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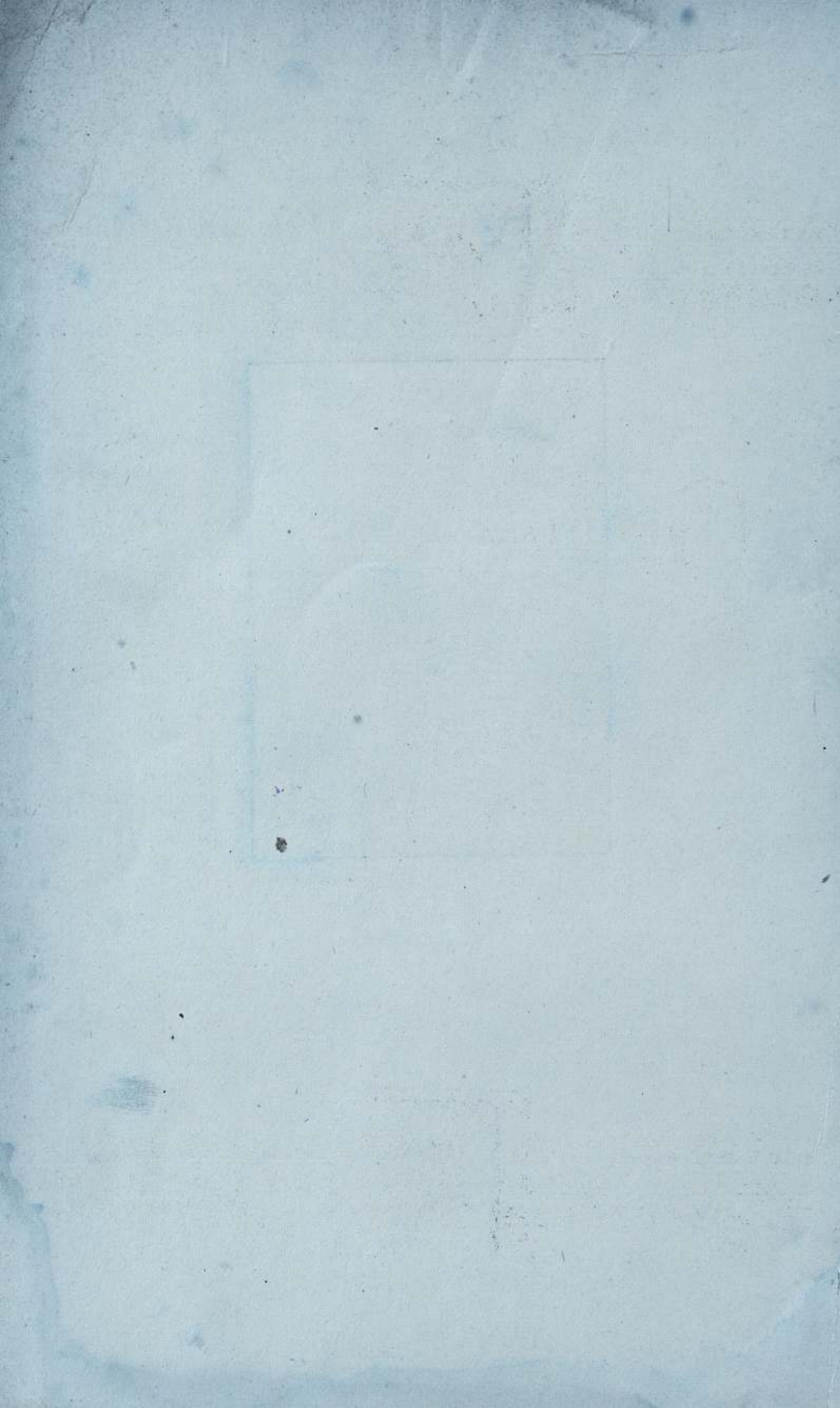


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THE delay in printing and sending out this volume has been occasioned by the misfortunes of the printer and not by any negligence on the part of the Grand Recorder. The copy for the proceedings was in my hands about June 20th, and while getting ready to print, a destructive fire came and consumed the material of my office. Immediately thereafter I ordered new type to print the work. After several weeks' delay it came, but before the printing could begin, it became necessary to remove my office from Grafton to Fairmont to obtain a suitable room in which to work, and that caused a further delay of several weeks.

Respectfully,

O. S. MCKINNEY, *Printer.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL CONCLAVES

OF THE

R. E. GRAND COMMANDERY

OF

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

WEST VIRGINIA,

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Right Eminent Grand Commandery

OF WEST VIRGINIA,

A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.



The Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant orders, of the State of West Virginia, was held in the Asylum of St. John's Commandery, No. 8, in Weston, Lewis county, West Virginia, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

V. EM. SIR JERE A. MILLER, . . . .	<i>Deputy G. Com.</i>
EM. SIR. KEPHART D. Walker, . . . .	<i>Grand Gen.</i>
“ “ ANDREW J. STONE, . . . .	<i>Grand C. Gen.</i>
“ “ CHAS. P. MATTHÆI, . . . .	<i>Grand Prelate.</i>
“ “ JOHN W. MORRIS, . . . .	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ “ JAMES WHEELER, . . . .	<i>as Grand Recorder.</i>
“ “ GUSTAV BROWN, . . . .	<i>Grand Sen. War.</i>
“ “ JACOB W. GRUBB, . . . .	<i>Grand Jun. War.</i>
“ “ GEORGE R. SAFFORD, . . . .	<i>Grand Stand. Br.</i>
“ “ W. G. BENNETT, . . . .	<i>as Grand Swd. Br.</i>
“ “ CHAS. E. PRATT, . . . .	<i>Grand Warder.</i>
“ “ STEPHEN WATERHOUSE, . . . .	<i>Grand C. of G.</i>

Together with representatives from Subordinate Commanderies, permanent members and visitors.

There being a constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives present, after devotional exercises, the acting Grand Commander declared the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia opened in DUE FORM for the transaction of business.

## MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes of the last Grand Conclave was dispensed with.

## CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights J. R. Purnell, H. Sterling and O. S. McKinney were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and after a due examination of the credentials presented, the committee reported as follows, the report being on motion adopted :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of West Virginia :*

Your Committee on Credentials courteously submits the following report :

## GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

- V. E. Sir Jere A. Miller, Deputy Grand Commander.
- E. Sir K. D. Walker, Grand Generalissimo.
- “ “ A. J. Stone, Grand Captain General.
- “ “ C. P. Matthæi, Grand Prelate.
- “ “ Gustav Brown, Grand Senior Warden.
- “ “ J. W. Grubb, Grand Junior Warden.
- “ “ J. W. Morris, Grand Treasurer.
- “ “ Geo. R. Safford, Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ “ Chas. E. Pratt, Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ “ Stephen Waterhouse, Grand Captain of Guard.

And the following Representatives :

## WHEELING COMMANDERY NO. 1.

- Sir Joseph Hall, Em. Commander.
- Sir Joseph Hall, proxy for Generalissimo.
- Sir Allen Brock, Captain General.
- Sir W. H. Travis, Past Em. Commander.
- Sir John H. Brown, Past Em. Commander.

## PALESTINE COMMANDERY NO. 2.

- Sir C. P. Matthæi, proxy for Em. Commander.
- Sir C. P. Matthæi, proxy for Generalissimo.

## CALVARY COMMANDERY No. 3.

- Sir Geo. R. Safford, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 " Alex Laird, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 " Geo. R. Safford, proxy for Captain General.  
 " Alex Laird, Past Em. Commander.

## KANAWHA COMMANDERY No. 4.

- Sir J. J. Peterson, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 " J. J. Peterson, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 " J. J. Peterson, proxy for Captain General.

## POTOMAC COMMANDERY No. 5.

- Sir C. F. Gallaher, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 " C. F. Gallaher, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 " C. F. Gallaher, proxy for Captain General.

## CRUSADE COMMANDERY No. 6.

- Sir R. C. Dunnington, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 " Alex Bebout, Generalissimo.  
 " Thos. W. Fleming, Captain General.  
 " Frank E. Nichols, P. Em. Commander.  
 " Jno. B. Crane, P. Em. Commander.  
 " Owen S. McKinney, P. Em. Commander.

## CYRENE COMMANDERY No. 7.

- Sir R. J. Smyth, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 " R. J. Smyth, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 " T. M. Darrah, proxy for Captain General.

## ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY No. 8.

- Sir Er. Ralston, Eminent Commander.  
 " W. H. Aspinwall, Generalissimo.  
 " N. B. Newlon, Captain General.

And the following permanent members :

- Rt. Em. Sir Hugh Sterling, Past Grand Commander.  
 " " " Frank Rex, Past Grand Commander.  
 " " " Jesse R. Purnell, Past Grand Comdr.

V. Em. Sir George Davis, Past Dep. Grand Comdr.

Sir J. W. Morris, proxy for Rt. Em. Sir O. S. Long, Past Grand Commander.

Sir Chas. P. Matthæi, proxy for Rt. Em. Sir W. H. H. Flick, Past Grand Commander.

Sir Chas. P. Mathæi, proxy for V. E. Sir R. G. Lyle, Past Grand Generalissimo.

V. Sir Alex Parks, Jr., proxy for V. E. Sir H. V. Daniels, P. Grand Generalissimo.

V. E. Sir Alex Parks, Jr., Past Grand Generalissimo.

Sir C. F. Gallaher, proxy for Em. Sir Forest W. Brown, Grand Sword Bearer.

Also present, Representatives of the following Grand Commanderies :

Alabama—Em. Sir Kephart D. Walker.

California—Rt. Em. Sir George Davis.

Georgia—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.

Illinois—Em. Sir Andrew J. Stone.

Kansas—Em. Sir W. G. Bennett.

Kentucky—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.

Maine—Em. Sir John W. Morris.

Mass. and Rhode Island—Rt. Em. Sir Hugh Sterling.

Ohio—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.

Vermont—V. Em. Sir Jere A. Miller.

In view of the fact that the representatives of a Commandery who are likewise officers of the Grand Commandery, cannot vote in both capacities, we recommend, in order that no injustice shall be done the Commanderies which they represent, that in such cases they be permitted to designate any Sir Knight of their Commandery present to vote as proxy for the office which they fill in their Commanderies.

Courteously submitted,

HUGH STERLING,

JESSE R. PURNELL,

O. S. MCKINNEY,

*Committee.*

There are also present the following visiting Knights :

CRUSADE COMMANDERY No. 6.—Sir Knights George Brinkman, A. D. W. Strickler, George Crawford.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY No. 8.—Sir Knights Singleton Atchinson, Louis Bennett, A. A. Lewis, C. P. Rohrbaugh, Stokes Tunstell, E. M. Vandervort, A. J. Wood, J. S. Lecois, P. M. Boggess, G. A. Newlon, J. S. Hyer, W. P. Haymond.

V. E. Sir Knight Geo. Davis offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, almost unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, At the last annual conclave the following was passed as an amendment to the statutes and regulations, to-wit : The several Commanderies within this Jurisdiction shall be represented at each Conclave of the Grand Commandery, by one or more of their first three officers or their proxies ; and any Commandery not so represented shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Commandery the sum of ten dollars for any such neglect, and for neglecting to be represented three years in succession, the charter shall be forfeited ;

*Resolved*, That the same being contrary to Masonic law and precedent, is hereby repealed.

Rt. Em. Sir Wm. H. Riggs, Grand Commander, not being present, V. Em. Sir Jere A. Miller, acting Grand Commander, read the following address:

ADDRESS OF DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia :*

SIR KNIGHTS :—In the absence of the R. E. Grand Commander, the most agreeable duty devolves upon me of extending you a knightly welcome to this our Twelfth Annual Conclave within the walls of this beautiful Asylum, dedicated to St. John the almoner and the exaltation of the Christian virtues. We have assembled from all parts of the jurisdiction to renew our vows, to strengthen our fraternity and to legislate for the welfare of the institution.

May harmony and wisdom prevail and all our proceedings redound to the glory and advancement of our valiant and magnanimous order.

In consequence of the removal from this jurisdiction of R. E. Grand Commander Will H. Riggs, the duties of the office during a couple of months past have been vested in me. Our dear frater seeks to better his fortune elsewhere. We trust he may meet with a full measure of success. His departure we deeply regret. During many years of active service in the cause of Templar Masonry, he displayed a devotion and zeal worthy of the cause. It is to be hoped he may return in time, receive a hearty welcome, and abide with us.

I have the honor to report that on April 7th I issued the following circular notice to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Recorders of our subordinate Commanderies :

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VA.,  
OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER, }  
WHEELING, April 7th, 1886. }

*To all to whom these Presents may come, greeting :*

WHEREAS, a vacancy has happened in the office of Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of West Virginia, by the dimit of Eminent Sir Knight George F. Irvine from membership under this jurisdiction:

Now, Therefore, Know Ye, that by virtue of authority in me vested, in order to fill said vacancy, I do hereby appoint and constitute Sir Knight JAMES WHEELER, of Cyrene Commandery No. 7, as Grand Recorder, to act as such until otherwise ordered.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Commandery to be affixed, at the city of Wheeling, this 7th day of April, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

[SEAL.]

JERE A. MILLER,

*Acting Grand Commander.*

Attest :

JAMES WHEELER,

*Grand Recorder pro tem.*

Sir Irvine has been our Grand Recorder for the past nine years, during which time he performed the duties of that important office with unusual fidelity and ability.

On the 19th day of April, I granted a dispensation to Potomac Commandery No. 5, to appear in full dress uniform on the 23rd of April, for the purpose of attending a sermon on Templar Masonry, to be delivered by a Rev. Sir Knight of the Order at a church in their locality.

With profound sorrow I announce the death of Rt. Em. Sir Joseph S. Haldeman, Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, who died suddenly in Washington City on the morning of April 29th. He was buried with Templar honors by his Commandery at his home in Martinsburg.

Sir Haldeman was an exemplary Knight Templar, thoroughly imbued with the principles of Templarism. In his address as Grand Commander there occurs the following lines of exhortation, to which we have reason to believe he gave wise heed himself :

“Let the grand and holy teachings of our order find an abiding place in our hearts. May we show that we are worthy to be defenders of the Cross, and true followers and soldiers of Christ, so that when our term of penance is ended, with faith in Christ as our Savior, let us hope to meet in that Grand Asylum, there to participate in the honors and rewards which await the valiant Templar.”

