

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

of the

Grand Commandery

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the

STATE OF MISSOURI

at its

Ninety-Fifth Annual Conclave

Held at

St. Joseph, April 20, A. D. 1956, A. O. 838



Lowell H. Scott.

BIOGRAPHICAL

LOWELL HOLMES SCOTT

Grand Commander 1955-1956

Lowell Scott can well be classed as a modest man, defined by Webster as "having a moderate or humble opinion of one's own value, abilities and achievements; unassuming." A recent article in the *Monroe County Appeal*, quoted by the *Kansas City Star*, said:

The longer we live the more we wonder just who are the Very Important People in this world. Are they the men and women who attain high position and fame, or are they the average man and woman, like most folks in Monroe County, who live quiet lives, get little publicity, are honest and forward looking, support improvements, educate their children and work in an unassuming way for home, school, church and State. We are inclined to think they are the Important folks in this world. They are the foundation of our nation, without whom others who receive the plaudits of the crowd could never exist.

Under this definition, our grand commander becomes a Very Important Person, because he has ever been consistently doing all the things mentioned, and in a most unassuming manner. So unassuming is he that this biographer is indebted to two Springfield friends for all the facts, and most of the words, in the following brief sketch of family history and personal accomplishments.

The Scott family, ancestors of our grand commander, left Tennessee in the late seventeen or early eighteen hundreds and settled near what is now Belleville, Illinois. John Kincade Scott, father of Lowell, was born in that vicinity, near Nashville in St. Clair County, Illinois, on December 3, 1854.

According to *Hinshaw's Encyclopedia*, a group of Southern Quakers, which included Nathan and Polly Farmer, migrated from their homes in North Carolina about 1819 and settled near

O'Fallon, Illinois. Eliza Matilda Farmer, mother of Lowell, was born in Washington County, Illinois, March 31, 1857. She and John Kincade Scott were married March 31, 1879, and in the autumn of 1881 moved from their Illinois home to Golden City, Missouri, where they resided during the remainder of their lives. At Golden City Mr. Scott was engaged in the implement business for a number of years as the representative of the International Harvester Company. On his retirement from the implement business, he served as postmaster at Golden City for ten years.

John Kincade and Eliza Matilda Scott became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons, four of whom are still living. One of the daughters, who resided at Springfield with her brother Lowell, died a few years ago; the brother, Farmer John Scott, lives at Santa Ana, California; one sister, Mrs. George Rawlins, resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma; the other, Mrs. Charles Brechtel, at Eugene, Oregon. The father, John Kincade Scott, died August 29, 1926; the mother, Eliza Matilda Scott, died September 19, 1927, both at Golden City.

Lowell Holmes Scott was born July 27, 1890, at Golden City, Missouri. He graduated from Golden City High School in 1907, and from Joplin Business College of Joplin, Missouri, in 1909. While residing at Golden City he learned the leather trade as a harness and saddle worker. After graduation from Joplin Business College he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where for a number of years he was employed as a leather worker in a large harness and saddle company.

At the beginning of the First World War he enlisted as a volunteer in the United States Army. His assignment was to the 342nd Field Artillery of the 89th Division, where he continued in service in the Ordnance Department. Shortly after the armistice, he was honorably discharged from the army with the rank of sergeant. He then resumed his trade as leather worker in Kansas City, Missouri. Later he moved to the State of Oregon, but soon returned to Kansas City and again engaged in the saddle and harness trade. He moved from Kansas City to Springfield, Missouri, in 1920, and started one of the first auto-trim shops ever to be operated in that city. In 1940 he was ap-

pointed by Springfield's commissioner of utilities as superintendent of Hazelwood Cemetery, one of the larger cemeteries located in that city. It adjoins the U. S. National Cemetery, and is the only one owned by the city. He continued in this capacity until his resignation in 1955. As superintendent, his record has never been excelled. He used great tact and understanding in all his dealings with the general public, being always courteous to those who had occasion to contact him, and sympathetic with those in sorrow and distress. As an administrator he was most efficient—from the accuracy of the records kept, the proficiency of the services performed, and minimum cost required in maintaining the grounds in perfect order. He was also instrumental in causing the build-up of a large perpetual care fund for the cemetery, one which will insure its upkeep in the years to come.

Lowell Scott and Miss Elnor Faulkner were united in marriage at Springfield, Missouri, August 9, 1944. Miss Faulkner's father was of German and Scotch descent, and of North Carolina ancestry; her mother, Margaret Bell Scott, was of Scotch descent and Kentucky ancestry. She was born in Southern Missouri, but as a small child moved with her parents to a farm located about twelve miles north of Springfield. She received her education through what is now known as Greenwood High School, Southwest Missouri State College, and Draughons Business College, all located in Springfield. For some years she taught in the rural grade schools in the vicinity of Springfield, and later was employed on the faculty of Draughons Business College. At present, and for several years past, she has been cashier for the Springfield Tablet Manufacturing Company. Lowell and Mrs. Scott reside in a beautiful new home they built at 1347 South Jefferson Avenue, a home in which every friend always finds a most hearty and cordial welcome. They are members and regular attendants at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Above all else, Lowell shuns personal publicity, perhaps from the Quaker heritage left him by his mother. Since coming to Springfield, most of his time and effort has been devoted to promoting and expanding the influence of Freemasonry in the community, always in a most unpresumptive manner. Although

a most able and proficient ritualist, for years possessing the grand lodge proficiency certificates in both Division 1 and Division 2, he is quite often found in the kitchen, apron clad, superintending the preparation and serving of a Masonic banquet. Nothing affords him greater pleasure than to give a heart-warming greeting to one and all as he stands at the entrance to the banquet hall, with a warm handclasp for everyone. Lowell's interests, other than Masonic, center around his home life. His particular hobby is gardening, in which he takes great pride, and in which he displays great skill. Nearly every common variety of vegetable can be found in plentiful supply, and is always the earliest and largest of its kind. This is also true of the many varieties of fruits and berries to be found in season in his garden. The joy of growing luscious edibles and beautiful flowers is never complete until he has experienced the added pleasure of sharing these with every friend who visits his garden. His next pastime is the game of chess, and his ability as an opponent is not to be underestimated. Lowell minimizes his skill at the game by saying, "I play chess until the real chess players get there," but judging from the results of the game they often never arrive.

MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft Masonry: Golden Lodge No. 475, A. F. & A. M., Golden City, Mo.: Initiated, June 22, 1918; passed July 23, 1918; raised, July 26, 1918.

United Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., Springfield, Mo.: Affiliated, June 24, 1924; Master, 1934.

Missouri Lodge of Research, member.

Capitular Masonry: Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61, R.A.M., Carthage, Mo.: Mark and Past Master, November 19, 1919; Most Excellent and Royal Arch, December 4, 1919; dimitted, December 16, 1924.

Springfield Chapter No. 15, Springfield, Mo.: Affiliated, February 2, 1925.

Cryptic Masonry: Zabud Council No. 25, R. & S. M., Springfield, Mo.: Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees, April 8, 1920.

Chivalric Masonry: St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., Springfield, Mo.: Red Cross and Malta, September 14, 1923; Order of the Temple, October 13, 1923; Commander, 1935.

Grand Commandery of Missouri: Grand Warder, 1947; Grand Commander, 1955.

Past Commanders Association of Missouri: President, 1942-43.

Red Cross of Constantine: St. Christopher Conclave No. 56, Springfield, Mo.: Installed, 1934; Sovereign, 1943; Recorder, 1945 to present time.

Shrine: Abou Ben Adhem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Springfield, Mo.

The mere record of Masonic affiliations and the offices held, do not measure the labors and accomplishments of Lowell Scott. He has been the recorder of St. John's Commandery for ten or more years, and despite the fact that he now occupies the exalted station of grand commander, he continues the laborious task of keeping the records of his commandery, with more than one thousand members. He admits that one of his hobbies is the asylum drill, and he is an expert drill master. He served several years as a member of the Springfield Masonic Board of Relief. He is an active member of the American Legion, doing his full duty in service to our many veterans of bloody wars. Truly Lowell Scott is a Very Important Person, and I count it a privilege to have been his friend for many years.

One by one they pass away, the brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice.

The manuscript of this brief sketch was returned to me by the postman the morning of February 9, with a characteristic note from Lowell about "making so much out of so little to start with." The following morning I received a note from Lowell's intimate friend William Nall informing me that on the 9th, as Lowell alighted from his automobile he suffered a stroke and was in the hospital. Then followed messages from Ralph Brooks, Arthur A. Raymond and others. Finally came the sad news that Lowell Scott had answered the final summons during the early morning hours of Thursday, February 16, 1956.

To the last Lowell was a friend to Man. Just two days before his fatal stroke, he stopped his car to give a ride to Tom Craig, a Spanish War Veteran who served in Cuba with me more than half a century ago. Because of personal friendship, Lowell's funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in Springfield the afternoon of February 18, Rev. Fred C. Eastham, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, and pastor of that church,

officiating. Masonic funeral services were conducted at Hazelwood Cemetery by Frank Clark, Past Master of Gate of the Temple Lodge No. 422, Lowell's personal friend. A very large group of friends attended the final rites, including more than one hundred members of St. John's Commandery, in Templar uniform. The grand commandery was represented by Arthur A. Raymond, Grand Generalissimo; Avery A. Drake, Grand Captain General; Julius L. Johnson, Grand Sword Bearer; and Past Grand Commanders Walter J. Eddlemon, Roy A. Dickie, James M. DeWitt, J. Fred Park, Louis F. Heger and Morris E. Ewing, as well as knights from Jefferson City, Kansas City, and other cities over the state. Roscoe A. Miller, Grand High Priest, represented the grand chapter.

