of Colorado, which I accepted with reluctance.

His successor has not been appointed.

It is a rule with many of the Grand Commanderies that commissions to their Grand Representatives continue in force for only three years, and that all commissions expire with each Triennial year, *i. e.*, immediately after the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

I therefore recommend the adoption of this rule by this Grand Commandery.

VISITS TO COMMANDERIES, &C., OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS, AND
COURTESIES RECEIVED.

September 10th to 16th, 1887, I had occasion to visit the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. On the night of September 12th, I visited Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar. I was received with the honors due an officer of a Grand Body, and escorted to a seat of honor. After the usual business of the Commandery, a Council of Knights of the Red Cross was opened, I was invited to preside as Sovereign Master, and had the pleasure of conferring the order of Knights of the Red Cross upon five Candidates.

September 15th, 1887, I visited Delta Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, also stationed at Lincoln. As on the occasion of my visit to the Commandery, I was received with honors and given a seat of distinction.

On both of the above-mentioned dates, the ceremonies were followed by an elegant banquet. The Sir Knights of North Carolina were not forgotten; almost the first toast was the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, to which I, as its Grand Commander, was invited to respond. I took great pleasure in stating that I was the Grand Representative of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, which fact was known to only a few present.

I left Lincoln with a feeling of friendship and love for the valiant Sir Knights of the West, and that I might know the regard with which I was entertained by them, they soon after elected me an Honorary Member of their Commandery.

ANNUAL CONCLAVES.

At the last Conclave of this Grand Commandery, an effort was made to hold the Conclave for this year in the city of "Goldsboro during the week of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter," which body convened in that place on the third Tuesday in May last.

It has been suggested to me to recommend to this Grand Body, for its consideration, the propriety of holding its Annual Conclave at the same place of holding the Annual Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and immediately after the sessions of that body, that thereby a much larger attendance could be secured, with less expense to members of this body, who were likewise members of the other. I advocate any measure that will add to our numbers at these important meetings, and by increasing the attendance, greater interest will, no doubt, be infused into, and manifested for our Order.

It has also been suggested to me that our next Annual Conclave be held after the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights

Templar of the United States, so that the action of that Grand Body may be made known to this Grand Commandery.

I therefore recommend these matters to your careful and earnest consideration.

APPROACHING TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

Since the organization of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States has held two Triennial Conclaves, one in San Francisco, California, in 1883, where Sir Knight J. M. Brookshire, of Asheville, represented the Grand Commander by proxy, and Sir Knight Charles R. Jones, of Charlotte, held the proxy of the Grand Generalissimo.

At St. Louis, in 1886, I represented by proxy our Grand Commander, and our then Grand Generalissimo. Eminent Sir J. A. Porter was also present.

The next Triennial Conclave will be held in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on the second Tuesday in October, 1889.

I would recommend that proper and immediate action be taken, not only towards securing a large representation from among the Sir Knights of North Carolina, but also to arrange for transportation, and suitable accommodations while in Washington.

I believe that at least one-fourth of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, perhaps a much larger number, will attend.

I advise, nay urge, all to attend who can possibly do so; there will be much to interest and instruct them, besides having an opportunity to see assembled the largest number of valiant Sir Knights of our Order known in the history of the world.

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS.

I find that the statutes and regulations of this Grand Body were last printed in 1884, in the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conclave. Some changes and additions have since been adopted; I would, therefore, recommend that the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence be required to codify the same, and cause said statutes and regulations to be printed and bound in a manner suitable for the use of this Grand Commandery.

FORM FOR OPENING GRAND COMMANDERY, &C.

In the summer of 1884, I arranged a form for opening a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and presented the same to Right Eminent Sir Eugene Grissom, who used it in the opening at the Fourth Annual Conclave. It was suggested at that Conclave that said form be adopted by this Grand Body. I cannot find that any action was taken. I do not know whether this form was used at the Fifth Annual Conclave, but it was used at the Sixth.

In April, 1887, I rewrote this form, compiling the same from the form prepared by Em. Sir Hiram Bassett, of Kentucky, the new Knights Templar Ritual, and Grant's Templar Tactics, to which I added the authorized Form for Installation of Grand Officers, &c. This form was used at the last Grand Conclave in the opening and Installation Ceremonies, and will be used at this Conclave. I would be pleased if this book of Forms be adopted by this Grand Commandery, until such time as a better system can be obtained.

NEW GRAND COMMANDERIES.

On the 2d of June, 1887, by the authority of a dispensation from Most Eminent Sir Charles Roome, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was duly organized in the Territory of Washington.

On the 8th of March, 1888, by the same authority a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was organized in Wyoming Territory.

At Helena, May 14th, 1888, also by authority of the Most Eminent Grand Master, was organized the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Montana.

I therefore respectfully recommend that this Grand Commandery take suitable action towards a proper and Knightly recognition of these additions to the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

According to law, officers hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

The time will soon arrive when we must proceed to the election of the Grand officers for the ensuing Templar year. Heretofore it has been your custom to re-elect your Grand Commander. I have already been highly honored by this Grand Body, and a re-election would not add to my laurels, but will prevent some worthy Sir Knight's advancement to a position to which he may aspire and may richly deserve.

I therefore beg of you to elect some other member of our Order to this important station.

I cannot express my views on this subject more strongly than was expressed by the Grand Commander of Wisconsin, in his address of last year, therefore, I will quote from said report: "As is well known to many of my intimate friends, I have often expressed my disapprobation of the practice of re-electing the same individual a second time to any one of the four principal offices in the gift of this Grand Body. This, to my mind, is only less objectionable than the iron-clad custom of passing a man or set of men from the lowest to the highest grade by regular steps of a year's interval each. Both have their objections, but in a

Body as harmonious as this Grand Commandery, no need exists to continue the same individual in office for an extended term, no harm can come from a frequent change, and to re-elect the Grand Commander will only deprive some good brother of a coveted honor, and add no additional lustre to the honors you have already conferred.

The mark of confidence is, when the Sir Knight is taken from the rank and exalted to be your Grand Commander. These are my own personal views on this subject, and they are very decided. Others may think differently, but I am content to leave my record in your hands, and believe that the idea so often advanced, that a re-election is necessary to give an endorsement of your approval of the first year's service, works unfavorably to the best interests of the Commandery.

I beg that you will now select from among the very many able Sir Knights one as your Grand Commander to whom you will give your unanimous vote."

These are so decidedly my own views, that I could not refrain from copying them.

And in conclusion, Sir Knights, permit me to state, that it has been a matter of regret to me, that my duties as an officer of the United States Army, and my remote military station, have prevented a more faithful discharge of my duty as your Grand Commander during the past year.

The trust you so generously bestowed upon me has been executed to the best of my ability, and my badge of office I now return to you, untarnished I hope, and with it my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for the courteous assistance they have rendered me, in the fulfillment of the duties of my office, and also do I desire to thank all Sir Knights throughout this jurisdiction for the Knightly and courteous attention shown me.

My thanks are especially due our very efficient Grand Recorder, Eminent Sir H. H. Munson, Past Grand Commander, for his cheerful and prompt performance of all duty required of him, and also for the valuable assistance he has rendered me in the way of advice and counsel.

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,

Grand Commander.

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir W. W. ALLEN, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of Sir Knight GEO. W. BLOUNT, referred to the same committee:

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and

Members of the Grand Commandery:

SIR KNIGHTS: My official acts for the past Templar year are herewith briefly stated:

On September 20th, 1887, I received from Sir A. G. Brenizer, E. C. of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, an application for a dispensation to receive the petition of Comp. C. W. Schaffer, at a called meeting, for the Templar degrees and at the next regular meeting to ballot on his petition. I suggested this matter be referred to the Right Eminent G. C.

On September 25th, 1887, the R. E. G. Commander forwarded me a dispensation authorizing Charlotte Commandery to receive and act upon the petition of one Royal Arch Mason without waiting the required time, with instructions to forward it after having signed the same. This was done.

On October 12th, 1887, I received from Sir J. A. Porter, E. C. of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, an application for a dispensation to permit his Commandery to appear in uniform in public to take the position of honor in escorting the President of the United States through the city of Asheville; on the 21st of the same month, I suggested that this matter be referred to the R. E. G. Commander.

On December 14th, 1887, I received an application from Sir T. W. Blake, Recorder of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, for a dispensation to hold a special meeting for the election of officers and other business, the Commandery having failed to meet on the day appointed for their last regular Conclave. I suggested that this matter be referred to the R. E. G. Commander.

On December 15th, 1887, the R. E. G. Commander forwarded me two dispensations, authorizing the Em. Commanders of Raleigh and Durham Commanderies respectively to hold meetings for the election of officers with instructions to sign and forward them. This was done.

On January 1st, 1888, the R. E. G. Commander forwarded me a dispensation, authorizing Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, to hold a meeting for the election of officers and other matters, which should come before the Conclave, with instructions to sign and forward it. This was done: at the same time there were enclosed a few blanks with the seal of the R. E. G. Commander impressed on them, for my use.

On January 8th, 1888, the R. E. G. Commander sent me an application for a dispensation to hold an election of officers in Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, for my action, and it not being in proper form I so advised him. My action was sanctioned.

On March 12th, 1888, the R. E. G. Commander forwarded me an application from Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, for a dispensation to receive, refer and act on two petitions for orders and membership at a spe-

cial conclave to be called for that purpose, with permission to act as I thought best, the applicants being but Master Masons at this time. I decided that after they had passed the Royal Arch would be time enough to consider the matter, and after a personal conference with the Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery he agreed with me.

On June 23d, 1888, Sir H. T. Bahnson, E. C. of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, forwarded me an application for a dispensation to act upon the petition of Comp. M. D. Bailey before the time required by law.

As this Commandery had been doing but little and the idea seemed to be to get this Companion in readiness to form one of us at the next meeting of the Grand Commandery, I thought it would be of benefit to the commandery to brighten themselves up and start an interest which would be increased, I hoped, after the meeting of this body, consequently I granted the dispensation.

For the kind consideration I have received at the hands of the Sir Knights within this jurisdiction, I take this opportunity of returning them thanks, and on my retirement now from this position, I shall bear with me many remembrances of the honor conferred upon me in being elevated to this office.

Courteously yours,

W. W. ALLEN, D. G. C.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder submitted his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina :

I have the honor of submitting the following report:

1888.

July 16.	Received dues, Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.....	\$ 46 00 ✓
July 20.	“ “ Wilmington Commandery, No. 1....	18 00 ✓
August 1.	“ “ Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8.....	45 00
August 2.	“ “ Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7...	34 00
August 2.	“ “ Cyrene Commandery, No. 5.....	33 00 ✓

\$176 00

The same was turned over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

September 16th, 1887. Received and distributed proceedings of the Grand Commandery. The per capita tax due the Grand Encampment has been paid and the receipt of the Grand Recorder taken therefor.

We acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of the following Grand Bodies for the year 1888:

Arkansas, Connecticut, Canada, Colorado, California, Dakota, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Nebraska, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming Territory.

Michigan having no representative system declines to exchange.

The Grand Representative of this Grand Body near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, having been elected to the office of R. E. G. Commander, resigned his commission December 3d, 1887. Whereupon Grand Commander Woodruff appointed P. E. C. Theo. F. Neiman to fill the vacancy.

By order of the R. E. Gr. Commander commissions have been issued from this office to Grand Representatives, as follows:

Oregon	P. E. C. Frank B. Dunn.....	Eugene City.
Minnesota	P. Gr. Comd'r R. G. Bronson.....	
Iowa.....	Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.

Commissions have been received and forwarded to the following Sir Knights:

Alabama.....	Geo. H. Bell.....	Asheville.
Oregon	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D....	Wilmington.
Minnesota	Francis M. Moye	Moyton.
Colorado.....	James D. Glenn	Greensboro,

in place of Sir Knight W. R. Cox, non-affiliate.

We welcome into the confederacy of Grand Commanderies the Grand Commandery of Montana, organized by virtue of a warrant of Charles Roome, Grand Master, at Helena, May 14th, 1888, and extend to her the right hand of cordial fellowship.

I would again respectfully call attention of the Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies to the necessity of greater promptness in forwarding the returns of their respective Commanders, in order that a fuller and more satisfactory report might be made at our annual conclaves.

It is a pleasure to state that the most perfect harmony has existed between the R. E. Grand Commander and this office during the year now brought to a Knightly close.

Courteously submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1887.		DR.		
Aug. 13.	To balance on hand.....		\$ 78 00	
	To cash from Grand Recorder.....		176 00	
1887.		CR.		
Sept. 19.	By cash paid Edwards, Broughton & Co....		\$ 50 00	
	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		15 85	
1888.				
June 16.	“ “ “ Grand Encampment Dues.....		9 75	
Aug. 2.	“ “ “ H. H. Munson, Supplies.....		36 39	
6.	“ “ “ C. A. Woodruff, Gr. Com., Ex.,		14 20	
6.	“ “ “ Wm. Simpson, Gr. Treas., Ex.,		13 00	
6.	“ “ “ H. H. Munson, Gr. Recorder..		50 00	
6.	“ “ “ W. P. Snakenberg, G. Sentinel,			
	Compensation, 1887 and 1888,		10 00	
6.	“ balance on hand.....		54 81	
			\$254 00	\$254 00

This report embraces all receipts and disbursements up to, and after close of, Grand Commandery.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS.

Reports were received from Sir Knights J. S. FLEMING and E. S. DUDLEY, Representatives of this Grand Body near the Grand Commanderies of Georgia and Nebraska respectively, and were ordered to be filed.

DEATH OF WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER.

A communication was received from M. E. CHAS. ROOME, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, dated April 30th, 1888, announcing the death of M. E. Sir WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER, Past M. E. Grand Master, of the Grand Encampment, and the Grand Recorder was instructed to make special record of this announcement.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Representatives of Grand Commanderies

near this Grand Body were received and welcomed with honors due to them :

S. H. Smith.....	California.
H. H. Munson	Connecticut.
E. M. Nadal	Georgia.
F. H. Glover.....	Iowa.
William Simpson	Kansas.
F. M. Moyer	Minnesota.
J. W. Hunter.....	Mississippi.
C. A. Woodruff	Nebraska.
S. E. Allen.....	New Jersey.
G. W. Blount.....	New York.
A. H. Stubbs.....	Virginia.
W. W. Allen.....	West Virginia.

STANDING COMMITTEES :

The Grand Commander announced the following Standing Committees :

On Returns—Sir Knights E. M. Nadal, S. H. Smith and G. W. Blount.

On Warrants and Dispensations—Sir Knights W. W. Allen, F. M. Moyer and J. K. Peacock.

On Finance—Sir Knights F. H. Glover, J. J. Thornton and A. H. Stubbs.

On Appeals and Grievances—Sir Knights E. M. Nadal, Wm. Simpson and J. W. Hunter.

On Next Place of Annual Conclave—Sir Knights F. M. Moyer, S. H. Smith and E. S. Martin.

On Templar Jurisprudence—Sir Knights Eugene Grissom, P. G. C., H. H. Munson, P. G. C., and F. H. Busbee.

On Fraternal Correspondence—Sir Knights G. W. Blount, A. H. Stubbs and James Southgate.

The Grand Commandery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 2d, 1888.

The Grand Commandery convened pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Sir Knight D. W. BAIN, Past R. E. Grand Commander, appeared. He was received as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight GEORGE W. BLOUNT, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, submitted the report of that Committee, which was read in part, and ordered to be printed in these proceedings. [Appendix.]

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir Knight E. M. NADAL, from the Committee on the Address of the R. E. Grand Commander, submitted the following report, which was read, adopted, and the recommendations therein made were concurred in:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred the very able and exhaustive address of our R. E. G. Commander, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. That so much of it as refers to our Fraternal Dead be referred to the Memorial Committee.

2d. Your Committee fully endorses the views of the R. E. G. Commander on inspections of Subordinate Commanderies by the Grand Officers, but regrets that, at this time, the carrying out of the suggestion is impossible, but would suggest that great good to the order might be gained, if the R. E. G. Commander could visit each Subordinate Commandery at least once during his term of office.

3d. Your Committee notes with pleasure the number of visitations made by, and courtesies extended to, our R. E. G. Commander both in and out of our own jurisdiction.

4th. Your Committee is in full accord with the views of the R. E. G. Commander concerning Uniform.

5th. Your Committee would recommend the approval by this Grand Body of the Dispensations granted both by the R. E. G. Commander and the V. E. D. G. Commander.

6th. So much of the address as pertains to Templar Law be referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

7th. Your Committee would advise the adoption of the recommendation made by the R. E. G. Commander concerning the limitation of the commissions of Grand Representatives of this Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies, that is, that they terminate after each Triennial Conclave.

8th. Your Committee would refer that part of the Address pertaining to the time and place of meeting to the Committee on Time and Place, appointed yesterday.

9th. The suggestion made by the R. E. G. Commander about early preparations for attending the next Triennial Conclave at Washington, D. C., of the Representatives of this Grand Jurisdiction, your Committee consider timely and appropriate, and would call the attention of this Grand Body to the same.

10th. Your Committee would recommend the formal adoption by this Grand Commandery of the "Form for Opening Grand Commanderies" as prepared by our present R. E. G. Commander.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

E. M. NADAL.	} Committee.
F. H. GLOVER.	
ALFRED H. STUBBS,	

Sir Knight W. W. ALLEN, from the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations, and Sir Knight WILLIAM SIMPSON, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted reports, stating that nothing had been presented to said committees for their consideration.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS—SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Sir Knight J. J. THORNTON, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SHOULDER-STRAPS.

On motion of Sir Knight E. M. NADAL, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to procure shoulder-straps for the officers of the Grand Commandery as the funds of the treasury may admit.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

Sir Knight E. S. MARTIN, from the Committee on Time and Place of the Next Annual Conclave, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee on the Time and Place of the Next Annual Conclave respectfully report:

They recommend that the next Annual Conclave be held at the city of Wilmington on the Thursday after third Tuesday in May, 1889, that being the time and place where the Grand Chapter of North Carolina will hold its next Annual Convocation.

This recommendation is made, it appearing to the Committee that as many of the Sir Knights will attend the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the expenses of attending the Annual Conclave will be less burdensome to the Grand Commandery and individual Sir Knights.

E. S. MARTIN, *for Committee.*

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Sir Knight A. H. STUBBS, from the Committee on Memoirs, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the Grand Commander which notes the death of prominent Sir Knights beg leave to report that they cannot add to the excellent memoirs therein contained, and recommend their insertion, if possible, in the published proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

ALFRED H. STUBBS, *for the Committee.*

The Grand Commandery adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 2d, 1888.

The Grand Commandery convened at 2 o'clock, according to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Sir Knight E. M. NADAL, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to make the following report:

We have received returns from Wilmington Commandery, No. 1; Raleigh Commandery, No. 4; Cyrene Commandery No. 5; Piedmont Commandery, No. 6; Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8. All are regular, except Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, which lack date of charter and signature of Recorder.

E. M. NADAL, *for Committee.*

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Sir Knights G. W. BLOUNT, D. W. BAIN and J. J. THORNTON, acting as tellers. The following were elected for the ensuing Templar year:

SIR JOHN A. PORTER	Grand Commander.
SIR EDWARD M. NADAL	Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR FRANCIS H. GLOVER	Grand Generalissimo.
SIR ALFRED H. STUBBS	Grand Captain General.
SIR THOMAS H. PRITCHARD	Grand Prelate.
SIR FRANCIS M. MOYE	Grand Senior Warden.
SIR SAMUEL H. SMITH	Grand Junior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON	Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON	Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander, on behalf of the Grand Commander elect, and with the approval of the Grand Commandery, made the following appointments:

SIR JAMES D. GLENN	Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR JAMES K. PEACOCK.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	Grand Warder.
SIR WILLIAM P. SNAKENBERG.....	Grand Sentinel.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Sir Knight F. H. GLOVER, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, find them correct.

Courteously submitted,

F. H. GLOVER, *for Committee.*

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were installed by R. E., CARLE A. WOODRUFF, assisted by Sir Knights GEO. W. BLOUNT and D. W. BAIN.

The installation of the Grand Commander elect and Grand Prelate elect was deferred in consequence of their absence.

[The Grand Commander elect was installed, August 10th, 1888, in presence of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, by V. E., Past Deputy Grand Commander A. J. BLAIR, by special dispensation of the R. E., Grand Commander.]

PRESENTATION.

R. E., CARLE A. WOODRUFF, Grand Commander, presented to the Grand Commandery a pair of shoulder-straps for the permanent use of the Grand Captain General. The same were accepted with the thanks of this Grand Body.

COMPENSATION, &C., TO OFFICERS.

Sir Knight D. W. BAIN introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That fifty dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder for his services during the past Templar year;

That five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Sentinel for services at this Annual Conclave; and

That the expenses of the Grand Commander and Grand Treasurer incurred in attending this Annual Conclave, be paid.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Sir Knight E. S. MARTIN introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and hereby expressed to the Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, for the Knightly courtesies extended to the members of the Grand Commandery, to the Masonic Bodies of Winston for the use of their hall; and to Railroad companies for special transportation rates.

CLOSING.



The Grand Commandery having concluded its business was closed in Ample and Knightly Form.

✠ CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.



RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1888.



WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each and every month.

OFFICERS :

WM. R. KENAN	Eminent Commander.
WM. H. CHADBOURN	Generalissimo.
WM. A. WILLIAMS	Captain General.
THOS. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.	Prelate.
.....	Treasurer.
J. DICKSON MUNDS	Recorder.
SAMUEL NORTHROP	Senior Warden.
JOHN W. WOOLVIN	Junior Warden.
JAS. McD. FRENCH	Standard Bearer.
THOS. B. CARR	Sword Bearer.
JAS. M. FORSHEE	Warder.
THOS. H. JOHNSON	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

W. W. Allen,	H. C. Prempert,	Geo. Harriss,
Jas. C. Munds,	F. M. Knowles,	S. D. Wallace.
H. H. Munson, P. G. C.,		

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

WM. SIMPSON	Eminent Commander.
F. A. WATSON	Generalissimo.
D. S. WAITT	Captain General.

EUGENE GRISSOM	Prelate.
S. D. WAIT	Treasurer.
T. W. BLAKE	Recorder.
E. G. HARRELL	Senior Warden.
M. BOWES	Junior Warden.
WAYNE ALLCOTT	Standard Bearer.
H. M. COWAN	Sword Bearer.
C. WALLIN	Warder.
R. H. BRADLEY	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

A. B. Andrews,	L. D. Heartt,	J. A. Sexton,
W. E. Anderson,	W. J. Hicks,	Geo. H. Snow,
D. L. Adams,	L. Harvey,	J. W. Thompson,
D. W. Bain, P. G. C.,	T. T. Hay,	C. J. Vorhees,
F. H. Busbee,	M. J. Hawkins,	E. M. Uzzell,
J. C. Brewster,	D. S. Hamilton,	W. P. Wetherell,
A. P. Bryan,	W. F. Kornegay,	Carle A. Woodruff, G. C.,
J. T. Dobson,	T. B. Keogh,	H. M. Worth,
W. F. Davis,	A. S. Lee,	W. A. Withers.
C. B. Edwards,	J. S. Pescud,	

HONORARY MEMBERS—Sir W. B. Carpenter, P. E. C., of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Kentucky, and Edgar S. Dudley, Grand Commander, of Nebraska, Past Commander, of Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Lincoln, Nebraska.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Wednesday night in each month.

OFFICERS :

J. A. PORTER	Eminent Commander.
T. I. VANGILDER	Generalissimo.
F. L. JACOBS	Captain General.
GEO. H. BELL	Prelate.
R. R. PORTER	Treasurer.
JORDAN STONE	Recorder.
J. D. BREVARD	Senior Warden.
J. A. BURROUGHS	Junior Warden.
J. M. BROOKSHIRE	Standard Bearer.
W. L. SHOPE	Sword Bearer.
H. A. GUDGER	Warder.
W. K. PENLY	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

A. J. Blair,	J. P. Gaston,	James M. Smith,
I. H. Bomar,	C. A. Moore,	J. A. Reagan,
Wm. M. Cocke, Jr.,	J. A. Nichols,	Thos. C. McCoy,
J. H. Carter,	W. P. Penly,	O. F. Hagerman,
J. W. Cortland,	M. W. Robinson,	Chas. D. Blanton,
H. C. Hunt,	W. C. Sprinkle,	J. J. White,
James M. Gudger,	C. W. Tweed,	A. H. Cobb.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

E. M. NADAL.....	Eminent Commander.
I. O. FARMER.....	Generalissimo.
S. C. WELLS.....	Captain General.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	Prelate.
W. J. HARRISS.....	Treasurer.
J. W. CROWELL.....	Recorder.
W. W. HARGRAVE.....	Senior Warden.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	Junior Warden.
R. W. KING.....	Standard Bearer.
J. T. COBB.....	Sword Bearer.
J. K. PEACOCK.....	Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

W. H. Applewhite,	W. W. Farmer,	H. R. Strong,
J. S. Battle,	J. W. Hays.	T. B. Sugg,
B. F. Briggs,	James Lipscomb,	S. M. Warren,
J. E. Clark,	F. M. Moye,	W. M. Ward,
Wiley Daniel,	J. E. Rountree,	J. D. Wells,
A. N. Daniel,	W. W. Richardson,	R. S. Barnes.

HONORARY MEMBER—Sir Carle A. Woodruff, G. C., Raleigh Commandery, No. 4.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Friday in each and every month.

OFFICERS:

JOHN J. THORNTON	Eminent Commander.
LORENZO A. BAILEY	Generalissimo.
RICHARD FASOLT	Captain General.
PINCKNEY L. GROOME	Prelate.
HERBERT H. CARTLAND	Treasurer.
ALFRED H. STUBBS	Recorder.
JOHN H. HARRIS	Senior Warden.
WALTER E. BASTINE	Junior Warden.
JACOB E. KANTNER	Standard Bearer.
NATHANIEL L. HALL	Sword Bearer.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN	Warder.
JOHN C. CLENDENIN	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Benjamin L. Bingham,	John L. Keeling,	Thomas J. Phillips,
Richard F. Boyd,	Samuel A. Kerr,	Wm. R. Richardson,
Jonathan B. Carpenter,	George Lampman,	Jesse F. Stephens,
Thomas H. Cook,	James E. ³ Mann,	John Van Lindley,
Charles Eugene Eckel,	Dwight W. Newell,	Charles N. Vance,
James D. Glenn,	James N. Nelson,	John W. Winfree.
Charles H. Ireland,	George H. Nissen,	

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUB-
ORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS, 1887.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	IMITTED.	DIED.	SUSPENDED.	MEMBERS 1888.
Wilmington	1	Wilmington	18	.....	1	.....	1	.....	18
*Charlotte	2	Charlotte	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
*Durham	3	Durham	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Raleigh	4	Raleigh	42	5	1	6	.....	1	41
Cyrene	5	Asheville	28	6	.....	.....	1	.....	33
*Piedmont	6	Winston	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Mount Lebanon ..	7	Wilson	27	4	.....	1	.....	.....	30
Ivanhoe	8	Greensboro	27	6	.....	1	.....	.....	32
Totals .....	.....	.....	196	21	2	8	2	1	208

*Estimated from last returns. No returns in 1888.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY,
1888.



GRAND COMMANDERS :

HORACE H. MUNSON,	EUGENE GRISSOM,
DONALD W. BAIN,	CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
JOHN A. PORTER.	

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS:

L. W. BATTLE,	G. H. KING,
A. J. BLAIR,	WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
EDWARD M. NADAL.	

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS:

GEORGE W. BLOUNT.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL:

JULIAN S. CARR,	D. G. MAXWELL,
ALFRED H. STUBBS.	

EMINENT COMMANDERS:

W. H. CHADBOURN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
W. R. KENAN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
C. R. JONES	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. MCADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	DURHAM, No. 3.
MICHAEL BOWES	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	RALEIGH, No. 4.
H. T. BAHNSON	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
J. D. GLENN	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON	IVANHOE, No. 8.

GRAND COMMANDERIES AND ADDRESS OF
GRAND RECORDERS.

STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama	Dec. 1st, 1862,	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery.
Arkansas	Mar. 25th, 1872,	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California	Aug. 10th, 1858,	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado	Mar. 14th, 1876,	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut	Sept. 13th, 1827,	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota	May 14th, 1884,	B. M. Rowley, Huron.
Georgia	April 25th, 1860,	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois	Oct. 27th, 1857,	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana	May 16th, 1854,	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa	June 16th, 1854,	Alfred Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas	Dec. 29th, 1864,	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Oct. 5th, 1847,	L. D. Croninger, Covington.
Louisiana	Feb. 4th, 1864,	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine	May 5th, 1852,	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland	Jan. 23d, 1871,	Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	May 6th, 1805,	A. F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Michigan	Jan. 15th, 1857,	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Oct. 23d, 1865,	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Jan. 22d, 1857,	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri	May 3d, 1860,	W. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska	Dec. 28th, 1871,	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire	Aug. 22d, 1821,	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey	Feb. 14th, 1860,	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York	June 18th, 1840,	Robert Macoy, New York.
North Carolina	May 10th, 1881,	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio	Oct. 24th, 1843,	John N. Bell, Dayton.
Oregon	April 13th, 1887,	Frelon J. Babcock, Salem.
Pennsylvania	April 14th, 1854,	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee	Oct. 12th, 1859,	George C. Connor, Chattanooga.
Texas	Jan. 19th, 1855,	R. Brewster, Houston.
Vermont	Aug. 14th, 1824,	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia	Nov. 27th, 1822,	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Washington	June 2d, 1887,	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
West Virginia	Feb. 24th, 1874,	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont.
Wisconsin	Oct. 28th, 1859,	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming	March 8th, 1888,	John K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne.
Grand Encampm't United States	June 21st, 1816,	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Great Priory of Canada	Oct. 9th, 1876,	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.
Gt. Priory of Eng- land and Wales .....	.....	W. Tinkler, London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COMMANDERIES.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.			GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.
Jesse L. V. Adams	Tuskegee	Alabama		Rev. Geo. H. Bell	Bell.
John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.	Arkansas		H. T. Bahson	Salem.
Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco	California		S. H. Smith	Winston.
Roger W. Woodbury	Denver	Colorado		James D. Glenn	Greensboro.
James H. Welsh	Danbury	Connecticut		H. H. Munson	Wilmington.
Samuel Roy	Lead City	Dakota		J. McD. French	Wilmington.
James L. Flemming	Augusta	Georgia		E. M. Nadal	Wilson.
Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	Illinois		Julian S. Carr	Durham.
William J. Robie	Richmond	Indiana		James Southgate	Durham.
Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.	Iowa			
A. M. Callahan	Topeka	Kansas		William Simpson	Raleigh.
George W. Wicks	Louisville	Kentucky		A. G. Breunier	Charlotte.
William H. Chaffe	New Orleans	Louisiana			
John Bird	Rockland	Maine		John A. Porter	Asheville.
Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore	Maryland		A. J. Blair	Asheville.
William H. Kent	Charlestown, Mass.	Massachusetts and Rhode Island.		George H. King	Charlotte.
R. G. Bronson		Minnesota		Francis M. Moye	Moyton.
John George	Grenada	Mississippi		J. W. Hunter	Salem.
F. J. Tygard	Butler	Missouri		W. L. Wall	Durham.
E. S. Dudley	Lincoln	Nebraska		Carle A. Woodruff	Raleigh.
Don. H. Woodward	Keene	New Hampshire		C. W. Alexander	Charlotte.
Joseph D. Congdon	Paterson	New Jersey		S. E. Allen	Winston.
Orren C. Parker	Batavia	New York		George W. Blount	Winston.
F. H. Rehwinkle	Chillicothe	Ohio		Engene Grissom	Raleigh.
Thos. H. Pritchard, D.D.	Wilmington	Oregon		Frank B. Dunn.	Eugene City.
William H. Dickson		Pennsylvania		E. J. Parrish	Durham.

W. C. Smith	Nashville	Tennessee	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington.
J. G. C. Lee	San Antonio	Texas	Michael Bowes	Raleigh.
Rev. F. S. Fisher	St. Johnsbury	Vermont	D. W. Bain	Raleigh.
Elbert C. Walthall	Richmond	Virginia	Alfred H. Stubbs	Greensboro.
W. H. Travis	Wheeling	West Virginia	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
George C. Teall	Eau Claire	Wisconsin	W. H. Chadbourne	Wilmington.

APPENDIX.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Regretting the necessity for the appointment of another as Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, and that such appointment fell to one so poorly equipped for, and with so little time to devote to the work, I shall have to, *very briefly*, refer to those proceedings of sister Grand bodies that have been received. I do not propose, in the usual reportorial style, to review those proceedings or to comment upon the various views expressed as to the jurisprudence rulings—or professional ethics obtaining in the grand community of Knights Templar spreading over the whole area of civilization. *It* will suffice for me to say that, in *that grand* army commanded by so many subordinates, in so many various latitudes and permeated by so various political and social conditions, our grand principal and common bond of union is ever present and pervading, to-wit: ADHESION TO, AND ABIDING FAITH IN, THE HOLY RELIGION OF THE LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. With that faith—with the practice of the principles which that religion inculcates, it is impossible that any should materially err. Oh that each one in our Grand army, panoplied so thoroughly for warfare, may have been born to the new life with the *living* faith in THE CHRIST.

The following proceedings have been examined, and examined with such care, as my limited time away from pressing private and professional affairs have permitted:

Alabama,	Georgia,	Maryland,	Ohio,
Arkansas,	Illinois,	Michigan,	Oregon,
California,	Indiana,	Mississippi,	Pennsylvania,
Canada,	Iowa,	Mass. & Rhode Island.	Tennessee,
Colorado,	Kansas,	Nebraska,	Virginia,
Connecticut,	Kentucky,	New Hampshire,	WestVirginia,
Dakota,	Louisiana,	New Jersey,	Wisconsin,
England & Wales, Maine,		New York,	Wyoming.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Commandery of Alabama convened in its twenty-seventh Annual Conclave in Mobile, May 18th, 1887. Grand Commander Daniel Smith, presiding, who, in his address, laments the death of P. G. C., Peleg Brown, and a memorial page commemorates his virtues. To be loved he need only to have been known. *requiescat in pace.*

Bro. Daniel Sayre reports inimitably. We enjoyed his comments; we will try to emulate his example—shall have to borrow his pen and then—then—get his *specs*, and then his help generally before coming anywhere nigh the mark.

Sir Knight J. D. Wilkins elected Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Dan'l Sayre re-elected Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

Since that time has passed over the river and entered into the rest of the saints, our Fratre in Christo, Daniel Sayre. He died April 7th, 1888. We offer sincerest condolences.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Commandery of Arkansas assembled in sixteenth Annual Conclave in the city of Little Rock, on April 24th, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

R. Em. Sir Phillip D. McCulloch, Grand Commander, present and presiding. Of the eleven Commanderies, only nine seem to have been represented, and the Grand Commander, in his address, laments that so few faces of the gallant band are present, participating in the labors of the Grand Commandery. He announced the death of two of the Past Grand Commanders during the Templar year:

R. E. Sir Andrew J. Thompson, on July 12th, 1887.

R. E. Sir Raphael M. Johnson, on December 27th, 1887.

The funeral of both were attended, and knightly honors accorded them. Dispensations for two new Commanderies have been issued.

R. E. Sir George L. Kimball was elected Grand Commander.

Em. Sir James Austin Henry re-elected Grand Recorder.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

E. Sirs J. A. Henry, Alfred A. Tufts and Chauncey C. Dean were appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California convened in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 19th, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

R. E. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Recorder.

With full corps Grand officers and representatives from twenty-nine Commanderies present.

Fraternal greetings, by telegraph, were received from the Grand Commanderies of Georgia and Texas, which were read, and appropriately responded to by telegraph.

The Grand Commander's address shows that the organization in that Grand jurisdiction is increasing, and the report of the Finance Committee shows a healthy and plethoric purse.

Weighted in such wise, no doubt and with good reason, our fratres in the golden State feel good. We don't know how to appreciate such for we have never had the experience. May you, my fratres, have long life happiness and at last an abundant entrance into the city of our God, under the escort of our Great Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Tristram Burges, Grand Commander ensuing year.

E. Sir Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Recorder ensuing year.

CANADA.

The fourth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada convened at Brookville, Ontario.

Present and presiding, M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master; Rt. E. Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, and Rt. E., L. G. Fairtlough, Grand Registrar.

The proceedings are exceedingly interesting—exhibiting marked evidence of prosperity.

Concluding his address, the Supreme Grand Master says: “We are not merely members of the “Masonic Body,” but Christian Fellow-soldiers, fighting the good fight of our Great High Captain, side by side with the leaders of the Church, armed, as they are, with the Sword of the Spirit. We may neglect our O. B's, but we cannot repudiate them, as our lives are ordained, we cannot escape being our brother's keeper. Is it not well then for us to accept the duties, take up the burthens, whether they be our own or not—bearing in mind, the precepts of the order; and above all, when we look upon the Sacred Token, so precious to all true Templars, presented at our reception to remind us of the covenant we have entered into—should we not endeavor to conform our lives and rule of action in accordance with the teachings of Him it symbolizes?”

The last meeting just held July 18th, we have had no tidings from, but expect glad ones when they do come. Long may our fellowship in deed, as in spirit, continue.

COLORADO.

The twelfth Annual Conclave, September 22d, A. D. 1887. A. O. 769, R. E. Sir Aaron Gove, Grand Commander.

Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder, with full corps of Grand officers present, with representatives from thirteen Commanderies.

The address of the Grand Commander, breathes the true knightly spirit, expressive of hope for continued prosperity.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Sir Harper M. Orahood, Chairman: clear, clever and concise.

R. Em. Sir Aaron Gove and Em. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee re-elected respectively Commander and Recorder for the years 1887 and 1888.

CONNECTICUT.

R. E. Charles E. Billings (the most handsome, whose picture adorns the frontispiece of proceedings), the Grand Commander, opened the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut at Hartford, on the 20th of March, 1888. All of the Grand officers present except Grand Sword Bearer.

No business of special import to the Fraternity at large.

R. E. Sir Charles B. Ware, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting to be held at New London on the third Tuesday in March, 1889.

DAKOTA.

Fifth Annual Conclave held at Aberdeen, May 29th and 30th, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

R. E. Sir Marc A. Brewer, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Bruce M. Rowley, Grand Recorder.

Full corps of officers. Eight Commanderies represented.

One Commandery U. D. was admitted to membership and its representatives seated.

The address of the Grand Commander showed that, while there was no extraordinary activity in the order, yet the general condition of this jurisdiction was healthy, prosperous and with the best feeling pervaded the ranks of the brotherhood. Damascus Commandery, No. 10, was chartered and dispensation issued to twelve Sir Knights to organize and work at Mitchell, Dakota, by the Grand Commander on July 19th, 1887, to which charter was granted. Fifteen Sir Knights petitioned for dispensation for Commandery at James Town, referred to Grand Commander and granted. No business other than of local character.

Sir Knight Jas. A. Colcord elected E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Bruce M. Rowley re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next meeting at the city of Mitchell, May 15th, 1889.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We received the Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta. In looking through the Muster Roll, we find the names of some of the most distinguished and titled persons of the kingdom. Among them we find H. R. Highness the Prince of Wales as Preceptor of "Faith and Fidelity Priory."

GEORGIA.

The twenty-seventh Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Georgia assembled in the city of Savannah, April 18th, 1888.

R. E. Charles T. Watson, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Grand Recorder.

With corps of officers and large representation present.

Before assembling in Conclave, the mayor of the city, in front of the Pulaski House, welcomed the Grand Commandery to the hospitalities of the city and to the Asylum of Palestine Commandery of the city in a most elegant address, which was most happily responded to by Grand Commander Watson and Sir J. A. Gray. With such a welcome nothing could be expected except a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting, which was had to repletion. Prosperity seems to abound throughout the jurisdiction.

R. E., J. A. Fleming elected Grand Commander.

E., S. P. Hamilton re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next Grand Conclave will be held in the city of Columbus, April 17th, 1889. The report on Foreign Correspondence is commended for its *terse uniqueness*.

INDIANA.

Right Em. G. W. F. Kirk, with full corps of Grand officers, opened the thirty-fourth session of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, in the city of Indianapolis, on the 24th of April, 1888, and delivered an address full of instructive matter, chiefly of local character. He says, however, in regard to the Ritual, adopted by the Grand Encampment, that some of the most beautiful and impressive sentences have been changed or left out. He calls attention to the fact that Judas Iscariot is called the "Apostle" in said ritual and thinks very properly that we might with equal propriety call the Traitor Arnold, the Patriot Benedict Arnold. We must submit. He was asked if a K. T., indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues and afterwards pays the amount for which he was suspended, and is then refused membership, is entitled to have the money refunded? Answers, he has no law on the subject, but if the Commandery refuses to refund, he can appeal to the Grand Commandery. We would say if he did, the Grand Commandery would very properly refuse his application for no wrong has been done him by the refusal to refund, he has paid what he owed before suspension, and his application to be reinstated being refused affords no ground for the demand to refund anything except, perhaps, the fee for membership. We commend the report of the Grand Inspector General.

R. E. Reuben Peden elected Grand Commander.

J. M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting to be held in Indianapolis last Tuesday of April, 1889.

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Illinois convened in Chicago, October 25th, A. D. 1887.

R. E. Sir W. E. Bromfield, Grand Commander.

E. Sir Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder.

We commend the form prescribed for the opening of a Grand Commandery. We have always thought that the ceremony of opening subordinate bodies inappropriate to that of the general conventions of those bodies, but we do not now propose to discuss the matter, we hope, however, the example will be followed. Peace and prosperity reign.

R. E. Sir E. S. Mulliner elected Grand Commander.

E. Sir Gil. W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Chicago on October 22d, 1888.

IOWA.

Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave convened in the city of Oskaloosa, October 6th, 1887.

R. E. Sir A. R. Dewey, Grand Commander, present and presiding, with full corps of officers supporting. His address is knightly courteous at the same time vigorous in pointing out what he deems threatening dangers. The Grand Commandery endorsed his action, and in following it up, the malediction of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States has been visited upon their body.

Sir Knight Clark Varnun elected Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Alfred Wingate re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting will be held at Cedar Rapids, October 18th, 1888.

The Grand Master having issued proclamation of non-intercourse with this Grand body, it may have the effect in his estimation, of preventing the courtesy of fraternal notices of its proceedings. We shall, however, risk it for we think a fair hearing should be accorded and justice meted to all concerned. We have no hesitation in giving the opinion that the action of the Grand Encampment, adopting the changes in the Ritual and the promulgation of it for the use of the Commanderies of the United States, was ill-advised, hasty and not warranted by the constitution, and while the action of the Grand Commandery of Iowa may have been precipitate and in *qua si* insubordination to the powers that be, yet much may be said in extenuation, and we do hope the next session of the Grand Encampment will wipe out the stigma upon its own escutcheon—cure the evil and restore Iowa to fraternal relations.

KANSAS.

Sir Knight Henry C. Cook, R. E. Grand Commander, with full corps of officers, opened the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kansas, at Salaua, May 10th, 1887.

Twenty-one Commanderies represented. Business routine and of local character evincing prosperity and zeal.

Sir Knight J. J. Buck elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight J. H. Brown re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence full and exhaustive of the main features of sister Grand Commanderies, showing industry and discrimination indicative of fine ability. Long may she wave.

Next meeting to be held in the city of Wichita, second Tuesday of May, 1889.

KENTUCKY.

The forty-first Annual Conclave is ushered in with grand escort parade, May 9th, 1888, at Maysville.

Business houses and private dwellings were profusely decorated in greeting of the Sir Knights in their march. On reaching the Masonic Temple, Sir Knight W. P. Coous, of Maysville Commandery, delivered an address of welcome full of cordial greeting, heartfelt gladness and inspiring hope. The Right E. Grand Commander responded in terms no less glowing, fervent and chivalrous.

Sir Knight H. G. Sandifer, R. E. Grand Commander, supported by a full corps of officers, opened the Grand Commandery and proceeded to business. The address is full of encouragement to the craft.

The decisions made were manifestly in accord with Masonic law. The report on Foreign Correspondence is full, noticing with approval the annual address of our incomparably refined Christian mason, Donald W. Bain.

Sir Knight Horace January was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Lorenzo Dow Croninger re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Commandery assembled in Annual Conclave in New Orleans, February 17th, 1888.

Sir W. T. Benedict presided as Grand Commander, the presence of R. E. Grand Commander J. G. McWilliams being prevented. His address was read by the Grand Recorder, which breathed the true spirit of knightly devotion to the sacred cause of the Master. Four Commanderies represented, with membership of three hundred and five. Like

our own, she is moving on slowly, but surely in the right direction, knowing, that in the cross we shall be victorious.

Sir Albert G. Brice elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next meeting will be held in New Orleans, February 15th, 1889.

MAINE.

Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave assembled in Masonic Hall, Portland, May 4th, 1887.

R. E. John O. Shaw, Grand Commander.

E. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

Full corps of officers and representatives from fifteen Commanderies.

The address of the Grand Commander is in good spirit. No decisions of general import. What he rendered were in accordance with known Masonic law. (It does seem strange that Grand Commanders should be troubled with questions that any intelligent mason ought to solve without trouble; perhaps it is easier to write than to look into the matter). He is very much in love with the Grand Encampment, and thinks if the representatives go to it and devote their time to social pleasures, they ought not to complain of the action of those who work. We say so too, if the workers work by the "rule and line."

R. E. William J. Burnham was elected Grand Commander.

Em. Ira Berry was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sorry we have not the proceedings of 1888.

MARYLAND.

In Grand Conclave in the city of Baltimore, November 22d, 1887, with full corps of officers.

Sir Charles William Hatter, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding.

Sir Charles Thomas Sisco, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, Chairman of Com. on Correspondence.

Spirit, energy and enthusiasm evident throughout the whole proceedings. There was no action on any matters of general importance to the craft except in so far as the general welfare of the body in Maryland affects the organization the whole country. The prosperity of one member of the family is pleasing and encouraging to all the rest. The last meeting of our Grand Commandery is reviewed, as well that of 1886 held in the town of Wilson. And copious extracts taken from addresses of Grand Commander Bain, quoting in full the peroration of that of 1887, which ought to be engraved on tables of stone for every Commandery, as containing the marrow and fatness of our faith.

Our brother correspondent copies from the proceedings of New York, 1885: "A curious piece of antiquity on the crucifixion of our Saviour

and the two thieves," representing three crosses, on the top of the middle cross and down its length are the inscriptions, "INRI." My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me."

On the right hand X is the prayer of the penitent thief, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," on the left hand + is the imprecation or reproach of the other. "If thou beest the Christ, save thyself and us."

Sir J. A. Charles Kahler elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Charles Thomas Sisco re-elected E. Grand Recorder, and Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

Next meeting, December 27th, 1888.

MICHIGAN.

Thirty-second Annual Conclave held in the city of Grand Rapids, May 15th, 1888.

Sir T. H. Williams, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. P. Innes, E. Grand Recorder.

With full corps of officers, and representatives from thirty-nine of the forty Commanderies of the State, with fourteen past Grand officers. Not a few of the Commanderies represented by four and five of their officers. The first glance, looked like business—active, enthusiastic business. This doubtless encouraged the Grand Commander in the delivery of his most admirable address. The whole of the proceedings showed spirit and zeal. Application for the formation of four new Commanderies. The report on Correspondence is a model of excellence in taste and knightly courtesy. The notice of our poor little Commandery is specially pleasing to us, as large extracts is made from the address of our Grand Commander, and touching notice given to our Past Most Excellent Chairman. The general make up of the printed proceedings is exquisitely tasteful, in arrangement and typographical execution. Every lagging despondent Commandery in our jurisdiction would do well to get a copy and study and receive fresh inspiration. It is with regret that more extended notice cannot be made.

Sir Charles P. Bigelow elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. P. Innes re-elected Grand Recorder, and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Long may he live to fill as he does so excellently well, both positions.

MISSISSIPPI.

On Tuesday, February 7th, A. D. 1888, A. O. 768. The Commandery of Mississippi convened in Annual Conclave at Columbus.

The Grand Commander, Grand Captain General and Grand Prelate were absent. The Conclave was opened and presided over by V. E.,

Fred. Speed, who delivered an oral address to the Grand Commandery. In a communication addressed to the V. E. D. G. Commander, Speed, after regretting his inability to be present on account, of sickness in his family, the Grand Commander says: From the best information at my command, I am led to believe the Order in this State (while it seems on a boom everywhere else), hasw been retrogressive, and I believe, that unless immediate and heroic efforts are at once adopted, our course on the down grade will be accelerated. There is one thing I would like to recommend or suggest, that is: that we disconnect ourselves from other Grand bodies, by this means we will have more time "to deliberate on our unhappy condition," and awaken a greater interest in Templar Masonry. During my term of office I have not been called on in my official capacity. I am very much afraid our membership is less than it was a year ago or at least to my knowledge has not increased." There were represented only six Commanderies out of fifteen on the roll, which goes far to sustain the Grand Commander's impression from which we fear the outlook is decidedly gloomy. A beautiful memorial tribute paid to the memory of R. E. Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder of Alabama, who died April 7th, 1888. In the insertion of memorial page was this inscription:

"Life's labor done
Serenely to his final rest he passed,
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like sun-light lines when that bright orb has set."

On motion of Grand Recorder, the question of time and place of Annual Conclave was referred to the Subordinate Commanderies - to be voted upon before September 1st. If a majority are in favor of disconnecting, then the next Grand Conclave shall be held in Vicksburg, on 4th Wednesday in April, 1889: all failing to vote to be counted as voting in the affirmative. If a majority are opposed to the proposed change, then the Conclave to be held at the same place as the Grand Lodge, and on the Tuesday preceding.

Sir Knight Frederic Speed was elected Grand Commander.

Sir Knight J. L. Power was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

In Grand Conclave, May 13th, 1887, in the city of Providence, R. I., and October 26th, 1887, in the city of Boston, Mass.

Sir Edward L. Chapin, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred F. Chapman, E. Grand Recorder.

The addresses of the Grand Commander at these conclaves are instructive, concise and incisive. He granted a considerable number of dispensations, refused some, showing wisdom, discernment and sound

judgment. In referring to the new ritual, he says, it is to be regretted that it became necessary, through the action of the Grand Encampment, to distribute so freely printed copies of the ritual; "to place in distribution a work, which should be most sacred and secret," so that it has now become to a great degree "common property," particularly as it contains glaring errors, omissions and incongruities. From the report signed by John L. Stevenson, one of the committee, who reported the Ritual at St. Louis, we quote:

"It would have been specially gratifying if the Committee on Ritual could have presented for adoption and promulgation, the ancient ritual of this Grand Commandery without interlineation, alteration or erasure." He must be akin to our venerated Levi L. Stevenson, who fought so hard and kept so pure the "work" of the symbolic degrees in Virginia and North Carolina. He surely has some of his veneration for "ancient work," and a desire to keep it untouched by the hand of the innovator.

Prosperity prevails in this jurisdiction—long may it continue.

Sir George H. Allen was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred F. Chapman re-elected E. Grand Recorder, and Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

NEBRASKA.

Fifteenth Annual Conclave, at Beatrice, April 19th, 1887.

R. E. Sir E. F. Warren, Grand Commander.

Em. Sir Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Recorder.

The opening address thus beautifully refers to the season of the year of its session: "I am reminded that our annual re-unions occur in the most auspicious season of the year. Every living thing in nature, so long dormant, and apparently dead, beneath the icy touch of winter has awakened to new life; has thrown off the fetters of oblivion, and with its awakening beauty is to-day reminding us of the glories of the resurrection. The religious anniversaries with which this season of the year is crowded remind us of the principal tenets of our faith, and point us anew to our risen Saviour. After the sleep of death will come the morning of the resurrection. Let us see to it that we have a part therein."

He reports peace and prosperity within his borders so that his labors have been neither difficult nor laborious.

There was no business affecting the craft in general. The spirit enunciated in the address seems to have pervaded the meeting—peace and good will.

R. E. Sir Edgar S. Dudley elected Grand Commander.

E. Sir William R. Bowen re-elected Grand Recorder.

There was no report on Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave, in the city of Concord, September 27th, 1887.

Sir Knight Charles N. Towle, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight John Francis Webster, as E. Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander assures the Annual Conclave of harmonious and prosperous state of the order, presents no new ideas for action, leaves dissertation on higher morality to abler pens, concluding with a recommendation for the payment of the expenses of officers of the Grand Commandery. We think it might do so, with a surplus of over two thousand dollars, with evidences from the appearance of the proceedings, of uncommon economy, for Sir Knights, cold latitude that. No report on Foreign Correspondence, though publication of proceedings were delayed till the 9th of June, 1888, for it.

Sir Knight John James Bell, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight George Perley Cleaves, E. Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave at Concord, September 25th, 1888.

NEW JERSEY.

Thirtieth Annual Conclave, in the city of Trenton, May 8th, 1888.

Right Em. E. W. Price, Grand Commander.

Em. Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander congratulates the fratres on the flourishing condition of the order, and predicts from the evidence of activity in the reports of the various Commanderies, a future of usefulness and prosperity.

He reports that the Grand Commandery, at its last Conclave, took no action in regard to the Ritual promulgated by the Grand Encampment, he, by general order, that Subordinate Commanderies to his jurisdiction continue to use the Ritual at present in use till further order—good.

It makes us, poor Knights, feel good to know that we have brethren with plethoric purses and to rejoice at their prosperity. The treasurer's report shows, after no niggard expenditure, a balance of seven hundred and forty-six dollars. Correspondent notices us favorably, and quotes largely from that most admirably conceived and happily expressed address of our Grand Commander Bain.

R. E. Isaac C. Githens, Grand Commander.

Em. Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

In Annual Conclave, in the city of Utica, October 11th, 1887.

Sir Joseph A. Johnson, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy, E. Grand Recorder.

The corps of officers is incomplete. The pall hangs over the quarters of Albert Gallatin Goodall, the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander. He laid aside his armors, sheathed his sword, and wrapped his mantle around him in peaceful sleep on the 19th February, 1887. His funeral services were conducted, by his express wish, by Holland Lodge, No. 8, of which he was a member, in Masonic Temple February 23d. But Morton Commandery deeming that suitable honor had not been done him, by reason of his conspicuous rank, asked for and obtained permission to hold special memorial services in his honor, which was done with proper and imposing ceremonial in Chickering Hall, March 31st, 1887. Programme of the service are of record among the proceedings.

A beautiful memorial address, commemorative of the life, character and faithful service of the distinguished frater was pronounced by Em. Sir Charles H. Houslay, and is incorporated in the proceedings.

The proceedings show a high degree of vigor and prosperity: attributable to the time and attention paid to the work of the Order, and study of its principles and tactics. The election to office in the Grand Commandery of New York means something more than a dubbing with high sounding title, it means work, and the reports of the several Grand officers evince the fact that good is done by them and the fruits thereof, the prosperity of the order. We cannot expect such, however, from Commanderies in those sections where the members have to work for their living, and have not an over-abundance of the "sordid stuff," the *love* of which, King Solomon said, was the root of all evil.

We regret that time forbids notice of the capital report of Sir Robert Macoy, in which he continues his Templar notes. He indicates that we all love titles, and that even the tattered soldier loves the ribbon which proclaims his triumph.

In noticing North Carolina, the correspondent copies at length the concluding portion of the address of our R. E. Grand Commander, which is indeed a pearl of the first water.

Sir Theo. E. Haslehurst, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Macoy, E. Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

Forty-fifth Annual Conclave, at Columbus, on the 11th and 12th of October, 1887.

R. E. LaFayette Lyttle, Grand Commaander.

Em. John N. Bell, Grand Recorder.

The proceedings are voluminous. The first day's proceedings cover one hundred and ten pages, the second day's, twenty-two pages, and Report on Foreign Correspondence, one hundred and sixty pages, handsomely bound, typographical execution first-class. Correspondent shows

most pains-taking zeal and efficiency in his work; he has a tabulated report of all the Grand Commanderies in the United States, Canada, England and Wales. The review of his work alone would take all the time we have to devote to the whole work; and we would be pleasantly employed too.

He mentions North Carolina; thinks our Grand Commander right, perhaps, but over prudent in the matter of changing time for meeting of Grand Commandery; thinks that, had circumstances required it, he should have adopted the Jacksonion. "By the eternal, I will take the responsibility." Grand Commander Bain did not lack the nerve to take such responsibility had a necessity required it. "Wise as a serpent, gentle as a lamb" may, with truth, be applied to him. He holds the keys to our State Treasury and has sagaciously watched over, and faithfully guarded it through various administrations. No weakness or hesitation caused, what our frater seems to think, lack of nerve, the occasion did not require such action.

Reluctantly we bid Ohio good-bye.

Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir John N. Bell re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sir Enoch T. Carson re-elected Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

OREGON.

The first Grand Conclave was held in the city of Portland, July 6th, 1887.

Sir James F. Robinson, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Frelon Jesse Babcock, E. Grand Recorder.

This Grand Commandery was duly constituted on the 13th of April, with three Subordinate Commanderies. The annual meeting, so soon after its organization, had little of interest to the craft in general, but to that body it was as important an event as to the young mother with her first baby. We know she felt good, and we rejoice with her, and welcome her to our communion.

The printed proceedings are very creditably gotten up, much more so than some of the older and wealthier Commanderies.

The same Grand Commander and Recorder for 1887 and 1888.

Next Annual Conclave to be held at Portland, October 9th, 1888.

Long may she live to Honor our Common Lord and Saviour.

PENNSYLVANIA.

In Grand Annual Conclave, May 24th, 1887.

Begins with annual parade and review, address of welcome to the city and Temple of Philadelphia, by E. Sir W. J. Kelley, as Chairman of the

Committee of the Commanderies of Philadelphia, responded to by V. E. Sir Lee S. Smith. The programme is elaborate, and doubtless most gloriously executed.

Sir L. S. Smith, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, presiding.

R. E. George S. Graham, Grand Commander, was absent because of the death of his son.

E. Sir Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder, read the address of the Grand Commander, which proclaimed that "peace has been the dweller in all our borders, and prosperity has blessed our Commanderies." Regretting that he cannot be present, he thus touchingly refers to the hindering cause: "At our last Conclave, I had the privilege of joining in the pleasant ceremony of christening the new born son of our retiring Grand Commandery, to-day, I know I have your heartfelt sympathy in my sad loss, on earth, of my only and cherished son. The Great Master has called him away, and I have, in suffering obedience, to lay my disappointed hopes and fond ambitions at His feet, and though it is very hard to say 'Thy will, not mine, be done.' In such an hour the consolations of our holy religion are the only comfort and stay upon which my wounded spirit hangs."

That he has that consolation, *we know*, if he be a true Christian, born of the spirit and united with Christ by a living faith, for *He* is faithful and true, watching over, guarding and sympathizing with those who mourn.

The recapitulation of his official acts is terse, referring to only the important, all of which were of local significance.

Sir Lee S. Smith elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Charles E. Meyer re-elected Grand Recorder.

Sir W. J. Kelley, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave convened in the city of Clarksville, May 8th, 1888.

Sir Charles Winston Mosby, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir George Cooper Connor, E. Grand Recorder.

With full corps of officers and representatives from all the Commanderies.

After the address of the Grand Commander, breathing the true spirit of Christian Masonry, come the reports of the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, showing the nature and character of the work they had performed, the fruits of which are manifest in the large and enthusiastic attendance upon the Grand Commandery.

'Tis said. Comparisons are odious, but I cannot refrain from noting

that, in our Grand body among our *Grand* officers, who have been dubbed with Grand titles, there have been but few reports of visitation to the Subordinate Commanderies, and no evidence appears, either in effective work or attendance upon our Annual Conclave, of any good they have accomplished, not even in the Commanderies of which they are members. Such should not be the case. A perusal of the proceedings of some of our sister Grand bodies may inspirit them to more efficient work. We refer them now and here to our sister Tennessee. As a State, we call her our daughter; she has set us an example worthy of imitation.

The Grand Commander, concluding his address, gives hearty thanks to his immediate staff for favors done and assistance rendered, and specially does he thank the Eminent Grand Recorder.

Sir Gabriel B. Wilson was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir George C. Connor re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Murfreesboro, May 14th, 1889.

VIRGINIA.

Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Virginia was held in the city of Petersburg, November 24th, 1887.

Sir W. H. H. Lynn, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. B. Isaacs, E. Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander finds an echo in hearts of true and valiant Sir Knights wherever dispersed, and the reports of subordinate officers shows a zeal for the cause, and an activity in the order, which is praiseworthy.

Sir James Braxton Blanks elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. B. Isaacs re-elected Grand Recorder, and Chairman of Correspondence Committee.

WEST VIRGINIA.

We have proceedings of the years 1886, '87 and '88 held respectively:

In Weston, May 12th, 1886, Sir J. A. Miller, R. E. G. Commander.

In Charleston, Kanawha Co., May 11th, 1887, Sir Geo. Davis, R. E. G. C.

In Huntington, May 9th, 1888, Sir Alex. Parks, Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder.

We cannot notice the proceedings in detail; too much at a time. Suffice it to say there is commendable zeal for the good of the order manifest throughout, and most admirable spirit embodied in the several addresses of the Grand Commanders. We like the idea of having preserved photographs of the Commanders in the printed proceedings. It

does not cost much, and we like to look into the faces of our honored fratres.

R. E. J. A. Miller, Past Grand Commander of 1886, re-elected Gr. Com.

E. Sir R. C. Dunnington re-elected Grand Recorder.

A good Grand Recorder stands a poor showing for promotion, if, indeed, election to the higher degree office, might be so called—yes, yes, they do go up to chairmanship of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave at Fairmont, second Wednesday in May, 1889.

WISCONSIN.

Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave assembled in the city of Milwaukee, October 11th, 1887.

Sir Jeremiah Watts, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir John W. Laffin, E. Grand Recorder.