This Grand Commandery should take suitable action of respect to the memory of the deceased Templar.

I desire to remind the Grand Commandery of the near approach of the 23rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which convenes at St. Louis, Mo., on the 21st September next. I am advised that a considerable number of Sir Knights of this jurisdiction will be in attendance. It is, therefore, necessary that this Grand Body should provide ways and means for securing suitable headquarters for her representatives, and for the convenience of all Sir Knights from this State as well as Sir Knights and other persons from sister jurisdictions who may desire to visit West Virginians.

Respectfully submitted,

JERE A. MILLER,  
*Acting Grand Commander.*

The following communication from Rt. Em. Sir Will H. Riggs, Grand Commander, was then read :

OMAHA, NEB., May 4, 1886.

*V. E. Sir Jere A. Miller :*

MY DEAR SIR AND FRATER :—I this day send to you my report, which is very incomplete, but I find I have mislaid some of my notes in my removal. The report is like the man, imperfect and not what it should be. I desire you should read this before the Grand Commandery and present to the Sir Knights

my kindest regards and my regrets at not being able to meet with those who have in the past honored me with the highest station in the order in West Virginia. I most earnestly crave the forbearance of my fellow Sir Knights wherein I have failed to advance the interests of the order. Soon after my election financial ruin closed in on my business affairs, and I have been compelled to seek employment outside of West Virginia. I had hoped that my final resting place would be on my native soil, but Providence has ruled it otherwise. "With malice toward none," and a prayer for the happiness of you all, Sir Knights of West Virginia, I bid you all good bye!

WILL H. RIGGS.

V. E. Sir Jere A. Miller, acting Grand Commander, then read the address and report of the Grand Commander, as follows :

#### ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

*Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

In accordance with unwritten law, it becomes my duty to present to you at this time a report of my official acts as Grand Commander for a part of the Templar year now closing, and to offer those suggestions and recommendations that present themselves to me as for the best interests of the order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The past year has not been especially eventful. The order seems to have been much affected by business depression. Yet some few Commanderies have enjoyed a prosperous year and have made considerable gains in membership, while others have sustained losses by death and dismissions. The angel of death at this time has not claimed any member of this Grand Commandery; for this, and the blessings of peace, plenty and health, let us return the thanksgivings of our hearts to the Great Ruler of universal nature.

As Knights Templar we have assumed vows not to be lightly put aside at our convenience, but our lives should conform to and be in keeping with the principles we are so often found proclaiming on the housetops and highways. Let us devote at least a portion of our time to the reformation and uplifting of fallen humanity, and aid the weak and destitute, but more especially those of our Templar household; and if we come short and are remiss in these, the smallest of our duties, we certainly will not appear blameless when summoned to appear before the Grand Master whose name is unspeakable.

AT REST.

July 3rd, 1885, I received notice of the death of R. E. Sir John F. Regnault, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Sir Regnault's demise occurred in the city of Richmond on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1885.

From a circular letter of Grand Master Francis H. Hill, announcing his death, I make the following extract: "As a man and Mason he discharged his varied duties with signal ability and fidelity, enjoying the fullest confidence of his fellow men, and no one has honored Masonry more than he has since he commenced his Masonic career in 1844. He has made it the study of his life. Such is the precious assurance and legacy he leaves."

I received notice of the death of Past Grand Commander, Charles Edward Munger, of Illinois, whose death was announced by Grand Commander Haswell C. Clark in the following General Order:

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ILLINOIS, }  
KANKAKEE, June 27th, 1885. }

[GENERAL ORDER NO. 5.]

*To the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and Officers of all the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction:*

SIR KNIGHTS:—Again we are called upon to mourn the decease of a Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction. On the morning of the 24th inst. the soul of our well beloved frater, Rt. Em. Sir Charles Edward Munger, obeyed the final summons calling him from his earthly labors to the Grand Asylum above. He has ceased from his labors and is at rest forever.

We number among us no Knight more true and courteous. His sword now forever returned to his scabbard, was untarnished. On his escutcheon there was no stain. While we mourn the loss of his friendship and counsel, we can only console ourselves with the reflection that "our loss is his eternal gain." He has left behind him a bright and shining example which it behooves us all to follow. Peace to his ashes.

As a token of respect to his memory, this order will be read at the head of the lines at the first stated conclave after its reception; and for sixty days thereafter the usual emblem of mourning shall be displayed in each Commandery, and worn by the officers of the Grand Commandery and of each subordinate in this jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery this 27th day of June, A.D. 1885, A. O. 767.

HASWELL C. CLARK,  
*Grand Commander.*

GIL. W. BARNARD,  
*Grand Recorder.*

I also received notice of the death of Rt. Em. Sir John McClelland, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee; whose death was announced by the following order:



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF TENNESSEE, }  
 CHATTANOOGA, August 3, 1885. }

[GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.]

(To be read at the head of the lines in each Commandery.)

The Right Eminent Grand Commander announces with deep sorrow the death of Past Grand Commander John McClelland, which occurred at his residence at Nashville at 5:30 A.M. August 1st.

Our beloved Frater was born at Williamsport, Pa., March 6, 1814, and removed to Tennessee in 1847. In 1858 he received the Orders of Knighthood in Nashville Commandery No. 1, of which he became a most active and useful member, filling all its official stations with great efficiency. In 1865 he was chosen Deputy Grand Commander, and in 1866 he became Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Tennessee. From 1871 to 1875 he held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery.

In other Masonic organizations he was well and widely known as one of the most faithful and devoted members: and in every capacity—as citizen, Mason or Knight Templar—there was presented in his pure and blameless life; in his modest, untiring and unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; and in his unobtrusive deeds of kindness and charity, a bright example of the noblest type of Masonic and Knightly character.

Let the Asylums be draped in mourning, and let each Sir Knight testify his sorrow by wearing the usual badge upon the hilt of his sword for a period of thirty days from the receipt of this order.

By command of

R. E. SIR JOHN BAILEY NICKLIN,

*Grand Commander.*

WILBUR F. FOSTER,

*Grand Recorder.*

Em. Sir John Reeves, our Representative near the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, died during the Templar year. I have received no particulars of his masonic life or death.

On the receipt of the printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, I learn of the death of Past Grand Commander William T. Adreon, who died December 10, 1885. But few Sir Knights were better known than P. G. Commander Adreon. As a speaker or writer he had but few equals. Sir Adreon for the past few years had been particularly brought before the order on account of some comments made on the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, in his review of foreign correspondence, some few years since, at which the fraters of Louisiana took exceptions and severed their friendly relations with the fraters of Maryland. At the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Maryland,

held November 24th, 1885, Sir Adreon was present in feeble health, and arose, and there with that knightly manhood for which he was so well known, withdrew the offensive language which grated so harshly on the feelings of the Louisiana Knights. How seldom do we meet with such knightly manhood!

It was my good fortune to have had a personal acquaintance with Sir Adreon and feel that I would be remiss in duty were I not to leave testimony to his many knightly virtues while alive and cherish a fond remembrance of him when gone from us.

On January 30th I learned of the death of P. G. C. Warner, of Kentucky, which was announced in the following General Order by the Grand Commander of that State.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY,  
OFFICE OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, }  
FRANKFORT, January 25, 1886. }

[GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.]

*To the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and Officers of all the Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction:*

SIR KNIGHTS—Again we are called upon to mourn the decease of a Past Grand Commander of this jurisdiction. On the morning of January 24, 1886, the soul of our well beloved frater, Rt. Em. Sir William Alva Warner, obeyed the final summons calling him from his earthly labor to the Grand Asylum above. He has ceased from his labors, and is at rest forever.

We numbered amongst us no Knight more true and courteous. His sword, now forever returned to its scabbard, was untarnished. On his escutcheon there was no stain. While we mourn the loss of his friendship and counsel, we can only console ourselves with the reflection that "our loss is his eternal gain." He has left behind him a bright and shining example, which it behooves us to follow. Peace to his ashes.

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

JAMES M. SAFFELL,  
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

L. D. CRONINGER,  
Grand Recorder.

During the Templar year death has claimed another bright and shining mark. R. E. Sir Benjamin A. Botts, Past Grand Commander of Texas, who died September 23d, 1885.

During the year the final summons has been received by the following Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction to appear in the Asylum not made with hands.

Sir R. W. Morrison, of Wheeling, No. 1, died at his residence in Steubenville, O., June 13, 1885. He was buried with Templar honors by his Commandery at Greenwood Cemetery, near Wheeling, W. Va.

Sir James M. Lazzell, of Crusade, No. 6, died at his house in Fairmont, August 15, 1885. Sir Lazzell was a zealous Knight, "strongly imbued with the great principles of the order. He was always ready to succor the weary and relieve the distressed. He was a true friend and a manly foe: and those who knew him best loved him most." He was buried with Masonic honors, Crusade Commandery acting as an escort.

Sir Alexander Laughlin, of Cyrene, No. 7, died November —, 1885.

#### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Believing that the best interests of the order in this Grand Jurisdiction would be subserved by official visitation I determined as far as practicable to visit each subordinate commandery at least once during the year, and present herewith a statement of facts as I have seen them, and make those suggestions that I think claim the attention of this Grand Commandery at this time.

September 18th the Em. Commander applied to me for a dispensation, for the Commandery to act as an escort to the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at the laying of the corner stone of the M. E. Church South, in Martinsburg on September 19th, 1885, at which time neither the Em. Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General were present, but quite a goodly number of the Sir Knights were present, as were also a number from Potomac No. 5. The neglect of duty on the part of the officers on two occasions so near together is calculated to have a demoralizing effect on the order.

On October 6th I visited Potomac Commandery No. 5. I was received with great courtesy and welcomed by the Em. Commander, Sir Gustav Brown, on the part of the Commandery. The welcome was not confined to words alone but the impulsive grasp of the hands of the Sir Knights said welcome!

I found a large number of the members present all uniformed, the records of the Commandery well and neatly kept. Upon examination of the books I found the dues nearly all collected to date, and quite a sum in the treasury, which speaks well for their Recorder. By request of the Em. Commander I occupied his station and assisted in the conferring the orders of Knight-

hood on two postulants. I found the officers all well versed in the duties of their offices. The conferring of the orders on one of the companions on this occasion was an event deserving of special mention. The honor I enjoyed probably never fell to the lot of any other Sir Knight in West Virginia—possibly no one in the United States—that of dubbing and creating a Knight eighty-three years old. A short history of this venerable Knight I think will not be out of place here and will probably interest many of you :

Thomas A. Moore, born January 29th, 1803, in Fairfax county, Va., was initiated an E. A. at Leesburg, Va., in 1824, was passed as a Fellow Craft and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason the same year in Malta Lodge, at Charlestown, Va., and received the Chapter degrees previous to 1850; practiced law in Charlestown from 1824 to 1830; Clerk of Court of Jefferson county for fifty-five years, which position he now holds. He is in the enjoyment of good health in both body and mind and often attends the meeting of Malta Lodge. It has never been my lot to confer the orders on a more appreciative candidate and I have no doubt will be a good example for many of our Knights to follow :

October 26th I visited Wheeling No 1. There were twelve Sir Knights present, only nine members of this Commandery out of a membership of fifty-four, but little interest manifested. A few of the Sir Knights seemed to devote their energies towards the advancement of the order but there is much wanting—no work. The opening and closing ceremonies were performed in a creditable manner and the business conducted in a business like way. A number of the Knights were suspended for non-payment of dues which had been allowed to accumulate to considerable sums, from ten dollars to twenty dollars, and a few were given further time, who it is claimed were willing but unable to pay. Commanderies make a great mistake in allowing their members to become so involved that they are unable to pay. The fault to a very great extent lays with the Eminent Commanders and Recorders, who, if they would use proper efforts, can collect the dues annually as they become due, whereas if they are allowed to run on for two, three and sometimes four years, some will allow themselves to be suspended. Others are unable to pay the accumulated sum.

The collection of dues with us in our Grand Jurisdiction is a matter of business, as we are dependent on this means as a revenue for the support of our organization. I do not wish to be understood as holding the opinion that every member should be compelled to pay up annually or be suspended. Far from it. Sickness and misfortune overtake Templars as well as the rest of mankind. But I do say, that the accounts between the members and the Recorders should be settled at least once a year; and should any worthy Sir Knight be unable to pay, it then becomes the duty of the Commandery then and there to assist

him, either by a contribution or a remission ; and it is also equally the duty of every Sir Knight to make every effort to assist in bearing a share of the burdens as well as to share in the benefits of the order.

I am convinced that the Templar Order has become too popular and made too common. Were we to require all applicants seeking admission to have been Royal Arch Masons at least one year before becoming eligible to petition the Commandery, and also requiring all applicants to be conversant with the obligations and proficient in the lectures and history of the Lodge and Chapter degrees before allowing them to be created Red Cross Knights, and then to serve as such at least six months as a trial of their constancy and fidelity, we would then have less suspensions for non-payment of dues, and better Commanderies and more intelligent and zealous Templars.

The minutes are such that they need special mention for neatness.

I found this Commandery without any charter, the same having been lost by fire when the Masonic Temple was burned, in 1876. The officers of this Commandery from that time to this certainly have been remiss in their duties in not having this matter brought before this Grand Commandery and another charter secured. I issued the proper dispensation, allowing them to hold conclaves and conduct all regular business until this meeting of the Grand Commandery, and I hope this grand body will order another charter before it adjourns.

November 7th, I visited Cyrene, No. 7, and found fifteen Knights present out of a membership of seventy-two, and from this think it needless to say but little interest is manifested. The Em. Commander, John M. Birch, having been appointed consul to Nagasaki, Japan, consequently was not present. The opening and closing ceremonies were performed in a creditable manner.

The records are well and neatly kept. The Sir Knights of this Commandery and Wheeling, No. 1, did not appear in uniform. To me personally this was a matter of no concern, but I hope in the future that all Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction will respect this grand body by receiving its presiding officer in a proper manner — at least, in full Templar uniform.

November 16, I visited Calvary, No. 3. Arrived at Parkersburg at 12 M. in company with Past Grand Commander J. R. Purnell, and was met at the depot of the Ohio River railroad by some of the Sir Knights and entertained in a most hospitable manner by our Grand Standard Bearer and others. At night I visited this Commandery and found every Sir Knight present who lived within twenty miles, with one exception only. One Sir Knight traveled ninety miles and another twenty-four miles to attend this conclave, *all* in full Templar uniform. By expressed desire of my own, I was permitted to

be present at the opening of the Commandery, which was done by a new set of officers who had been elected at the previous conclave, and to my surprise the ceremony was performed in a better manner than any I had witnessed elsewhere.