Lowell Scott has gone from among us, and we shall greet him on earth no more. "Frailties he may have had, as what mortal man has not. . . . Virtues only are remembered, and sweet memories bloom."

G. C. M.

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**GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF MISSOURI**

M.'W.'.Bro. Wm. J. Craig.....Grand Master
1035 S. Pickwick, Springfield (4), Mo.
M.'W.'.Bro. Harold L. Reader.....Grand Secretary
3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis (8), Mo.
Annual Communication, St. Louis, Mo., September 25, 1956

GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSOURI

M.'E.'.Comp. Wm. R. Howell.....Grand High Priest
Box 382, Shelbina, Mo.
M.'E.'.Comp. Ray V. Denslow.....Grand Secretary
Trenton, Mo.
Annual Convocation, Columbia, Mo., April 23-4, 1957

GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MISSOURI

M.'I.'.Comp. Richard P. Dorris.....Grand Master
Jefferson City, Mo.
R.'L.'.Comp. Ray V. Denslow.....Grand Recorder
Trenton, Mo.
Annual Assembly, Columbia, Mo., April 22, 1957

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSOURI

R.'E.'.Adolph H. Roeper.....Grand Commander
7501 Manchester Ave., St. Louis (17), Mo.
E.'Sir Ray V. Denslow.....Grand Recorder
Trenton, Mo.
Annual Conclave, St. Louis, Mo., May 3-4, 1957

PAST COMMANDERS' ASSOCIATION IN MISSOURI

Em.'Sir Roger Atkinson.....President
25 Massasoit Ct., Atchison, Kans.
Em.'Sir Samuel L. Jewett.....Secretary
Boonville, Mo.
Annual Meeting, May 4, 1957

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M.

M.'E.'.Comp. Tom Q. Ellis.....General Grand High Priest
Jackson, Miss.
M.'E.'.Comp. Roscoe R. Walcutt.....General Grand Secretary
8 E. Broad St., Columbus 15, Ohio
Triennial, Sun Valley, Idaho, October 1-3, 1957

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. M.

M.'P.'.Comp. Thos. E. Doss.....General Grand Master
Box 216, Nashville, Tenn.
M.'I.'.Comp. Ross J. Camblin.....General Grand Recorder
Bullock Bldg., Atlantic, Iowa
Triennial, Sun Valley, Idaho, September 29-30, 1957

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K.T., U.S.A.

M.'E.'.Sir Walter A. DeLamater.....Grand Master
Box 175, Rhinebeck, N. Y.
M.'E.'.Sir John Temple Rice.....Grand Recorder
Suite 1733, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.
Triennial, 1958

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The Ninety-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, was convened in the Masonic Temple, 6th & Robidoux, St. Joseph, Missouri, Friday, April 20, 1956, A. O. 838.

At 9:30 o'clock a.m. officers of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, of St. Joseph, opened in full form for the reception of the Grand Commandery. At this juncture officers of the Grand Commandery were admitted, received between the lines and assumed their respective stations.

At 10:00 o'clock a.m. the Grand Commandery was declared officially convened, the following officers being in their stations:

Adolph H. Roeper.....	<i>Acting Grand Commander</i>
.....	<i>Deputy Grand Commander</i>
Arthur A. Raymond.....	<i>Grand Generalissimo</i>
Avery A. Drake.....	<i>Grand Captain General</i>
Merrill B. Williams.....	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
John H. Rich.....	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
Frank C. Barnhill.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Ray V. Denslow.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
Charles L. Hickman.....	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
Julius L. Johnson.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
Samuel L. Jewett.....	<i>Grand Warder</i>
Rev. Emmitt L. Robison.....	<i>Grand Prelate Emeritus</i>
John H. Roth.....	<i>Grand Captain Guard</i>

INVOCATION

An invocation was offered by Rev. Emmitt L. Robison, Grand Prelate Emeritus.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The following Past Grand Commanders were present and officially received by the Grand Commander:

George C. Marquis, 1927-28; Walter L. Eshelman, 1928-29; William

C. Gordon, 1932-33; Thomas P. Bedford, 1940-41; Morris E. Ewing, 1941-42; Louis F. Heger, 1942-43; James F. Park, 1944-46; James M. DeWitt, 1946-47; Arthur R. Sullard, 1949-50; Roy A. Dickie, 1950-51; Frederick J. Marston, 1952-53; Calvin M. Keller, 1953-54; Walter J. Eddlemon, 1954-55.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Commandery was favored with the attendance of several visitors and representatives from Masonic bodies, not only from our own, but from other states. The following were introduced:

Em. Sir Roscoe A. Miller, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M.

Sir Knight Edward E. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M.

R. E. Sir Carl E. Anderson, Grand Commander of Illinois.

V. E. Sir A. C. Eckert, Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa.

R. E. Sir Glenn E. Williams, Grand Commander of Kansas.

M. E. Sir William C. Gordon, Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment, K.T., U.S.A.

R. E. Sir Sigurd R. Jensen, Department Commander, Grand Encampment, K.T., U.S.A.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

A word of greeting was extended to the Grand Commandery by Sir Stanley I. Dale, Mayor of the City of St. Joseph. He referred to certain historical events connected with the City, such as the establishment of the Pony Express, the death of Jesse James, the boulevard system, and various beauties of his home city.

Grand Commander Roeper thanked him for his presence and for his kindly words of welcome.

MEMORIAL TO LOWELL H. SCOTT

At this time the Grand Commander announced that a short memorial service would be held in honor of our late Grand Commander Lowell H. Scott. The service was under the direction of the Grand Prelate Emeritus, Rev. Emmitt L. Robison and Past Grand Commander Walter J. Eddlemon. Em. Sir John H. Rich sang "Abide With Me."

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Telegrams and communications were received from a number of fraters who were unable to be present, and the Grand Recorder was instructed to make due acknowledgment.

COMMITTEES—1956 CONCLAVE

Credentials, Mileage and Per Diem: Roscoe A. Miller (12); O. W. Blankinship (68); Ralph J. Brooks (20).

Grand Commander's Address: Walter J. Eddlemon (5); Morris E. Ewing (43); James M. DeWitt (22).

Jurisprudence: Louis F. Heger (16); Irvin J. Freiburger (18); John W. Adams (36).

Finance and Accounts: Albin J. Schmidt (53); Bruce H. Hunt (22); Allen C. Sodemann, (1).

Returns of Commanderies: Edwin Knudsen (24); Artie L. Lyons (4); Olin S. McDaniel (56).

Review: Ray V. Denslow (24).

Time and Place: Arthur A. Raymond (35); Avery A. Drake (59); Merrill B. Williams (4).

Triennial: James M. DeWitt (22); Roy A. Dickie (1).

Educational: Marvin E. Boisseau (18); Frank C. Barnhill (36); Morris E. Ewing (43).

Hospitaler: Adolph H. Roeper (16); Arthur A. Raymond (35); Avery A. Drake (59).

Public Relations: William R. Robbins (24).

Patriotic: Pearl E. Waite (29).

Drill: Marvin O. Sherman (35).

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the annual conclave of 1955, which had been printed and distributed, were approved.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

It was announced that invitations would be received at this time for the 1957 conclave. Em. Sir Irvin J. Freiburger, in behalf of the four commanderies in St. Louis, extended an invitation from the City of St. Louis. It was the only invitation received and the 1957 conclave will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Em. Sir Arthur A. Raymond announced that Kansas City, Missouri, would extend an invitation for the Grand Commandery to meet in Kansas City in 1958, at which time Kansas

Citians would be head of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

FRATERS: In preparing and presenting to you a review of the progress of the Knights Templar in the State of Missouri for the past year, I have tried to use as much as possible the notes which were found among the records in the possession of our late Grand Commander, Lowell H. Scott. Wherever possible I will quote exactly as he wrote them. In some cases, however, it was necessary to supplement his notes with information secured from our Grand Recorder. In addition I have inserted the records of my tenure of office for the last two months, while acting grand commander.

On our again assembling as the representatives of the Knights Templar of Missouri, convened on this occasion to advise with each other and to legislate for the common good, it is especially proper that we first offer up our devotion to our Father who is in heaven, with praise and thanksgiving for His many mercies, for His protecting care over us during the past, and ask that His guidance may still be extended to us in our deliberations, that our labors may be in full accord with His will, inure to the profit of our beloved Order, and redound to His honor and glory.

In compliance with the requirements of our laws and regulations a report of the official acts of the grand commander, since the last annual conclave, is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

NECROLOGY

During the past year, while it has brought joy, happiness and prosperity to many, yet we should bear in mind that death has invaded our ranks, bringing sorrow, grief and distress. Naturally, we let our heartfelt sympathy and condolence go out to those who have been bereaved.

The Rev. *Arthur L. Huff*, Past Grand Prelate, for whom we

had the highest regard, is included in this list. The Grand Commandery was represented at his funeral by R. E. Sir Walter J. Eddlemon.

Our records show the death of 303 fraters, all of whom we are assured made the most of their hopes on earth and reflected the best that was in them for the behalf of humankind.

Little did our late Grand Commander realize in writing the above section of his necrology report, that he would, himself, be included in it. For on February 16, 1956, the Angel of God descended and bore our frater to "that undiscovered country." I was out of the state at the time, but designated Em. Sir Arthur A. Raymond to represent me at the funeral; the funeral was attended by many officers and past officers of the Grand Commandery, and St. John's Commandery, which he had served so faithfully as recorder over the years, was represented by a large Templar escort. A complete biography will appear in our printed proceedings.