With the exception of the Grand Captain General and Prelate, the corps of officers was complete. Twenty out of the twenty-one Commanderies were represented. Healthy condition—prosperous meeting. The address of the Grand Commander is replete with wise counsel and encouragement, and recites an ancient legend by which is illustrated, the power of the cross (the symbol of which, Knights Templars wear on the heart as well as on badges), to shield from the attacks of the evil one, and to enable the Knight to resist temptations, and come off more than conquerors through Him in whom we trust.

The report on Correspondence is full and creditable. Mention of North Carolina is made of both 1886, 1887. Finds nothing "quotable" in the "eloquent and will-written" addresses of Grand Commander Bain. Some others of the quill-drivers thought differently and quoted largely from them. It was an unintentional, perhaps, slap at us because of our not having report on Foreign Correspondence, and "you tickle me, I tickle you," did not come in. We acknowledge the *quid pro quo wanting*, but not merited in the address. The proceedings did not reach this Correspondent till late, and did not come up for review till July 31st, the day before starting to Winston, or more extended notice would have been given the proceedings.

Sir N. B. Rundle elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir J. W. Laffin re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir W. C. Swain, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Conclave to be held in the city of Milwaukee, October 9th, 1888.

WYOMING.

Proceedings of Wyoming Commandery, No. 1, at Cheyenne, on December 13th, 1886, show initiative for establishment of a Grand Commandery, and resolutions of similar import were adopted by two other

Commanderies, Ivanhoe, No. 2, and Immanuel, No. 3, in pursuance of which a convention of P. E. Commanders and officers of those three assembled, on the 9th of January, 1888, and regularly organized the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, adopting code of statutes and regulations in due form and of the true metal.

Sir Truman B. Hicks was elected first R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir J. K. Jeffrey was elected first E. Grand Recorder.

Usual subordinate officers and committees were appointed. Adjourned to meet again at such time and place as might be designated by the R. E. Grand Commander.

On March 8th, 1888, the Sir Knight Wm. B. Trufant, proxy of the Most E. Grand Master, installed the officers of the new Grand Commandery, and proclaimed it duly formed and constituted according to the ancient ritual and usages of the Order.

Whereupon the Grand Commandery was regularly opened on the 9th of March, with the full line of officers and transacted its routine business, looking to work and participation in the work of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Committee appointed to look to transportation, &c.

We greet the new sister with cordiality and bid her God speed in our glorious work.

Next and Second Annual Conclave to be held July 11th, 1888.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, I must beg the indulgence of this Grand Commandery on my "prenticed hand," and ask in paliation of shortcomings my secluded retreat and deprivation of association with fratres of age, erudition and experience, and specially of the assistance of the veteran reporter, E. James Southgate, who has been hindered by his own failing health and afflictions in his family.

I have purposely omitted to make extracts more at length from the reports of other reporters and addresses of Grand Commanders, because of the known paucity of means to print, and in some cases of the indifference of the Sir Knights assembled in Grand Commandery, to hear read the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, yet, I am free to say, "though I say it myself, who ought not to say it," that time spent in the hearing of even so poor a report as the one now presented, would be well and wisely spent. Teaching by the wise precepts of our magnanimous order, so fraught with the wisdom that maketh wise unto salvation, is not to be undervalued or in any way omitted. Nor should we neglect that which comes of example, and the example of our fratres scattered over the length and breadth of this goodly land of ours, bound together by the sacred ties and of association in rites, the most holy,

commemorating events, the most important in life. I have derived profit and a most indescribable pleasure from the review of the works of our sister Grand bodies, and can now, at the close of my labor, deplore how poorly I have been able to impart the lessons learned and to depict the pleasure I have enjoyed. We have somewhere the teaching (most every Knight will recall when and where learned): "That our ancient brethren received their wages in corn, wine and oil." I can say truly mine have been in "the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy." But for the benefit of the craft in general, and some other frater in particular, I will say I will not selfishly ask for re-appointment to the office which I have found pays so *unstintedly* the earnest worker in its mines. May the Spirit of Grace take the teaching of our order and make thereof the savor of life unto *life* to all who come within its folds, and are bound together by our most solemn obligations. "May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us."

GEO. W. BLOUNT, *Chairman.*



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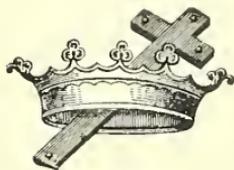
AT ITS

NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 23D AND 24TH, A. D.
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JAMES SOUTHGATE ----Durham ---E. Grand Generalissimo.
EUGENE S. MARTIN---Wilmington E. Grand Captain General.
GEO. H. BELL -----Asheville --E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE-----Wilson-----E. Grand Senior Warden.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS---Asheville --E. Grand Junior Warden.
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HORACE H. MUNSON--Wilmington E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN-----Greensboro-E. Grand Standard Bearer.
WILLIAM A. BLAIR-----Winston ---E. Grand Sword Bearer.
CHAS. W. ALEXANDER Charlotte---E. Grand Warder.
WM. P. SNAKENBURG --Wilson ----E. Grand Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS.



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Ninth Annual Conclave, at the Asylum of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Wilmington, May 23d, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771, with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

SIR JOHN A. PORTER	-----R. E. Grand Commander.
SIR EDWARD M. NADAL	-----V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
SIR A. H. COBB	----- <i>as</i> E. Grand Generalissimo.
SIR ALFRED H. STUBBS	-----E. Grand Captain General.
SIR GEO. H. BELL	----- <i>as</i> E. Grand Prelate.
SIR FRANCIS M. MOYE	-----E. Grand Senior Warden.
SIR GEO. LAMPMAN	----- <i>as</i> E. Grand Junior Warden.
SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON	-----E. Grand Treasurer.
SIR HORACE H. MUNSON	-----E. Grand Recorder.
SIR JAMES D. GLENN	-----E. Grand Standard Bearer.
SIR FREDERIC L. JACOBS	----- <i>as</i> E. Grand Sword Bearer.
SIR EUGENE S. MARTIN	-----E. Grand Warder.
SIR W. P. SNAKENBURG	-----E. Grand Sentinel.

OPENING.

It appearing that representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies were present, the Grand Commandery was opened in Ample and Knightly Form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same, in printed form, being in the hands of the Sir Knights present.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights GEO. H. KING, A. J. BLAIR, and E. S. MARTIN the Committee on Credentials, who submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials report that they find the following named Commanderies represented by their proper officers as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers, present and past, mentioned below.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

JOHN A. PORTER.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
EDWARD M. NADAL.....	V. E. Grand Commander.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	E. Grand Captain General.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
WM. SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	E. Grand Warder.
WM. P. SNAKENBURG.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

DONALD W. BAIN.....	Past Grand Commander.
A. J. BLAIR, GEO. H. KING, W. W.	
ALLEN.....	Past Deputy Grand Commanders.
GEO. W. BLOUNT.....	Past Grand Generalissimo.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO. 1.

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	Eminent Commander.
WILLIAM R. KENAN.....	Generalissimo.
WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS.....	Captain General.

CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY, NO. 2.

GEO. H. KING.....	Representative.
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DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3.

JAMES SOUTHGATE..... Eminent Commander.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4.

R. H. BRADLEY..... proxy for Eminent Commander.

S. D. WAIT..... proxy for Generalissimo.

H. M. COWAN..... proxy for Captain General.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5.

A. J. BLAIR..... Eminent Commander.

A. H. COBB..... Generalissimo.

F. L. JACOBS..... proxy for Captain General.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6.

M. D. BAILEY..... proxy for Eminent Commander.

D. P. MAST..... Generalissimo.

A. J. BLAIR..... proxy for Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7.

F. M. MOYE..... Eminent Commander.

S. C. WELLS..... Generalissimo.

R. G. BRIGGS..... Captain General.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8.

J. D. GLENN..... proxy for Eminent Commander and Generalissimo.

GEO. LAMPMAN..... Captain General.

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir JOHN A. PORTER, Grand Commander, delivered his annual address, which was, on motion of Sir A. H. STUBBS, referred to a committee as follows: W. R. KENAN, R. G. BRIGGS, W. A. BLAIR.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Another Templar year has passed, and we stand for a brief moment in the lengthening shadows of its evening, as it drifts away on the great ocean of eternity. Gone with its success and failures, its joys and griefs,

its sunshine and clouds—a record in the Book of Time, whose page we now turn forever.

But turning from the darkness of the night into which it has passed, let our eyes be directed to the light of the new morning, and with the Banner of Hope unfurled to the favorable winds of progress, let us seek a higher and nobler destiny in the bright future of the coming years.

And now, with fraternal greetings and good cheer, each to the other, let us hope that we shall part again wiser and better men, carrying away in our hearts more charity for one another, a stronger devotion to our noble order, and a firmer reliance in our God, who is a strong tower to those who put their trust in Him.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Eight years ago the Grand Commandery of North Carolina was formed in this city with three subordinate Commanderies, containing in all about seventy Sir Knights. Since that time we have added five other Commanderies, making eight, with a total membership of about two hundred.

It is to be regretted that our growth has not been more healthy and vigorous, and it is my duty, as your chief officer, to suggest that the lack of zeal and interest evident in some of our subordinate bodies has been caused by the laxity of this Grand Commandery in enforcing its laws and regulations. I refer to Commanderies which year after year have failed to hold any Conclave, pay dues, or keep records. And yet this Grand Body has neglected to take cognizance of their shortcomings by dealing with them. Nor has it made active effort to promote zeal and encourage these Commanderies to discharge their duty. Is not the harmony reported as prevailing throughout this Grand Jurisdiction the harmony of indifference and neglect, rather than one of love for our noble order and its success and growth?

Can we not do something to increase interest and stimulate our Commanderies to attain excellence in Ritual and Drill? I suggest that this Grand Body require its officers to visit each Commandery at least once annually, and let fraternal visitations between these subordinate bodies be advised.

If something can be done to develop the social features of the order in our ranks, I venture the opinion that our hearts will be made glad by a prosperous growth throughout the old North State.

IN MEMORIAM.

Death, the harvester, has been in our midst: an alarm has been made at the door of our grand asylum, and our Eminent Frater, Francis H.

Glover, Grand Generalissimo, has been summoned into the presence of the Great Grand Master of the Universe—whereupon was issued our order No. 1.

February 9, 1889, Past Commander Charles R. Jones, of Charlotte No. 2, died after an illness of several months. At one time editor and proprietor of a leading journal of this State, he was well known to most of you.

Sister Jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn the loss of beloved fraters. In Arkansas, V. E. Sir John, Middleton Clayton died January 29, 1889. A Knight tried and true. Alabama loses Past Deputy Grand Commander John H. Higby and Past Grand Warder Adam Reigart Baker. To these Jurisdictions we extend fraternal sympathy.

DISPENSATIONS.

August 23, 1888, granted dispensation to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to hold an election of officers. Petition setting forth that no annual election of officers had been held.

September 26, 1888, granted permission to Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, Petersburg, Va., to enter this Jurisdiction to participate in the burial services of Sir R. W. Daniel, a member of that Commandery, who died in Weldon, N. C.

December 6, 1888, granted permission to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to hold monthly Conclave for December on the first Friday night instead of fourth Thursday night of month.

December 22, 1889, granted permission to Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, to appear in public uniformed, on the occasion of installation of officers.

April 17, 1889, granted permission to Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, to ballot upon the petitions of four applicants, and if elected, to confer the orders.

May 15, 1889, granted permission to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to ballot upon the petitions of three applicants, and if elected to confer the orders.

May 17, 1889, granted permission to Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, to hold Special Conclave for election of officers, it appearing that no election had been held in that body for more than two years.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

December 24, 1888, I nominated (through our Grand Recorder), W. P. Snakenburg, Wilson, N. C., as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana near this Grand Commandery.

December 24, 1888, at the instance of the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Mississippi, I appointed Past Grand Commander William S. Patton, of Meridian, Mississippi, as our Grand Representative near that Grand Body.

May 6, 1889, upon the recommendation of Right Eminent Sir John J. Wemple, of Nebraska, I appointed Sir Charles M. Carter, of Lincoln, Nebraska, our Grand Representative near that Grand Commandery, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Past Commander Edgar S. Dudley, he having removed from that jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS.

May 15 and 16 I visited Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Asheville, N. C., and with the assistance of Eminent Commander A. J. Blair, A. H. Cobb, Generalissimo, and others, I conferred the orders of Red Cross and Temple. I am glad to make a good report from this Commandery. Their exemplification of the Ritual was good. Their books and records are in order, and they have money in their treasury.

May 17, 1889, I visited Charlotte, N. C., to examine into the condition of Charlotte, No. 2. I found the Sir Knights of that Commandery anxious to again fall into line, and I believe the future of that body is brighter than it has been for years.

May 18, 1889, I visited Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, at Winston, and conferred the order of the Temple and appendant orders. I was sorry to see them very deficient in Ritual work, but the occasion was pleasant, and I find they have been adding recently to their numbers some excellent material. They have pledged themselves to shake off their past lethargy, and I predict for them a place among the first of our Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

May 20, 1889, I visited Durham, No. 3. I find them somewhat disfigured, but they claim to be still in the ring. Durham stands as a town in the front rank of progress and enterprise. There is no good reason why she should not sustain a flourishing Commandery.

Finally, Sir Knights, having tried to render you a faithful account of my stewardship, I express my sincere regret for the imperfect discharge of the important duties attaching to this high office. The distinguished honor I have received at your hands is one of which to be justly proud. If I have not adorned the high position awarded me one year ago, it has been for other cause than lack of interest in our welfare, or want of appreciation on my part of this high gift.

Courteously,

JOHN A. PORTER,
Grand Commander.

The committee submitted its report as follows :

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander, submit the following :

We heartily endorse our R. E. Grand Commander's remarks on the condition of the Order and earnestly recommend that his suggestions be adopted. That so much of the address as relates to our fraternal dead be referred to the Memorial Committee. We recommend the approval by this Grand Commandery of the dispensations granted during the past year. We notice with great pleasure the zeal and earnestness displayed by the Grand Commander in the success of the Order, as evidenced by his visitations to the various Subordinate Commanderies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KENAN,

R. G. BRIGGS,

W. A. BLAIR,

Committee.

On motion of Sir G. H. KING, the report of the committee was adopted.

Past Grand Commander WOODRUFF presented, through the Grand Recorder, a report as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, May 10, 1889.

To the Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Knights Templar North Carolina :

SIR:—As Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, I have the honor to submit the following report :

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Nebraska convened in its sixteenth Annual Conclave, in the Asylum of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 6, Masonic Hall, Grand Island, Nebraska, April 10th, A. O. 770, A. D. 1888, and was opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Edgar S. Dudley, Grand Commander, the Grand Representative of North Carolina near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

There were present thirteen Grand Officers, with about one hundred

Knights, representing fourteen of the seventeen subordinate Commanderies.

The address of the Grand Commander was admirable. He was pleased to call attention to the fact that the Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina had rendered his report, which was submitted to the Grand Commandery, read, and ordered printed with the proceedings of the Conclave.

The Grand Commander was pleased to mention my visit within the confines of his dominion, in September, 1887, report of which I made in my address as Grand Commander of North Carolina, at our eighth Annual Conclave.

Bethlehem Commandery, under dispensation, was granted a charter, and the petition of sixteen Sir Knights for a dispensation to open and hold a Commandery at Holdrege, was granted.

Em. Sir William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder and Reviewing Officer, presented a most excellent "Review of the current proceedings of Fellow Grand Commanderies," and made a few pleasing remarks regarding the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, ending with the following: "We have tarried in this jurisdiction because it seemed homelike here; we hope to tarry longer, in person, next year, en route to the Atlanta Triennial Convocation."

On proceeding to the election of officers, nearly all of the Grand Officers were promoted, V. E. Sir John J. Wemple being elected Grand Commander.

The next Annual Conclave was ordered to be held at York, on the second Tuesday after Easter, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,

*Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska
near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina.*

Sir A. H. STUBBS, E. Grand Captain General, reported that he had assisted Past Grand Commander C. A. WOODRUFF in conferring the Order of the Temple in Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, August 2d, 1888.

The E. Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1888.		DR.		
Sept. 1.	To balance as per last report			\$ 54 81
6.	To cash from Grand Recorder			16 00
10.	“ “ “ “			9 00
May 23.	“ “ “ “			239 26
1888.		CR.		
Oct. 1.	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton			\$ 50 00
19.	“ “ J. C. Munds			4 00
1889.				
May 10.	“ “ Grand Encampment dues			10 40
23.	“ “ H. H. Munson			42 26
23.	“ “ William Simpson, Gr. Treas.			11 75
23.	“ “ W. P. Snakenburg, Gr. Tiler ..			5 00
	To balance on hand			195 66
				\$ 319 07 \$ 319 07

The E. Grand Recorder submitted his report, which was referred to the same committee:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in North Carolina :

I have the honor of submitting the following report :

August 10th, 1888. Distributed the usual notices of the election of Grand Officers to other Grand Bodies. Sent out circulars of the R. E. Grand Commander announcing the death of Grand Generalissimo F. H. Glover.

September 10th. Received the Proceedings of last Grand Commandery and distributed the same.

December 27th. Issued warrant of the R. E. Grand Commander appointing Sir Knight William S. Patton Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

February 2d, 1889. By order of the R. E. Grand Commander forwarded name of W. P. Snakenburg, of Wilson, as a proper Sir Knight to represent the Grand Commandery of Louisiana near our own.

March 18th. The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sir J. H. McAden, of Charlotte Commandery, No. 3, Grand Generalissimo, to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Sir F. H. Glover.

April 11th. Received resignation of Sir Edgar S. Dudley as our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and forwarded the same to the R. E. Grand Commander.

April 18th. Resignation accepted, and the Grand Commander of Nebraska was requested to suggest a successor.

May 6th. Remitted Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, the dues of this Grand Commandery.

May 13th. The Grand Commander, through this office, appointed Sir Knight Charles M. Carter our Grand Representative near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

The following subordinate Commanderies paid dues as follows :

1888.

Sept. 20. J. S. Carr, on acct. Durham Commandery, No. 3----\$ 25 00

1889.

May 6.	Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7-----	35 00 -
11.	Piedmont Commandery, No. 6-----	27 00 ~
14.	Raleigh Commandery, No. 4-----	38 00 ~
	Wilmington Commandery, No. 1-----	43 00 ✓
15.	Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8-----	35 00 ✓
22.	Durham Commandery, No. 3-----	42 00 ✓
23.	Piedmont Commandery, No. 6-----	7 00 ✓
	Asheville Commandery, No. 5-----	41 00

\$ 293 00

Notices of deaths of Em. Sir Knights of sister Grand Commanderies have been received from time to time and the same forwarded to the R. E. Grand Commander.

I call attention to the inconsistency that exists between the statutes of our Grand Commandery and the time of holding its Conclaves. Sec. 5, page 39, of the printed Proceedings of 1884, provides that "the stated Conclaves of this Grand Commandery shall occur annually, at such time and at such place as may have been decided at the previous Annual Conclave." As annual means yearly—twelve months—nothing more, nothing less, and as it seems necessary sometimes to hold Grand Conclaves less than the above specified time, I would recommend that the word "annually" in said section be stricken out and the word "Grand" substituted in their places.

Section 7 of our statutes provides that at the Annual Conclave, the several Subordinate Commanderies, shall make returns of their work and membership and promptly pay all dues accrued according to the rates

hereinafter specified. If it seems proper to alter the phraseology of section 5 as above indicated, I would respectfully recommend that this section be so changed as to require the Recorders of the Subordinate Commanderies to make such returns to the Grand Recorder one month previous to that in which such Grand Conclave shall be held.

I would also recommend, that as soon as convenient after an installation of officers of a Subordinate Commandery, a return of the same shall be made both to the R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

Three copies of the Proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have been received since our last report :

Alabama, Canada, Connecticut, Colorado, Indiaua, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Maine, Missouri, Minuesota, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Wyoming, Washington Territory.

One copy of each is reserved for library, and one copy each sent to the R. E. Grand Commander and Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence.

The Finance Committee, to whom the foregoing reports were referred, made the following report, and the amendments to the statutes were postponed until the next Annual Conclave:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Fiance, have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer and vouchers and find the same correct. We have also examined the report of the Grand Recorder and find the same correct, and recommed the changes in the statutes suggested therein be adopted.

W. A. WILLIAMS,

JAS. D. GLENN,

JAS. C. MUNDS,

Committee.

The Grand Treasurer read a communication from Past Grand Commander C. A. WOODRUFF, which, on motion, was received and ordered printed with the proceedings:

RALEIGH, N. C., August 23, 1888.

EM. SIR WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer*

Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina :

EMINENT AND DEAR SIR:—The euclosed Grand Commander's shoulderstraps were presented to me one year ago by Right Eminent Sir Eugene Grissom, Past Grand Commander. I now have the pleasure of present-

ing them to the Grand Commandery of North Carolina as the gift of our esteemed and honored frater, Right Eminent Sir Eugene Grissom.

These straps have been worn by all of the Chief Officers of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and should, therefore, become the property of that Grand Body.

I am, sir, very respectfully and courteously yours,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
Past Grand Commander.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees :

On Returns—F. L. Jacobs, R. H. Bradley, W. W. Allen.

On Warrants and Dispensations—W. W. Allen, W. R. Kenan, R. H. Bradley.

On Finance—W. A. Williams, J. D. Glenn, J. C. Munds.

On Appeals and Grievances—W. H. Chadbourn, A. H. Cobb, B. F. Briggs.

On Place of Next Conclave—A. J. Blair, H. H. Munson, D. W. Bain.

On Templar Jurisprudence—Eugene Grissom, H. H. Munson, G. W. Blount.

On Fraternal Correspondence—Jas. Southgate, A. H. Stubbs, G. W. Blount.

On Necrology—A. H. Stubbs, D. P. Mast, Geo. Lampman.

The Grand Commandery adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 24, 1889.

The Grand Commandery convened according to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

On motion, which was unanimously adopted, the Committee on Necrology were allowed further time to make their report, which, when completed, was ordered to be printed in our Proceedings.

On motion of Sir D. W. BAIN, the Grand Recorder was instructed to return the proxies of Sirs C. H. IRELAND and S. L. ALDERMAN, of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to be filled out in proper form and returned to the Grand Recorder for publication in the proceedings of this Grand Body.

On motion of Sir A. H. STUBBS, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have printed blank proxies and send with blank returns to the Subordinate Commanderies each year.

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations reported that nothing had come before them for action.

On motion of Sir W. W. ALLEN, the Grand Recorder was instructed to correspond with Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, with authority to make such settlement of their dues as he may deem equitable and just, which motion was adopted.

Reports of committees were submitted as follows, and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Your Committee on Returns submit the following :

We have received returns from Wilmington Commandery, No. 1; Durham Commandery, No. 3; Raleigh Commandery, No. 4; Cyrene Commandery, No. 5; Piedmont Commandery, No. 6; Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, all of which we find correct, except Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, which are without date, and Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, which are without seal.

W. W. ALLEN,
F. L. JACOBS,
R. H. BRADLEY,
Committee.

The Committee on Time and Place for holding next Annual Conclave recommend Asheville as the place, and Thursday, at 10 o'clock A. M., immediately succeeding the second Tuesday in June, 1890, as the time.

A. J. BLAIR,
H. H. MUNSON,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

Sir WM. SIMPSON appointed Sir F. L. JACOBS as his proxy during the remainder of this Conclave.

Sir W. R. KENAN, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, presented a communication from that Grand Body:

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 11, 1889.

SIR W. R. KENAN, *Wilmington, N. C.*:

DEAR FRATER:—Yours of 8th to hand on yesterday. I paste hereon the printed

TENNESSEE PROPOSITION ON THE STANDARD RITUAL.

In this connection, and to this end, we beg leave to submit, and recommend for adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That this Grand Commandery recognizes the Grand Encampment as the supreme authority over the Knights Templar of the United States of America, and that while it acknowledges its fealty and loyalty to said organization, as a constituent Grand Commandery, it claims the right to courteously *suggest* and *protest* when occasion demands, and especially so in a matter of such vital importance to the interests of our Order as the one under consideration.

Resolved 2. That this Grand Commandery hereby enters an earnest, but courteous, protest against the Ritual as promulgated, and that it memorialize the Grand Encampment, at its next Triennial Conclave, to recall said Ritual for revision and correction; and further, that it memorialize said Grand Body to reserve to its own authority so much only as pertains to the essential features of the ceremonies of the Order, and to relegate to Grand Commanderies all other details of the "work."

Resolved 3. That our Grand Representatives near other Grand Commanderies be furnished with a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and that they be requested to bring the same to the attention of their respective Grand Commanderies, and to courteously ask their co-operation in this matter.

I also mail you to-day a copy of my Report on Correspondence.

I do hope the Grand Commandery of North Carolina will carefully consider this plan—the only one that will bring peace to our Templar Zion. I feel assured you will do your full duty in securing that consideration.

Sincerely your Frater,

G. C. CONNOR, G. R.

Upon which Sir D. W. BAIN offered the following:

Resolved, That the communication just read be referred to a special committee, of which the Grand Representative of that Body shall be the chairman, to take into consideration the subject matter thereof and report at the present sitting of this Grand Body.

This resolution having been adopted, the Grand Commander appointed Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE and Sir D. W. BAIN to act in conjunction with Sir W. R. KENAN upon said committee, who reported as follows:

Your committee approve of the resolutions submitted by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, except that part of Resolution No. 2 which refers to the details of the work, and upon which we do not deem it advisable at this time to express an opinion.

Courteously submitted,

W. R. KENAN,
D. W. BAIN,
JAS. SOUTHGATE,
Committee.

Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE, Chairman of the Committee of Fraternal Correspondence, asked further time to make up his report, when on motion, of Sir E. S. MARTIN, it was granted, provided it be furnished in time for publication in the proceedings of this Grand Conclave.

The following Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were received with distinguished honor:

Geo. H. Bell	Alabama.
Jas. D. Glenn	Colorado.
Horace H. Munson	Connecticut.
Edward M. Nadal	Georgia.
James Southgate	Indiana.
William Simpson	Kansas.
William P. Snakenburg	Louisiana.
John A. Porter	Maine.
George H. King	{ Massachusetts.
	{ Rhode Island.

A. J. Blair	Maryland.
Francis M. Moye	Minnesota.
Charles W. Alexander	New Hampshire.
George W. Blount	New York.
Wm. R. Kenan	Tennessee.
Donald W. Bain	Vermont.
Alfred H. Stubbs	Virginia.
Wm. W. Allen	West Virginia.
Wm. H. Chadbourn	Wisconsin.

On motion of Sir G. W. BLOUNT, an election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year was held, under the supervision of Sir W. R. KENAN and F. L. JACOBS as tellers, resulting as follows :

JOHN A. PORTER	R. E. Grand Commander.
WILLIAM W. ALLEN	R. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	E. Grand Generalissimo.
EUGENE S. MARTIN	E. Grand Captain General.
GEO. H. BELL	E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	Grand Senior Warden.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS	Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON	Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander made the following appointments :

GEORGE LAMPMAN	Grand Standard Bearer.
WILLIAM A. BLAIR	Grand Sword Bearer.
CHARLES W. ALEXANDER	Grand Warder.
WILLIAM P. SNAKENBURG	Grand Sentinel.

And were installed by Past Grand Commander D. W. BAIN, Past Grand Generalissimo G. W. BLOUNT, as Grand Marshal, except Sir WILLIAM SIMPSON, Grand Treasurer, GEO. H. BELL, Grand Prelate, and W. A. BLAIR, Grand Sword Bearer, who were not present.

Sir A. H. STUBBS, from the Committee on Necrology, presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander as relates to our departed Fraters, beg leave to submit the following report :

Charles Reynolds Jones, Past Commander of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, was born in Fayetteville, N. C., May 25th, 1841, and removed from this State to Texas at the age of 17 years. He served in the Confederate Army during the war, and was promoted Lieutenant. Made a Mason in Petersburg Lodge, No. 15, Virginia; he was successively Master of his Lodge at Charlotte and High Priest of the Chapter. In 1886 he became Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masous in North Carolina. He died at his home in Charlotte, N. C., February 9th, 1889.

Of Sir Jones, the press has said: "His death has removed a figure from life, that for the past ten years, has been conspicuous in North Carolina."

Mr. Jones knew no evil. His heart was a perpetual flowing well of human kindness. He harbored no enmities. The grace of brotherly love mellowed his nature into an universal sympathy of good will to all mankind. No grief sought the shelter of his charity but was assuaged. No appeal for help failed to reach his heart and pocket. No wrong received his countenance. He forgot injuries, and resented no personal wrong. Such was Charles R. Jones' character.

He was a public benefactor of Charlotte. His paper gave the city its fame abroad. His energy gave it what, for years, was the leading paper in the State. His pluck plowed through difficulty, and his courage kept off disaster in darker moments of business gloom than the world knew. Such is the testimony of his closest friend.

His death closes a useful career. On his tombstone may be truthfully emblazoned,

"He did no man wrong."

His burial was under the immediate supervision of Excelsior Lodge, in Charlotte, of which the deceased was Past Master.

Francis Haywood Glover was born at Waterloo, S. C., August 29th, 1840. He moved to Charlotte, N. C., after the war, and engaged in the drug business, real estate and collecting. He was a devout member and regular attendant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He was Worshipful Master of Phalanx Lodge, and had been for nearly fifteen years. Was Grand Master of the Third Vail of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North

Carolina, and Grand Generalissimo of this Grand Commandery at the time of his death, which occurred August 6th, 1888. The Vestry of St. Peter's Church have placed on record the following tribute to his memory :

"He was a man of spotless character, a useful citizen, an humble and devout Christian. We mourn the loss of his constant and earnest presence in the house of God, and of his ready help in all church work, but in our regret that we shall see his face no more on earth, we rejoice that when the Master's sudden call to him came, it found him ready."

Such men make the best and most useful Masons. Sir Knight Glover was no exception to this sentiment. He was ever prompt, faithful and true to his obligations. His knowledge of Masonic Ritual, his regular attendance at Communications and Conclaves, his liberal support of square work in the domain of social virtue and charity, his other devoted services and unstinted labors, are inextricably woven into the history of the Masonry of that honored city from which our Frater has passed from death unto life, and to whom it is given in God's light to be brought to light.

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED H. STUBBS,

D. P. MAST,

Committee.

Sir W. W. ALLEN moved that the usual appropriations be made, adding thereto half of the expenses of the Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, which motion was adopted.

Sir D. W. BAIN introduced the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

This Grand Body hereby expresses its thanks for, and appreciation of, the liberal hospitality and knightly courtesies extended to its members and visitors by the Sir Knights of Wilmington Commandery, No. 4.

We will retain, in pleasing remembrance, the social enjoyments attending this Conclave, and hold in fraternal esteem our fraters who so bounteously bestowed them.

Sir F. L. JACOBS moved that the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to the officers of the several railroad com-

panies and hotels of this city for the favor of reduced rates.
Adopted by a rising vote.

CLOSING.



The Grand Commandery
having concluded its busi-
ness, was closed in Ample
and Knightly Form.

✠ JOHN A. PORTER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

FOR THE YEAR 1889.



WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Second Wednesday evening in each month.

OFFICERS :

W. H. CHADBOURN.....	Eminent Commander.
W. R. KENAN.....	Generalissimo.
W. A. WILLIAMS.....	Captain General.
S. NORTHROP.....	Prelate.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....	Treasurer.
JAMES W. MONROE.....	Recorder.
H. C. PREMPERT.....	Senior Warden.
R. W. PRICE.....	Junior Warden.
E. G. BARKER.....	Standard Bearer.
J. W. WOLVIN.....	Sword Bearer.
E. S. MARTIN.....	Warder.
T. H. JOHNSON.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. W. Allen,	Geo. Harriss,	J. D. Munds,
J. C. Chase,	F. M. Knowles,	T. H. Pritchard,
J. M. Forshee,	D. McEachern,	W. J. Smith,
R. H. Grant,	H. H. Munson, P. G. C.,	W. E. Storm.
S. G. Hall,		

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

JAMES SOUTHGATE	-----	Eminent Commander.
L. W. BATTLE	-----	Generalissimo.
E. J. PARRISH	-----	Captain General.
JOHN L. MARKHAM	-----	Prelatē.
J. S. CARR	-----	Treasurer.
J. W. BLACKWELL	-----	Recorder.
J. F. FREELAND	-----	Senior Warden.
W. L. WALL	-----	Junior Warden.
C. C. TAYLOR	-----	Standard Bearer.
	-----	Sword Bearer.
L. T. SMITH	-----	Warder.
J. D. WILBON	-----	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. T. Blackwell,	John Nichols,	B. Walker.
J. W. Lee,	I. R. Strayhorn,	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Conclave : First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

EUGENE GRISSOM, P. G. C.	-----	Eminent Commander.
M. J. HAWKINS	-----	Generalissimo.
D. S. WAITT	-----	Captain General.
FRED. A. WATSON	-----	Prelate.
S. D. WAIT	-----	Treasurer.
T. W. BLAKE	-----	Recorder.
E. G. HARRELL	-----	Senior Warden.
M. BOWES	-----	Junior Warden.
D. L. ADAMS	-----	Standard Bearer.
HENRY M. COWAN	-----	Sword Bearer.
CHARLES WALLEN	-----	Warder.
R. H. BRADLEY	-----	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. E. Anderson,	L. D. Heartt,	J. A. Sexton,
A. B. Andrews,	W. J. Hicks,	Geo. H. Snow,
Wayne Allcott,	D. S. Hamilton,	Wm. Simpson,
D. W. Bain, P. G. C.,	L. Harvey,	J. W. Thompson,
F. H. Busbee,	T. T. Hay,	E. M. Uzzell,
J. C. Brewster,	W. F. Kornegay,	W. P. Wetherell,
J. F. Dobson,	T. B. Keogh,	C. A. Woodruff, P. G. C.,
W. F. Davis,	R. N. Mitchell,	W. A. Withers.
C. B. Edwards,		

HONORARY MEMBERS.—W. B. Carpenter, P. E. C. of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Kentucky, and Edgar S. Dudley, P. G. C. and P. E. C. of Mount Moriah, No. 4, Lincoln, Nebraska.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS :

A. J. BLAIR	Eminent Commander.
A. H. COBB	Generalissimo.
J. H. CARTER	Captain General.
G. H. BELL	Prelate.
R. R. PORTER	Treasurer.
C. D. BLANTON	Recorder.
W. L. HILLIARD	Senior Warden.
J. A. WAGNER	Junior Warden.
J. M. BROOKSHIRE	Standard Bearer.
T. C. MCCOY	Sword Bearer.
.....	Warder.
J. D. BROWNE	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

J. D. Brevard,	Fred. L. Jacobs,	W. L. Shope,
J. A. Burroughs,	Milton M. Jarvis,	W. C. Sprinkle,
E. H. Fullenwider,	Henry L. Long,	Jas. M. Smith,
H. A. Gudger,	W. P. Penly,	C. W. Tweed,
J. P. Gaston,	W. K. Penly,	T. I. Vangilder,
O. F. Hageman,	J. A. Reagan,	J. J. White.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday each month at 7:30 and 8 P. M.

OFFICERS :

S. H. SMITH.....	Eminent Commander.
D. P. MAST.....	Generalissimo.
P. A. WILSON, JR.....	Captain General.
J. Q. A. BARHAM.....	Prelate.
F. G. SCHAUM.....	Treasurer.
H. X. DWIRE.....	Recorder.
P. W. DALTON.....	Senior Warden.
N. S. WILSON.....	Junior Warden.
J. W. ALSPAUGH.....	Standard Bearer.
J. A. WHITE.....	Sword Bearer.
M. D. BAILEY.....	Warder.
E. SPACH.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

S. E. Allen,	J. W. Hunter,	I. H. Nelson,
H. T. Bahnson,	P. H. Hanes,	C. J. Price,
W. G. Bahnson,	H. A. Holder,	E. D. Rich,
W. A. Blair,	E. L. Jones,	J. H. White.
S. D. Franklin,	M. W. Norfleet,	

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS :

F. M. MOVE.....	Eminent Commander.
S. C. WELLS.....	Generalissimo.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	Captain General.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	Prelate.
W. J. HARRISS.....	Treasurer.
JAMES W. HAYS.....	Recorder.
W. M. WARD.....	Senior Warden.
J. K. PEACOCK.....	Junior Warden.
B. F. BRIGGS.....	Standard Bearer.
J. W. CROWELL.....	Sword Bearer.
J. D. WELLS.....	Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBURG.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

W. H. Applewhite,	A. N. Daniel,	E. M. Nadal,
R. S. Barnes,	Wiley Farmer,	Jas. E. Rountree,
Jas. S. Battle,	J. O. Farmer,	W. W. Richardson,
J. D. Bullock,	W. W. Hargrave,	T. B. Sugg,
Jas. E. Clark,	R. W. King,	S. M. Warren,
Jas. T. Cobb,	James Lipscomb,	J. M. Ward.
Wiley Daniel,		

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS :

CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	Eminent Commander.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	Generalissimo.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	Captain General.
JAMES E. MANN.....	Prelate.
HERBERT H. CARTLAND.....	Treasurer.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	Recorder.
JOHN H. HARRIS.....	Senior Warden.
WALTER E. BASTINE.....	Junior Warden.
NATHANIEL L. HALL.....	Standard Bearer.
SAMUEL A. KERR.....	Sword Bearer.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	Warder.
JOHN C. CLENDENIN.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Lorenzo A. Bailey,	Edwin C. Holt,	Wm. R. Richardson,
Benjamin L. Bingham,	Jacob E. Kantner,	Jesse F. Stephens,
Richard F. Boyd,	John L. Keeling,	John J. Thornton,
Jonathan B. Carpenter,	James N. Nelson,	John Van Lindley,
Charles Eugene Eckel,	George H. Nissen,	Charles N. Vance,
Richard Fasolt,	Dwight W. Newell,	John W. Winfree.
Pinckney L. Groome,	Thomas J. Phillips,	

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS, 1888.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DIMITTED.	DIED.	SUSPENDED.	MEMBERS, 1889.
Wilmington-----	1	Wilmington-----	18	9	1		1	2	25
*Charlotte-----	2	Charlotte-----	17						17
Durham-----	3	Durham-----	17			1			16
Raleigh-----	4	Raleigh-----	41		1			4	38
Cyrene-----	5	Asheville-----	33	8			1	5	35
Piedmont-----	6	Winston-----	20	4	1				26
Mount Lebanon-----	7	Wilson-----	30	2		1			31
Ivanhoe-----	8	Greensboro-----	32	1			1		32
Totals-----		-----	209	24	3	2	3	11	220

*Estimated from last returns. No returns in 1889.
Cyrene, No. 5, members returned 30; discrepancy 5.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY,
1889.



GRAND COMMANDERS :

HORACE H. MUNSON,	EUGENE GRISSOM,
DONALD W. BAIN,	CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
JOHN A. PORTER.	

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS :

L. W. BATTLE,	G. H. KING,
A. J. BLAIR,	WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
EDWARD M. NADAL.	

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS :

GEORGE W. BLOUNT,	JAMES SOUTHGATE.
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GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL :

JULIAN S. CARR,	D. G. MAXWELL,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,	EUGENE S. MARTIN.

EMINENT COMMANDERS :

W. H. CHADBOURN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
W. R. KENAN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. HCADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
MICHAEL BOWES	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	RALEIGH, No. 4.
H. T. BAHNSON	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
FRANCIS M. MOVE	MT. LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES M. IRELAND	IVANHOE, No. 8.

GRAND COMMANDERIES AND ADDRESS OF
GRAND RECORDERS.

STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama -----	Dec. 1st, 1862,	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery.
Arkansas -----	Mar. 25th, 1872,	James A. Heury, Little Rock.
California -----	Aug. 10th, 1858,	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado -----	Mar. 14th, 1876,	Ed. C. Parmelee, Pueblo.
Connecticut -----	Sept. 13th, 1827,	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota -----	May 14th, 1884,	B. M. Rowley, Huron.
Georgia -----	April 25th, 1860,	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois -----	Oct. 27th, 1857,	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana -----	May 16th, 1854,	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa -----	June 16th, 1854,	Alfred Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas -----	Dec. 29th, 1864,	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky -----	Oct. 5th, 1847,	L. D. Crouinger, Coviughtou.
Louisiana -----	Feb. 4th, 1864,	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine -----	May 5th, 1852,	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland -----	Jan. 23d, 1871,	John H. Miller, Baltimore.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island -----	May 6th, 1805,	A. F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Michigan -----	Jan. 15th, 1857,	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota -----	Oct. 23d, 1865,	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi -----	Jan. 22d, 1857,	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri -----	May 3d, 1860,	W. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska -----	Dec. 28th, 1871,	William R. Boweu, Omaha.
New Hampshire -----	Aug. 22d, 1821,	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey -----	Feb. 14th, 1860,	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York -----	June 18th, 1840,	Robert Macoy, New York.
North Carolina -----	May 10th, 1881,	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio -----	Oct. 24th, 1843,	John N. Bell, Dayton.
Oregon -----	April 13th, 1887,	Frelou J. Babcock, Salem.
Peunsylvania -----	April 14th, 1854,	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee -----	Oct. 12th, 1859,	George C. Counor, Chattanooga.
Texas -----	Jan. 19th, 1855,	R. Brewster, Houston.
Vermont -----	Aug. 14th, 1824,	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia -----	Nov. 27th, 1822,	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Washington -----	June 2d, 1887,	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
West Virginia -----	Feb. 24th, 1874,	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont.
Wisconsin -----	Oct. 28th, 1859,	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming -----	Mar. 8th, 1888,	John K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne.
Grand Encampm't United States -----	June 21st, 1816,	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Great Priory of Canada -----	Oct. 9th, 1876,	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.
Gt. Priory of Eng- land and Wales. -----		W. Tinkler, Nos. 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COMMANDERIES.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.			GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE.
Jesse L. V. Adams	Tuskegee	Alabama		Rev. Geo. H. Bell	Bell.
John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs	Arkansas		H. T. Bahnsen	Salem.
Reuben H. Lloyd	San Francisco	California		S. H. Smith	Winston.
Roger W. Woodbury	Denver.	Colorado		James D. Glenn	Greensboro.
James H. Welsh	Danbury	Connecticut		H. H. Munson	Wilmington.
Samuel Roy	Lead City	Dakota		J. McD. French	Wilmington.
James L. Fleming	Augusta	Georgia		E. M. Nadal	Wilson.
Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	Illinois		Julian S. Carr	Durham.
William J. Robie	Richmond	Indiana		James Southgate	Durham.
Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.	Iowa			
A. M. Callahan	Topeka	Kansas		William Simpson	Raleigh.
George W. Wicks	Louisville	Kentucky		A. G. Brenizer	Charlotte.
William H. Chaffe	New Orleans	Louisiana		William P. Snakenburg	Wilson.
John Bird	Rockland	Maine		John A. Porter	Asheville.
Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore	Maryland		A. J. Blair	Asheville.
William H. Kent	Charlestown, Mass.	Massachusetts & Rhode Island,		George H. King	Charlotte.
R. G. Bronson	Meridian	Minnesota		Francis M. Moyer	Moyton.
Wm. S. Patton	Butler	Mississippi		J. W. Hunter	Salem.
F. J. Tygard	Lincoln	Missouri		W. L. Wall	Durham.
Charles M. Carter	Keene	Nebraska		Carle A. Woodruff	Raleigh.
Don. H. Woodward	Paterson	New Hampshire		C. W. Alexander	Charlotte.
Joseph D. Congdon	Batavia	New Jersey		S. E. Allen	Winston.
Orren C. Parker	Chillicothe	New York		George W. Blount	Wilson.
F. H. Rehwinkel	Wilmington	Ohio		Eugene Grissom	Raleigh.
Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.		Oregon		Frank B. Dunn	Engene City.
William H. Dickson		Pennsylvania		E. J. Parrish	Durham.

W. C. Smith	Nashville	Tennessee	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington.
J. G. C. Lee	San Antonio	Texas	Michael Bowes	Raleigh.
Rev. F. S. Fisher	St. Johnsbury	Vermont	D. W. Bam	Raleigh.
Elbert C. Walthall	Richmond	Virginia	Alfred H. Stubbs	Greensboro.
W. H. Travis	Wheeling	West Virginia	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
George C. Teal	Eau Claire	Wisconsin	W. H. Chadbourne	Wilmington.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

It is with pleasure we return to the duty of reporter, after an absence of three years on account of ill health and family afflictions. The duty is, indeed, arduous, and especially so this year, for, by a misinterpretation of a letter from Sir George W. Blount, we have had to write two reports within the past two months, viz., for the Grand Chapter and this one; but we feel amply rewarded for the labor performed, having enjoyed, as much as any time before, the reviews of the various correspondents. While we have not been able, from the limited time and space at our disposal, to do justice to ourself or the Grand Commandery, yet we have done our best under the circumstance, and trust that in some measure, at least, the demands of the work have been met. Without further delay, we proceed at once with the report, beginning as usual in alphabetical order:

Alabama, 1888.

Canada, 1888.

Colorado, 1888.

Illinois, 1888.

Iowa, 1888.

Kansas, 1888.

Maine, 1888.

Maryland, 1888.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1888.

Minnesota, 1888.

Missouri, 1888.

Nebraska, 1888.

New York, 1888.

Ohio, 1888.

Oregon, 1888.

Pennsylvania, 1888.

Texas, 1888.

Vermont, 1888.

Virginia, 1888.

Washington, 1888.

West Virginia, 1888.

Wisconsin, 1888.

Wyoming, 1888.

ALABAMA, 1888.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Alabama convened in the city of Birmingham, May 16th, 1888. R. E. Sir John D. Wilkins, Grand Commander; E. Sir Adam R. Baker, Grand Recorder. Five Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the R. E. Grand Commander is short and confined chiefly to matters of local interest. He touchingly refers to the death of Em. Sir Knight Daniel Sayre, "the beloved and venerable Grand Recorder." Of his duties, he says:

I have not been called upon to do anything out of the usual routine, and have had to decide no questions of moment, which is perhaps a favorable indication of the harmony and good will which has for so long a time characterized the Order in Alabama. I should like to have visited and inspected the Subordinate Commanderies in the State, and would have done so, except for a change of residence and business, which rendered it impossible.

Of Reports on Correspondence, he says:

The death of our Grand Recorder leaves us without a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. I doubt not that we have the necessary talent in our midst to supply this deficiency; but it has always appeared to me a useless expense to spend so much money to print this report, which very few people read; so I did not make an appointment, and leave the matter with you to be disposed of as you see fit.

It seems, however, that the Grand Commandery did not think with the Grand Commander on this subject:

Your committee cannot agree with the R. E. Grand Commander in considering the expense of the Report on Foreign Correspondence a useless one; and we respectfully recommend that a new committee be appointed and that the reports be continued as heretofore.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$394.59.

No appeals and no grievances.

The Report on Correspondence is from Sir George F. Moore, who was appointed to this task owing to the death of Em. Sir Sayre, who had been Reporter for several years. Owing to the short notice given he was compelled to condense greatly, and well did he do it. The report is short, but very concise and entirely original. He seems to have no scissors, or not to have used them if he had. He reviews twenty-three Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1887. We give his conclusion, and welcome this Frater to "our guild," and feel assured he will make a faithful and honored member:

We have thus gone over, briefly, the Proceedings of the Grand Commanderies of many States. We fear that we have left unsaid much that we ought to have said, and mayhap have spoken that which we ought to have omitted. But we crave the indulgence of the noble Fraternity of Reporters, and hope, in the language of Jacob Faithful, to "have better luck next time."

We have found much to commend, and so little to censure that we have refrained altogether from harsh criticism.

The song of the angels, "Peace on earth, good will to men," expresses to us the highest aspiration of the Templar, and the influence of the Order, necessary to aid accomplishment of that glorious work, is steadily increasing, and were the force of its example turned into practical channels it would give an impetus to the cause of all that is right, true and pure which can scarcely be over-estimated. With knightly greeting to all true Fraters, we close this, our first report.

R. E. Sir Henry C. Davidson elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Edmond R. Hastings elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1888.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and Appendant Orders was held in the city of Toronto, July 17th, 1888. M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master; R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor. Twenty-eight Preceptories were represented.

Much of the address of the Supreme Grand Master is taken up with a recital of the circumstances which brought about a severance of fraternal relations between this Great Priory and the Great Priory of England and Wales. As to the edict of non-intercourse with the New Brunswick Scottish Encampments, he says:

I have strongly felt the interruption of the friendly intercourse with our Scottish Templar brethren of New Brunswick, which at the time appeared necessary to maintain the authority of Great Priory in our own jurisdiction, but have never been satisfied that coercion is the proper way to convince people who differ in opinion with us, and it is not the way to preserve friend-ship or for Masons to treat each other. I will therefore ask Great Priory, and strongly recommend that "the edict" of non-intercourse be withdrawn, and the Scottish Encampments of New Brunswick be considered on the same terms of fraternal regard as existed before the unfortunate misunderstanding took place.

He gives quite a lengthy disquisition to show the Christian origin of Masonry, that:

It is quite certain that in the days of "Anderson and Desagruliers" there was a great deal of infidelity, and the Masons of that day eliminated all that was distinctly Christian, but it appears to me the founders of the system, in their desire to establish a universal brotherhood, did not wish to eradicate altogether the doctrines of Christianity, but to apply them in the shape of an allegory, so as not to interfere with their views of the universality of Masonry. But this cannot be applied or have any reference to Templary, which has always been dogmatic and Christian Trinitarian.

He thinks "the greater number of the 'high grade rites' and 'side' degrees should be altogether wiped out of genuine Masonry as useless parasites on the Craft, and only such retained as are considered advisable to exemplify the legitimate system of the A. and A. Rite 33°."

He recommends Festivals, and thus remarks:

In our Templar system we have no "Festival" date, as in the Masonic degrees. I would recommend the historic one, first suggested by Ill. Bro. Gen. Albert Pike, Grand Commander Southern Jurisdiction 33°, kept in the "Kadish" degree of that rite, which commemorates the persecution of the Ancient Templar Order, viz., 13th January, at which date, A. D. 1127, the Regulations and Statutes of the Templars, drawn up by St. Bernard, were adopted by the Council of Prelates at Troyes. The Ancient Order of Malta also had two festivals, one on the 24th June, St. John's Day, that saint being the patron of the Order, and the other on the 8th September, St. Mary's Day, the anniversary of the day on which the Turks raised the siege of La Valletta, Malta, in 1565. These should be inserted in our statutes, and kept with due solemnity.

In noticing the different rituals, he says:

I would remark that I am officially in possession of the present authorized rituals of the American Templar system, founded on Speculative Masonry, totally different in construction and history from ours. The Malta Order is the same as the English, or rather a copy, with some little discrepancies of the revised ritual adopted by Canada since 1878.

They also add the degree called Knights of the Red Cross, peculiar to the American Masonic system, not practiced outside the jurisdiction of their Grand Encampment, fabricated from the degrees known in Great Britain and Ireland as the Babylonish Pass, Knights of the Sword and East, etc., etc. It has no connection whatever with the Templar Order, and is neither a chivalric nor, strictly speaking, a Masonic degree, the history of Masonry being always looked upon as having reference to the building of the Solomonic Temple.

The emblem of the Red Cross introduced in the degree is evidently a mistake, confusing it with the Christian Red Cross of the Constantine Order, and the name Red Cross Knights, a misnomer, the only historic Order of that name being the Red Cross Order of Palestine—the Templars of the Crusades, instituted centuries after the incidents recorded in this so-called Red Cross degree.

It never obtained any foothold with us, and was seldom or never conferred as a separate degree, properly belonging to the A. and A. S. Rite of 33°, where it is embodied as the 15th, 16th and 17th of that rite.

I do not consider it necessary for Provincial Priors to notice the degree in their Reports on the doings of Preceptories, more than they would the Royal Arch or any other degree of Masonry.

In concluding his very able and highly instructive address, he says:

Fraters, let me not be misunderstood in any of my remarks, as having a desire to interfere with the Templar system of our brethren of the United States of America, where I have many old and valued friends, or to disturb the harmony existing between the two jurisdictions, but to explain on what grounds we differ from them, and our reasons for doing so. My sole object is to raise the status of the Templar system, and prove what it is really intended to represent as a Christian society. "Freemasonry proper," or pure Craft Masonry, exemplifies the universal Brotherhood of Man; the Templar degrees in the British Empire—the Christian's faith; but a Templar system which does not profess the Christian Trinitarian belief is a delusion, a mere mockery, as representing the Ancient Order of the Templars. The last Grand Master of the Chivalric Order, the martyred "Jacques de Molai," thus clearly defines the belief of his Order when examined before the Papal Commissioners, A. D. 1309, at Paris, to investigate the charges against him. The Grand Master replied: "I acknowledge the truth of what you state, but in faith the Order has never been found wanting. I attest that I believe in God, in the persons of the Trinity, and in all the other articles of the Catholic faith. I believe there is but one God, one faith, one baptism, one Church, and that in death, when the soul is separated from the body, there is but one judge of the good and evil. This is my belief. This is the belief of the Order of the Temple." (*Vide* history of the persecution of the "Knights Templar.")

The Provincial Priors of the various districts give interesting reports of the condition of the various Preceptories visited, and of these reports the committee says:

The reports, as a general rule, are favorable, and the information given enables your Grand Council to form the opinion that the Provin-

cial Priors have at least, in their writings, aimed at conveying the fullest possible amount of information to the Fraters of Great Priory: indeed, it is not paying too high a tribute to the Provincial Priors to state that, taking the reports as a whole, they are the best that have ever been submitted.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Henry Robertson, and is an able review in 96 pages of the proceedings of thirty Grand Bodies, though we regret to see North Carolina is not of the number. M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. MacLeod Moore re-elected S. G. M.: R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry re-elected G. C.

COLORADO, 1888.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Colorado assembled in the city of Denver, September 21st, 1888. M. E. Sir Knight Aaron Gove, Grand Commander; R. E. Sir Knight Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder. Thirteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a business document, and, unlike a majority of others, it has no head, or rather no lengthy introduction, but the Grand Commander proceeds at once to give, in plain terms, the transactions for the year. All the Commanderies were not visited, but several were, and a good report is made of these visitations. Of the next Triennial, he says:

The peculiar position which the Colorado Templars will occupy at the next Triennial, for it is hoped that Colorado will be the place selected for the next Encampment, will require that our headquarters at that time be ably managed and heartily supported.

It is said "the first process in giving a boy oil, is to catch the boy."

The balance in the treasury shows a healthy condition—\$3,416.48; but if Denver gets the next Triennial, then what will become of this balance? We will see.

These Fraters are "taking steps" already for a pilgrimage:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be requested to at once take the necessary steps for the organization of a Colorado Battalion to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Washington in 1889, and to make the necessary arrangements for transportation and accommodations of the Battalion on said pilgrimage. That the Grand Commander be authorized to appoint such committees as he may deem necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Harper M. Orahood, occupying 38 pages, and is a faithful review of thirty-three Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1887.

M. E. Sir Knight Jas. H. Peabody elected Grand Commander; R. E. Sir Knight Ed. C. Parmelee re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS, 1888.

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Illinois convened in the city of Chicago, October 23d, 1888. R. E. Sir Edward S. Mulliner, Grand Commander; E. Sir G. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder. Fifty-six Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander embraces ten pages of closely printed matter, and is an epitome of much business transacted. Of the year's work, he says:

The year now closing is not conspicuous for any remarkable event in the Templar history of the State, but rather distinguished for the uniform peace, quiet and harmony which have happily prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

The disposition generally evinced by the Knights Templar of Illinois to obey existing laws and edicts, and to cheerfully conform to the statutes of the Order as construed by recognized authority, designates them as a body of men entitled to profound respect and admiration.

Indeed, no more truthful tribute to their uniform intelligence and virtue can be paid than to say that they are, as a rule, familiar with Templar law, and, understanding it, conform thereto.

A reasonably prosperous year has been added to the history of our Grand Commandery through the prosperity of its subordinates, whose activity and average growth is subject for congratulation.

Nearly 500 members have been added to their rolls from such material as we have reason to believe, from observation and intercourse and knightly information, will reflect credit and honor upon the several Commanderies.

Among the decisions, we call attention to one or two which conform to our usage and to which we have frequently alluded to in other reports:

1. Action on the petition of a Sir Knight for restoration from sentence of expulsion is within the exclusive control of the Commandery from which the Sir Knight was expelled. No action of the Grand Commandery is called for unless exceptions and an appeal be taken by some member of the Commandery on account of irregularity in the proceedings.

The Grand Body can have no control over the membership of a subordinate. It can restore to the rights and benefits of Masonry but not to membership.

5. A Sir Knight cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues to his Commandery except upon charges preferred and after due trial and conviction thereon.

We assent to this, also: but what will Sir Caswell say to it?

We are much pleased with the account given of a Templar Encampment for drill and recreation. About 88 Knights from several different Commanderies came duly and truly prepared to have a profitable and enjoyable season. We would commend this to our own Grand Commandery, and think the establishment of such an Encampment would increase largely the general interest in Templarism throughout the

entire jurisdiction. The camp is conducted in accordance with strict military rules. "The Grand Generalissimo officiated (at this camp) most acceptably as Drillmaster, ably assisted by the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens." The Grand Commander issued the following general order on the last day of the Encampment:

The Grand Commander takes this occasion to congratulate the participating Commanderies on the gratifying results of this camp of instruction, in the way of proficiency in drill, as well as on the exceedingly and uniformly pleasant features attending the occasion. Particularly the Grand Commander desires to compliment in the highest degree Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., for the success which has attended their indefatigable efforts to promote the comfort and welfare of all visiting Sir Knights.

In this Grand Jurisdiction inspecting officers seem to be active in visiting the various Commanderies, and as a result of their labors much good is accomplished. The Grand Commander says of their reports:

These reports are of unusual interest as being the medium of accurately detailed information concerning the work, drill, equipments, paraphernalia, working apartments and general condition of the subordinates, comprising interesting recitals of visits to nearly every Commandery in the State.

These papers are well prepared and are worthy of being presented directly to this Grand Commandery, which could hardly spend an hour more profitably than in hearing them read in open conclave.

Suitable mention is made to the long list of distinguished Sir Knights who had departed this life during the year, after having fought their last battle and surrendered to their last enemy. In the report of the Committee on Necrology, we find this kindly notice of our deceased Sir Frater, Francis H. Glover:



NORTH CAROLINA.

Em. Sir Francis H. Glover, Grand Generalissimo Grand Commandery Knights Templar North Carolina, died at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 6, 1888.

"Eminent Sir Glover was a consistent Mason, a devoted husband and an affectionate father."

From the distant Grand Asylums of our genial Fraters in the "Land of Flowers," we return to those of our immediate sister jurisdictions upon the east and west of our Grand Jurisdiction.

"It is but little any man can do,
So brief is life, so trifling human power."



Three new Commanderies were recognized:

The Committee on Correspondence have reviewed the organization and proceedings of three new Grand Commanderies established in Montana, Wyoming, and Washington Territories, under the warrant and by authority of the Grand Master, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we extend to our new sisters, the Grand Commanderies of Montana, Wyoming, and Washington Territories, the right hand of fellowship, and cordially welcome them into the family of Templar Grand Bodies.

The Report on Correspondence is a full and comprehensive review of thirty-four Grand Bodies and occupies 145 pages of the pamphlet. Extracts predominate but comments are not wanting, and expressions of opinions are decided and clear. He copies largely from the address of our Grand Commander, but "fears it was wasted on such a jurisdiction." But remember, Frater,

" Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

But what does the Frater mean? We propose to return good for evil in our reference to his jurisdiction, and not be offensive.

He makes liberal quotations from Sir Knight Blount's Report on Correspondence and gives his conclusion in full.

R. E. Sir Norman T. Gassette elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA, 1888.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Iowa assembled in the city of Cedar Rapids, October 18th, 1888. R. E. Sir Knight Clark Varnum, Grand Commander; E. Sir Knight Alf Wingate, Grand Secretary. Forty-two Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander occupies forty-two pages of the pamphlet, and is an able paper. Much care has been exercised in its preparation apparently, and a full account is given of all official acts. Two new Commanderies were constituted. He advocates strongly the system of inspecting the Subordinate Commanderies, and in very large jurisdictions such supervision is an absolute necessity. No decisions of general interest. A general order was issued granting permission for Commanderies to appear in public on Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, and recommended that these be established as distinctive Templar days. Templar Park, owned by this Grand Commandery, seems to be giving the Sir Knights of Iowa some trouble, and various measures of improvement have been suggested by the Grand Commander. He recommended that the sum of \$600 be again appropriated as a salary to Em. Sir Knight Jno. C. Parish, who was last year elected Emeritus Grand Recorder. Much space in the address is taken up in the discussion of the new ritual adopted by the last Grand Encampment. This subject has brought about serious trouble between the Grand Commandery of Iowa and the Grand Encampment of the United States. The whole question may be summed up, viz.: The new ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment

at St. Louis was distasteful to the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and Grand Commander Varnum refused to adopt it in his Grand Jurisdiction, and issued an order to the Grand Recorder to call in every copy of said ritual which had been issued to the several Subordinate Commanderies of Iowa. Whereupon, the M. E. Grand Master issued an edict, forbidding knightly intercourse with any Sir Knight in obedience to the Grand Commandery of Iowa. It remains to be seen what action will be taken when this case is brought before the Grand Encampment this year at Washington, D. C. It will be *the* great question to be discussed and decided at that meeting. Of the condition of Templarism in the State, he says in conclusion:

It is a source of gratification to us all to know that the growth of Templar Masonry in Iowa has from its inception been regular and continuous.

At no time since the organization of this Grand Commandery has there ever occurred any diminution in number either of Commanderies or of Knights Templar. The Templar year just closed has been no exception to the universal rule. Our fifty-one Commanderies are each alive and thriving, and their reports show a goodly increase in membership. And while this is true, it is also true that no declension in quality has been permitted. The applicants for honors of knighthood are being carefully scrutinized, and none are received save those whom it is firmly believed will add lustre to our "well-earned fame" as members of a "valiant and magnanimous" order.

In our relations with co-ordinate Grand Commanderies the most kindly and courteous cordiality is manifest.