The Generalissimo and Sentinel-elect not having been present at the time of the installation of the other officers, I was called upon by the Eminent Commander to install them, after which, no other business appearing, a Templar experience meeting was indulged in, which developed the fact that the members were zealous and deeply imbued with the noble teaching and principles of our Order.

There were present three Past Grand Commanders, and as this Commandery is not yet ten years old, and so many Sir Knights having been selected from this body to fill this important position, certainly speaks well of them.

Although the Commandery is not large, yet a stronger or more substantial Commandery is not to be found within our State. They have the finest asylum and suite of rooms of any of our Commanderies, and the most complete outfit for conferring the orders. Financially they are A 1.

The minutes are kept by P. G. C. Rex, which insures them to be what they should be.

#### DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

During the year I have issued the following dispensations :

September 3d, 1885, to Potomac Commandery, No. 5, to appear in public in full Templar uniform, to act as an escort to the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of West Virginia, at the laying of the corner stone of the M. E. Church, at Middleway, Jefferson county, W. Va., on September 5, 1885.

September 18th, 1885, to Palestine, No. 2, to appear in public in full Templar uniform, to act as an escort to the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of West Virginia, at the laying of the corner stone of the M. E. Church South, at Martinsburg, on the 19th day of September, 1885.

October 20, to Kanawha Commandery, No. 4, to elect and install a Generalissimo, the Generalissimo-elect having removed from the jurisdiction before being installed.

November 24th, 1885, to Wheeling, No. 1, to hold conclaves stated and special until the annual conclave of this Grand Commandery, they having lost their Charter by fire.

#### DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

To Palestine, No. 2, to ballot on the petition of a companion for the Orders, it not having lain over the time prescribed by law, the reasons assigned not being sufficient in my opinion to warrant me in granting said request.

## DECISIONS.

I have not been called upon during the year to render any decisions, from which it may be reasonably inferred that the officers of all of the subordinate Commanderies throughout the jurisdiction are conversant with Templar law.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

May 30th, received the following General Order from the Grand Encampment:

[GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.]

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SIR ROBERT ENOCH WITHERS, M. E. GRAND MASTER.

*To all Grand Commanderies and all Subordinate Commanderies holding Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America—Greeting:*

Know ye, that circumstances have arisen involving my temporary absence from this jurisdiction.

These presents therefore will announce to the Order of Knights Templar throughout the United States of America, that from and after the 1st day of June, A. D. 1885, A. O. 767, all the rights, duties and prerogatives of Grand Master of Templars will devolve upon and be exercised by the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, Sir Charles Roome, of the State and city of New York, during the period of my absence from the jurisdiction.

Done at Wytheville, Va., this 20th day of May, A. D. 1885, A. O. 767, by the M. E. G. Master.

Attest: Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, Iowa, this 25th day of May, A. D. 1885.

[L. S.]

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN,  
*Grand Recorder.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, }  
NEW YORK, May 26, 1885. }

*To all the Sir Knights in the National Jurisdiction—Please take Notice:*

That the Most Eminent Robert E. Withers, Grand Master of Knights Templar, having been appointed Consul to Hong Kong, China, has been pleased to notify me of his desire that I should assume the rights, powers and prerogatives of his office during his absence, expressing, at the same time, his intention,

if possible, to be present at the triennial conclave, to be held in St. Louis, Mo., in September, 1886.

Accepting the trust, I fraternally invite the assistance of the brethren in the discharge of the duties that thus devolve upon me, that in all things we may honor the Grand Master, and contribute to the success of his administration.

I shall assume the duties of my appointment on the 1st of June, prox., and request that all matters requiring official attention be directed to me at No. 4 Irving Place, New York City.

Courteously communicated,

CHARLES ROOME,  
*Deputy Grand Master.*

GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VA.

[GENERAL ORDER NO. I.]

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER, }  
WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. II, 1886. }

*To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of West Virginia, and to the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Knights of Subordinate Commanderies under our obedience:*

WHEREAS, It has been represented, and appears to us that the convenience of Knights Templar in West Virginia will be promoted by holding the Twelfth Annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery of this State at Weston, in the county of Lewis, and

WHEREAS, The R. E. Grand Commander was authorized by resolution adopted at the annual conclave, held in May, 1885, to designate the place of the next annual conclave,

Now, therefore, by virtue of this power, we do hereby summon the Officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals of the several Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar (or their legally accredited proxies) under our jurisdiction to assemble in the Asylum of St. John's Commandery, No. 8, in Weston, in the county of Lewis, on Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1886, at 7 o'clock P. M., then and there to hold the Twelfth Annual Conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery of West Virginia, and transact such business as may legally come before it.

All Knights Templar in good standing are courteously and fraternally invited to visit the Grand Commandery at the time indicated, uniformed and equipped for inspection and review.

By order of

A. J. STONE,  
*Grand Captain General.*

Attest: GEO. F. IRVINE,  
[SEAL] *Grand Recorder.*

W. H. RIGGS,  
*R. E. Grand Commander.*



## [GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.]

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VA., }  
 WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 19, 1886. }

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery  
 Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of  
 West Virginia :*

Know ye, That circumstances have arisen involving my temporary absence from this Grand Jurisdiction : Therefore, be it known, that from and after the above date, all the rights and duties of Grand Commander will devolve upon and be exercised by the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Jeremiah Alexander Miller, of the city of Wheeling, during the time of my absence from the State, or until the annual conclave of the R. E. Grand Commandery, which convenes on the second Wednesday of May, 1886.

WILL H. RIGGS,  
*Grand Commander.*

Attest :

GEO. F. IRVINE,  
 [SEAL.] *Grand Recorder.*

Sir Knights of West Virginia, duty to myself and family seem to require me to go beyond the bounds of the State to seek employment where I can more fully reap the rewards of my labor, and thereby more liberally contribute to the wants and necessities of my family. I was in hopes that it would be within my power to be with you, but duty seems to call me elsewhere. But rest assured, if not with you in person, I will be with you in spirit, and this calls to our mind, "Shall we meet again?"

In the language which flowed from the pen of a gifted one, let me add :

"The fiat of death is inexorable. No appeal for relief from the great law which dooms us to dust. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest, and the flowers that bloom, wither and fade in a day have no frailer hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his foot-steps. Generations of men will appear and disappear as the grass, and the multitude that throng the world to-day will disappear as footsteps on the shore. Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadows fall across their own pathway, hiding from their eyes the faces of loved ones whose living smile was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the antagonist of life, and the thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley, although its dark passage may lead to paradise; we do not want to go down into damp graves, even with princes for bed-fellows. In the beautiful drama of Ion, the hope of immortality, so eloquently uttered by the death-devoted Greek, finds deep response in every thoughtful soul. When about to yield his life a sacri-

face to fate, his Clemanthe asks if they should meet again; to which he responds: 'I have asked that dreadful question of the hills that look eternal—of the clear streams that flow forever—of stars among those fields of azure my raised spirits have walked in glory. All are dumb. But as I gaze upon thy living face, I feel that there is something in love that mantles through its beauty that cannot wholly perish. We shall meet again, Clemanthe.'

Sir Knights, we shall meet again.

WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 22, '86.

W. H. RIGGS,  
Grand Commander.

### GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN W. MORRIS, Grand Treasurer Grand Commandery Knights Templar of West Virginia, in account with Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

May 15, 1885,	Balance on hand.....	\$165 77
"	Cash, Grand Recorder.....	174 50
		\$340 27
	CREDIT.	
By order No. 42.....		\$15 10
" " " 43.....		25 00
" " " 44.....		25 00
" " " 45.....		16 60
" " " 46.....		10 00
" " " 47.....		25 00
" " " 48.....		99 89
		\$216 59
Balance.....		\$123 68

J. W. MORRIS,  
Grand Treasurer.

### REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VA.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER, }  
WHEELING, W. VA., April 1, 1886. }

To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:

Herewith I hand you a report of the transactions of this office since the last annual conclave, held at Charlestown, May 13th, 1885:

1885.

#### RECEIPTS.

May 13,	Wheeling Commandery, No. 1.....	\$ 28 00
" 13,	Palestine " " 2.....	25 50
" 13,	Calvary " " 3.....	13 50
" 13,	Kanawha " " 4.....	17 00
" 13,	Potomac " " 5.....	19 00
" 13,	Crusade " " 6.....	21 50
" 13,	Cyrene, " " 7.....	39 00
" 13,	St. John's " " 8.....	11 00
		\$174 50

#### CREDIT.

May 15,	By Grand Treasurer's receipt.....	\$174 50
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The proceedings of the annual conclaves of 1884 and 1885 were published and sent out from this office in November last in accordance with the standing order.

Nov. 23, 1885, a commission was issued to Sir Knight Isaac S. Roberts as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, near the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, vice Em. Sir John Reeves, deceased.

Sir T. M. Darrah was duly commissioned as the representative of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, near this Grand Commandery, vice Sir Mason W. Burt, having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Sir R. J. Smyth was duly commissioned as the representative of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, near this grand body, vice Sir M. A. Chandler, having removed from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Sir Gustav Brown was duly commissioned as the representative of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, near the Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

In retiring from the office of Grand Recorder, which position I have had the honor to fill for the past ten years, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction for the uniform courtesies I have always received at their hands, and I bespeak for my successor a continuance of the same fraternal kindness.

Courteously submitted,

GEO. F. IRVINE,  
*Grand Recorder.*

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander announced the appointment of the regular committees as follows :

Doings of Grand Officers—Sir Jesse R. Purnell, George Davis, W. G. Bennett.

Finance—Sirs Frank Rex, Frank E. Nichols, James Hall.

Charters and Dispensations—Sirs Charles E. Pratt, T. M. Darrah, W. H. Travis.

Grievances and Appeals—Sirs Hugh Sterling, J. W. Grubb, Er Ralston.

Returns of Chartered Commanderies—Sirs George R. Saford, T. W. Fleming, Gustav Brown.

Obituary—Sirs K. D. Walker, Alex. Parks, Allen Brock.

On motion, as much of the Grand Commander's address as refers to deaths of members of this Jurisdiction, be referred to

Committee on Obituary, and the remainder to Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

On motion, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be referred to Finance Committee.

On motion of Rt. Em. Sir J. R. Purnell, that the wearing of uniforms be dispensed with during the sittings of this conclave.

Adopted.

Sir Knight W. G. Bennett, on behalf of the Sir Knights of St. John's Commandery, No. 8, extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Commandery to partake of a banquet at the Tun-still House.

The invitation was accepted, and the Grand Commandery adjourned until after the banquet.

After the banquet the Grand Commandery of West Virginia met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Grand officers for the ensuing Templar year being in order, the Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights C. Frank Gallaher, and J. J. Peterson tellers.

Ballots were cast, and on counting the same the following Sir Knights were declared duly elected :

R. E. SIR GEORGE DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Commander.

V. E. SIR ALEX. PARK, Martinsburg, Dep. Grand Com.

E. SIR ANDREW J. STONE, Fairmont, Grand Generalissimo.

“ “ CHARLES P. MATTHÆI, Martinsburg, Gr. Cap. Gen.

“ “ NEWTON B. NEWLON, Weston, Grand Prelate.

“ “ GUSTAV BROWN, Charlestown, Gr. Sen. Warden.

“ “ W. G. BENNETT, Weston, Grand Junior Warden.

“ “ HUGH STERLING, Wheeling, Grand Treasurer.

“ “ R. C. DUNNINGTON, Fairmont, Grand Recorder.

“ “ CHARLES E. PRATT, Charlestown, Gr. Std. Bearer.

“ “ STEPHEN WATERHOUSE, Wheeling, Gr. Swd. Bearer.

“ “ ALEXANDER BEBOUT, Fairmont, Grand Warder.

“ “ FRANK E. NICHOLS, Fairmont, Gr. Capt. of Guard.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed by Past Grand Commander Jesse R. Purnell.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow (Thursday).

## IN GRAND CONCLAVE.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 13, 1886.

The Grand Commandery of West Virginia met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Rt. Em. Sir George Davis, Grand Commander, at 9 o'clock A.M.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

Your Committee on Grievances have to report that there has been no business presented for their consideration, and take pleasure in reporting that peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,

H. STERLING,  
ER RALSTON,  
J. W. GRUBB,  
*Committee.*

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

Your Committee on the proceedings of Grand Officers has carefully examined the report of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Recorder. We sincerely regret that the business interests of the Grand Commander have made it necessary for him to remove from this Jurisdiction, and recognize the fact that in his departure we have lost a faithful, zealous and courteous Sir Knight, and we heartily commend him to the kind consideration of the Sir Knights with whom he has cast his lot.

In his official station his acts gave evidence of an earnest desire to advance the cause of the order and promote its efficiency, and in general receive our hearty approval.

In regard to the criticisms of the Grand Commander, however, upon the conduct of Palestine Commandery, members of that Commandery have appeared before the Committee, and being satisfied that there are mitigating circumstances connected with the matter alluded to by the Grand Commander, we think it would be for the best interests of the Order to omit that part of the report from the printed proceedings; and so recommend.

The report of the Deputy Grand Commander evinces him to be a zealous Sir Knight and worthy of just commendation, and we recommend the approval of his official acts.

It has been the misfortune of the Grand Commandery to lose within the past year not only its Grand Commander but its Grand Recorder, in the voluntary retirement of the last officer after nine years of exceptionally faithful and efficient service. We think we but voice the sentiment of the Sir Knights in this Jurisdiction when we say that we deeply regret that circumstances have compelled him to sever his connection with us, and express our best wishes for his future success, prosperity and happiness. His report exhibits him as a painstaking and careful officer, and his official acts and conduct meet our approval.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

J. R. PURNELL,  
GEORGE DAVIS,  
W. G. BENNETT,

Adopted.

Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

The undersigned, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would respectfully recommend that in the case of Wheeling Commandery, No. 1, applying for a new Charter in place of the one lost by fire, that a new Charter do issue to the same without fee.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHAS. E. PRATT,  
T. M. DARRAH,  
W. H. TRAVIS,

Adopted.

Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

ASYLUM OF ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 8, }  
WESTON, Lewis County, W. Va., May 12, 1886. }

Your Committee on Finance having examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, find the same correct.