Hardly had we recovered from the shock of R. E. Sir Scott's death when we were informed of the death of Past Grand Commander *Ray Bond*, at his home in Joplin, Mo., March 12, 1956. I was represented on the occasion of the funeral by R. E. Sir Louis F. Heger. At the request of the family there was no Masonic or Templar service, but the Grand Commandery was represented by several officers and past officers. A biography of R. E. Sir Bond has been prepared for use in the proceedings.

Our sympathy goes to the families of these two deceased fraters who served our Grand Commandery so well and so faithfully.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

The year 1955-56, while not an outstanding year in the number of knightings or net gain, nevertheless proved to be a satisfactory year in view of economic conditions. A full report on membership will be made by the committee on returns of chapters and tabular statements will be issued during this conclave.

Conditions are materially improved in St. Louis, and they again showed more knightings than the commanderies in Kansas City.

The Grand Encampment committee has sent out an estimate on the number of knightings expected for the year 1956; our quota is 1030, or 3090 for the triennial period. The committee has set our estimate at a rather high figure, but we shall do everything possible to reach that number.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

It is gratifying to have so many distinguished guests present, both from within Missouri and from our neighboring jurisdictions. We regard it as an honor that you would take time from your busy lives to be with us, and we hope the time spent with us will prove not only pleasant but profitable.

INSTALLATION

On November 3, 1955, in the asylum of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, Mo., I installed Eminent Sir *John H. Roth* as Grand Captain of the Guard.

INTERSTATE COURTESIES

On September 19, 1955, I approved the request of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, of Decatur, Ill., to visit *St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18*, St. Louis, Mo., on October 19, 1955, and to confer the Order of the Red Cross. The request of Beaumanoir Commandery was approved by the Grand Commander of Illinois.

On October 1, 1955, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia was asked to have their Columbia Commandery No. 2 confer the Order of Malta and Order of the Temple upon Reo Lee Newton, 815-18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C., as a courtesy to *Kansas City Commandery No. 10*, Kansas City, Mo.

February 21, 1956, The Grand Commandery of Illinois was asked to have their commandery at Havana, Ill., confer the Order of Malta and Order of the Temple upon Leon Noregellin Chevillion, as a courtesy to *Ascalon Commandery No. 16*, St. Louis, Mo.

March 29, 1956, The Grand Commandery of Kansas asked that the Orders of Knighthood be conferred upon Charles B. Prewitt, Jr., temporarily located in Jefferson City, Missouri,

by *Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29*, as a courtesy to their *Coffeyville Commandery No. 52*, Coffeyville, Kansas.

LOST RITUALS

In the short time which I officiated as Acting Grand Commander I was asked to sign seven or eight certificates for Lost Rituals. I have no way of knowing just what the total would be for the entire year, but was certainly surprised that, considering how valuable the Rituals are and what they mean to Commanderies, and cannot understand why they would be treated in such a careless manner.

I would like to stress the importance of better care of Rituals when they are delivered to you.

THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR ROOM

A General Order issued by the Grand Encampment February 25, 1956, conveys the information that the Grand Encampment is sponsoring the completion of a room in the George Washington National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, which plan involves construction of a Knight Templar Chapel to be erected on the eighth floor of that Memorial.

Roughly, the plan calls for a Chapel with four large stained glass windows in which are depicted the Ascension scene, Jesus healing the blind, the Crucifixion, and Paul plucking the viper from his hand. In the center of the floor is a bronze Cross of Malta, and on the table in the sanctuary the Cross and Crown. The windows are to cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 each. It is estimated that the cost of the Chapel will average about 15c per capita. On this basis, Missouri would be supposed to raise \$2,200.00. The General Order states: "The 15c per member should first be collected by the individual commanderies."

With the present per capita tax of \$1.00, the additional per capita of \$1.00 for the Eye Foundation, and the 15c for the Memorial Room will require the payment of \$2.15 per capita for the current year.

I suggest the matter be referred to our committee on Finance.

DECISION

On or about June 23, 1955, I was approached by several

knights of *DeSoto Commandery No. 56* who desired to remove their commandery from DeSoto to Bonne Terre. I was informed that 75% of the active membership lived from twenty-five to fifty-five miles south of DeSoto. DeSoto, Mo., is not more than forty-five miles from St. Louis; the nearest commandery on the south is one hundred ten miles.

Asked as to the law in the matter, I referred the fraters at DeSoto to Sections 93 and 95 of Grand Commandery law, which necessitated the sending of notice to all members regarding the proposed removal and informed them that a majority vote of those present could decide. I instructed V. E. Sir Knight Adolph H. Roeper to attend a stated conclave of DeSoto Commandery on Friday, November 4, 1955, that he might properly inform them as to their action and procedure. Eminent Sir Knight Roeper attended both meetings and on the night that the removal of the commandery was put to a vote the commandery voted 75 to 39 to remain in their present quarters. Sir Knight Roeper reported that all Sir Knights were satisfied with the results and peace and harmony prevailed.

We believe that the knights of DeSoto Commandery should be complimented on the splendid and broad-minded way in which this delicate situation was handled by them.

BY-LAWS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

On August 8, 1955, request was received from *St. Omer Commandery No. 11*, Sedalia, Mo., to change the date of their regular September conclave from Tuesday, September 6, to Thursday, September 1, 1955. They were informed that the Grand Commander did not have the power to suspend the by-laws of a commandery, nor is there any authority to change by-laws for just one meeting.

October 18, 1955, request was received from *Palestine Commandery No. 17*, Independence, Mo., for approval of their by-laws. The by-laws were turned over to the committee on jurisprudence, but there is no record as to their action.

On September 28, 1955, the Grand Commander received request for approval of by-laws of *Mary Commandery No. 19*, Warrensburg, Mo., fixing fees for the Orders at \$40.00. There is no record as to any action by the Grand Commander on the amendment.

On January 10, 1956, I approved change in by-laws of *Olivet Commandery No. 53*, Boonville, Mo., which involved raising annual dues from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per year.

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May 10, 1955, I notified the recorder of *Neosho Commandery* No. 1, Neosho, Mo., that the decision of April 23, 1955, approving Art. 4, Sec. 1, of their by-laws, which changed time of election from December to November, was not in accordance with the laws of the Grand Commandery, a fact that was discovered just before the conclusion of the annual conclave held in Hannibal, Mo. They were notified to change their by-laws in accordance with Grand Commandery law.

June 30, 1955, I approved a change in by-laws of *Westport Commandery No. 68*. (There is nothing in the correspondence to show the nature of the amendment to by-laws, but there is a letter showing that he forwarded the proposed amendment to the jurisprudence committee for approval.)

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations were issued to the following commanderies to receive petitions, ballot on same and confer the Orders:

St. Louis No. 1 (1); DeMolay No. 3 (2); Hugh de Payens No. 4 (2); Excalibar No. 5 (1); Liberty No. 6 (2); Ivanhoe No. 8 (3); Kansas City No. 10 (2); St. Omer No. 11 (3); St. Graal No. 12 (1); O'Sullivan No. 15 (2); Ascalon No. 16 (3); St. Aldemar No. 18 (6); Crusade No. 23 (1); Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24 (1); Prince of Peace No. 29 (1); Ascension No. 39 (1); West Plains No. 48 (2); Cape Girardeau No. 55 (3); DeSoto No. 56 (1).

While I did not think it necessary to grant dispensation, nevertheless, at the request of fraters of *Liberty Commandery No. 6*, I gave permission for the Orders of Knighthood to be conferred on Liberty candidates in the asylum of Weston Commandery No. 2, Weston, Mo. All this being with the consent of Weston Commandery.

Dispensation was granted to *Excalibar Commandery No. 5*, Hannibal, Mo., to hold a special conclave in the Royal Arch Chapter hall, Louisiana, Mo., June 23, 1955, for the purpose of conferring the Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta on candidates who had been elected to receive same.

Dispensation was granted to *Excalibar Commandery No. 5*, Hannibal, Mo., to appear as an escort for the Order of DeMolay in conferring the Order of Chevalier in Hannibal, Mo., July 7, 1955.

Dispensation was granted to *St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18*, St. Louis, Mo., to hold a special election, October 5, 1955, to fill the station of Junior Warden, it appearing the Junior Warden had resigned.

Dispensation was granted to *Ascalon Commandery No. 16*, St. Louis, Mo., to appear in Templar uniform and take part in the dedication ceremonies at the Webster Groves Masonic Temple, May 12, 1956.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

In the papers of the late Grand Commander there was found a

request, dated February 8, 1956, from *St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18*, asking for dispensation to appear in Templar uniform at the public installation of the Grand Royal Matron of the Order of Amaranth on February 25, 1956, at the new Masonic Temple in St. Louis, Mo. There is no reference as to any action thereon.

The Grand Commander declined the request of *Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8*, St. Louis, Mo., for permission to appear in Templar uniform as an escort at the installation of a patron of an Eastern Star Chapter. His comment was "it would not be advisable, as it is generally accepted as a tradition in Missouri and it would create a flood of requests, more than it would be possible for commanderies to perform."

INVASION OF JURISDICTION

From time to time we have had complaints relative to invasion of jurisdiction by some of our Missouri Commanderies. The matter was brought to a head recently in the receipt of a letter from Grand Recorder Strickland, of the Grand Commandery of Kansas. I quote from this letter:

I have received this morning (March 19) from Anson V. Grable, Recorder of *Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21*, Kansas City, in which he advises that one of their members was endeavoring to secure the petition of Dewey D. Williams, who is one of the owners of the Kelly-Williams Motor Co., 9th & Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, and who resides at 2700 W. 68th St., Prairie Village, Johnson County, Kansas, when he found that it had gone into the Kansas City Commandery No. 10 in Missouri.