The financial condition of this Grand Commandery is in a very satisfactory condition; no internal or local dissensions exist; the highest of interest is displayed by our members, and throughout the whole State Knights Templar are among the best and most honored citizens.

Our work as Templars has been well done, and reflects credit upon our beloved Order; we have much reason for rejoicings, and little occasion for regrets.

The Committee on Jurisprudence makes an able defence of the position of the Grand Commandery in the matter of ritual, and devotes several pages in discussing the legal features of the case.

A fine portrait of M. E. Sir Knight Clark Varnum, a second time elected Grand Commander of Iowa, adorns the first page of the pamphlet.

The Report on Correspondence is most excellent; yea, one of the very best, and is a review of twenty-nine Grand Bodies in 102 pages of small type.

North Carolina for 1887 receives kindly notice. We thank the Sir Knights (for we can't tell which of the committee wrote the report) for kind interest expressed in behalf of "ye reporter." From 160 pounds avoirdupois then, our weight is now increased to 316. Our health is much better, Sir Fraters, and we give thanks thereat and rejoice.

R. E. Sir Knight Clark Varnum re-elected Grand Commander. E. Sir Knight Alf Wingate (not Southgate) re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS, 1888.

The Twentieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Kansas assembled in the city of Wichita, May 8th, 1888. R. E. Sir Knight J. Jay Buck, Grand Commander; E. Sir Knight Jno. H. Brown, Grand Recorder. Twenty-four Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in a brief address, gives a concise epitome of all his acts during his administration. In the introduction he says:

We meet now to enjoy the hospitality of a vigorous city of nearly forty thousand people, and gathered in this beautiful valley where, twenty years ago, there stood not more than two structures, mere excuses for homes. May we not find occasion to rejoice that not only our beloved State and its various sections, but our noble Order, have advanced in every essential element of greatness and usefulness?

A goodly number of dispensations, for minor reasons, were granted. Among the decisions given we insert one which has our unqualified assent:

Can a Commandery receive and act upon a petition wherein, after the words "Christian religion," is inserted "in preference to any other known system of religion"?

I return the following answer:

Your Commandery cannot receive and act upon that petition. A man who is a *firm believer* in the Christian religion, in *preference* to any other known system of religion, does *not believe* in anything divinely religious.

Of the different dogmas that are presented to mankind, he simply thinks *that* one the least objectionable.

Templar Masonry implies and requires a belief in three things:

First—The divinity of CHRIST.

Second—His vicarious atonement.

Third—Salvation through that belief and obedience to "the word," and a life patterned after that of the Saviour.

That we all fall short of our model, does not change the model.

Finely executed steel portraits of Em. Sir Knights Henry M. Waters and Jacob DeWitt adorn the pamphlet. The latter is one of the finest pictures we have seen, so far.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to report.

Steps were taken to provide accommodation for the officers and Sir Knights who should attend the Triennial Conclave at Washington.

Most of the business transacted was of local interest.

The Report on Correspondence is the ninth which has been presented by Sir Knight Jno. H. Brown, and is a most faithful review of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, including North Carolina for 1887.

Under Dakota he quotes a resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Grand Commandery that the Subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be requested not to receive the petition of any companion Royal Arch Mason who is, at the time of making the same, a dealer in spirituous liquors as a beverage.

And then very sensibly and consistently says:

Right. Bar the outer gate no less firmly against the drunkard-maker than against his victim.

Under Iowa, we approve his position upon the ritual question:

All will wait with much interest for the final test of this momentous question. Iowa will not be left alone in handling this question at the next Grand Encampment; they will be backed by a host that will astonish some. There is a growing and general feeling of opposition to the introduction of the new rituals. There are many and very serious objections raised by some of our most learned and skilled ritualists, whose voice, if we are not greatly mistaken, will be heard in due time in opposition to the new scheme. A few Sir Knights will not be permitted to monopolize and run the machine as they may deem best without hardly consulting the feelings of others.

Under Michigan he thus "norates" on the matter of uniform:

The uniform question was presented and laid on the table until the next Annual Conclave, defining in detail as to what kind of coats, chapeau, cap, baldric, cuffs, sword, belt, gloves, shirt, collars, pantaloons, in fact, all that goes to make up a full dress uniform, as well as fatigue. We expect soon to see a Commandery out in the old-fashioned dress coat, *swallow tail*, big collar with shirt collar to match. Well, we will see what we see, &c.

We would like to make more extracts from this report, but we must hurry on. R. E. Sir Knight Theo. P. Rodgers elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Knight Jno. H. Brown re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Maine assembled in the city of Portland, May 2d, 1888. R. E. Sir Wm. J. Burnham, Grand Commander; E. Sir Stephen Berry, as Grand Recorder. Fifteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander in his address speaks well of Templarism in Maine:

The year past has been a prosperous one, peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our Jurisdiction, and no disturbing questions have arisen to produce discord. Our numbers have increased 125 during the year, so that we now have 2,065 members, a very gratifying result.

Kindly mention is made of the distinguished dead, not only of his own but other jurisdictions. One Dispensation was granted to form a new Commandery. A larger amount of visiting than usual was done, to the pleasure of all concerned. He is pleased with the Ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment, and by order it was disseminated throughout the Jurisdiction. On the important subject of temperance, he says:

In looking over the proceedings of different Grand Commanderies, and other Grand Masonic Bodies, the attention which has been given, within the past few years, to the subject of temperance is particularly

noticeable. In some jurisdictions strong expressions against the inordinate use of intoxicating liquors among the fraternity have been adopted, and in others emphatic measures to prohibit the admission of any person engaged in the manufacture of or traffic in the same. This indicates the healthy growth of a public moral sentiment, which it is hoped may ever continue.

How can one wield his sword in behalf of purity and innocence, or stand forth in defence of our blessed religion, unless his head is clear, and his mind free to control and guide his actions?

Knights Templar should so live upon the principles of the cardinal virtues, that no untoward influence shall go out from them to the prejudice of our noble institution.

To all of which we most heartily assent.

The reports of the other Grand Officers show that much work was done in visiting Commanderies, strengthening the weak and building up by their healthful influence the waste places.

The following action was had in regard to the Ritual:

Sir Knight Drummond, for the Special Committee on Ritual, reported verbally that the committee considered unwise the action of the Grand Encampment in regard to the dissemination of the Ritual, and that the subject of retrieving the error should be brought to the attention of that Grand Body. They recommended that a committee be appointed to draft a memorial and submit it to this Grand Commandery next year for its action.

The report was accepted, and Sir Knights Josiah H. Drummond, Joseph A. Locke and John E. Avery were appointed that committee.

The Report on Correspondence is again prepared by Sir Knight Stephen Berry, and is a review of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1887. Sir Berry is the statistician of the "guild" and "takes the cake" on figures.

R. E. Sir Knight Joseph A. Locke elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Knight Ira Berry re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND, 1888.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Maryland assembled in the city of Baltimore, November 27th, 1888. R. E. Sir J. A. Charles Kahler, Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles Thomas Sisco, Grand Recorder. Eight (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in his interesting address, reports prosperity within the Jurisdiction. Thinks the new uniform adopted at the last Annual Conclave will be approved and used by all the Commanderies. He is opposed to the new Ritual, but enforces its use in the Subordinates in conformity to the edict of the Grand Master. One old Commandery had its charter restored, and is now working nicely. Six of the eight Commanderies were visited, and he regrets not being able to reach the other two. Perhaps it is well; for, if he had, he might have "wept for more worlds to conquer." He sincerely regrets that Sir Chas. T. Sisco

cannot longer serve as Grand Recorder. To lose a faithful and experienced officer is a calamity to any Grand Body.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That cordial greetings and fraternal recognition be extended by the Grand Commandery of Maryland to the new Grand Commanderies of Washington, Wyoming and Montana.

Appropriations were made to defray the expenses of the Grand Officers who might attend the Grand Encampment this year.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Sir F. J. S. Gorgas, and is equal to his best, and all of his reports are of high order. He has ably reviewed, in 139 pages, thirty-six Grand Bodies, including a kindly notice of North Carolina for 1888.

He extracts largely, but judiciously, from the proceedings reviewed, and now and then we see him "show his hand." We would be pleased to see more of it.

In his review of North Carolina he makes liberal quotations from Grand Commander Woodruff's address, and commends him for visiting every Commandery in the State but one.

From Sir Blount's report on Correspondence, he quotes the introduction and his notice of Maryland, and thus welcomes him to the "guild":

We extend to Sir Blount a cordial welcome to the "guild," and congratulate his Grand Body on the appointment of so able a representative.

Yes, Sir Gorgas, he is mighty able, but not so mighty come-at-able. He is a lawyer, and you know they can get up a case any time, and be very busy at times. We are still hoping, however, that we may yet get him harnessed regularly for the work of reporter, and you may expect to hear from him again.

R. E. Chas. McDonald, Jr., elected Grand Commander: E. Jno. H. Miller elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1888.

The Eighty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island assembled in the city of Boston, October 26th, 1888. R. E. Sir Knight Geo. H. Allen, Grand Commander: E. Sir Knight Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder. Thirty-nine Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander opens his excellent but brief address thus:

The year just passed records no startling events within our Grand Jurisdiction. I can, however, report a prosperous year, with the best of feeling prevailing, and a goodly zeal to promote the best interests of Templar Masonry.

Many Dispensations were granted for various reasons: and this brings us to repeat the necessity, in our judgment, for some action on the part of the Grand Encampment by which we may know when we can put on

our Templar uniform; when we shall take it off; when we must stay in the house, and when we may take a walk in the open air. We suppose the law now in force, requiring a Dispensation for appearing in public, is mainly to protect the fuss and "*feathers*" part of our organization.

The Grand Commander, after granting Dispensations for sundry pilgrimages, parades, &c., says:

The growing frequency for public parades is a matter for serious reflection. I beg you to recall the earnest words of my immediate predecessor upon this subject, and to seriously consider whether the tendency of such ostentation is to advance the usefulness and preserve the dignity of our Order.

An appeal was made to the Fraters by the Grand Commander in behalf of the sufferers in Florida from yellow fever, and liberal responses were made.

He congratulates the Grand Commandery upon their financial prosperity, as shown by the Grand Treasurer's report. The balance on hand is \$3,884.56.

The Report on Correspondence, as usual, from this influential Jurisdiction, is able and instructive. Some years ago our Grand Chapter printed a report written by two Companions, and so mixed were the productions of the writers that the reporters dubbed the Companions "*Siamese Twins*." In this report we have triplets in the persons of E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman, R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg and E. Sir Jno. W. Dadmun, who have divided the labor, and each signs the initials of his name to the State reviewed. We like this division of labor, and especially in this State, where it is a labor of love to write a report, and besides, we are likely to get "set in our way" when one does all the writing year after year, and a variety of views makes more "spice" in the report.

Thirty-five Grand Bodies are ably reviewed in ninety-one pages, and we find North Carolina was assigned to Sir Knight Dadmun. We have often expressed our gratitude to him for good reports, and here reiterate our thanks for kindly mention.

He begins his report at North Carolina thus:

A new division of labor, this year, brings the writer a few pegs higher in the alphabetical list of Grand Commanderies. Perhaps one reason for this distribution is, our Grand Recorder, who is Chairman of the Committee, has carefully considered the Scripture injunction, "It is not good that the man should be alone," and has therefore taken a "help-meet," and gone off on a wedding tour. Not having but little faith in "single blessedness," we most cheerfully "tied the knot," and invoked a blessing upon them. Go thou, who

"Single chose to live, and shunned to wed,"

and do likewise.

He says of the address:

The address of the Grand Commander, though brief, is hopeful and inspiring. Templar Masonry in North Carolina is evidently on the sure road to success.

Under the head of Ohio he quotes from the address of the Grand Commander, viz.:

“It would seem that if there is anything in the world in which the Grand Encampment excels it is their ability to make laws with contradictory provisions, or those impossible to be carried out under ordinary circumstances, and I would modestly suggest a recommendation to the Most Eminent Grand Master that steps be taken to revise the entire code by a committee of practical working Knights Templar, to report for action thereon at the next Triennial Conclave.”

And then Sir Knight Dadmun says:

That we will endorse *provided* Ohio will add, *and that the Grand Encampment cease to interfere with local States Rights.*

The italics are his. We folks down South once thought that doctrine applied to “States Rights” too, but our Northern Fraters (and this Sir Knight to help them) taught us another lesson. Don’t start the doctrine of Secession, Sir Dadmun, but be loyal to the Grand Encampment. You and others made that august body as Virginia and twelve others made the United States Government; and we must be “trooly loil” or we will be “ramboozled” again, the first thing we know. We would notice other points in the report, but time forbids. We have enjoyed the work of these three Fraters, and thank them for the idea we have gained, viz., that we may “bear one another’s burdens, and thus fulfil the law.” Next time we will try to hitch up a double or triple team on the report for North Carolina.

R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Alfred F. Chapman re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1888.

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Minnesota assembled in the city of Duluth, June 25th, 1888. R. E. Sir Thomas Montgomery, Grand Commander; E. Sir A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Recorder. Eighteen (of nineteen) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

A hearty welcome was extended to the Grand Commandery by this new city and young Commandery.

The Grand Commander in his address calls attention to the rapid growth of Duluth, known as the “Zenith City of the unsalted seas”:

You have come to this gate city of our Northeast from Templar homes hundreds of miles apart—from Winona, the gate city of the Southeast, two hundred and fifty miles distant; from Redwood Falls, an equal distance to the southwest; from Morris and Fergus Falls, two hundred miles to the west, and from Crookston, three hundred miles to the north-

west, no Commandery, save one, being less than one hundred and fifty miles distant—all thus attesting your interest in and devotion to our noble Order, and animated, as I believe all are, with a sincere desire to carefully consider and promote the highest interests of Templar Masonry in this extensive Jurisdiction.

He reports substantial growth has been made during the year, that peace and harmony prevail and the future outlook promising. One new Commandery was constituted and one established U. D.

For the purpose of having each Commandery visited by one of the Grand Officers, the State was divided into districts, and each one of the officers had a certain number assigned. In this way all were visited, and the result, as shown by the several reports, was of vast good to Templarism in the Jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is from the practiced pen of Sir A. T. C. Pierson, in which he reviews, in his usual able and comprehensive style, the proceedings of all the Grand Bodies but three. North Carolina for 1887 comes in for a short notice, say one-third of a page. We would be pleased to furnish a more inviting *menu* at the feast for the "guild," but where "prowissions are scace, de feast am light."

We note with admiration the well-executed phototypes of Grand Commanders W. G. Brunson and A. M. Shuey, which illuminate the pamphlet.

R. E. Sir Jno. A. Schlener elected Grand Commander; E. Sir A. T. C. Pierson re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI, 1888.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Missouri assembled in the city of St. Louis, May 8th, 1888. R. E. Sir Eli H. Mix, Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder. Forty-seven Subordinate Commanderies (of the fifty-two) represented.

The Grand Commander reports peace and prosperity and makes kind mention of the fraternal dead. One Chapter organized U. D. and four under charter. No decisions were made of general interest. Three Commanderies were visited. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$8,993.60. Nothing indicates the healthy growth of the Order more than a well filled treasury. An interesting report was submitted from the Triennial Committee, which showed that \$7,3811.27 had been received, and after all expenses incurred at the Grand Encampment and for incidentals, \$35,000 was paid over to the Masonic Home. We congratulate Sir Mayo on the advance of salary from six to eight hundred dollars. The labor of his office in this large Jurisdiction should command still more.

A most excellent Report is submitted on Correspondence by Sir Mayo, and embraces an able review of thirty-five Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1887. We give the notice in full:

The Seventh Annual Conclave met in Greensboro. The session was short and of local interest only.

Finances: Receipts, \$218; disbursements, \$152; balance on hand, \$78.

“ Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.”

R. E. Sir Allan McDowell elected Grand Commander; E. Sir William H. Mayo re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA, 1888.

The Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Nebraska assembled in the city of Grand Island, April 10th, 1888. Fourteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander embraces nearly twenty pages of closely printed matter and contains much of local interest and shows activity along the lines in this Grand Jurisdiction. One Commandery was organized U. D. and two were constituted under charter, and their officers installed. He states that a report had been received from Sir Carle A. Woodruff as Grand Representative of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and this was the only one he had ever received. Below we give his opinion of the Grand Representative system:

R. E. Sir Carle A. Woodruff has made his report as our Grand Representative, which I herewith submit to this Grand Body. It is the only one received by me. In this particular I think the vast majority of Grand Representatives are remiss in their duties. It seems to me that a Grand Representative who fails to attend the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery to which he is accredited, and report facts of interest occurring in the Jurisdiction he represents, and then in turn give account of his acts, together with useful or interesting facts occurring in the Body which he has met, to the one he represents, is no Representative at all. He is supposed to be an immediate and direct means of communication between these two bodies. The present manner of representation is defective, and Grand Commanderies are beginning to think that such appointments are more a mere matter of form and compliment than for the accomplishment of any good to be expected from them.

Reference is made to our then Grand Commander, Sir Carle A. Woodruff, which we copy in full:

In September last, R. E. Sir Carle A. Woodruff, Grand Commander of North Carolina and our Grand Representative, was for a time within the boundaries of our Jurisdiction upon duty pertaining to his profession. (Col. Carle A. Woodruff, U. S. Army, Captain 2d U. S. Artillery).

Having served for years under his immediate command, and thereby been associated with him professionally as well as masonically, it gave me great pleasure to renew our former intimacy and friendship.

Together we visited and were cordially received by Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, Lincoln, September 12, 1887. R. E. Sirs Oakley,

Marlay, and Sewell, Past Grand Commanders, and other Sir Knights, were with us. E. Sir Charles H. Willard, Commander, welcomed the guests and invited R. E. Sir Woodruff to give the Order of the Red Cross to five candidates who were in waiting therefor. He consented, and the newly adopted Ritual was never more clearly worked or carefully exemplified than upon that occasion.

As earnest in his work as a Masonic officer as in his position of commander of a battery of light artillery which has a reputation in the regular army second to none, and of the efficiency of which, due to his own energetic zeal, he may well be proud, R. E. Sir Woodruff's services to our Order are not easily to be measured. They are appreciated most by those who know them best.

Having previously visited this Commandery, whilst Commander of Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, of Raleigh, N. C., and at that time having conferred the Order of the Temple with equal grace and dignity, Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, thought it fitting, at next regular conclave, to recognize his service and his worth by unanimously electing R. E. Sir Woodruff an honorary member of that body. Being present when this action was taken, I wrote Sir Woodruff congratulating him thereupon, and received the following reply:

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Oct. 9, 1887.

R. E. EDGAR S. DUDLEY, 32°,

Grand Commander Knights Templar of Nebraska:

RIGHT EMINENT AND DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, informing me of my election as an honorary member of Mount Moriah Commandery, No. 4, K. T., of Lincoln, Neb.

I assure you that I esteem this one of the highest honors that has ever been conferred upon me, and I appreciate it the more because you are a member and Past Commander of the same Commandery.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF, 32°,

Grand Commander,

Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina.

This Commandery (No. 4) now has two honorary members, E. Sir William B. Carpenter, of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Covington, Kentucky, and R. E. Sir Woodruff. Whether there are any honorary members of other Commanderies in our Jurisdiction or not I do not know, and there is no way of ascertaining without special inquiry. None appear in any way upon the pages of our proceedings, or in connection therewith. This courtesy extended to worthy and eminent Sir Knights is intended as a compliment and to honor them. It cements more closely the ties of brotherhood between the bodies to which they belong, and is therefore to be commended. This being its purpose, the names of Sir Knights so honored should appear upon the reports of Commanderies and be borne upon the pages of our printed proceedings.

Reports of the Grand Representatives of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, Sir Edgar S. Dudley, and of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska near the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, Sir Carle A. Woodruff, were received and duly recorded in the Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is from the veteran reporter, Sir Wm. R. Bowen. He styles himself the "Reviewing Officer," and we assent to the appropriateness of the appellation. The *review* embraces forty-eight pages of well selected extracts, with suitable observations and

comments judiciously interspersed. He has kindly notices of our Proceedings for 1887. He says of the pamphlet:

The pamphlet is not a bulky one and the proceedings are neither lengthy nor of importance outside the Jurisdiction; nevertheless, they are interesting to the Nebraska Templar, who cannot help feeling quite at home among our North Carolina Fraters, where Sir Woodruff, Nebraska's Representative, is now Grand Commander, and our Grand Commander, Sir Dudley, is the Representative from North Carolina.

He thus alludes to our Grand Representative:

Nebraska's Representative, Sir Carle A. Woodruff, resigned his commission from Texas, that he might retain that from Nebraska; Sir Carle does Nebraska honor, and Nebraska honors him as a Freemason, a soldier and an agriculturist (he made a fine, attractive display at our last State Fair); as Grand Captain General of North Carolina he made a report at this Conclave that indicates unusual activity and interest in our Order, and they evidently thought so at Greensboro, for they made him Grand Commander. With our Grand Commander Representative from North Carolina, and their Grand Commander Representative from Nebraska, honors are easy.

There is no review because of Sir James Southgate's ill health.

We have tarried in this Jurisdiction because it seemed homelike here; we hope to tarry longer, in person, next year, *en route* to the Atlanta Triennial Convocation.

R. E. Sir John J. Wemple elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. R. Bowen re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1888.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of New York assembled in the city of Albany, October 9th, 1888. R. E. Sir T. E. Haslehurst, Grand Commander; E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder. Fifty-five Subordinate Commanderies represented.

Courteous reception was given to Sirs W. W. Allen, Grand Commander, and Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder, of Pennsylvania. Cordial welcome was extended to the Grand Commandery by the Sir Knights of Albany in an eloquent address by Sir Joseph M. Lawson, P. E. C., to which the R. E. Grand Commander responded in suitable terms.

The address of the Grand Commander occupies thirty-six pages of the model pamphlet, and is the finest illustrated document of its kind we have yet seen. The portraits of several of the distinguished dead illumine the pages.

Of the progress of Templarism in this great State, the Grand Commander says:

At the time of the first meetings in the city of Albany—thirty-five years ago—the Commanderies on the roll numbered eleven, and to-day the fruitage of the three-quarters century of progress represents fifty-six, with a membership of eight thousand.

We hold our present Conclave on grand old Masonic ground—at a period which marks three quarters of a century of continuous existence, and demands this recognition at our hands.

The steady growth of our Order during the past seventy-five years, the harmony which has ever pervaded the Annual Conclaves, the ever-increasing interest in that which tends to the advancement of Templarism, is a record proudly to be cherished by us of the present, and a memorial illustrative of the thoroughness of those Sir Knights who, seventy-five years ago, joined the several links into the official chain.

He alludes to improvement in the financial condition of the Grand Commandery; discourages prize drills; calls attention to the meeting of the Grand Encampment, and objects to the Ritual as adopted at the last Conclave of that Grand Body. A graphic account is given of the unveiling of a monument over the remains of the late Grand Prelate Sir and Rev Jno. G. Webster.

An excellent address, well suited to the occasion, was delivered by Sir and Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, Eminent Grand Prelate.

The Grand Recorder reports "that the year just closed has been prosperous and harmonious, the Order now numbering 8,000 Sir Knights." A noble cohort indeed.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$5,003.40.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared in part by Sir Jno. W. Simons and in part by Sir Jesse B. Anthony. The former was compelled to lay aside his pen by reason of ill health. He reviewed the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Bodies, including kindly notice of North Carolina for 1887. The writings of this valiant and magnanimous Sir Knight are above criticism. His decisions on Jurisprudence have for years been accepted as law in many Grand Jurisdictions. In discussion he is fair and courteous, and is ever ready to instruct his less informed Fraters. That portion of the report written by Sir Anthony embraced a review of fifteen Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888.

We note that since the report was written our distinguished Frater has departed this life.

He said in his review of North Carolina for 1887, that—

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence through ill health was unable to prepare a report. He has our sympathy, for we are very far from enjoying good health, though up to this time we have managed by hook or by crook to hold up our end of the log.

We had met Sir Simons frequently in 1866-'67 in New York City, and found him ever genial and kind, faithful and true. We mourn his loss as a brother, and trust he is now beyond the pains and sufferings of earth, in the realms of eternal bliss, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." He spent a life of usefulness to the Craft, and his writings will be a lasting and valuable legacy to all those in search of Masonic light. The corps reportorial has lost a valued member.

R. E. Sir Austin C. Wood elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Robert Macoy re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1888.

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio assembled in the city of Cleveland, August 28th, 1888. R. E. Sir Frederick H. Rehwinkel, Grand Commander; E. Sir Jno. N. Bell, Grand Recorder. Forty-three out of forty-four Subordinate Commanderies represented.

We note an exceptionally well prepared pamphlet, which reflects great credit on the Grand Recorder. The type is superb.

The able address of the Grand Commander occupies forty-eight pages, and is a full and lucid account of the year's work, and shows the position is no sinecure in this large, wealthy and flourishing Jurisdiction. He reports large accessions to the membership of nearly every Commandery. Touching tribute is made to the distinguished and fraternal dead. Two new Commanderies were constituted and the officers installed. He is with us on the question of Grand Visitations:

It affords me pleasure to state that all the Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction have this year been visited and inspected. And I desire to express to the Sir Knights who have so efficiently co-operated with me in the performance of this duty my grateful acknowledgments. Feeling assured that these annual inspections are productive of much good, that the work and discipline of the Commanderies are thereby greatly improved; and the rules and regulations better observed, I would earnestly recommend their continuance.

Among several decisions rendered, but one is found which differs from various rulings in our Grand Body:

Question. Is there any way in which a petition for the Orders of Knighthood can be withdrawn unballoted upon?

Answer. A petition once received by a Commandery, unless faulty in form or otherwise irregular, cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner under any circumstances, but must be disposed of by ballot.

It is pretty generally conceded that *after* the ballot has been taken the petition cannot be recalled, but we think it is very clear that the petitioner can ask for his dimit, whether he gets it or not, *before* the ballot is taken.

The reports of other Grand Officers are interesting reading, and evince much interest existing in Templarism.

The healthy balance of \$12,667.91 is found in the treasury.

A vast amount of routine local business was transacted. The Grand Commandery was very pronounced in its determination to stand by the Grand Master relative to the Iowa troubles, and declined to print the address of the Grand Commander of Iowa explaining the position of Iowa on the question.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able, at times genial, but at times caustic, pen of Sir E. T. Carson, and occupies 127 pages. He is one of our best informed Fraters, and this is the thirteenth time he has made valuable contributions to the Templar literature of Ohio. He

is bold in maintaining his views, and sharp, though kindly, criticisms sparkle here and there throughout the report, notably in his review of Tennessee. He speaks boldly for the report of the Committee on Ritual, adopted at St. Louis (of which he was chairman), and valiantly does he parry the thrusts made right and left at this Ritual.

We regret that North Carolina is not among the Grand Bodies reviewed, and our absence is unaccountable. We would gladly make extracts from this interesting report, but space forbids, and we must obey.

R. E. Sir William T. Walker elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Jno. N. Bell re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1888.

The Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Oregon was held in the city of Portland, October 9th, 1888. R. E. Sir James F. Robinson, Grand Commander; E. Sir Frelon J. Babcock, Grand Recorder. Three (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is short, very little having claimed his attention. No decisions had been called for and only two Dispensations asked for, both of which were granted.

He thus speaks of the rise and progress of Templarism in Oregon:

It is but a few years since four Em. Sirs, R. P. Earhart, F. N. Shurtleff, Sir F. J. Babcock and myself, planted the Templar banner on the Northwest Coast, hoping that in time the acquisitions to our ranks would be sufficient to make a numerically respectable Commandery, and the benefits of the Templar Order be extended.

I am pleased to announce that our hopes and most sanguine expectations have been more than realized.

From this small beginning there has grown up three Commanderies, all prosperous and with a goodly membership of true and courteous Sir Knights, and a Grand Commandery whose members, from their well-known zeal in the good work, furnish the assurance that in the near future the Grand Commandery of Oregon, although among the youngest, will not be least in point of members or extent of knightly courtesies to our Fraters of other Jurisdictions.

Grand Representatives were appointed near several Grand Bodies. He recommends that a Committee on Correspondence be appointed. The business transacted was of local interest only.

We welcome this Grand Commandery to our ranks, and trust she may be, ere long, "clear as the sun, fair as the moon and terrible as an army with banners" in capturing and holding that far-off State for Templarism. No report on Correspondence, but one is promised next year.

R. E. Sir Christopher Taylor elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Frelon J. Babcock re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1888.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania assembled in the city of Pittsburg, May 22d, 1888. R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder. Fifty-nine Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction turned out, many of them in force, to attend the Grand Conclave, and one thinks in reading of the preparations and parade that the Grand Encampment must be on hand. It is interesting to see what success attended this meeting, and doubtless good and lasting impressions were made on the citizens of the State in general and of Pittsburg in particular.

The address of the Grand Commander is an able document of sixteen pages, and is a faithful report of his work. In the introduction, he speaks eloquently of the mission and duty of the true Christian Knight, and emphasizes the practical good which may be accomplished by carrying out in life the doctrines we, as Knights, profess:

Knights, professed soldiers of Christ, do you love your Order? Yea more, do you love the cause it represents? Do you desire that the world shall be better for your having lived in it? Do you desire that you shall be loved and honored long after "this mortal shall have put on immortality?" Do you desire ready admission into the celestial asylum above? If so, then buckle on the armor; see to it that you are ever ready for duty; that the banner of the Cross is ever in the thickest of the battle for God and the right, and that no stain, by word or act of yours, shall ever dim its fair color. Let our motto ever in spirit be "*In hoc signo vinces.*"

He criticises the Ritual and suggests several corrections at important points and recommends an effort to be made at the Grand Encampment to rectify these errors. Much visitation was done, with the happiest results. Quite a large number of Dispensations for various purposes were granted, and many decisions made, in all which we concur, except the following:

Question. Can a Commandery hold a Conclave without its charter being present in the Asylum, said charter being present in the town or city where the Asylum is situated?

Answer. The charter must be present in the Asylum, and should be upon the pedestal of the Eminent Commander.

It must go without saying that it is best to have the charter in the Commandery, but to hold that it is indispensable to holding a meeting is, in the opinion of many, exceedingly doubtful. A charter is simply an instrument issued by the proper authority empowering a certain number duly assembled to work, &c. It should be conveniently placed where it can be reached should a visitor demand it, but to say it must be in this particular spot, notably on the pedestal of the Eminent Commander, is, we think, entirely untenable.

Much routine business was transacted, as might be expected in so large a Jurisdiction. Balance in the Grand Treasury is \$6,839.70.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by Sir Wm. J. Kelly, and is an able and faithful review of twenty-eight Grand Bodies. We regret that North Carolina is not of this number. We have been highly entertained by the perusal of this report, and but for giving more space to these Proceedings than we can afford under the "shrinkage process," we should be glad to make many extracts.

R. E. Sir William W. Allen elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles E. Meyer re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1888.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Texas assembled in the city of El Paso, April 18th, 1888. R. E. Sir Jno. O. Johnson, Grand Commander; E. Sir R. Brewster, Grand Recorder. Fifteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

Sir J. D. Adams, P. G. C. of Arkansas, and the Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, accompanied by Sir B. F. Atkinson, P. G. C. of Arkansas, were received and welcomed in true knightly style.

The address of the Grand Commander relates chiefly to the transactions of a local character during the year. He reports the condition of the Order, viz.:

It affords me pleasure to report that the Order in Texas is in a healthy and, all things considered, a fairly prosperous condition, and that, so far as I am advised, the best of feeling exists among the membership throughout the Jurisdiction.

One new Commandery was constituted by the Grand Commander, and its officers installed.

The Grand Officers in this Jurisdiction are styled Grand Visitors, and each takes his share of the work of visitation. Their reports are very readable, and give a vast amount of information regarding the internal workings of the various Commanderies.

Business routine and entirely local.

The following touching tribute was paid to a distinguished Sir Knight who had recently died:

We further recommend that the name of our beloved Past Grand Commander, John C. McCoy, be inscribed upon a memorial page of the Proceedings, and that so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander as relates to this distinguished Frater be printed upon the opposite page, so that those who read his name hereafter may know of his noble character, the highest encomium upon which is expressed in the words that he was *a good and honest man*, the noblest work of God.

The matter of uniform was discussed, but it all ended in smoke, and a committee of intelligent Sir Knights was appointed to formulate some *uniform* uniform. This has been giving trouble for several years.

On motion, the Committee on Correspondence was requested to hand their report to the Recorder, to be published with the proceedings, but it seems that committee didn't *hand*. We presume some good reason prevented the committee from writing a report.

R. E. Sir Charles Davis elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Robert Brewster re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1888.

The Forty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Vermont assembled in the city of Burlington, June 12th, 1888. R. E. Sir D. M. Bacou, Grand Commander; E. Sir W. G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder. Ten Subordinate Commanderies represented.

R. E. Sir Alfred A. Hall, the Representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, was announced as a visitor. He was heartily welcomed by the Grand Commander, and in eloquent words did he reply.

The address of the Grand Commander occupies twenty-five pages of the neat pamphlet, in which he gives a perspicuous account of his the stewardship for the year just ended. Appropriate mention is made of fraternal dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions. Quite a long roll was called of those who have started on their pilgrimage to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." Welcome was extended to the new Grand Commanderies of Oregon and Washington. One new Commandery was constituted and its officers installed. An invitation was extended by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. to the Grand Commandery to escort the Grand Lodge at the laying of the corner-stone of the Bennington battle monument. The invitation was accepted, and the largest parade of Knights Templar ever known in Vermont was made on that interesting occasion. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Easter Day, Ascension Day or the following Sunday be observed throughout this Jurisdiction, and that the Subordinate Commanderies be permitted to make arrangements to observe the days without a Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to report except that the "utmost good will and harmony prevail throughout our Jurisdiction."

A pleasing episode in the proceedings was the acceptance of the regalia of Past Grand Commander Gamaliel Washburne, presented to the Grand Commandery of Vermont by his two sons. Touching remarks

were made, and the regalia deposited for safe-keeping in the archives as a memorial of this distinguished Frater.

The Report on Correspondence, for the eighth time, was presented by Sir Knight Fred. S. Fisher, and in his usual able and interesting style discourses in ninety pages the chief transactions in thirty-two Grand Bodies, including kindly notice of North Carolina for 1886-'87. We should be too glad to follow this Frater along the road he has traveled in this report and cull here and there a good thought, but the printer is hurrying us for copy. We agree with him on nearly all the points argued. He is quite pronounced in his complaint against our Iowa Fraters. We are disposed, Sir Knight, to be lenient and patient. We feel confident these magnanimous Knights will make due amends at the next Triennial, and all will be well.

R. E. Sir Delos M. Bacon re-elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Warren G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA, 1888.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Virginia assembled in the city of Richmond, November 13th, 1888. R. E. Sir James B. Blanks, Grand Commander; R. E. Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder. Fourteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a strong and able document, setting forth, in clear style, the work performed in his office. He reports peace, harmony and prosperity throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Two chartered Commanderies were constituted.

The following decision was made, in which we concur: "Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation." We go further, and say that no officer can legally resign after installation. It is contrary to the common usage, and a *pro tem.* officer should occupy the place of one who cannot, from any cause, fill the position.

An invitation to act as escort to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple, to be erected in the city of Richmond, was accepted.

The reports from the Grand Officers give evidence of healthy growth of Templarism in the Old Dominion.

The Treasurer reports a small balance of \$240.88 in the treasury.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to Washington Masonic Memorial Temple of Fredericksburg.

The Committee on the Grand Commander's address recommended, in the strongest terms, the abolition of the Ritual adopted in 1886, and expressed a decided preference for the old and beautiful Ritual which

had been used by them for so many years. The following culmination of their dissatisfaction was reached, viz.:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the next Grand Encampment be instructed to urge the repeal of the law adopting the new Ritual of 1886, or to procure the passage of a law allowing each Grand Commandery to authorize its Subordinate Commanderies to use the Ritual in use prior to the adoption of the new Ritual of 1886, or the Ritual adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States at its session held in 1886, as may be preferred.

This will not go far towards uniformity of Ritual if adopted, and we have no idea the Grand Encampment can consistently grant the request. If one State is allowed to use any other than the established Ritual, then chaos will at once reign, for there is not a single Grand Commandery but will urge some complaint, point out some defects and demand that the uniform Ritual be banished from their midst. There may be one or two exceptions.

The sum of two dollars *per capita* was assessed upon the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction to raise funds to pay the expenses of the Grand Officers in attending the Grand Encampment in October at Washington, D. C.

A magnificent banquet was tendered to the Grand Commandery by the members of Richmond Commandery, No. 2, and St. Andrew, No. 13. It was greatly enjoyed, doubtless, for when one comes to eat he will find Old Virginia is in the front rank. At this season (November) the oysters are the best the world has ever seen. We profess to know something of these bivalves, for we have been partly raised on 'em.

There is no Report on Correspondence, much to our regret.

R. E. James Lee Beck elected Grand Commander; R. E. Wm. B. Isaacs re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1888.

The First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Territory of Washington assembled in the city of Seattle, June 8th, 1888, having been organized June 2d, 1887. R. E. Sir Harrison W. Eagan, Grand Commander; E. Sir Thomas M. Reed, Grand Recorder. All the Subordinate Commanderies (four in number) were represented; one U. D. was afterwards admitted.

Although the formal recognition of this young sister was overlooked by our Grand Commandery, yet we open up this correspondence by cordially welcoming her to the galaxy of Grand Commanderies, and bid her Godspeed in her grand and noble mission in spreading Templarism over her domain. May her influence be felt for good, and many sons be born to her who shall be true and magnanimous Sir Knights.

We note, with commendation, the following action taken in 1887—in the beginning—which augurs well:

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Washington Territory does hereby declare that it shall be deemed unknighly conduct for any Knight in this Jurisdiction to be engaged or voluntarily interested in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor, and any Knight who shall be so engaged or interested in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor for such purpose shall be, by the proper Commandery, brought to trial and punishment, which punishment, if he shall not abate the business, shall not be less than expulsion from the Order.

Resolved, That no person who shall be so engaged or voluntarily interested in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage shall be elected to receive the orders or to be knighted in any Commandery in this Jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Washington does hereby condemn the practice of gambling for money, either in kind or by any evasion, as unknighly: and

Resolved further, That it is hereby enjoined upon the various Commanderies of this Jurisdiction to enforce the declaration against any offending Knight by charges of unknighly conduct, trial and punishment.

The address of the Grand Commander is short, but it has the right ring all through its pages. As to the outlook, he says:

The great Captain of our salvation has delt very kindly and lovingly with us, in conducting us safely along life's highway to the close of our first Templar year. If a single stone has fallen from the walls of our noble temple, the fact has not come to my knowledge. "The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places."

I rejoice in the privilege as well as the pleasant duty to congratulate you upon the favorable outlook for our beloved Order. Prosperity and general good health seem to be the common heritage of all our people in this part of our highly favored country.

After giving the Grand Commandery an account of the duties performed, he wisely gives timely warning to admit none to their Asylums who, since their admission into the Lodge, may have become atheists or agnostics. We give some of his views, in which we concur:

The idea of an atheist or an agnostic being a member of a Masonic body is a huge monstrosity. Take away the essential "landmarks" of our ancient and honorable institution, and I ask again: On what does its foundation rest? Nothing but the drifting sands of infidelity.

It is high time—as the Divine oracles teach—that "the ax be laid unto the root of the trees, that every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit be hewn down, and cast into the fire."

How a man can so stultify his conscience as to knock at our doors for admission, with professions of loyalty to the cardinal principles of our Order on his lips and a lie in his heart, is beyond the ken of my philosophy.

But I have been asked the question: "May not a man, after having joined the Order, by scientific investigation and the acquirement of greater knowledge, change his belief respecting our doctrines?" I answer, yes; that is possible. "What, then, should he do?" My answer is unqualified and emphatic: *get out of the Order at once*; and I say more: *if he is honest he will do it*.

It is just as reasonable that an infidel be permitted to minister at the white altars of a Christian church as that an atheist or an agnostic be retained within the hallowed precincts of our grand institution.

One charter was granted and one Dispensation to form a Commandery U. D. Grant's Tactics and Drill was adopted. This first Grand Conclave was conducted in peace and closed in harmony.

We give the account of the *inevitable* banquet in full:

The Grand Commandery adjourned to the banqueting rooms, where an hour's mingling with the "elements of refreshments" to body and mind was profitably and joyously improved. Toasts, responses, true Masonic and Knightly sentiment, wit and humor, gave their charm and delectation to the occasion.

No regular Report on Correspondence, but Sir Knight, the Grand Recorder, acknowledged the receipt of sundry proceedings, and promises a report next year. We quote his words:

The undersigned, having been appointed chairman of the committee for the ensuing year, will endeavor, if life and health permit, and it be within the bounds of reasonable possibility, to submit at our next Annual Conclave a brief report of such matters of interest, gathered from the published reports of other Grand Commanderies received during the year, as shall be deemed instructive and proper to present.

R. E. Sir Alfred L. Palmer elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Thos. M. Reed re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1888.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia assembled in the city of Huntington, May 9th, 1888. R. E. Sir Alexander Parks, Grand Commander; E. Sir R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder. Nine (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is a business paper throughout. Much of the space is taken up with the reports of visitations made by Grand Officers, and these reports are incorporated with the address. One new Commandery was constituted and its officers installed. Several Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies were appointed.

Business was routine and chiefly local.

No report on Correspondence, and we give the reason in full:

At the last Conclave of the Grand Commandery the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence assured me that he would forward his report in time to be printed with these proceedings, but after waiting until the last moment, I wrote and telegraphed him, and received a reply declining to publish the report he had prepared, and as the proceedings are now ready for binding, I find it too late to prepare one. It is to be regretted that Sir Davis declined to allow his report to be printed, but doubtless excellent reasons animated him in coming to that conclusion.

R. C. DUNNINGTON,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir Jere A. Miller elected Grand Commander; E. Sir R. C. Dunnington re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1888.

The Thirtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin assembled in the city of Milwaukee, October 9th, 1888. R. E. Sir N. B. Rundle, Grand Commander; E. Sir J. W. Laffin, Grand Recorder. Twenty Subordinate Commanderies and two U. D. represented.

Very Eminent Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was a visitor to this Grand Body and he was received with the honors and courtesies due his rank.

The address of the Grand Commander is a well written document and gives in five pages his official acts. He kindly notices the distinguished dead, and thus reports the condition of the Order:

The past year has been a prosperous one for a large number of the Commanderies of the Jurisdiction, and, although the history of the Order during that time has been uneventful, there has been a uniform, healthy and vigorous growth in membership and in the true knightly spirit which is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order.

Dispensations were granted to form two new Commanderies. He divided the State into four districts and the four highest officers were appointed Inspectors, who visited nearly all of the Commanderies. Many were encouraged, others helped and all were more or less benefited by these Grand Visitations. An order was issued for the proper observance of Easter. Four Subordinate Commanderies were visited by the Grand Commander. Cash in the treasury, \$1,821.24. The business transacted was routine and altogether local.

The following touching incident is, indeed, refreshing, and calls forth our better nature in admiration and commendation for the noble and magnanimous sentiments contained therein:

WHEREAS, On account of a serious affliction of the eyes, Past Grand Commander Carpenter has been unable to be present during this Conclave: therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery hereby extend to our esteemed and beloved Past Grand Commander their knightly greeting, most earnest sympathy and cordial good will, expressing the hope that he may experience an early, complete and permanent recovery, thus again securing to his friends and Fraters the pleasure of his warm and manly greeting, and assuring him that the absence of his earnest and valuable counsel in our deliberations was sincerely regretted by all the Sir Knights.

The Sixth Annual Report on Correspondence by the same author was presented by Sir William C. Swain. Well do we remember the discussions had in former years, and we have always read his reports with great interest and pleasure. He reviews in his usual style (which is good) in ninety-six pages the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888. We give under North Carolina his

remarks touching Sir Blount's report and an explanation relative to his criticisms on Sir Bain's address:

George W. Blount made a good but brief Report on Correspondence. Brief, he says, for want of funds wherewith to print.

We wish to correct a misapprehension. We intended no "slap" at North Carolina in "finding nothing quotable" in the Grand Commander's eloquent address. We have known Sir Donald W. Bain so long and favorably, through the various proceedings, as to expect a good address, and were not disappointed. But every reporter must have his own style and methods, and we have made it a point to confine our quotations, almost entirely, to official actions, practical suggestions, points of law and discussions of them. Hence, if a Grand Commander has no important question brought before him, he may preach the most glorious and eloquent sermon imaginable upon the good of the Order, etc., and still we shall find "nothing quotable." But it does not imply any slur or disrespect for the address itself.

We would be pleased to dwell longer with Sir Swain and discuss several points in his excellent address, but we can only "touch and go," as the saying is, and "here we go."

R. E. Chandler P. Chapman elected Grand Commander; E. John W. Laffin re-elected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING, 1888.

The First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the Territory of Wyoming assembled in the city of Cheyenne, July 11th, 1888. R. E. Sir Truman B. Hicks, Grand Commander; E. Sir John K. Jeffrey, Grand Recorder. Three Subordinate Commanderies (all) represented.

This is another newly organized Grand Commandery, and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina we cordially welcome her to the sisterhood, and hope that she may make a grand record in bringing many to the knowledge of true knighthood. A fine portrait of R. E. Sir Truman Hicks, the first Grand Commander, adorns the first page.

The address of the Grand Commander is very short, he having served only four months, and consequently there was but little to report. He begins the address hopefully:

And, first, permit me to congratulate you upon the successful result of the efforts made by the Knights Templar of Wyoming to organize this Grand Commandery. By virtue of the authority courteously granted in advance by the Grand Encampment of the United States, we have gained three years time in reaching the goal of our ambition. Standing among the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories, equal in rank and station, though not in numbers, it is not strange that we should exult over the attainment of autonomy. Even as the people in a Territorial form of government rejoice upon their admission to the sisterhood of States, so may we rejoice. But with the new honor and pride comes increased responsibility. Into our hands is committed the weal of Christian knighthood in this young empire. And upon our efforts must the cause of Templarism depend for increase in

numbers, for extension of charity and Christian benevolence, as well as deepening devotion to the Craft in the heart of every Sir Knight. The generations of our noble Order that will follow will judge us by the breadth and depth and strength of the foundations we are now laying. Our record is made in moments; it is read in years. Let us so strive that the commendation of the valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights who shall crown the superstructure of the edifice, by us just begun, will justly approve and commend our work.

The Report of the Grand Recorder gives an interesting account of the organization of this Grand Commandery, which event occurred on March 8th, 1888.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Sir John C. Baird, which we quote in full. We shall look for a fulfilment of the promise.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence is deprived of the pleasure of making a report at this time, for several reasons: (1) our term is but four months long, covering the time from the inauguration of the Grand Officers to this Conclave; (2) as our Grand Commandery has been comparatively unknown, we have received the proceedings from very few of the Grand Commanderies of the States, and we do not wish to present but a partial review; (3) our innate modesty (so characteristic of our profession) causes us to hesitate in putting our lance in rest in the skilled tournament of review. We have observed that there are some trenchant spears among the reviewers, and the novitiate who can successfully escape a thrust or two is indeed fortunate, if not skillful. The system of reviewing proceedings is so instructive and beneficial that we would warmly advise all Fraters to read the reports. Heretofore these truths have not been apparent to us because of our being outside the brotherhood of Grand Commanderies; and we received no reports. Now that we stand equal in honor, if not in station, with our elders, we hope that our reports hereafter may be as complete in this department as our Grand Commandery is complete in all other respects.

Courteously submitted.

JOHN C. BAIRD,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Wm. H. Smith elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John K. Jeffrey re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

The Grand Commandery having changed its annual meeting from August to May, throws the report of the committee somewhat "out of gear," and we must ask the indulgence of some of our correspondents for postponing the review of those Proceedings for 1889 which have come to hand, but not in time for this review. The report of Sir Blount of last year was written late in July and hence he reviewed several of the States for 1888, which accounts for their absence from this report, notably Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Dakota, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky and New Jersey. We acknowledge the receipt of the following proceedings of 1889, which will appear regularly in the review for 1889: Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, Quebec, Tennessee and Wisconsin. We find that Templarism all over this country is in a healthy condition. Peace abounds, except in the case of Iowa, and the hope is entertained by many, including this reporter, that all differences between this Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Master will be healed at the Triennial Conclave in Washington next October. This matter of Ritual has not only affected Iowa, but nearly all the Grand Commanderies have made severe criticisms. Tennessee rejected, but afterwards took it up and will ask for a revision. Ohio seems troubled about the Scottish Rite. Canada and England are "locking horns" over Australia.

We are sincerely grateful for the kind interest manifested by our Fraters in our health, and trust we may ever merit their good will and friendship. What are we without Charity or Love, which is the bond of peace and the perfection of every virtue? "Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity. Faith may be lost in sight; Hope ends in fruition; but Charity extends beyond the grave to the boundless realms of eternity." Let us cultivate this virtue and we will be better men and Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE;

For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

TENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE,

HELD IN

ASHEVILLE, N. C.,

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH AND 13TH, A. D.

1890, A. O. 772.



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GRAND OFFICERS, 1890-91.

WILLIAM W. ALLEN..GreensboroR. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE...DurhamV. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN...Wilmington ...E. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE....MoytonE. Grand Captain General.
GEORGE H. BELL.....Bell P. O.....E. Grand Prelate.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS..AshevilleE. Grand Senior Warden.
PETER A. WILSON, JR. Winston.....E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSONRaleighE. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON..RaleighE. Grand Recorder *Robinson*
GEORGE LAMPMAN ...GreensboroE. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. ARTHUR REAGAN..AshevilleE. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN C. CHASE.....Wilmington ...E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY..Raleigh.....E. Grand Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS.



The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina, convened in its Tenth Annual Conclave, at the Asylum of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, in the city of Asheville, Thursday, June 12th, A. D. 1890, A. O. 772, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

JOHN A. PORTER.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
DONALD W. BAIN	as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	E. Grand Generalissimo.
EUGENE S. MARTIN	E. Grand Captain General.
REV. GEORGE H. BELL.....	E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. ARTHUR REAGAN.....	as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
WILLIAM L. SHOPE.....	as E. Grand Warder.
E. R. GLENN.....	as E. Grand Sentinel.

OPENING.

It appearing that representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies were present, the Grand Commandery was opened in ample and knightly form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same in printed form being in the hands of Sir Knights present.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Commander appointed as a Committee on Credentials, Sir Knights D. W. BAIN, G. W. BLOUNT and D. P. MAST, who reported as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below.

DONALD W. BAIN,
GEORGE W. BLOUNT,
D. P. MAST,

Committee.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

JOHN A. PORTER	R. E. Grand Commander.
*	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	E. Grand Generalissimo.
EUGENE S. MARTIN	E. Grand Captain General.
GEORGE H. BELL	<i>as</i> E. Grand Prelate.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	E. Grand Senior Warden.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON	E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
*	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
*	E. Grand Warder.
*	E. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

DONALD W. BAIN	Past Grand Commander.
GEORGE W. BLOUNT	Past Grand Generalissimo.

WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO: 1, WILMINGTON.

JOHN C. CHASE	proxy for Eminent Commander.
JAMES C. LODER	proxy for Generalissimo.
EUGENE S. MARTIN	Captain General.

* Officer not present.

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3, DURHAM.

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....proxy for Eminent Commander.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

WILLIAM SIMPSON Eminent Commander.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

A. H. COBB..... Eminent Commander.

R. R. PORTER proxy for Generalissimo.

R. R. PORTER proxy for Captain General.

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

D. P. MAST Eminent Commander.

P. A. WILSON, JR., Generalissimo.

J. Q. A. BARHAM proxy for Captain General.

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

S. C. WELLS Eminent Commander.

B. F. BRIGGS proxy for Generalissimo.

J. D. BULLOCK Captain General.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

GEORGE LAMPMAN Eminent Commander.

JAMES D. GLENN proxy for Generalissimo.

J. E. KANTNER proxy for Captain General.

On motion of Sir F. M. MOYE, the report of Committee on Credentials was received and recommitted to committee to add names of other representatives as they may appear.

ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir JOHN A. PORTER, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his annual address, which was, on motion of Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE, referred to the following committee: Sir GEORGE W. BLOUNT, D. W. BAIN and JAMES D. GLENN.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

How swiftly the months have sped by since we met one year ago in our beautiful city by the sea. Like a flying shadow it is already reced-

ing into the oblivious past, and to-day as again we meet upon the mountain heights of our dear Old North State, I extend to you hearty and affectionate greetings, welcoming you to my native city, than which there is none fairer in all this fair land. Her hospitality can only be equalled by her beautiful scenery. You will find congeniality in the very air you breathe as well as in the hearts of her sons and daughters.

But, as we clasp again the hand in brotherly greeting, we remember some faces that are not with us to-day. Some of the most knightly have gone where the greetings shall know no partings or sorrow.

This has been an eventful year in Templar Masonry, and to us in North Carolina perhaps the most prosperous one we have ever enjoyed. Our growth in the entire jurisdiction, with perhaps an exception in one subordinate Commandery, has been healthy, and it is with peculiar pleasure now, as I surrender to you the office which I have received as a gift at your hands for two successive years, to report to you that the order is in better condition than I have ever known it to be in North Carolina. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His blessings on us during the past year and for this re-union under auspices so favorable and encouraging.

NECROLOGY.

While Death has been busy gathering in from our sister jurisdictions many distinguished and loved fraters, eminent for their knowledge and zeal in Masonry, and honored citizens of Church and State, this jurisdiction has not been called upon to mourn for any of its present or past officers or members. I have been requested twice to assist in performing the funeral obsequies in my own Commandery. May, 1890, Sir J. P. Gaston, of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, my own Commandery, was summoned from the busy cares and pleasures of life without a moment's warning to an audience with the Sovereign Master of Heaven and Earth. May 31st, 1890, Sir J. J. White, of the same Commandery, was called to rest. Both of these Sir Knights were held in high esteem by their comrades in arms, and by all who knew them. We are fully assured that they had offered up suitable gifts at the shrine of our departed Lord, and bore the marks of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

May, 1889, I received a general order through Grand Recorder Munson, relating to the death of Sir Theodore Frederic Nieman, our Representative near the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and Past Grand Generalissimo of that Grand Commandery. As a tribute to the memory of our deceased frater, I spread the order upon our records:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OHIO,
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER,
 TOLEDO, O., June 27, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

General Order,)
 No. 5. }

*To all Sir Knights throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Com-
 mandery of Ohio:*

Once again the arrow of the insatiable archer, Death, has found a shining mark in the person of our esteemed frater, Sir Knight Theodore Frederic Nieman, Past Grand Generalissimo, who peacefully entered into rest at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 26th day of June, A. D. 1889, A. O. 771.

The many generous and noble qualities which adorned the character of our deceased frater, endeared him to the hearts of all with whom he came in contact, and his devotion to the principles and mission of the Masonic Brotherhood was manifested in many years of zealous and intelligent labor in all its various branches.

But his sword is sheathed, and his earthly armor laid aside forever. "To his name and memory be justice done," and may the recollection of his virtues remain enshrined in the hearts of his sorrowing fraters.

In honor of our deceased Companion Sir Knight, this memorial order will be read at the head of the lines, in each Commandery of this grand jurisdiction, at the first stated conclave after its receipt, and the usual badge of mourning will be worn by all Sir Knights at the hilt of their swords until the close of our next annual conclave.

W. T. WALKER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

JNO. N. BELL, *Grand Recorder.*

July 5th, 1889, William S. Patton, Past Grand Commander of Mississippi, and our Grand Representative near that Commandery, died at his home in that State. I also append a general order announcing his death:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSISSIPPI,
 VICKSBURG, July 18th, 1889.

When a few months since the Grand Commandery held its conclave at Meridian, the entrance to the Asylum was faithfully guarded by a Sir Knight whose rank entitled him to a seat in the East of all the bodies of which he was a member, but with the self-abnegation, which was characteristic of the man, he volunteered to perform the duty of one who was absent, and thereby set us an example of humility and zeal, which, now that he has passed through the entrance into the Grand Asylum above, we may well remember and practice.

For more than seventy-six years General William S. Patton had led an honorable and useful life. Twice Grand Master of Masons, twice Grand High Priest, and twice most Puissant Grand Master, he was also a Past Grand Commander of Templars, and Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment, a general in the Confederate Army and once a candidate for Governor of his State. He had performed life's duties well, and when, at six o'clock, on the evening of the 5th of July, 1889, he sheathed his sword and lay down to rest, his friends, his State and his Order suffered an irreparable loss.

We grieve for the companionship of those who have companied with us during life's pilgrimage, but it is neither natural, nor right, that we should mourn, as those who are without hope, the departure of our friends who, having completed their full term of penance, whose mortal having put on immortality, have entered into the joy of their

reward; rather let us give hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father for the good examples of all those who, having completed their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. We, who remain yet for a little time, are the objects of solicitude; for them all doubts and trials are at an end, while for us the battle still rages, and sorrow and disappointments are yet to be endured. That we may profit by the good example which our friend and brother set us, let us meditate upon his virtues and many excellencies of character, and that we may show our respect and affection for him, let the banner of your Commandery be draped with black for the space of sixty days, and this order be read at the head of the lines.

FREDERIC SPEED,
Grand Commander.

J. L. POWER,
Grand Recorder.

Since our last Annual Conclave I have been officially notified of the death of the following distinguished Sir Knights of other Jurisdictions: May 3d, 1889, Charles Jewett Jones, P. G. G., of the Grand Commandery of Vermont; May 8th, 1889, Sir Frank Neely, P. G. C., of Iowa; June 12th, 1889, Sir Frederic Henry Rehwinkel, P. G. C., of Ohio. It was my privilege to know personally Sir Rehwinkel. I first met him under circumstances calculated to draw us to each other, and shall never forget his courteous treatment to me. July 15th, 1889, Rt. Em. Carnot Courtland Mason, G. C., of California, died at Chico; September 7th, 1889, Sir Jonathan Nash Burr, P. G. G., of Ohio, died at Terre Haute, Ind.; October 8th, 1889, Sir David Clark, P. G. C., of Connecticut, died at Hartford; November 26th, 1889, Sir A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Rec. of Minnesota, died at his home in St. Paul. It was my good fortune to meet this grand and elegant old gentleman at Washington, D. C., during our Triennial Conclave. My brief acquaintance with him is one of the treasured recollections of that memorable trip. November 27th, 1889, Sir William Brinsmaid, P. D. G. C., of Vermont, died at his home in Burlington; April 4th, 1890, Sir Benjamin F. Haller, P. G. C., of Tennessee, died at home in Memphis; April 25th, 1890, Sir William H. Doggett, P. G. C., of New Jersey, died at his home in Jersey City.

DISPENSATIONS.

June 1, 1889, granted dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to attend a public service in uniform.

August, 1889, to Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to ballot upon the petition of Comp. J. C. Besant, within the time specified by the statutes.

July 19, 1889, to Ivanhoe, No. 8, to ballot upon the petition of Comp. Edwin Forbis Glenn without waiting the time specified by the statutes.

December, 1889, to Wilmington, No. 1, to ballot upon the petitions of James H. Chadbourne, Jr., and H. G. Smallbones.

December 12th, 1889, to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to elect officers for the next ensuing year, petition stating that there was no quorum at regular meeting for annual election of officers.

September, 1889, to Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, to ballot upon the petition of E. A. Ebert within the time specified by statutes.

April 4, 1890, to Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, to ballot upon petitions of Comps. Latimer, Toomer and Robinson within the time specified by the statutes.

June 6th, 1890, to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, to ballot upon the petitions of Comps. R. McBrayer and A. J. Wills.

March 21, 1890, to Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, to elect and install a Prelate.

From above report on dispensations it will be seen that nearly all were granted for the purpose of balloting upon petitions without waiting the time laid down in the statutes.

In some instances I have refused to give dispensations for balloting upon candidates within the specified time, for I felt sure that there was no real urgency in the matter. I much fear that some of our Commanderies in their zeal to swell their membership for special occasions resort to the method of asking for a suspension of the law, or, in other words, to create Knights in a manner opposed to Masonic law and Masonic dignity. Such a course cannot be too severely condemned, and I trust this body will take strong grounds on this matter and bring its subordinates down to the intents and purposes of Masonic jurisprudence.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with the custom that prevails in most jurisdictions that all commissions of Grand Representatives shall expire with each triennial conclave, I issued new commissions to all Grand Representatives of this jurisdiction near other Grand Commanderies whenever requested. I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a written report from Sir W. K. Williams, our Grand Representative near Grand Commandery of Nebraska, concerning the doings of that Grand Commandery in annual conclave at Hastings, April 15, 1890.

VISITATIONS.

I fully intended to visit, if possible, each subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction during this last term of office. Many hindrances have opposed the consummation of my purpose. Living in the western borders of the State I could not find an opportunity to visit our eastern section, but Em. Sir Eugene S. Martin, our Grand Captain General, volunteered to visit the Commanderies of that section officially, and I hope we shall have a most favorable report from him. Em. Sir James Southgate, living in the middle section of the State, offered his official services to visit Raleigh and Durham Commanderies. I engaged with V. Em. Sir W. W. Allen to visit Ivanhoe, Piedmont and Charlotte Commanderies. In accordance with this arrangement we visited Ivanhoe, No. 8, January 3, 1890, at their request, and installed their officers, and had altogether a pleasant and profitable meeting. At the request of

Em. Sir A. H. Cobb, Commander of Cyrene Commandery, I visited that Commandery and assisted them in conferring the Order of the Red Cross on three applicants; the occasion was a pleasant one, and as it is my home Commandery I take great pleasure in saying that the energy of its officers and members has brought it to the front, and that it is the banner Commandery of the State.

Sir Allen and I failed to visit either Piedmont or Charlotte Commanderies, as we intended, for the reason that they neglected to inform us of their willingness to have us visit them, after we had signified our intention to go. I trust that, at this session, this Grand Commandery will make some provision by which the Grand officers may make official visits; it can certainly do no less than pay the traveling expenses of these officers while in the discharge of this duty.