We respectfully submit the following estimate of receipts and expenditures of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing Templar year :

		ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.	
Balance from previous year			\$123 68
Wheeling—Wheeling Comdy. No. 1			24 00
Martinsburg—Palestine	“ 2		26 50
Parkersburg—Calvary	“ 3		13 00
Charleston—Kanawha	“ 4		27 00
Charlestown—Potomac	“ 5		20 00
Fairmont—Crusade	“ 6		20 50
Wheeling—Cyrene	“ 7		36 50
Weston—St. John's	“ 8		10 00

\$301 18

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Incidental expenses.....	\$ 40 00
Dues to Grand Encampment.....	16 50
Order for Grand Commandery Jewels.....	150 00
Salary of Grand Recorder.....	75 00
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	\$281 50

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK REX,  
JOSEPH HALL,FRANK E. NICHOLS, *Committee.*

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

WESTON, W. VA., May 12, 1886.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

Your Committee on Obituary recommend that one Memorial page be set apart in the printed proceedings of this Grand Commandery for Rt. Em. Past Grand Commander Joseph S. Haldeman, and one for our deceased fraters within this jurisdiction ; and the Recorder supply the printers of proceedings with the necessary dates, names and other relevant information.

Respectfully submitted,

K. D. WALKER,  
ALEX. PARKS,ALLEN BROCK, *Committee.*

Adopted.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Comandery of West Virginia :*

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Commanderies beg leave to report that they have examined the several reports, and find them correct.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

T. W. FLEMING,

GUSTAV BROWN, *Committee.*

Adopted.

On motion, resolved that the actual expenses of Sir James Wheeler, Acting Grand Recorder, for services and attendance at this grand conclave, be paid.

Sir Hugh Sterling offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be extended to St. John's Commandery, No. 8, for their hospitality and knightly courtesy extended to the membership of this Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Sir Jere A. Miller offered the following :

*Resolved,* That the Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, page 257, proceedings 1884, being in conflict with the statutes and regulations, laws and decisions, of the Grand Encampment of the United States and this Grand Commandery, the

same is hereby declared illegal and void, and it is hereby ordered that the report be expunged from the record. Adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay all accounts due, or that may become due, during recess, for printing, advertising, postage and stationery, upon orders duly signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder. Adopted.

Sir W. G. Bennett offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the B. & O. R. R. and the C. W. & G. R. R., for courtesies extended the Grand Commandery at its present annual Conclave. Adopted.

On motion of Sir J. R. Purnell, that the next annual Conclave of the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia be holden on the second Wednesday in May, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769, and that Charleston, Kanawha county, be the place chosen for the meeting. Adopted.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced the following standing committees :

*Foreign Correspondence*—Sirs R. H. List, Frank Rex and R. C. Dunnington.

*Jurisprudence*—Sirs Hugh Sterling, W. H. H. Flick and C. F. Scott.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, after devotional exercises, was closed in SOLEMN AND KNIGHTLY FORM, to meet at Charleston, Kanawha county, on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769.

GEORGE DAVIS,

*Grand Commander.*

Attest :

*R. C. Dunnington*  
Grand Recorder.









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K. GUTENBURG

PHILADEL.

*Geo. Davis*

Past Grand Commander.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
Right Eminent Grand Commandery  
OF WEST VIRGINIA,

A. D. 1887, A. O. 769.

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The Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant orders of the State of West Virginia, was held in the Asylum of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, in Charleston, Kanawha county, West Virginia, on Wednesday, the 11th day of May, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

- Rt. Em. Sir GEORGE DAVIS, . *Grand Commander.*  
V. " " ALEXANDER PARKS, *Deputy Grand Commander.*  
Eminent " ANDREW J. STONE, . *Grand Generalissimo.*  
" " C. P. MATTHÆI, . *Grand Captain General.*  
" " ODELL S. LONG, . *as Grand Prelate.*  
" " GUSTAV BROWN, . *Grand Senior Warden.*  
" " W. G. BENNETT, . *Grand Junior Warden.*  
" " R. C. DUNNINGTON, . *Grand Recorder.*  
" " DAVID R. BROOKS, . *as Grand Standard Bearer.*  
" " STEV. WATERHOUSE, *Grand Sword Bearer.*  
" " ALEX. BEBOUT, . *Grand Warder.*  
" " FRANK E. NICHOLS, . *Grand Captain of Guard.*

Together with representatives from Subordinate Commanderies, permanent members and visitors. There being a constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives pres-

ent, after devotional exercises, the Grand Commander declared the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of West Virginia opened in DUE FORM for the transaction of business.

## MINUTES.

On motion of Sir Alexander Bebout, the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Conclave was dispensed with.

## CREDENTIALS.

Sir Knights Charles P. Matthæi, John M. Collins and Stephen Waterhouse were appointed a committee on credentials; and after a due examination of the credentials presented, the committee reported as follows, which report, on motion, was adopted:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

*To the R. E. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we find present the following Representatives:

## WHEELING COMMANDERY NO. 1.

Sir John W. Morris, Eminent Commander.  
 Sir John W. Morris, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir David R. Brooks, Captain General.

## PALESTINE COMMANDERY NO. 2.

Sir Alexander Parks, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 Sir Charles P. Matthæi, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir Charles P. Matthæi, proxy for Captain General.

## CALVARY COMMANDERY NO. 3.

Sir Frank Rex, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 Sir Frank Rex, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir Frank Rex, proxy for Captain General.

## KANAWHA COMMANDERY NO. 4.

Sir William M. Hovey, Eminent Commander.  
 Sir J. N. Carnes, Generalissimo.  
 Sir John A. McGuffin, Captain General.

## POTOMAC COMMANDERY NO. 5.

Sir Gustav Brown, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 Sir Gustav Brown, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir Gustav Brown, proxy for Captain General.

## CRUSADE COMMANDERY NO. 6.

Sir Frank E. Nichols, proxy for Em. Commander.  
 Sir David J. Quill, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir R. C. Dunnington, proxy for Captain General.

## CYRENE COMMANDERY NO. 7.

Not represented.

## ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 8.

Sir W. G. Bennett, Eminent Commander.  
 Sir W. G. Bennett, proxy for Generalissimo.  
 Sir W. G. Bennett, proxy for Captain General.

And the following permanent members.

Rt. Em. Sir O. S. Long, Past Grand Commander.  
 " " " Geo. W. Patton, Past Grand Commander.  
 " " " Frank Rex, Past Grand Commander.  
 " " " Frank Rex, proxy for C. F. Scott, Past Grand  
 Commander.  
 Em. Sir Charles P. Matthæi, proxy for Em. Sir H. V. Daniels,  
 Past Grand Generalissimo.  
 Em. Sir Frank E. Nichols, proxy for Em. Sir K. D. Walker,  
 Past Grand Generalissimo.

Also Grand Officers as follows :

Rt. Em. Sir George Davis, Grand Commander.  
 V. " " Alex Parks, Deputy Grand Commander.  
 Em. Sir A. J. Stone, Grand Generalissimo.  
 " C. P. Matthæi, Grand Captain General.  
 " W. G. Bennett, proxy for Grand Prelate.  
 " Gustav Brown, Grand Sen. Warden.  
 " W. G. Bennett, Grand Jun. Warden.  
 " R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder.  
 " Gustav Brown, proxy for Grand Standard Bearer.  
 " Stephen Waterhouse, Grand Sword Bearer.  
 " Alex Bebout, Grand Warder.  
 " Frank E. Nichols, Grand Captain Guard.

Also the following Past Eminent Commanders.

Sir James H. Huling, Kanawha Commandery No. 4.  
 " John M. Collins, Kanawha Commandery No. 4.

And the Representatives of the following Grand Command-  
 eries are present :

California—Rt. Em. Sir George Davis.  
 Connecticut—Em. Sir R. C. Dunnington.  
 Georgia—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.  
 Illinois—V. Em. Sir A. J. Stone.

Iowa—Em. Sir John M. Collins.  
 Kansas—Em. Sir W. G. Bennett.  
 Kentucky—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.  
 Maine—Em. Sir John W. Morris.  
 Minnesota—Em. Sir Gustav Brown.  
 Missouri—Rt. Em. Sir Odell S. Long.  
 Nebraska—Em. Sir Gustav Brown.  
 New Jersey—Em. Sir C. P. Matthæi.  
 Ohio—Rt. Em. Sir Frank Rex.  
 Tennessee—Em. Sir Wm. M. Hovey.  
 Wisconsin—Em. Sir Frank E. Nichols.

There are also present the following visiting Sir Knights :  
 Em. Sir Eugene Robinson, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand  
 Commandery of Kentucky.

Sir F. M. Brooks, Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, Colum-  
 bus.

And a number of Sir Knights of Kanawha Commandery  
 No. 4, and of Huntington Commandery No. 9.

Courteously submitted,

CHARLES P. MATHÆI,  
 STEPHEN WATERHOUSE,  
 JOHN M. COLLINS,

*Committee.*

Rt. Em. Sir George Davis, Grand Commander, then read the  
 following report and address :

#### ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery  
 of West Virginia :*

SIR KNIGHTS:—In conformity to the requirements of our  
 regulations, I herewith submit for your consideration my official  
 acts for the Templar year which has just closed, and as a last  
 most pleasant duty, I extend to you a cordial welcome and  
 Knightly greeting to this our thirteenth Annual Conclave.

I have received no official notice of the death of any of our  
 members during the past year, for which, with the unnumber-  
 ed blessings vouchsafed for us by our Heavenly Father, I trust  
 we are all devoutly thankful.

#### NECROLOGY.

From sister Grand Jurisdictions we have received notices of  
 the removal, by "The Grim Reaper," of some of the brightest  
 stars in the Masonic firmament, among whom none were more  
 dear to the hearts of the Fraters of West Virginia, than R. E.  
 Theodore Tuthill Gurney, P. G. C. of the Grand Commandery  
 of Illinois, who died at his residence, in the city of Chicago, on  
 Tuesday, Nov. 9th, 1886. He was an honored representative

near the Grand Commandery of Illinois from our organization until the time of his death. I recommend that suitable action be taken thereon.

On June 21st, I received notice of the death of Sir Marcus F. Train, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Dakota.

On October 10th, I received notice of the death of E. Sir William A. Foote, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

December 20th, I received notice of the death of E. Sir Knight Edward W. Kelley, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

March 20th, 1887, I received notice of the death of R. E. Sir Knight Peleg Brown, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Alabama.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I think Sir Knights that when the returns from the several Commanderies have been known to you, you will find that we may congratulate ourselves, we may even rejoice and be glad, upon the happy condition of the Order throughout the State. I think we will find that we have made a greater increase than during any one year since our organization.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons stated in the communications filed herewith, I have granted the following dispensations during the year :

June 16th, 1886, to Sir Knight James J. Peterson and other Sir Knights, authorizing them to organize and open a Commandery at Huntington, W. Va., the petition being in due form and recommended by Kanawha Commandery No. 4.

On June 22d, I granted dispensation to Huntington Commandery U. D. to receive the petition of, ballot for and confer the orders upon four Companions in less time than that prescribed by the Code of Statutes.

July 21, 1886, I granted dispensation to Potomac Commandery No. 5 to ballot upon a petition without usual interval.

June 10, 1886, I granted dispensation to Potomac Commandery No. 5 to receive and ballot upon one petition without the usual interval.

In all of the above cases I required the Recorder to notify every member of the several Commanderies of the action to be taken under the dispensations.

#### VISITATIONS.

Under a standing resolution passed at our Annual Conclave, August, 1877, it is the duty of the first four elective officers to visit the several Commanderies within their immediate juris.

diction at least once during the year, and report their condition at the next Annual Conclave. I have no doubt that duty has been performed, and the several reports will be laid before you. It would have given me great pleasure, I assure you, to have visited personally all the Commanderies in the State, although judging from past experience, little good is accomplished by the official visitations of your Grand Commanders, while the time and expense involved is very considerable. The success, growth and usefulness of the Commandery, Sir Knights, rests with your Eminent Commanders.

On July 3d, 1886, accompanied by Eminent Sir Knights Hovey and Summers of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, I visited Huntington Commandery U. D., and assisted in the organization of the same and the conferring of the orders upon four Companions. I found them well equipped and thoroughly interested in their new-undertaking. January 27th, 1887, visited Palestine Commandery No. 2 at Martinsburg, and as I had not previously notified the Fraters of my intended visit, they were unable to call a special Conclave. I spent the evening, however, very pleasantly in company with Eminent Sir Knight W. M. Hovey, Commander, Sir Knight Feidt, Recorder, and several other Sir Knights, among whom were your Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Captain General. This Commandery is in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise, the records well kept and I have no doubt will present a good report of their work at this conclave.

January 28, I visited Potomac Commandery No. 5 at Charlestown, where I also held an informal interview with Eminent Commander Sir Gustav Brown, the Recorder, and others of the Sir Knights.

April 9th, accompanied by Sir Knight Hovey, Eminent Commander and Sir Knight Neil Robinson, of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, I again visited Huntington Commandery U. D. We were met at the depot by an escort of twenty of the Sir Knights, fully equipped, and escorted to the hotel. After supper we were again waited upon by our escort and conducted to the Asylum where we witnessed the opening and closing exercises and the Asylum drill. I was more than pleased with the excellent manner in which the officers performed their several duties, and being composed of the very best citizens and all being thoroughly interested and enthusiastic in their work, this young Commandery bids fair to become in a short time one of the brightest in the State.

Of my visits to Kanawha Commandery No. 4, of which I am proud to be a member, and whose Asylum you honor with your presence to-day, it is not necessary for me to speak any further than to say that we think the time hoped for by our esteemed Frater P. G. C. Purnell has arrived, and that she has awakened from her long sleep and taken her proper place among the Commanderies of this State.



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Under rules adopted by a number of sister Grand Jurisdictions, the term of office of Grand Representatives expires at certain periods. I believe that no similar rule exists in this Grand Jurisdiction, and I would recommend that one be adopted having the terms of our Grand Representatives expire with the meeting of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. Upon communications received from other Grand Commanderies, I have recommended the following appointments to represent them near our Grand Commandery.