Sir Knight Grable advises that he called the Recorder of Kansas City Commandery No. 10 by phone, and made an objection to Brother Williams receiving the Orders in Missouri. He called the attention of the Recorder over there to the law which gives our Grand Commandery exclusive jurisdiction in Kansas, but the Recorder took the position that until Williams' petition is received, we had no authority over him.

There is quite a bit of this over-stepping the state line up there in Northeast Johnson County and we have made a strenuous effort for years to get it straightened out, but with not too much success. I will appreciate very much if you will instruct your Recorders to respect the territorial claims of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

Since our law is very specific on the subject of invasion of jurisdiction, I feel no additional law is required. We have no desire to invade a sister jurisdiction and a continuation of this policy by any of our commanderies, whether it be Kansas or some other jurisdiction, will cause the matter to be brought to

the attention of the Grand Commandery and proper punishment meted out. I hope all commanderies in Missouri will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

CHANGE OF TITLE

A year or so ago it was thought our Grand Commandery should have some sort of a field man—a "trouble shooter"—who could cover the state and assist the Grand Commander in much of the routine work necessary to carry on our activities. Our mutual friend and frater—Bruce H. Hunt—was assigned this task, the Grand Chapter of Missouri most graciously permitting him to spend some of his time in our behalf.

You will be gratified to know that he has very successfully carried out every request made of him and this without our being out more than his actual expenses—which have not exceeded \$500.00. We owe to him a grateful vote of thanks for a duty well performed. His service has been exceptionally valuable in situations where diplomacy was essential.

In connection with Sir Knight Hunt's appointment, he was assigned the title, "DEPUTY TO THE GRAND COMMANDER," this being the only title that was suggested at the time, however, during the past year it has caused some embarrassment as there is no such office and it is many times confused with that of "DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER." Frater Hunt expressed himself as being dissatisfied with the title and we quite agree with him, that it does not fit the work to which he has been assigned.

It is our belief that he can best serve the Grand Commandery as Chairman of Special Committee on York Rite cooperation, in which capacity he can carry on his work without a misleading title. A committee of this type has been appointed in both other York Rite bodies.

DISTRICT CONCLAVES

From papers found in the files of our late Grand Commander there are reports from several District Conclaves.

District 1. Em. Sir Charles Hickman reported that in place of a regular conclave of all commanderies, he made an official visit to each of the commanderies in his district.

District 2. Meeting was held in the asylum of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24, Trenton, Mo., November 19, 1955; 93 attended the dinner; 122 were present during the conferring of the Order of Malta; 5 commanderies were represented. The Grand Commander was in attendance.

District 3. Conclave was held in the asylum of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, St. Joseph, Mo., in connection with the York Rite Festival, November 3, 1955. A good attendance was reported, but several commanderies were not represented.

District 4. The conclave was held in the asylum of East Gate Commandery No. 70, Kansas City, Mo., October 8, 1955. Following asylum competitive drills, in which Palestine Commandery No. 17, of Independence, won first place, there was a panel discussion on drill matters. The Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders Marquis and Sullard were in attendance. The attendance was 129, representing nine commanderies.

District 5. The conclave was held in the asylum of Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29, Jefferson City, Mo., November 5, 1955. The Grand Commander was in attendance; Past Grand Commanders Hedrick, Eddlemmon and DeWitt were in attendance, together with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; there were 75 knights in attendance, representing six of the eight commanderies in the district.

District 6. This district, comprised of four commanderies in St. Louis and DeSoto Commandery held two important conclaves during the year. They also held a Knights Templar Ball, which was sponsored by the District Commanderies and had over seven hundred Knights and Ladies in attendance. The commanderies also sponsored a testimonial conclave for R. E. Sir Knight Louis Heger, which was attended by three hundred fifty Knights and Ladies. Sir Knight Heger was presented with a beautiful gold watch in appreciation for the work done with the various drill teams and as Department Commander.

Both these meetings were preceded by conferences of officers of all the commanderies.

District 8. The conclave was held in the asylum of Rolla Commandery No. 59, Rolla, Mo., a change having been made in the plans which called for the meeting at West Plains. There was a dinner at the Masonic Temple. There is no report as to what was accomplished.

FORTY-YEAR CERTIFICATES

During the year the following Forty-year Certificates were issued, many of which were presented in person by the Grand Commander. However a number of the certificates were found in his effects and have been forwarded to the recorders of the commanderies involved:

Harry Boggess, Sr., Liberty Commandery No. 6
Robert W. Stogdale, Liberty Commandery No. 6
Wm. S. Balch, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
David W. Beall, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Birney A. Bowmaster, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
John B. Heckert, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Clarence H. Holcomb, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Vinton L. Mitchell, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Willard G. Mosher, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Herbert H. Newham, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
John V. Newhouse, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
John C. Nipp, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Robert B. Nusser, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Clive C. Payne, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Emil B. Satori, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Wilbur H. Turner, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
George Wolcott, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
James C. Calvin, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Wm. S. Kirke, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Frank S. Land, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Peter Larson, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Clarence A. Lockwood, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Owen J. Vail, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
Joseph L. Varley, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
James A. Taylor, Kansas City Commandery No. 10
John E. Greutter, Sr., St. Omer Commandery No. 11
John C. Bour, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Harrison F. Brill, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Wm. A. Davidson, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Wm. C. Etzbach, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Roy Forney, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Walter J. Kennedy, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Fred O. Milburn, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
John T. Ready, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Charles W. Rothgeb, St. Omer Commandery No. 11
Albert Osberg, Ascalon Commandery No. 16
Milton G. Kahle, Ascalon Commandery No. 16
Alonzo J. Bates, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Earl E. Bowman, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Ralph L. Brooks, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Luther L. Caffey, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Edward W. Clark, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Frank T. Detlor, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Lynn G. Dillon, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Zachariah M. Dunbar, St. John's Commandery No. 20

Thomas E. Kendrick, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Claude McElhany, St. John's Commandery No. 20
John A. McCune, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Fred Platte, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Egmont Raum, Jr., St. John's Commandery No. 20
Carl G. Sauerman, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Bert N. Smith, St. John's Commandery No. 20
Dock M. Edwards, Crusade Commandery No. 23
John S. Denser, Crusade Commandery No. 23
Shedric A. Casey, Lebanon Commandery No. 33
Frank R. Nelson, Lebanon Commandery No. 33
Edward W. Ousley, Rolla Commandery No. 59
Carlyle Poe, Mountain Grove Commandery No. 66

CONFERENCE OF GRAND OFFICERS

One of the most beneficial things is the holding of conferences of Grand Officers.

On September 3-4, 1955, a conference of Grand Commandery officers was held in the office of the Grand Recorder; all officers were present with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, who was absent on account of illness. Our fraters will be interested in matters discussed.

It was reported that the three bodies of our Rite in Missouri had contributed \$20,000.00 for the new Masonic Home building; plans were laid for nine district conclaves, dates were fixed and supervisory officers named; the 1956 conclave was discussed and program laid out so far as possible at that time; the law requires that the annual audit of Grand Commandery be made as of April 20, because the annual conclave falls this year on that date it was necessary to give the Grand Recorder permission to close his books as of March 31, in time for the official audit, but to make his report as of April 20, 1956.

The conference discussed the proposed amendment to by-laws increasing mileage and per diem. The problem is to provide the necessary funds for payment of an increase if the amendment be passed. Whether it is beneficial to commanderies to increase per capita tax in order to pay additional mileage and per diem is one for the representatives to pass on.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT EYE FOUNDATION

At the last triennial of Grand Encampment, held in New

York City, August 20-26, 1955, a special assessment of \$1.00 was voted on each Knight Templar which, according to the notice, was a project "to treat all persons without regard to race, color, creed, age or sex or national origin; and that the treatment and hospitalization of patients for this purpose shall be free and the prerequisite for admission will be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization." The project is distinctly an eye project.

In order to carry out this project, the Grand Encampment, with no action on the part of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, has levied an assessment against each Grand Commandery on the basis of their membership; they were not in a position to levy assessment against our constituent commanderies. The source of revenue of the Grand Commandery is from constituent commanderies, consequently the assessment will have to be collected from each commandery on the basis of their membership as of December 31 each year. The first assessment is due as of December 31, 1956.

It was necessary that commanderies be informed of this fact as soon as possible that they might include the \$1.00 assessment in dues for the year 1956, consequently I sent out a notice in August calling attention of all commanderies to this condition and *suggesting* that in the collection of 1956 dues the \$1.00 be included, so that commanderies would not be unable to pay the assessment in December 1956. It is true the tax will have to be levied by action of the Grand Commandery at this conclave, but it would have placed our commanderies in an embarrassing situation not to increase their dues for 1956. Hence the suggestion.

CHARITY

Charity and Hospitality are said to be the great characteristics which should distinguish the Templar Order. Missouri holds a great reputation throughout the Masonic World for its charities. It is not necessary to list here the various agencies which have come in for donations from our Templar funds. We are proud of each and every donation.

Those of you who read the *Royal Arch Mason* magazine—and it goes to every Missouri Templar—will recall with pride the article in the March issue describing the work of the Ma-

sonic Hospital for underprivileged children in Korea. When you know that less than three hundred members of a Masonic Lodge in Korea are carrying on a work which costs them \$25,000.00 a year, and that each member has to go into his own pocket to carry on this work, we believe them entitled to consideration from the Freemasons of the United States. The nurse in charge is a Chinese girl trained in our own Kansas City hospitals, working for \$90.00 a month. Soldiers in our American Army donated their bull-dozers to build the basement; personal services were donated; our medical department helped to establish their laboratory and supply the needed medicines.

What greater movement for the spread of Christianity, and for establishing better relationship with the western world could be had. After consulting with officers of the Grand Commandery, I ordered a warrant for \$1,000.00 to be issued to the Masonic Korean Hospital, and I ask your approval of our selection.