The Twenty-fourth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was the crowning event of the past Masonic year, and perhaps of all past Masonic years. Much speculation was indulged in, and much anxiety expressed about some of the problems that would have to be solved by the Grand Encampment. The Iowa rebels were to be chastised for contempt of law and authority, and I did not know but that, from the determined position of the Grand Master and that also of Iowa, we might have some trouble; but, like all difficulties that look so huge from afar, on approaching it dissolved with the mists.

The committee to whom the entire matter was referred, after an exhaustive report, concluded their valuable services by recommending for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Ritual of the Order of the Temple was legally adopted in 1886.

Resolved, That it was the duty of the Grand Master to enforce the observance of that Ritual.

Resolved, That the Grand Commander of Iowa exceeded his authority in recalling the Rituals which had been distributed by order of the Grand Encampment, and is deserving of censure.

Resolved, That it was the duty of the Grand Commander to obey the mandate of the Grand Master, requiring him to reissue said Rituals, and see they were conformed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Iowa is censurable for suspending the operation and use of these Rituals.

Resolved, That the penalty already imposed has been sufficient to vindicate the authority of the Grand Encampment, and to impress its subordinates with a sense of their duty; that the Grand Commandery of Iowa be relieved from the edict of non-intercourse.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. HOPKINS,
R. E. WITHERS,
J. W. FELLOWS,
E. T. SCHULTZ.

And thus ended the unfortunate controversy between the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

RITUAL.

The Ritual question was again brought before the Grand Encampment for discussion. There was on hand the regulation number of "kickers," and also a requisite number of manufacturers of the "only original" Templar Ritual, who had longed for this opportunity to air their knowledge, which was quite proper, and also to have a hand in making a new Ritual which, it is presumed, would be the "only Old and Original Ritual." All of the proposed amendments, corrections, &c., to the Standard Ritual, were referred to a committee consisting of one from each Grand Commandery to take the whole matter under consideration. Grand Recorder H. H. Munson, of this State, was chosen by the North Carolina delegation to represent its interests. We can certainly have the assurance that they are placed in the hands of perhaps the most competent man within our jurisdiction. The committee was in session the greater part of two days, and submitted, as a result of their labors, the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual be declared to be divided into two parts, to be designated as, first, the essentials; and second, the ceremonials; and that only the essentials be considered at this Triennial Conclave.

Resolved, That so much of the Ritual previously adopted at the last Triennial Conclave as is not herein enumerated or amended, be declared as ceremonial, and that all ceremonials be relegated to the several State Grand Commanderies.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the committee that the printing in full of the esoteric work of Templar Masonry is highly improper, and that it can be lawfully printed in cipher only.

In the same report were resolutions stating when and to whom copies of the essentials should be furnished, the manner of distribution, and that the preparation of the manuscript cipher copies, &c., be performed under the immediate direction of Grand Commander Jos. A. Lock, Chairman, and Grand Recorder George C. Conner, Secretary of Committee. Also it was resolved, that the State Grand Commanderies have prepared and forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, copies of such ceremonials as they desire to have adopted as the full Ritual, and within one year from this date.

In accordance with this resolution, I recommend this Conclave to appoint a committee who shall prepare and forward to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment, manuscript copy of such ceremonials for adoption by the Grand Encampment.

The Ritual question has long been one about which there has been much unnecessary and even foolish wrangling. Let us hope that it is now in a fair way to be settled for all time to come.

To you who were present at the Triennial Conclave at Washington, I wish to say that I thank you for the pleasure your presence there gave

me, and particularly to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, for acting as my immediate escort on our pilgrimage. It is to be regretted that this Grand Commandery did not provide means by which its representation could have afforded more commodious and hospitable quarters, as most of our sister Grand Jurisdictions did. This failure to provide for meeting such an expense, caused me to hesitate for some time as to whether it was practical to have any headquarters, but finally, the officers of our Grand Commandery made up their minds to do so, and with the valuable assistance of Sir Harrison Dingman, we succeeded in getting very pleasant rooms in the near vicinity of the Temple.

The grand parade on the morning of the first day, was an event not soon to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. It was a scene of rustling banners, gleaming swords and tramping hosts. Looking up the broad avenue upon which they were marching, no such brilliant pageant ever met my eye. It was North Carolina's first appearance in a parade, and our battalion received a due part of the applause that greeted the Knights at every turn. I desire to thank Em. Sir Eugene S. Martin, Grand Captain General, who had charge of the lines, for his efficient services. I will note here, that in the report of Grand Officers from North Carolina present at the Triennial Conclave, Sir Eugene S. Martin, Grand Captain General, was not entered on the roll, although he reported in person and was present at the sessions.

DECISIONS.

December 10th I received from A. H. Stubbs, Recorder of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8. the following letter :

JOHN A. PORTER, *Grand Commander of North Carolina:*

RT. EM. SIR—At our annual election, December 6. 1889, after the Junior Warden had been elected, the Captain General reconsidered his acceptance and declined the office. After some debate, no one having left the room, another election for Captain General was held, and Sir Bastine was elected. The Em. Commander being in doubt as to the regularity of the proceedings, and as to whether a dimitted Master Mason could hold office in a Commandery, courteously desires your decision.

My reply was that the election was regular, and that there could be no objection raised as to Sir Bastine's eligibility if he were in good standing in his Commandery.

Finally, Sir Knights, as I disappear from you in an official capacity, permit me to extend to you all this feeble expression of a grateful heart for the uniform kindness and courtesy you have, without a single exception, extended me. To the officers, for the efficient and cheerful manner in which they have assisted me, and to Grand Recorder Munson particularly, for his ever-ready advice and help to further all my wishes.

Courteously,

JOHN A. PORTER,
Grand Commander.

Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE submitted his report, stating that he had visited Durham Commandery, No. 3, officially, together with Em. Sir WM. W. ALLEN, Deputy Grand Commander, and at that Conclave the officers were installed by Sir ALLEN.

The Grand Captain General submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

R. E. SIR JOHN A. PORTER, *Grand Commander*:

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—I have the honor to report my official acts during the past fiscal year.

In obedience to the summons issued by the M. E. Grand Master to attend the 24th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, I left home on October 5, 1889, for Washington, D. C., in company with R. E. Sir H. H. Munson, P. G. C., and reached there that night.

On Monday, the 7th, upon your arrival, I reported in person to you, and by your order commanded the North Carolina line in the Grand Parade on the 8th of October. Upon the succeeding days I attended the Conclave of the Grand Encampment as one of the representatives of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, and participated in its proceedings, but by some oversight I am not mentioned as present in the Report of the Committee on Credentials.

At the regular meeting in January, 1890, of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, by invitation, I installed the officers of that Commandery, except the Captain General (myself), who was installed by E. Sir W. H. Chadborne, Commander.

I expected to officially visit and inspect some of the Commanderies, and to this end communicated with E. Sir S. C. Wells, Commander of Mt. Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, who courteously suggested May 26th (time of regular meeting) for my visit. I notified him that I would visit the Commandery at that time, but severe illness prevented.

I respectfully report Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, in good condition: the officers familiar with their duties and the degrees conferred in proper form, and the Knights are all uniformed. The Commandery is fully equipped with all the requisite paraphernalia, and its membership is rapidly increasing with first-class material.

Courteously,

E. S. MARTIN,
Grand Captain General.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

- On Returns*—Sir Knights S. C. Wells, J. C. Loder, J. E. Kantner.
On Warrants and Dispensations—Sir Knights George Lampman, J. C. Chase, B. F. Briggs.
On Finance—Sir Knights A. H. Cobb, D. P. Mast, John J. Thornton.
On Appeals and Grievances—Sir Knights F. M. Moye, F. L. Jacobs, J. C. Loder.
On Next Place of Annual Conclave—Sir Knights James Southgate, J. W. Cortland, J. D. Bullock.
On Templar Jurisprudence—Sir Knights William Simpson, J. Q. A. Barham, George H. Bell.
On Fraternal Correspondence—Sir Knights James Southgate, George W. Blount, Eugene S. Martin.
On Necrology—Sir Knights D. W. Bain, James D. Glenn, George H. Bell.
On Unfinished Business—Sir Knights E. S. Martin, G. W. Blount, F. M. Moye.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The following report was presented and adopted:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Commanderies report that they have examined the returns of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1; Durham Commandery, No. 3; Raleigh Commandery, No. 4; Piedmont Commandery, No. 6; Cyrene Commandery, No. 5; Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, all of which they find correct, except Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, which are without seal.

S. C. WELLS,
for Committee.

Report adopted.

The following Grand Representatives present were received with distinguished honor:

George H. Bell	Alabama.
James D. Glenn	Colorado.
Horace H. Munson	Connecticut.
Eugene S. Martin	Iowa.
James Southgate	Indiana.
J. E. Kantner	Louisiana.
F. M. Moye	Minnesota.
John A. Porter	Maine.
George W. Blount	New York.
A. H. Cobb	Nebraska.
D. W. Bain	Vermont.

The Grand Recorder presented a petition from Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, as follows, which, upon motion of Sir JOHN J. THORNTON, was granted:

ASYLUM WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, K. T.,
WILMINGTON, N. C., 17th May, 1890.

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina:

At the regular Conclave of Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, held 11th December, 1889, it was unanimously resolved that the name of this Commandery be changed to PLANTAGENET Commandery, No. 1, the Grand Commandery consenting; and that application be made to the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to change the name of this Commandery as aforesaid; provided, such change does not affect the rank of this Commandery as established by its original charter.

W. H. CHADBOURN,

Eminent Commander.

Attest:

JAMES W. MONROE, *Recorder.*

Sir Knight JAMES D. GLENN moved that the Grand Commandery go into an election of Grand Officers, which was amended, on motion of Sir JOHN J. THORNTON, as follows: That the special hour of 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow be appointed for that purpose.

On motion of Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE, the matter of proxies of Past Grand Officers be committed to the Committee on Credentials for their consideration and report.

On motion, the Grand Commandery adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Friday, 13th inst.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 13th, 1890.

The Grand Commandery met in accordance with adjournment, the R. E. Grand Commander presiding.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which, upon motion of Sir E. S. MARTIN, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,**In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.*

		DR.			
1889.					
June	1.	To balance on hand as per last report.....		\$195	66
1890.					
June	12.	To cash from Grand Recorder.....		322	08
1889.			CR.		
June	19.	By cash paid So. Express Co		\$	35
July	8.	“ “ H. H. Munson			50 00
	24.	“ “ Edwards & Broughton			32 00
Aug.	16.	“ “ “ “			50 00
Nov.	9.	“ “ W. W. Allen			3 25
1890.					
June	6.	“ “ Havell Manufacturing Co			8 00
	11.	“ “ H. H. Munson, printing, &c.....			21 03
		“ “ H. H. Munson, “ “			70 08
		“ “ H. H. Munson, salary			50 00
		“ “ H. H. Munson, expenses.....			25 00
		“ “ E. R. Glenn, Gr. Sentinel.....			5 00
		“ “ Wm. Simpson, Gr. Tr., expenses			14 17
		“ “ James Southgate, expenses. --			8 42
		“ “ Grand Encampment dues.....			10 79
		By balance on hand.....			169 65
				\$517 74	\$517 74

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in North Carolina:

I have the honor of submitting the following report:

Immediately after the adjournment of our last Annual Grand Conclave, I entered into correspondence with the Sir Knights of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, in obedience to the instructions of this body, relative to a settlement of dues to this Grand Commandery, resulting as follows: I find Dispensation was granted January 22d, 1884; Charter recommended (by a committee appointed) same year; at the session of 1884, dues paid amounting to \$30; at the session of 1885, dues paid amounting to \$20; the Recorder's report for 1886 lost; nothing paid in 1887; proposition made and accepted to settle on a basis of twenty members for one year, \$20. I also returned the proxies for Sirs C. H. Ireland and S. L. Alderman for correction, which, in due time, were returned and printed with the Proceedings of last year.

May 30th. Received and distributed Digest of Templar Law; distributed circulars of elected officers.

June 14th. In obedience to R. E. Grand Commander, issued an appeal for help for Pennsylvania fraters, sufferers by flood; issued General Order, No. 1, of R. E. Grand Commander, regarding Triennial Conclave.

July 23d. Received and distributed Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, also copies of C. and K., and one copy manuscript, according to Law.

February 13th, 1890. Received and distributed Proceedings of Grand Encampment of 1889.

April 21st. Forwarded blank returns and certificates of proxy to Subordinate Commanderies.

We regret that our Grand Warder, C. W. Alexander, has removed from the State, and this office is consequently vacant. The straps belonging to the office have been returned, and are in the possession of the Grand Recorder.

Among the many commissioned as our Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies, it gives us pleasure to particularize Sir Knight W. K. Williams, of Nebraska, who gives an interesting account of Knight Templarism in that Grand Jurisdiction.

A number of notices of deaths in other Grand Jurisdictions have been received and duly forwarded to our R. E. Grand Commander.

I call the attention of Recorders to the necessity of communicating with the Grand Recorder as soon as convenient after the installation of officers in their Commanderies. It assists in a great measure the Grand Recorder in the prompt prosecution of the duties appertaining to his office.

May 28th. By order of the R. E. Grand Commander, I forwarded to the Em. Commander and Knights of Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, Harrisburg, Pa., a petition from Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, requesting permission to confer the orders of Knighthood upon Companion Arthur John Wills, he being under the jurisdiction of that Grand Body.

From time to time there have come to this office circulars containing notice of Knightly dead; these have been duly forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for due notice by him.

From a communication from Sir Knight George H. King, I fear Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, is beyond resurrection. Since the death of our Past Grand Generalissimo F. H. Glover, it seems to have rapidly fallen into decay. I am glad to say Durham, No. 3, is reported as only sleeping, while the rest seem actively at work, so far as we know.

The following Sir Knights have been commissioned to represent this Grand Commandery near the following Grand Bodies:

Arkansas	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.
Alabama	Jesse L. Adams	Tuskegee.
Colorado	William T. Bridwell	Canon City.
Iowa	Alfred Wingate	Des Moines.
Indiana	William J. Robie	Richmond.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Mississippi	W. P. Fowler	
Maryland	Joseph F. Hindes	Baltimore.
Maine	John Bird	Rockland.
Massachusetts and R.I.	Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls.
Nebraska	Wilton K. Williams	York.
Ohio	William T. Walker	Toledo.
New Jersey	Joseph D. Congdon	Paterson.
Tennessee	William C. Smith	LaValette.
Pennsylvania	W. H. Dickson	Philadelphia.
South Dakota	George W. Burnside	Sioux Falls.

The following Sir Knights have received commissions as Grand Representatives near this Grand Body:

Alabama	George H. Bell.
Arkansas	H. T. Bahnson.
Connecticut	H. H. Munson.
Colorado	James D. Glenn.
Georgia	E. M. Nadal.
Indiana	James Southgate.
Louisiana	Jacob E. Kantner.
Maryland	A. J. Blair.
Maine	John A. Porter.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	George H. King.
Mississippi	J. W. Hunter.
New Jersey	S. E. Allen.
Nebraska	A. H. Cobb.
Pennsylvania	E. J. Parish.
Tennessee	William R. Kenan.
Ohio	E. Grissom.
Vermont	D. W. Bain.
Iowa	E. S. Martin.

The Proceedings of Fraternal bodies have been received since our last report for 1889:

Arkansas, Alabama, Connecticut, California, Canada, Colorado, Dakota, England and Wales, Georgia, Great Priory of Victoria, Illinois, Indiana (1890), Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana (1890), Montana (1888 and 1889) Michigan, Minnesota, Maine, Missouri, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, New Jersey, Nebraska, New Hampshire

(1888), New York, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee (1889 and 1890), Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, Wisconsin.

Subordinate Commanderies have paid dues as follows:

1890.			
May	10.	Wilmington, No. 1.....	\$ 47 00 ✓
	17.	Mount Lebanon, No. 7.....	29 00 ✓
	26.	Ivanhoe, No. 8.....	39 00 ✓
	25.	Charlotte, No. 2.....	9 00 ✓
		Cyrene, No. 5.....	41 00 ✓
	30.	Piedmont, No. 6.....	20 00 ✓
June	12.	Raleigh, No. 4.....	34 00 ✓
		Piedmont, No. 6.....	32 00 ✓
		Durham, No. 3.....	17 00 ✓
			\$ 268 00
		Cyrene, No. 5.....	53 00
			\$ 321 00
			1 08
			\$ 322 08

Courteously submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Sir F. M. MOYE, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have nothing to report; no business having come before them.

On motion, said report was adopted.

The Committee on R. E. Grand Commander's Address reported as follows:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of our R. E. Grand Commander, beg leave to report:

1. That so much of the address as refers to fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology, with the suggestion that we approve the tender and sympathetic sentiments expressed by our R. E. Grand Commander.

2. The Committee fully endorses the sentiment expressed that there be provision made for Grand Visitations.

3. The Committee notes with gratification that the visitations, and other efforts of the Grand Officers, to advance the interests of Templar Masonry, have met with cordial and knightly recognition, but regrets the decadence of the interest in Charlotte, and expresses the hope that the cradle of liberty be rocked to the tune of progress in Templar Masonry,

which has ever marked the progress in the past of the glorious sons of old Mecklenburg. But should the kindly offer of fraternal aid be still unheeded, we feel that the dignity of our Order requires the heroic remedies suggested.

4. The Committee begs to commend the amiability of our Commandery Officers, in so patiently considering the various appeals for dispensations to cover delinquencies of Subordinante Commanderies, and to aid the knighting of so many valiant and magnanimous applicants for fraternal recognition. Yet, we feel that the prerogative is too frequently invoked, and too great haste is manifest. Slow and sure is the best for Masonry in all its branches. The unworthy are those who give character, in a public point of view, to our meetings. They are always to the front; once in, it is hard to be rid of them. We must look well to the investigation and ballot, and the spirit of the man, rather than the shekels his petition brings in.

5. The Committee is of opinion that the correspondence in reference to the status of irregularly made Sir Knights be eliminated from the published reports, with our approbation of the conclusion reached, to-wit, that the healing effectuated by the re-obligation and signature of By-laws sufficiently established the knightly relations of the unfortunate Sir Knights.

6. We approve, in general, the rulings made by our Grand Commander as wise and just, and commend his zeal for the weal of our Order to his successor in office, and hope his suggestions may be adopted.

Lastly, by no means least, however, in the grateful appreciation of visiting Sir Knights, we beg to acknowledge the kindly welcome extended by the City among the Hills, and to the hearts and homes of its noble citizenship, and to the loving embraces of the magnanimous fraters of the mountain city of North Carolina.

We commend the careful reading of the address by the Sir Knights, and the treasuring of the sentiments there expressed, as those from a heart warm in its devotion to the cause, and love of the brethren.

G. W. BLOUNT,

D. W. BAIN,

JAS. D. GLENN.

Sir GEO. LAMPMAN, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, reported that no business had come before them.

Sir A. H. COBB, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and vouchers, and find the same correct. We have also examined the report of the Grand Recorder and find the same correct.

A. H. COBB, *for Committee.*

Sir Knight E. S. MARTIN, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported as follows:

To the Grand Commandery:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report, that the only matters left open are the following suggestions contained in the report of the Grand Recorder to the last Annual Conclave, to-wit: That the Recorders of subordinate Commanderies shall make returns to the Grand Recorder at least one month previous to that in which the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery shall be held; and, secondly, that immediately after the installation of the officers of a subordinate Commandery, the Recorder of said Commandery shall report the names of the same to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.

The Committee recommend that the foregoing suggestions be adopted, and that the adoption of this report shall be construed an enactment thereof.

E. S. MARTIN,
G. W. BLOUNT,
F. M. MOYE,

Committee.

Said report, on motion, was adopted.

Sir Knight D. W. BAIN, from the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina:

The Committee on Necrology give expression, on behalf of this Grand Body, to its feeling of sympathy and sorrow for the losses of distinguished Sir Knights in other Grand Jurisdictions, whose deaths are announced in the address of our R. E. Grand Commander. We place on record this testimonial of our estimate of the valuable services which some of our departed fraters rendered the Order in general, as well as in their respective jurisdictions.

Deaths have occurred in the membership of our own Commanderies, as follows:

J. W. Woolvin, Wilmington Commandery, No. 1, October 24th, 1890.

William E. Anderson, Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, May 21st, 1890.

James N. Nelson, Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, Greensboro, April 2d, 1890.

We deplore the loss of these beloved fraters. They were good citizens, and greatly esteemed. They walked worthily amongst us, and their lives were an exemplification of our cherished faith.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
J. D. GLENN,
GEORGE H. BELL,

Committee.

The Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

WILLIAM W. ALLEN	R. F. Grand Commander
JAMES SOUTHGATE	V. T. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN	E. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE	E. Grand Captain General.
REV. GEORGE H. BELL	E. Grand Prelate.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS	E. Grand Senior Warden.
PETER A. WILSON, JR.,	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON	E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. ARTHUR REAGAN	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN C. CHASE	E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY	E. Grand Sentinel.

Sir WILLIAM SIMPSON, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, reported as follows:

We, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, beg leave to report that the only matter before us for consideration is the Code of By-Laws of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, which we have carefully examined and approved.

WILLIAM SIMPSON,
for Committee.

Said report was, upon motion, adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place for holding the next Annual Conclave reported, recommending Morehead City as the place, and Thursday immediately succeeding the second Tuesday in June, 1891, as the time. Adopted.

On motion of Sir GEORGE W. BLOUNT, in addition to the usual appropriations, the expenses of Sir JAMES SOUTHGATE, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, were ordered to be paid.

Sir GEORGE W. BLOUNT introduced the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Grand Commandery, the visitation of Grand Officers to Subordinate Commanderies will be benefic'al, therefore,

Resolved, That, in order to provide therefor, an appropriation of such sums, not otherwise appropriated, be made as may be sufficient to pay the expenses of the Grand Officer making such visitation: *provided*, that the Grand Commander make the visitation in person, or designate some other Grand Officer by his dispensation.

The Past R. E. Grand Commander, JOHN A. PORTER, installed the officers elect, assisted by Sir GEORGE W. BLOUNT, acting Grand Marshal, except the R. E. Grand Commander elect, *WILLIAM W. ALLEN, and the Grand Sentinel, ROBERT H. BRADLEY, who were absent.

Sir F. M. MOYE offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due, and hereby tendered, to our R. E. Grand Commander John A. Porter, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office during the past two years, and to Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, for numberless courtesies received at their hands during our pleasant stay in their beautiful city.



The Grand Commandery having concluded its business, was closed in Ample and Knightly Form.

✠ JOHN A. PORTER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

*Grand Commander elect was sub-sequently installed.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

FOR THE YEAR 1890.



WILMINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

W. H. CHADBOURN.....	Eminent Commander.
W. R. KENAN.....	Generalissimo.
E. S. MARTIN.....	Captain General.
C. I. COMFORT.....	Prelate.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....	Treasurer.
J. W. MONROE.....	Recorder.
D. McEACHERN.....	Senior Warden.
R. W. PRICE.....	Junior Warden.
W. E. STORM.....	Standard Bearer.
J. C. LODER.....	Sword Bearer.
R. H. GRANT.....	Warder.
T. H. JONHSON.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Allen, W. W.	Munson, H. H., P. G. C.	Pritchard, T. H.
Chase, J. C.	Munds, J. D.	Richards, Elias
Chadburne, Jr., J. H.	McKeithan, D. T.	Smith, W. J.
Forshee, J. M.	Northrop, S.	Smallbones, H. G.
Harris, George	Noble, M. C. S.	Williams, W. A.
Hall, S. C.	Prempert, H. C.	Willard, M. S.
Knowles, F. M.		

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Tuesday night in each month.

OFFICERS :

L. W. BATTLE	Eminent Commander.
E. J. PARRISH	Generalissimo.
J. F. FREELAND	Captain General.
JOHN L. MARKHAM	Prelate.
J. W. BLACKWELL	Treasurer.
JAMES SOUTHGATE	Recorder.
W. L. WALL	Senior Warden.
C. C. TAYLOR	Junior Warden.
J. S. CARR	Standard Bearer.
W. T. BLACKWELL	Sword Bearer.
M. H. JONES	Warder.
J. D. WILBORN	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Lee, J. W.	Smith, L. T.	Walker, B.
Nichols, John	Strayhorn, I. R.	

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Thursday night of each month.

OFFICERS :

EUGENE GRISSOM	Eminent Commander.
M. J. HAWKINS	Generalissimo.
D. S. WAITT	Captain General.
F. A. WATSON	Prelate.
S. D. WAIT	Treasurer.
T. W. BLAKE	Recorder.
E. G. HARRELL	Senior Warden.
M. BOWES	Junior Warden.
H. M. COWAN	Standard Bearer.
D. S. ADAMS	Sword Bearer.
CHARLES WALLEN	Warder.
R. H. BRADLEY	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Andrews, A. B.	Hicks, W. J.	Simpson, William
Allcott, Wayne	Withers, W. A.	Snow, George H.
Bain, D. W.	Hay, T. T.	Thompson, J. W.
Busbee, F. H.	Hamilton, D. S.	Uzzell, Ed. M.
Brewster, J. C.	Mitchell, R. N.	Wethere', W. P.
Dobson, J. F.	Keogh, T. B.	Woodruff, C. A.
Edwards, C. B.	Sexton, J. A.	Worth, H. M.
Heartt, L. D.		

HONORARY MEMBER—Sir W. B. Carpenter, P. E. C., of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Covington, Ky.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of Stated Conclave: Not stated.

OFFICERS :

A. H. COBB	Eminent Commander.
J. A. WAGNER	Generalissimo.
H. C. FAGG	Captain General.
G. H. BELL	Prelate.
R. R. PORTER	Treasurer.
W. F. RANDOLPH	Recorder.
F. L. JACOBS, P. E. C.	Senior Warden.
J. M. BROOKSHIRE	Junior Warden.
J. A. REAGAN	Standard Bearer.
T. C. MCCOY	Sword Bearer.
W. L. SHOPE	Warder.
W. M. JARVIS	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Porter, J. A., P. E. C., G. C.	Gaston, J. P.	Nelson, W. A.
Blair, A. J., P. E. C., P. D. G. C.	Glenn, E. R.	Reed, T. J.
Brookshire, J. A.	Gudger, J. M.	Robertson, M. W.
Brank, Joseph	Gudger, H. A.	Schattle, J. W.
Brevard, J. D.	Hilliard, W. D.	Sprinkle, W. C.
Burroughs, J. A.	Hageman, O. F.	Smith, J. M.
Blanton, C. D.	McCarty, C. C.	Tweed, C. W.
Carter, J. A.	Miller, C. H.	VanGilder, T. I.
Cortland, J. W.	Moore, C. A.	White, J. J.
Dickerson, J. E.	Nichols, J. A.	Vance, R. B.
Fullenweider, E. H.		

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6. WINSTON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

D. P. MAST.....	Eminent Commander.
P. A. WILSON, JR.....	Generalissimo.
P. W. DALTON.....	Captain General.
J. Q. A. BARHAM.....	Prelate.
F. G. SCHAUM.....	Treasurer.
SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	Recorder.
N. S. WILSON.....	Senior Warden.
M. D. BAILEY.....	Junior Warden.
J. C. BESSANT.....	Standard Bearer.
E. A. EBERT.....	Sword Bearer.
E. D. RICH.....	Warder.
E. SPAUGH.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Allen, S. E.	Franklin, S. D.	Nortfleet, M. W.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Hunter, J. W., P. E. C.	Nelson, I. H.
Bahnson, H. T., P. E. C.	Hanes, P. H.	Price, C. J.
Bahnson, W. G.	Holder, H. A.	White, J. H.
Blair, W. A.	Jones, E. L.	White, J. A.
Dwire, H. X.		

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of Stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

S. C. WELLS.....	Eminent Commander.
R. G. BRIGGS.....	Generalissimo.
W. M. WARD.....	Captain General.
G. W. BLOUNT.....	Prelate.
W. J. HARRISS.....	Treasurer.
JAMES W. HAYS.....	Recorder.
J. D. BULLOCK.....	Senior Warden.
W. H. APPLEWHITE.....	Junior Warden.
B. F. BRIGGS.....	Standard Bearer.
J. E. ROUNTREE.....	Sword Bearer.
JAMES LIPSCOMB.....	Warder.
W. P. SNAKENBERG.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Barnes, R. S.	Daniel, Wiley	Richardson, W. W.
Battle, James S.	Farmer, Wiley W.	Sugg, T. B.
Clark, James E.	Hargrave, W. W.	Warren, S. M.
Cobb, James T.	Moye, F. M.	Wells, J. D.
Crowell, J. W.	Nadal, E. M.	Ward, J. M.
Daniel, A. N.	Peacock, J. K.	

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of Stated Conclave: First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:

GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	Eminent Commander.
SIDNEY L. ALDERMAN.....	Generalissimo.
WALTER E. BASTINE.....	Captain General.
JOHN VAN LINDLEY.....	Prelate.
HERBERT H. CARTLAND.....	Treasurer.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....	Recorder.
NATHANIEL L. S. HALL.....	Senior Warden.
SAMUEL A. KERR.....	Junior Warden.
CHARLES EUGENE ECKEL.....	Standard Bearer.
JACOB E. KANTNER.....	Sword Bearer.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	Warder.
JOHN C. CLENDENIN.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Bailey, Lorenzo A.	Ireland, Chas. H., P. C.,	Phillips, Thomas J.
Bingham, Benj. L.	Keeling, John H.	Richardson, Wm. R.
Boyd, Richard F.	Ketcham, Benj. P.	Short, Juan F.
Fasolt, Richard	Mann, James E.	Stephens, Jesse F.
Groome, Pinckney L.	Nissen, George H.	Thornton, John J., P. C.
Harris, John H.	Newell, Dwight W.	Vance, Charles N.
Holt, Edwin C.		

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS, 1889.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DIMITED.	DIED.	SUSPENDED.	EXPELLED.	MEMBERS, 1890.
Wilmington	1	Wilmington . .	25	8	1	1				31
*Charlotte	2	Charlotte	17							17
Durham	3	Durham	16		1					17
Raleigh	4	Raleigh	38			1	1	2		34
Cyrene	5	Asheville	29	9	6	2			2	44
Piedmont	6	Winston	26	2						28
Mount Lebanon . .	7	Wilson	31			2				29
Ivanhoe	8	Greensboro . . .	32	2	1	3	1			31
Totals			214	21	8	9	3	2	2	231

*Estimated from last returns. No returns in 1890.
Cyrene, No. 5, members returned 44; discrepancy 4.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY.



GRAND COMMANDERS :

HORACE H. MUNSON,
EUGENE GRISSOM,
DONALD W. BAIN,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
JOHN A. PORTER,
WILLIAM W. ALLEN.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS :

L. W. BATTLE,
G. H. KING,

A. J. BLAIR.

EDWARD M. NADAL,
JAMES SOUTHGATE.

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS :

GEORGE W. BLOUNT,

EUGENE S. MARTIN.

GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL :

JULIAN S. CARR,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,

D. G. MAXWELL,
FRANCIS M. MOYE.

EMINENT COMMANDERS :

W. H. CHADBURN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
W. R. KENAN	WILMINGTON, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. McADEN	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
MICHAEL BOWES	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON	RALEIGH, No. 4.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS	CYRENE, No. 5.
ALPHONSO H. COBB	CYRENE, No. 5.
H. T. BAHNSON	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
D. P. MAST	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS	MT. LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND	IVANHOE, No. 8.
GEORGE LAMPMAN	IVANHOE, No. 8.

GRAND COMMANDERIES AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NAMES AND RESIDENCE OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama	Dec. 1st, 1862.	Edmund R. Hastings, Montgomery.
Arkansas	Mar. 25th, 1872.	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California	Aug. 10th, 1858.	Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado	Mar. 14th, 1876.	Edward C. Parmelee, Pueblo.
Connecticut	Sept. 13th, 1827.	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota	May 14th, 1884.	Bruce M. Rowley, Huron.
Georgia	Apr. 25th, 1860.	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Illinois	Oct. 27th, 1857.	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana	May 16th, 1854.	William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Iowa	June 16th, 1854.	Alfred Wingate, Des Moines.
Kansas	Dec. 29th, 1864.	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Oct. 5th, 1847.	Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington.
Louisiana	Feb. 4th, 1864.	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine	May 5th, 1852.	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland	Jan. 23d, 1871.	John H. Miller, Baltimore, Brown's Wharf.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	May 6th, 1805.	Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, Mass.
Michigan	Jan. 15th, 1857.	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Oct. 23d, 1865.	Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Jan. 22d, 1857.	John L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri	May 3d, 1860.	William H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska	Dec. 28th, 1871.	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire	Aug. 22d, 1821.	George P. Cleaves, Concord.
New Jersey	Feb. 14th, 1860.	Charles Bechtel, Trenton.
New York	June 18th, 1840.	Robert Macov, New York.
North Carolina	May 10th, 1881.	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.
Ohio	Oct. 24th, 1843.	John N. B. H. Davton.
Oregon	Apr. 13th, 1887.	Fr Ion J. Babcock, Salem.
Pennsylvania	Apr. 14th, 1854.	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Tennessee	Oct. 12th, 1859.	George C. Connor, Chattanooga.
Texas	Jan. 19th, 1855.	Robert Brewster, Houston.
Vermont	Aug. 14th, 1824.	Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Virginia	Nov. 27th, 1822.	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Washington	June 2d, 1887.	Horace W. Tyler, Spokane Falls.
West Virginia	Feb. 24th, 1874.	Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont.
Wisconsin	Oct. 28th, 1859.	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Mar. 8th, 1888.	John K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne.
Grand Encampment United States	June 21st, 1816.	William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.
Great Priory of Canada	Oct. 9th, 1876.	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.
Gt. Priory of England and Wales .....	.....	W. Tinkler, Nos. 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.			TO NORTH CAROLINA.		
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.	GRAND COMMANDERIES.	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.	
Jesse L. V. Adams.....	Tuskegee.....	Alabama.....	Rev. George H. Bell.....	Bell.....	
John J. Sumpster.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.....	El T. Bahnsen.....	Salem.....	
Reuben H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	S. H. Smith.....	Winston.....	
William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.....	Colorado.....	James D. Glenn.....	Greensboro.....	
James H. Welsh.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	H. H. Munson.....	Wilmington.....	
Samuel Roy.....	Lead City.....	Dakota.....			
James L. Fleming.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....	E. M. Nadal.....	Wilson.....	
Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	Julian S. Carr.....	Durham.....	
William J. Robie.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.....	James Southgate.....	Durham.....	
Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.....	
A. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	William Simpson.....	Raleigh.....	
George W. Wicks.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	A. G. Brenizer.....	Charlotte.....	
William H. Chaffe.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	Jacob E. Kantner.....	Greensboro.....	
John Bird.....	Rockland.....	Maine.....	John A. Porter.....	Asheville.....	
Joseph F. Hindes.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....			
Edward L. Freeman.....	Central Falls.....	Massachusetts & Rhode Island.....	George H. King.....	Charlotte.....	
R. G. Bronson.....		Minnesota.....	Francis M. Moye.....	Moyton.....	
William P. Fowler.....		Mississippi.....	J. W. Hunter.....	Salem.....	
F. J. Tygard.....	Butler.....	Missouri.....	W. L. Wall.....	Durham.....	
W. K. Williams.....	York.....	Nebraska.....	A. H. Cobb.....	Asheville.....	
Don. H. Woodward.....	Keene.....	New Hampshire.....	C. W. Alexander.....	Charlotte.....	
Joseph D. Congdon.....	Paterson.....	New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen.....	Winston.....	
Orren C. Parker.....	Batavia.....	New York.....	George W. Blount.....	Wilson.....	
William T. Walker.....	Toledo.....	Ohio.....	Eugene Grissom.....	Raleigh.....	
Frank B. Dunn.....	Eugene City.....	Oregon.....	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.....	Wilmington.....	
William H. Dickson.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	E. J. Parrish.....	Durham.....	

G. W. Burnside.....	Sioux Falls.....	South Dakota.....	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.
W. C. Smith.....	LaVallette.....	Tennessee.....	Michael Bowes.....	Raleigh.
J. G. C. Lee.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Rev. F. S. Fisher.....	St. Johnsbury.....	Vermont.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.
Elbert C. Walthall.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
W. H. Travis.....	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.....	W. H. Chadbourne.....	Wilmington.
George C. Teall.....	Eau Claire.....	Wisconsin.....		

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

We submit for your consideration our review of the following Proceedings, which have been received during the past year, viz. :

Grand Encampment, 1889.	Michigan, 1889.
Alabama, 1889.	Minnesota, 1889.
Arkansas, 1889.	Mississippi, 1889.
California, 1889.	Missouri, 1889.
Canada, 1889.	Nebraska, 1889.
Colorado, 1889.	New Hampshire, 1889.
Connecticut, 1889.	New Jersey, 1889.
Dakota, 1889.	New York, 1889.
Georgia, 1889.	Ohio, 1889.
Illinois, 1889.	Oregon, 1889.
Indiana, 1889.	Pennsylvania, 1889.
Iowa, 1889.	Tennessee, 1889.
Kansas, 1889.	Texas, 1889.
Kentucky, 1889.	Vermont, 1889.
Louisiana, 1889.	Virginia, 1889.
Maine, 1889.	West Virginia, 1889.
Maryland, 1889.	Wyoming, 1889.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1889.	

ALABAMA, 1889.

Twenty-ninth Grand Conclave, Montgomery, May 15th, 1889. R. E. Henry C. Davidson, Grand Commander; E. Edmund R. Hastings, Grand Recorder. Four Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (14 pp.) is a plain but faithful account of his year's work, and well does he seem to have performed his duties. He says in opening :

The past, I regret to say, has not been a "red-letter year" in Templar Masonry throughout this State; no new Commanderies have been organized, and while each Commandery has Knighted some candidates, yet, through various causes, the roll is no larger than before. It is to be hoped that the coming year will be pregnant of better results.

Much space is given to a notice of the Knightly dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He has, among the rest, the name of E. Sir Francis H. Glover, of North Carolina. He makes mention of liberal donations made by the Sir Knights of his Grand Jurisdiction to the yellow fever

sufferers in Florida. He notes with favor the observation by two Commanderies of Easter Sunday, and issued a general order authorizing the celebration of either this or Ascension Day, as may be most convenient. Three out of the five Commanderies were visited by the Grand Commander. We give one specimen :

MOBILE COMMANDERY, No. 2.

The Commandery was opened and we were received with full honors; afterwards the Order of the Temple was conferred in the most beautiful and impressive manner that it has ever been my good fortune to witness, followed by a banquet "fit for the gods." After feasting for a while on the delicious viands set before us, toasting began, and toast followed toast, friends absent, friends present, none were forgotten, and the night wore into the "wee sma' hours" ere we separated.

The reports from the Grand Officers show much good was done by their visits and inspections of the several Commanderies. The plan is a good one and worthy of imitation. A special work is assigned to each, and he is expected to work his field.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Sir Geo. F. Moore, but we do not get this from the report itself, for he, or the printer, omitted either at the beginning or end thereof to say who wrote it.

It matters not, however, the report speaks for itself, and though short (33 pp.), is compact and well digested. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand bodies, but we regret to see that North Carolina is missing.

The Grand Commander and Grand Recorder re-elected.

ARKANSAS, 1889.

Seventeenth Annual Conclave, Little Rock, April 23d, 1889. R. E. Sir Geo. L. Kimball, Grand Commander; E. Sir James A. Henry, Grand Recorder. Nine Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is well written and appropriate to the matter in hand. We give his opening remarks :

Swiftly sweeps the current of the passing years. Since last we met in Annual Conclave the flowers of another summer have bloomed, faded and fallen. The frosts of another autumn have seared and slain the verdure of the forests. The winds of another winter have moaned the dirge of nature's dissolution, and the showers of another spring have shed upon the earth's fair bosom the bloom of floral beauty. In short, another year has come and gone; vanished toward the dim portals of the past, laden with all its mingled joys and sorrows, pains and pleasures, sunshine and shadows, never more to be recalled. A year pregnant with events of the greatest National interest and deepest social importance; but whether it has been a year fraught with more good than evil, a year well spent or misspent, coming generations will judge and histories yet unwritten will record.

The untimely and horrible death of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir John Middleton Clayton, "a tragedy which electrified civilized humanity with horror and fell like a pall of gloom upon the

hearts of all our membership," was touchingly alluded to, and on receipt of the sad intelligence the Grand Commandery was assembled in special Conclave to do honor to his memory. The Grand Commander pays this tribute to his worth :

He fell in the prime of his manhood, with the laurels of many honors yet fresh on his brow ; fell a sacrifice to unknown and unreasonable malice, a victim of human depravity and an illustration of the uncertainty of all human expectation. Among the brethren of our Order none stood fairer. They but waited opportunity to confer upon him their highest honor. With his personal friends he was loved, and by his family adored. Urbane and gentle in his manners, quiet and courteous in all his social intercourse, he was still a courageous and intrepid man, fearless in the discharge of duty, and administered every trust reposed in his keeping with the delicate honesty of absolute integrity. His personal character was beyond the reach of criticism ; peer of the peerless, knightly as the knightliest, noble as the noblest ; a personal character without spot, blame or blemish.

No decisions were called for, the usual number of petty dispensations granted and two Commanderies constituted. He commends the system of inspection, in which we heartily concur :

In my opinion what is most need-d is an Inspector General, clothed with authority not only to visit each Commandery in this Jurisdiction, but to instruct them in the Ritual, Tactics and Drill. His duties should also extend to an examination of the affairs of the Commandery, manner of keeping records, number of members without uniform, together with other matters of interest, and make a detailed report of each Command to the Grand Commander. It will hardly be denied that the presence of one to scrutinize the work and of ample ability to teach and advise, will awaken an interest that will be productive of good fruit. I recommend that a special committee of five be appointed to consider the adoption of some method by which each Commandery may be annually inspected, examined and instructed.

He has this to say of the general outlook :

It is a pleasure to report that the general condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction is prosperous. All but two of the Subordinate Commanderies have conferred the Orders during the past year, and the gross accession to our number is forty-five. The outlook for the future is very encouraging.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Alfred A. Tufts, and, although the first attempt, we think he has made rapid improvement, and by spreading out more he will become equal to a veteran. It is very short, being only thirty-six pages, yet is a faithful, though brief, account of the doings of thirty one Grand bodies, including North Carolina, for 1888. In the review of our proceedings he finds this nut to crack :

Upon examination, we note the fact that this Jurisdiction has some earnest, hard-working Knights, for instance, Sir Knight E. M. Nadel, who, besides ably filling his position as E. Captain General, served on the following committees : On Credentials, on Address of Grand Commandery, on Returns, on Appeals and Grievances ; also as Grand Rep-

representative, and was finally elected Deputy Grand Commander. One or two more like him could run a Grand Commandery.

If you could see this portly Sir Knight you would say he could run it alone.

R. E. Sir Logan H. Roots elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir James A. Henry re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1889.

Thirty-first Annual Conclave, San Francisco, April 18th, 1889. R. E. Sir Tristram Burges, Grand Commander ; E. Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Grand Recorder. Twenty-seven chartered Chapters and one U. D. represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (27 pp.) is a faithful resumé of the annual business transacted. It is well written and carries with it a spirit of brotherly love which is gratifying to the reader. The opening sentences we quote :

It affords me sincere pleasure to congratulate you upon the prosperity and harmony which has characterized the progress of our Order during the past year. Not only in our own jurisdiction, but throughout our beloved country, has Templarism pursued its silent and onward march, freighted with the richest blessings of love and happiness to all who have taken shelter under its banner. Having for its basis a firm trust in the Almighty, and requiring from its members sincere faith in the great truths of Christianity as a preliminary condition of their membership, it can only fail of being a constant and efficient ally of the great civilizing influences of the world by the recusancy of its sworn supporters, or the assaults of those who, like its earliest enemies, attack it because of the dissemination of its moral and Christian instruction.

The State was divided into Districts, and the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, or some competent Sir Knight, were assigned certain Commanderies which they should visit and inspect. The good results are manifest from the reports of these officers.

An unusually large number of dispensations were granted for sundry purposes, but mostly the granting of dispensations to appear in uniform in public. How much time and trouble could be saved by the adoption by the Grand Encampment of general orders on this question of Templars appearing in public parades in full uniform. One dispensation issued to form a new Commandery. The three new Commanderies, viz., Washington, Wyoming and Montana, were recognized.

More official visitations were made than we usually note in other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Commander alone visited fifteen Commanderies, and in summing up has this to say :

Everywhere, with no exception, we were received with all the honors due the Grand Commandery, and shown the utmost kindness and attention. The average attendance of some of the southern Commanderies was only fair, accounted for by the warm weather of September. In each of my visitations I have, in a general way, instructed them in regard to the laws of the Grand Encampment and those of our Grand

Commandery; I have criticised their work, and, as far as possible, encouraged them; and the result of which, I have no doubt, will work to their advantage in the future.

Much business of a local character was transacted. The Report on Correspondence was presented by E. Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell, the announcement of which name carries with it the idea of a good report, and one worthy the perusal of every Sir Knight in California and every Reporter on the list of the corps. Thirty-eight Grand Bodies pass in review before his practiced eye, and due consideration is given to each one, including our own, for 1888. One hundred and fifty-two pages, mostly original matter, are occupied, and it is therefore the most important feature of the pamphlet. These reports of Sir Caswell have made for him the enviable reputation of being among the first of his peers in the reportorial corps, and have doubtless added largely to the influence of California in the Sisterhood of Grand Commanderies. Under the head of Georgia he has this venting of wrath on the Ritual adopted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment:

We yield the palm to none in loyalty to constituted authority, yet we must confess that, to swallow the dose the Grand Encampment has given us in its so-called ritual, has sorely tried our powers of endurance in that direction. The course pursued by Iowa, and the radical, and, in our opinion, ill-advised action of the Grand Master in the premises, we are not prepared to discuss at this time. We may make further reference to the matter hereafter. We do not hesitate to say, however, that in placing the Grand Commandery of Iowa under the ban of non-intercourse, the Grand Master has sown the dragon's teeth, and from one end to the other of this broad land, wherever an Asylum of Knights Templar exists, the question is anxiously asked: "What will the harvest be?" *Nous verrons.*

We being a very young Grand Commandery it is to be presumed we had no Ritual "to hurt," and any was acceptable. We will be likely, however, to take a hand when the revision is discussed at Denver.

Under Indiana he puts up his best arguments with Sir Ruckle on the usage in California of suspension for non-payment of dues, and while we have not space for all that is said, we give him credit for making out as good a case as can be done on that side of the question. We give the conclusion, in which he states the law:

The delinquent has one month's notice to appear and show cause. If he fails to appear, he only aggravates his offense by committing a contempt of court. He has had fair and timely warning; the Recorder's books furnish incontrovertible testimony against him, he has full knowledge of the penalty of his offense, yet he does not appear or submit any testimony in his defense. What is the Commandery to do? Its action virtually amounts to a trial *ex parte*. He is given notice of his delinquency; that is the charge against him. He is notified to appear at a certain time and place to answer. He does not appear; his case goes by default, and off goes his Masonic *caput*. Where is the injustice in this?

All this drivel about California's injustice and illegal action in suspending members for non-payment of dues "without trial or opportunity to be heard in their defense," makes us tired. Give us a rest.

Sir Caswell, you will be worse fatigued each year so long as "suspension without trial" remains on your statutes. Masonry being a voluntary association you can no more attach crime to the non-payment of dues than to non-attendance. It is a vexed question, and we presume will never be settled until a General Grand Lodge is formed, and the old regulations altered or amended, so that the law can be made uniform and all made to obey. Some lodges have no dues, and as the matter of dues is strictly a local regulation affecting finances, it is difficult to make it affect character. If the California law makes it a sin, we must let them have their way about it and make the punishment capital. On the other hand, those who think it harsh are apt to "speak out in meeting" against it. That's all, Sir Knight.

Under Iowa, he copies the entire correspondence between the Grand Master and Grand Commander on the Ritual and we give his conclusion :

We leave the subject without further comment, being firm in the conviction, after careful consideration, that the M. E. Grand Master, in declaring the Grand Commandery of Iowa and all Sir Knights of its obedience, to be in a state of disloyalty and rebellion, and interdicting all intercourse between them and the loyal Sir Knights of the Union, has assumed an autocratic power, not vested in him by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, its statutes or edicts.

In his courteous review of North Carolina he extracts much from the address of Grand Commander Woodruff—knocks him gently "over the horns" for commending the Ritual, but commends him for earnestness and zeal as a Grand Commander. He extracts largely from Sir Blount's Report on Correspondence, and was pleased to note that this able writer was re-appointed on the Committee. This writer concurs with you, Sir Caswell, in the value of Sir Blount's report, and regrets that these hot boiling days of June find him doing the work that this same Sir Knight would have done but for pressing engagements.

We would like to stay longer with this Reporter but must pass on.

R. E. Sir Carnot Courtland Mason elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Thomas Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1889.

Sixth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada, Montreal, October 22d, 1889. M. E. Frater W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., Supreme Grand Master ; R. E. Frater Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor. Twenty-seven Preceptories represented.

The Allocution of the Supreme Grand Master is an able paper and treats largely of Templarism as understood and applied in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada. It differs greatly from our magnanimous Order in the United States. He acknowledges his indebtedness to one of our historians thus :

To the Nestor of the symbolism of Masonry and erudite writer on all subjects connected with Masonry, General Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. & A. S. Rite 33°, I am indebted for the most interesting and valuable information as regards true Templary, from his facile learned pen, which has cleared up many doubtful points relative to the Masonic Templar system, that had not been quite clear to me.

His ill-health prevented visitations, but the reports of the Provincial Priors show much work in this direction was done by them in the several Districts. He does not favor parades and such outdoor displays, so common in these times. We make a few extracts from the report of the Committee on the address :

The Council fully agree that the military display connected with the Order is no part of the present system which originated during the last century, and which is characterized by its unobtrusive and quiet dignity. But as the Statutes of the Order recognize an outdoor parade, the policy and utility of such can hardly at this date be questioned.

The Sovereign Great Priory is on terms of amity with all the Templar Bodies except the Great Priory of England and Wales; and it is much to be regretted that the amicable relations so long had with that Body should have ceased to exist. We hope that steps may be taken by the Supreme Grand Master, under whose governance the difficulties arose, to renew those feelings of amity which up to a late date existed, as the Allocution states that those difficulties arose from a misapprehension of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Master, it is considered that, without compromising the dignity of this Great Body, he is the person to take initiatory steps towards a reconciliation.

The Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$503.70.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Frater Henry Robertson, who for many years has conducted the correspondence of Canada in more Orders than one. He is always clear in his statements and wise in his conclusions. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Bodies, many of them for two years, as is the case with North Carolina, which is noticed briefly for 1888 and 1889. We quote his conclusion :

This concludes our report. We have spent a very pleasant journey through the various sections of Templarism on this continent and in the far-off land of Australia, communing with choice spirits and enthusiastic Craftsmen, who have the welfare of our noble Order thoroughly at heart, and who are using their best energies for its welfare and success. We have great reason to be thankful for our prosperity, but the best reward for all our work is the consciousness of duty well performed, that our aims and objects are directed to the elevation of human character, and the improvement manifested is an augury of more successes to follow.

The Supreme Grand Master and Grand Chancellor re-elected.

COLORADO, 1889.

Fourteenth Annual Conclave, Denver, September 20th, 1889. R. E. Sir James H. Peabody, Grand Commander; E. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder. Fourteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

Representatives from other Grand Bodies near the Grand Commandery of Colorado were formed in line and most cordially welcomed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander (13 pp.) is well written and gives succinctly an account of his stewardship while in command during the year. He reports that "Prosperity has attended our footsteps through the past year, uniform peace and harmony have prevailed," &c.

An Inspector General was appointed to visit, inspect and drill the Commanderies preparatory to a prize drill previously appointed. Dispensations were issued for two new Commanderies, which bid fair to be able and energetic co-workers in the Knightly vineyard.

Four Subordinate Commanderies were visited with good results. Wyoming and Montana were recognized. No decisions were called for. No Templar dead to record. A balance of \$2,431.98 is reported in the treasury. A donation of \$1,500 was made to the Masonic Temple Association at Denver to be used in furnishing the new Temple.

The report on Correspondence is presented by Sir H. M. Orahood and is a capital synopsis of thirty-three pages, being a review of thirty-two Grand Bodies, including North Carolina, for 1888. He gives the main points of general interest in the proceedings reviewed.

Under Illinois he sticks to the term "Knight Templar" as being correct. We stick to "Knights Templar."

Under Iowa he thus gives his views of the action of their Grand Commander in refusing to use the Ritual:

The reasons for refusing to use the Ritual are, in our opinion, technical. However much our sympathy may be with the Knights Templar of Iowa, we cannot help thinking their Grand Commander has taken a very mistaken view of his duty in the premises and has acted in such a manner that the Grand Master, consistent with the dignity of his office, could hardly act otherwise than he has done. We very much regret that such action should even apparently have been necessary.

Under Michigan, in reply to Sir Innes, who twits him for getting into the penitentiary, he says:

Of that part of Grand Commander Gove's address referring to our visit to the penitentiary at Canon City, he says:

"The following afternoon, 'we' (presumably the Grand Commander and his staff) attended Divine service at the penitentiary, and V. E. Sir Harper M. Orahood delivered a short address to the audience.

"There is a great vein of humor throughout this whole matter. Sir Orahood, stand up and explain who your audience was, and to whom did you address most of your remarks? Was it the fellows you took in with you, or the fellows you found in? Funny, isn't it?"

Well, no, it was not funny. Addressing four hundred men in prison garb, convicts imprisoned for various terms, from a year up to the remainder of life, for various crimes, with a full contingent of murderers, is not really a funny, hardly a pleasing, task. Yet our visit (there were nearly a hundred of us ladies and gentlemen) we have been assured by the Warden in charge was one of the notable events in the

history of the prison, both to the management and prisoners. Our party certainly received a great deal of information from it. But we must not start on this tack, we might go too far.

Under Tennessee he objects to this resolution adopted by that Grand Body :

“*Resolved*, That hereafter nominations for the elective Grand Officers shall be made, which officers shall be elected by ballot ; but no vote shall be counted which may be given for any frater who is not in nomination, nor shall any nomination be considered complete until seconded. And in case only one frater be in nomination for any one office, the Grand Commandery may elect by acclamation.” Adopted.

And we fully concur in his objection.

We do not believe in nominations or elections by acclamation. The ballot should be taken *always* and *every* member vote.

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides, “ A State Grand Commandery consists of the following members: The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot.” So in addition to being undesirable it is illegal.

From time immemorial nominations for office in a Masonic body have not been in order. We even object to the course adopted generally of having some one cast the vote of the Grand Body for Recorder or Treasurer. All elections should be determined by ballot.

R. E. Sir James H. Peabody re-elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Ed. C. Parmelee re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1889.

Fifty-second Annual Conclave, New London, March 19th, 1889. R. E. Sir Charles B. Ware, Grand Commander : E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder. Eleven Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander delivered an interesting address of twenty-two pages, and we give his opening as a “*bon mot*” of Templar history :

Never in the history of Templarism, in this grand old commonwealth, has there been a more appropriate place, or a more propitious time, to extend knightly greetings than upon our assembling here to-day in Annual Conclave.

The place in which we meet is replete with early masonic history. In this city was stationed the first encampment of Knights Templar (now Washington, No. 1.) ever chartered in this country. It was the FIRST AND ONLY encampment in the United States that ever received a charter from the Grand Encampment of England, and it was here that resided its first captain, who received the order of Knighthood in July, 1796, (at Colchester).

We, therefore, hold our present conclave on historic masonic ground, at a period which marks nearly a century of existence of Templarism, which fact demands this recognition at our hands.

Several grand visitations were made and the inevitable banquet took part in all proceedings, much enjoyment was had, and we trust much benefit to Templarism in Connecticut. We give a sample and let the reader *think* on these things, as you were not there to enjoy them :

At the completion of the work an adjournment was taken to the banquet hall, where the ladies of Naomi Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, had prepared a supper most bountiful, and which was discussed with a hearty relish by the one hundred Sir Knights present. The grace and skill with which the viands were served added greatly to the charm of the banquet. The table service used on this occasion was the gift of Naomi Chapter, O. E. S., to the masonic orders meeting in the temple, comprising a complete and adequate service of 500 pieces, each piece bearing the emblem of masonic imprint; also a table service of silver, comprising 168 pieces, the gift of Sir D. B. Hamilton, of this Commandery.

And after summing up all in reference to these grand visitations he concludes thus :

It has afforded me great pleasure to have been honored with an invitation to visit and inspect every Commandery throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and in accepting the invitations. I have, in all the Commanderies, been most courteously received and entertained with generous hospitality. I have been pleased to notice the interest which both officers and Sir Knights have manifested in the work of the order. With three new temples constructed for the sole use of the Commanderies and the Masonic bodies, with the energy and zeal so characteristic of the Knights Templar of Connecticut, we have every reason to believe that the Subordinate Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction will continue to maintain the position so well earned by them in the front rank with the best working Commanderies of the land.

An Association of Past Grand Commanderies was formed for the purpose of "meeting semi-annually to extend fraternal greetings and enjoy a season of social intercourse." The first meeting was held on the 14th of February, when officers were elected and the regulation banquet enjoyed. We rather like that. A practice highly commendable is referred to as follows :

It is with no little pride that I place upon record the fact that, on the last Good Friday, nearly all of the Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Body, met in their respective asylums for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple.

"It is a fitting observance of the day sacred to the commemoration of the crucifixion of our Saviour," and I reiterate the recommendations of my predecessor, Sir Charles E. Billings, "that all Commanderies, if possible, exemplify the work upon that day."

Of the condition of Templarism he says :

It is a source of gratification to us all to know that peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and while the past year has been one of uncommon activity and growth of Templarism, nothing has occurred to disturb the fraternal relations existing between the Commanderies subordinate to this Grand Body.

Again we have a capital Report on Correspondence from E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler, who never fails to entertain, while he gets the gist of the whole proceedings in his reviews. The report occupies seventy pages of mostly original matter, and is an able review of thirty-five Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888. From a perusal we find the subject of Ritual is well looked after and the opinions of nearly all the jurisdictions noted.

Under Iowa he gives his own views on the question, which we quote :

The Ritual question is very fully discussed, as we expected it would be, inasmuch as it has been the cause of interdicting all Templar intercourse with the fraters of Iowa, in consequence of an edict issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Grand Commander Varnum defends his course with much ability, and some of his arguments are not without a show of good backing. We could not enter into the discussion of this subject without encumbering our proceedings, and it may be needless to do so, as the whole matter has been pretty thoroughly ventilated in the Masonic press of the country. We only define our position in reference to issuing edicts of non-intercourse. Such authority should not be vested in a single individual, and if the constitution of the Grand Encampment confers such authority on its presiding officer, directly or by implication, it should be repealed. We doubt that such authority exists; but at all events, do not hesitate to express the opinion that none but the governing bodies of Masonry should assume to exercise such authority after a full and impartial hearing. The action of Grand Commander Varnum was strongly endorsed by the Grand body, there being but four votes in opposition.

We like the spirit of this report and especially the moral tone of much that is said in a religious way, but we cannot agree with our frater on some few points which we have not time to specify in full. We copy, under Tennessee, his words descriptive of a grand ball, and while he is rather "non-committal" as to his approval of "sich" displays, we are very decidedly "agin" it:

During the session there was a grand reception held in the spacious hall of the court-house, and every Sir Knight in the city was present, with two hundred ladies. The rostrum was surrounded by pyramids of cut flowers, geraniums, white violets, and roses of every variety, and the shaded chandeliers shed their soft light while the banners and Templar emblems fluttered upon the walls like a scene in "fairy land." The competitive drill followed, closing with a magnificent banquet and the pleasures of Terpsichore, enough to gratify the most ardent enthusiasm of the young and gay, and make an old man sigh for the days when he, too, was young.

We have been young and are now nearly three-score, but "none of these things have ever moved us" to the point of approbation or indulgence. We have seen so much evil and no good resulting therefrom that, as a Christian Knight, we would see them banished from our Assemblies, and if there are those who wish to engage in such revelry as the dance, there are numerous places and opportunities without giving offence to those fraters who oppose such and yet are compelled to bear the onus in the eye of the world, because, forsooth, it seems to have the sanction of and be engaged in by the Grand Commandery.

We are not by these remarks condemning those who fancy such proceedings, but simply making the point that where these displays are necessary they should not be brought in the Templar programme, but as an outside matter, so that our Christian Order would not have to bear the reproach of engaging, as an order, in such wordly and, what the Church calls, sinful amusements.

We would spend more time with this report but must pass on.

R. E. Sir Fred. A. Spencer elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Joseph K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Recorder.

DAKOTA, 1889.

Sixth Annual Conclave, Mitchell, June 5th, 1889. R. E. Sir Joseph A. Colcord, Grand Commander ; E. Sir Bruce M. Rowley, Grand Recorder. Ten chartered Chapters and one U. D. represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is brief but clear in statement. He had been called on very seldom for decisions or dispensations. One new Commandery was constituted. Pressing business engagements had prevented Grand visitations he had hoped to make when elected to the important office of Grand Commander. A charter was granted to Wihaha Commandery of Jamestown. The latter name reminds one of Powhatan and Pocahontas, but the name Wihaha does not sound knightly to our ear. However, what's in a name, anyhow ?

The treasury shows a balance of \$317.46.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that separate Grand Jurisdictions in Templarism should be created out of both North and South Dakota, on the division of the Territory of Dakota.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated to the Johnstown sufferers. This is all we have in relation to the Report on Correspondence :

P. S.—The Grand Recorder was delayed two months in getting out report by waiting for report from the Chairman on Correspondence. But owing to press of business the Chairman on Correspondence was unable to furnish said report.

R. E. Sir Wm. D. Stites elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Bruce M. Rowley re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1889.

Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave, Columbus, May 8th, 1889. R. E. Sir James L. Fleming, Grand Commander ; E. Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Grand Recorder. Eight Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is brief but complete enough to show the transactions for the year. No decisions of general importance. One new Commandery was constituted. A few Commanderies were visited. The reports of Grand officers show satisfactory results of visitations and the Committee on this subject reported as follows :

Your Committee on Reports of Grand Officers report that after examination of the same they can but commend the zeal that has prompted each of the officers in the performance of their several duties, as is evidenced in the reports before us. We commend the practice of official visits, and note the general good reports made by the different officers making these visitations.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the Grand Recorder, and is a review of thirty-six Grand Bodies, not including our own. The report is rather a synopsis of the more important points in the several jurisdictions, and for this he offers a most reasonable excuse :

It is pleaded in extenuation that a full report was ready for the printer when, on the 6th of April, the greater part of it, together with everything pertaining to the office of the Grand Recorder, was destroyed by fire, and it was at one time questionable if any items of Templar news could be embraced in these Proceedings. It was necessary to communicate with the Grand Recorders of other jurisdictions, obtain duplicate copies of their proceedings, put the matter in shape, and prepare it and our own proceedings for the printer, besides attending to other official duties, and all had to be done within the limit of time allowed by this Grand Commandery for issuing the proceedings.

It is hoped that this will be accepted as sufficient excuse for the shortcomings of this report.

R. E. Sir Azariah G. Howard elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Samuel P. Hamilton re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS, 1889.

Thirty-third Annual Conclave, Chicago, October 22d, 1889. R. E. Sir Norman T. Gassette, Grand Commander ; E. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard, Grand Recorder. Fifty-four Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is purely a business document and shows that much routine work was done during the year. A large number of special dispensations were granted. No decisions were made and no appeals taken to the Grand Commandery. An appeal was made in behalf of the Orphan's Home. He reports that Easter Sunday, Ascension Day and Centennial Days were generally observed throughout the State and is pleased to note that at many of these services the ceremonies were sympathetic and elaborate. But few of the Commanderies were visited. A prosperous year is reported with an addition of 399 to the membership. Elaborate preparations were made for the pilgrimage to the Triennial Conclave at Washington, D. C., and the results, we doubt not, were highly satisfactory to the Grand Commandery of Illinois. We quote from the address :

Pardon a brief quotation from the *Washington Post* of Wednesday, the 9th inst. : "The Eighth Division was composed entirely of Knights from the State of Illinois, and they made an imposing show. If not the largest delegation from any particular State, it was near it, for there were 1,400 men in line, whose white plumes waved in perfect unison to the rhythmic music of bands, and whose regulation and methodical step showed the nucleus for the formation of an army, although their present mission was only to add to the pomp and glitter of the moving pageantry. And right royally they did their duty, and although the noise of the bands was often swallowed up in the greater volume of shouts and other demonstrations of approval which greeted them, it did not disturb the symmetry of their lines. They bore their Knightly honors like soldiers, and followed the Red Cross of their Order in an unbroken column from one end of the route to the other," * * * and, altogether,

“Completed one of the finest-looking and well-equipped divisions of the procession.”

From the estimate made by the Grand Commander there were more Sir Knights in Chicago in 1880 than in Washington in 1888. We give his remarks on this subject :

A comparison between the numbers who attended the Triennial at Chicago, and at Washington, is here made for the purpose of historical correctness. In 1880 there were about 45,000 Templars under the jurisdiction of Grand Encampment. There are at this date nearly, if not quite, 80,000. At the Triennial Conclave held at Chicago the Triennial Committee assigned 24,000 Templars to Hotels. There were thousands of others who found their own accommodations. The Triennial Committee assigned another 100,000 people to quarters, and 150,000 more slept, no one knows where but themselves.

By actual count there were 17,610 in line on the day of the parade, exclusive of 162 bands which averaged 30 musicians to a band, making a grand total of 22,470. In Chicago there were twenty divisions composed of 312 Commanderies.

At Washington there were twelve Divisions composed of 250 Commanderies and liberally allowing 1,200 to a Division, there could not have been more than 14,400 in line. Include bands, allowing thirty musicians to each, and a grand total of 17,190 is reached. This comparison is not made to detract from the pre-eminent success achieved at Washington ; God forbid !

We copy with pleasure the following statements in the conclusion of this admirable address and commend it to all Sir Knights :

SIR KNIGHTS :—A year ago, you unanimously elected me—saving one vote—to the exalted office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of Templars for the State of Illinois ; and I have now placed before you the record of my acts while I have held the office.

I should feel, personally, that I had neglected a duty did I not at this time express to you my appreciation for the honor conferred, and make public avowal as to the principal motive which has impelled me for sixteen years to work for the cause of Templary, and to perform the duties which have been incumbent upon me for the last year.

The truths inculcated by the Order were the indirect cause by which I was led to profess a belief in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world, and to acknowledge him as my personal Redeemer.

The faith which was thus promoted has been my solace in hours of trouble ; and through it and the promises of Christ our Lord, I am filled with the hope that I shall again see those who were so dear to me on earth and whose eyelids I saw close in death, in the enjoyment of a blessed immortality.

No greater benison could have been vouchsafed to any man than has come to me through it, and my gratitude for it will continue to well up from my heart until its fount has run dry.

The treasury, after the heavy appropriation to the Triennial Committee, shows the healthy balance of \$7,423.

An elaborate and well-written report on necrology was read and adopted. It includes notices of the distinguished Templars who have died in their own and other Grand jurisdictions during the year.

The salary of the Grand Recorder was increased to \$800. Good!

An excellent Report on Correspondence (97 pp.) is presented by Sir J. C. Smith and is a faithful review of the doings of the several Grand Bodies, including North Carolina, for 1889, without much comment. He says comments are to be found in the conclusion, but the only remarks we can find at the end of the report are the words "courteously submitted." However, it is good enough as it stands, and we don't find it necessary to discuss or "comment."

R. E. Sir George Mayhew Moulton elected Grand Commander: E. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1889.

Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave, Indianapolis, April 30th, 1889. R. E. Sir Reuben Peden, Grand Commander: E. Sir Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Recorder. Thirty-one (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Representatives of several States were present, including North Carolina, in the person of E. Sir Wm. J. Robie.

The address of the Grand Commander (13 pp.) is a faithful synopsis of his acts during his incumbency, and, from his report, he has not been idle, but ever active and careful in the discharge of his various duties. Of the increase in membership and general advancement, he says:

It affords me very great pleasure to state that 220 have been added to the roster of valiant Hoosier Knights within the year ending December 31, 1888. While, in the aggregate, this increase has been greatly modified by death, dimit and discipline, still a statistical account furnished me a few days ago by the Grand Recorder shows a total membership, December 31, 1888, of 2,696, or a net gain of 80 since our last report.

Poor health kept him from visiting as he had promised the year previous. He calls attention, feelingly, to the death of thirty-one valiant Sir Knights in his own jurisdiction, and extended mention is made of the life and services of R. E. Sir John H. Hess, Past Grand Commander, who died during the year. The following correspondence is recorded in the address:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 13, 1888.

Right Eminent Reuben Peden, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Indiana:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—My advanced age and failing health render it impossible for me to properly discharge my duties as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. I therefore tender my resignation as such Recorder. JOHN M. BRAMWELL.

Which was accepted, and the following Special Order issued, to-wit:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA,
OFFICE OF RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER,
KNIGHTSTOWN, November 14, 1888.

Sir William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Having this day received and accepted the resignation of Sir John M. Bramwell, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, you are hereby appointed and commissioned to act as Grand

Recorder until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, or until your successor is elected and installed.

Witness my signature, the date above written.

REUBEN PEDEN.

Grand Commander.

Right Eminent Nicholas R. Ruckle, Past Grand Commander, was commissioned to install Sir William H. Smythe as Grand Recorder.

This seems unusual, in view of the law of the Grand Encampment, and, for that matter, the Common Law of Masonry, which does not admit that an elected and installed officer can resign. The legal course would have been to appoint a *pro tem.* Grand Recorder, on being informed of the incompetency of the incumbent of the office, until the next Grand Conclave. We have here an appointment of an elective officer and his installation without election.

A dispensation to form a new Commandery was granted.

The Report on Correspondence is from the erudite and entertaining pen of R. E. Sir N. R. Ruckle, P. G. C., and occupies 135 pages of the pamphlet. It is an exhaustive review of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, including our own for 1888. We have already devoted as much space to these proceedings as we are allowed, or we would quote some things from this admirable paper.

R. E. Sir Duncan T. Bacon elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. H. Smythe elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA, 1889.

Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave, Davenport, November 14th, 1889. R. E. Sir Clark Varnum, Grand Commander; E. Sir Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder. Forty-three Subordinate Commanderies represented.

An address of welcome was delivered by Sir Knight William K. White, which was well-timed and appropriate. It was responded to in a "felicitous manner" by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander (22 pp.) is able and well written. One distinguished Sir Knight, viz., R. E. Sir Frank Neely, a Past Grand Commander, had been called away by the dread messenger, Death, during the year, and the usual notice was given to the Subordinate Commanderies. Allusion was also made to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions. Ascension Day was recommended as Templar Day. The State was divided into eight districts by the Grand Commander, and one assigned to each officer of the Grand Commandery. As a result of this arrangement, every Subordinate was visited, save one, and carefully inspected, and where instruction was necessary it was given. We find this summary: "Taking 100 as the basis of perfection, the general average in three important particulars is as follows: Records, 92.1 per cent.; Ritual, 75.2 per cent.; Tactics, 50.1 per cent." To sum up, the Grand Commander recommended the following, which we heartily endorse and call to the attention of our own Grand Commandery:

First. The continuance of the present system of visitation, with such amendments thereto as may tend to render it more effective.

Second. The annual reference of the reports of the inspecting officers to the Committee on Chartered Commanderies, and the publication in our proceedings each year of a tabulated statement of the condition of the several Commanderies as disclosed by the inspections.

Third. That if, by means of such reports, any Commandery be found to be weak or languishing, it be made a special subject of consideration, and such efforts put forth in its aid as shall increase its vitality and efficiency.

Fourth. The inauguration and maintenance of annual gatherings of the Templars of this jurisdiction, at which the largest possible opportunities for social Knightly intercourse and exhibitions of proficiency in our semi-military tactics shall be accorded to every Templar who may attend.

One dispensation granted to form a new Commandery. The address contains much in regard to the Grand Encampment in Washington, D. C., and their action in regard to the Iowa trouble was alluded to more mildly than we could have hoped, after all the strife engendered by the action of the Grand Master. But let us hope that all ill-will and malice will be buried with that officer who has recently been called "to give an account of the deeds done in the body." To sum up, he says:

As a social and fraternal gathering, it was a great success; as a business meeting of a great civic organization, it did little save correct previous errors.

The Report on Correspondence (100 pp.) is presented by Sir Knight W. I. Babb, and, although his first effort, he writes like a veteran and sustains a high position throughout. Over twenty pages at the outset, by way of introduction, is a statement of the Iowa case in the discussion with the Grand Master, and the argument is well conceived, thoroughly upholding the position taken by the Grand Commandery. It seems that the question has been exhausted and nothing more need be said, and as a happy issue out of all these troubles has been arrived at, we leave the subject.

Sir Knight Babb reviews in a most able manner the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888-'89. It is evident he does not admire or endorse the Ritual, nor do we ever hope to see one adopted which will meet the views of all.

Under North Carolina, he thinks "we get the facts somewhat mixed as to our controversy with the Grand Master. We would refer him to our introductory remarks for a correction." We have not time to go into the question again, and will rest in the belief that there was some trouble with the Grand Master about Ritual, and it has all been settled by the Grand Encampment. "*Requiescat in pace.*"

R. E. Sir Cyrus W. Eaton elected Grand Commander: E. Sir Alf. Wingate re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS, 1889.

Twenty-first Annual Conclave, Fort Scott, May 14th, 1889. R. E. Sir Theophilus P. Rodgers, Grand Commander; E. Sir John H. Brown, Grand Recorder. Twenty-five Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is short but concise and to the point on all questions discussed. He gives a faithful account of his stewardship, and has done his work well. Of the condition of Templarism he says:

With one or two exceptions our Subordinate Commanderies have had an unusually prosperous year, and my correspondence and personal acquaintance prove that the material gathered into our Commanderies has been carefully selected; that those who have been "dubbed and created" fully understand and appreciate the lessons taught in our asylums, and will wear the high honor with credit to themselves and the Order.

Three new Commanderies chartered were duly constituted. Two Commanderies U. D. were formed, and the usual dispensations issued for various purposes.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$3,164.54.

The Grand Recorder reports a satisfactory increase in numbers and the financial condition of the Commanderies good. Nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and harmony which have prevailed during the year. The Tactics compiled by H. B. Grant was adopted for the government of all bodies and detachments of Knights Templar in Kansas.

The Grand Commanderies of Wyoming and Montana were duly recognized and welcomed to the sisterhood.

The Grand Commander granted permission to a Commandery to appear in uniform on Decoration Day. The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and was approved. We dissent. The occasion was not Masonic, and hence a parade in Templar uniform was not admissible under the Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

E. Sir John H. Brown presents one of his best Reports on Correspondence in ninety-five pages, in which he reviews thirty-eight Grand Bodies, including North Carolina, for 1888. He makes many extracts, but they are well selected, and when he comments it is to much purpose.

R. E. Sir Charles W. Hunt elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John H. Brown re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1889.

Forty-second Annual Conclave, Cynthiana, May 22d, 1889. R. E. Sir Horace January, Grand Commander; E. Sir Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Grand Recorder. Twenty Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (13 pp.) is an admirable paper, considering the afflictions under which he was suffering, viz.: the loss of sight:

I regret to say that this affliction continued and still exists; my malady has not improved, and for this reason I may ask to be excused if my report appears meager, or there be any apparent lack of attention to the full details of my official duties.

I am glad to be able to say to you, however, that you will find that the interests of the Order have not suffered during my incumbency. The Order in the State was never more prosperous, its membership never more active, zealous and harmonious, and our prospects for the future are bright and of alluring hopefulness.

He eloquently and feelingly makes appeal in behalf of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, a noble institution fostered and cared for by the Masons of Kentucky, and which is doubtless an object of pride not only to them but should be to all others.

Reference is made to the hearty responses made by the fraters in answer to the appeal for the yellow fever sufferers in Florida. He reports a net gain in the order for the past year of forty-eight.

Among other distinguished Templar dead he calls attention to that devoted Mason, E. Sir Knight Rob. Morris, the "*Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*," who is worthy of all the honors that can be heaped upon his revered name. The Grand Commander has this to say of him :

Dear Fraters, it is with deep feelings of profound emotion that I officially announce to you that Eminent Sir Knight Rob. Morris, Past Grand Master of the State of Kentucky, and Past Eminent Commander of Louisville Commandery, No. 1, and known as the "*Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*," at his home at LaGrange, Kentucky, on the 31st day of July, 1888, laid aside his well-worn armor and passed from the life militant to the life triumphant. He was the most distinguished Freemason of his age; a simple record of his Masonic career would fill volumes. His was a pure and unselfish life, devoted to the interests of the Order he loved so well. His fame extended to many lands, and his work in the interest of Masonry is a prized heritage to the Masonic world. His death will be mourned, his virtues commemorated, and his memory revered wherever the institution of Freemasonry is known.

And while we mourn his loss, we have the consolation that he was gathered as a sheaf of corn, fully ripe for the harvest. Long life was granted him, and he has now passed to the enjoyment of the full rewards that await the valiant Templar. He who so eloquently praised the benefits of Freemasonry here, has ere this had a full realization of their perfect glories in the Lodge eternal and on high; in the temple not made with hands, where the Grand Master of the universe presides. "*He has seen the King in His beauty*," and that voice which was on earth so sweetly attuned to sing the odes of our Order, now unites in triumphant tones with the grand chorus of the blood-washed throng, who around the throne of God in Heaven are singing the new song of "*Moses and the Lamb*." Truly of him may be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, from henceforth saith the spirit, for they do rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Sir Knight W. LaRue Thomas, V. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, being present was welcomed with the honors due his station.

The Committee on Grievances had nothing to report. Nor had the one on Jurisprudence anything before them.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$1,333.26.

The address delivered by E. Sir Knight Chas. H. Fisk, Grand Captain General, is a valuable contribution to Templar history in Kentucky.

An elaborate and well-written Report on Correspondence (123 pp.) is presented by E. Sir Charles R. Woodruff, it being a review of thirty-nine Grand Bodies, in which we find a favorable notice of North Carolina for 1888. Towards the close of the report he presents in full his view on the Iowa discussion with Grand Master Roome, and rather upholds the latter in the course he pursued as being the only alternative left him. We have enjoyed the report and wish we could make large extracts, but want of space forbids.

R. E. Sir John G. Montgomery elected Grand Commander: E. Sir Lorenzo D. Croninger re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1889.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana assembled in the city of New Orleans, February 15th, 1889. R. E. Sir Albert G. Brice, Grand Commander; E. Sir Richard Lambert, P. G. C., Grand Recorder. Three Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander, in his address of twenty-four pages, ably discusses several questions pertaining to his duties, and, while he has had very little to occupy his attention, owing to the few Commanderies in this jurisdiction, yet it is evident he has done well what he has undertaken. His views are eminently correct on Templar Masonry.

To our Knightly Order the future gives great promise. The accessions made during the year, and the "work" now being done, encourage us to believe that Templar Masonry has taken on a "newness of life," and, henceforward, it will have rapid and substantial increase in numbers.

Templar Masonry is a plant, flourishing only in a healthy, moral atmosphere. Where ignorance, intolerance, bigotry or vice rules, it does not prosper. Among the good, the wise, the observant of the moral law, the believers in the sublime teachings of Jesus, it flourishes. Not a religion, it is its handmaid.

Symbolic Masonry teaches the observances of the cardinal virtues: admonishes to walk uprightly before God and man. In the asylum—a purely Christian institution, founded on the Christian religion—the Sir Knight, impressed with the spirit of chivalry, grounds his faith in the teachings of the Divine Master.

If Templarism has no "sectarian system of belief or worship," if it proposes no creed, it does teach the necessity of a firm belief in the fundamental religious truths of Christianity. A frater, therefore, may be a good Templar without being a member of a Church of Christ, but he cannot be a devout, consistent Christian and abjure the perceptive and comprehensive teachings of Symbolic or Templar Masonry.

The entire introduction of this address breathes a spirit of Christian love and sympathy in the Templar Order, and but for its length, we would give it in full. He strikes the true key-note as to the cause of decline of Masonry in any given State.

Observation teaches that Masonry depends for its healthy growth upon the intelligence and general prosperity of the people. Indeed, the state of the Order is a safe and certain index by which to determine the degree of advancement made by a State in material and intellectual progress. With peace, health and plenty smiling at every door, Templarism will share in the general joy and proportionally enlarge the sphere of its divine mission.

Inhabitants of a State rich in its acres of sugar-cane, rice and cotton; watered by the grandest river in the world; blessed with a climate mild and healthy—truly “The lines are fallen unto us in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage.”

We trust our own State may also arise from its Masonic lethargy and extend the beneficent influence of Templarism throughout its domain. Much of the address is taken up in the discussion of the Iowa trouble, and in giving a statement in full of the causes which led to the edict of the Grand Master, declaring Iowa in a state of rebellion, &c. We give his conclusions in support of the action of the Grand Master:

After so interpreting the will of the Grand Encampment, what was his duty? To see that the Ritual of the Grand Encampment, “to be used in conferring the Orders, and which goes into effect on and after the first day of April, 1887,” be duly and promptly observed.

The question whether the Ritual was or was not constitutionally adopted is not within the province of the Most Eminent Grand Master to decide. He is an executive officer, and can exercise only such prerogatives as are declared in the law. When the enactments are promulgated, it is his duty to see them enforced. If objections are made to their legality or constitutionality, the Grand Encampment alone is authorized to pass upon the question.

If I am correct thus far, it is the duty of every Knight to accept the interpretation of the will of the Grand Master and conform to his orders. If his interpretation of the will of the Grand Encampment has been erroneous, that Grand Body, at its coming session, will correct such error. Following this only loyal course, there could be no charge of “disloyalty and rebellion” against any within its obedience.

A most important question of general interest arose, in which a Subordinate Commandery, at the request of the Generalissimo and Captain General, asked for a dispensation to elect an Eminent Commander to fill the vacancy which had occurred by the election of this officer to be Grand Commander. After discussing the question in all its phases, and quoting the law, showing that he had no power to order an election, but that the Generalissimo succeeded to the duties of the office, and, in his absence, the Captain General, he arrives at this remarkable and, we think, erroneous conclusion: That, if these officers *united in a request* to the Commandery to *ask* for a dispensation to order an election of Eminent Commander, it might be granted. And he did so issue the dispensation. The Committee on the Address approved, and the report was adopted. The following action was then had:

Sir Knight Erich Braud, Past Commander, offered a resolution, which was duly seconded, as follows:

Resolved, That the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in granting a dispensation to Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 2, to hold an election for Eminent Commander to fill a vacancy, as reported on page 21, be not sustained.

After discussion, the motion was lost and the action of the R. E. Grand Commander approved.

Sir Knight Samuel Alston, Past Grand Commander, then gave notice that he would appeal from the decision to the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

We are quite confident that the action of the Grand Commander will not be sustained by the Grand Encampment. The fact of the united request of the two officers does not, in our judgment, affect the case, and on that rests the whole question.

Grand visitations were made to *every* Commandery (three) in the jurisdiction. Good.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir David R. Graham elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Richard Lambert, P. G. C., re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1889.

Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave, Portland, May 9th, 1889. R. E. Sir Joseph A. Locke, Grand Commander; E. Sir Ira Berry, Grand Recorder. Fourteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (24 pp.) is elaborate and gives full statements of all transactions in his office. He gives thanks that no member of the Grand Commandery had been called to his last account during the year, and makes courteous allusion to those of other jurisdictions in terms of sympathy. Of Templarism in Maine he says:

The year has been one of reasonable prosperity. Peace and harmony have prevailed: only one apparent cause of complaint has arisen, which, on inquiry, was fully explained, showing no fault or lack of Knightly courtesy.

One hundred and seventy-seven newly created Knights have been added to the rolls of our Commanderies. Our present membership is 2,178, being a net gain of one hundred and thirteen.

Many dispensations were granted for reasons given. One was declined. We give the case in full with our hearty assent:

May 25, 1888, I declined the request of St. Bernard Commandery for permission to join with Post Meade, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial Day. Following is a copy of my letter:

PORTLAND, May 25, 1888.

J. WARREN CUSHING, ESQ., *Recorder of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 11, Eastport, Me.*

MY DEAR SIR AND FRATER:—Your communication of the 23d, requesting that permission be granted St. Bernard Commandery to appear in regalia and participate with Post Meade, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial Day, has been received. This request has caused me some trouble and anxiety in mind, in deciding between duty and loyalty on the one hand, and inclination and wishes on the other.

Had this question not been raised before, your request would be granted with much pleasure. If you will turn to the proceedings of the Grand Commandery for 1885, on page 633 you will find that Grand Commander I. S. Bangs declined a similar request for reasons then given. Under the ruling of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Memorial Day is not a "Masonic occasion," and by decision of the Grand Master, approved by the Grand Encampment, "The determination of what is a Masonic occasion belongs to the Grand Lodge."

Under the above decisions, I cannot grant the desired permission. I have consulted Bros. ----- and -----, to see if they knew any way I could avoid the above ruling and grant the request, but they do not.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH A. LOCKE, *Grand Commander.*

One Commandery constituted and one started U. D. Decisions were of local interest. Much of the address is devoted to an account of visitations, which were doubtless of great good to those Commanderies visited.

We note that the inevitable banquet abounded wherever the Grand Officers went, and while these give temporary enjoyment, yet we cannot see where the benefit comes in. We doubt their use and fear they produce absolute harm. We must, however, be cautious along here or Sir Knight Berry will call us to account next Christmas when he proposes the health of the Grand Master which we style the 6th lib., and which we take, using cold water. It is to this part of the banquet we object, because we think it encourages intemperance among the brethren, and while we strive to inculcate temperance within our sanctuaries we should not by example belie our profession at the banquet.

The usual excellent Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Stephen Berry, who is a veteran of veterans, and we hazard the assertion that he and Sir Drummond have written more reports for the different Orders of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery than any others of the guild. He reviews, mostly by extracts, thirty-six Grand Commanderies, including North Carolina (very briefly), for 1888.

Under Mississippi he has this to say in reply to a criticism by Sir DeLap, who accused him of favoring parades on Decoration Day :

Wrong, Sir Knight. We disapprove of parading Decoration Day or Fourth of July, and dislike the attending divine service in uniform. But then we disapprove of some other things that we do not take the trouble to grumble about, either because we cannot help them, or because we respect the right of other people to have an opinion; even when we do not respect the opinion.

We commend and endorse every word you say, Sir Knight, on these two points. We should make no display, especially in worshipping the Great I Am. In the first place what form of service will we, as Templars, adopt? Suppose nine-tenths are Methodists, will they submit to the Episcopal ritual, as in the case of Kentucky when a Bishop prepared a form of service? If nine-tenths are Baptists will they conform to a Methodist routine. Let us go to church on any day, whether it be As-

cension, Good Friday, or any of the Saints' Days, and worship our God as men, not as Templars, and we will not then be so apt to be looking at our feathers, or other trappings, thereby excluding from our minds the thoughts of Him who claims our whole service.

Under New York, hear him on the subject of heraldry :

Grand Recorder Robert Macoy made his thirty-eighth annual report, in which he recommended to his fraters the study of heraldry and suggests that every Templar might have a coat-of-arms. He says that in the crusades every soldier "who slew a Saracen or performed some remarkable military exploit was accounted noble and so entitled to a coat-of-arms. He was authorized to select any device that was appropriate or his taste might suggest as a remembrance of his exploit."

It would not be convenient, now-a-days, to slay a Saracen, but perhaps a Noble of the Mystic Shrine would do. There are plenty of them handy. Still better, if the Nobles object to being slain, we might have an order of Heraldry, in which we could *exemplify* the slaying of a Shriner, and thus entitle the candidate to choose a coat of arms. The device could commemorate the deed. If the Shriner were a grocer, and the candidate a printer, for example, the candidate could adopt a composing-stick *rampant* over a cheese-knife *couchant*. Some of course would prefer to chose devices significant of their professions. Thus a saloon-keeper might select a bar *sinister, sable* on a field *argent*, with the motto *Recueillez toujours*. The possibilities are immense and the field for study wide.

He gives an admirable table of statistics and we regret we cannot appropriate the whole of it.

Grand Commander and Grand Recorder both re-elected.

MARYLAND, 1889.

Nineteenth Annual Conclave, Baltimore, November 26th, 1889. R. E. Sir Charles McDonald, Jr., Grand Commander; E. Sir John H. Miller, Grand Recorder. Eight (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (13 pp.) recounts the duties of the office, and clearly explains all official acts. Of the condition of the Order, he says:

The year just closing has been peaceful and prosperous in this Grand Commandery. It is a matter of congratulation to note that no source of discord has arisen to mar the usual harmony of the deliberations of this Grand Body. The records of our Commanderies show that there have been received during the year eighty-eight new members, but as against this there is recorded sixteen deaths, sixteen withdrawals, seven suspensions and one expulsion, leaving a net increase of forty-eight Sir Knights. The impression was that the Triennial Conclave would quicken the rush of applications for Knighthood and reduce the number in the future to a marked extent, for a while at least; but I find that such is not likely to be the case, and that the Commanderies still receive petitions and the outlook for steadily increasing numbers is as favorable as at any time in our history.

Many dispensations were demanded and granted. His remarks on the abuse of this power are timely and well worthy the consideration of the Fraters:

As you perceive, Sir Knights, I have granted a great many dispensations. I am very much opposed to this practice of railroading our candidates through our several Masonic bodies, and, had I followed the dictates of my personal judgment, I would most positively have refused all applications for dispensations for that purpose; but I was compelled to take into consideration the fact that this was the Triennial year, and the pressure brought to bear was so great for the hurrying through of candidates into the Commanderies before the Triennial Conclave that I was feign to lay aside my own feelings in the matter and grant a number of dispensations to act upon petitions within the prescribed time. In every instance, however, I was assured by the Sir Knights that the applicants were gentlemen who were well and favorably known to the Masonic Fraternity.

This system of granting dispensations is wrong, and, in my opinion, of no benefit to the candidates, nor is it to the best interests of our Order; and I trust that my successor will not consider my action as a ruling precedent, praying the while that he may have the strength to ignore all temptation.

Several of the Commanderies were visited officially.

We rather admire the following custom of installing officers of several Commanderies, when they can be brought together in one place, as, for example, in large cities:

In accordance with usual custom, a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland was held on Easter Monday evening, when the officers-elect of the several Subordinate Commanderies were installed in the presence of a large assembly of Sir Knights. The asylum was handsomely decorated with plants and flowers, which added very much to the beauty of the surroundings. The large attendance was very gratifying, and proved that the inauguration of the Easter Installations was a wise and commendable suggestion, promptly adopted, and worthy of yearly commemoration.

The several officers-elect who were not present on this evening were installed in their respective Commanderies.

We note in the Report of the Finance Committee the payment of the following accounts was recommended, viz.: John H. Miller, services as Grand Recorder, \$100; Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, \$50; Grand Captain of the Guard, \$25. This seems to us out of all proportion. The last item is for light work for two days, whereas the Reporter worked with brain and pencil for a month or more; and surely the Recorder was on duty the whole year, and the time consumed in writing letters was worth the whole salary paid. Move up, Fraters of Maryland. Don't pay your Tiler less, but the others more.

Sir Knight Gorgas, P. G. C., presents another of his admirably written reports, which is his thirteenth. We consider him entitled to a high seat at the table of the Mutuals, as he is highly honored by his compeers. He reviews ably the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, including North Carolina for 1889. Extracts so abundant that we cannot find the hand that used the scissors. His selections get the pith of the proceedings, and are an evidence of superior skill in this department. We would be pleased to get his views on important points.

When no opinion is expressed, we are at a loss to tell where to find him. We give a part of his conclusion:

May 10th, 1876, we presented our first Report on Correspondence to the Grand Commandery of Maryland, and annually thereafter until 1880, when we were honored with the office of Grand Commander, when the duties of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence devolved upon the late P. G. Commander William Tell Adreon, who, for five successive years, presented reports which commanded the admiration of all who perused them. Upon the death of Sir Adreon, in 1885, the duty was again entrusted to us, and the present report is, therefore, the thirteenth we have written. In our first report (1876), we reviewed the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Templar Bodies. The number has now increased to forty, if we include Canada, England and Wales, and Victoria, Australia. Hence the labor of the reviewer has materially increased.

An interesting paper is prepared by R. E. Sir E. T. Schultz, to prove that "Encampment No. 1, at Baltimore, is the oldest existing body of Knights Templar in this country, and is justly entitled to rank as the *premier* Commandery of the United States."

R. E. Sir A. E. Booth elected Grand Commander; E. Sir John H. Miller re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1889.

Eighty-third Annual Conclave, Boston, October 30th, 1889. R. E. Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Commander; E. Sir Alfred M. Chapman, Grand Recorder. Thirty-five Subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand Commander, which comes later than usual in the proceedings, occupies fourteen pages, and is a faithful epitome of the year's doings, which are by no means few. He gives a hopeful view of Templarism:

The year has been an eventful one in the history of our Order. Harmony and prosperity have prevailed very generally among our Subordinates. More Sir Knights have been created in this jurisdiction than ever before in a single year, while the losses by death and other causes have been unusually small, the net gain in membership aggregating about four hundred.

He makes mention of the Templar dead, and remarks that, out of a total membership of 8,000, only 108 have died during the year, which he considers a very small percentage. Over eighty dispensations had been granted. Nearly one-half of the Commanderies had been visited officially, and, from his own observation and the reports by the visiting Grand officers, he concludes that the Order was never more harmonious or prosperous. No decisions of general interest. He recommended that only the three first officers of a Commandery be allowed to wear shoulder-straps, and the Grand Commandery passed a resolution embodying this idea, which we think a good one. Much space in the address is given to the meeting of the Grand Encampment, and, from all accounts, no Grand Jurisdiction enjoyed the occasion more or contributed more

to make a grand success of the meeting. All credit is due to the committee that made the arrangements and carried out successfully in every particular the business for which they were appointed. The Grand Commander most gracefully tendered his thanks to all who so conspicuously contributed to good order and hospitality.

The report of the Grand Recorder is the most exhaustive we have yet seen, occupying fifteen pages, and contains all things necessary to be known in the way of finances, statistics, inventory of property in his office, &c., &c. Sir Chapman is a valuable man, whether as General, Grand High Priest or Grand Recorder. Such men are rare, and will do to keep in the harness as long as they will last.

The Report on Correspondence is again a tripartite affair, and the Reporter who undertakes to tackle these three redoubtable Sir Knights will find himself the worse for wear when he is through with them. We find seventy pages of the ablest of criticism and review of thirty-three Grand Bodies—North Carolina for 1888 and 1889 falling into the tender hands of the genial Dadmun. In his review of North Carolina for 1888, he quotes from Grand Commander Woodruff, "that a quorum consists of *nine* members entitled to vote therein," &c., and then says:

To which we reply: The Ritual says *seven*. On the principle in law, that the last act of a legislative body repeals all previous acts contrary thereto, *seven* constitute a legal quorum.

Yes: but, Sir Dadmun, the Grand Master and Grand Encampment have both given a deliverance on this point, and *nine* it *must* be, and no less.

In his review of our report for 1889, he thus goes for "ye Reporter," for which kind expressions we make our best bow:

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of our old friend and frater, Sir James Southgate, and right glad are we that a kind Providence has restored him to health again. He enters into the work of a reviewer with the same genial and courteous spirit that used to distinguish his productions. We have frequently discussed questions of law and usage in another branch of Masonry, and never had our equilibrium disturbed or frustrated.

We would gladly make many extracts from this report, but must pass on.

R. E. Sir James Swords elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Alfred M. Chapman re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN, 1889.

Thirty-third Annual Conclave, Grand Rapids, May 21st, 1889. R. E. Sir Chas. P. Bigelow, Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. P. Innes, P. G. C., Grand Recorder. Thirty-nine Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (14 pp.) is clear-cut and to the point. Among the decisions we find one which attracts our attention and meets our unqualified approval:

2. What is the proper course to pursue when the candidate says that he has an objection against participating in the usual manner? It seems that there should be some way to avoid the difficulty. * * *

My answer was: Substitute pure water, and may God bless and keep him steadfast in the faithful performance of his resolution, and forbid that we should insist on his conforming to any rite or ceremony that would cause him to become a victim of the greatest curse that afflicts mankind.

We have time and again called attention to the error we commit in putting temptation in the reach of the weak reformed frater who has labored long and hard to resist the tempter. We are rather taught to whisper words of counsel in the ear of an erring brother, remind him in the most tender manner of his faults and aid him in a reformation. Can we do this by the proffer of the deadly cup at banquet or elsewhere when, perhaps, the very taste of wine may arouse all the latent fire of intemperance which has, perhaps, for years, by hard struggle been quenched?

Official visitations were made to very many of the Commanderies, and after citing the different places visited, he remarks:

My pilgrimage through the State was an exceedingly pleasant one, and it was highly gratifying to observe the strong attachment for the order, and how much of the principles of true chivalry, among which are courtesy, hospitality, honor, charity, benevolence and fraternity are not only professed but practiced by the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction.

One of the results of my tour of visitation was to impress me with the necessity of this Grand Commandery instituting some system of annual inspection and instruction of its subordinates, if it wishes them to sustain the enviable reputation they have heretofore enjoyed for perfection in work and drill. I am not prepared to recommend any particular method, but herewith submit the system adopted by the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, and would commend it to your consideration.

We give an extract from the conclusion of this admirable address:

During my term of office I have realized that the present day furnishes instances of Knighthood as admirable as any in Arthur's court or on field of cloth of gold.

Let us have more of them. Within our borders let there be no schisms or intrigues or unworthy ambitions. These among Knights are most unknighly: fraternity, honor, self-sacrifice and purity are the virtues most becoming one who assumes our sacred vows. With all of its advances the world yet sorely needs more of the grand and graceful characteristics for which our Order stands. Let us bring to it the contribution of our personal chivalry that man and woman may be exalted and the world enriched because of the holy ties that bind us together.

The Grand Commanderies of Wyoming and Montana were recognized and welcomed to the sisterhood.

The report of the Committee on Finance shows a balance in the treasury of \$4,913.40.

The Committee on Ritual advised the plan that each State should prescribe its own ritual, and the Grand Encampment was thought to be

unwise in attempting to establish uniformity. With so many conflicting views we see no chance of establishing a uniformity, and all efforts in that direction seem to prove abortive.

The Report on Correspondence, or, as Sir Innes insists, "on fraternal relations," was presented by this Sir Knight, and occupies the largest portion of the pamphlet, being 279 pages. It is almost a reprint of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888.

We have heretofore dubbed Sir Innes the Prince of Extractois, and so fully does he rely on this mode of making up his report that we find nothing wherein we can approve or censure. Therefore, discussion is cut off and so we must pass on.

R. E. Sir John A. Gerow elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. P. Innes, P. G. C., re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1889.

Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave. Austin, June 24th, 1889. R. E. Sir John A. Schlerer, Grand Commander; E. Sir A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Recorder. Seventeen of twenty Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (19 pp.) is well written, and contains many good things, some of which we copy:

Since our parting at Duluth, a benign Providence has been most kind. Not a link in the golden chain that unites this Grand Body has been severed. Throughout the State harmony and good feeling prevail. Templar Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition, with bright prospects for the future.

He gives good advice as to work in the Commandery, which is of general interest:

We cannot remain passive in Templar Masonry. Stagnation means death. Failing to advance, we must retrograde and become extinct.

My official position has given me an opportunity to observe some of the difficulties that lie in the way of advancement. More enthusiasm is necessary in some of the Commanderies. Every legitimate means should be employed to infuse life into our work. I would therefore recommend that, where practicable, a school of instruction be organized for drill in the tactics. It will not only afford pleasant, healthful exercise to those who participate therein, bringing them nearer, socially, but arouse a greater interest in asylum work.

The prime object of a Commandery should not, however, be forgotten, and the work of the asylum should take precedence. While sufficient attention should be given to tactics to command respect rather than ridicule when in public, it is not commendable that Templar Masonry should suffer. Let it be understood that the military part of this organization is but an adjunct of it, and not intended to take its place.

We have become so practical in every-day life that, to save time, we move diagonally in all directions. The habit has grown upon us to such an extent that we are inclined to practice it even in our asylum work, and the tendency is to avoid all form and ceremony for the purpose of saving time. This, in the end, must prove disastrous to our efficiency.

The most prosperous and best attended Commanderies I visited are those that open and close in form, confer the orders in full, and observe the minutest details in asylum work.

It is poor economy to save time by eliminating the very life and spirit of our beautiful ceremonies.

We commend, with thanks, the timely warning contained in the following:

In our early lessons in Masonry we were taught never to convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess. If we would avoid the evil results flowing from improper causes, we must consider the tendency of our acts. Many of us have become mature with fixed habits, and the danger to us from giving way to apparently innocent diversion should not merit condemnation: yet, if, by the indulgence of appetite, however harmless it may seem in the abstract, we, as Knights, pledged each to each to be our brother's keeper, should hesitate and ponder well whither it may lead us.

I know you will not misunderstand me when I say that if it shall appear that the hospitality extended at our Red Cross banquets is less generous because of the absence of wine, we will feel greater satisfaction in the end to realize that no bright intellect was dimmed, no hopes blasted, no home destroyed, through any lack of proper example on our part.

One new Commandery was constituted and started U. D. upon the petition of eighty-eight Sir Knights.

Visitations were numerous, and a large number of Commanderies reaped the benefit.

The address is admirable throughout, and we must ask indulgence to make one more extract from the concluding remarks:

To-day we are not called upon to bare our breasts to foeman's sword in sanguinary contest, yet we are engaged in a conflict requiring the strongest test of manly fortitude and courage. Civilization, with its concomitant evils, makes life's battle an heroic struggle.

If we would wear the badge of Knighthood honorably, we must wage war against vice in all its forms. Our swords must be turned on our own passions, and, manfully fighting our way, we shall achieve victories more glorious than those of our worthy predecessors.

The aged Grand Recorder does not seem to have entered fully into the festivities of the occasion. Hear him:

Sir C. L. West (13) announced that a banquet had been prepared at the Athenæum, after which there would be music, etc., at the courthouse, to which all Sir Knights were cordially invited by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 13, and suggested a recess or calling-off, as the ladies were desirous of being presented to the Sir Knights—or the Knights to the ladies. We suspect that we have got the latter part of the announcement a little mixed, and no wonder, as the ante-rooms were filled with ladies who had even penetrated the asylum. The Grand Recorder has an impression that there was some kind of informally calling-off until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

H says, in the proceedings of the second day: "Notwithstanding the fatigues incident to the festivities of the previous night, the Grand

Commandery resumed labor promptly at 9 o'clock." We can judge what the "fatigues" meant.

Excellent phototypes of R. E. Sir William D. Cornish, Grand Commander in 1885, and R. E. Sir Henry Birkett, Grand Commander in 1886, adorn the pages of the pamphlet.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir A. T. C. Pierson, and is fully up to any he ever wrote, and it grieves us to say it is the last we shall see from him. He has gone to his reward, and his works do follow him. We will offer a few thoughts on his life and noble Masonic record in our next report, when the *data* will be before us, he having died recently.

R. E. Sir Walter H. Sanborn elected Grand Commander; E. Sir A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI, 1889.

Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave, Meridian, February 12th, 1889. R. E. Sir Frederic Speed, Grand Commander; E. Sir J. L. Power, Grand Recorder. Seven Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is almost entirely devoted to the discussion of the Iowa imbroglio with the Grand Master, and, as the matter has been settled by the Grand Encampment since the address was delivered, and the Grand Master has departed this life, no notice seems to be in order; but we will say that Sir Speed gave the best he had, and a most vigorous argument did he make on his side of the question. Being an able jurist, he argued the case as before a jury, and he would doubtless have gained a verdict in favor of the Iowa Knights Templar before the Grand Encampment. He recommended Christmas as the proper time to hold the feast and worship the Saviour. We, for our part, can't see the appropriateness of calling Templars around the festive board, banqueting and all such, and, on the same day, send them to church to worship. We are too apt at Christmas to drift into excesses of all kinds; but let us worship and leave the socialities out of the Masonic part of the performance.

One Commandery was chartered.

The following complimentary resolution was adopted, and we have no doubt it was richly merited:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and are hereby very cordially tendered to R. E. Grand Commander Frederic Speed for the exceptionally able manner in which he has presided over the Knighthly Craft of this jurisdiction during the past year.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Sir E. G. DeLap, in which he reviews in an able manner the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888. He is a racy writer, and when he speaks of the "massive intellect he carries under his hat," ironically, he gives himself away, because it crops out into his fingers

and into his pen, for we see it everywhere sparkling throughout the report. We find, under Arkansas, that he comes into line beautifully with our idea of things, when he thus refers to the dispensation granted by the Grand Commander permitting a "Subordinate to profane God's house by attending divine services on Ascension Day as a body and in uniform." Hear him:

We have had frequent occasion to protest against this sort of thing, as no sane man will claim that the desire for such things is born of a desire to honor God: nor can we presume that He who requires his disciples to worship Him in spirit and in truth can or does look upon these displays of devotion, in which the heart has no part, with the least degree of allowance.

How is it, Sir Knight, on Christmas Day, as recommended by edict of your Grand Commander?

Under Illinois, he refers to a remark of the Grand Commander in his address, thus:

Referring to the Iowa trouble, he incorporates the respectful protest of that Grand Body against the Templar decapitation of three thousand of as loyal and intelligent Fraters as there are in this "great and glorious" country of ours at one fell swoop by the high-cock-a-lorum of the Grand Encampment, but can't see how he can or could, being "trooly loil," do otherwise than to enforce the edict. He ought to have a little of our Speed's backbone as well as his discernment.

Under Kansas, he speaks our sentiments exactly.

The E. C. of Askelon, No. 6, on July 13, 1887, propounded this question:

Can a Commandery receive and act upon a petition wherein, after the words "Christian religion," is inserted "in preference to any other known system of religion"?

I returned the following answer:

Your Commandery cannot receive and act upon that petition. A man who is a *firm believer* in the Christian religion in *preference* to any other known system of religion does *not believe* in anything divinely religious.

Of the different dogmas that are presented to mankind, he simply thinks *that* one the least objectionable.

Templar Masonry implies and requires a belief in three things—

First—The divinity of Christ.

Second—His vicarious atonement.

Third—Salvation through that belief and obedience to "the word," and a life patterned after that of the Saviour.

That we all fall short of our model does not change the model.

The decision is sound to the core, but what we can't understand is why the E. C. had so little judgment as to be unable to decide the question himself and cut the "gordian knot" by ejecting the applicant, with great force, from the asylum. A Commandery of Knights Templar is not a corral for fools, and when they approach its doors they should be bounced without the benefit of the clergy.

Under North Carolina, we copy what he has to say of Sir Blount's report:

The Report on Correspondence is the maiden effort of Sir G. W. Blount. The child is healthy, but small, and the mother claims to enjoy the tra-

vail of maternity. Bro. Blount talks like a preacher of the "Everlasting Gospel," and we presume his title to "Sir" should be preceded by "Rev."

Sir Blount makes a marginal note in reply, he having reviewed the proceedings, in which he says, "No—a busy lawyer." We remark, Sir DeLap, that he is one of those lawyers that don't let his law get away with his religion. He keeps up both.

We would dwell longer with this excellent report, but we have devoted all the space we can spare, and must hie on.

Grand Commander and Grand Recorder re-elected.

MISSOURI, 1889.

Twenty-eighth Annual Conclave, St. Louis, April 23d, 1889. R. E. Sir Allan McDowell, Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder. Forty-eight of the fifty-one Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is an able paper and well written. He thus discourses beautifully on the magnanimous Order:

The labors of the past year have been crowned with abundant success. Much work has been done, and, what is of much more importance, it has been good work on the choicest material which the State affords. The moral standard of Freemasonry in general, and of our Order in particular, has not been lowered; but, on the contrary, has steadily advanced with the advancing years, until to-day we occupy a proud and exalted position, not only in the eyes of the Masonic world, but also in those of the general public. Other organizations have been influenced by our example and stimulated by our success, so that our works have produced effects for good on men and communities where our labors were not directly concerned and by other instrumentalities than ours. Let the good work go on until when it is said of a man that he is a Knight Templar, it shall also be almost necessarily implied that he is a man of integrity, of unflinching honesty, of unsullied honor, fruitful in all good works, truthful, humane, just—in short *a man* in the fullest and noblest acceptation of that term.

It is my pleasant duty to announce that perfect peace and harmony prevail, without a discordant or jarring note, throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction. No contention exists save that "noble contention" recommended in the Masonic Lodge. So may it ever continue!

Two new Commanderies were started U. D.

The usual number of dispensations were asked for and granted, but one case was refused, and rightly:

A dispensation was refused to allow a Commandery to appear in public in uniform on Decoration Day to escort the Grand Army of the Republic, for reasons given by a long list of my predecessors, and because the law says, "A Commandery should appear in public in Templar costume only on Masonic occasions; and a dispensation for that purpose should be restricted to such an occasion."

In discussing upon the Ritual he states clearly and, we think, sensibly:

But, after all, is uniformity worth the price that must be paid for it? I may go further and ask, is strict verbal uniformity of any importance whatever? If Pennsylvania chooses to clothe her ceremonies in certain words, which may suit the taste and genius of her people, and Georgia prefers to use other forms of expression, what harm is done? Freemasonry is not uniform, and, by the very nature of her laws, never can be. The ceremonies of Freemasonry as practiced in any given age or country represent the taste, the mode of thinking, the intelligence, the culture of that particular age or country. For this reason there ought to be no such verbal uniformity as is insisted on in this case. If we could return (which is impossible) to the work of Webb and his associates, it would, doubtless, not be desirable to do so. It would be to throw away the garnered wisdom and experience of a century. If you concur with me in these views I recommend the adoption of a resolution memorializing the Grand Encampment "to recall the adopted Ritual for revision and correction, and to reserve to its own authority so much only as pertains to the essential features of the ceremonies of the Order, and to relegate to the Grand Commanderies all other details of the work."

The Grand Commandery received the following invitation:

You are courteously invited to attend a stated Conclave of St. Aldemar Commandery to be held this evening at 8 o'clock. Work on Red Cross and Temple Orders.

That is much better than having the work exemplified before the Grand Body by officers chosen from various Commanderies who are unaccustomed to each other and their methods. We frequently in such cases have "confusion worse confounded," and go away disgusted rather than benefited. Charters were granted to two Commanderies which had been working under dispensation.

A resolution was passed forbidding that any Commandery should be named after any living person. This is as it should be.

The Grand Recorder, E. Sir W. H. Mayo, has prepared the best table of statistics we have seen, and but for its length we should be inclined to appropriate it entire. He also presents the Report on Correspondence and records it as his twelfth effort, which entitles him to the appellation of veteran. He says of his table:

This has involved considerable labor and patient waiting, for in many instances we had to write time and again to get the desired information; but we finally succeeded in getting correct figures from all, with a single exception, as will be noted by closely scrutinizing our table. As it contains about everything that can be compiled into a table, we ask our readers to peruse it carefully, study and compare the statistics and you will get much valuable information that can be found nowhere else unless you procure the thirty-five pamphlets and read the 5,600 pages we have had to, in order to produce in this condensed form the amount of information contained in this table.

The report is a review in ninety pages of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, including brief notice of North Carolina for 1888. Sir Mayo is judicious in his selections, full in noting the principal transactions, but seldom does he give his own views on mooted points. We would be glad to see

more of this, for he is generally very clear in expression, cogent in argument, and pronounced in his views. He has this to say in conclusion :

To our readers we *now* say in conclusion, read the extracts we have selected for you from the different States ; study our table of statistics at the head of this Report, and you will be very well posted in what is going on in Templarism, in their numbers, growth and prosperity, or adversity.

With good will toward all, hearty thanks to those writers that have kindly noted our Jurisdiction—Grand Old Missouri—and malice towards none, for another year we are, courteously yours.

M. E. Sir Robt. McCulloch elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir W. H. Mayo re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA, 1889.

Seventeenth Annual Conclave, York, April 30th, 1889. R. E. Sir John J. Wemple, Grand Commander ; E. Sir William R. Bowen, Grand Recorder. Sixteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander occupies nineteen pages of fine print, and is complete on all points pertaining to his duties during the year. He thus speaks in introducing the subject of necrology :

While we rejoice over many things, we have some to mourn for—not, however, as those that mourn in the dark, gloomy blackness of the night of despair, but as those who mourn just before “the day breaks and the shadows flee away” ; for we mourn not as those who have no hope, but with a calm, peaceful light and still, small voice, breaking in through the gloom with the promise that “joy cometh in the morning.”

After calling attention to the starting of two new Commanderies U. D., and the granting of a charter to another, he sounds these notes of warning, which, we think, will apply as well to all jurisdictions :

I cannot leave this part of my report without calling attention to the growing demand for dispensations for new Commanderies. It is almost alarming. A Commandery is an expensive luxury, especially in a place not large enough to support one on its own material, as many here can testify by experience.

We now have a few Commanderies that are struggling for a bare existence, and to add to our numbers means to make more of the same kind. In the two dispensations issued, particular pains was taken to know that from their own immediate vicinity and general location there was abundant material from which to draw, and also among the Knights applying for same there was the right kind of material to watch the interests of the Commandery.

He reports the Order as growing in numbers, standing and influence. Many Commanderies were visited, with great profit, he says, to the Craft. He has something to say of the Iowa and Mississippi troubles with the Grand Master, which, we are glad to say, are now nearly obsolete and, we trust, settled for all time to come.

We copy, with our commendation, the following words from the address :

It has been brought to our knowledge that some of our Commanderies were doing the work for what sport they could get out of it. I have watched carefully for this, as I fully intended to make an example of the Commandery detected in this vice. Our Order was founded, and should be held high, for what good it could do mankind. No levity should be allowed.

The habit, or vice (as it is both), of profanity, I blush to say, has fastened its poisonous fangs into the lives of some of our Knights. I have done what I could to eradicate the evil practice of the same, and I hope the work may be kept up until it may be said, with pride, that no Knight within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery uses profane language, which is a stain upon the fair name of manhood, to say nothing of a Knight Templar.

A plan for establishing a Masonic Home is being projected in Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery subscribed for one thousand dollars of the stock, which they can seemingly well afford, inasmuch as the treasury shows a balance of \$3,452.44.

The Grand Commanderies of Montana, Washington and Wyoming were recognized and welcomed to the sisterhood.

The following was recommended to the Grand Encampment as the sense of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska:

Membership in a Commandery is dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Any Knight of the Red Cross or Knight Templar who is suspended in or expelled from his Chapter is *ipso facto* suspended in or expelled from his Commandery. Any Knight of the Red Cross or Knight Templar who remains for six months unaffiliated with a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is *ipso facto* suspended in his Commandery, such suspension to be terminated by his affiliation with a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The first part of this section is now the general law, but the latter we consider rather hard, as the time is limited to six months. We know some of the most useful Templars who claim to be unable to keep up their dues in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, who have been dimitted in good standing in the other Orders, and we cannot see why they should not be permitted to remain with us. Forced membership generally does no good, but often evil.

E. Sir Henry N. Blake presents the Report on Correspondence of twenty-three pages, and is a faithful, though brief, review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, including North Carolina for 1888. We would be glad to have this Sir Knight, who is so successful at compiling, give some of his ideas on the various questions which are continually coming up throughout the reports of the different States.

R. E. Sir Henry Gibbons elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Wm. R. Bowen re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1889.

Thirteenth Annual Conclave, Concord, September 24th, 1889. R. E. Sir Edward R. Kent, Grand Commander; E. Sir Geo. P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder. Nine Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is very brief and strictly a business document. He proceeds at once to give an account of his official acts. One chartered Commandery was constituted by him, and the officers installed by Past Grand Commander Bunton. Several Commanderies were visited officially—some of them twice. The work was well done in nearly all, and the social features well carried out. Among the numerous dispensations granted for various purposes, we only note one—to appear in public in uniform on a Memorial Day, which was not approved by the Grand Commandery. He reports that “perfect harmony and prosperity prevail throughout our jurisdiction, nearly every Commandery adding to its membership, and, as I believe, good men, and true.” We give his conclusion:

And here, in closing, allow me to express this hope: “That we, as Knights Templar, with faith and humility, may so let our lights shine before men that they, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father which art in Heaven.”

We rather like this, and give the resolutions, with our approval and commendation:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer procure and deliver to each Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery an appropriate Past Grand Commander's jewel, suitably inscribed as presented to him by this body, and that hereafter each retiring Grand Commander be presented with a similar jewel.

Resolved, That the design, material and value of said jewel shall be determined by a committee of three, to be appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, and that all jewels so procured shall be paid for by the Grand Treasurer for the time being.

The Grand Commander recommended in his address that provision be made to have the Grand Commandery represented at the Triennial, but the matter was postponed indefinitely.

The report of the Committee on Returns shows that all dues had been paid, and that the net increase in membership during the year had been 94, although 106 had been knighted. This a very good showing, and is better than many larger jurisdictions.

The Committee on Correspondence asked further time to complete the report, but at this date (July 29th) the report had not been printed.

Through the courtesy of the Grand Recorder, we have been furnished with advanced sheets of the Proceedings for 1889, from which we have made up our report, and for which he will accept thanks.

R. E. Sir Henry A. Marsh elected Grand Commander; E. Sir George P. Cleaves re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1889.

Thirty-first Annual Conclave, Trenton, May 13th, 1889. R. E. Sir Isaac C. Githens, Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles Bechtel, Grand Recorder. Fourteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander occupies fourteen pages of the pamphlet and is written with care. He reports :

It is gratifying to report that the past year has been marked by an unusual activity in the growth of Templarism in this jurisdiction, and that the general prosperity has not been confined to an accession of numbers to our membership only, but, also, by the addition of two Subordinate Commanderies that will undoubtedly prove to be active and prosperous bodies.

Peace and harmony prevail amongst our subordinates, and nothing has occurred to disturb the pleasant relations existing between this and our sister Grand Bodies.

Our Commanderies are doing good work, according to the new Ritual, and are thoroughly loyal to all Templar authority to which they are subordinate ; and being thus encouraged by such pleasing considerations, may we not anticipate that our legislation will be characterized in the present, as well as in the future, by results that will permanently advance the interests of our Order ?

No officer of the Grand Commandery has been called away by death, yet two Past Grand Commanders have died during the year, besides a number of Sir Knights of the different Commanderies.

A full and interesting account of the appointment and observance of a " Field Day " is given, wherein nearly all the Commanderies convened at Asbury Park, and after it was over he has this to say of it :

A retrospective view of the events of Templar Day, 1888, convinces me of the wisdom of the Grand Commandery in approving and setting apart a day in each year for the assembling of the various Commanderies of the jurisdiction for Field Day exercises. The original idea of bringing together the Sir Knights for the purpose of promoting fraternal and knightly fellowship was fully accomplished, and in addition it has brought about equally important, if not greater, results in awakening an enthusiasm and an ambition among our Commanderies to reach a greater proficiency in Templar drill and tactics, discipline and knightly bearing, which results can best be acquired on public occasions like this affords.

The popularity and appreciations of such an event is best demonstrated by the report of the Adjutant, which shows that the number of participants is fully double of that of a year ago.

Two new Commanderies started U. D. and the Order seems to be advancing in numbers and influence. The following Dispensation was granted :

On December 22d, 1888, I granted a dispensation to St. Elmo Commandery, No. 14, to hold a special election for a Treasurer, and to install said officer at its conclave to be held December 26th, the office being vacant by the death of Sir Knight Charles Schulhaus.

We think a new election was not necessary and for that matter was irregular, as the statutes of the Grand Encampment decide that an elective officer cannot resign, and, no matter how the office is vacated, it should be filled *pro tem.* until the next election.

In our own State we have a case in point. The Grand Treasurer of our Grand Lodge died in May last and a *pro tem.* officer was appointed to act until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$1,059.44, and the Grand Recorder returns thanks to the Recorders of Subordinates for promptness in making returns.

Representatives from other Grand Commanderies were introduced and welcomed to seats.

The Report on Correspondence by Sir Chas. Bechtel is a most excellent one and is a review, in 83 pages, of the proceedings of thirty-seven States, with North Carolina for 1888. Like Sir Mayo, he compiles admirably, extracts judiciously, but comments very seldom. When he does it is easy to see which side he is on. See how he goes for Sir Bowen of Nebraska :

Grand Recorder Bowen furnishes the "Review of the Current Proceedings of Fellow Grand Commanderies," and says it is written only for Nebraska. We are aware that Sir Bowen always has had, and suppose will always have, his own way in N-braska Masonry, but we outsiders claim the right to have our say, and we do say that the "Review" is a good one, and of interest to Templars outside of Nebraska.

Sir Bowen finds fault with our report, says his eyes can read only the large type at night. We are sorry that we cannot please Sir Bowen and other reporters by our style of report, but we have concluded to continue in the path marked out until one more able to please our fellow reporters takes hold of the helm.

We would remind Sir Bowen that Grand Jurisdictions seldom produce more than one brilliant light. New Jersey has had her Corson. New York has had her Simons, and Nebraska has her Bowen, and how can they be duplicated? It can't be done.

Under Ohio, his opinion being asked he gives it :

The proceedings of Ohio would be incomplete without Carson's Report on Correspondence. The report this year is more moderate in tone (although it lacks none of the distinctive features of the writer) than some of his former reports, and we congratulate Sir Carson for moderating his language.

He wants to know what we think of "them bogus Masons." We don't like "bogus" anything, Masonic or otherwise. We detest a Masonic fraud worse than a rattlesnake, and we don't like a rattlesnake "for nothing." We pity the poor mortal who allows himself to be defrauded, more especially a brother Mason, because he should know better. But the broad mantle of Masonic charity should have been spread over these erring brethren—erring according to the law of the Grand Bodies of Ohio—efforts make to turn them back into the right path, and by kindness, rather than by harsh measures, convince them of their error. We prefer the rule of kindness in all things, especially in Masonry.

Of the Ritual he has copied something in many parts of the report, to give an idea of the general drift of opinion, and in his conclusion he says :

No act of the Grand Encampment, in all its history, has afforded more food for discussion than the "New Ritual." Certainly no other subject (not even the vexed question of a standard uniform) has drawn out so much difference of opinion as to the merits or demerits of said Ritual. No two Grand Jurisdictions agree on a Ritual, each claiming its own as

the best, and each expecting the Grand Encampment to adopt what they may offer at the next Triennial Conclave. We do not believe, nor think it desirable, that any other Ritual should be adopted, nor do we believe that the present one ought to be retained, unless a competent Committee can have it in charge and divest it of its errors and crudities. The Triennial Conclave is not a proper place to make rituals.

We are of the opinion that instead of attempting to enforce any particular Ritual, the Grand Encampment should only insist on the essentials pertaining to Templarism, and permit each State jurisdiction to "beautify" as to them may seem best; this would settle all difficulties, and we would have no more arbitrary edicts.

The Grand Encampment endeavored to enforce the wearing of a particularly described uniform, but it never succeeded, and we are afraid that it will meet with no better success with any Ritual.

R. E. Sir Albert D. Winfield elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Charles Bechtel re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1889.

Seventy-sixth Annual Conclave, Hornellsville, October 22d, 1889. R. E. Sir Austin C. Wood, Grand Commander; E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder. Fifty-three Subordinate Commanderies represented.

A fine artotype likeness of the Grand Commander illumines the initial page of the pamphlet.

The following welcome was extended to the Grand Representatives:

Eminent Sir Knights, Grand Representatives, we welcome you to the asylum of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. Be pleased to convey our fraternal greetings to the several Grand Commanderies you represent, and thank them in our name for the many acts of knightly courtesy we have received at their hands.