- Nov. 20th, Sir John S. Collins from Iowa.
- Nov. 20th, E. Sir R. H. List from Indiana.
- Nov. 20th, E. Sir Frank E. Nichols from Wisconsin.
- Nov. 20th, E. Sir R. C. Dunnington from Connecticut.
- Nov. 20th, V. E. Sir Jere Miller from Vermont.
- Nov. 25th, R. E. Sir Hugh Sterling from Mass. and R. I.
- Dec. 6th, E. Sir Charles Matthæi from New Jersey.
- Feb. 11th, E. Sir Geo. S. Eyster from Virginia.
- Feb. 16th, E. Sir Gustav Brown from Nebraska.
- Feb. 23rd, E. Sir Wm. M. Hovey from Tennessee.
- Feb. 23rd, E. Sir Dr. J. W. Bates, Sr., from Pennsylvania.

Upon the recommendation of other Grand Commanders, I have caused commissions to be issued to the following representatives for West Virginia near other Grand Commanderies.

- Nov. 22d, E. Sir Chas. Slee to the G. C. New Jersey.
- Dec. 4th, R. E. Sir R. Laing McKinley to the G. C. Illinois, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. E. Sir Tuthill Gurney.
- Feb. 23d, E. Sir Ely Edwin Perry to the G. C. of Penn.
- April 10th, Sir W. A. Burke to the G. C. of Virginia.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

On July 5th, 1886, I received a communication from Huntington Commandery U. D. requesting permission to receive and ballot upon the petition of Companion M. N. Hambleton, who resides within the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Kentucky. I made application for the same through R. E. Sir Jno. S. Lyle, G. C., to Maysville Commandery No. 10, within whose jurisdiction Companion Hambleton resides, which was promptly and courteously granted. Communications in regard to the same are filed herewith. I have received several other communications on sundry matters, not mentioned in this report but filed herewith.

## DECISIONS.

During my administration I have not been called upon to make any decisions involving questions of Templar law. In answer to a communication from Eminent Sir Joseph Hall, Commander of Wheeling Commandery No. 1, I decided that it would be proper to insert the names which were in the original charter in the duplicate charter issued to take place of the one destroyed by fire. On February 25, a communication from Gallipolis Commandery U. D., stationed at Gallipolis, Ohio, to Kanawha Commandery No. 4, asking permission to receive the petition, ballot for and confer the orders upon a companion residing within this jurisdiction was referred to me. This communication I returned to Kanawha Commandery with instructions that under existing circumstances the request should not be granted.

## TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

On the 12th day of June, I received the summons of the R. E. Dep. and Acting Grand Master Sir Charles Roome to attend the 23d Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. to be holden in the city of St. Louis on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1886. Owing to the fact that no provision had been made to provide suitable headquarters, I feared we would present a very unfavorable appearance upon that occasion, but through the kindness and courtesy of the Triennial Committee, and especially R. E. Sir Kt. Jno. R. Parson, Chairman, we were enabled to secure on very favorable terms, most comfortable and pleasant quarters, conveniently located, and where I think all the Sir Knights from West Va. during their stay in St. Louis found a pleasant resting place. All the sessions of the Conclave were attended by your Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, (who held the proxy of your Dep. Grand Commander) and by Past Grand Commanders Sir Knights Jesse R. Purnell and Frank Rex. Much business of importance was transacted, and I regret exceedingly that my limited time will prevent me from laying it before you in this report. I hope however it will be your pleasure to have our Grand Recorder select such extracts from the printed report of the proceedings as in his judgment will be of interest and benefit to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction and print the same with our proceedings. I wish here to return thanks for myself and those who accompanied me from Kanawha Commandery to our Fraters of Kentucky, and especially to Maysville Commandery No. 10, to whom we are greatly indebted for many knightly courtesies, both in our journey and while in St. Louis. The kindness of Sir Knight Eugene A. Robinson will long be remembered.

## ORDERS.

## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VIRGINIA.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER, }  
 CHARLESTON, August 14, 1886. }

## [GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.]

I. In accordance with the summons of the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master and Acting Grand Master, the Twenty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held at St. Louis, Mo., on the third Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1886.

II. All members of the Grand Encampment residing within this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby courteously enjoined to be present.

III. Dispensation is hereby issued granting permission to all subordinate Commanderies and all Sir Knight of this Grand Jurisdiction to attend either as bodies or individual Sir Knights.

IV. Commanderies expecting to go as such will as soon as possible after the receipt of this order notify Eminent Sir Chas: P. Matthæi, Grand Captain General, also Eminent Sir R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder.

V. The headquarters of the Grand Commandery will be at 1,326 Oliver street, where all the officers and Sir Knights from this Grand Jurisdiction are courteously requested to report immediately upon their arrival in St. Louis.

VI. This order will be read at the head of the lines in each Commandery at the stated Conclave next after its reception.

[Seal.]

GEO. DAVIS,  
*Grand Commander.*

Attest: \*

R. C. DUNNINGTON,  
*Grand Recorder.*

## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF WEST VIRGINIA.

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER, }  
 FAIRMONT, W. VA., March 21, 1887. }

## [GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.]

*To the Officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, and to the Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and Knights of the Subordinate Commanderies under our obedience:*

HEALTH.

SAFETY.

PEACE.

You are hereby summoned to attend the Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery Knights Temp-

lar and Appendant Orders of the State of West Virginia, to be holden in the Asylum of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, in the City of Charleston, County of Kanawha, and State of West Virginia, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of May, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769, at 12 o'clock M., for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

All Knights Templar in good standing are courteously and fraternally invited to visit the Grand Commandery at the time indicated, uniformed and equipped for inspection and review.

So far as is at present known the business to be transacted in the Grand Commandery will be mainly in the customary routine. One Commandery, now under dispensation at Huntington, will probably apply for a charter.

By order of

[Seal.]

GEORGE DAVIS,  
*Grand Commander.*

CHARLES P. MATTHÆI,  
*Grand Captain-General.*

Attest :

R. C. DUNNINGTON,  
*Grand Recorder.*

#### OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS.

At a preceding Annual Conclave an order was passed granting to Wheeling Commandery No. 1, a duplicate charter to take the place of the original which was destroyed by fire. I caused this to be issued by our Grand Recorder on the 26th of June, 1886.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the Finance Committee invent some plan by which our financial condition will enable us to publish our proceedings annually.

That our proceeding be published annually.

That the Recorders be required to notify the Grand Recorder and Grand Commander of the elections and deaths as soon thereafter as possible.

That a committee be appointed to revise our constitution.

Requiring all Grand Officers to report in writing.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now, Sir Knights, I return to you the badge of authority which you entrusted to me one year ago. It has been a year of pleasure, a year of delightful associations. From one and all I have received the most kind and courteous consideration, and I am especially indebted to our Grand Recorder for the prompt and cheerful manner in which he has discharged every duty assigned to him. To the Sir Knights who attended

the Conclave at St. Louis, every one of whom I think reported at our headquarters, I am indebted for cheerful assistance, and I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of their earnest desire to contribute to the pleasure and profit of our visit.

There is room, Sir Knights, for great improvement throughout our jurisdiction, and the work is worthy of our best and noblest efforts. Let us strive to keep our Asylums free from anything that will create "dissension or discord," and may the Almighty, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, be forever our defence and salvation.

GEO. DAVIS,  
*Grand Commander.*

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA., May 5, 1887.

*To the R. E. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

I respectfully report that during the Templar year just closed, I have given that attention to the welfare of the order as is incumbent on me, but have not been called upon to discharge any duties in an official way. I find the order in the eastern portion of our State in a flourishing condition, and all Sir Knights are living together in the bonds of "Friendship and Brotherly Love."

Courteously and truly,  
ALEXANDER PARKS,  
*Deputy Grand Commander.*

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

I herewith submit for your consideration the transactions of this office since the last Annual Conclave held at Weston, May 12th, 1886:

RECEIPTS.

May 12, Wheeling Commandery No. 1.....	\$24 00
12, Palestine Commandery No. 2.....	26 50
12, Calvary Commandery No. 3.....	13 00
12, Kanawha Commandery No. 4.....	27 00
12, Potomac Commandery No. 5.....	20 00
12, Crusade Commandery No. 6.....	20 50
12, Cyrene Commandery No. 7.....	36 50
12, St. John's Commandery No. 8.....	10 00
June 21, Huntington (dispensation fee) U. D.....	30 00

\$207 50

CREDITS.

May 13, By Grand Treasurer's receipt.....	\$177 50
June 21, " " " " " ".....	30 00

\$207 50

November 30, 1886, a commission was issued to Sir Knight Charles Slee as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, Sir John S. Roberts resigned.

December 7th, 1886, a commission was issued to Sir Robert Laing McKinley, of Paris, Ill., as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

March 23, 1887, a commission was issued to Sir Edwin Perry, Past Commander of Commandery No. 53, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

April 10th, 1887, a commission was issued to Sir William A. Burke, of Staunton, Va., as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near the Grand Commandery of Virginia.

Sir Frank E. Nichols was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin near this Grand Commandery, vice Sir J. S. Haldeman, deceased.

Sir R. H. List was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Indiana near this Grand Body.

Sir Charles P. Matthæi was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey near this Grand Body.

Sir John M. Collins was duly commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Iowa near this Grand Commandery.

Sir R. C. Dunnington was duly commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut near this Grand Commandery.

Sir Jere A. Miller was re-commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Vermont near this Grand Commandery.

Sir George S. Eyster was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Virginia near this Grand Commandery.

Sir William M. Hovey was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee near this Grand Commandery.

Sir William J. Bates, Sr., was re-commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania near this Grand Commandery.

Sir Gustav Brown was duly commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska near this Grand Commandery, vice Sir Will H. Riggs, removed from this jurisdiction.

I file herewith a list of proceedings of the different Grand Commanderies which have been received and are now on file in my office.

From P. G. Recorder, Sir Geo. F. Irvine, I learn that the proceedings of Grand Commanderies which have accumulated since the formation of this Grand Commandery have been placed in the library at the Masonic Temple in Wheeling.

Courteously submitted,

R. C. DUNNINGTON,  
*Grand Recorder.*

#### LIST OF PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

Alabama, 1886,	Maine, 1886.
Arkansas, “	Mississippi, 1887.
Colorado, “	New Hampshire, 1886.
Connecticut, 1886.	New York, “
California, “	Nebraska, “
Dakota, “	Ohio, “
Georgia, “	Pennsylvania, “
Iowa, “	Tennessee, “
Indiana, “	Texas, “
Illinois, “	Virginia, “
Kansas, “	Vermont, “
Kentucky, “	Wisconsin, “
Louisiana, 1887.	Oregon, 1887.
Missouri, 1886.	Grand Encampment, 1880.
Mississippi, 1886.	“ “ 1883.
Minnesota, “	“ “ 1886.
Massachusetts and R. I., 1886.	Great Priory, England and
Michigan, 1886.	Wales, 1885, 1886, 1887.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Commander announced the following committees:

*Doings of Grand Officers*—Sirs O. S. Long, W. G. Bennett, John A. McGuffin.

*Finance*—Sirs John W. Morris, Frank E. Nichols, Gustav Brown.

*Charters and Dispensations*—Sirs Frank Rex, Alex. Parks, Charles P. Matthæi.

*Grievances*—Sirs George W. Patton, Andrew J. Stone, D. W. Brooks.

*Obituary*—Sirs W. H. Hovey, Alex. Bebout, Frank E. Nichols.

*Returns of Chartered Commanderies*—Sirs James H. Huling, Stephen Waterhouse, John W. Morris.

On motion of Sir O. S. Long, 5 o'clock P. M. was fixed as the hour for the election of officers.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander informed the Grand Com-

mandery that public installation of officers would be at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Commandery of West Virginia met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as in the forenoon.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Finance are unable to present a report, owing to the failure of the Grand Treasurer to appear or send proper vouchers.

Courteously submitted,

J. W. MORRIS,  
FRANK E. NICHOLS,  
GUSTAV BROWN.

On motion the Committee on Finance was continued.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

*To Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report that no call has been made on them to exercise their powers, and they take this opportunity to congratulate the Grand Commandery that any differences that may have existed in the Subordinate Commanderies have been settled as Templars should settle all differences, and that peace, harmony and good will prevail throughout all the borders of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Courteously and respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. PATTON,  
D. R. BROOKS,  
A. J. STONE.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF CHARTERED COMMANDERIES.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Returns of Chartered Commanderies beg leave to submit the following report;

All Commanderies have reported except Cyrene No. 7.



The returns of Kanawha Commandery No. 4, not correct.

Palestine Commandery No. 2 fails to pay dues on two members returned.

Potomac Commandery No. 5 fails to pay dues on two members returned.

Courteously submitted,

J. H. HULING,  
J. W. MORRIS,  
S. WATERHOUSE, JR.

The report was adopted and the returns of Palestine No. 2 and Potomac No. 5 corrected.

#### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Obituary recommends that one memorial page be set apart in the printed proceedings of this Grand Commandery for Rt. Em. Theodore Tuthill Gurney; one page for the other Past Grand Officers named in the Rt. Em. Grand Commander's report, and one page for our deceased fraters within this jurisdiction, and that the Recorder supply the printer of proceedings with the necessary dates, names and other relevant information.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. HOVEY,  
ALEX. BEBOUT,  
F. E. NICHOLS.

Adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully and courteously report that they have examined the records and other papers submitted to them in relation to Huntington Commandery U. D., of Huntington, W. Va. We find the papers are all regular, the records regularly kept, and the orders of Knighthood conferred on 18 Royal Arch Masons.

We therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a charter be issued for the permanent establishment of Huntington Commandery No. 9, at Huntington, West Va.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK REX,  
ALEXANDER PARKS,  
CHAS. P. MATTHÆI.

Adopted.

## COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

Your Committee on Proceedings of Grand Officers has carefully examined the several reports submitted at the present Grand Conclave, with their accompanying documents.

The report of the Grand Commander discloses the fact already known to most of the Templars in West Virginia, that the past year has been full of labor for the advancement of the order, and that the work has been zealously, faithfully and satisfactorily done by the Grand Commander.

In the opinion of the committee Sir George Davis is entitled to hearty thanks for his devotion to Knightly duty, as illustrated in his official transactions during the past year, and we recommend that his official acts be cordially ratified and approved.

We do not quite coincide with him in the expressed opinion that little good results from formal visits of official inspection, being on the contrary inclined to think that such visits may be and often are made of great service in stimulating the Knights to a more careful observance of regulation and routine than would be likely to prevail if no inspection were had. The success of an official visit and its influences upon the Commandery rest very largely upon the officer making the visit, and while leaving the matter of such visitation largely in the discretion of the Grand Commander and his staff, we think it would be unwise for the Grand Commandery to express its disapproval of such visits in the future.