CONCLUSION

Thrown into the position of Grand Commander without due preparation, it has been impossible for me to plan for the interim between the death of our Grand Commander and the time of our annual meeting. This is a thing that cannot be helped.

There is much to be done for Templary in Missouri; it needs revitalizing. It cannot remain static. We must participate to a greater extent in social and charitable work. Our representative members must become a part of the civic life of their communities and carry into those communities the precepts taught within our asylums.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the essentials of Freemasonry are ever needed, and I should stress that of Love as being foremost. A relative of a Master Mason, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, has best expressed this:

Love lights more fire than Hate extinguishes,
And men grow better as the world grows old.

Courteously,

ADOLPH H. ROEPER,
Acting Grand Commander.

REFERENCE

The acting Grand Commander having concluded reading his address, it was ordered referred to a committee on reports of Grand Officers, of which R. E. Sir Walter J. Eddlemon was chairman.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: I submit herewith my report (in condensed form) for period April 20, 1955, to March 31, 1956:

RECEIPTS

Balance in bank, April 20, 1955	\$22,488.19
Received from all sources	20,709.42

\$43,197.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Vouchers paid (Nos. 575-662, No. 590 void)	\$23,525.69
March 31, 1956, Balance in bank	19,671.92

\$43,197.61

BONDS

The following bonds, all U. S. Bonds, and all registered in the name of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri, are in the safety deposit box at the Wood & Huston Bank, Marshall, Missouri:

SERIES "G"

Issued May 1, 1945; due May 1, 1957:

Nos. V563653G & 54G, \$5,000.00 each	\$10,000.00
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Issued December 1, 1946; due December 1, 1958:

Nos. V737268G & 69G, \$5,000.00 each	10,000.00
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Issued January 1, 1947; due January 1, 1959:

Nos. X743242G & 43G, at \$10,000.00 each	20,000.00
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Issued May 1, 1947; due May 1, 1959:

Nos. M5-487080G, 81G, 82G, at \$1,000.00 each	3,000.00
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Issued March 1, 1948; due March 1, 1960:

Nos. V88946G & 47G, at \$5,000.00 each	10,000.00
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Issued August 1, 1950; due August 1, 1962:

Nos. V1-071108G	5,000.00
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Issued June 1, 1952; due January 1, 1964:

No. V1-128794G 5,000.00

SERIES "K"

Issued June 1, 1954; due June 1, 1966:

Nos. V47227K-8, -9, -31, -32, -33, -38K at \$5,000.00 each .. 35,000.00

\$98,000.00

Courteously submitted,

FRANK C. BARNHILL,

Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: I present herewith a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Grand Commandery for the year 1955-56, together with statistical tables and reconciliation:

STATISTICAL

Number of chartered Commanderies	61	
Number of members, December 31, 1954.....		14,557
Number knighted	653	
Number affiliated	40	
Number reinstated	89	
		<u>782</u>
		15,339
Number dimitted	102	
Number suspended	228	
Number expelled	1	
Number died	303	
		<u>634</u>
Number of members, December 31, 1955		14,705
Net Gain		148

FINANCIAL

Treasury balance, April 20, 1955	\$22,488.19	
Receipts from all sources	20,709.42	
		<u>\$43,197.61</u>
Disbursements:		
Vouchers Nos. 575-662 inclusive (590 void)	\$23,525.69	

Treasury balance, April 20, 1956

19,671.92

\$43,197.61

RECONCILEMENT

Receipts from all sources during the year \$20,709.42

Dues from 14,705 members at \$1.00\$14,705.00

Knighting fees, 653 candidates at \$3.00 1,959.00

Interest on bonds 2,541.00

Payroll refund 34.00

Triennial refund 1,442.67

Educational Foundation proceedings 56.00

Past Commanders' Association proceedings 32.50

Sale proceedings 1.00

Sale by-laws 7.00

Ritual exchange 26.00

Ritual penalties 50.00

Arrearages due from commanderies 34.00

Overpaid by commanderies 16.00

\$20,904.17

Deductions:

Credits\$ 27.50

Remissions 167.25

194.75

\$20,709.42

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Total vouchers Nos. 575-662 inclusive \$23,525.69

Salaries and allowances\$5,499.16

Payroll 3,481.30

Conclave expense 773.11

Surety bonds 112.50

Grand Encampment 2,256.33

Triennial 4,799.70

Rent 750.00

P.G.C. jewel 101.30

Printing, binding, distributing proceedings 1,019.79

Conference of Grand Officers 206.51

Charity and relief 1,000.00

Printing, postage, incidentals 395.78

District conclaves 28.93

Drill Committee 257.39

Publicity 27.34

R.A.M. magazine 2,500.00

Special appropriation, GC expense 83.36

Emergency expense 85.61

Binding by-laws 147.58

\$23,525.69

FINANCIAL STANDING OF COMMANDERIES

<i>No.</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Knightings</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Arrear- ages</i>	<i>Overpaid</i>	<i>Remis- sions</i>
1	367.50	66.00				4.50
2	165.75	39.00				2.25
3	101.25	15.00				.75
4	795.50	42.00		1.00		1.50
5	381.25	54.00		1.00		3.75
6	256.50	69.00				1.50
7	114.00	12.00			1.00	3.00
8	512.50	54.00				1.50
10	1208.00	105.00	2.00			24.00
11	335.75	66.00				5.25
12	309.25	75.00				.75
14	172.00	42.00				
15	244.50	48.00				1.50
16	809.50	117.00				4.50
17	495.25	48.00	1.00	3.00		.75
18	727.75	99.00				5.25
19	82.00	3.00	1.00			
20	1216.25	123.00				6.75
21	119.00	9.00	2.00			
22	425.75	36.00				2.25
23	209.50	36.00				1.50
24	374.00	42.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	12.00
25	339.00	21.00			4.00	3.00
26	113.00	6.00				
27	49.25	6.00				.75
28	85.00	15.00				
29	496.25	27.00	1.00		1.00	6.75
31	244.50	33.00		2.00		4.50
32	164.25	30.00	6.00	1.00	6.00	.75
33	130.75	33.00				2.25
34	177.25	18.00				.75
35	788.00	99.00	3.00	6.00		12.00
36	140.75	3.00				2.25
37	120.00	39.00				
38	69.00	6.00				
39	120.50	6.00				1.50
40	128.00	6.00				
41	124.25		2.00	4.00	2.00	.75
42	94.00	12.00		4.00		
43	132.25					3.75
45	179.00	42.00				
47	116.25	15.00				.75
48	166.00	9.00				
52	57.00					
53	209.00	21.00				3.00
54	73.00	3.00				3.00
55	290.75	51.00		1.00		5.25

<i>No.</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Knightings</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Arrear- ages</i>	<i>Overpaid</i>	<i>Remis- sions</i>
56	203.00	18.00				
57	232.25	36.00				9.75
58	144.75	9.00		4.00		5.25
59	237.25	45.00				.75
60	118.25	6.00				.75
61	103.25	18.00				.75
62	44.75	12.00				2.25
63	106.25	6.00				.75
64	84.00					
66	136.25	6.00	1.00			.75
67	103.00					3.00
68	392.00	33.00	.50	4.00		4.50
70	552.25	63.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.75
71	32.25	6.00	6.00			.75
	<u>16,519.25</u>	<u>1959.00</u>	<u>27.50</u>	<u>34.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>167.25</u>

Courteously submitted,

RAY V. DENSLOW,

Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

GENTLEMEN: Pursuant to your request, I have made an examination of the cash records of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri for the period from April 23, 1955 to March 31, 1956. My report, together with the following summary of cash receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted:

Balance April 23, 1955 \$ 22,488.19

RECEIPTS

Dues from 14,705 members at \$1.00 each	\$14,705.00
Knighting fees—653 Candidates at \$3.00	1,959.00
Interest on bonds	2,541.00
Payroll refund	34.00
Triennial refund	1,442.67
Educational foundation proceedings	56.00
Past Commander's Association Proceedings	32.50
Sale—Proceedings	1.00
Sale of bylaws	7.00
Ritual exchange	26.00
Ritual penalties	50.00

Arrearages due from Commanderies	34.00	
Overpaid by Commanderies	16.00	
Total	\$20,904.17	
<i>Deductions:</i>		
Credits Allowed	\$ 27.50	
Remissions	167.25	194.75
Total Net Cash Receipts		\$ 20,709.42
Total		\$ 43,197.61

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Vouchers Nos. 575-662 Inclusive	
For Expenses	23,525.69
Balance, March 31, 1956	\$ 19,671.92

I confirmed the balance in the bank as of March 31, 1956, by comparing a certificate received directly from the Wood and Huston Bank, Marshall, Missouri, with the stated book balance.

The net receipts from Per Capita dues, Knighting fees, Arrearages and overpayments were verified by examination of the individual, Annual Commandery returns.

Income from bonds was confirmed by computing the income from such investments held and comparing it with the recorded receipts from such source.

All recorded cash receipts were traced into the bank account. We checked disbursements from the paid vouchers and also checked the vouchers to the various appropriations.