It has been our privilege to recently meet many of the officers of the Grand Commanderies you represent. With them we exchanged knightly greetings and made many agreeable acquaintances among them. We also had the pleasure of meeting several of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Commandery near that of other Grand Commanderies. With them also we exchanged greetings and formed mutual acquaintances. We again welcome you to our asylum.

The address of the Grand Commander (23 pp.) is a most excellent document, well expressed, and gives a succinct and detailed account of his official acts. It is to be expected that, in this very large and influential field of Templarism, the work of the Grand Commander should be arduous and such as to bring into full play the active faculties of mind and energies of body. He reports a year of prosperity, with peace and harmony prevailing. His tributes to the illustrious dead, viz., Simons, Haslehurst, Lewis and Ogden, may be ranked high as literary productions, and the biography of each, as given by the Grand Commander, will be held as valuable contributions to Templar history in the State. The well-executed wood cuts, which are accurate and life-like likenesses, will also go far to perpetuate the remembrance of these distinguished and exemplary fraters, who have each acted their parts and gone to their reward.

He called upon all Sir Knights to unite with the Master Masons of New York in celebrating the payment of the indebtedness of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

He notes with approval a visit made by his Commandery:

January 1, 1889, I accompanied my own Commandery (Central City, No. 25) on their annual visit to our local County Orphan Asylum.

The Commandery took with them a substantial gift for the inmates of that institution. The presentation of the offering, together with the singing of the children, music by the accompanying band, and other exercises, made it an interesting and "Happy New Year" for all.

Sixty happy Sir Knights returned to their asylum well pleased with themselves that they had made glad the hearts of some two hundred little ones who have been deprived of a father's or mother's fostering care.

I believe it is the custom of several of the Commanderies of our jurisdiction to perform a like or some other act of charity on either Christmas or New Year's Day. I can but commend such action to all, when circumstances and conditions will admit of so doing. For "the greatest of these is charity."

He gives fresh and detailed account of the most important proceedings of the Grand Encampment, and of the parade he says:

Never was there a more imposing sight beheld on Pennsylvania Avenue than the parade of Knights Templar on that beautiful day, October 8, 1889.

Knights Templar and representatives to the Grand Encampment were gathered at the capital city of our country from every Grand Commandery in the United States.

New York was assigned the Third Division. Those who reported for duty in Washington were as follows: 12 officers of the Grand Commandery; 4 Past Grand Commanders; 30 Past Commanders; 20 Commanderies, and 9 bands of music.

From returns received, the above represented 1,287 Knights Templar and 241 musicians, or 1,528 men in line. But as there were many detachments of Sir Knights and individuals who attached themselves to Commanderies without reporting—of which I have no record—I have no doubt there were over 1,600 men in line in the Third Division.

The report of the Grand Recorder is a valuable one, and shows that \$5,029 had been received for dues, and that—

During the year ending August 31st, there had been 591 companions created Knights of the Temple; affiliated, 56; reinstated, 36; withdrawn, 93; dropped from the roll, 199; died, 139; expelled, 3; leaving an increase of 249 members. Total membership, 8,366.

He also contributed a most excellent paper, which he is pleased to style "A Sketch of Festival Days, which have been Observed by the Church from Time Immemorial." This was doubtless suggested by the recommendation of Grand Master Roome that divine service should be held by Templars on Good Friday, Easter Day or Ascension Day. Sir Macoy prefers Ascension Day, and, if any one is to be observed, we presume this to be the most appropriate; yet Easter Day is the most important, in our judgment, if we can say when that comes, for, in the

language of the Apostle, "If Christ be not risen, our preaching is vain; we are yet in our sins."

Nothing was reported by the Committee on Grievances, which is remarkable in so large a jurisdiction.

The reports from the various Grand Officers, to each of whom sundry Commanderies had been assigned for visitation, show that much profitable work had been done.

The Report on Correspondence, a model of its kind, is presented by Sir Jesse B. Anthony, and is a credit to himself and the State he so ably represents. It is just one hundred pages, being a faithful and comprehensive review of thirty-five Grand Bodies (including the Grand Encampment). He notices North Carolina courteously, though briefly, for 1889. We agree on many points, and will note a few.

Under Arkansas, he does not believe it subserves the best interests of the Order to allow Commanderies to participate in indiscriminate public parades. We assent.

Under Illinois, he takes issue on the question of qualification:

"No Commandery should confer the orders upon a candidate who is unable to undergo *pilgrimages* on account of permanent physical deformity."

We had supposed that the requisite for the light of Masonry and subsequent advancement depended upon the internal qualifications—not on the physical ability to undergo the fatigue of a march or "hardship" of a journey on the cars.

The test of endurance is also to be considered in Illinois, and hence "only able-bodied men need apply."

Our sympathies are with the candidate, but our judgment is against taking any who are physically disqualified to perform the duties enjoined upon them in the Commandery.

Again, under Illinois, we find this:

In his criticism on New York, alluding to "dispensations to confer the orders in less time than provided by the Statutes," he says:

"Verily this is rushing things—one hundred and ninety created by dispensation out of a total of five hundred and thirty-four created."

Not much of a *rush*, as we understand it. The intent of the Grand Encampment law was, that petitions should be acted upon at the next stated conclave after reception, but, unfortunately, the law is based on "monthly meetings," whereas the Commanderies of our jurisdiction meet twice a month. This part of the Grand Encampment law should be amended. We can see no necessity for the requirement of one month.

In order, therefore, to act upon petitions at the next stated Conclave—two weeks after reception—a dispensation must be obtained, and hence, as a correction of bad law, the large number reported.

We dissent, and state that, in the old regulations, one lunar month was required in which to investigate the character of a candidate for our mysteries, and we see no need for any alteration to suit the convenience of those who meet oftener than once a month. Some Commanderies meet once a week, and they could claim *the next regular meeting*. We prefer one month.

Under West Virginia, his remarks on the powers of State Grand Commanderies are so forcible and accord so with our own sentiments, so often expressed, especially last year, in reply to Sir Dadmun in our review of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that we copy a part of the argument:

We concede the fact that the Grand Encampment is the Supreme Body, but it is such simply by the authorization of its constituents—the Grand Commanderies—of which it is the representative body.

It was created by the State Grand Commanderies, has such powers as was delegated to it, and exercises a supervision over the State Grand Commanderies and supreme authority over the Subordinate Commanderies constituted by it in localities in which no Grand Commandery has an existence.

Each Grand Commandery has sovereign authority and exclusive control over the sub-Commanderies in its jurisdiction.

Each Grand Commandery is a constituent part of the Grand Encampment, and, in that respect, does not occupy a subordinate relation in the same sense as a Subordinate Commandery to Grand Commandery.

The Constitution of the Grand Encampment embraces organic Temporal law applicable to State Grand Commanderies, and also the Subordinate Commanderies under its own immediate jurisdiction.

We are not willing to concede the point that the Grand Encampment has the right to make constitutions for Grand Commanderies, believing that right belongs to every State Grand Commandery—as the Supreme Body in its own jurisdiction—to adopt and promulgate a Constitution and Code of its own, in harmony with Grand Encampment law, conformable to its own needs and best interests of the Subordinates under its authority.

A Grand Commandery owes allegiance to the Grand Encampment, but not to the extent of taking the position of a Subordinate Commandery.

State Grand Commanderies are not to be regarded as Subordinates, and every State Grand Commandery has certain rights with which the Grand Encampment cannot interfere, and which should be jealously guarded.

Constitutions and laws were required for the government of Grand Commanderies prior to the organization of the Grand Encampment, and the same is indispensable under the present system.

If this don't smack of "*constitutional*" States' rights, Sir Dadmun, what is it?

A most valuable table of statistics was prepared by the Sir Knight, but we haven't space to copy.

R. E. Sir Foster N. Mabee elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Robert Macoy re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1889.

Forty-seventh Annual Conclave, Dayton, August 14th, 1889. R. E. Sir William T. Walker, Grand Commander; E. Sir John N. Bell, Grand Recorder. Forty-five Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (29 pp.) is a well-written paper, giving a clear and intelligent statement of his official acts. As to the condition of the Order he says:

Peace and prosperity reign within our borders, and the statistics for the past year show a gratifying increase in our numbers, and the general condition of affairs in this Grand Jurisdiction to be decidedly prosperous.

Returns show the Order sustained a loss by death of seventy members. There were created since our last annual conclave, 431; admitted, 97; reinstated, 52; dimitted, 161; suspended, 134; expelled, 16; the net increase for the year being 189. Present membership, 6,133.

Suitable mention is made of the distinguished dead, and in his opening remarks, under the head of Necrology, he has this to say :

Since our last Convocation death has been amongst us, and his shaft has struck some of our brightest and best members. Several chairs are to day vacant, which for many Convocations have been occupied by well-known forms. We miss their hearty greetings and pleasant faces, and cannot but feel sad when memory recalls them to our minds. In view of this we may well ask each other, how would it be were it not for the faith that is in us, and the consolation afforded us by the promise of the "Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting?"

Three newly chartered Commanderies were constituted and officers duly installed.

The following decision is given, which seems to be different from any we have seen, and in the absence of the laws and regulations of Ohio we must conclude it was in conformity thereto :

Question condensed. In a case where two Sir Knights, who were expelled for non-payment of dues two years previously, applied for restoration to membership, they were charged with dues to the time of application, and on ballot were rejected. I was asked if the course of the Commandery was proper. My decision was as follows :

The petition of the expelled knights should have been considered in the following order :

First—On the application to be restored to good standing, which required a two-thirds vote, and must be accompanied by the amount due to the date of expulsion.

Second—If the Knight or Knights were restored to good standing, action might be taken on their restoration to membership, which required a unanimous vote, and be accompanied by the fee usually charged to Knights asking membership on dimit.

The action of the Commandery in having voted on restoration to membership before having restored them to good standing is null and void. Whenever the Commandery proposes again taking the petition up for action thereon, all the members should be notified of this decision, and of the time and purpose of so doing.

In most jurisdictions, including our own, where a Sir Knight has been dismembered (not suspended) for non-payment of dues, he is at once restored to membership on payment of dues up to the time of such suspension, but in the case cited above two ballots seem necessary to put the applicant where he was before being dismembered.

A committee was appointed to act in connection with a similar committee from the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge to take into consideration the establishment of a Masonic Home. A good cause and should be encouraged.

A special dispensation was issued granting permission for all Commanderies to appear in public in uniform for the purpose of attending Divine worship on Good Friday, Easter and Ascension Day. Also on the day set apart by the President of the United States, and in commemoration of the first President, George Washington, a brother Mason.

The first will do, but the last, we think, the Grand Commander had to strain a point, as we say, to make them Masonic occasions. We are called upon, as citizens, by the President to keep a Fast Day or Thanksgiving, but we cannot see how these can be made Masonic occasions.

Many visitations were made by the Grand Commander and other Grand officers, and from the several reports we presume nearly all the Subordinates in this large Jurisdiction were visited during the year.

Two Commanderies were started U. D. and one application was refused on the ground that the Chapter at that point was presided over by a Cerneau Mason, and we think he did exactly right.

The Grand Treasury shows a balance of \$12,750.62, and the Grand Recorder gives the following synopsis of the returns :

Membership August 1, 1888, 5,944 : created, 421 : admitted, 97 ; reinstated, 52 ; making 6,514. Withdrawn, 161 : died, 70 ; dropped for non-payment of dues, 134 ; suspended, 0 ; expelled, 16 ; total, 381 : leaving pre-ent membership, 6,133 ; a net gain of 189.

The total grand dues collected are \$3,754.50.

The following resolution, which was adopted, seems to take the issuing of a dispensation to form a new Commandery out of the hands of the Grand Commander :

Resolved, That hereafter when a petition is presented to the Rt. Em. Grand Commander for a dispensation for a new Commandery he be, and he is hereby, *requested* not to grant such dispensation, but refer the same to the Grand Commandery at its next annual conclave, with such comments on the same as he may deem proper : *Provided*, That this resolution shall not apply to the application of the Sir Knights at Findlay.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Sir Knight E. T. Carson, and is the fourteenth valuable contribution to this department of Masonic literature. His review includes an able discussion of the most important transactions in thirty-five jurisdictions, including very brief notice of North Carolina for 1888 and 1889. He is very pronounced in his views and bold to maintain them before the world, and he sometimes cuts with a two-edged sword. Under Canada, he contends that the Great Priory of England held jurisdiction in Victoria, and Canada had no right to infringe upon that territory, and his arguments seem conclusive.

Under Illinois, in noticing a decision, viz., that a Knight could not be suspended for non-payment of dues, except upon charges preferred, and after due trial and conviction thereon, he says :

Without referring to the law of Illinois on this subject, we would say, if that is the law, it is a very poor one. We have always contended that

it is enough to notify a member that he is delinquent for the payment of dues, that if he does not pay them by a certain fixed date that he will be suspended. That is all the charges that should be necessary, without they have a specific law to the contrary in Illinois. If they have, then the law itself was sufficient and the decision was unnecessary.

We think the decision is clearly correct, and it is now held in a very large majority of jurisdictions in all the Orders, viz.: Lodge, Council, Chapter and Commandery, that to strike from the roll of membership is all that can be done. No suspension is just without trial and conviction. If non-payment of dues is criminal, bring charges, try and convict.

He has much to say throughout the report in defence of the Ritual and his arguments will go down in Masonic history in Iowa as the ablest and most conclusive given by any on that subject. He was fully exonerated of all blame at the Triennial at Washington, and has come out of the ordeal through which he has passed with flying colors.

He agrees so fully with our views, so often expressed in former reports, concerning the presence of the charter, that we copy what he has to say on this subject under Pennsylvania, where a Commander found the charter was out of the Commandery and therefore declared the proceedings null and void—sent for the charter, opened the Commandery again, read the minutes, and proceeded as though nothing had been done. He says :

The entire performance is simply disgusting. We believe that the first meeting and all that was done was the fair and square meeting. It may have been irregular, the charter not being present, but we even doubt this proposition. That old notion that if the "charter or warrant is not present" there is no legitimate meeting is simply absurd. The only question was, had it a charter, was it a legitimate Commandery? If it was a chartered Commandery, then the first opening and what followed in that meeting was regular, the second opening and the proceedings following were irregular and void.

We never did believe in the idiotic proposition that because the charter is not absolutely present at the meetings of a regularly chartered Masonic body, that therefore all business transacted at such meetings is illegal and void. Such foolishness reminds us of the anecdote of the country constable who had an execution placed in his hands, by authority of which he was to levy upon a bull, the property of the defendant named in the execution. In due time the constable reported that he had run all day after the bull, in order that he might lay his hand on him and thereby make his levy, but that he had been unable to do so, therefore he had made no levy.

This old anecdote is supremely ridiculous, and yet it is not more so than that stupid but generally prevalent Masonic absurdity, that the absolute presence of the charter in the room is necessary where the meeting is held to make its proceedings legal.

We should like to dwell longer here but cannot.

R. E. Sir Henry Perkins elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir John N. Bell re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1889.

Third Annual Conclave, Eugene, September 10th, 1889. R. E. Sir Christopher Taylor, Grand Commander ; E. Sir Frelon J. Babcock, Grand Recorder. Three (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is brief, but concise and well written. His opening is good :

The zeal in behalf of Christian Knighthood which induced you to organize the Grand Commandery of Oregon, has lost none of its power since the 13th day of April, 1887, when Sir Irving W. Pratt, the duly authorized representative of Grand Master Roome, constituted this organization. The fraternal feelings existing among the members of the Order and the Commanderies embraced within this Grand Jurisdiction, affords ample assurance that the valiant and magnanimous principles of our Order are personal characteristics of the lives of its members. May the Supreme Ruler of the universe, upon whom all knightly homage is bestowed, ever protect and defend you. When at your Second Annual Conclave you conferred on me the distinguished honor of presiding over your destiny for the ensuing year, you placed upon me a duty which has been a pleasure to perform. The then Commanderies of Oregon have prospered and sustained the true character of Templars in social and business intercourse, as well as within the walls of their respective asylums. No questions of disagreement or misunderstanding among you have come within my knowledge calling for an official opinion.

Allow me to congratulate you upon the peace and prosperity prevailing among you. My official acts have been few and unimportant, which I submit for your approval.

Very few dispensations were granted and not very much demand for them. There seems to have been a mistake as to the time of meeting of the Grand Commandery, and a special meeting had to be called to transact "any and all business of a regular Conclave." Under this order the meeting of the Grand Commandery was held. Several prominent Sir Knights had died during the year and committees on memoirs considered and reported on the prominent features in the lives of these distinguished and useful fraters. As to the condition of the Order, he is pleased to say :

The financial affairs of each are in a healthy condition, and the character of the Order has been maintained in accordance with the sublime principles upon which it is founded. Ours are precious associations that will continue to draw kindred spirits into communion with us as long as we continue to exemplify in our lives the symbolism of Truth, Justice and Mercy, through which we were enabled to conquer. Our motto is a grand exclamation of that faith which sustains the pilgrim warrior in his warfare against the enemies of truth and justice among the adherents of Immanuel. Sir Knights, maintain the standard of your noble Order, and continue to assist each other in its defence. Guard well the entrance of your Asylum, and make a signet of truth and honor indispensable to gain admission. Then will your honor continue unsullied, and your Asylums the homes of true and worthy Templars.

The Treasurer reports a balance of \$149.48.

The Grand Recorder reports a gain of eleven Knights for the year. "At the close of the Grand Commandery the Sir Knights, with their ladies, proceeded to the banquet hall of Ivanhoe, No. 1, where a bounteous collation was spread." After the *menu* had been discussed several interesting speeches were made in reply to toasts in which we have given some important facts as to the rise and progress of Templarism in Oregon. We wish the fraters much happiness and prosperity in their efforts to uphold our banner in that far-off west-land, and may they yet become a powerful factor in our ranks.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Rockey P. Earhart elected Grand Commander; E. Sir F. J. Babcock re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1889.

Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave, Easton, May 28th, 1889. R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Grand Commander; E. Sir Chas. E. Meyer, Grand Recorder. Fifty-seven Subordinate Commanderies represented.

V. E. Sir Knight John P. S. Gobin, Deputy Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, was present as the personal representative of the M. E. Grand Master, and was received with the honors of his rank and welcomed in a becoming manner.

The address of the Grand Commander was an able paper and, being thirty-four pages, was a full statement of his official acts. From his introduction we copy with commendation:

It was my determination at the start to come in contact with as many of our Commanderies and the individual Sir Knights as time and opportunities would permit. In this I feel that I have been quite successful, for it has been my privilege, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, to visit the Asylums of nineteen Commanderies, and, in so doing, meeting representatives from forty-one Commanderies, called together upon these official visitations. It has been my aim in every possible way, by precept and example, to elevate the standard of our Commanderies. The success or failure of these efforts will be demonstrated only by the lapse of time.

I have the great satisfaction of reporting that peace reigns within our borders, and that the sixty-three Commanderies embraced in this great Templar Jurisdiction are in prosperous condition, and, furthermore, that in no case have I found any opposition against the rules, regulations and edicts of the Grand Commandery or the Grand Encampment of the United States; on the contrary, I have found a disposition to acquiesce in every law or edict laid down or promulgated for our governance. I feel deeply grateful for the uniform kindness and courtesy which has been manifested towards me whenever and wherever I have come in contact with our own members, or the Templars of other jurisdictions.

One new Commandery constituted and one started U. D.

We select the following from among the decisions, which seems peculiar to this Jurisdiction, and at variance with the usage in many, including our own:

Question—Is the law governing jurisdiction or Commanderies, as stated in the Digest, still in force in this jurisdiction at the present time?

Answer—Section 100, page 25, of the Supplement to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania is the law, and the only law governing jurisdiction in Pennsylvania. In order that there may be no mistake or any misunderstanding as to this question of jurisdiction, I will say, that in the adoption of Section 100 the Grand Commandery granted to the applicant the fullest liberty to apply where he pleased, and that if he applied to any other Commandery than the one nearest his residence, that that fact *was no disqualification* for knighting and membership therein. The law further says, that the only question a Commandery can consider is “Shall permission be granted to act upon the petition?”

My several predecessors, from 1880 to the present time, have decided that the only valid Masonic Templar objection can be as to the Masonic character and life of the candidate. It is not a question as to residence, but as to being under the tongue of good Masonic report.

Freemasonry does not compel a man to apply to a certain Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery for Masonic light or advancement. It leaves the selection of his Masonic home to himself, but it requires that strict inquiry shall be made at the place of his residence and of Masons who know him as to his fitness to be made a Mason or be advanced in the Order, and when the question is asked of a Masonic body, it is a Mason's duty to make his objections known, and if the applicant is unworthy of Masonic light or advancement, let the ballot be cast accordingly; but if the question is decided on the place of his residence and permission is refused, then that man or Mason has been dealt with unjustly, and the Mason or Templar who cast a stain upon an innocent person for that reason, is unworthy of being a member of the Masonic fraternity or the Order of Christian Knighthood, which teach the divine lesson “Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.” Were the fact of such objection made known to me for such an unworthy reason, I would declare the objection null and void, and authorize the Commandery asking permission to proceed.

A Commandery cannot build itself up and keep life and interest in its Conclaves that would force people into its ranks.

A man compelled to do that which is against his tastes or inclinations, would not make a good member of any organization.

I am not referring to any particular Commandery, but am speaking in general terms as to my views upon this question of jurisdiction, which to me is so perfectly plain, yet, I regret to say, is so much misunderstood and abused.

A Commandery that rejects a candidate simply on the question of jurisdiction commits a Masonic crime. If it rejects the application, it can never receive the petition itself except by permission of the petitioning Commandery. It cannot play “fast and loose” with a candidate's character.

We have always been taught that the application must be made to the nearest Commandery, and this seems clear from the fact jurisdictional lines are, and have been, from time immemorial, made to extend one-half the distance between two Commanderies. If the above decision be correct, then there can be no use for such lines.

A large number of Commanderies were visited and the results are given in the remarks taken from the address. He sent out blanks to each Commandery calling for statistics and general condition of the Order, and as a consequence he is able to report as follows:

I am pleased to say that I have received returns through these blanks from nearly all the Commanderies, which has enabled me to learn intelligently of their condition and various details of management.

One of the most delightful features, to my mind, revealed by these reports is the fact that peace and harmony prevails in all the bodies, and that whilst there is a marked proficiency in the majority of our Templar families, others need careful watching and training to bring them to the same state which is attainable by any who will take pains to accomplish this desired end.

A noble band of Sir Knights are these Pennsylvania fraters. When the yellow fever sufferers called for help, responses came from all parts of the State, and the Grand Commander reports that the whole contribution amounted to the sum of \$3,073.50. "These three, but the greatest of them is Charity." The balance reported by the Grand Treasurer is \$6,533.02. We might expect this from the Banner Jurisdiction.

The Masonic Home is reported as being in a very prosperous condition, which will be pleasing to all. The installation ceremonies were conducted in public and must have been very interesting. Fine music was discoursed by the "Germania Orchestra, of Philadelphia." After the Grand Commander-elect was installed, he was introduced to the audience by Past Grand Commander Allen, when he delivered a most excellent address on "The Aims and Purposes of the Order of Knighthood." Want of space only prevents our giving the address in full, as it is a most valuable contribution to Templar history.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Sir William J. Kelly and is a compendium of the most important transactions, in fifty-eight pages, in twenty-five Grand Bodies, including kindly notice of North Carolina for 1888.

He extracts largely and comments wisely, though seldom and briefly. In his introduction he says :

We have read the twenty-six volumes comprising the list as quoted, and think they are more interesting than we have previously found them at any time since our duty compelled us to read reports of the Grand Commanderies. True, there is nothing we can find that has not generally been discussed before, or matters of such general routine as to be of no value outside the jurisdiction in which they originate; but the subjects are discussed with such good temper and marked ability as to make one feel fully pleased with the reading.

He deplores the action of Iowa on the Ritual matter, and thinks obedience to the requirements of the Grand Encampment was the better course to pursue. He also deplores the action of Grand Master Roome, not because he did wrong, but did right in the wrong way. He copies the remarks which Sir Swain, of Wisconsin, made on the question of Ritual as the embodiment of his own views. We had marked several points in this report, which has entertained and interested us much, but we must pass on.

R. E. Sir Torrence C. Hipple elected Grand Commander; E. Sir Chas. E. Meyer re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1889.

Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave, Murfreesboro, May 14th, 1889. R. E. Sir Gamaliel B. Wilson, Grand Commander : E. Sir Geo. C. Connor, P. G. C., Grand Recorder. Thirteen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is brief, but concise and full of information of interest to Tennessee fraters. Of the condition of Templarism he says :

The year that began with all the indications of prosperity and success soon showed signs of trouble and disaster that at one time threatened to overcast our whole horizon ; but, thanks to wise counsels and just action, the clouds have passed over, leaving a brilliant bow of promise athwart our sky, whose promises have been bountifully fulfilled, and the Order to-day in Tennessee is in a more prosperous condition than for years before, both numerically and financially. It gives me the greatest pleasure to report that we have gained nearly six per cent. on the total membership, as reported at our last Grand Conclave. The financial condition is no less gratifying : we have paid off the debt that has been on us for the last few years, and now have several hundred dollars in the treasury. There has been much more interest manifested in Masonic circles than heretofore, and the interest is on the increase.

And of official visitations, which were objectionable at first, he has this to say :

In the beginning of my official term I had serious doubts as to the benefits of official visitations. The intention of these visits was to inspect the work and conduct of the Subordinates, correct errors, harmonize any ill-feeling that perchance might exist between members, and in every way build up and increase the interests of the Order. Too often these duties were lost sight of, and the visit became one of social enjoyment alone. Feeling thus, I was loth to send visitors until I found several of our Subordinates desired them, and to gratify them I selected Past Grand Commanders as having more experience and a thorough knowledge of the duties to be performed. From the experience I have gained I now believe the Grand Commander can effect more good in visiting than any one he might delegate to that duty. He learns the needs of the Commanderies, and is on the spot to give official assistance, if needed; indeed, I would advise it be made his duty to visit each Subordinate Commandery at least once during his term of office, if the financial part of the matter can be arranged. As the case now stands, each inspector is expected to defray his own expenses. We could scarcely ask the Grand Commander to make these visitations at his own cost, for while it is a labor of love, it is also of benefit, and those benefited should assume the expense.

We copy the following as good advice, to which we assent heartily :

We are too apt to forget, my dear fraters, in enjoying the honor and dignity of Templars, the duties we owe as Masons,—too prone to neglect the Lodge and Chapter. Let us remember that to be a good Mason is to be a *good man*, and to be a Templar, a better man. So if we would make better men we must make good Masons. Let us remember the Lodge is to the Commandery as the Sabbath School is to the Church—the recruiting ground. Without good Lodges we cannot have good Commanderies.

Let us renew our interest in our Lodges, make good Masons, and we can reasonably expect to make good men and Templars.

The following statement speaks well for all concerned :

Peace and harmony has reigned supreme throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. I have not been called on to render any official decision, nor define any Templar law, from which it would appear our fraters are not only well versed in the law, but are also governed by courtesy, kindness, and fraternal love.

Attention was called to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows much careful preparation and is in itself a sort of "*vade mecum*." He issued the proceedings in twenty days after the close of the Conclave and distributed to those entitled to have them. He gives valuable statistical tables and announces the fact that the Grand Commandery is not only out of debt but has an amount to her credit. He places much emphasis upon the system of Grand Representatives and suggests the following, in which we concur:

I respectfully suggest that it is the duty of Grand Representatives to attend the Annual Conclaves of the bodies to which they are accredited. When it is impossible for them to do this the courtesies of the diplomatic service require that an explanation of absence be sent to the Jurisdiction the absentee represents. Failing to attend, or to explain his absence, the conclusion should be that the Sir Knight is indifferent to his duties, and that the honor would be more profitably conferred upon another.

He visited several Commanderies in answer to an invitation from the Grand Commander, and thinks much good resulted therefrom.

The Grand Commanderies of Montana and Wyoming were recognized and Knightly greetings extended.

The following resolution smacks rather of innovation, it being altogether unusual to make nominations for office in Masonry :

Resolved, That hereafter nominations for the elective Grand Officers shall be made, which officers shall be elected by ballot; but no vote shall be counted which may be given for any frater who is not in nomination, nor shall any nomination be considered complete until seconded. And in case only one frater be in nomination for any one office, the Grand Commandery may elect by acclamation. Adopted.

Fraternal greetings were sent to Kansas and Alabama, whose Grand Conclaves were being held.

The Report on Correspondence is from E. Sir George C. Connor, the Grand Recorder, who has given us one of the very best we have seen. It is a voluminous, able and carefully prepared review of thirty-eight Grand Bodies, in which we find courteous notice of North Carolina for 1888.

He being the Chairman of the Tennessee Committee on Ritual, and opposed to that adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1886, gives very much of the space (138 pp.) to the discussion of the Ritual, and is the ablest champion in opposition to the action of Grand Master Roome

in the Iowa matter. He wields a sword which cuts both ways, even like unto the one which guarded the entrance to Paradise, and woe be unto him who comes within reach unless with friendly intent. He is usually courteous and kind, though with trenchant pen does he excoriate and often excruciate his adversaries. His wit is sometimes scathing and in irony he is a success. The lamented Simons compared his first report to the productions of Fennimore Cooper, but we rather think this second effort is nigh up to the style of Dickens.

In many things he differs from a majority of the corps, but in many others his views are in keeping with the best authorities on Masonic law and usage.

Under California, he thus enters the contest between Sir Ruckle of Indiana and Sir Caswell of California :

Sir Ruckle, of Indiana, said in 1887 :

“To this spirit the idea of taking either Masonry or Christianity out of the Commandery is equally repugnant. They are both essentially of the body of it. The one the foundation, the other the keystone. But neither the one nor the other, nor both, would have brought Templarism to its present high estate.”

This was too unpardonably broad for Sir Thomas, and dipping his falcon quill into the very dregs of his most caustic ink he wrote down these biting words of Trinitarian billiousness :

“When an Order purporting to be founded upon the Christian religion, admits to its membership those who deny the divinity of Christ and scoff at His teachings ; when its only attraction of cohesion, its saving salt, is uniforms, buttons, lace and gew-gaws : then, indeed, it is time to inquire : What is there ‘left of modern Templarism that is worth keeping’? Verily nothing ; all is ‘sounding brass’ and tinkling gim-cracks ; vanity and vexation of spirit.”

The Annals do not show that Unitarians scoff at the teachings of Jesus. Professed belief or unbelief in Trinitarianism does not necessarily make men better or worse. Torquemada held to the same opinions as Sir Thomas, however. In his day faggots, racks and hot pincers gently persuaded men to profess orthodoxy. Sir Thomas repudiates the pincers and substitutes the black ball ; and he would deny the blessings of the Temple to R. A. Masons who have honest, conscientious doubts of the accuracy of Trinitarianism. It is true, the Ancient Templars were professed Papists, and that modern English Templars require Trinitarian professions as they do loyalty to the House of Guelph, but all these things do not warrant the narrow, sectarian demands of several able and thoughtful American Templars. That few represent those disciples who demanded the conflagration of the tares. Better adopt the thought of the Master, dear frater, and wait for the harvest.

We cannot accept these views in full, because we think a professed belief in Trinitarianism *does* make men better.

Under Illinois, he gives more of his “Doxy :”

“Some of these supposed errors, etc., are correctly referred to ; the references to others are too blind ; with others, we cannot agree with the committee. There are several misquotations from Scripture, not intentional, we believe, but the result of bad writing and worse proof-

reading. We particularly object to his remark, page 41: 'Open to sectarian criticism.' This, of course, refers to the 'Gloria Patri.' There is nothing sectarian in this; the whole Christian world uses it. By Christians, of course, we do not include 'Unitarians'; they are but a drop in the bucket, and have no proper place in Templarism."

Not so, Sir Ranney; not to the Gloria Patri, *per se*, which the writer accepts as cordially as you do; but to its enforced use in Commanderies. When the Grand Commandery last met in Chattanooga, our Prelate appeared in the surplice and stole of the Episcopal Church, and the writer, who was responsible for that robing, was bitterly criticised for introducing a "denominational peculiarity" in the public religious services of the Order. Sir Ranney may be accustomed to the repetition of the Gloria Patri, as he is probably a member of "the church;" but there are thousands who will object to using it, not because they are "Unitarians" and deny the doctrine, but because they belong to denominations with which the Episcopal clergymen do not consort, and hence are unwilling to receive one of their peculiar ritualistic ceremonies. We are a Dissenter ourself, and candor compels us to say, sympathize with that prejudice, while admitting it is only a prejudice! That is the front of our offending. But the criticism of Sir Ranney runs in the same line as does his condemnation of Iowa for being "disloyal." May be the Illinois reviewer is not entirely delivered from prejudice himself. May be he attaches more weight to correct *belief* than he does to right *conduct*! The latter appeals to this Correspondent; it is easy to believe; it is very hard to do some good acts.

Under the same, we consider him sound on the question of restoration. Sir Ranney, in referring to the Texas decision on expulsion says, and Sir Connor replies:

"The Knight was Masonically dead, we grant, under the punishment inflicted by his Lodge, but being restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge, it looks to us as if the verdict of the Lodge had been reversed (we have been unable to procure Grand Lodge of Texas Proceedings.) Anyway, the G. E. does not require membership in either Lodge or Chapter, and his sentence being reversed, restores him under above law to all his rights as a Templar, and membership in his Commandery, which had of its own motion never deprived him of any right."

When a man *dies* Masonically he is as dead as a profane, and in fact is a profane. The Grand Lodge may restore him to life! Very good. Can the Grand Lodge restore him to Lodge membership (except on appeal)? No? Then if Lodge membership does not follow restoration to the rights of Masonry by a Grand Lodge how happens it that such restoration rehabilitates him as a Templar? Think it over again, Sir Ranney.

Under Indiana, he gives orthodox views touching membership, etc., and we copy liberally, as of general interest:

Once more, under Nebraska the reviewer says:

"We hold that as Templar good standing is dependent upon the Masonic good standing that permits Masonic intercourse, and not upon Lodge membership, that therefore restoration to general rights, even if Lodge membership was not included, entitled the Sir Knight, in the absence of any discipline by the Commandery, to reassume all his Templar rights and privileges."

The same views are found in various forms, scattered all through the excellent report. And now what shall be said in contradiction of such clearly-expressed "therefores?"

For years this controversy has been conducted by Reporters and Grand Commanders, and the disputants are no nearer an agreement to-day than when the discussion began. One difficulty in the discussion is the tendency to use the words Suspension and Expulsion as synonymous in many respects. Sir Ruckle uses them synonymously in the paragraphs quoted. Let us attempt to state what we think should be the general, or common law. And,

First—Suspension from mere *membership* in Lodge or Chapter should not affect Templar membership, since Masons deprived of membership only are merely non-affiliates. This is reasonable and just, even if not now universal law.

Second—Suspension from all the *rights of Freemasonry*, by Lodge or Chapter, suspends the membership of a Templar, because no Templar can hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended Mason. This is beyond cavil.

Third—Expulsion from all the rights of Freemasonry destroys Masonic life, and therefore deprives of Templar membership and Templar life. The man expelled is no more a Mason than he was before initiated. He is technically deprived of all Masonic secrets, and is a "profane" again, practically. A "profane" has not even the semblance of a right in a Masonic or Templar society, nor can he make use of any information he received in the Rituals of Freemasonry. He is dead Masonically, and should be rehabilitated by such ceremonies and "healing" as will clearly recognize a restoration to Masonic life! A mere *resolution* of a Lodge, Chapter or Grand Body should not be held as sufficient. If this law was universal in the jurisdictions of the United States, the eternal deciding and reversing on the subject would come to an end. The whole matter would be simple and easily understood by every department of Freemasonry.

It is clearly just, if the membership of a Temple is suspended by the action of a Lodge or Chapter, that when that suspension is removed by either the suspending Lodge or Chapter, or a Grand Body having jurisdiction, that membership is restored to all the rights attaching before interrupted. But no such result should follow the rehabilitation of an *expelled* Mason. Suspension did not destroy membership in either Lodge, Chapter or Commandery, in fact, though some Grand Lodges hold that it does, while expulsion destroyed life, and of necessity membership in everything Masonic.

If, then, an expelled Mason is driven out of the fold and back to the relations of a "profane," having no more rights and privileges than a "profane," his rehabilitation, and the authorization to hold with him Masonic intercourse, no more makes him a member of the Commandery from whose rolls he was erased by Masonic death, than it would make of a man a member of a Commandery to raise him to the degree of Master Mason; for the action of the Lodge extends no higher. This is emphasized by the fact that a Grand Lodge may restore to Freemasonry, but not to membership in the Lodge which expelled the restored one. A Grand Lodge may annul the suspension of a member by a Subordinate, and force the member back into the Lodge, but it may not do this with an expelled member. This same practice should hold good in regard to Templars where there has been no Templar action.

We argue what is the Common Law of the Brotherhood, admitting that Statutory Law prevents its universal application. But if the points made are just and equitable, it may be the bounden duty of all Masonic

writers to advocate such legislation as will make them of universal application in these United States.

From our standpoint, restoration to Masonic life makes it possible to a Commandery to restore to Templar life and membership. The Grand Commandery may restore such an one to Templar life, or rights, but not to Templar membership; only a Subordinate Commandery can vouchsafe membership to him, and that by a unanimous ballot. And it is our deliberate opinion that something more than a mere vote should be taken by either body; a "healing" by taking a vow, for instance. This may appear to be a hardship, but it is not. Surely no Lodge will expel a member without good and sufficient cause; and if a Templar steps aside so far as to merit expulsion by his Lodge he should not complain of such requirements as we suggest being a hardship.

We courteously submit the foregoing thoughts to the fraternal and candid criticisms of the distinguished Indiana Correspondent. It is quite possible that we will not have the opportunity to discuss them with him in the future, as in all probability this will be the last report we will write; still we will read with the deepest interest what he and other correspondents, who have keen, legal minds, will say upon the subject. Beyond controversy, the questions stated herein are sadly muddled in the practice of the jurisdictions.

Under Maine, we give the following selection with our hearty assent:

A committee reported against Commanderies spending their accumulated funds on junketings, balls and things, but the friends of frolics at the expense of non-participants raised such a racket the matter went over to 1889. When money raised in the name of Emmanuel is allowed to be wasted in excursions, pic-nics and balls, the Order of the Temple undergoes a "reborning." We don't do it in Tennessee. Every Templar pays his own shot, and declines to tax a frater who declines to participate in such outside pleasures. We venture the hope that Sir Drummond's report will be adopted. We know the Maine boys love frolics, for we have frolicked with them, but they who dance should cheerfully pay the fiddler.

Under Mississippi, he thus goes for Sir De Lap, but we are ready to shake hands in full accord with Sir De Lap:

He is still astride his hobby—"liquid damnation"—and he rides it with whip and spur, in sunshine and storm, over rough and rugged ways, regardless of corns, bunions, dyspepsia, or the measles. May he live long and prosper!

Sir De Lap is very clear in his mind as to how people should dress for attendance upon the worship of God. He is as "down" upon "style" as was that horny-handed tent-stuff weaver of Tarsus, and would have been in a perpetual rumpus with Moses and Aaron about the Tabernacle toggery, and with the later high ones of the Temple service about its flashy auxiliaries. If plumes, swords and lace will induce men to go up to the house of prayer that otherwise do not go, they have our permission to wear them, and our blessing and good wishes thrown in. But Sir George is entitled to be heard:

"Now it occurs to us that meekness and humility are peculiarly necessary in acceptably waiting on the Lord, and we respectfully submit that showy uniforms and sharp swords are not indicative of either of those virtues in the wearer when present in the house of God. However, until man is regenerated and purified from the dross of the vain pomp and show of this world, he will lose no opportunity to make himself conspicuous in God's house as elsewhere. The thought will intrude,

though, that this sort of religious service will prove anything but a spiritual blessing to the participants therein."

In his review of North Carolina, he quotes from the Grand Commander's address the following decision and comments :

The following decision was not acted upon by the Grand Commandery. Does it remain law by default of action?

"A quorum in Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies as fixed by the Statutes consists of *nine* members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body. A quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid. Consequently, a less number than nine may confer the orders, after the Commandery has been legally opened."

We cannot see the consequently. Does North Carolina mean that when nine members open a Commandery a less number than nine Knights can continue the Commandery and confer the orders? If so, then let us remind them that they cannot be present at the "opening and *holding*" of a Commandery unless nine Knights of the Order are present. If the meaning, however, is that nine of the Knights present must be *members* in order to "open," but that some of these members may withdraw after opening, still leaving nine Knights of the Order present, the ruling is clearly correct, although Texas holds quite differently! If the latter is the meaning then the wording of the above decision should be changed, as it is now liable to mislead the fraters.

You are correct, Sir Knight. The Grand Commander doubtless meant less than nine *members*, provided there were enough visitors left to keep up the quorum. He says of Sir Blount's report :

The Report of Correspondence is by Sir Geo. W. Blount, and it is eminently a religious paper. For that reason, we suspect, some of the Mutuals received no notice at his hands. It is his maiden effort, and a most creditable review.

We are glad to note that Sir Connor is retained on the Committee, and long may he live to make other valuable contributions to the literature of Templarism.

R. E. Sir Wm. C. Smith elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir George C. Connor, P. G. C., re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1889.

Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave, Fort Worth, May 8th, 1889. R. E. Sir Charles Davis, Grand Commander : E. Sir R. Brewster, Grand Recorder. Twenty-two Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is short and pertains strictly to local matters. He reports that—

Peace and prosperity has been vouchsafed to us by an Allwise Providence, and we can congratulate ourselves upon this auspicious occasion.

Reports from the different asylums in our jurisdiction show our Order to be in a most healthy and prosperous condition. Our accessions have been large and, so far as I can ascertain, of a chivalric class of gentlemen that will redound to the interest of our Order.

Allusion is made to a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery to accept an invitation from the Grand Lodge to participate in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the new capitol at Austin, and he says of it :

The occasion was a pleasant one, and will long be remembered and treasured in the minds and hearts of those who have seen our beloved State rise from darkness and obscurity a few years ago, and the high position it now occupies among our great and growing confederacy of sovereignties that constitute our glorious nation.

We wonder what the Templars, and, for that matter, the Master Masons, had to do at the dedication? We are quite familiar with the ceremonies at the laying of corner-stones of public buildings, but it is somewhat out of the common course to make the above a Masonic occasion.

The distinguished dead were suitably remembered and their deeds placed upon perpetual record.

The two decisions made were in accordance with the law as administered in our own Jurisdiction.

The Grand Commander divided the State into several divisions and assigned to each officer of the Grand Commandery a certain number of Commanderies which should be visited, and the reports of these officers contain valuable information touching the condition of the Order and the internal workings of the various Commanderies visited.

We do not see any special account given of the pilgrimage alluded to in the following closing remarks :

I have endeavored to discharge the duties and to preserve unsullied the dignity of the high position entrusted to me. Sir Knights, it rests with you to sustain the high social and moral character our valiant Order now occupies. Though the deeds of the Sir Knights of the 12th century is a thing of the past, and we go no more panoplied with mailed armor to secure the Holy Sepulchre from the infidel Saracen, yet the Templar of the 19th century can do more than did the Sir Knight of old, by claiming what infidelity is stealthily appropriating. Then, Sir Knights, I beg you will be on your guard.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to my fraters of Texas who joined in the pilgrimage to the far-famed city of the Montezumas for the beautiful Past Grand Commander's Jewel I now wear. It was unexpected, and perhaps undeserved, but I shall treasure it for the valiant Sir Knights' sake who were the donors, and to commemorate one of the most pleasant events of my life.

The Treasurer's report shows a small balance of \$426.78.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence made a report defining those entitled to vote in the Grand Commandery :

Any Sir Knight may represent by proxy any one individual officeholder, specified in Section 1, Article I, of the Constitution, and in addition thereto he may by proxy represent any or all of the three first officers of his Commandery, the said proxy being at the time a member of the same Commandery as his principal. No member can cast but one vote in a personal right.

A minority report was also offered, but the majority report was adopted :

The undersigned does not agree with the majority of the committee in the above report. He believes the Constitution provides who shall constitute the Grand Commandery, and who are entitled to appoint proxies. It having made rules in regard thereto, the Grand Commandery has no right to make further restrictions upon the rights of Past Grand officers.

We think the report of the majority is the correct idea.

A committee of one was appointed to arrange for the representation of the Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment, and \$500 was appropriated for that purpose.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir John Martin elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Robert Brewster re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1889.

Forty seventh Annual Conclave, Burlington, June 11th, 1889. R. E. Sir Delos M. Bacon, Grand Commander ; E. Sir W. G. Reynolds, Grand Recorder. Ten (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

A fine portrait of R. E. Sir Alfred Allen Hall adorns the initial page of the beautiful pamphlet.

This distinguished frater was received as the representative of the Grand Master of Templars in the United States, with the honors due his rank and an appropriate speech of welcome was delivered by the Grand Commander. This was replied to by Sir Hall in eloquent terms.

The address of the Grand Commander (22 pp.) is well written, and refers especially to acts performed during his encumbency. He reports a year of peace and prosperity, tranquility and harmony.

Nine pages of the address are devoted to the dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions.

Cordial greetings were extended to Montana and Wyoming, and Grand Representatives exchanged with the latter.

A service had been prepared for Easter or Ascension Day, and it had been used by several of the Commanderies in accordance with the orders of the Grand Commander. He says "that the law governing the matter of making it the prerogative of the Grand Commander to grant dispensations out of the usual course should be exercised with great care and prudence," and yet it seems that he thought it prudent, while out of the usual course, to grant dispensations to act as escorts on Memorial and Decoration Days. We cannot pass on without giving our unqualified dissent to such want of "care and prudence."

Assignments were made of Commanderies to the four Chief Grand Officers, that they might visit them during the year.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had nothing to report.

The Report on Correspondence (100 pp.) is for the ninth time presented by Rev. and E. Sir F. S. Fisher, and is among the best we have seen this year. Ever genial, courteous, polite and considerate in discussion, yet free to speak his opinions with boldness and frankness. He extracts well and comments but little.

Under Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he thus discourses about Ritual :

That the solution of the Ritual difficulty would be for the Grand Encampment to prescribe the essentials and the Grand Commanderies to supply details of the Ritual. Each striving to make its own work and way excel. There was a time, doubtless not long after 1816, when a Ritual might have been prescribed for though the trouble about Nomenclature prevailed for a time, yet after a time came uniformity.

But now we fear that it is too late, the Order too large and too widely spread. In fact what suits one jurisdiction another dislikes. It may be well in Tennessee to invest with the Tunic, but Vermont is too cold for such a garment. We write these words after we have written other words in this review which may seem inconsistent. But we write up this jurisdiction as almost our last work for the year, and trust that we have been growing in that time.

Under Mississippi, in answer to Sir De Lap's enquiry why Templar orders do not flourish in the South as in the North our *Rev.* Sir Fisher replies :

Might we answer in all kindness and courteous loyalty. We do not think that annual accusations against Templars at their Assemblies of immorality and drunkenness are inductive to increase of membership.

He makes a review of North Carolina for 1888, and in this he quotes freely from R. E. Sir Woodruff's address, commends Sir Blount's Report on Correspondence and welcomes him to the corps reportorial.

R. E. Sir Will. F. Lewis elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir W. G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA, 1889.

Sixty-seventh Annual Conclave, Fredericksburg, November 13th, 1889. R. E. Sir James L. Beck, Grand Commander ; R. E. Sir Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder. Five Subordinate Commanderies and two U. D. represented.

The address of the Grand Commander (10 pp.) is a faithful review of his year's duties and labors. He congratulates the fraters "on the continuance in our borders of peace and prosperity and humbly pray that it may ever be so."

He makes appropriate mention of the distinguished dead, and among others we note the names of R. E. Sir James G. Bain, P. G. C., and V. E. Sir Thos. J. Evans, D. G. C. The latter died September 20th, 1889, after a long and painful illness. He says : "Of one so well known to every member of this Grand Body, I feel that no words of mine are needed

to speak his praise. His record in this Grand Body is one that all may look upon with pride."

Your Correspondent is indebted to this aged brother for his first instruction in Blue Lodge Masonry. He was a duly commissioned Grand Lecturer in 1854, and in that year he visited old Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, of which we were then a member, and for ten days imparted to us the Levi L. Stevenson work, which was then, and is said to be now, the work in use in the "Old Dominion." We have always held him in grateful remembrance, and are pleased to note that he has reached a good old age and died in honor. He was faithful in the discharge of duty, a genial and bright companion, and an intelligent and devoted Mason. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The Grand Commander calls attention to complaints which were made by some on account of the assessment of \$2 *per capita* to pay expenses of the Grand Commandery at the Triennial, on the ground that such assessment was unconstitutional and therefore illegal. The reasons set forth by the complainants seemed reasonable, but the Eminent Commander, Grand Commander and Grand Master all decided against the fraters, and we presume the tax had to be, and was, paid. The Grand Commander thus speaks of the good time at Washington, D. C. :

Thanks to the wisdom of this Grand Body in providing a fund for this purpose, your committee raised at the last Conclave were enabled to secure at the Hotel Arno suitable quarters for the Grand Commandery, where every provision was made for the entertainment, not only of our own household, but of any and all visitors; and with pride can it be said that the reputation of Virginia Templars for true and genial hospitality was well sustained. And too much praise cannot be given to the Sir Knights and fair ladies who assisted in the entertainment of all visitors who called at our quarters.

The following well-merited compliment to R. E. Sir Isaacs we record with great pleasure :

It is with the greatest pleasure that I announce to you the re-election to the position of Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, without a dissenting vote, of Right Eminent Sir Wm. B. Isaacs. I know that you will heartily join me in tendering to the Grand Encampment our thanks for this renewed evidence of its esteem of and confidence in our much beloved and honored frater.

Two new Commanderies were started U. D. Business local.

We regret to state that there was no Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir Isaac S. Tower elected Grand Commander; R. E. Sir Wm. B. Isaacs re-elected Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1889.

Fifteenth Annual Conclave, Fairmont, May 8th, 1889. R. E. Sir Jere A. Miller, Grand Commander. Seven (all but two) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

We find this as a prelude :

Sir T. W. Fleming, on behalf of Crusade Commandery, No. 6, extended an invitation to the Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights to partake of a banquet prepared by the ladies' circle, at 6 o'clock P. M.

It afterwards appears, strange (?) to say, that the invitation was accepted. The following distinguished visitors were announced :

Rt. Em. Sir F. A. Reed, P. G. C. of Virginia and Grand Representative of the Fourth District, and Rt. Em. Sir W. B. Isaacs, P. G. C. of Virginia and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, were then introduced by Sir Knights O. S. Long and K. D. Walker and were welcomed to the Grand Commandery of West Virginia by the Rt. Em. Grand Commander and made partakers of its hospitalities.

The address of the Grand Commander (9 pp.) is well written and is a concise account of his official acts. In the outset he remarks :

The first and most encouraging thing I have to report is that the Order continues to be in a healthy, prosperous condition, no misfortune or calamity has stricken us, we are united in purpose, at peace with our neighbors and in loyal obedience to our superior authorities.

Our future looks promising. The iron horse over roads of steel will soon completely traverse our Mountain State. Capital and labor are busily employed in opening up our vast mines and forests. Population and wealth are increasing. It cannot now be said, as was said a few years ago, that West Virginia had ground upon which the feet of white men had not yet trod.

With this material development Christian Knighthood will grow and do her share toward moral and social improvements. Our membership is composed mainly of the best material in the State. To insure continued usefulness none other should be accepted. One improper person who succeeds in gaining admission we all know will by his example not only damage the reputation of the Order but will deter a score of good men from seeking admittance.

But three dispensations were asked for and but one decision, all of which are regular. In speaking of the work of the Commanderies he gives this advice, which is of interest everywhere :

During an active service of fifteen years as a Knight Templar, I have very seldom seen the work done in a manner that did anything like justice to the subject matter. It is the essence of the life of Templary and should be handled with intelligence, reverence and decorous surroundings; the heart and soul should assist the brain and tongue. There should be no chilly mechanical performance nor distracting assistance from any source, and again it may be well done, but from lack of discipline in the Commandery be spoiled, the members not being sufficiently decorous. In all such cases it is love's labor lost.

Special notice is made of the Templar dead in his own and other jurisdictions.

The reports of other Grand Officers show that the duties of Grand Visitations were faithfully performed.

Like North Carolina, our West Virginia fraters are not troubled about how to invest their surplus funds. The Grand Recorder reports \$246.50 as the total receipts for the year.

The Committee on Code and Statutes brought in their report, but we do not find where during the session it was acted on. The business transacted was purely local and of no general interest.

The Report (45 pages) on Correspondence is presented by the Chairman of the Committee, Sir R. C. Dunnington, but he acknowledges much aid was received from Em. Sir Owen S. McKinney, of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in the preparation of the report. It is a good synopsis of the pith of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Bodies, in which we find a brief notice of North Carolina for 1888.

We give the opening remarks, which we take as an introduction to the corps reportorial, and we extend the right hand of fellowship to the courteous Sir Knight and bid him welcome to a seat among "ye reporters."

We present herewith our first Annual Report on Correspondence. No one who reads it will be more keenly alive to its defects, both of omission and commission, than its author is at the conclusion of his labors. A review of the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies with which this Grand Commandery is in correspondence is a work of considerable magnitude, and we could not hope, with the limited time at our disposal, to more than merely outline a plan of gleaning which might be enlarged upon and broadened in subsequent reports. We were the more favorably inclined to this plan from the fact that but a small amount of space could be devoted this year to the publication of the report. With this apology for our shortcomings, we make our "bow" to our reportorial brethren, and bespeak their kindly consideration for our "maiden effort," trusting that next year we may measure up more nearly to the standard set for a work of this kind by reviewers of sister jurisdictions.

He is timely and sound in his advice, under Connecticut, on the question of dispensations to ballot out of the usual time :

Quite a number of dispensations were granted during the year to Commanderies to ballot upon candidates "without the usual delay." May we kindly admonish our Connecticut fraters that "make haste slowly" is a maxim which applies with great force in conferring the degrees and orders of Freemasonry, and though there may be circumstances occasionally arising where a dispensation to ballot for a candidate whose petition has "not laid over the usual time," may be warranted, ordinarily both the petitioner and the Commandery can afford to wait with patience until the time fixed by law has expired. Too frequent relaxations of the rule, which, for obviously wise and prudential reasons, requires an application to lie over a stated period, indicate too great zeal and haste in the direction of making Templars.

Under Michigan, he speaks our sentiments on *unmasonic* occasions, thus :

Six Commanderies were granted dispensations to parade on Memorial Day, whilst several applications asking permission to parade on the Fourth of July were refused. We cannot understand the distinction thus made: if it is a good thing to parade in a spirit of patriotism on Memorial Day, we see no reason why it is not equally as appropriate and certainly as patriotic to celebrate the "glorious old Fourth" with all the pomp and splendor of Templar trappings and feathers. The Grand Commander's reason that he "could see no way that the dignity of

Templar Masonry could be aided in the manner contemplated" by turning out on the Fourth of July applies with equal, if not greater, force to a Templar parade on Memorial Day. Let's be consistent as we go along. If we can't be consistently right, it ought to be no trouble to be consistently wrong.

Under Mississippi, he thus goes for De Lap by way of explanation :

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is unusually full and generally good. The allusion to West Virginia is somewhat wide of the mark, however. The Grand Commandery is poor, but the fraters are generally rich—at least in Masonic zeal and interest; hence while the Grand Commandery has been sometimes compelled by lack of funds to withhold the publication of its proceedings, it is not difficult, when asked to do so by resolution of the Grand Commandery, to get the members individually to contribute the expense of the portraits, which remind our Mississippi frater so much of the "fellow that had the patches on his knees and gloves on his hands."

We trust the next report will contain more original matter, and we will know better where to find the Sir Knight on the various questions which come up for discussion.

R. E. Sir W. G. Bennett elected Grand Commander; E. Sir R. C. Dunnington re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1889.

Thirty-first Annual Conclave, Milwaukee, November 12th, 1889. R. E. Sir Chandler P. Chapman, Grand Commander; E. Sir Jno. W. Laffin, Grand Recorder. Seventeen Subordinate Commanderies represented.

This was an adjourned meeting, which assembled at the regular time, October 8th, but the officers being absent in attendance at the Triennial, it was adjourned to meet as above.

The address of the Grand Commander (8 pp.) gives a succinct account of what had been done in this Grand Jurisdiction for the year just ending.

Two new Commanderies were constituted and the officers installed. Of one he says :

A reception, exhibition drill, banquet and dancing followed the ceremonies, and gave the new Commandery a social "send off" worthy the gallant Knights comprising its membership.

From all such social "send offs" deliver us.

Of the other Commandery he says :

This Commandery having signalized its first meeting under dispensation, by a social demonstration, the ceremonies of constitution were limited to the legal requirements.

In this case it seems the "social demonstration" prevented a due performance of duty, and the record doesn't say whether the "sociality" of the occasion rendered the whole company unfit for duty. Perhaps some of that good beer, of which Sir Swain speaks, caused more "demonstration" than was desirable.

He speaks our sentiments fully on the question of Memorial days:

Several applications for dispensations authorizing a participation in Memorial Day parades, have been received. To avoid the necessity of further correspondence with the Grand Commander upon this subject, it should be borne in mind that the power of the Grand Commander to grant his dispensation for the public appearance of a Commandery is limited by law to "Masonic occasions," and that the power to determine what is a "Masonic occasion" is vested in the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and that it has been repeatedly decided by such authority that Memorial Day is *not* a "Masonic occasion."

While all Templars sympathize, as all true soldiers must, with the sentiments inspired by such services, those sympathies have ample opportunity for cultivation and expression by every citizen as such, and there appears to be no necessity for, or propriety in, parading a Commandery on such occasions.

In speaking of the keeping of Easter Day, he says:

In conformity to the established custom, originating in this Jurisdiction, I issued a circular letter under date of March 23d, 1889, upon the subject of the observance of the festival of Easter by the Subordinate Commanderies, issuing therewith a general dispensation for the holding of such services elsewhere than at the asylum, and any necessary public appearance in uniform incident to the service.

The observance of this anniversary is now almost universal in this Jurisdiction. Experience has demonstrated that the custom is beneficial in many ways to the Commanderies, and I strongly urge the few which have not established the custom to do so, and note the impression upon the Commandery and the community. Once established, the custom is not likely to fall into disuse.

He approves of inspections, if made by the same officer, who should be an expert in work and drill. His visit, he thinks, should be divested of all semblance of sociality. So say we. In giving some account of his visit to the Triennial, he voices the sentiments of a largely increasing number of Knights in this broad land, and we quote approvingly:

The conviction is not new but is increasing in force and extent that the Grand Encampment, to be a useful legislative body, must be held away from any general gathering of Knights Templar. Theoretically the representatives should attend strictly to their duties, undisturbed and unmoved by the festivities about them, but practically human nature—average human nature—is not up to that standard. The custom of keeping open State headquarters with that "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace" of hospitality, something for the inner man, makes demands upon the active officers of the Grand Commandery that cannot be met if their legislative functions are to be exercised.

He reports prosperity in his borders thus:

The increase in membership in the Jurisdiction is steady, and that it has been free from any unhealthy stimulus by reason of the "Triennial" is shown by the fact that the net increase is the same as last year, to-wit, 129. The total present membership is 2,191, the number created during the year, 185; the number of deaths, 17.

The Report on Correspondence is again presented by Sir Swain, who, for the seventh time, regales his readers with a most capital review of

thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions, including a courteous but brief notice of North Carolina for 1889. He takes 112 pages in which to have his say, and well does he occupy them. We give his opening remarks, wherein he shows his extreme (?) modesty :

We come before our fraters with our Seventh Annual Report. It seems but yesterday since we craved indulgence for our first. We do not dare to ask forbearance for this, because you would naturally say, if we cannot do well now, we never will. Still, Jacob worked on a stock farm seven years for a wife, and then he didn't get his best girl, and had to put in seven years more before his education in that line was completed. So we will live in the hope that, if we are continued to write for so long, in another seven years we will give you something worth reading, in addition to the extracts, which we especially recommend.

Under California, he does not approve of a decision of the Grand Master touching a dimitted Knight from Iowa being allowed to affiliate with a Commandery outside of that Jurisdiction :

I have decided that the force of my edict does not extend so far as to prevent the election of a Sir Knight, formerly a member of an Iowa Commandery, as an affiliated member of any other Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, he having obtained a proper dimit. The Grand and Subordinate Commanderies of Iowa still exist as Templar Bodies, and have full power to grant dimits. The only effect of my edict is to interdict Templar intercourse between Sir Knights subject thereto and other Templars and Templar Bodies throughout the United States.

In other words, they are possessed of all their powers for holding Conclaves, conferring the Orders, and making Templars who are regular in every respect but one—they cannot hold Templar intercourse with other regular Templars who happen to live across the line! They become rebels as soon as made! If I go into Iowa with a dimit in my pocket I can regularly affiliate with a Commandery there, and still be a regular Templar. But, the day before I am accepted, I can hold intercourse with all the Templar world, and the day after I am isolated! Of all the forms of suspension, this is the latest. But we hardly think it will obtain a foothold in Masonic jurisprudence. However, we suggest it to our fraters in Ohio as a method of dealing with their recalcitrant Cerneau Commanderies. Leave them in regular standing, but don't allow them to associate with anyone else. Of course, if the Grand Master can thus deal with a Grand Commandery, a Grand Commander can take the same course with a Subordinate Commandery, and the old idea that his only course was to suspend the charter of a rebellious Commandery is exploded. It is equal to the punishment inflicted by a French father: "My son, you have been very naughty, and I take one year off from your age. Yesterday you were seven years old, and to-day you are but six."