In regard to the matter of Grand Representatives, this committee is of opinion that the holding of a commission as such Representative should impose upon the Knight thus honored the duty at least of attending in person the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to which he is accredited, and we, therefore, recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia near other Grand Commanderies, are hereby courteously requested to attend in person each Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery near which they reside, and that the failure of such Representative to attend two successive Annual Conclaves, without excuse deemed sufficient by the Grand Commander for the time being, shall terminate the commission of such Representative.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the Grand Commanderies with which we are in correspondence the adoption of a similar rule for the government of their Representatives in West Virginia.

The report of the Grand Recorder evinces a careful and painstaking discharge of the many duties of his important office, and we think the Grand Commandery is to be congratulated

upon having secured the services of so faithful and competent an officer.

The great progress that has been made in the orders of Knighthood in West Virginia during the past year is matter for sincere and hearty congratulation. The growth in membership is larger then ever before in any one year since the organization of the Grand Commandery, and we are convinced that it is a healthy growth and not the result of any hot-bed forcing.

That it may continue in the future, and that as many good and true men may in the ensuing year seek to be admitted among those valiant Knights whose well earned fame has spread both far and wide for deeds of charity and pure beneficence, should be the desire and aim of each member of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

O. S. LONG,  
W. G. BENNETT,  
J. A. MCGUFFIN.

Adopted.

#### RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery, were introduced and welcomed in suitable terms by R. E. Sir George Davis.

Em. Sir A. J. Stone presented an account amounting to \$20 for pennant furnished the Grand Commandery.

On motion it was ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Sir Stone for the amount.

R. E. Sir George W. Patton offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to notify our Representatives to other Grand Bodies of the adoption of the resolutions accompanying the report of the Committee on the Proceedings of Grand Officers, and that the Representatives of other Grand Bodies to this Grand Commandery be hereafter notified of the meetings of this Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Sir W. G. Bennett offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Recorders of all Commanderies within this Jurisdiction be required to notify the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the election of all officers in their respective Commanderies as soon thereafter as possible, and that they likewise be required to promptly notify the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder of the death of all Sir Knights belonging to their Commanderies.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Templar year being in order, the Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights John W. Morris and John M. Collins tellers.

Ballots were cast, and on counting the same, the following Sir Knights were declared elected:

R. E. SIR ALEX. PARKS, . . .	<i>Grand Commander.</i>
V. E. SIR ANDREW J. STONE,	<i>Deputy Grand Commander.</i>
E. SIR CHAS. P. MATTHÆI,	<i>Grand Generalissimo.</i>
“ “ W. G. BENNETT, . . .	<i>Grand Captain General.</i>
“ “ W. H. HOVEY, . . .	<i>Grand Prelate.</i>
“ “ NEIL ROBINSON, . . .	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
“ “ ALEX. BEBOUT, . . .	<i>Grand Junior Warden.</i>
“ “ D. W. EMMONS, . . .	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ “ R. C. DUNNINGTON,	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ “ STEP. WATERHOUSE,	<i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>
“ “ FRANK E. NICHOLS,	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ “ JOHN A. MCGUFFIN,	<i>Grand Warder.</i>
“ “ J. J. WARDEN, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of Guard.</i>

Rt. Em. Sir O. S. Long offered the following:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that at future elections of officers, no nominations shall be made and no remarks as to the character or services of candidates will be permitted.

Adopted.

## PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Sir W. H. Hovey, that the next Annual Conclave of the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia be held in the city of Huntington, on the second Wednesday in May, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.

Adopted.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M.

## EVENING SESSION.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced that the installation of Grand Officers would now take place.

Rt. Em. Sir George Davis, Grand Commander, then installed the Grand Officers elect in due form.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

WHEELING, W. VA., May 10, 1887.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia :*

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you my report for the past year as Grand Treasurer. I regret that my business engagements prevented my attendance at the present Grand Conclave, and my report is delayed owing to the fact that I had hoped to be present with you even at a late hour.

With best wishes for a pleasant and harmonious meeting, I am in Knightly bonds, courteously yours,

H. STERLING, G. T.

HUGH STERLING, *Grand Treasurer,*

*In account with GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. OF W. VA.*

#### DR.

To balance from J. W. Morris, P. G. T.....	\$123 68	
To amount received from Grand Recorder, May 13, 1886.	177 50	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ June 19, “	30 00	
		<u>\$331 18</u>

#### CR.

By order No. 1, M. C. Lilley & Co., for jewels.....	\$150 00	
“ “ “ 2, James Wheeler, acting Recorder.....	11 20	
“ “ “ 3, R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder,		
Grand Encampment dues.....	16 55	
By order No. 4, R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder,		
account of salary.....	25 00	
By order No. 5, R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder,		
incidental expenses.....	10 00	
By order No. 6, R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder,		
account of salary.....	50 00	
By order No. 7, R. C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder,		
supplies for Grand Commandery.....	33 50	
By balance.....	34 93	
		<u>\$331 18</u>

Courteously submitted,

H. STERLING,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

*To the Rt. Em. Grand Commandery of West Virginia:*

We, the undersigned Committee on Finance, report that we have examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them to be correct.

Courteously submitted,

J. W. MORRIS,  
F. E. NICHOLS,  
GUSTAV BROWN.

Adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Sir Frank E. Nichols offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be extended to Kanawha Commandery No. 4 for their hospitality and Knightly courtesy extended to the membership of this Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Sir George Davis offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder have printed four hundred copies of the proceedings of this and the last Grand Conclave, and distribute the same in accordance with the standing order.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay all accounts due or that may become due during recess for printing, advertising, postage and stationery, upon orders duly signed by the Grand Commander and attested by the Grand Recorder.

Adopted.

*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for twelve dollars to pay office rent for Grand Recorder for past year.

Adopted.

Sir Geo. W. Patton offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Baltimore & Ohio, Ohio River, Kanawha & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads for courtesies extended the Grand Commandery at its present Annual Conclave, and also the visiting Sir Knights for their presence at our annual meeting.

Adopted.

Sir J. J. Peterson offered the following :

*Resolved*, That R. E. P. G. Commanders O. S. Long and George Davis be requested to furnish the Grand Recorder a photo-electrotype of themselves to be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Sir George Davis offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report Constitution and Code of Statutes, together with the decisions made since the organization of this Grand Commandery, and report at the next Annual Conclave.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced as that committee :

Sirs George W. Patton, O. S. Long, George Davis.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Rt. Em. Grand Commander announced the following standing committees :

*Foreign Correspondence*—Sirs George Davis, Gustav Brown, J. J. Peterson.

*Jurisprudence*—Sirs O. S. Long, Hugh Sterling, Frank Rex.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of West Virginia, after devotional exercises, was closed in SOLEMN AND KNIGHTLY FORM, to meet on the second Wednesday in May, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770, in the Asylum of Huntington Commandery No. 9, Huntington, W. Va.



ALEX. PARKS,

*Grand Commander.*

Attest :

*R. C. Dunnington*

*Grand Recorder.*

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Installation of officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia, at the Annual Conclave held in Charleston, Kanawha county, May 11th, 1887.

From State Tribune, May 14, 1887.]

The installation of the new officers of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia took place at the Asylum of Kanawha Commandery at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, as follows :

Music—Come Holy Spirit.....CHOIR.

## I. INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. SIR ALEX. PARKS.....	Martinsburg.....	Grand Commander.
V. E. SIR A. J. STONE.....	Fairmont.....	Deputy Grand Commander.
E. " C. P. MATTHÆI.....	Martinsburg.....	Grand Generalissimo.
" " W. G. BENNETT.....	Weston.....	Grand Captain General.
" " W. M. HOVEY.....	Charleston.....	Grand Prelate.
" " NEIL ROBINSON.....	Coalburg.....	Grand Senior Warden.
" " ALEX. BEBOUT.....	Fairmont.....	Grand Junior Warden.
" " D. W. EMMONS.....	Huntington.....	Grand Treasurer.
" " R. C. DUNNINGTON.....	Fairmont.....	Grand Recorder.
" " S. WATERHOUSE.....	Wheeling.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
" " F. E. NICHOLS.....	Fairmont.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
" " JNO. A. MCGUFFIN.....	Sewell.....	Grand Warder.
" " J. J. PETERSON.....	Huntington.....	Grand Captain of Guard.

Music—Gloria Patri.....CHOIR.

## GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Music—Gloria in Excelsis.....CHOIR.

## INSTALLATION OF OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

Music—Te deum Laudamus.....CHOIR.

## CHARGE TO GRAND OFFICERS.

Music—Onward.....CHOIR.

## PROCLAMATION OF GRAND MARSHAL.

Music—Solo.....MRS. SLEESMAN.

Recitation.....MISS HOVEY.

Music.....QUARTETTE.

After the impressive and solemn ceremonies attending the installation of the newly elected officers of the Grand Commandery of W. Va. had been completed, the noble Knights accompanied by their ladies and invited guests, repaired to the Hotel Ruffner to partake of a bounteous banquet.

The dining room not being quite ready, the Knights grouped about in the spacious office, while the ladies occupied the stairways and nooks. Prof. Andre's orchestra discoursed the most delightful music.

At 11 o'clock the doors of the commodious dining room were thrown open, and the banqueters marched in and took their places. The room had been arranged for the occasion. Near the entrance a long table ran almost across the room parallel with its width. Three long tables ran the entire length of the room, commencing at the end table, forming a tripod, into



which the guests had to march in order to occupy their respective places.

There were some three hundred persons present, and as the orchestra had taken its place in the small dining room adjacent, and the folding doors thrown open, the music was delightful and the scene animated and striking. After master of ceremonies, Sir Knight McWhorter, had called on Dr. A. J. Lyda to ask a blessing, an elegant *menu* was served; after which the following toasts were offered:

First toast—"Grand Encampment of the United States;" response by letter, by Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles, of Culpepper, Virginia, representative from the fourth Templar district.

Second—"Grand Commandery of West Virginia;" response by Sir Knight O. S. Long, P. G. C.

Third—"Grand Commandery of Virginia;" response by letter by Sir Knight W. H. H. Linn, G. C.

Fourth—"Grand Commandery of Kentucky;" response by letter by Sir Knight John S. Lyle, G. C.

Fifth—"The State of West Virginia;" Sir Knight E. W. Wilson, Governor of West Virginia.

Sixth—"Our Visitors;" response by Sir Knight J. J. Peterson, Huntington Commandery, West Virginia.

Seventh—"Templar Masonry;" response by letter by Sir Knight D. B. Hebard, Prelate, Gallipolis U. D.

Eighth—"Kanawha Commandery No. 4;" response by Sir Knight W. M. Hovey, of same Commandery, during which response the speaker on behalf of his Commandery presented Sir Knight Geo. Davis, P. G. C., with a beautiful and valuable jewel of the order, which was accepted by the recipient in a neat and appropriate speech, although the presentation was a complete surprise to him.

Ninth—"The Beauseance;" response by Sir Knight Geo. W. Patton, P. G. C.

Tenth—"The Ladies;" response by Sir Knight C. P. T. Moore.

The next meeting of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia will be held at Huntington in May, 1888.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND COMMANDERIES

TO AND FROM THE

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF WEST VA.

TO WEST VIRGINIA	GRAND COMMANDERIES.	FROM WEST VIRGINIA.
K. D. Walker . . .	Alabama . . . . .	John D. Wilkins
E. F. Reifsnyder . .	Arkansas . . . . .	Marcus L. Bell
George Davis . . . .	California . . . . .	G. T. Bromley
R. C. Dunnington	Connecticut . . . . .	E. J. Doolittle, Jr
Chas. F. Scott . . .	Colorado . . . . .	John R. Hambel
Frank Rex . . . . .	Georgia . . . . .	John H Parker
A. J. Stone . . . . .	Illinois . . . . .	Rob't L McKinley
R. H. List . . . . .	Indiana . . . . .	H W Mordhurst
Jno. M. Collins . . .	Iowa . . . . .	W A McGrew
W. G. Bennett . . .	Kansas . . . . .	Harry C Cook
Frank Rex . . . . .	Kentucky . . . . .	Robert Morris
R. Glen Lyle . . . .	Louisiana . . . . .	Samuel Alston
John W. Morris . . .	Maine . . . . .	Silas Alden
Wm. S. Summers . .	Maryland . . . . .	H M Marston
Hugh Sterling . . .	Massachusetts and Rhode Island . . . . .	S C Lawrence
Gustav Brown . . . .	Minnesota . . . . .	
T. M. Darrah . . . .	Mississippi . . . . .	N S Walker
Odell S. Long . . . .	Missouri . . . . .	Eli H Mix
Gustav Brown . . . .	Nebraska . . . . .	James R Cain
C. P. Matthæi . . . .	New Jersey . . . . .	Chas Slee
Harry V. Daniels . .	New Hampshire . . . . .	Chas C Danforth
W. H. Travis . . . .	North Carolina . . . . .	W W Allen
Chas. Y. Lucas . . .	New York . . . . .	Jesse R Anthony
Frank Rex . . . . .	Ohio . . . . .	E T Carson
Dr. W. J. Bates, Sr	Pennsylvania . . . . .	Edwin Perry
Wm. M. Hovey . . . .	Tennessee . . . . .	M B Filcher
W. H. H. Flick . . . .	Texas . . . . .	E G Bond
Jere A. Miller . . . .	Vermont . . . . .	Ozro Meacham
F. E. Nichols . . . .	Wisconsin . . . . .	H S Goss
Geo. S. Eyster . . . .	Virginia . . . . .	Wm A Burke

## TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES IN WEST VIRGINIA IN 1887.

No.	COMMANDERY.	LOCATION.	EMINENT COM- MANDER.	RECORDER.	Members 1886.	Members 1887.	Created.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.
1	Wheeling	Wheeling	J. W. Morris	C. H. Collier	46	44	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	Palestine	Martinsburg	Jas. W. McSherry	Geo. W. Feidt	50	48	2	1	1	3	1	1
3	Calvary	Parkersburg	Geo. R. Safford	Frank Rex	26	25	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Kanawha	Charleston	W. M. Hovey	Alex. T. Laidley	36	51	21	1	1	7	1	1
5	Potomac	Charlestown	E. G. Marlatt	C. F. Gallaher	41	41	2	1	1	1	1	1
6	Crusade	Fairmont	R. C. Dunnington	F. E. Nichols	41	50	9	1	1	1	1	1
7	Cyrene	Wheeling	R. J. Smyth	J. V. L. Rodgers	71	62	1	1	1	1	4	5
8	St. John's	Weston	W. G. Bennett	E. M. Vandervort	20	20	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	Huntington	Huntington	Jas. J. Peterson	Ira R. Wood	9	24	19	1	1	3	1	1
					340	365	55	1	1	14	9	9