I did not consider it practical to make a personal examination of the securities as of March 31, 1956. However, I did receive a certificate from Mr. Frank C. Barnhill, Grand Treasurer, also signed by John P. Huston and Cary Huston, both of whom are Officials of the Wood and Huston Bank of Marshall, Missouri. The certificate specifies the following United States Bonds, all registered in the name of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri are in the safety deposit box at the Wood and Huston Bank, Marshall, Missouri:

United States Series G Bonds—2½% Interest

<i>Dated</i>	<i>Due</i>	<i>Amount</i>
May 1, 1945; May 1, 1957		\$10,000.00

December 1, 1946; December 1, 1958	10,000.00
January 1, 1947; January 1, 1959	20,000.00
May 1, 1947; May 1, 1959	3,000.00
March 1, 1948; March 1, 1960	10,000.00
August 1, 1950; August 1, 1962	5,000.00
January 1, 1952; January 1, 1964	5,000.00
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	\$63,000.00

United States Series K Bonds 2.76% Interest

June 1, 1954; June 1, 1966	\$35,000.00
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	\$98,000.00

I checked the report of the Grand Treasurer for the period under review, April 23, 1955 to March 31, 1956. Should you desire additional information concerning my examination, I shall be pleased to have you call upon me.

I desire to comment on the very simple, yet most effective manner of recording the cash received by the Grand Recorder and its subsequent disbursement to the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN D. PYATT,
Certified Public Accountant.

REFERENCE

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Auditor were referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF DRILL COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your Drill Committee is happy to report two new entries in the Class "A" asylum drill competition, namely, Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4 of St. Joseph and Westport Commandery No. 68 of Kansas City. Also, one new entry in the Class "B" Asylum, Liberty Commandery No. 6 of Liberty.

In the field drills we are glad to report a new entry in the Class "B" competition—Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4.

The Class "B" Asylum Drill is recommended for the smaller Commanderies and the Drill Committee hopes that more Commanderies will participate in this competition at the annual con-

claves. The tactics covering this drill may be secured from the chairman of the Drill Committee.

The Drill Committee held an instructive program in the asylum drills at the annual 4th district conclave on October 8, 1955, in the asylum of East Gate Commandery of Kansas City. Competition was held in the asylum drills, the winner being Palestine Commandery of Independence.

Following the drills a question and answer session was held, which proved to be very interesting.

Knights from a number of Commanderies were present and the Drill Committee feels that meetings of this kind will promote more interest in the full form and short form openings.

At the conclave in St. Joseph, a total of ten teams competed in the asylum drills and four in the field drills. Every competing team deserves credit for the interest taken and the fine showing made in both the field and asylum drills.

Following is the score and rank of the teams competing in the drills:

Asylum Drill Class "A"—

1. 93.8 Palestine No. 17
2. 89.2 Ascalon No. 16
3. 85.3 Oriental No. 35
4. 83.1 Kansas City No. 10
5. 79.5 Hugh de Payens No. 4
6. 78.9 East Gate No. 70
7. 74.2 St. Johns No. 20
8. 71.2 Westport No. 68

Asylum Drill Class "B"—

1. 96.4 Prince of Peace No. 29
2. 94.4 Liberty No. 6

Field Drill Class "A"—

1. 88.9 Kansas City No. 10
2. 83.7 East Gate No. 70

Field Drill Class "B"—

1. 90.6 Oriental No. 35
2. 80.8 Hugh de Payens No. 4

The Traveling Trophies and "Drill Team Winner" lapel buttons were presented to the following Commanderies:

Class A Asylum Drill Winner—Palestine No. 17

Class B Asylum Drill Winner—Prince of Peace No. 29

Class A Field Drill Winner—Kansas City No. 10

Class B Field Drill Winner—Oriental No. 35

Also drill team bars denoting this conclave were awarded to all knights participating in the drills and drill team badges were presented to those knights competing in the drills for the first time.

The Drill Committee wishes to thank the following judges for assistance in the drills: Em. Sirs E. E. Browning, William H. Goedeke, John S. Smarr, Ralph E. Hahn.

The Drill Committee appreciates the interest of those commanderies which competed in the drills and for the fine showing made.

Courteously yours,
MARVIN O. SHERMAN,

Adopted

Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

The hour for election of officers having arrived, the Grand Commander appointed the following Tellers, with instructions for them to prepare, distribute and collect the ballots:

John S. Smarr (55); Frank A. Arnold (53); Alfred H. Goult (35); Adolph F. Simon (8).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A tabulation of ballots, as reported by the tellers, showed election of the following officers:

Adolph H. Roeper.....	<i>Grand Commander</i>
Arthur A. Raymond.....	<i>Deputy Grand Commander</i>
Avery A. Drake.....	<i>Grand Generalissimo</i>
Merrill B. Williams.....	<i>Grand Captain General</i>
Frank C. Barnhill.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
Ray V. Denslow.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
John H. Rich.....	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
Charles L. Hickman.....	<i>Grand Junior Warden</i>
Julius L. Johnson.....	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
Samuel L. Jewett.....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
Paul A. King.....	<i>Grand Warder</i>

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Em. Sir Marvin E. Boisseau reported for the Educational

Foundation Committee, submitting the budget for the year, which was referred to the finance committee for approval.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your Committee on Patriotic Activities submits the following report:

While our report is an improvement over that of last year we are not satisfied with the number of commanderies participating in this program and will not be satisfied until all of us have done our very best. Written reports were received from 24 commanderies, which is 10 over that of last year. The following submitted written reports:

St. Louis No. 1
DeMolay No. 3
Excalibar No. 5
Liberty No. 6
Kansas City No. 10
St. Omer No. 11
O'Sullivan No. 15
Ascalon No. 16
Palestine No. 17
St. Aldemar No. 18
St. John's No. 20
Ely No. 22

Calvary No. 28
Prince of Peace No. 29
Oriental No. 35
Star of Bethlehem No. 37
Temple No. 38
West Plains No. 48
Cape Girardeau No. 55
DeSoto No. 56
Neosho No. 57
Rolla No. 59
Westport No. 68
Eastgate No. 70

Twenty-four commanderies out of a total of sixty-one in the state is NOT a good record. Some commanderies report only the number knighted during the year and the Grand Recorder's report will show that some of them had a very fine year. Our congratulations to all commanderies which knighted ten or more during the year. Some of the commanderies conducted a very fine patriotic program and have more planned. Some report that they have used the facilities of their local radio station to carry the message of Americanism to the people of the community. I am sorry that more of them did not use this facility. It was my privilege to appear on three radio and one TV station during the year ending with this conclave.

We talk a great deal about patriotism. What do we mean by

patriotism in the context of our time. I suggest that what we mean is a sense of national responsibility which will enable America to remain master of her power to walk with it in serenity and wisdom, with self respect and the respect of all mankind. Let us, at this time, rededicate ourselves to the restoration of true Americanism and the preservation of our great nation as a rightful heritage for our children. Let us be thankful for the many blessings, sometimes taken too much for granted, our freedom to work, to till our land, to ply our trades, to conduct our businesses, to worship as we see fit. We talk a lot about patriotism. Let's do something about it. Let your patriotism show.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. WAITE,

Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

FRATERS: We, your committee on the address of the Grand Commander, desire to make the following report:

Your committee realizes that it was impossible to make a complete report of the activities of R. E. Sir Lowell Scott during the time he served as Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery from the few notes that were found in his files. Although advised by his doctor of a heart condition early in his term of office, he continued to devote his time and energy to the service of Templary. He attended the conclave of the Grand Encampment in New York City in August and marched at the head of the Missouri delegation in the parade down Fifth Avenue. He attended as many of the district conclaves and other commandery meetings as his health would permit and on the day of his fatal stroke he was making preparations to leave for a commandery meeting in Kansas City. It is almost impossible to conceive of the vast amount of time he has given during the years for the advancement of Templary, not only in St. John's Commandery No. 20 but in all the commanderies in Southwest Missouri, and during the last few years over the entire state.

In his passing, Freemasonry has lost a noble champion and Templary a devoted and sincere worker.

To the jurisprudence committee we refer the sections referring to interstate courtesies, decision, by-laws of constituent commanderies, dispensations issued and dispensations refused.

To the finance committee we refer the sections relating to the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation, charity and the Knight Templar Room.

We approve the suggested change in title for Sir Knight Bruce Hunt from "Deputy to the Grand Commander" to "Chairman of Special Committee on York Rite Cooperation," and refer it to the jurisprudence committee.

Courteously submitted,

WALTER J. EDDLEMON,

Adopted.

Chairman.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: The Jurisprudence Committee begs leave to report on the sections of the Grand Commander's and acting Grand Commander's address which have been referred to it:

1. *Decisions:* The decision of the Grand Commander in reference to the proposed removal of DeSoto Commandery No. 56 is in accordance with our law. His decision and the manner in which he handled this matter is approved.

The action of the Grand Commander in refusing the request of St. Omer Commandery No. 11, Sedalia, to change the date of a conclave is approved.

The action of the Grand Commander in notifying Neosho Commandery No. 57, Neosho, that the approval of Art. IV, Sec. 1 of their by-laws was not in accordance with our laws, and to change their by-laws in accordance with the Grand Commandery laws, is approved.

2. *Interstate courtesies:* The interstate courtesies are approved.

3. *Dispensations:* Dispensations granted to receive and ballot on petitions and confer the Orders are approved.

Dispensations granted to St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, St. Louis, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, St. Louis, and St. John's Commandery No. 20, Springfield, to hold special elections to fill vacancies are approved.

Dispensation granted to Lebanon Commandery No. 33 to hold a spe-

cial election to fill the station of Generalissimo is not in accordance with Sec. 127 of our law, which provides that "in case of death, or permanent or physical disability of the Generalissimo, the Captain General shall succeed to the office and be installed."

All other dispensations granted are approved.

4. *Dispensations Refused*: The action of the Grand Commander in reference to the dispensations refused, is approved.

5. *By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies*: The Grand Commander's action in approving the amendment to the by-laws of Olivet Commandery No. 53, Boonville, is approved.