We think, Sir Swain, you misinterpret the meaning of the Grand Master. When an Iowa Knight dimits he is free. A soldier is in a besieged city, he is under fire of the enemy and subject to all the discipline of the besieged. He gets a discharge and leaves the country. He is no longer under ban but is free to go where he is wont. Just so with the Iowa Templar. He has his dimit, he is no longer an Iowa Knight, nor

subject to any of the discipline which obtains there. The decision of the Grand Master was eminently proper, as we think.

Under Maryland, he tells a good story on charity in order to get even with Gorgas, who gives his fee for writing the Report on Correspondence to charitable objects :

We are not going to be outdone on this charity business. We expend our fifty dollars for charity, too. We might possibly admit, if we were pressed, that our charity is like that of the hog-reeve, down in New Hampshire, in the olden time. His miserly neighbor woke up in the middle of the night and heard some hogs in his garden. They were his own, but he didn't know that. He immediately rushed out and informed the hog-reeve, who at once attended to his duty, and before daylight the hogs were killed and dressed. "Wife," said he, "the statoot says half these hogs goes to me, an' the other half to the poor. Now, I should like to know where there's anybody any poorer'n you." "'Sure enough," said she, "if there's anybody any poorer'n me I sh'd like to see 'em." So, justifiably, half the hogs went into his barrel and half into his wife's. In the morning his miserly neighbor discovered his loss and rushed over. "Whar's them hogs?" "Divided up accordin' to statoot—half to me an' half to the poor." "But they're mine!" "Can't help that. Can't go behind the statoot." So with our fifty dollars. Sometimes we take half, but we religiously give the other half to the poor.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind."

Under Michigan, he thus answers Sir Innes, who cannot see any impropriety in parading on Memorial days :

We will assist Comrade Innes to the best of our ability in observing Memorial Day. We always take part in the observance. But, if every one of the dead to whom the day is dedicated was a Knight Templar it would not make it a Masonic occasion, because the world at large is invited to participate, and it is other than the exclusive Masonic virtues which are celebrated, and it would be deemed out of place to even mention the fact that the men were Masons.

We assent.

Under Tennessee, he has this to say of Sir Connor :

Connor is a good deal like the traditional Irishman in a shindig. "Wherever you see a head hit it." That's the reason we do not escape a cracked crown, even where we thought we were hitting in the same direction as himself on the Iowa matter. Nevertheless, we would wind him up completely on some of his points were it not for the fact that, first, we agree with him in the general principle that the Grand Master has made a bad mistake, to call it no worse; and second, that long before this reaches him, the whole trouble will be settled, and we will all have forgotten that there has ever been any difficulty.

Better keep your head low when Connor is around.

We had marked several other good things in this report but we have already said more, perhaps, than we ought, and will stop here.

R. E. Sir Adolph H. Wagner elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir Jno. W. Laffin re-elected Grand Recorder.

WYOMING, 1889.

Second Annual Conclave, Rawlins, July 10th, 1889. R. E. Sir Wm. H. Smith, Grand Commander ; E. Sir John K. Jeffrey, Grand Recorder. It required three efforts to get a quorum, and we must commend those who persisted for patience in waiting for the absent ones. Three (all) Subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address of the Grand Commander is short, he not having very much to engage his attention or call for his ministrations during the year. He gives encouraging accounts of the Order in this young but vigorous Jurisdiction :

Other jurisdictions have been visited with sore disaster, but we of Wyoming have enjoyed at least a moderate degree of prosperity, and the future is fragrant with promise of better things. Peace and harmony prevail in all our Templar interests, and Subordinate Commanderies show no decrease of interest and devotion. The angel of death hath not extinguished life's bright taper of any Sir Knight in our Jurisdiction. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe thus lovingly smile on us in the future.

Here is something so refreshing and at variance with general *usage* that we copy, and at the same time say, Bravo ! Sir Smith !

An examination of the proceedings of Grand Commanderies and other Grand Masonic bodies will reveal the fact that of late the subject of temperance has received a great deal of careful attention and consideration. As a result, many of the Grand Bodies have adopted laws prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors in the lodge rooms and asylums, and urging the fraternity to abstain from the use of the same.

With an earnest desire to do all in my power to advance the best interests of this Order, I have directed the attention of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery to this important question, and urge each Sir Knight to see to it that no act of his shall result in influence prejudicial to our beloved Order. Therefore give heed to the following order :

GENERAL ORDER, NO. I.

The Sir Knights of the various Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming will hereafter refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors of all kinds at Red Cross banquets and other social gatherings as an Order.

Let this order be read at the head of the lines at the first regular Conclave. This order will be in force from and after the date of its receipt by each Commandery.

WILLIAM H. SMITH,
Grand Commander.

He grants a general dispensation to the Commanderies to assemble in their several places of worship on Ascension Day. Two of the Commanderies complied, but the third did not "celebrate," and was lectured by the Grand Commander accordingly.

A balance of \$196.47 appears to be in the treasury.

The Grand Recorder says in his report "that the outlook for the coming year is very promising for Templarism in Wyoming, and from this

time forward we may confidently expect a steady, healthy growth." This in spite of the loss of one on the roll during the year. We do hope the prediction of the Grand Recorder may be realized.

The Grand Commandery adopted a uniform and passed an order which we approve, and which should be adopted in our own Jurisdiction :

Before a Red Cross Knight shall have conferred upon him the Orders of the Temple and Malta he shall obtain a regulation uniform, or he shall deposit a sufficient sum of money with the Recorder of the Subordinate Commandery to secure the same.

The following episode in the proceedings was truly a pleasant interruption and enjoyed by all :

The Grand Commandery was at this point taken by surprise. E. Sir Fred. G. Palmer asked the privilege of the floor for a few moments: upon his request being granted, he proceeded on behalf of Ivanhoe Commandery to express the appreciation of its Sir Knights of the honor conferred in selecting their asylum as the place for the holding of this Grand Conclave, and concluded by presenting to the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, on behalf of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 2, a Grand Commandery banner of costly material, exquisite in design and of rare workmanship, the handicraft of one of the fair ladies of Rawlins.

The Grand Commander accepted the banner on behalf of the Grand Commandery, and for its members returned hearty thanks for this beautiful gift, provided through the courtesy and thoughtfulness of the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe, No. 2.

On motion of Sir J. C. Baird the banner was committed to the care and custody of the Grand Standard Bearer.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir J. C. Baird and is his first effort. He will, with practice, make a good Reporter. He reviews thirty-one proceedings, including North Carolina for 1888. He says in the opening :

We have sought no controversy, made no criticisms, and offered no suggestions. Rather have we been content to digest the doings of the several Grand Commanderies, so that Sir Knights in this Jurisdiction might know of the Templar world from our own records.

It is a most difficult matter to draw the line in reviewing. The fine point of judgment is not to determine what to insert, but what to omit. To review as the experts do would require more space in our printed proceedings than our young Grand Commandery can afford in its infancy. In nearly all instances the correspondence embraces the bulk of the printed proceedings. Many of them occupy over 100 pages each; one Report has 165 pages and still another 248 pages of correspondence. Our fraters should know these facts so that they may properly estimate the value of correspondence, and thus endorse, as to length, at least, the report submitted herewith. We have sought to avoid both extremes—of length and of brevity.

Under North Carolina, he says of Sir Blount's report :

Correspondence by Sir George W. Blount, who is evidently a minister—at least it would appear so from the fervency of his remarks. He says of Wyoming: "We greet the new sister with cordiality and bid her God speed in our glorious work."

No, he isn't a preacher, but a *pious* lawyer. Have you any of them in Wyoming, Sir Knight? We can vouch for one in North Carolina, and his name is Blount.

R. E. Sir Truman B. Hicks elected Grand Commander ; E. Sir John K. Jeffrey re-elected Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The Twenty-fourth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment was held in the city of Washington, D. C., October 8th, 1889. M. E. Charles Roome, Grand Master ; V. E. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Master occupies one hundred and nine pages of the proceedings, and much of it is devoted to the discussion of the Iowa trouble. It is an able paper, and shows the vast amount of business transacted in the Grand Master's office.

He makes allusion, in terms most befitting, to the distinguished Knightly dead who have been called to their reward from the different States. Only one appears in the list from North Carolina, viz.: Sir F. H. Glover, Grand Generalissimo.

The Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada was recognized and a representative appointed near that Grand Body. Four new Grand Commanderies were formed, viz.: Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Montana. Seven new Commanderies were constituted and three were granted dispensations to form new Commanderies. He eloquently pleads for Ascension Day to be observed universally in this country. Among the great number of decisions we note one in reference to our own State, which we copy entire :

R. E. Sir Carl A. Woodruff, Grand Commander of North Carolina, wrote me to the effect that he was an officer of the United States Army, and had been ordered to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but that he claimed Raleigh as his residence. Not wishing to relinquish his authority as Grand Commander in consequence of absence from the territorial limits of his Jurisdiction, he desired to be informed whether he had a right to continue in the active discharge of the duties of his office.

In answer to his question I stated that by Article 2, Section 38 of the Constitution, as he had removed from the State, the duties of the office during his absence devolved upon the Deputy Grand Commander. That a Grand Recorder cannot issue a dispensation, nor decide a question of Templar law, nor can the Grand Commander, being absent, delegate him power to do so.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not concur, as will be seen, viz.:

As to No. 8, the committee report that the decision of the Grand Master is in the main correct, but to prevent any misconstruction, we suggest as a proper statement of the law that the Grand Commander, being an officer of the United States Army, and having left the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery under military orders, but having retained his residence in North Carolina, did not vacate his office of Grand Commander. This was not a case of voluntary removal from

the Jurisdiction over which he had been chosen to preside. In fact it was not a change of residence at all, and the Grand Commander did not come within the class of those who vacate an office. During the absence of the Grand Commander from the State, all of his powers and duties devolved upon the Deputy Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander could only resume and exercise them upon his return to and while within the State of North Carolina.

He decided that an Eminent Commander who had been elected and *installed* could not resign. In this we concur.

The following is recommended as to the Christmas Toast :

The very pleasant custom, inaugurated some years ago, of uniting at the Feast of the Nativity, in some toast expressive of the sentiments of the season and appropriate to the objects of our Knightly Order, has been continued each year since I became your chief officer. Everything which tends to promote a feeling of fraternal union is to be encouraged, and I know of no custom of late years which more effectually brings to our thoughts the sense of that complete accord which should ever unite us in the bonds of mutual affection. May this accord continue, and although perchance we at times differ in our views, let us differ as brothers, each in his own way endeavoring to promote the good of all. Let bitterness and anger be dispelled by thoughts of fraternal love; and when we differ, as we have differed in the past, or may differ in the future, let us each recollect that our opponents are seeking the same grand results which we would reach, and that they honestly believe that the thing they wish will be the best both for us and for them.

Let us then bury the recollection of past dissensions. Let us join hands in loving act and thought, and go forward. God created this Order for life and work; and we need not fear that He will not reveal Himself to us His creatures when, being assembled in solemn Conclave, we invoke His aid.

To the sentiment of which we respond most heartily, and recommend its adoption with an amendment: "Provided water be used instead of wine." We are admonished in Holy Writ to "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup and moveth itself aright, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Many a courtly and magnanimous Sir Knight, who has labored hard for years to forget the cup, may, by this libation, be brought back to intemperance and ruin. Let us, then, take cold water, "the beverage prepared by God himself to nourish and invigorate His creatures."

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the difficulty between the Grand Commandery of Iowa and the Grand Master, about which so much has been written, after a careful consideration of the question in all its bearings, and stating the facts and circumstances in the case, sum up the whole matter in the form of a set of resolutions which, with the report, were received and adopted, a result favorable to all concerned and which, we trust, will restore concord and peace to the noble and magnanimous Knighthood of Iowa :

As a summary of our conclusions, we recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Ritual of the Order of the Temple was legally adopted in 1886;

Resolved, That it was the duty of the Grand Master to enforce the observance of that Ritual;

Resolved, That the Grand Commander of Iowa exceeded his authority in recalling the Ritual, which had been distributed by order of the Grand Encampment, and is deserving of censure.

Resolved, That it was the duty of the Grand Commander to obey the mandate of the Grand Master requiring him to re-issue said Rituals and see that they were conformed to;

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery of Iowa is censurable for suspending the operation and use of these Rituals;

Resolved, That the penalty already imposed has been sufficient to vindicate the authority of the Grand Encampment, and to impress its subordinates with a sense of their duty; that the Grand Commandery of Iowa be relieved from the edict of non-intercourse.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. HOPKINS,
R. E. WITHERS,
J. W. FELLOWS,
E. T. SCHULTZ.

The parade is said to have been the largest and most imposing that ever appeared in this country. The entertainment by the local Sir Knights was unsurpassed, and this Grand Conclave may be considered one of the most successful in the history of our Order. The question of permanently locating the Grand Encampment was discussed, and continued until the next Triennial.

M. E. John P. S. Gobin elected Grand Master; V. E. Wm. B. Isaacs re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Like a wayworn traveler, who views the light in the window on his return from a long journey, do we begin these concluding remarks. It is no small matter to write a Report on Correspondence, if we attempt at all to do justice to all concerned; but when it comes to two reports, one for Chapter and one for Commandery, in the summer months, you can imagine one is glad when the last pamphlet is folded, the last line written. The other members of the Committee again pleaded inability and we were left to do the work, and we are sure our Sir Knight Reporters will excuse shortcomings for, really, we have been "weary and heavy laden" in more ways than one. Still, the labor has been lightened by the pleasure had in reading the proceedings of the Grand Bodies reviewed, and especially the reports of the various Correspondents, which, as the years advance, are becoming more and more thorough, and therefore more enjoyable. We find the same questions agitating the Templar world which have ever been a source of contention and discussion. Now that the matter of Ritual has been quieted for three years (not by any means settled), a most troublesome question will be eliminated from the reports. We have had but little to say about it, for the reason that our Grand Commandery preferred to let the Grand Encampment (near at hand) settle it, and it has been disposed of only for the time, for we verily believe that there will be as much wrangling over uniformity of ceremonies as there has been over that of essentials. Let us hope that harmony will at last be reached. The discussion of questions of the Common Law of Masonry still continues, and while the Chapter and Commandery, as a rule, decide all questions in accordance with the law as administered in the Blue Lodge, still we find that there is as great a variety in opinion touching these in the Grand Lodges as in the other Orders, and there seems to be no hope of getting uniformity in the administration of the simplest laws touching membership, jurisdiction, ballot, objection, etc., etc., unless a General Grand Lodge be formed to adjust all these matters upon a common basis or uniformity and then let Chapter and Commandery conform. So long as these questions are mooted in Grand Lodges just so long will we have them up for discussion in the other Orders, and we trust some plan may be suggested by the "well-informed brethren" by which we may all meet on a common level, adjust all our differences, and let there be one law, one faith, one practice all over the country for Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. There is only one difficulty in all this that we can see, viz.: the Reporters being all agreed, there will be nothing left for them to talk about, and our occupation will be gone. Caswell may be left his "*Climate*," Innes his "*Memorial Days*," De Lap his "*Temperance*" (we will "jine" on that), Mayo his "*Intemperance Fad*," Berry his "*Xmas Potation*,"

and so on to the end of the list, but law points will be stricken off entirely. If a Grand Lodge won't do, let us select ten, twenty, or, if need be, one hundred of our best law-givers, form them into a sort of Sanhedrim or court of last resort. Let them meet, discuss (not cuss) and then agree upon the proper construction of the law, and if Caswell, Connor, Carson, Swain, De Lap, and such, don't abide by the law, let us cut their heads off and cast them into outer darkness, where there is weeping, etc., etc. We can only in imagination see that day come, in the which all the Mutuels are gathered in one place, and I see Dadmun rise in the midst, lining out the hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing," etc. We think at the close of the meeting we could join heartily (though with a poor voice) in the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc., with the hallelujah chorus attached. Oh, may the day come when all strife shall be done away, all malice forgotten, all bickerings cease, and accord, concord, unanimity and love actuate all movements and strivings for a better life; and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. So mote it be, Amen.

Courteously yours,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COMMANDERY,

—OF—

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

—OF THE—

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

—AT ITS—

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

—HELD IN—

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GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	Greensboro.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
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HORACE H. MUNSON...	Wilmington.....	E. Grand Recorder.
JOHN C. CHASE..	Wilmington.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN J. THORNTON....	Greensboro.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer
JOHN Q. A. BARHAM...	Winston.....	E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H BRADLEY...	Raleigh.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of North Carolina convened in its Eleventh Annual Conclave at Assembly Hall in Morehead City, Thursday, June 11th, A. D. 1891, A. O. 773, at 10 o'clock A. M., with the following

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	E. Grand Captain General.
GEORGE H. BELL.....	E. Grand Prelate.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	as E. Grand Senior Warden.
PETER A. WILSON, Jr.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....	as E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

OPENING.

It appearing that representatives from a constitutional number of Commanderies were present, the Grand Commandery was opened in ample and knightly form, the Grand Prelate leading the devotions.

JOURNAL OF LAST ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave was dispensed with, the same in printed form being in the hands of Sir Knights present.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sirs D. W. Bain, A. H. Stubbs and D. P. Mast Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following named Commanderies to have paid their dues to this Grand body, and to be properly represented by their proper officers, as named below.

We also find in attendance, and entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery, the officers present and past, as mentioned below.

D. W. BAIN,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,
D. P. MAST,
Committee.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....R. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTINE. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....E. Grand Captain General.
GEORGE H. BELL.....E. Grand Prelate.
*.....E. Grand Senior Warden.
PETER A. WILSON, Jr.....E. Grand Junior Warden
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....E. Grand Recorder.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....E. Grand Standard Bearer.
*.....E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN C. CHASE.....E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....E. Grand Sentinel.

*Officers absent.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

DONALD W. BAIN.....Past Grand Commander.
ALFRED H. STUBBS.....Past Grand Captain General.

PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS.

JOHN J. THORNTON.....Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8.
GEORGE LAMPMAN.....Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

E. S. MARTIN.....Eminent Commander
JOHN C. CHASE.....Generalissimo
J. C. MUNDS.....*proxy for* Captain General

DURHAM COMMANDERY, NO. 3, DURHAM.

JAMES SOUTHGATE.....Proxy for Eminent Commander
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....Proxy for Generalissimo
JAMES SOUTHGATE.....Proxy for Captain General

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, NO. 4, RALEIGH.

WILLIAM SIMPSONEminent Commander
 D. W. BAIN.....Proxy for Generalissimo
 R. H. BRADLEY.....Proxy for Captain General

CYRENE COMMANDERY, NO. 5, ASHEVILLE.

GEORGE H. BELL..... Proxy for Eminent Commander
 GEORGE H. BELL..... Proxy for Generalissimo
 GEORGE H. BELL.....Proxy for Captain General

PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, NO. 6, WINSTON.

D. P. MAST.....Eminent Commander
 J. Q. A. BARHAM..... Proxy for Generalissimo
 N. S. WILSON..... Captain General

MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, NO. 7, WILSON.

JAMES E. CLARK.....Proxy for Eminent Commander
 W. H. APPLEWHITE..... Proxy for Generalissimo
 J. D. BULLOCK.....Captain General

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, GREENSBORO.

N. L. S. HALL.....Eminent Commander
 N. L. S. HALLProxy for Generalissimo
 N. L. S. HALL.....Proxy for Captain General

Which report was, on motion, received.

ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.

Sir William W. Allen, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered his address, which, upon motion of Sir A. H. Stubbs, was referred to the following committee: A. H. Stubbs, B. F. Briggs and John C. Chase.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina :

We are assembled in annual grand conclave to close the duties of one Templar year and commence those of another. It is with unfeigned pleasure that I meet and extend to each Sir Knight present a courteous and hearty welcome to this, our Eleventh Annual Conclave, feeling that nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony of the Order within our borders.

My absence from the last grand conclave was a source of much regret to me, and I now take the opportunity to return my thanks to this grand

body and to express my high appreciation of the honor conferred on me by its members on that occasion.

Sir Knights, in accordance with the requirements of the statutes of the Grand Commandery, I submit to you in writing a report of my official acts since my installation at Greensboro on June 27th, 1890, by Eminent Sir George Lampman, who was authorized by special dispensation issued to him by Rt. Eminent Sir J. A. Porter, Grand Commander, to perform the ceremony with the assistance of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, at that time and place. But, before reviewing the occurrences incidental to my immediate official duties, let us pause to make honorable mention of those distinguished Fraters who, by divine decree, have been transferred from membership in our beloved Order on earth to that heavenly asylum where all true Christian Knights, having fought the good fight, rest evermore in the presence of our blessed Lord and Master, the great captain of our salvation. Very many of the most chivalrous in our noble order—indeed, I may truthfully say, of the foremost exemplars of Christian chivalry have obeyed the dread summons during the past year. The angel of death again entered our own jurisdiction, and it was with much sorrow that I issued my general order No. 1 announcing the death of our esteemed Frater, Very Eminent Sir Andrew J. Blair, Past D. G. Commander; also, Past Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, at Asheville, where his decease occurred on July 6th 1890. Sir Blair was too well known and loved to need any recital of his many virtues by me; it is enough to say, that those who knew him most intimately loved him best. He was confined to his room several months prior to death, during which time, Eminent Commander Sir A. H. Cobb writes me, he was attended by the brethren of all the Masonic bodies with an affection that was truly Christian, and, in accordance with his expressed desire, he was buried with Templar honors. I may add here that I have received a communication from the Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of Maryland, expressing sorrow and sympathy at the news of the death of Very Eminent Sir A. J. Blair, who was the Grand representative of that Grand Commandery near this grand body. I have also received a graceful expression of condolence from the Rt. Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Commandery of Arkansas.

The Subordinate Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction have been caused to mourn the loss of beloved Fraters. Deaths have occurred as follows:

On April 16th, 1891, at Fayetteville, Sir Thomas Jefferson Phillips, a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8.

Rev. Sir S. D. Franklin, of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, died Nov. 9th, 1890. Also, Sir M. W. Norfleet of the same Commandery, died near the same date.

The following deaths occurred immediately preceding the last Grand Conclave, but subsequent to the rendering of reports by the Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies:

Sir Knights J. J. White and J. P. Gaston, both exemplary members of Cyrene Commandery, died in May 1890.

Rev. Sir James Emory Mann, D. D., of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8. Sir Mann was an eminent divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and died while attending the general conference of that body at St. Louis on May 23d, 1890.

"Death loves a shining mark." A striking illustration of this proverb is found in the list of deaths occurring in the Grand Commanderies, of which I have received official notice during the past year.

ARKANSAS.

Eminent Sir George Harrison Meade, Grand Treasurer, died in the city of Little Rock, October 18th, 1890. He had served as Grand Treasurer of that Grand Commandery since 1877, and was a faithful officer, a courteous Sir Knight, a kind and sympathetic friend.

Eminent Sir Albert Pike, who died at his home in Washington, D. C., on the evening of April 2d, 1891.

If I were to attempt an eulogium I could not find more appropriate language than is used by Rt. Eminent Sir W. K. Ramsey in his general order, from which I quote: "The grandest column in the structure of mortal Masonry has crumbled; the most illustrious name that has graced the pages of the Masonic history of this century has been erased from the roll of the living; the lips which so eloquently taught the sublime principles of our order are silent; the tongue is mute, and the great, noble, generous heart of our chieftain has ceased its pulsations. Death has claimed our brightest jewel, and our hearts are mausoleums of sorrow. The name of Albert Pike is indissolubly connected with the Masonic history of our State, but his illustrious deeds, through a long and useful career, full of glorious fruition, has made it the property of the Masonic world."

He was the first Eminent Commander of the First Commandery, Hugh de Payens, No. 1, organized in the State of Arkansas, and remained a member until his death.

CALIFORNIA.

Rt. Eminent Sir Samuel Hopkins, in a general order dated January 17th, 1891, says: "Our Order has been sorely afflicted within the last six months. Four Past Grand Commanders and one Past Deputy Grand Commander have passed from earth and left vacant places in our ranks.

"On August 28th, 1890, R. E. Sir Tristram Burges, Grand Commander in 1888, died at his home in San Jose.

"On October 30th, 1890, R. E. Sir Bruce Benjamin Lee, Grand Commander in 1880, died at his home in Red Bluff.

"On December 28th, 1890, R. E. Sir Alexander Gurdon Abell, Grand Commander in 1861, died in San Francisco.

"On January 15th, 1891, R. E. Sir Phillip Walter Keyser, Grand Commander in 1885, died at his home in Yuba City.

"On September 4th, 1890, V. E. Sir Alvin Bacon, Deputy Grand Commander in 1874, died in Sonora, Cal.

"Also, two other members of this Grand Commandery, E. Sir Allen, Past Eminent Commander of Lassen Commandery, No. 13, who died August 1st, 1890, at Susanville, and E. Sir Gideon Wing, Past Eminent Commander of Pacific Commandery, No. 3, died August 4th, 1890, at Sonora, Cal.

CANADA.

Most Eminent Frater William J. B MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., died at Prescott, in the Dominion of Canada, on September 1st, 1890, aged 80 years.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master James A Henderson, Q. C. LL.D., died at Kingston on December 7th, 1890.

Acting Grand Master H. Robinson, in his order to the preceptories of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, says: "Following so closely upon our loss of Grand Master MacLeod Moore, the blow falls with redoubled force and we are left to lament the decease of both our leaders, Fraters who have been for many years foremost in our thoughts and affections.

CONNECTICUT.

R. E. Sir Nathan Dikeman, Past Grand Commander, died November 3d, 1890, aged 62 years. This deceased Frater was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Connecticut in 1874, and, speaking of him, R. E. Ira L. Gardiner, G. C., says: "He was a Christian Knight in all that the name implies."

ILLINOIS.

R. E. Sir Hosmer Allen Johnson, Past Grand Commander, died at his home in Chicago on February 26th, 1891. For many years he was the senior living Past Grand Commander and the one to whom all turned for good counsel and sound advice.

R. E. Sir Norman Theodore Gassette, Past Grand Commander, died at his home in Chicago, March 26th, 1891, aged 52. The deceased Frater was installed Grand Commander in October, 1888. Much younger at his death than any of the distinguished Past Commanders who preceded him, he was recognized of all as the first among his equals in untiring zeal and devotion to Templar Masonry.

IOWA.

Rt Eminent Sir Edwin E. Ainsworth, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, died at Detroit City, Minn., on Tuesday, August 12th, 1890.

Rt. Eminent Sir John C. Parish, Past Grand Commander of this Grand Jurisdiction, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, September 26th, 1890, aged 58 years, the cause of death being a stroke of paralysis.

KENTUCKY.

Rt. Eminent Sir Hiram Bassett, Past Grand Commander, went to his reward on November 6th, 1890, the place of death not being given in the official notice. This very distinguished Frater was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and also Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of that State. Rt. Eminent Sir W. H. Meffert, Grand Commander says: "The institution in Kentucky will continue to thrive, but in every department, in each degree, in all bodies will be found the results of the patient toil, practical wisdom and Masonic skill of our departed Commander.

MAINE.

Eminent Sir Silas Alden, Past Grand Captain General, died at his home in Bangor, Maine, in the 86th year of his age. Our deceased Eminent Frater was also a distinguished Scottish Rite Mason, having received the 33rd degree.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. Sir John W. Dadman, Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, died suddenly of apoplexy August 6th, 1890. Sir Dadman was elected Grand Prelate in 1882 and continued in that office until the time of his death. This Reverend Frater was also Past Grand High Priest, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council and President of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests. He was well known and appreciated through his valued contributions to the literature of our Order as a member of the "Guild" of Templar Correspondents.

Eminent Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder, died suddenly on March 20th, 1891. At the time of his death, in addition to similar offices in subordinate bodies, Sir Chapman was the Recording Officer of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery of that Grand Jurisdiction. He was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery in 1867 and filled the office faithfully until the time of his decease.

PENNSYLVANIA.

From the office of the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, I have received official notice of the death of our esteemed Past Grand Master Charles Roome, of New York, which occurred June 28th, 1890, and on July 1st he was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.

Grand Master John P. S. Gobin says of the deceased Frater: "As a citizen, soldier, Mason, Templar he was pre eminent, and won success because he deserved it."

TENNESSEE.

R. E. Sir William David Robison, Past Grand Commander, departed this life at his residence, near Murfreesboro, September 18th, 1890, in the 50th year of his age. He had filled the offices of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and was elected Grand Commander in 1882. He was an earnest and faithful worker, being loved and respected by all who knew him. As a Confederate soldier he made an enviable record and was severely wounded in that service.

R. E. Sir Joseph Benjamin Palmer, Past Grand Commander, died at his home in Murfreesboro November 4th, 1890, aged 65 years. Frater Palmer is described as one of the distinguished jurists of Tennessee, and during the late war he attained the rank of Brigadier-General in the Confederate army.

R. E. Sir Gamaliel Bailey Wilson, Past Grand Commander, died at San Diego, Cal., April 7th, 1891, in the 53d year of his age. Sir Wilson's body was brought back to his home, Clarksville, Tennessee, and there interred with Masonic ceremonies. The deceased Frater was elected Grand Commander in 1888-'89.

VERMONT.

Eminent Sir Franklin Haven Bascom, 33° Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, died at his residence in Montpelier, in that State, on November 17th, 1890, aged 47 years. R. E. Sir William F. Lewis says, that in the death of Sir Bascom the Masonic fraternity has lost an untiring worker for its best interests.

DISPENSATIONS.

On November 14th, 1890, an application from Durham Commandery, No. 3, was forwarded to me by the Eminent Grand Recorder, asking for a duplicate charter, the original one having been destroyed by a fire, which also destroyed their asylum. At the suggestion of the Eminent Grand Recorder I issued a dispensation to the officers and Sir Knights of this Commandery, empowering them to meet at the place of their selection, to confer degrees and do such other work as they may elect in accordance with Templar law until the next conclave of the Grand Commandery.

On Jan'y. 17th, 1891, I received a communication from Sir Knight S. C. Wells, Eminent Commander of Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, asking for a dispensation to elect and install officers at their stated conclave on January 26th, there not having been a constitutional number

present at the time appointed for holding the annual election. In reply to this communication, I granted the dispensation asked for.

On January 23d I received an application from Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, for a dispensation to install officers-elect, there having been "no quorum" at their last stated conclave, a number of the Sir Knights being in Raleigh attending the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. at that time. I scarcely deemed it necessary in this case, but issued the dispensation as requested.

On March 19th, 1891, I received a communication from Sir Knight D. P. Mast, Eminent Commander of Piedmont Commandery, No. 6, asking for a dispensation to elect and install officers at their stated conclave, on March 23d, and stating that this Commandery, "through an oversight," had failed to elect its officers this year. I granted the request and forwarded the dispensation required.

On April 13th I issued a dispensation to Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, to elect and install a Junior Warden, the Sir Knight elected to that office at the previous election of officers having failed to present himself for installation and in a communication to his Commandery stating that it would be impossible for him to do so.

On April 20th, 1891, I issued a dispensation to Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, to receive the petitions of five companion R. A. Masons at a special conclave held on the above date; also, to ballot on them and confer the orders of Knighthood without waiting the usual time. I granted this dispensation after consultation with V. E. Sir G. H. King, P. D. G. C., and several other Sir Knights of Charlotte Commandery, which for a long time has been in a languishing condition, believing that this addition to their ranks—all of the candidates being in every way worthy—would act as a stimulus to the older members, and that this Commandery will in consequence resume work in regular order.

On October 3d, 1890, I granted a dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, to ballot on the petition of Companion William Anderson without waiting the usual time, the petition in this case having been in the hands of the Recorder of that Commandery more than sixty days, in consequence of a failure to obtain a constitutional number of Sir Knights at previous conclaves, and Companion Anderson was about to remove his place of residence.

On December 8th, 1890, in reply to request, I issued a dispensation to Raleigh Commandery, No. 4, to elect and install officers at a special conclave, there not being a quorum at the time of the previous stated conclave.

On June 9th, 1891, I issued a dispensation empowering Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, to hold a special conclave on that date for the purpose of electing and installing officers, so that the re-organization of that Commandery might be completed and a report made to this Grand Body at its Eleventh Annual Conclave.

INVITATIONS, VISITATIONS AND INSPECTIONS.

I have received very cordial and courteous invitations to visit most of the Commanderies in our own Grand Jurisdiction, and also one from the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, inviting me to attend a banquet of the Guild of Templar Correspondents at Boston, Massachusetts, on Christmas day, 1890, on which occasion Most Eminent John P. S. Gobin, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, was pledged in a libation with appropriate sentiments. To most of these invitations I had to send letters of regret, business not permitting me to accept; although nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have done so.

Almost immediately after my installation as Grand Commander I corresponded with Very Eminent Sir James H. Southgate, Deputy Grand Commander; Eminent Sir Eugene S. Martin, Grand Generalissimo, and Eminent Sir Francis M. Moye, Grand Captain General, asking them to co-operate with me in a regular inspection of the various Commanderies; also, requesting them to designate those Commanderies which it would be most convenient for them to visit for the purposes of inspection and instruction. I received replies from each of these Grand Officers, expressing hearty support and a willingness to discharge the duties mentioned. Since that time most of the Commanderies have been officially visited and inspected, reports of which have been made to me, but, as these Grand Officers will make their respective reports to the Grand Commandery, it is unnecessary that I make further allusion to them.

The reports of the Eminent Grand Recorder for several years past make no mention of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, except to state that no reports had been received from that Commandery, and last year he expressed fear that it was dead beyond resurrection. Under these circumstances I thought it would be well to employ the limited time at my disposal in an earnest endeavor to restore this Commandery, or at least make an effort to get it in better condition. Obtaining a copy of their last report made, 1887, I found that there were at that time seventeen Sir Knights, members in good standing. Since then two have died, two dimitted and four others have removed to distant cities, which left but small opportunity for regular work. After some correspondence with V. E. Sir George H. King, P. D. G. C., I arranged to meet as many of the Sir Knights of Charlotte Commandery as could be gotten together to talk over the situation and discuss the best way to revive an interest in Templar Masonry in that city; and, accordingly, I went to meet them on July 8th, 1890. From the conversation at that time I was not very confident of success, but the visit and subsequent correspondence and interviews with some of the Sir Knights did awaken an interest, as will be seen by the dispensation issued later to receive and ballot on five

petitions, and on May 12th, 1891, I went to Charlotte by appointment to be present at an election of officers and to install and render all the assistance to the officers elected which I might legally do. Unfortunately a tremendous storm occurred on that evening and prevented the accomplishment of our purpose. However, I am pleased to report that there is an excellent prospect of Charlotte Commandery resuming regular work and being again actively represented in this Grand Commandery.

On June 5th, 1891, I accompanied the V. E. D. G. Commander on his official visit to Piedmont Commandery No. 6. There was a good attendance of the Sir Knights on that occasion, and the Order of the Temple was conferred.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Several vacancies having been caused by death or removal of residence and one new Grand Commandery having been organized, I have, on receipt of requests, issued commissions to Grand Representatives of this Grand Jurisdiction near other Grand Commanderies. I have also recommended several Sir Knights, who have received commissions, as Grand Representatives near this Grand Commandery. A correct list of the names of these Sir Knights and the Grand Commanderies represented will appear in the report of the Eminent Grand Recorder.

NEW GRAND COMMANDERY.

An official circular, dated Bismark, North Dakota, September 15th, 1890, announces that at the Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Dakota, held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the four Commanderies of North Dakota, under warrant issued by the M. E. Grand Master, formed a new Grand Commandery, adopting the name of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota. Grand Officers were also elected and installed on June 16th, 1890. Rt. Eminent Leonard A. Ross, Grand Commander; Eminent W. T. Perkins, Grand Recorder. The circular concludes with a request to name representatives for the Grand Commandery of North Dakota, which I complied with; and I recommend that this Grand Body extend to the new Grand Commandery a courteous recognition.

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

During the year my opinion has been asked on a few matters pertaining to the good of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, but in each case it has been only a consultation, and the fact that I have not been called upon to render any important decision is a high compliment to the skill, care and capacity of the officers commanding our Subordinate Commanderies.

It will be seen by my report of dispensations issued that most of them have been required in consequence of a failure to elect and install officers

by Subordinate Commanderies at the proper time, and I earnestly recommend that a resolution or other legislation be passed at this Grand Conclave making it obligatory on each Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction that a regular summons be sent to every Sir Knight being a member of such Commandery and residing in the State, requiring his attendance at the conclave at which the annual election of officers is held. And I recommend also, that this requirement be incorporated in the by-laws of our Subordinate Commanderies

I have recently heard some complaint at the selection of Morehead City as being a remote place at which to hold this Grand Conclave, and it has been stated that the action of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in selecting the time and place for holding its Annual Grand Convocation practically appoints the time and place of our Grand Conclave. If it be the will and pleasure of this Grand Body to continue the arrangement by which we meet in Grand Conclave at the same place and immediately following the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, I recommend that the committee appointed on time and place of holding the next Grand Conclave be not discharged at the closing of the Grand Commandery, but be continued until a new committee is appointed the following year, in which case it can be consulted by a similar committee of the Grand Chapter and a time and place acceptable to both Grand Bodies be chosen.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, Sir Knights, while we have not seen any phenomenal growth during the past year, yet there is cause for congratulation. The reports received show an increase in our ranks, and decidedly more interest in all that pertains to the welfare of our illustrious order. The re-organization of Charlotte Commandery, No. 2, and the satisfactory statements contained in a communication just received from V. E. Geo. H. King, in which he not only speaks of the work already accomplished and express the hope that Charlotte will soon forge to the front, but on behalf of his Commandery invites this Grand Body to hold its next Annual Conclave in the Queen City

I desire to acknowledge and express my thanks for the cordial support given me by the Grand Officers, and also for the many courtesies I have received from the officers and members of the Subordinate Commanderies. Regretting that business engagements did not permit a closer application to duty, I trust that my actions will meet with your approval.

Sincerely and Courteously,

W. W. ALLEN, G. C.

REPORT OF THE V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

To the M. E. Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

I congratulate the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction upon the evidence of prosperity and general advancement in the work of our magnanimous order

The M. E. Grand Commander wrote me early after the close of our last Annual Conclave, assigning to me for Grand Visitation two Subordinate Commanderies, viz: Piedmont, No. 6, and Ivanhoe, No. 8. For various reasons I was unable to make these visits until the first week in this month, when I had the pleasure of visiting Piedmont, No. 6, in company with our M. E. Grand Commander, W. W. Allen, on the 5th of June. We were courteously received by the Sir Knights of Winston and enjoyed the company of our Fraters. We witnessed the work of the Order of the Temple upon an actual candidate, and from the inspection made I am convinced there is a prosperous future for this Commandery. The material is first-class in every particular. Several Sir Knights have been created during the year and much interest in Templarism is manifest.

I failed to meet with Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, owing to a misunderstanding as to the time and local attractions which prevented a meeting. I was informed that many of the members are non-residents, and it is with difficulty a quorum can be had. Some additions have been made. Much interest is taken in the proper working of the degrees. They have a well arranged asylum and all the paraphernalia necessary for the intelligent teaching of the orders. Courteously submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Deputy Grand Commander.

REPORT OF THE E. GRAND GENERALISSIMO.

R. E. WILLIAM W. ALLEN, *Grand Commander.*

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—I have the honor to report my official acts during the past fiscal year.

In obedience to your orders, I officially visited and inspected Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, Wilson, N. C., on February 23, 1891, and on the day following reported the same to you.

I desired to visit other Commanderies, but my health and business prevented. No other matters have come before me in an official capacity.

Courteously,

E. S. MARTIN, G. G.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 24, 1891.

R. E. SIR W. W. ALLEN, *Grand Commander.*

R. E. SIR—I have the honor to report that I officially visited Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 7, Wilson, at its regular conclave last night. I was received and treated with every Knightly courtesy by E. Sir Geo.

W. Blount, Commander, and the other members of that Commandery. Owing to sickness and other causes, the number of Sir Knights present was small.

By request of the Eminent Commander, I opened the Commandery in full form and gave such instruction as was asked for or I thought would be useful.

The asylum of this Commandery is very commodious and conveniently arranged, and the records and uniforms and equipments of the Sir Knights in good condition.

I regret that I did not have the opportunity of seeing some of their work, as I am informed that the Orders of the Knighthood are conferred in an excellent manner by this Commandery.

E. Sir John C. Chase, Grand Warden, did me the favor to accompany me on this visit, adding much to the pleasure of it. We returned here to-day.

Courteously,

E. S. MARTIN, G. G.

REPORT OF THE E. GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Carolina:

RIGHT EMINENT SIR—I have the honor to submit the following report of the duties performed by me as Grand Captain General the past Templar year. In obedience to your request, and in compliance with my promise to visit officially during the year, two or more of the Subordinate Commanderies, I had the honor March 25, to be present at a Special Conclave of Plantagenet Commandery No. 1, and the pleasure of seeing conferred in a highly creditable manner the Order of the Temple, and Knight of Malta. The attendance was fair, and all who took part in the interesting ceremonies of the degrees evinced commendable proficiency in the work, while Eminent Sir E. S. Martin occupied the chair with his usual courtesy, dignity, and intelligence. With a beautiful Asylum, and being otherwise splendidly equipped, this Commandery is nevertheless unfortunate in not being provided with the necessary adjoining apartments which are so essential to conferring in an impressive manner the Orders of Knighthood, but the skill exhibited on this occasion compensated almost entirely for this deficiency. I was pleased to learn that a movement was on foot looking to the sale of their valuable Masonic property, and the erection at an early day of an imposing edifice in every way suited to the work of all the degrees, and worthy in every way of such a Commandery. It is unnecessary to add that I was received, and treated with the Knightly courtesy, and respect characteristic of the gallant, and accomplished Knights of Plantagenet Commandery, and it affords me much pleasure to testify to their zeal, knowledge of the work, and great pride in everything that

pertains to our noble Order, and to say that for these qualities they have in my opinion no superior among their Sister Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction.

At a Special Conclave May 4th, I visited Durham Commandery No. 3; there I found two candidates in waiting for the Orders of Knighthood. On one of them I had the honor, assisted by the officers, and Eminent Sir George Lampman, who came down from Greensboro, of conferring all the Orders, and on the other the Order of the Red Cross. This Commandery, which has passed through sore trials, I am persuaded has now started on a new, and brighter career of prosperity. While there exists at present, to some extent at least, a lack of interest and want of proficiency in the work, it seems to be the natural result of the loss by fire last year of nearly all their paraphernalia, and the consequent long interruption in their meetings, but they have now perhaps the most attractive Asylum in the State with all the necessary adjoining apartments, including a beautiful Banquet Hall, the floors covered with bright new carpets, and rooms brilliantly lighted with electricity. The membership of this Commandery is unsurpassed for intelligence, and while all are eminently worthy there are those among them whose high position, and commanding influence both as citizens and Masons, reflect great credit on the order. These Sir Knights have but to be united in the strong bonds of Brotherly-Love, and Friendship, and actuated by that fervency and zeal which should characterize all Knights Templar, and a glorious future of prosperity and honor awaits them. Before closing this report I cannot resist the inclination to say that our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Southgate, who is justly regarded as one of the massive pillars in our mystic Temple (I will not allude to the beautiful proportions of this pillar) is indeed a valuable member of Durham Commandery. Having had an excellent opportunity to form an opinion I am prepared to assert that he is equal to any emergency involving the welfare of his Commandery, is willing to make almost any sacrifice for its good, and has in a marked degree the happy faculty of inspiring and keeping up a lively interest in the work, even under the most unfavorable circumstances. My short stay with these clever Sir Knights was made exceedingly pleasant, and I am deeply grateful to them for the very cordial and Knightly reception extended me. I regret that I did not find it convenient to visit other Commanderies during the year. I heartily endorse the system of official visitation inaugurated by the Grand Commandery, and if faithfully carried out I am convinced it will result in great good to the order, as has been the effect in other Grand Jurisdictions. I would respectfully suggest that in the future the Right Eminent Grand Commander assign to each Grand officer a certain number of such of the Commanderies by name as he himself may be unable to visit during the year.

All of which is courteously submitted,

F. M. MOYE,

Grand Captain General.

All of above reports were referred to the Committee on the Grand Commander's address.

The Grand Commander announced the following Standing Committees:

On Credentials and Returns—Sir Knights Donald W. Bain, Alfred H. Stubbs and Daniel P. Mast.

On Address of R. E. Grand Commander—Sir Knights A. H. Stubbs, B. F. Briggs and John C. Chase.

On Warrants and Dispensations—Sir Knights J. E. Clark, J. D. Bullock and N. S. L. Hall.

On Finance—Sir Knights Geo. Lampman, B. F. Briggs and N. S. Wilson.

On Appeals and Grievances—Sir Knights F. M. Moye, N. S. Wilson and William Simpson

On Next Place of Annual Conclave—Sir Knights J. J. Thornton, Geo. H. Bell and Wm. Simpson.

On Templar Jurisprudence—Sir Knights D. W. Bain, E. S. Martin and H. H. Munson.

On Fraternal Correspondence—Sir Knights Geo. W. Blount, A. H. Stubbs and J. C. Munds.

On Unfinished Business—Sir Knights R. H. Bradley, P. A. Wilson, Jr., and Jas. E. Clark.

On Necrology—Sir Knights Geo. H. Bell, J. Q. A. Barham and W. H. Applewhite.

A letter of regret for non-attendance at this Grand Conclave was read from Sir Geo. W. Blount whose request that he be allowed to complete his report as chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and have it published in the printed proceedings, was upon motion of E. S. Martin, Grand Generalissimo, granted. Also a letter of regret was received from Sir Knight F. L. Jacobs, E. Senior Warden, which was read and placed on file.

Pleasant rejoinders were received from Grand Commanderies in response to the circulars sent by their Grand Representatives near this Grand Body.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced 3 o'clock P. M., as the special hour for the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Commandery adjourned to 2:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Commandery convened according to adjournment, the Grand Officers in their stations.

The Committee upon the Grand Commander's address submitted the following:

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of our R. E. Grand Commander, beg leave to report:

1. That so much of the address as refers to the fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Necrology. That so much as refers to dispensations granted, decisions made, and recommendations offered, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

2. That a hearty welcome be given the new Grand Commandery of North Dakota.

3. That official visitations of the several Subordinate Commanderies be zealously encouraged.

4. That a duplicate charter be granted to Durham Commandery No. 3.

Your Committee have read with pleasure that portion of the address which refers to Charlotte Commandery and notes with high appreciation the efforts of the Grand Commander in its behalf.

ALFRED H. STUBBS,
B. F. BRIGGS,
JOHN C. CHASE,

Committee.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which upon motion of F. M. Moye, Grand Captain General, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina:

I have the honor of submitting the following report:

June 23d. Distributed circulars of elective officers.

July 11th. Received and distributed to those entitled Constitution and Digest of the Grand Encampment.

July 17th. Issued order of the Grand Commander announcing the death of Past Commander Sir A. J. Blair, of Cyrene Commandery No. 5 Asheville.

September 1. Issued order of Grand Master John P. S. Gobin, announcing the death of Past Grand Master Charles Roome.

April 1st. Forwarded blanks to Subordinate Commanderies.

May 12th. Distributed circulars of the Grand Commander to the Grand Representatives of Fraternal Bodies.

The following Sir Knights have received commissions as Grand Representatives near this Grand Body:

Maryland.....	F. L. Jacobs.....	Asheville.
New Hampshire.....	Jas. C. Munds.....	Wilmington.
North Dakota.....	Meritt H. Jones.....	Durham.
Ohio.....	Jno. J. Thornton.....	Greensboro.
	(In place of Sir E. Grissom resigned.)	
Texas.....	M. Bowes.....	Raleigh.
Washington.....	Jno. C. Chase.....	Wilmington.

The following Sir Knights have been commissioned as Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies:

South Dakota.....	Geo. W. Burnside.....	Sioux Falls.
North Dakota.....	Jno. D. Black.....	Jamestown.
Washington.....	Jno. P. DeMattos.....	Whatcover.
Texas.....	S. D. Scudder.....	San Antonio.

The following Proceedings of Fraternal Bodies for 1890 have been received since our last report:

Alabama,	Montana,
Arkansas,	Massachusetts and Rhode Island,
California,	New York,
Connecticut,	Nebraska,
Colorado,	North Dakota,
England and Wales,	New Jersey,
Georgia,	New Hampshire,
Illinois,	Oregon,
Indiana (1891,)	Pennsylvania,
Kansas,	South Dakota,
Kentucky,	Texas,
Louisiana (1891,)	Vermont,
Michigan,	Virginia,
Minnesota,	West Virginia,
Missouri,	Wyoming,
Mississippi,	Washington (1889 and 1890.)
Maine,	

We note with regret the death of our fellow worker Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of the Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which took place during the current year. Sir Knight Chapman had long filled important offices in the Fraternity, being at one time Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and wherever located he was ever true to his trust. We extend to his successor Seranus Bowen, a hearty welcome into the Brotherhood of Grand Recorders.

We call attention of Recorders to the law requiring official notice to be sent to the Grand Recorder upon the election and installation of officers of Sub-Commanderies, also to the time designated for the sending of returns.

The following Commanderies have paid dues for 1891:

May	12.	Plantagenet No. 1, Wilmington.....	\$ 42 00	-
	13.	Mount Lebanon No. 7, Wilson.....	28 00	-
	18.	Piedmont No. 6, Winston	29 00	-
	25.	Durham No. 2, Durham.....	18 00	-
June	1.	Cyrene No. 5, Asheville.....	50 00	-
	5.	Raleigh No. 4, Raleigh.....	39 00	-
	9.	Ivanhoe No. 8, Greensboro.....	29 00	-
			\$ 235 00	

I ask attention to the following question:

Is it contemplated that a Commandery having paid for the Knighting of a candidate, shall be compelled to pay dues for the same as a member also?

A difference of opinion existing with regard to this law it may be well for the Grand Commandery to define its meaning.

Circulars giving notice of deceased Sir Knights of Sister Grand Commanderies have from time to time been received and duly forwarded to the R. E. Grand Commander.

Courteously submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

Sir F. M. Moye from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have nothing to report, no business having come before them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, E. Grand Generalissimo and E. Grand Captain General recommend that said reports be spread upon the minutes.

A. H. STUBBS,
B. F. BRIGGS,
J. C. CHASE,

Committee.

Upon motion it was so ordered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that the only unfinished business appearing to them is on Page 15 of the Printed Proceedings of the last Grand Conclave with reference to the matter of proxies of Past Grand Officers.

J. E. CLARK,
P. A. WILSON, JR.,
R. H. BRADLEY,
Committee.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted the following additional report:

To the Grand Commandery K. T. of North Carolina:

The following printed record appears on page 15 of Proceedings of last Annual Conclave:

“On motion of Sir James Southgate, the matter of proxies of Past Grand Officers was committed to the Committee on Credentials for their consideration, and report.”

This committee finding that no report was made at the last Annual Conclave on this subject, assumes the duty of now doing so.

After consideration, the committee are of opinion that Past Grand Officers have not the power to appoint proxies. Section 26, paragraphs one and three, and Sec. 28, Art. 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, are referred to as authority. The Committee have examined the returns of such Commanderies as have been handed to them, and report as follows: Returns of following Commanderies are correct and complete: Plantagenet No. 1; Piedmont No. 6; Mount Lebanon No. 7; and Ivanhoe No. 8.

Returns of following Commanderies are defective: Durham, No. 3, not signed by the Eminent Commander; Raleigh No. 4, date of charter not given, and the Recorder fails to charge the Commandery with dues to Grand Commandery on two members recently Knighted, Cyrene No. 5, one name appears on returns without explanation, not returned previous year. Seal not affixed, date of charter not given.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,
D. P. MAST.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that part of the address of the Grand Commander relating to dispensations, decisions and recommendations, report that they have examined the same and find all dispensations granted according to law and that no decisions are reported. The Committee further report that the recommendation of the Grand Commander that the members of Subordinate Commandaries shall be *summoned* to attend the Conclave appointed by law for the election of officers, meets with their approval and recommend that the same be adopted as an edict of this Grand Commandery and enforced accordingly.

The Committee further reports as follows, upon the recommendation of the Grand Commander, that the Committee on Time and Place of holding the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery should be continued, etc., (see his address.) that the Constitution provides that the stated Conclaves shall be held at such time and place as may have been decided at the previous Annual Conclave, and the By-Laws provide that the Committee on next place of the Annual Conclave shall expire with the Conclave at which they are appointed. The Committee therefore reports that said recommendation is in contravention of existing law.

Courteously,

D. W. BAIN,
H. H. MUNSON,
E. S. MARTIN,

Committee.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to return for proper correction all returns whenever made to his office.

Sir Knight J. E. Clark from the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations, reports that no business had come before them.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report which upon motion was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WM. SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1890.		DR.	
July.	I	To balance as per last report.....	\$169 65
1891.			
June	II	To cash from Grand Recorder.....	235 00—\$404 65
1890.		CR.	
July	15.	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton.....	\$37 50
	22.	“ “ M. Lilly Mfg. Co.....	4 25

Aug. 5.	“	“	So, Express Co.....	2 20
1891.				
Jan. 5.	“	“	Edwards & Broughton.....	75 00
June 11.	“	“	Exp. Gr. Recorder's Office.....	36 08
	“	“	E. S. Martin expenses	10 00
	“	“	H. H. Munson Gr. Recorder.....	50 00
	“	“	R. H. Bradley Gr. Sentinel expenses..	15 00
	“	“	Jas. Southgate D. G. C. expenses.....	8 50
	“	“	F. M. Moye G. C. Genl. expenses.....	19 00
	“	“	Wm. Simpson Gr. Treas. expenses.....	8 75
	“	“	H. H. Munson Gr. Rec. expenses.....	15 25
			By balance on hand	123 12
				\$ 404 65

The special hour having arrived, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the direction of Sir Knights N. S. Wilson and J. E. Clark, tellers, resulting as follows :

WILLIAM W. ALLEN.....	R. E. Grand Commander.
JAMES SOUTHGATE.	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	E. Grand Generalissimo.
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	E. Grand Captain General.
GEO. H. BELL.....	E. Grand Prelate.
PETER A. WILSON, JR.....	E. Grand Senior Warden.
GEO. LAMPMAN.....	E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	E. Grand Treasurer.
HORACE H. MUNSON.....	E. Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander made the following appointments :

JOHN C. CHASE.....	E. Grand Standard Bearer.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	E. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN Q. A. BARRIAM.....	E. Grand Warder.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	E. Grand Sentinel.

Sir James Southgate offered the following resolution which upon motion was adopted :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed at this Grand Conclave to confer with a similar committee of the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, to consider the question of time and place of meeting, and should any member of said committee find it impossible to attend he shall be empowered to name a substitute.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed as said committee Sir Knights James Southgate, E. S. Martin and F. M. Moye.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report which was adopted :

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find the same correct.

GEO. LAMPMAN,
N. S. WILSON,
B. F. BRIGGS,

Committee.

NECROLOGY.

Your Committee on Necrology desire to express their sorrow for the loss of so many of our distinguished Fraters, and would recommend that a memorial page be set apart for their deceased members within our own jurisdiction, and that additional pages be set apart in memory of E. Albert Piko, 33°, and P. G. M. Charles Roome.

GEO. H. BELL
J. Q. A. BARHAM,
W. H. APPLEWHITE,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on a place of meeting for its next Annual Grand Conclave, respectfully recommend Winston as the place, and Thursday after the first Tuesday in June, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the time.

J. J. THORNTON,
WM. SIMPSON,
GEO. H. BELL,

Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received with distinguished honor :

Geo. H. Bell.....	Alabama.
Horace H. Munson.....	Connecticut.
Eugene S. Martin.....	Iowa.
James Southgate.....	Indiana.
F. M. Moye.....	Minnesota.
J. C. Munds.....	New Hampshire.
John J. Thornton.....	Ohio.
Donald W. Bain.....	Vermont.
John C. Chase.....	Washington,

The Grand Commandery adjourned to 8:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Grand Commandery met according to adjournment, the Grand Commander presiding.

The Grand Officers were installed by P. G. C. D. W. Bain, Sir E. S. Martin acting as Grand Marshal.

Sir James Southgate offered the following resolution which upon motion was adopted :

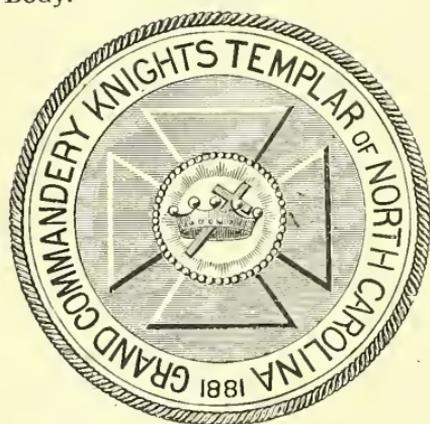
Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid the Grand Recorder for his official services the last Templar year, and that the expenses of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Sentinel in attending this Grand Conclave be paid.

Sir D. W. Bain offered the following resolution which upon motion was adopted :

That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir W. W. Allen, for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties appertaining to his office and presided over the deliberations of this Grand Body.

Sir E. S. Martin offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due and hereby tendered to the Teachers' Assembly for the use of their Hall at Morehead, and to Sir Eugene G. Harrell for his courtesy to this Grand Body.



After appropriate remarks by the R. E. Grand Commander looking towards the future prosperity of the Order, the Grand Commandery having concluded its labors, was closed in Ample and Knightly Form.

✠ WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

✠ HORACE H. MUNSON,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS

OF

Subordinate Commanderies.

FOR THE YEAR 1891.



PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, No. 1, WILMINGTON.

Time of stated Conclave: Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

E. S. Martin.....	Eminent Commander.
John C. Chase.....	Generalissimo.
W. P. Toomer.....	Captain General.
C. I. Comfort.....	Prelate.
Jas. C. Munds.. ..	Treasurer.
U. M. Robinson.....	Recorder.
R. H. Grant.....	Senior Warden.
R. W. Price.....	Junior Warden.
W. E. Storm.....	Standard Bearer.
J. C. Lodar.....	Sword Bearer.
E. Richards.....	Warder.
T. H. Johnson.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Allen, W. W., G. C.,	Kenan, W. R. P. E. C.	Noble, M. C. S.
Chadbourn, W. H., P. E. C.	Latimer, E. S.	Pritchard, Rev. T. H.
Chadbourn, Jas. H., Jr.	Monroe, J. W.	Smith, W. J.
Forshee, J. M.	Munson, H. H. P. G. C.	Smallbones, H. G.
French, G. Z.	Munds, J. D.	Williams, W. A.
Hall, S. G.	McEachern, D.	Willard, M. S.
Harriss, Geo.	McKeithan, D. T.	
Knowles, F. M.	Northrop, S.	

DURHAM COMMANDERY, No. 3, DURHAM.

Time of stated Conclave: First Tuesday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

Lee W. Battle.....	Eminent Commander.
Ed. J. Parrish.....	Generalissimo.
John F. Freeland.....	Captain General.
John L. Markham.....	Prelate.
James W. Blackwell.....	Treasurer.
James Southgate.....	Recorder.
William L. Wall.....	Senior Warden.
Chas. C. Taylor.....	Junior Warden.
Julian S. Carr.....	Standard Bearer.
William T. Blackwell.....	Sword Bearer.
Merritt H. Jones.....	Warder.
John D. Wilbow.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Albright, Wm. A.	Nichols, John.	Strayhorn, Isaac R.
Lee, John W.	Smith, Louis T.	Walker, Bernice.

RALEIGH COMMANDERY, No. 4, RALEIGH.

Time of stated Conclave: First Thursday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

William Simpson.....	Eminent Commander.
F. A. Watson.....	Generalissimo.
D. S. Waitt.....	Captain General.
D. W. Bain P. G. C.....	Prelate.
S. D. Waitt ...	Treasurer.
T. W. Blake.....	Recorder.
J. W. Thompson.....	Senior Warden.
E. M. Uzzell.....	Junior Warden.
D. L. Adams.....	Standard Bearer.
J. M. Sherwood.....	Sword Bearer.
C. Wallen.....	Warder.
R. H. Bradley.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Andrews, A. B.	Grissom, E. P. G. C.	Potter, E. C.
Allcott, Wayne.	Heartt, L. D.	Sexton, J. A.
Bain, W. H.	Hicks, W. J.	Snow, Geo. H.
Bowes, Michael.	Hay, T. T.	Woodruff, C. A. P. G. C.
Busbee, F. H.	Hawkins, M. J.	Wetherell, W. P.
Becroster, J. C.	Hamilton, D. S.	Withers, W. A.
Cowan, H. M.	Harrell, E. G.	Worth, H. M.
Dobson, J. F.	Keough, T. B.	
Edwards, C. B.	Mitchell, R. N.	

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 5, ASHEVILLE.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Thursday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

A. H. Cobb.....	Eminent Commander.
J. A. Wagner.....	Generalissimo.
H. C. Fagg	Captain General.
Geo. H. Bell.....	Prelate.
R. R. Porter.....	Treasurer.
C. H. Miller.....	Recorder.
W. F. Randolph.....	Senior Warden.
A. J. Wills.....	Junior Warden.
E. R. Glenn.....	Standard Bearer.
John D. Brevard.....	Sword Bearer.
J. W. Schartle.....	Warder.
C. C. McCarty.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Brookshire, J. A.	Gudger, H. A.	Porter, J. A. P. G. C.
Brank, Joseph.	Gudger, J. M.	Robertson, M. W.
Brookshire, J. M.	Hilliard, W. D.	Reagan, J. A.
Blanton, C. D.	Hageman, O. F.	Reed, T. J.
Burroughs, J. A.	Jacobs, F. L. P. E. C.	Sprinkles, W. C.
Cortland, J. W.	Jarvis, W. M.	Shope, W. L.
Cocke, W. M. Jr.	Moore, C. O.	Smith, J. M.
Carter, J. H.	McBrayer, R.	Tweed, C. W.
Dickerson, Jos. E.	McCoy, T. C.	Vance, R. B.
Fullenweider, E. H.	Nichols, J. A.	VanGilder, T. J.
Gudger, W. J.	Nelson, W. A. Rev.	