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF WEST VIRGINIA  
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	Grand Commander.	Deputy Grand Commander.	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1874	O. S. Long	George W. Patton	Alexander Parks, Jr.	Hugh Sterling	I. H. Williams	M. A. Chandler.
1875	George W. Patton	Hugh Sterling	H. V. Daniels	George Davis	I. H. Williams	Wm. S. Summers.
1876	Hugh Sterling	George Davis	J. S. Haldeman	Frank Rex	I. H. Williams	O. S. Long.
1877	Hugh Sterling	George Davis	J. S. Haldeman	Frank Rex	I. H. Williams	George F. Irvine.
1878	J. S. Haldeman	Frank Rex	Jesse R. Purnell	W. H. H. Flick	I. H. Williams	George F. Irvine.
1879	Frank Rex	Jesse R. Purnell	W. H. H. Flick	Charles F. Scott	I. H. Williams	George F. Irvine.
1881	Jesse R. Purnell	W. H. H. Flick	Charles F. Scott	W. H. Riggs	Jere A. Miller	George F. Irvine.
1882	Jesse R. Purnell	W. H. H. Flick	Charles F. Scott	W. H. Riggs	Jere A. Miller	George F. Irvine.
1883	W. H. H. Flick	Charles F. Scott	W. H. Riggs	Jere A. Miller	John W. Morris	George F. Irvine.
1884	Charles F. Scott	W. H. Riggs	Jere A. Miller	K. D. Walker	John W. Morris	George F. Irvine.
1885	W. H. Riggs	J. A. Miller	K. D. Walker	A. J. Stone	John W. Morris	George F. Irvine.
1886	Geo. Davis	Alex. Parks	A. J. Stone	C. P. Mathæi	Hugh Sterling	R. C. Dunnington.
1887	Alex. Parks	A. J. Stone	C. P. Matthæi	W. G. Bennett	D. W. Emmons	R. C. Dunnington.

## ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COMMAND- ERIES.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Grand Encampment	Wm. B. Isaacs	Richmond, Va.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Jas. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Bruce M. Rowley	Huron.
Georgia	Sam'l P. Hamilton	Savannah.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	John C. Parrish	Des Moines.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	L. D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Chas. T. Sisco	Baltimore.
Mass. and R. Island	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	Robert Macoy	New York.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Ohio	James Nesbitt	Troy.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
Tennessee	Geo. C. Conner	Chattanooga.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
West Virginia	R. C. Dunnington	Fairmont.
Wisconsin	J. W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Canada	Daniel Spry	Barrie, Ontario.
England	W. Taiker (22 Chancery Lane)	London, W. C.
Washington Territory	John Murray	Walla Walla.
Oregon Territory	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.





IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

In Memoriam.

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TO THE MEMORY OF  
RT. EM. SIR THEODORE J. GURNEY,  
*Past Grand Commander of Illinois*  
AND  
*Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery  
of West Virginia, near the Grand Com-  
mandery of Illinois.*

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DIED, NOVEMBER 9, 1886.

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IN HOC SIGNO VINCES



*In Memoriam.*

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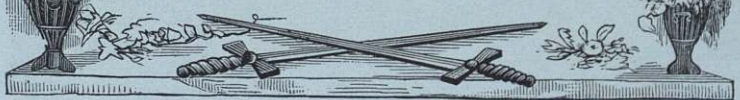
IN MEMORY OF

RT. EM. SIR JOSEPH S. HALDEMAN,  
*Past Grand Commander of West Virginia.*

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DIED, APRIL 29, 1886.

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IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

In Memoriam.

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IN MEMORY OF

EM. SIR WILLIAM A. FOOTE,

*Grand Generalissimo of Indiana.*

DIED, SEPTEMBER 10, 1836.

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EM. SIR EDWARD W. KELLEY,

*Grand Captain General of Michigan.*

DIED, DECEMBER 10, 1836.

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RT. EM. SIR PELEG BROWN,

*Past Grand Commander of Alabama.*

DIED, ———.

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EM. SIR MARCUS T. GRAIN,

*Grand Senior Warden of Dakota.*

DIED, MAY 16, 1833.







IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

In Memoriam.

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IN MEMORY OF

SIR R. W. MORRISON,  
Wheeling Commandery No. 1.  
DIED, JUNE 15, 1885.

SIR W. S. HENSHAW,  
Falestine Commandery No. 2.  
DIED, MARCH 5, 1886.

SIR DANIEL G. ALBERT,  
Crusade Commandery No. 6.  
DIED, FEBRUARY 27, 1886.

SIR JAMES M. LAZZELL,  
Crusade Commandery No. 6.  
DIED, AUGUST 16, 1885.

SIR ALEX. LAUGHLIN,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, NOVEMBER 5, 1885.





IN HOC SIGNO VINCES



In Memoriam.

TO THE MEMORY OF  
SIR ISAAC FREESE,  
Wheeling Commandery No. 1.  
DIED, JUNE 22, 1886.

SIR ELIJAH DAY,  
Wheeling Commandery No. 1.  
DIED, JANUARY 2, 1887.

SIR JOHN M. WOLF,  
Palestine Commandery No. 2.  
DIED, NOVEMBER 29, 1886.

SIR S. M. WILLIAMS,  
Potomac Commandery No. 5.  
DIED, JUNE 5, 1886.

SIR B. W. ALLEN,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, NOVEMBER 12, 1886.

SIR R. G. BARR,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, DECEMBER 23, 1886.

SIR E. G. CRACRAFT,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, DECEMBER 29, 1886.

SIR SAMUEL LAUGHLIN,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, NOVEMBER 5, 1886.

SIR JAMES WHEELER,  
Cyrene Commandery No. 7.  
DIED, ———.







RETURNS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY

OF  
WEST VIRGINIA.

May, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769.

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WHEELING COMMANDERY No. 1.

*Wheeling, Ohio County.*

Time of stated Conclave, fourth Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

- E. Sir J. W. Morris, *Eminent Commander.*  
Sir Allen Brock, *Generalissimo.*  
Sir D. R. Brooks, *Captain General.*  
Sir Colly Shriver, *Prelate.*  
Sir C. P. Brown, *Treasurer.*  
Sir C. H. Collier, *Recorder.*  
Sir W. L. Bender, *Senior Warden.*  
Sir C. L. Davis, *Junior Warden.*  
Sir A. T. Young, *Standard Bearer.*  
Sir Jos. Wheeler, *Sword Bearer.*  
Sir S. Waterhouse, Jr., *Warder.*  
Sir T. W. Bliss, *Sentinel.*

MEMBERS:

Alexander, John	Davis, Chas. L.	Stover, M. B.
Anschutz, E. J.	Genther, O. C.	Shanley, B. A.
Armstrong, Robt. P.	Harris, Abram	Stewart, R. S.
Brown, C. P.	Hall, Jos.	Shane, Paul
Bates, Wm. J., Sr.	Hamilton, Jos. M.	Shriver, Colley
Bowers, E. W.	Jones, Lewis	Travis, W. H.

Bliss, T. W.	Kronhart, C. W.	Todd, M. C.
Brown, J. H.	Kilpatrick, J. B.	Weisgerber, Ed. L.
Bane, John	Kline, J. F.	Wicks, C. R.
Brooks, D. R.	Long, O. S.	White, Robt.
Brock, Allen	Morris, J. W.	Waterhouse, S., Jr.
Bender, Wm. L.	Rogers, Alex.	Wheeler, Jos.
Beck, J. L.	Schmulbach, Henry	Young, Alex. T.
Collier, C. H.	Sweeny, A. J.	Zorn, Jno. A.
Dewire, Edward	Sterling, Hugh	
	<i>Knighted</i> —Zorn, Jno. A.	
	<i>Reinstated</i> —Wicks, C. R.	
	<i>Dimitted</i> —Lewis, Thomas, Logan, T. H.	
	<i>Past Commanders</i> —Bates, W. J., Sr., Long, Odell S., Lucas, C. Y., Sterling, Hugh, Rose, W. H., White, Robert, Trvis, W. H., Irvine, Geo. F., Brown, John H., Waterhouse, Stephen Jr., Hall, Joseph.	
	<i>Died</i> —Freese, Isaac, Day, Elijah.	

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PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 2.

*Martinsburg, Berkeley County.*

Time of stated Conclave, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS :

- E. Sir Jas. W. McSherry, *Eminent Commander.*  
 Sir Ed. C. Williams, *Generalissimo.*  
 Sir Shorter V. Yantis, *Captain General.*  
 Sir Rev. J. R. Andrew, *Prelate.*  
 Sir Geo. L. Sencindiver, *Treasurer.*  
 Sir Geo. W. Feidt, *Recorder.*  
 Sir Robert Criswell, *Senior Warden.*  
 Sir Kinsey Creque, *Junior Warden.*  
 Sir Chas. W. Lamar, *Standard Bearer.*  
 Sir Chas. W. McDonald, *Sword Bearer.*  
 Sir Alex. Parks, Jr., *Warder.*  
 Sir Thos. W. Kearns, *Sentinel.*

MEMBERS :

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Andrew, Rev. J. R.   | Faulkner, Chas. J. | McSherry, Dr J. W. |
| Boon, George G.      | Flick, Wm. H. H.   | Parks, Alex. Jr.   |
| Beltzhoover, Geo. M. | Gasman, Jacob      | Quinzel, C. Albert |

Brumbaugh, Upton S.	Harrison, E. P. H.	Riggs, Will H.
Buck, Isaiah	Heskett, Wm. E.	Rice, Rev. M. F. B.
Chambers, J. S. Sr.	Horner, Robert G.	Roller, Rev. R. D.
Crim, Henry	Jobe, Wm.	Sencindiver, Geo. L.
Curtis, P. Crum	Kearns, Thos. W.	Stewart, Robert N.
Cooper, Richard M.	Kemp, D. C.	Stewart, David L.
Criswell, Robert	Lyle, Robert G.	Showers, Philip
Creque, Kinsey	Lamar, Chas. M.	Smith, J. Rufus
Darby, Wm. T.	Myers, Dr. Sam'l N.	Snodgrass, Dr. J. B.
Darby, Frank H.	Motter, Joseph L.	Stuckey, David H.
Daniels, Henry V.	Matthæi, Chas. P.	Williams, Edw. C. Jr.
Entler, Jacob P. A.	McDonald, Jas. W.	Yantes Shorter V.
Feidt, George W.	Mitchell, Wm. D.	Zepp, Thos. H. 48

*Knighted*—Snodgrass, Dr. Jno. B., Harrison, E. P. H.

*Suspended*—Stalnaker, Lloyd C., Stake, Edward, Wolf, Louis R.

*Past Commanders*—Lyle, Robert G., Flick, Wm. H. H., Riggs, Will H., Feidt, George W., Matthæi, Chas. P., Myers, S. N.

*Died*—Wolf, John M.

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### CALVARY COMMANDERY No. 3.

*Parkersburg, Wood County.*

Time of Stated Conclave, third Monday of each Month.

#### OFFICERS:

E. Sir Geo. R. Safford, *Eminent Commander.*

Sir Jas. A. Wetherell, *Generalissimo.*

Sir A. B. Graham, *Captain General.*

Sir Chas. F. Scott, *Prelate.*

Sir Isaac Scott, *Treasurer.*

Sir Frank Rex, *Recorder.*

Sir Jas. A. Bryan, *Senior Warden.*

Sir L. W. Hughes, *Junior Warden.*

Sir Chas. B. Smith, *Standard Bearer.*

Sir Abram Smith, *Sword Bearer.*

Sir E. F. Reifsnyder, *Warder.*

Sir A. N. Williams, *Sentinel.*

## MEMBERS:

Bachtell, Wm. H.	Laird, Alexander	Scott, Isaac
Benedict, Jno. M.	Lafoy, John A.	Smith, Abram
Furbee, Caleb D.	Moffatt, Jas. A.	Slavens, Alfred J.
Graham, A. B.	O'Brien, Dennis.	Smith, Chas. B.
Hughes, L. W.	Purnell, Jesse R.	Safford, Geo. R.
Hawks, Thos. H.	Rex, Frank	Van Winkle, W. W.
Jackson, Jas. M. Jr.	Reifsnnyder, E. F.	Wetherell, Jas. A.
Kirkpatrick, C. B.	Scott, Chas. F.	Williams, A. N.
Kight, Jno. W.		25

*Suspended*—Gidley, Sands.

*Past Commanders*—Rex, Frank, Scott, Chas. F., Moffatt, Jas. A., Laird, Alexander, Lafoy, John A., Reifsnnyder, Evans F., Bryan, James A.

## KANAWHA COMMANDERY No. 4.

*Charleston, Kanawha County.*

Time of stated Conclave, second Friday in each month.

## OFFICERS:

- E. Sir Wm. M. Hovey, *Eminent Commander.*  
 Sir James N. Carnes, *Generalissimo.*  
 Sir John N. M. Griffin, *Captain General.*  
 Sir William S. Summers, *Prelate.*  
 Sir H. C. McWhorter, *Treasurer.*  
 Sir A. T. Laidley, *Recorder.*  
 Sir John Fulks, *Senior Warden.*  
 Sir John G. Hagar, *Junior Warden.*  
 Sir George W. Patton, *Standard Bearer.*  
 Sir James H. Huling, *Sword Bearer.*  
 Sir John M. Collins, *Warder.*  
 Sir William B. Carder, *Sentinel.*

## MEMBERS:

Alderson, John D.	Fulks, John	Robinson, Arthur
Atkinson, Geo. W.	Gibbons, A. F.	Rothwell, F. T.
Bennett, R. B. C.	Guard, I. R.	Sampson, Geo. E.
Bingler, Joseph P.	Hagar, John G.	Seal, John R.