The Grand Commander reports that on June 30, 1955, he approved a change in the by-laws of Westport Commandery No. 68, Kansas City. There is nothing to show the nature of the amendment. However, in the papers turned over to this committee by Sir Knight Hedrick, there is an amendment to the by-laws of Westport Commandery No. 68, dated January 26, 1956, on which it seems no action was taken. This amendment is in order and it is referred to the incoming Grand Commander for his approval.

There is also among the papers in the hands of this committee the unapproved by-laws of Palestine Commandery No. 17, Independence, dated October 18, 1955. As there are several corrections to be made before the by-laws can be approved, it is recommended that they be returned for correction.

On September 28, 1955, the Grand Commander reports the receipt of by-laws of Mary Commandery No. 19, Warrensburg. The Grand Commander's letter attached states that the amendment was to change Sec. 4. The amendment, as stated in the Grand Commander's letter is in order and is referred to the incoming Grand Commander for his approval. It is also recommended that Sec. 5 of the by-laws be amended by changing the section number in line four to read "176," instead of "190," to conform to our present law.

6. *The section on change of title* is approved.

There has been referred to the Jurisprudence Committee an amendment to Sec. 46 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. It seems that the proposers of the amendment referred to Sec. 46 of the laws and regulations before the revision. In the revised law the Section which refers to "Mileage and Per Diem" is numbered Sec. 41. The proposed amendment reads:

Amend Sec. 46 of the laws and regulations of the Grand Commandery K.T. by striking out the word three and inserting the word five in the 12th line and striking out the word five and inserting the word ten in the 15th line, so that when amended Sec. 46 will read as follows:

In the revised law the mileage rate has been changed to "five cents," so that the only change to be made would be the per diem, which it is proposed to change from five dollars to ten dollars. If the proposers will change the proposed amendment to read:

Amend Sec. 41 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery by striking out the word five and inserting the word ten in the 17th line,

so that when amended Sec. 41 will read as follows: the amendment will be in order and will be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

If per diem is raised, per diem of \$10.00 will be paid at 1957 conclave. (It was raised.)

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS F. HEGER,

Adopted.

Chairman.

Following the reading of the report, Section 46 having to do with financial matters was referred to the Committee on Finance. The balance of the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your committee has made an examination of returns of Commanderies in March, 1956, and submits the following report:

Thirty-six commanderies show an increase of 246 against 34 commanderies with 293 increase last year.

Twenty-four commanderies show a decrease of 98 against 23 commanderies with a decrease of 111 last year. One commandery shows no change this year.

Five had no knightings for the year against eight last year. The following show no knightings: Memphis No. 41, St. Elmo No. 43, St. Bernard No. 52, St. Amand No. 64, Poplar Bluff No. 67.

St. Bernard No. 52 had no knightings for two consecutive years. The total knightings for 1955 was 653 against 623 in 1954. One hundred and two dimitted in 1955 against 114 in 1954; 89 reinstated against 68 in 1954. In 1955 there was one expelled against two in 1953; 303 deaths

in 1955 against 268 in 1954. Total membership for 1955 is 14,705 against 14,557 in 1954, a net increase of 148.

Your committee feels special commendation should be given the commanderies that had 100 per cent attendance at all their conclaves, special and regular, of the three principal officers and recorder. They are as follows: St. Louis No. 1, Oriental No. 35 and Westport No. 68.

Your committee again feels it should bring to your attention the fact that most commanderies depend on fees from knightings to supplement dues to pay expenses. This practice could work a hardship when fees from knightings fall off.

Also, each recorder should fill out report complete, statistical as well as financial.

The discrepancy noted in "remarks" to follow is stated for your information and may not be the status of your commandery but is based on facts at hand.

There is also an increased amount of correspondence necessary to straighten out matters regarding Rituals and other matters which take your time and the time of your Grand Recorder. Please be more careful in making your report, but we feel on the whole a better job was done this year. Thank you and keep up the good work. The following remarks are part of this report and we move its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN KNUDSEN,

Chairman.

Adopted.

St. Louis No. 1: Had 19 regular conclaves with 100% attendance of the recorder and three principal officers. They had 22 knightings with an increase of five for the year; average attendance 38; outstanding debts of \$258.34.

Weston No. 2: Had 10 stated conclaves and one special with the Commander attending 10 and the Treasurer attending 100% or 11. The Auditing Committee did not sign the Audit Report. They had 13 knightings, an increase of five; average attendance of 16.

DeMolay No. 3: Shows nine stated conclaves with Commander, Captain General, Recorder and Senior Warden 100% attendance. They had five knightings with an increase of two; average attendance 18.

Hugh de Payens No. 4: Had 19 stated and three special conclaves with the Commander attending 21; Captain General and Warden 100% attendance. They show 14 knightings with a decrease of four; average attendance 40.

Excalibar No. 5: Had 10 stated and four special conclaves; 100% attendance by Commander, Generalissimo, Senior Warden and Re-

corder. They had 18 knightings, an increase of 10; average attendance 26.

Liberty No. 6: Had 10 stated and three special conclaves, attendance of 10 by the Commander; one Ritual lost by fire; average attendance 24.

Emmanuel No. 7: Does not show number of conclaves, regular or special, but lists Commander attending all of them. They have outstanding debts of \$120.00. Their Ritual Receipts do not check but is in the process of being straightened out. They show four knightings, an increase of three; average attendance of 15.

Ivanhoe No. 8: Had 20 stated and one special conclaves; Commander attending 20 of these; 100% attendance by Generalissimo, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Standard Bearer and Warder. They had 18 knightings, a net decrease of six; average attendance of 58.

Kansas City No. 10: Had 17 stated and three special conclaves; Commander attending 18; 100% attendance by Captain General, Recorder, Sword Bearer. They had 35 knightings, a net gain of two; average attendance 60.

St. Omer No. 11: Had 10 stated and eight special conclaves; 100% attendance by Commander, Treasurer, and Recorder. They had 22 knightings with a net gain of 16; average attendance 30.

St. Graal No. 12: Had 20 stated and eight special conclaves; Commander attending 25; 100% attendance by the Generalissimo. They had 25 knightings, a net gain of 20; average attendance 18.

Coeur de Leon No. 14: Only had two stated and three special conclaves for the year; three conclaves attended by the Commander and 100% attendance by all other officers. They had 14 knightings, a net gain of 13; average attendance 20.

O'Sullivan No. 15: Had nine stated and three special conclaves with Commander attending 11; 100% attendance by Junior Warden and Recorder. Their knightings were 16, a net gain of 13; average attendance 16. They have one Ritual not accounted for.

Ascalon No. 16: They show 19 stated and two special conclaves; 100% attendance by Commander, Captain General and Recorder. They knighted 39 and had a net gain of nine; average attendance 50.

Palestine No. 17: Shows 10 stated and three special conclaves; Commander attended 12; 100% attendance by Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Recorder, Prelate and Sword Bearer. They knighted 16 for the year; show a net loss of four; had an average attendance of 43.

St. Aldemar No. 18: They had 20 stated and one special conclaves; 100% attendance by their Commander. With 33 knightings for the year, they show a net increase of three; average attendance 65.

Mary No. 19: Had 12 stated conclaves with their Commander attending 10 of them. They had one knighting and show a gain of one; average attendance 12.

St. John's No. 20: They show 23 stated and 14 special conclaves, their Commander 100% in attendance; knighted 41, net gain of nine; average attendance 42.

Kadosh No. 21: Had nine stated and one special conclaves; their Commander attended three; 100% attendance by Recorder and Treasurer; three knightings, net gain of one; average attendance 10.

Ely No. 22: Had eight stated and three special conclaves; 100% attendance by their Commander, Captain General, Prelate, Sword Bearer and Warder. They have four lost Rituals; 12 knightings, net loss of one for the year; average attendance 30.

Crusade No. 23: The stated conclaves are nine, special two, with 100% attendance by their Commander, Generalissimo, Senior and Junior Wardens, Recorder and Warder. They had 12 knightings, making a net increase of six for the year; average attendance 25.

Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24: They had 10 stated and five special conclaves with the Commander attending 14; 100% attendance by the Recorder. Audit Committee did not fill in amount of uncollected dues. They show 14 knightings, a net gain of two; average attendance 51.

Tancred No. 25: Failed to fill in the statistical portion of their report and their audit report shows four owing dues three years and two for four years or over. Also, financial statement shows \$875.00 indebtedness but fails to list this on audit report. They had seven knightings and show a decrease of seven for the year.

Bayard No. 26: Had nine stated conclaves; attendance 100% by their Commander, Generalissimo, Junior Warden, Recorder, Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and Warder. It was noted the Treasurer failed to attend any conclaves and that the Ritual Receipt had not been filled in or signed. They had two knightings, a net loss of three; average attendance 11.

Constantine No. 27: Had five stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by Commander, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Recorder, Prelate and Sword Bearer. The Generalissimo was not listed as attending any of the conclaves, which kept them from having 100%. They had two knightings with a loss of one; average attendance 14.

Calvary No. 28: Shows 12 stated conclaves with 11 attended by the Commander; 100% attendance by Treasurer and Recorder. Their financial statement shows no indebtedness, whereas the audit report shows they owe \$45.00. They had five knightings, a net gain of two; average attendance 15 plus.

Prince of Peace No. 29: Had 10 stated and five special conclaves with 100% attendance by their Commander, Standard Bearer and Sword Bearer. With nine knightings, they show a net loss of three; average attendance 20.

Jasper No. 31: Show 10 stated and nine special conclaves with their

Commander attending 15; 100% attendance by Generalissimo and Captain General. Eleven knightings made them a net gain of 10; average attendance 22.

Paschal No. 32: Show four stated and one special conclaves with Commander, Treasurer, Recorder, Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and Warder 100% attendance. The Captain General failed to attend any conclaves. The Audit Report does not show the status of uncollected dues. They had 10 knightings, a net gain of four; average attendance 14.