 PIEDMONT COMMANDERY, No. 6, WINSTON

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

D. P. Mast.....	Eminent Commander.
P. W. Dalton.....	Generalissimo.
N. S. Wilson.....	Captain General.
J. Q. A. Barham.....	Prelate.
F. G. Schaum.....	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Smith.....	Recorder.
M. D. Bailey.....	Senior Warden.
E. D. Rich.....	Junior Warden.
E. A. Ebert.....	Standard Bearer.
J. C. Bessent.....	Sword Bearer.
R. E. Dalton.....	Warder.
E. Spach.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS

Allen, S. E.	Hunter, J. W. P. E. C.	Price, C. J.
Alspaugh, J. W.	Hanes, P. H.	White, J. H.
Bahuson, H. T. P. E. C.	Holder, H. A.	White, J. A.
Bahuson, W. G.	Jones, E. L.	Wilson, P. A. Jr.
Blair, W. A.	Nelson, I. H.	
Dwine, N. X.		

 MOUNT LEBANON COMMANDERY, No. 7, WILSON.

Time of stated Conclave: Fourth Monday night in each month.

OFFICERS:

Geo. W. Blount.....	Eminent Commander.
W. M. Ward.....	Generalissimo.
J. D. Bullock.....	Captain General.
A. N. Daniel.....	Prelate.
W. J. Harriss.....	Treasurer.
James W. Hays.....	Recorder.
W. H. Applewhite.....	Senior Warden.
J. E. Clark.....	Junior Warden.
J. E. Rountree.....	Standard Bearer.
B. F. Briggs.....	Sword Bearer.
R. G. Briggs.....	Warder.
W. P. Snakenberg.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS

Barnes, R. S.	Lipscombe, Jas.	Sugg, T. B.
Battle, Jas. S.	Moye, F. M. P. E. C.	Warren, S M.
Cobb, Jas. T.	Nadal, E. M.	Wells, Jno. D.
Daniel, Wiley.	Peacock, J K.	Wells, S. C. P. E. C.
Farmer, W. W.	Richardson, W W.	Ward, J. M.
Hargrvae, W. W.		

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 8, GREENSBORO.

Time of stated Conclave: First Friday in every month.

OFFICERS:

Nathaniel L S. Hall.....	Eminent Commander.
Herbert H. Cartland	Generalissimo.
John H. Harris.....	Captain General.
John Van Lindley.....	Prelate.
Charles H. Ireland	Treasurer.
Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Recorder.
Benj. P. Ketcham.....	Senior Warden.
Charles Eugene Eckel.....	Junior Warden.
John J. Thornton P. E. C.....	Standard Bearer.
Jacob E. Kantner.....	Sword Bearer.
Sidney L. Alderman.....	Warder.
John C. Clendenin.....	Sentinel.

SIR KNIGHTS.

Bailey, Lorenzo A.	Groome, Pinckney L.	Newell, Dwight W.
Bastine, Walter E.	Holt, Edwin C.	Richardson, Wm. R.
Bingham, Benj. L.	Keeling, John L.	Short, Juan F
Boyd, Richard L.	Kerr, Samuel A.	Stephens, Jesse F.
Fasolt, Richard.	Lampman, G. P. E. C.	Vance, Charles N.
Glenn, Jas. D. P. E. C.	Nissen, George H.	

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

COMMANDERIES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	MEMBERS. 1890.	KNIGHTED.	ADMITTED.	DIMITED	DIED.	SUSPENDED	EXPELLED.	MEMBERS 1891.
Plantagenet.....	1	Wilmington	31	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	34
*Charlotte.....	2	Charlotte ...	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Durham.	3	Durham.....	17	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Raleigh.....	4	Raleigh.....	34	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
Cyrene.....	5	Asheville ...	44	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	44
Piedmont.....	6	Winston....	28	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	27
Mount Lebanon...	7	Wilson	29	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	28
Ivanhoe.....	8	Greensboro	31	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	29
Totals.....		.....	231	10	2	1	8	.....	.....	234

*Estimated from last returns. No returns in 1891.

PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY.



GRAND COMMANDERS:

HORACE H. MUNSON,	CARLE A. WOODRUFF,
EUGENE GRISSOM.	JOHN A. PORTER,
DONALD W. BAIN,	WILLIAM W. ALLEN.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS:

LEE W. BATTLE.	EDWARD M. NADAL,
GEO. H. KING,	JAMES SOUTHGATE,

GRAND GENERALISSIMOS:

GEORGE W. BLOUNT,	EUGENE S. MARTIN.
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GRAND CAPTAINS GENERAL:

JULIAN S. CARR,	D. G. MAXWELL,
ALFRED H. STUBBS,	FRANCIS M. MOYE.

EMINENT COMMANDERS:

WILLIAM H. CHADBOURN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
WILLIAM R. KENAN.....	PLANTAGENET, No. 1.
A. G. BRENIZER.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
J. H. McADEN.....	CHARLOTTE, No. 2.
MICHAEL BOWES.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....	RALEIGH, No. 4.
FREDERIC L. JACOBS.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
ALPHONSO H. COBB.....	CYRENE, No. 5.
H. T. BAHNSON.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
DANIEL P. MAST.....	PIEDMONT, No. 6.
STEPHEN C. WELLS.....	Mt. LEBANON, No. 7.
JAMES D. GLENN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
JOHN J. THORNTON.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
CHARLES H. IRELAND.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
GEORGE H. LAMPMAN.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.
NATHANIEL L. S. HALL.....	IVANHOE, No. 8.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Grand Eucampment	WILLIAM B. ISAACS	Richmond, Virginia.
Alabama	EDMUND R. HASTINGS	Montgomery.
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL	San Francisco.
Colorado	EDWARD C. PARMELEE	Masonic Temp Denver
Connecticut	JOSEPH K. WHEELER	Hartford.
Georgia	SAMUEL P. HAMILTON	Savannah.
Illinois	GILBERT W. BERNARD	Chicago.
Indiana	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE	Indianapolis.
Iowa	ALFRED WINGATE	Des Moines.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	LORENZO D. CRONINGER	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	JOHN H. MILLER	Baltimore Browns whf.
Massachusetts & Rhode Island	SARAMUS BOWEN	28 School st. Boston.
Michigau	WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	THOMAS MONTGOMERY	St. Paul.
Mississippi	JOHN L. POWER	Jackson.
Missouri	WILLIAM H. MAYO	St. Louis.
Montana	CORNELIUS HEDGES	Helena.
Nebraska	WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Omaha.
New Hampshire	GEORGE P. CLEAVES	Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	ROBERT MACOY	New York.
North Dakota	WILLIAM T. PERKINS	Bismarck.
North Carolina	HORACE H. MUNSON	Wilmington.
Ohio	JOHN N. BELL	Dayton.
Oregon	FRELON J. BABCOCK	Salem.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES E. MEYER	Philadelphia.
South Dakota	BRUCE M. ROWLEY	Huron.
Tennessee	GEORGE C. CONNOR	Chattanooga.
Texas	ROBERT BREWSTER	Houston.
Vermont	WARREN G. REYNOLDS	Burlington.
Virginia	WILLIAM B. ISAACS	Richmond.
Washington	YANCY C. BLALOCK	Walla Walla.
West Virginia	ROBERT C. DUNNINGTON	Fairmont.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. LAFLIN	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	ADRIAN J. PARSHALL	Cheyenne.
Canada	DANIEL SPRY	Barrie, Ontario.
England and Wales	WILLIAM TINKLER	London, W. C.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

A. S. F. S. AND A. S. MASONS.—Date from the creation of the world, calling *Anno Lucis*, abbreviated A. S. L. S., “in the year of light.”

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Date from the year Zerubbabel began to build the second Temple, *Anno Inventionis*, abbreviated A. S. I. S. or A. S. Inv. S., “in the year of the discovery.”

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—Date from the year in which Solomon’s Temple was completed, *Anno Depositionis*, abbreviated A. S. Dep. S. or Anno Dep. S., “in the year of the deposit.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—Date from the organization of their Order, *Anno Ordinis*, abbreviated A. S. O. S., “in the year of the Order.”

A. S. AND A. S. S. RITE.—Date from the creation, using the Jewish chronology, *Anno Mundi*, abbreviated A. S. M. S. “in the year of the world.”

TO FIND MASONIC DATES FOR 1891.

A. S. F. S. AND A. S. MASONS.—Add 4000 years to 1891, equal to 5891, or A. S. D. S. 1890, A. S. L. S. 5891.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.—Add 530 to 1891, equal to 2421, or A. S. Inv. S. 2421.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—Add 1000 years to 1891, equal to 2891, or A. S. Dep. S. 2891.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—Take 1118 years from 1891, equal to 773, or A. S. O. S. 773.

A. S. AND A. S. S. RITE.—Add 3760 to 1891, equal to 5651, or A. S. M. S. 5651.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.	POST-OFFICE.	GRAND COMMANDERIES.	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE. POST-OFFICE.
Edward W. Gillilan.....	New Tuscumbia.....	Alabama.....	Rev. Geo. H. Bell..... Bell.
John L. Sumpter.....	Hot Springs.....	Arkansas.....	H. T. Bahnsen..... Salem.
Reuben H. Lloyd.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	S. H. Smith..... Winston.
William T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.....	Colorado.....	James D. Glenn..... Greensboro.
James H. Welsh.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	H. H. Munson..... Wilmington.
John D. Black.....	Jamestown.....	North Dakota.....	Merritt H. Jones..... Durham.
James L. Fleming.....	Augusta.....	Georgia.....	E. M. Nadal..... Wilson.
Gilbert W. Bernard.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	Julian S. Carr..... Durham.
William J. Robie.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.....	James Southgate..... Durham.
Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	E. S. Martin..... Wilmington.
A. M. Callahan.....	Topeka.....	Kansas.....	William Simpson..... Raleigh.
George W. Wicks.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	A. G. Brenizer..... Charlotte.
William H. Chaffé.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	Jacob E. Kantner..... Greensboro.
John Bird.....	Rockland.....	Maine.....	John A. Porter..... Asheville.
Joseph F. Hines.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	F. L. Jacobs..... Asheville.
Edward L. Freeman.....	Central Falls.....	Massachusetts & Rhode Island.....	George H. King..... Charlotte.
R. C. Bronson.....	Stillwater.....	Minnesota.....	Francis M. Moye..... Moyton.
William P. Fowler.....	Butler.....	Mississippi.....	J. W. Hunter..... Salem.
F. J. Tygard.....	York.....	Missouri.....	W. L. Wall..... Durham.
W. K. Williams.....	Keene.....	Nebraska.....	A. H. Cobb..... Asheville.
Don. H. Wood ward.....	Paterson.....	New Hampshire.....	Jas. C. Munds..... Wilmington.
Joseph D. Congdon.....	Batavia.....	New Jersey.....	S. E. Allen..... Winston.
Orren C. Parker.....	Toledo.....	New York.....	George W. Blount..... Wilson.
William T. Walker.....	Eugene City.....	Ohio.....	Jno. J. Thornton..... Greensboro.
Frank B. Dunn.....		Oregon.....	Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D. Wilmington.

William H. Dickson.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	E. J. Parrish	Durham.....
G. W. Burnside.....	Sioux Falls.....	South Dakota	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington.....
W. C. Smith.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	Michael Bowes.....	Raleigh.....
S. C. Scudder.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.....
Elbert C. Walthall.....	St. Johnsbury.....	Vermont.....	Alfred H. Stubbs.....	Greensboro.....
W. H. Travis.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.....
George C. Teall.....	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.....	W. H. Chadburn.....	Wilmington.....
James P. DeMattos.....	Eau Claire.....	Wisconsin.....	John C. Chase.....	Wilmington.....
	Whatcover.....	Washington.....		



OUR HONORED DEAD ABROAD.

CHARLES ROOME.

Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment U. S.

Died June 28th, 1890.

ALBERT PIKE,

Past Commander,

Died April 2nd, 1891.

IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

AT HOME.

H. C. PREMPERT.

Plantagenet Commandery No. 1.

Died Sept. 17th, 1890.

A. J. BLAIR,

Past Eminent Commander, Cyrene Commandery No. 5.

Died July 6th, 1890.

J. P. GASTON,

Cyrene Commandery No. 5.

Died May 5th, 1890.

J. J. WHITE,

Cyrene Commandery No. 5.

Died May 31st, 1890.

CHAPTER

SECTION

ARTICLE

CLAUSE

APPENDIX.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Commandery of North Carolina:

The writer of this report begs to premise that the duty was thrust upon him, and from which there was no escape, by the Chairman, who is so well known to the Knights of the quill, and from whose pen and well filled treasury of information so much was expected. There is a great deal in having one's hand in, being accustomed to a thing, knowing the ground to be traversed and the companions by the way, and the worthy Frater has done me wrong, the Fraters in general wrong, and the Knights of the quill wrong, to say nothing of the great wrong he did himself when he turned over the papers to your present writer. The busy hours taken up with caveats to wills, exceptions to reports of referees, briefs for Supreme Court, hearing complaints of the vast multitude of complainants that are wont to seek relief from a busy lawyer, do not give way to happy intercourse with companions in distant States, and we find it difficult to join in the discourse after the interruptions which the aforesaid occupations always make, and could our Fraters see the chirography it would present about as varied shape as the varied interruptions would imply; first it is an easy running hand, then a snatch at straight up and down, then back handed, then an "step and fetch it"—which will puzzle compositors and proof-readers no little—then when we come to consider that all we write amounts to so little—hardly a member of an individual Commandery ever reads the Fraternal Correspondence and hardly a correspondent ever reads more than the reference to his own G Commandery, and in Grand Conclave the reports are never read, and if presented at all in open meeting the committee is excused from reading the reports, and the compliment of publication in the proceedings is the reward. Now, first an *aside* to the brothers of the quill; suppose we adopt the cheaper mode and buy a few packages of postal cards and have our Fraternal Correspondence all to ourselves. What say ye? I think we would enjoy it more and get better acquainted with each other and more cordial fraternity.

It has been a pleasure to read the reports of the various committees, (that is so much thereof as refers to our own Grand Commandery) and to note the pleasing reference to our Veteran Chief Southgate, (then snicker in our sleeve to know how much they will each be disappointed when they take up the "appendix" to the proceedings of the Grand

Commandery of North Carolina. So much so I am almost constrained to cry out "*April Fool*,") and to know that such amity and fraternity of feeling exists twixt us all, and to know that there is not a rusty or broken link in the chain that binds us all together, from the frozen regions of the North to Vine Clad bowers of Sunny South, and from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same. The same vows taken, the same words spoken, the same grand principles actuating, the same cross uplifted—we are brothers indeed—and I hope to shake hands with you all when we came to cast our trophies down—down at Jesus feet, if in this tabernacle we fail to meet—(Let see, the tabernacle is not so far off; may be we can all meet at Denver—I believe that is the place—the lack of just a few sheckels prevented the meeting at Washington, but I shall begin in time to save up, and failing in that, pass round my hat, for to Denver I must go.) I had just to throw in this parenthesis to keep from crying, and that just about brought out a big boo hoo, from another standpoint; there are more fountains of tears in our make-up than one not a student of physiology might imagine or these more secret springs that may unlock them—I don't know which, not being a student of that particular branch of science—this another digression, for the same reason the parenthetical clause was inserted, and the switch off has carried me so far from the main track I don't know how I shall get on again. I reckon I will have to do like the little boy who could not say his A B C's unless he started at the first so I will begin with

ALABAMA, 1890.

When I first picked it up and looked at the cover, I thought, well, I shall have to go over to my friend and companion *David*, who can't be a Templar, but is as jolly a Comp R. A. M. as ever trod shoe leather, and get him to read it for me. He reads German. He is a German—and as the darkies say a perfect gemman too. If any body can make "Alabama" out of the hieroglyphics on the cover of this pamphlet then I will take him for a first-class Chinese, Japanese or Hindostanese reader. David says it is not *anything like* German, and he come mighty near hitting me for thinking so, and would, if I had not been his "brudder Mason," but I opened the box and applied the "key" and I swim on

The thirtieth Grand Conclave met at Huntsville on 21 May, 1890, R. E., H. C. Davidson, Grand Commander, presiding. By previous arrangement the Grand Officers assembled at the hotel and marched to the Asylum, where Sir O. R. Hundley delivered a cordial address of welcome which was responded to in feeling terms by Sir Chas. Wheelock the Grand Captain General. (I'll bet he is a lawyer.)

The election of officers resulted in the choice of:

Sir W. A. Alexander, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Edmund R. Hasting, E. Grand Recorder,

Sir George F. Moore, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence
 Sir George H. Bell, Grand Representative near the G. C. of N. C.

The address of the Grand Commander was terse, business like, and showed that the order was in sound condition. He retires with honors worthily worn and duties conscientiously performed. Next meeting was appointed to be held in Mobile on the third Wednesday in May.

ARKANSAS, 1890.

Eighteenth Annual Conclave held at Little Rock, April 22, 1890

Sir Logan H. Roots, R. E. Grand Commander presiding. Sir Jas. A. Henry, E. G. Recorder. Eleven Commanderies were represented.

The business was of local significance only, showing general prosperity and harmony.

Sir W. A. Ramsey was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir J. A. Henry re-elected E. G. Recorder.

Sir H. S. Bohson, Grand Representative near G. C. of N. C.

Sir Innes O. Adams, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence.

No business of general importance was transacted.

Next Grand Conclave met at Little Rock on the fourth Tuesday in April, 1891. What the Fraternal Correspondent felt sad about as to North Carolina, receiving proceeding of 1889, is changed now to gladness, we have visited Asheville 1890, and are now breathing Atlantic breezes at Morehead, 1891.

CALIFORNIA, 1890.

As the Miser grows glad at the sight of his sheckels, so doth mine eyes brighten as they light upon the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of California as we look upon its bright illuminated covers and richly loaded coffers, but saddened at the first beginning of perusal of Acting Grand Commander's address, when he announces that Carnot C. Mason, who had been elected G. Commander, had been summoned to the Grand Commandery on high. V. E. Eminent Sir Samuel H. Wagner pays high tribute to his memory, recounting his many virtues. The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence pays high tribute to Frater Southgate, whose absence once more from the reportorial gang will bring sorrow when he reads the miserable scrawls of the novice. That is just why I said so much about eyes brightening at sight of California, I want to make all the amends possible.

Sir Samuel H. Wagner was elected R. E. G. Commander.

Sir Thos. H. Caswell, re-elected E. G. Recorder, who also made a report on Foreign Correspondence.

CANADA, 1890.

M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. McLeods Moore, the Sovereign Grand Master opened the Seventh Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada in the City Kingston, Province of Ontario, on the 15th July, 1890.

Twenty-seven Preceptories represented, 283 Fraters entitled to seats.

The allocution (we call it address) began with a greeting of Fraters at the place where 36 years ago the Canadian branch of the order had its birth. The Grand Master refers to the spell of serious illness which well nigh took away the hope of ever meeting them again, but renders thanks to the all-merciful and gracious God who had spared him, and invokes the Divine blessing upon the Assembly in most touching phrase. He refers in suitable terms to the history of the Knights Templar of Canada by Robertson, and commends its perusal to all Sir Knights appointing out the true history, object and meaning of the modern order of the Ancient Templars in this later Masonic revival. He feelingly refers to the death of, and pays tribute to the memory of, John Howard Payne, one of the oldest Masons in Canada. His many virtues are embalmed in memory and entered of perpetual record. His reflections upon the conduct of members of the order towards one another is opportune in these times when so little of brotherhood is expressed or felt except when in the Assembly hall dressed in robes of office, and urges preceptories to greater vigilance in the selection of material for initiation—that the main object should be directed to the quality of members, which alone can add to the excellence of the order. His head is level—and the whole address is full of pertinent and wholesome advice. I commend its perusal to all who have the opportunity of reading it. It is to be regretted that fraternal relations between this and the Grand Priory of England is still in an unsatisfactory state.

M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. McLeod Moore is Grand Master—ad vitam.

R. E. Daniel Fry is Grand Chancellor.

G. W. Lovejoy, Grand Registrar.

Henry Robenson, Chairman Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

No proceedings from North Carolina were received, hence not reviewed. Cullingwood, Ontario, Canada, is his postoffice address.

COLORADO.

Sir George Wyman, M. E. G. C. at the fifteenth annual Grand Conclave held in Denver, presided and delivered a fine address. Laid particular stress upon the entertainment of the Grand Encampment in 1892 and appointed a suitable committee—referred to the entertainment and display at Washington, where Colorado was not behind the foremost in its cordiality and fraternal spirit. The report on Fraternal Correspondence makes pleasing reference to N. C., in the name of Sir Southgate. We return thanks. We are looking forward to seeing our Colorado friends. If we can't come panoplied with gold and silver gear, we can bnt give you good cheer and lean on your strong arm.

Sir George Wyman, was re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence, Harper M. Orahood.
Sixteenth annual meeting June 2nd, 1891.

CONNECTICUT.

The Sixty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut was opened in Ample Form on 18th March, 1890, Sir F. A. Spencer, R. E. G. C. presiding. A foot note says by the change of a figure the proceedings of the last four years have been made to show ten years less than they should have, so instead of this being the 63rd, it should be the 73rd. Why not change back, old age is honorable—and you don't expect to marry any more.

The Grand Commander calls his *little speech* a "report," many men of many minds, (when they put me in the *east* I shall call mine—well—I won't call it "allocution" or "report" or "address" but—it will be time enough to name the baby after he is born) and he makes it in compliance with the "*Statutes and Regulations*" (which being dressed up in big caps it is to be supposed they have authority and must be obeyed)—a perusal of which shows that he meant business and went at it in a systematic, business-like way, without any of the flourish and tickle-ear elocution some times seen in addresses—but warms up to the tender and poetic at the close as he says 'tis his last chance at them, paying for courtesies, &c., with most "*heartfelt*" thanks.

Sir Ira L. Gardiner, elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Jos. K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Recorder, who is also, and who always should be, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence. I wish I could copy his whole "conclusion" and no body find it out, for I would put another feather in my cap, ("*chapeau*")—I should have said) for it is good—very good—brings in the Spartan Kings and a nice piece of poetry, and more pretty words than I could muster in a solid month—but I will save it for some Country Commandery installation occasion, when I shall be "called out" for an extempore speech; I expect to go to Wilmington soon—Connecticut will then be heard from.

I came mighty nigh forgetting to mention the first thing that attracted my attention on opening, for perusal, the book of proceedings to wit: The handsome, manly picture of the Grand Commander. I am glad he had it put in. I feel as if I should like to know every one with whom I become, in this way, associated, and having the picture before me I feel I know him better. Won't Sir Knight Wheeler send me his, or write me a postal just to let me know how he aint mad with me? I declare I won't speak his piece any where he will ever have chance of repeating it.

DAKOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA, 1890.

The Seventh Annual Conclave held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 3, 1890.

Sir W. D. Stiles, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Bruce M. Rowley, E. Grand Recorder.

With the Grand Officers present and assisting. Twelve Commanderies present by the only accredited representatives. The Grand Commander's address was full, showing commendable zeal for the order and a just application of the position of Templar Masonary; he recommends suitable provision for representation at the Triennial. Contemplates the establishment of new Grand Commandery in the new State of North Dakota, but refers same to his successor to act as is fit when time comes for action.

R. E. Sir John F. Schrader was elected Grand Commander.

E. Sir Bruce Rowley re-elected Grand Recorder, who with the three Grand Officers were publicly installed by the retiring Grand Commander. By the way his picture adorns the title page, showing a gentle yet strong face. He will do to tie to in any case of emergency—that's *my opinion*.

(Convention held June 4, and formed Grand Commandery of North Dakota.)

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The report of the meeting held on 13th December, 1889, is all that has come from the Great Priory of England and Wales held in London. It seems The Very Eminent Great Sul Prior, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke on the Throne. There appears very little in the report of interest to the craft in general. One thing noticeable is the punctilious observance of formalities, which is doubtless very impressive, and it would be well if we of the United States were more particular in that regard. Ceremony in our order is essential to the proper enforcement of discipline, and we are prone in our Subordinate Commanderies to omit much of it, which militates greatly against the interest of the membership in meetings. The presiding officer in this corresponds in rank to our V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, and the Grand Chancellor to our Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1890.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Grand Conclave was held in the city of Rome, April 16, 1891.

Sir A. G. Howard, R. E. Grand Commander present and presiding.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, E. Grand Recorder.

Representatives from eight Subordinate Commanderies.

The address of the Grand Commander I read with a great deal of interest and regret that space cannot be given to such report of it as would do him justice or give to the fraternity an adequate idea of its purport. He particularly emphasized the importance of ceremony, par-

ticularly the drill in Commanderies, referred to the ritual and some of the difficulties encountered by the Commander of the Grand Encampment. It is a pity that a simple form of the essentials cannot be agreed upon, leaving minutiae to the several Grand Commanderies, so that there may be a promulgation of the work, and an enforcement of its execution. Ignorance of work is the bane of all of Masonic institutions, and a damper upon progress. Settle something and let us learn it.

A. G. Howard was re-elected Grand Commander.

Samuel P. Hamilton, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA, 1890.

Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa assembled on Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Tuesday, 19th August, Anno domini 1890, Anno Ordinis 772.

Sir Cyrus W. Eaton, R. E. Grand Commander presiding.

Sir Alf Wingate, E. Grand Recorder.

The address is full and exhaustive, more minute in detail than perhaps any other that has come under my observation, showing painstaking interest in the work of the high office to which the Grand Commandery honored him.

Sir James A. Guest was elected R. E. G. Commander.

Sir Alf Wingate was re-elected R. E. Grand Recorder.

Next session to be held at same place July 14th, 1891.

No mention is made of North Carolina in the report of Fraternal Correspondence, on the principle perhaps, "to say nothing unless able to say something good."

INDIANA, 1890-91.

Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana held April 15, 1890, at Indianapolis.

Duncan T. Bacon, R. E. Grand Commander, with a full staff of officers, with the exception of Grand Prelate and Senior Warden.

Harmonious session, full of business of local importance, reported and printed in elegant form. The Grand Commander had to make a decision on the matter of invasion of other jurisdictions by Subordinate Commanderies, declaring in each case of invasion that the invaded territory was entitled to the initiation fees. One case of complaint of invasion was where the petition had been filed and acted upon, and before conferring the Orders the applicant moved to another jurisdiction. He decided very properly that it was no invasion to confer the Orders.

The large part of the dispensations granted was to receive petitions and act upon them without waiting the Constitutional period for investigation. Wrong except in peculiar cases. It is easier to keep the cata-

logue clean, than to clean it Better be careful in the investigation of character and vigilant of the ballot box, thereby save trouble afterwards. We are too prone to want to swell our lists and increase revenues.

Sir H. H. Lancaster was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. H. Smythe, was re-elected E. Grand Recorder, and the next session held on the third Tuesday in April, 1891, in the city of Terre Haute when H. H. Lancaster was present and presided and delivered a comely address replete with detail of the work of his office; complains that officers of Subordinate Commanderies might lessen the labors of G. C. by more familiarity with the Code of Statutes. The experience of most of us who have held such positions is that it is easier to write for information than to search.

Sir Irvin B. Ubben was elected Grand Commander.

Sir W. H. Smythe was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Promotion by gradations every where except in the office of Recorder and Committee on Fraternal Correspondence—both, however, of highest honor and trust; “if I do say it who ought not to say it.”

ILLINOIS 1890.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois assembled in its thirty-fourth Annual Conclève in the city of Chicago 28th October, 1890.

R. E. Sir George Mayhew Moulton, G. C. on the *throne*.

E. Sir Gilbert Wardsworth Barnard, Grand Recorder.

The address of the Grand Commander, covering thirty closely printed pages, together with the reports of all the other officers covering (35) thirty-five pages show a remarkably healthy condition and unparalleled activity in the work—and a most healthy condition of the exchequer, a grand total of \$13,968.90, and after paying mileage and per diem of officers and the Grand Recorder the neat little sum (919.14) for service and expenses of his office, there remains a balance of (\$6,795.04) six thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and four cents. That will help in fixing things for the Triennial. It is enough to make us poor-bockra shiver at the prospect of being out in the cold on that grand occasion.

I shall not take the time, I have it not on hand, to review the proceedings nor to comment on any of the rulings or doings of this Grand Body, but content myself with saying “*hooraw*” for the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Right Eminent Sir Joseph Edward Dyas was elected Grand Commander.

And E. Sir Gilbert W. Barnard re-elected Grand Recorder.

John Carson Smith, Correspondent.

I copied Right Eminent Sir and Eminent Sir before the names of

Grand Commander and Recorder, but I don't think it right, while not saying they are not Right Eminent, &c., I believe that prefix ought to be applied to the office and not to the name of the officer. I shall turn this business over to Sir James next time, and if you have any criticisms to make he will come to my help.

KANSAS, 1890.

The report of the meeting at Leavenworth on the 13th May, 1890, with Sir Chas. W. Hunt R. E. Grand Commander on the throne, Sir John H. Brown R. E. Grand Recorder, is before me. It is delightful to read such a report; besides the good cheer it affords, it is gladsome to weak eyes to see such clear, handsomely printed pages. The business was done in systematic order, and the report on Correspondence a gem of the reviewer's art. In reading which one can get a clearer idea in an hour of the work of the Grand Encampment than he could by a week's study of that voluminous record. It shows that the Chairman of the Committee had brains and leisure to devote to the work of review. He gives North Carolina a most excellent review, considering the small amount he had to draw from, but it is so far back now that it looks like ancient history, 1889.

I notice that Sir Carl A. Woodruff, R. E. Past G. C. is noted as one of the distinguished visitors. He is an honorary member of Mount Lebanon Commandery, of which your scribe is the present Commander, and to whom our Commandery is indebted for many courtesies. He kindly had us in charge when in our swaddling clothes.

Sir Geo. A. Port elected R. E. G. Commander.

Sir John H. Brown re-elected E. Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

KENTUCKY, 1890.

The Forty-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky was held in Masonic Hall of the Masonic Temple in the city of Louisville May 14, 1890. The Representatives of Subordinate Commanderies assembled at the Louisville Hotel, where the lines were formed, and escorted the Grand Commandery to the Christian Church, where the "office of public worship" was conducted under the auspices of the Grand Prelate and an eloquent sermon delivered by Rev. and Sir Knight Jos. H. Young, when the Grand Commandery proceeded to the Masonic Temple where Sir Reginald H. Thompson delivered an address of welcome, after which Sir Jno. G. Montgomery, R. E. Grand Commander, with support of his staff and Sir Knights, opened the Grand Commandery in Ample Form. The first motion after the report of the Committee on Credentials was that Sir Reginald H. Thompson be requested to furnish a copy of his address of welcome and that Sir and Rev. Jos. H. Young a copy of his sermon for publication in the proceed-

ings, both of which, with the office of Public Worship and the address of the Grand Commander, gives literature of rare excellence, all showing devout bearing, and commending our order to the Christian as one of his staunchest defenders.

Sir William Henry Meffert was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Lorenzo Dow Croninger, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Chas. R. Woodruff reports for the Committee on Correspondence. He mentions North Carolina proceedings of 1839, concludes with what may be understood as a fling at some body "or some one else" mixed up with uniformity of work, billy and nannie goats, and finally evolves into the highly respectable form of a "Baptist minister." Why he brings in a "Baptist minister" I can't see. My spectacles are opaque. So excuse me for not seeing clearly. Next meeting at Frankfort, May 27, 1891, while ours is so soon after we can't hear from you.

LOUISIANA, 1890.

The Twenty-third Annual Conclave was held February 14, Sir Daniel R. Graham, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir R. C. Lambert, E. Grand Recorder.

Only three Commanderies were represented, but they had a good meeting; they had a "distinguished visitor," E. Sir Knight William R. Mayo, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, who was welcomed by the Grand Commander. So were Sir Knights Moryer, of Texas, and Scribner, of Charlottesville, Va.

The address of the Grand Commander shows a Knightly, Christian and devotional spirit, and that he has in heart the principles of the tenets we profess. He recommended suitable religious observance of *Ascension Day*, to properly "rejoice in the victory of the Great Captain of our Salvation over the grave, and for His ascension to the Throne of our Father." Now if we knew when that day was we might do so. The only clue we have is "that on the first day of the week (our Sunday) He arose from the dead, and forty days after He ascended to His Father.

So if our Fraters in Louisiana and particularly in New Orleans (the only representatives in this Grand Commandery) will have the first day of the week properly observed, a reform will be started. A little leaven will leaven the whole lump, and you have that in New Orleans.

Sir D. Alfred DePass was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

The next session was held in New Orleans on 13th February, 1891. The proceedings of which we have before us.

The session of 1891 convened on the 13th February, 1891. Only three Commanderies represented. Sir D. Alfred DePass, R. E. Grand Commander present and presiding.

The address shows the devotional spirit and recounts the fact that "at the proper time" he "issued orders to the Eminent Commanders of the city to assemble their members in full uniform in the Grand Lodge room for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Trinity Church, there to offer up our devotions to the living God. The occasion was all that could be desired, even by the most exacting. The remarks of Rev. Sir Knight W. A. Sniverly, were solemn, impressive and produced that comfort, taken as they were from the Word of God, which the world can neither give nor take away. The church was a bower of flowers and the music was sublime." But he don't tell us *what day it was*. It did you all so much good *that day*, suppose you all try it on, every *Sunday* for a while and see if you can not, in the sign and under the banner of the cross, and with the example of those enlisted, try to *rescue* the Sabbath day and make it holy. I am no preacher but I learned way back yonder, you all know where, to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Sirs Joseph P. Hornor and Richard Lambert were appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Sir A. S. Badger was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Richard Lambert was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

I think it a good idea to have the Grand Recorder on Correspondence Committee; then we would be sure to have a report every time. I shall urge it to our Grand Commandery. Yet in this particular Grand Commandery I find Sir Recorder left it out; or he did, like Sir Southgate, bundle the proceedings up and send them to the other member of the committee.

Next meeting 12th February, 1892.

MAINE, 1890.

Thirty-ninth Annual Conclave held at Portland, May 8th, 1890. Sir Joseph A. Locke, Grand Commander, present and presiding. His picture adorns the pamphlet and adorns it indeed—a fine face, bright eye and most genial countenance, from which I judge an excellent address may be expected; and on perusal am not disappointed. He starts out wishing for "the pen of a ready writer," and before going far he finds it, and right worthily he wields it, and "in attractive form" presents the acts and doings of his office. The Order is in prosperity. One hundred and seventy-four newly created Knights were added to the roll, fifteen affiliated, seventeen demitted, five suspended, and twenty-one have died; a net gain of 146.

Under the head Necrology he pays tender tribute to the memory of those who have been called hence and who sleep in the silent tomb, among them, Grand Treasurer, E. Sir *Charles Forbes*, who died July 4th, 1889, in his 87th year, full of years and honors—made a Mason in 1825.

He decides that where a Companion Royal Arch Mason living under the jurisdiction of two Commanderies, applies for permission to petition for orders in a Commandery beyond the jurisdiction and is refused, he can not then apply to the other Commandery, for he had voluntarily placed himself under the exclusive jurisdiction of the one. I think his ruling correct, as well as the reasons given for the same. Turning over to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, I find that he is sustained. Financial condition good; balance in treasury \$1,077.26. Report on Correspondence, mentions North Carolina as favorably as she deserves.

Sir Edwin M. Fuller was elected R. E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Ira Berry was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Stephen Berry, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence.

Next session May 7th, 1891, at Portland.

MARYLAND, 1890.

Two special Conclaves of Grand Commandery held; one on 7th April, 1890, for installation of officers of Subordinate Commanderies; the other on 29th July, 1890, for the purpose of attending the funeral of V. E. Sir John Snowden Tyson, P. D. Grand Commander.

The Twentieth Annual Conclave was held on the 25th November, 1890. Sir Alfred Edwin Booth, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. His address was couched in language elegant and classic, breathing the true Christian, Knightly spirit, reports the Order in prosperous condition, and the balance in treasury shows good financial record. The business was of local and routine character. Report of Correspondence Committee written by P. G. C., Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, is elaborate, showing industry and liberal use of cutter and paster. He mentions North Carolina but has but little to say of us; we gave him but little to draw from. Can't say what he will say to this when he finds Sir Southgate has bundled the batch on to a subordinate whose fingers are unused to scissors, but who says what he has to say in a plain, blunt way and in short order. We lament with our Sir Knight Fraters on the destruction of their Temple, and had we the cash balance of Maryland or California, or even Maine, to our credit, we would show you how sorry we are for you by a contribution to aid and assist in rebuilding the house of the Lord and supplying the holy vessels snatched away on Christmas night by the fire fiend.

Sir Henry O. Reese was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir John H. Miller was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir F. J. S. Gorgas Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence.

Next meeting to be held on November 25th, 1891.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1890.

We have in one volume reports of the Semi Annual Conclave at Providence, May 28th, and the Annual at Boston, October 29th, 1890. Sir James Swords, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding at both. The proceedings show thrift, prosperity and peace and harmony. The addresses at both show unusual interest, study and research; the attendance large. I like the way they have of having those who attend register their names. The matter of Ritual received attention and a satisfactory form was adopted, which was in conformity with the action of the Grand Encampment. It is devoutly to be hoped that it is settled. I would like to see a copy. I have great faith in our Massachusetts Fraters, but don't like so much publication of ritual. The ceremony is simple and beautifully illustrative of the lessons sought to be taught and I would like to see it so taught. The matter of work, because of conflicting notions of lecturers, has been troublesome in all of our Grand bodies.

The death of Rev. Sir John W. Dadmun, suddenly and without premonitory symptoms, on the 6th of August, 1890, was a great shock and a most severe blow to the Order. He was elected Grand Prelate in 1882, and continued in office to his death, and in that, as well as various others held from time to time since 1859, he won the respect of his brethren, companions and Fraters for his patient bearing and his truth of character. He was, at the time of his death one of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Sir Alfred F. Chapman writes a suitable memorial which is printed in the proceedings. The report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is full and complete; it seems each member of the committee takes a proportionate share of the work. This begins by commenting upon the death of Sir Knight Dadmun, saying, "the work he did as a member of the committee need not be eulogized by his associates." Sir Rugg, a *preacher*, reviews North Carolina and quotes Sir Southgate on dancing with approval. Well, that is all right. It is best that Christian organizations should not encourage such pastime, or have too much to say about it. There is nothing but that can be made to subserve to purposes of the devil. He does some of his best work in conference meetings of the churches, and doubtless puts in some at the dance.

Sir John P. Sanborn, of Rhode Island, was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred F. Chapman was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sirs Chapman and Rugg were continued as Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MICHIGAN, 1890.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Detroit, May 20th, 1890. Sir John A. Gerow, R. E. Grand Commander, present and pre-

siding. The presence of Sir Hugh McCurdy, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was a feature of interest, calling forth a most excellent address from him in response to the cordial and courteous welcome extended by the R. E. Grand Commander. The address of the Grand Commander has nothing of interest to the Craft in general except the matter of ritual, which each Grand Commandery has to take or be put out, as did one once before. One decision which is of interest, and it is that we must not confer the orders on Sunday. *Right.* The rule and guide of our faith and practice commands us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy," and although the work of conferring orders is initiatory into a Christian order, it *is work* which ought not to be done on Sunday.

When I turn to the report on Foreign Correspondence, so elaborately prepared, so full of matter of interest, so just and comprehensive to each of the Grand bodies reviewed, I feel ashamed of my poor effort and am almost constrained to throw up the job and insist upon the appointment of the Grand Recorder to the office of reporter. The report covers 279 pages. The notice of North Carolina is gratifying to the Fraters and particularly to the reportorial staff and complimentary to Sir Southgate, whose masterful review is characterized as "admirable," and clips liberally and approvingly from it. The busy life of the present scribe, though devotedly attached to the Order, but whose writing is chiefly confined to briefs, must be his apology for the meagre report on Correspondence, and particularly the review of Michigan.

Sir William G. Doty was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir William P. Innes re-elected E. Grand Recorder, and Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose photograph embellishes the frontispiece, as well as his sign manual, interpreted by the printer.

MINNESOTA, 1890.

Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave, 24th June, 1890, at Brainerd. Sir Walter H. Sanborn, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. Representatives of twenty, out of twenty-one Commanderies, responded to roll call. The Grand Recorder, in his address, says in the annals of Masonry the year has been unequalled in zeal and energy, in the accomplishment of wonderful results. Three temples have been completed and taken possession of by the Fraters; one at Minneapolis, one at Litchfield, one at Duluth; and he gives description of each and says they are perfect in arrangement and most elegant in appointments. The address is elegant, classic, historic. Committee on Ritual reported the responses for officers at the opening, which is presented in full—business in general routine and of local significance. The report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence is full and complete, and in most

perfect taste, showing close attention to detail as to each Grand Commandery review. d. North Carolina is omitted, wherefor, appeareth not. Sir Montgomery, the Eminent Grand Recorder, is chairman. May he long so remain. His picture looks upon us from the frontispiece, a strong, yet amiable, presentation of him from whose writings we had learned to love ere we saw the face. He was honored as Grand Commander in 1887-8, and succeeds himself as Grand Recorder since his appointment, November, 1889.

Sir Anthony Z. Levering was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Next meeting 24th June. 1891.

MISSISSIPPI, 1890.

Thirtieth Annual Conclave convened in Greenville, February 11th, 1890. Frederick Speed, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. He mentions in his address the formation of two Commanderies during the year, Holly Springs and Rosalie, and that A. T. C. Pierson, of St. Paul, who was Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, was present at Rosalie, assisting in the ceremonies—now dressed in immortality. The business was purely local with nothing of general interest. Report on Foreign Correspondence is full and bristling all the way through with intense interest, and with war paint for Carson. Let Delap and Carson have it their own way. I don't know which is the smartest or thinks himself the smartest. North Carolina is noticed continuously, though Mississippi is not noticed at the *Southgate*. I don't know what he will do next time when he comes to review North Carolina and sees how smart this correspondent thinks himself to be. I think we ought to have proceedings of February, 1891. Full time for them to have been received and looked into. I am not smart enough to give a review of any Grand Commandery when I have proceedings before me; commenting on those a year behind looks like drinking cold soup. So I will stop by saying Sir J. J. Hays was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and was expected to preside February, 1891, and *S. J. Power* to record the proceedings, and I 'spec they did. E. G. DeLap was to have doue the reviewing—wish I had his fulminations.

MISSOURI, 1890.

Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Grand Commandery of Missouri convened in St. Louis, April 22d, 1890. Sir Robert McCulloch, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. Fifty out of fifty-three chartered Commanderies were represented, together with all the present Grand officers, eleven Past Grand Commanders, three other Past Grand officers and seventeen Past Commanders who are not representatives or Grand officers, making an exceedingly large and imposing meeting.

The Grand Commander delivered a terse, cogent and business-like address. He was not called upon during the year for any decision of sufficient consequence to make note of; he granted quite a number of dispensations, none, however, involving any questions of consequence to any except to those immediately interested. He notes, with commendable pride, the growth of the Order, 280 having received the orders of Knighthood during the year. He touches on the ritual slightly, copying the resolutions of the Grand Encampment, and refers to the reports of the visitation officers as showing prosperity, courtesy and hospitality, and concludes with the mention of the grand monument to "Charity and Hospitality" of the Masonic fraternity, called the "MASONIC HOME OF MISSIONS," and says the Templars are in the front rank as laborers in this vineyard. The report on Foreign Correspondence is voluminous in general, but notices North Carolina in three and one-twentieth lines, saying: "The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in Wilmington; session short; proceedings short and local. This young Grand Body in an old State seems to be doing very well, as will be seen from our table." I suppose he means his statistical table. If he had been there and seen *our table*, his mouth would have watered for the good things thereon spread, such an one as we may expect at our present Assembly before the meeting closes. For, young though we may be, there are some old boys who know how to do things up pretty well, specially when in Wilmington, Asheville and Morehead City. I tip my hat to you, Frater Mayo, and ask you to meet with us at Winston next year, where all the "chawing 'bacco" you want will be furnished free just out of the factories.

Sir Walter J. Hilton, Jr., was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir W. H. Mayo was re-elected E. Grand Recorder, who is also Chairman of Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

Next meeting was held, by appointment, in St. Louis, 21st April—time long ago past; sufficient, to be sure, to have had minutes; or did Bro. Mayo keep printer waiting for copy on report of Foreign Correspondence, like some others I wot of.

MONTANA, 1890.

Third Annual Conclave met in the city of Livingston, Anthony H. Barret, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. Six Commanderies were represented; full corps of officers and pleasant Conclave. The Grand Commander says: "Time has dealt kindly with us. The angel of Death has not rapped at our portals," and he exhorts all to be truly thankful—business routine and local in its character. The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submits no detailed report, but calls attention to the condition of Palestine as being in more deplorable condition than when Templarism first started the crusades, and urges the Knights Templar to undertake the work of its redemption from

Turkish sway. Well, suppose we do. I will jine the jovial band and the greesy rascals soundly thrash. There is a crowd of Knight Templars going over the water this summer, one member from our individual Commandery, and before he starts I will give him a commission to look into the matter. My commission will be the first of the sort and little North Carolina may yet claim the honor of helping to start the ball of the redemption of the Holy City.

NEBRASKA, 1890.

The proceedings of this Grand Commandery comes to us in beautiful form, illuminated cover and title page, with life-like picture of the Eminent Commander, Gibbons.

The Eighteenth Annual Conclave was held at Hastings, Nebraska, on the 15th April, 1890. Sir Henry Gibbons, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding, eighteen out of the twenty Commanderies being represented. The Grand Commander and deputy both made reports showing activity and zeal on their part. It were well if such were the case in every Grand Commandery, then the election to office subordinate to that of Grand Commander, would indeed become one more than in name. The assiduity in the performance of *duty* should be the criterion of promotion. I don't believe that *simply because* one has been elected and installed an officer, that of right he ought to be promoted. But let merit be the governing principle, and continue in office the Grand Commander as long as he is efficient, and thereby promote efficiency in the Order. The Grand Recorder has continuously held his office from the beginning and the *method* and artistic get up of the business and proceedings show the wisdom of such course. The report now before us is the seventeenth, and the same Grand Recorder's signature is affixed to all. May he live to prepare the rest, to the third score and tenth, if so be it be not labor and sorrow too grievous to be borne. I see that reports were made by representatives of various Grand Commanderies. I like it. There should be more than they were "received with distinguished honor." Fraternity of intercourse should be encouraged. I wish I had the privilege and our finances justified it, to copy the report as to the Grand Encampment and show our Sir Knights, who did not attend, what a good time those had who did. The description of the reception given by Mrs. John A. Logan, reads like a fairy tale, yet every word is true. The expenses to the Triennial, footed by the Grand Treasurer, amounted to \$1,035.55, and besides other and liberal drafts upon the treasurer, there remained on hand the neat little balance of \$2,545.45.

Sir Lewis M. Keene was elected Grand Commander.

Sir William R. Bowen was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting on second Tuesday after Easter, 1891, (now past.) There was no report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1890.

The Twenty-first Annual Conclave was held on 30th September, 1890, at Concord. Sir Chas. C. Danforth, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. The Grand Commander's address starts out with the announcement, after proper acknowledgment of Divine protection, of prosperity, peace and harmony in the Order, based on the fact (as it appears) that no requests for decisions of any kind had been made. It may be that such is evidence of apathy; yet the proceedings show thrift and prosperity. The Treasurer's report, after the payment of liberal amounts for expenses to the Triennial and \$200 salary to the Recorder, shows a balance of \$3,142.92. One nice feature observed is the presentation to each Past Grand Commander a Past Grand Commander's jewel, not as a symbol of authority, but a souvenir to be kept and worn on proper occasions. The presentation was made by the venerable and Reverend Sir Henry E. Horey. Sir A. S. Wait, Chairman Committee of Correspondence, reviews our Asheville meeting of 1890, and is expected to do the same line of labor for the year 1891.

Sir Henry A. Marsh was elected Grand Commander.

Sir George P. Cleaves was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting September 29th, 1891, at Concord.

NEW JERSEY, 1890.

The Thirty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey met in the city of Trenton, May 13th, 1890. Albert D. Wingfield, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. He congratulates the Grand Commandery that not one of the regular attendants upon the Annual Conclave is missing. None have been called upon to render their accounts to the Grand Assizer above, and is, therefore, deeply gratified. His report is to the effect that the Order is very flourishing; visitations by Grand officers is one of the causes, and reports of these various visiting officers form an interesting part of the proceedings. No business of other than local import was transacted—a pleasant and harmonious session. *Sir Charles*, the E. Grand Recorder, is also the Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, and mentions our little Commandery along with the rest. Let me repeat my approval of the appointment of the Grand Recorder to this position.

Next meeting, May 12th, 1891, at Trenton.

Sir Leonard L. Gear was elected R. E. Grand Commander

Sir Charles Bechtell was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1890.

Seventy-seventh Annual Conclave met in the city of Auburn, October 7th, 1890. Sir Foster Mabee, R. E. Grand Commander. Representatives from sixty-one Commanderies were present. Reports of the Grand

Commander and all the subordinate officers show a very healthy state, the system of visitation by Grand officers being, no doubt, one of the procuring causes, to which may be added the general prosperity of the people. It is said that the love of money is the root of all evil, or words to that effect. It is no less true that the *want* of money is a big *root* of evil, if not *the* root. It brings man to the very edge of an abyss from which the grace of God alone is able to save him. Templars flourish where there is prosperity among its members; it languishes where it is lacking. Your correspondent is proud of New York. Its chief city is the biggest he ever saw, and being its representative near our own Grand Commandery makes me specially kindly disposed to her—wish I had time to say more, but will content myself with a passing notice in this way.

Sir Geo. McGown was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert McCoy was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next meeting at Saratoga, September 1st, 1891.

NORTH DAKOTA 1890.

Pursuant to warrant of the M. E. Grand Master, the Sir Knights of the North Dakota Commanderies assembled on the 16th June, 1890, and duly organized the Grand Commandery of North Dakota and duly installed the officers elected by the convention of June 6th, 1890: Sir Leonard A. Rose, R. E. Grand Commander; W. T. Purkins, E. Grand Recorder, as well as the other officers elect, Sir Knight Marc A. Brewer, Proxy of the M. E. Grand Master, present, assisting in the organization and installing the officers. The proceedings are full and interesting, showing in detail all the necessary preliminaries to the regular constitution of a Grand Commandery. Time for next meeting not definitely fixed. It is recommended that this new Grand Commandery be recognized by our Grand Commandery.

OHIO, 1890.

Forty-eighth Annual Conclave met in Toledo on the 20th of August 1890. A very large representation from the State at large and of the Past Grand officers. Quite a large amount of business done and much interest manifested. The proceedings cover 369 pages, neatly printed, of which 179 are pages devoted to Fraternal Correspondence. North Carolina is noticed, copying with approval what Sir Southgate says about dancing. I don't believe in dancing *now*, that is for old folks like Bro. S. and myself, but young folks can and there is no objection, in the proper way, for them to trip the light fantastic toe. Bro. S. or I would cut a sorry figure at such pastime now, but I have not forgotten that I once was young. We don't think a Commandery celebration is a

proper time. or the asylum dedicated to Christian Masonry the proper place for a *grand ball*. There is much in the Ohio proceedings to approve and rejoice in, but time and space forbids the review of them as would be fitting or in accord with our inclination. I am forced to exclaim, if I had all time, force and ability, *cui bono!* What I desire to say to you and all is, that I have perused the proceedings and bring forward your Commanderies as in fraternal intercourse with us, and hope to see you again.

Sir W. B. Melesh R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir I. N. Bell, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Enoch T. Carson, Grand Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The retiring Grand Commander's fine looking picture adorns the fly leaf. He wears side whiskers and a fine, determined countenance

OREGON, 1890.

Fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Oregon met at Albany, October 28th, 1890. Sir R. P. Earhart, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding, with a full staff of subordinate officers and representatives from three Commanderies. The address has no useless verbiage; is to the point, embracing resolutions of the Grand Encampment about essentials and ceremonials, in which it is declared that the printing of the *esoteric* work is highly improper and ought only to be printed in cypher. I say it is wrong in square English or cypher either, and ought only to be communicated *orally*. He says that Templar Masonry is in high favor in his jurisdiction, and prays that it may be so continued.

Sir F. N. Shurtleff was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir F. J. Babcock was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir J. M. Hodson Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next meeting to be held in Portland, October 27th, 1891.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1890.

Thirty-seventh annual Conclave, May 27th, 1890. Sir Torrence C. Hipple, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir Chas. E. Meyers, E. Grand Recorder, with full corps of subordinates, Grand Representatives, etc. Royal welcome extended by Hospitaller Commandery No. 46, and in name of the city of Lock Haven. Business routine simple, and referring specially to local matters with reference to the Triennial Grand Encampment. North Carolina is mentioned by the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Our relations are fraternal—long may they remain so, and may we meet at Denver and fix up the essentials and be done with them in our proceedings.

Sir John I. Wadsworth was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Chas. E. Meyers was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir W. J. Kelley was re-elected Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1890.

Twenty-eighth annual Conclave, May 13th, 1890. Sir W. C. Smith, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir G. C. Conner, E. Grand Recorder present, as well a full corps of officers. Session harmonious and profitable; the address of the Grand Commander was full and explicit; business all the way through; the year is reported as one of general prosperity; congratulates the fraternity on the dispatch with which the proceedings of 1889 were distributed; with plenty of printers and matter prepared as Grand Recorder Conner has things, it is not to be expected otherwise; with us, without much matter and mighty little encouragement for haste, we are sometimes behind, mostly waiting for Committee on Fraternal Relations, which ought not to so be; the picture of Frater Conner embellishes the title page—he looks well, he does his work well, and it is well he is so honored.

Sir Nathan S. Woodward was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir G. C. Conner was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1890.

Before assembling in Grand Conclave, the Sir Knights of the Dallas Commandery of Dallas formed line and marched to the Grand Windsor Hotel, where they took under escort the Grand Commandery of Texas, and marched to the Opera House. After devotional exercises and song "Onward Christian Soldiers," the Mayor, W. C. Conner, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Grand Commander Martin. Then followed an address by Sir J. C. Carpenter, the Grand Prelate, replete with historic and literary gems, after which the lines were formed and marched to the Asylum of Dallas Commandery, where the Thirty-sixth annual Conclave was opened with appropriate ceremony, Sir John Martin, R. E. Grand Commander presiding, who delivered an able address, showing peace and prosperity within their borders, and harmony among the Fraters.

The system of visitation, which from reports of the various officers, shows that good results follow. The Exchequer shows thrift; after the payments to officers, in no sense niggardly, and other expenses fully paid, the balance on hand is \$1,322.88. Texas is a great State, and of course it has a good Grand Commandery.

Sir L. M. Knepley was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Robert Brewster was elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next annual Conclave to be held in the city of Waco, on second Tuesday after Easter, 1891.

VERMONT, 1890.

The Forty-eighth Conclave was held June 10th, 1890, in the city of Burlington. Sir W. F. Lewis, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. The address congratulates the Fraters of the Green Mountain State on the peace and prosperity that reigns within her borders; made no important decisions, and all had a pleasant time. The address has much of merit in it; it breathes the true Knightly and Christian spirit—business of purely local interest.

Sir W. F. Lewis was re-elected R. E. Grand Commander. *

Sir W. G. Reynolds was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next meeting on second Tuesday in June, 1891, at Burlington.

VIRGINIA, 1890.

Sixty-eighth Grand Conclave met in the city of Roanoke 30th October, 1890. Sir Isaac S. Tower, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. W. H. Pleasants delivered an address of welcome, very pleasantly acquitting himself. Financial condition good; general outlook animating and encouraging. I see nothing to find fault with, and if I did I would not do it. Everything passed off pleasantly. The report covers forty-two pages with no correspondence.

Sir Daniel J. Turner was elected Grand Commander.

Sir W. B. Isaacs was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1889-90.

On the 6th of June, 1889, the Grand Commandery of Washington assembled in its Second Annual Conclave, with Alfred Lee Palmer, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. Five subordinate Commanderies were represented. The Grand Commander delivered an excellent address. Speaking of the rapid flight of time he says: "It reminds us who have passed the meridian of life, that we are on the other side of the hill and are rapidly rushing on the downward track to that level which awaits all humanity. But, as Knights of the Temple, we earnestly believe in the immortality of the soul, which in a great measure tends to dispel the terror and mystery of death and brings upon the scene the bright and effulgent light of Faith and Hope through our blessed and risen Saviour." His address was brief and to the point, saying that in Coke and Mansfield's time several decisions were written on one page, while nowadays it takes sometimes several hundred pages for one decision, and admonishes Fraters to "be brief, concise and to the point." He is a lawyer who has been bored to death in trying to get the kernel out of some of the hundred page decisions of our courts—that's my guess. He has been called upon to decide but one question, and that as to whether a Sir Knight "suspended" for non-payment of dues is thereby dropped from the roll of the Commandery. He decides "no;" with

us. He is not *suspended* but *excluded* from membership, which exclusion does not work an impairment of Masonic standing, but he retains no rights except the right to petition for restoration and membership. No business except of routine and local character.

Sir Elijah M. Beatty was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas M. Reed was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

The next session was held on the 16th of June, 1890, at Ellensburg. Sir E. M. Beatty, Grand Commander, present and presiding, whose address is a gem of terseness and good sense. His report of work done is full and explicit, concluding with an exhortation to be faithful to the teachings of the Order—business only of local character. The duty of preparing the report on Foreign Correspondence was assigned to the Grand Recorder, who apologizes for “no report” on the ground that other duties forbid. He is excusable, for we know how the old thing works, and ten lines of apology square out is better than twenty pages, such as is usually palmed off for a report on fraternal relations, such as the one now in course of preparation. I am sorry to see the custom of electing a new Grand Commander every year, particularly in new bodies, where experience is worth a great deal in shaping the destinies of the Order. I think two years, at least, ought to be given; or, better still, ad vitam or good behavior, and make the deputy the rotating officer. The proceedings of 1889-90 are all compiled in one volume of seventy-three pages.

Sir Yancy C. Blalock was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Thomas M. Reed was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Next meeting will be held in Seattle, June 13th 1891.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1890.

Sixteenth annual Conclave held in the city of Parkersburg, 14th May, 1890. Sir W. G. Bennett, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. Representatives of nine Commanderies, which with the permanent members and others entitled to seats, and a large number of Sir Knights of different Commanderies of West Virginia, make a full gathering and attest the interest felt in Templar Masonry.

The Grand Commander says that the material prosperity of the State in the development of exhaustible resources, has exerted a healthy influence in Masonic circles and there have been valuable accessions to its ranks. The reports of the various Grand officers show zeal and activity. The business of the Grand Commandery is simply a review and recognition of the work.

Sir W. M. Horey was promoted to the office of R. E. Grand Commander from that of Grand Warden, which office he filled by pro tempore appointment. His merit doubtless is what commended him. I like it that way, for when it comes on the regular line it seems as a matter of course.

Sir R. C. Dunnington was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next meeting is to be held in Wheeling on the second Wednesday in May.

WYOMING, 1890.

Third annual Conclave held at Cheyenne, July 9th and 11th, 1890. Sir Truman B. Hicks, R. E. Grand Commander, present and presiding. bal—well, level headed Frater, as may be seen by his address and portrait. Not a quorum present first day, so an adjournment was had till Friday, 11th, when the business was proceeded with in harmony and good fellowship. The Grand Commander congratulates his Fraters upon the high attainments of the order in so short a time; mentions the fact that the Grand Commandery attended the Grand Encampment in a body, together with quite a number of Sir Knights, and that they all enjoyed the meeting, and hoped a big delegation would attend the next at Denver. Reporter on Foreign Correspondence doubtless thought the "pious lawyer" would no more come to the front, as Sir Southgate had taken the quill. I greet you nevertheless, *as brother, because you say so*, and I wish from your writings I could tell to *what* brotherhood you *belonged*, as you were enabled to see that I have no better sense than to take the Bible as it is, and to follow its teachings according as they are promulgated by our Great High Priest, and in following Him in His ordinances, feel and say those things which *bewrayeth me*. Come again, *brother!*

Sir Otto Gramm was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Adrian J. Parshall was re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir John C. Baird, was elected Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next meeting at Laramie, second Wednesday in July, 1891.

CONCLUSION.

Well, I am done—and done for—just broke down, worked to death, and will start for some boundless contiguity of shade to rest and refresh myself. If Southgate sends me the papers again I shall immediately send them to Sir Stubs, who is a preacher and better fitted for writing than either myself or *Southgate*, for both of us are in our *dotage* while Sir Stubs is in youthful prime, hale, hearty and vigorous, fully panoplied and thoroughly furnished for the good work. Now Munson will say I'm lectioneering agin him, for I have been repeatedly saying the duty ought to be assigned to the Grand Recorder and had his hopes up high. I have enjoyed my intercourse with the Fraters of the quill, and will say now if I have said anything I ought not to have said, or left unsaid what I ought to have said, please forgive. I have seen a very great deal I might have struck a lick at, but that charity which endureth all things constrained me. So I will not now say how much I was annoyed at the mention of *ritual*, holy days, ascension, Good Friday &c., and so on. While Knight Templars are professed Christians, and my prayer is that they may all be experimental ones, I cannot so far forget the sanctity of our holy religion as to encourage the *devotional* so far as to fasten on to our observances as an organized body, the celebration of such days. Let each individual worship as his conscience and the Bible directs, but don't fasten on us what to some might be obnoxious. Let us fight for the principles of our Ho'y religion; inculcate its truths in Conclave; practice charity and hospitality; suppress profanity; wield our swords in defense of the widow and the orphans, and be indeed as a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid, and like the rays of the rising sun, shed luster on the banner of the cross wherever we may be, without sectarian bias. Holy days are not encouraged by the Bible: One of the prophets in impetuous language, declaimed against them when they were misused, saying, "Away with them, it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting." I am done. So say "va e longo tempore." May we all meet in the Grand Conclave which will never adjourn, where our Great Grand Commander is the Light thereof, so we shall need no sun, or moon, or stars, where we may all praise his manifold mercies and goodness in having redeemed us, and made us fit stones for the temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

GEORGE W. BLOUNT.