Boggs, E. L.	Hovey, Wm. M.	Sleesman, C. C.
Brady, John L.	Hoover, C. S.	Smith, Joseph
Brooks, Walter B.	Huling, James H.	Spates, T. S.
Carder, Wm. B.	Johnston, T. J.	Summers, Wm. S.
Carnes, James N.	Laidley, Alex. T.	Sutton, L. W.
Collins, John M.	Michaelson, Otto H.	Tyree, Wm. M.
Davis, George	McGuffin, John M.	Ward, Charles
Davis, M. T.	McWhorter, H. C.	Wilson, E. Willis
Davis, T. O. M.	McVey, G. W., Jr.	Wren, I. B.
Davis, Wm. S.	Moore, C. P. T.	Worley, Francis C.
Devendorf, L. K.	Page, William N.	Marpin, A. T.
Duling, George H.	Patton, George W.	Shaver, A. C.
Ermlich, George I.	Robinson, Neil	Zanter, John E. 51

*Knighted*—Crandall, S. P., Brady, John L., Bingler, Joseph P., McVey, George W. Jr., Wren, I. B., Sleesman, C. C., Hoover, C. S., Robinson, Neil, Davis, M. T., Guard, I. R., Ermlich, George I., Davis, T. O. M., Sutton, L. W., Robinson, Arthur, Michaelson, O. H., Alderson, John D., Tyree, William M., Page, William N., Maupin, A. T., Shaver, A. C., Zanter, John E.

*Admitted*—Bennett, R. B. C.

*Dimitted*—McKahin, W. J.

*Past Commanders*—Patton, George W., Huling, James H., Shaver, Joseph R., Devendorf, L. K., Boggs, E. L., Summers, W. S., Collins, John M., Hovey, W. M., Davis, George.

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#### POTOMAC COMMANDERY No. 5.

*Charlestown, Jefferson County.*

Time of stated Conclave, first Tuesday in each month.

#### OFFICERS:

E. Sir E. G. Marlatt, *Eminent Commander.*

Sir C. M. Hough, *Generalissimo.*

Sir W. L. Dalgarn, *Captain General.*

Sir A. M. Evans, *Prelate.*

Sir Geo. W. Thomas, *Treasurer.*

Sir C. F. Gallaher, *Recorder.*

Sir J. Ed. Wyatt, *Senior Warden.*

Sir D. W. Clendening, *Junior Warden.*

Sir Wm. Wilt, *Standard Bearer.*

Sir Thos. A. Moore, *Sword Bearer.*

Sir Geo. S. Eyster, *Warder.*

Sir John Hill, *Sentinel.*

## MEMBERS:

Beckworth, Frank	Evans, A. M.	Rowan, W. W.
Brown, Gustav	Eyster, Geo. S.	Sadler, J. Newton
Brown, F. W.	Gallaher, C. Frank	Shugert, C. T.
Briscoe, J. Frank	Hill, John	Smith, Julian A.
Butt, Jas. D.	Hopwood, C. L.	Thomas, Geo. W.
Cavalier, R. H.	Holmes, J. C.	Tucker, Rev. Dallas
Clendening, D. W.	Hough, C. M.	Thomson, J. T.
Colegate, E. D.	Higginbotham, S. H.	Weld, Geo. H.
Conklyn, Wm. J.	Kemp, O. T.	Walton, Samuel
Conklyn, Jas. H.	Leisenring, B. F.	Wolfenberger, J. P.
Doll, John W.	Marlatt, E. G.	Washington, Geo.
Drawbaugh, A. C.	Moore, Thos. A.	Wilt, William
Drew, Francis W.	O'Boyle, Daniel	Wyatt, J. Ed.
Dalgarn, W. Lucas	Pratt, Chas. E.	41

*Knighted*—Thomson, J. T., Rowan, W. W.

*Dimitted*—Landers, W. F.

*Past Commanders*—Eyster, Geo. S., Kemp, O. T., O'Boyle, Dan'l, Doll, John W., Brown, Gustav.

*Died*—Williams, S. M.

## CRUSADE COMMANDERY No. 6.

*Fairmont, Marion County.*

Time of stated Conclave, 4th Monday evening in each month.

## OFFICERS:

E. Sir R. C. Dunnington, *Eminent Commander.*

Sir Alex. Bebout, *Generalissimo.*

Sir T. W. Fleming, *Captain General.*

Sir C. A. Sipe, *Prelate.*

Sir Jno. B. Crane, *Treasurer.*

Sir F. E. Nichols, *Recorder.*

Sir C. M. Shinn, *Senior Warden.*

Sir J. H. Brownfield, *Junior Warden*.  
 Sir R. W. Kennedy, *Standard Bearer*.  
 Sir George Brinkman, *Sword Bearer*.  
 Sir A. J. Stone, *Warder*.  
 Sir Jno. Blackshire, *Sentinel*.

## MEMBERS:

Brownfield, Jas. H.	Fleming, Thos. W.	Parish, A Newton
Byers, Wm. C.	Fisher, John	Quill, David J.
Brodie, Sam'l D.	Gibbons, George A.	Reitzel, Jacob H.
Burdette, Sam'l G.	Gramm, Sam'l H.	Robinette, Geo. K.
Bebout, Alexander	Hough, Thomas	Reger, Alfred G.
Boyers, Cyrus F.	Herr, John S. S.	Stone, Andrew J.
Blackshire, John	Jackson, Sam'l N.	Santee, Andrew J.
Burt, Frank	Jackson, J. Sands	Strickler, A. D. W.
Bonafield, Arnold J.	Jeffreys, Eugene G.	Shinn, Charles M.
Brinkman, George	Koon, Oliver N.	Sipe, Conrad A.
Beaty, Newton S.	Kennedy, Rob't W.	Trippett, Caleb J.
Crane, John B.	Koon, J. Turner	Walker, Kephart D.
Chambers, Jos. S.	Leonard, George	Williams, Urias B.
Crawford, George	M'Kinney, Owen S.	Watson, J. Ed.
Dunnington, R. C.	Morrow, James, Jr.	Wells, Charles E.
Dent, Wm. R. D.	Moore, E. W. S.	Woodward, C. A.
Fleming, A. Brooks	Nichols, Frank E.	50

*Knighted*—Trippett, C. J., Quill, D. J., Dent, W. R. D.,  
 Kennedy, R. W., Chambers, Joseph, Fisher, John, Beaty, N. S.  
 Koon, J. T., Reger, A. G.

*Past Commanders*—Brownfield, Jas. H., Crane, John B.,  
 Nichols, Frank E., McKinney, Owen S., Walker, Kephart D.,  
 Stone, Andrew J.

## CYRENE COMMANDERY No. 7.

*Wheeling, Ohio County.*

Time of stated Conclave, first Friday in each month at 7  
 o'clock P. M.

## OFFICERS:

E. Sir R. J. Smyth, *Eminent Commander*.  
 Sir Geo. Giffin, *Generalissimo*.

Sir James MaCahon, *Captain General*.

Sir Alfred Paull, *Prelate*.

Sir S. P. Hildreth, *Treasurer*.

Sir J. V. L. Rodgers, *Recorder*.

Sir S. B. McCormick, *Senior Warden*.

Sir J. D. McFadden, *Junior Warden*.

Sir G. W. Bremer, *Standard Bearer*.

Sir Thos. M. Darrah, *Sword Bearer*.

Sir W. M. Bougher, *Warder*.

Sir T. W. Bliss of No. 1, *Sentinel*.

## MEMBERS:

Berger, Jacob	Graham, Wm.	Mendel, Jno. E.
Baird, George	Grubb, Jacob W.	McCormick, S. B.
Burt, Mason W.	Grabe, W. H.	McCahon, James
Bates, W. J. Jr.	Gore, David	McFadden, J. D.
Birch, J. M.	Grubb Wm. A.	Norton, F. J.
Bougher, W. M.	Hunter, J. W.	Naylor, Jno. S.
Bremer, Geo. W.	Harden, A. S.	Ott, Henry O.
Browne, R. M.	Howell, A. A.	Odbert, C. H.
Carothers, W. H.	Hanson, L. E.	Paull, Alf.
Curtis, J. L.	Hamilton, A. M.	Parsons, J. A. H.
Curtis, W. K.	Hildreth, S. P.	Quarrier, Hullihen
Delaplain, L. S.	Isham, W. R.	Rodgers, J. V. L.
Darrah, Thos. M.	Jepson, F. P.	Rose, Ed. L.
Duval, I. H.	King, W. C. Jr.	Swift, F. G. B.
Duval, W. K.	List, H. W.	Smyth, R. J.
Franzheim, A. A.	List, R. H.	Taylor S. O.
Frew, Alex.	List, H. K.	Turner, Geo. B.
Friend, R. K.	Loring, Alonzo	Wilson, W. A.
Fisher, Benjamin	Mason, Chas. E.	Wilson, A. U.
Fisher, W. B.	Merriman, J. F.	Warden, F. H.
Giffin, George	Miller, J. A.	

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*Knighted*—Browne, Robt. M.

*Dimitted*—McLure, John.

*Suspended*—Applegate, W. J., Chandler, M. A., Johnson, C. C., McCracken, J. H.

*Past Commanders*—Chandler, M. A., Miller, J. A., Birch, Jno. M., List, R. H.



*Died*—Allen, B. W., Barr, R. G., Cracraft, E. G., Laughlin, Sam'l, Wheeler, James.

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ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY No. 8.

*Weston, Lewis County.*

Time of Stated Conclave, third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

- E. Sir W. G. Bennett, *Eminent Commander*.  
 Sir Chas. O'Hara, *Generalissimo*.  
 Sir N. B. Newlon, *Captain General*.  
 Sir Louis Bennett, *Prelate*.  
 Sir A. A. Lewis, *Treasurer*.  
 Sir E. M. Vandervort, *Recorder*.  
 Sir Stokes Tunstill, *Senior Warden*.  
 Sir J. S. Lewis, *Junior Warden*.  
 Sir E. Ralston, *Standard Bearer*.  
 Sir J. S. Hyer, *Sword Bearer*.  
 Sir Geo. Ross, *Warder*.  
 Sir S. Atchison, *Sentinel*.

MEMBERS:

Aspinall, W. H.	Haymond, W. E.	Ross, George
Atchison, S.	Lewis, A. A.	Rohrbough, C. P.
Bennett, W. G.	Lewis, J. S.	Tunstill, Stokes
Bennett, Louis	Newlon, N. B.	Vandervort, E. M.
Boguess, P. M.	Newlon, G. A.	Wood, A. J.
Berry, J. W.	O'Hara, Chas.	Williams, J. E.
Hyer, J. S.	Ralston, E.	20

*Past Commander*—Ralston, E.

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HUNTINGTON COMMANDERY No. 9.

*Huntington, Cabell County.*

Time of stated Conclave, 2d Thursday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

- E. Sir Jas. J. Peterson, *Eminent Commander*.  
 Sir W. A. Lyons, *Generalissimo*.

Sir S. B. Crandall, *Captain General*.  
 Sir Jas. D. Sedinger, *Prelate*.  
 Sir A. F. Southworth, *Treasurer*.  
 Sir Ira R. Wood, *Recorder*.  
 Sir S. A. Sexton, *Senior Warden*.  
 Sir W. T. Smith, *Junior Warden*.  
 Sir D. W. Emmons, *Standard Bearer*.  
 Sir E. C. VanVleck, *Sword Bearer*.  
 Sir H. B. Vaughan, *Warder*.  
 Sir W. S. Gladstone, *Sentinel*.

## MEMBERS:

Bitzberger, J. F.	Hambleton, M. W.	Smith, W. T.
Brown, Leon G.	Holswade, W. H. H.	Snedegar, Archibald
Bullock, Thos. J.	Lyons, W. A.	Southworth, A. F.
Crandall, S. B.	Mitchell, H. M.	VanVleck, E. C.
Dickey, John C.	Palmer, A. B.	Vaughan, H. B.
Emmons, D. W.	Peterson, Jas. J.	Walton, W. O.
Ferrel, J. P.	Sedinger, J. D.	Wash, Geo. W.
Gladstone, W. S.	Sexton, S. A.	Wood, Ira R. 24

*Knighted*—Sexton, S. A., Vaughan, H. B., Gladstone, W. S., Wood, Ira R., Holswade, W. H. H., Palmer, A. B., Smith, W. T., VanVleck, E. C., Wash, Geo. W., Mitchell, H. M., Southworth, A. F., Bullock, Thos. J., Emmons, D. W., Bitzberger, J. F., Ferrel, J. P., Walton, W. O., Brown, Leon G., Dickey, John C., Hambleton, M. W.

*Suspended*—Cassler, J. A., from Blue Lodge, N. P. D.

GRAND OFFICERS  
 OF THE  
 GRAND COMMANDERY  
 OF  
 WEST VIRGINIA.

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SIR ALEXANDER PARKS,	Martinsburg, R.:	E.:	Grand Com.
SIR A. J. STONE,	Fairmont, .	V.:	E.:
SIR CHAS. P. MATTHÆI,	Martinsburg,	E.:	Grand Gen.
SIR W. G. BENNETT,	Weston, .	E.:	Grand C. Gen.
SIR W. H. HOVEY,	Charleston,	E.:	Grand Prelate.
SIR NEIL ROBINSON,	Coalburg, .	E.:	Grand S. Ward.
SIR ALEX. BEBOUT,	Fairmont, .	E.:	Grand J. Ward.
SIR D. W. EMMONS,	Huntington,	E.:	Grand Treas.
SIR R. C. DUNNINGTON,	Fairmont, .	E.:	Grand Recor.
SIR STEV. WATERHOUSE,	Wheeling, .	E.:	Grand St. B.
SIR F. E. NICHOLS,	Fairmont, .	E.:	Grand Sw. B.
SIR J. A. MCGUFFIN,	Sewell, .	E.:	Grand Warder.
SIR J. J. PETERSON,	Huntington,	E.:	Grand C. of G.

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COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

SIR O. S. LONG,	SIR FRANK REX,
SIR HUGH STERLING.	

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR GEORGE DAVIS,	SIR J. J. PETERSON,
SIR GUSTAV BROWN.	

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PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

E.:. SIR O. S. LONG, SIR HUGH STERLING, SIR JESSE R. PURNELL, SIR CHARLES F. SCOTT, E.:. SIR GEORGE DAVIS.	E.:. SIR GEO. W. PATTON, SIR FRANK REX, SIR W. H. H. FLICK, SIR W. H. RIGGS,
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The Fourteenth Annual Conclave will be holden at Huntington, Cabell county, on the second Wednesday in May, A. D. 1888, A. O. 770.