Lebanon No. 33: Had 10 stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by their Commander only. Eleven knightings netted them a gain of five for the year; average attendance 14.

Boanerges No. 34: With 10 stated and five special conclaves, there was 100% attendance by Commander, Treasurer, Recorder and Prelate. They had six knightings, a net gain of three; average attendance 12.

Oriental No. 35: Had 20 stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by all officers, both elective and appointive, except Standard Bearer who missed three, Sword Bearer two and Warder missing one; a commendable record indeed. Financial statement shows \$746.59 indebtedness, audit report shows \$740.59 indebtedness. They had 33 knightings, a net gain of 19; average attendance 55.

Missouri No. 36: Shows 10 stated and one special conclaves, their Commander attending 10, Generalissimo and Recorder with 100% attendance. Committee failed to fill in status of uncollected dues on audit report. They had one knighting and a net loss of five for the year; average attendance 15.

Star of Bethlehem No. 37: Had 10 stated and eight special conclaves with 100% attendance by their Commander. Their audit report shows two members owing three years dues and two owing four years or over. They had 13 knightings and show a gain of 17 due to five admitted; average attendance 23.

Temple No. 38: Had five stated and one special conclaves, attendance of five by the Commander and 100% by Recorder, Prelate and Sword Bearer. Two knightings made them a net gain of one; average attendance 20.

Ascension No. 39: Had 10 stated and three special conclaves with attendance of eight by their Commander and 100% by Generalissimo, Senior Warden, Recorder and Sword Bearer; had two knightings with a loss of two; average attendance 21.

Maryville No. 40: Had six stated conclaves with 100% by Commander, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Recorder, Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, and Warder. Their Treasurer shows no attendance. With two knightings, they had a net loss of five; average attendance not known.

Memphis No. 41: The statistical portion of their return was not filled

in nor was the financial statement completed. Ritual Receipt was not filled in. Their audit report reveals their expenditures greatly exceed receipts; in fact, rent on asylum alone exceeds total receipts. There were no knightings and they show a loss of seven for the year. From the material at hand, the committee feels they are financially unsound.

Bethany No. 42: Had eight stated and two special conclaves. Their Commander attended eight; 100% per cent attendance by the Recorder and Warder. They had four knightings, a gain of one; average attendance 16.

St. Elmo No. 43: Shows 10 stated and four special conclaves. Conclaves attended by Commander 11; 100% by Recorder. There were no knightings, a loss of three for the year; average attendance 16.

Navarre No. 45: Had seven stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by their Commander. Four Rituals are not accounted for. With 14 knightings, they had an increase of 15; average attendance not shown.

Richmond No. 47: Show four stated and four special conclaves. Commander attended seven and 100% attendance by Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior and Junior Wardens and Recorder. They had five knightings, a gain of one; average attendance not shown.

West Plains No. 48: Had eight stated and two special conclaves with eight attended by their Commander. Recorder shows attendance of 12 of the 10 conclaves. No attendance by Treasurer, Sword Bearer or Warder. Three knightings made a net loss of three; average attendance 11.

St. Bernard No. 52: The statistical information was not filled in. The audit report shows expenditures exceed receipts and no other assets listed. There are nine who owe dues for four years or more, 14 owing three years dues, 23 owing two years. From information at hand we do not consider them to be financially sound.

Olivet No. 53: Show 10 stated and two special conclaves, 100% attendance by Commander, Recorder and Standard Bearer. Seven knightings make them a net gain of six; average attendance 21.

Aurora No. 54: Statistical portion not filled in nor is financial statement, however the audit report shows a small cash balance and their receipts are in excess of expenditures. No other assets listed. One knighting makes them a loss of five for the year.

Cape Girardeau No. 55: Show 10 stated and 11 special conclaves, 15 attended by Commander. Seventeen knightings made them a net gain of 15; average attendance 18.

DeSoto No. 56: Show nine stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by Commander, Captain General, Junior Warden and Recorder. Report on uncollected dues not filled in. They had six knightings, a net gain of two; average attendance 34.

Neosho No. 57: Had seven stated with three special conclaves. The

Commander attended nine. The last page of the audit report was not completed. Twelve knightings for the year gave them a gain of four; average attendance 20.

Harmony No. 58: Show seven stated conclaves with 100% attendance by Commander and Recorder. Three knightings made a gain of three; average attendance 11.

Rolla No. 59: Had 19 stated with six special conclaves; attendance by Commander 23. Fifteen knightings gave them a net gain of one; average attendance 15.

Albany No. 60: Show four stated and three special conclaves; average attendance of 11; Commander attended six; 100% attendance by Generalissimo, Captain General, Junior Warden, Recorder and Standard Bearer. Two knightings made no change.

Malden No. 61: Show 17 stated and two special conclaves; 100% attendance by Commander, Generalissimo, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Recorder, Prelate and Warder. Six knightings made a gain of four; average attendance 15.

Plattsburg No. 62: No statistical report submitted and information on back of audit report not filled in. Four knightings show a net gain of four for the year.

Havre de Grace No. 63: Show four stated and two special conclaves; attendance by Commander four, Generalissimo and Recorder 100%. Two knightings for the year made net loss of five; average attendance 11.

St. Amand No. 64: Show three stated conclaves with 100% attendance by Commander, Captain General, Senior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword Bearer and Warder. Standard Bearer showed no attendance. There were no knightings with a net loss of two.

Mountain Grove No. 66: Statistical information not filled in. Audit report shows one owing dues four years or over, two owing three years. There were two knightings, a loss of five for the year.

Poplar Bluff No. 67: Show seven stated and two special conclaves, 100% attendance by their Commander. Their Ritual account not fully clarified to date. There were no knightings and a loss of three for the year; average attendance 22.

Westport No. 68: Nineteen stated conclaves were attended 100% by the three principal officers and Recorder. Eleven knightings gave a net loss of eight for the year; average attendance 25.

East Gate No. 70: Had 20 stated and two special conclaves with 100% attendance by their Commander. They had 21 knightings, giving a net loss of eight for the year. One lost Ritual; average attendance 31.

Saline No. 71: Show four stated and one special conclaves with 100% attendance by Commander, Captain General, Recorder, Prelate and Warder. There were two knightings, a net gain of three; no average attendance shown.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your Committee on Public Relations was generally limited to publicizing the conclave of the Grand Commandery last spring at Hannibal, in providing publicity on official visits made by the late Grand Commander Lowell H. Scott, to publicity on this present conclave of Grand Officers and to material of interest to commanderies which appeared in the Missouri Section of the *Royal Arch Mason* magazine.

The chairman of this committee feels that an excellent and well organized publicity job was done on the 1955 conclave at Hannibal, and with the capable assistance of Sir Knight John E. Suesens, of St. Joseph, similarly good coverage is expected for this conclave.

The chairman considers the Missouri Section of the *Royal Arch Mason* magazine an excellent means of keeping the various commandery officers informed of activities of other commanderies and of programs and plans of the officers of the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. ROBBINS,

Chairman.

Adopted.

REVIEW

The Grand Recorder presented the usual review, which was ordered incorporated in the proceedings.

REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your Hospitaler Committee submits the following report:

In response to letter requesting reports on Christmas and Easter Observances, sent through the office of Grand Recorder, we have received 25 Christmas and 24 Easter reports from the Commanderies in the State of Missouri.

Activities ranging from religious ceremonies to acts of char-

ity to the needy and more unfortunate have been reported. Truly, these times of the year present wonderful opportunities to fulfill our responsibilities to our fellow man by helping those who are in unfortunate circumstances and by remembering those who are alone in this world, as well as holding religious ceremonies to commemorate these Christian "Milestone" Days.

We would like to particularly compliment the following on their outstanding observances: Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 24, Calvary No. 28, Prince of Peace No. 29, Ascension No. 39 and DeSoto No. 56.

In addition to Christmas and Easter, the St. Louis Commanderies also hold Ascension Day services. This is an important day on the Templar calendar and it is suggested that more commanderies hold a special meeting on this day.

The following are the reports we received:

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4: On Monday, December 26, at 11:00 a.m. officers and Sir Knights assembled in the asylum for the Annual Christmas Observance. Eminent Commander Wm. E. Jamieson presiding. The invocation by Sir Knight Dr. E. B. Potts. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Blooming plants were sent to 75 widows of departed Sir Knights.

Excalibur Commandery No. 5: Observed Christmas by distributing 9 baskets of food and 5 gifts to Knight Templar widows.

Liberty Commandery No. 6: Our losses by fire put us back rather sharply so that we couldn't do as in the past, but we did remember widows of our deceased members by sending each one a Christmas book as published by the Sunshine Press of Litchfield, Ill., as well as special greeting cards.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8: A Christmas party was held at Mt. Moriah Temple with Sir Knight James Cockerham acting as Master of Ceremonies. Sir Knights Hilligardt and Lemon led community singing, there was entertainment, including clowns to entertain the children. At 9:30 Santa Claus appeared with gifts and afterwards there were refreshments for all, numbering about 200 adults and children.

St. Omer Commandery No. 11: One Sir Knight, who is in a Nursing Home and has been in poor health for several years was presented with a check for \$25 and his 1956 dues card. Fruit and candies were presented to 2 Sir Knights, 6 others were presented dues cards, 3 unfortunate families were presented baskets of groceries, and a donation was made to the Pettis County T. B. Association.

St. Graal Commandery No. 12: Sent \$10.00 to the Masonic Home in St. Louis and also furnished 2 Christmas baskets, including a complete Christmas dinner for 2 widows of Sir Knights in Columbia.

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15: A committee, appointed by the Commander, purchased 5 baskets of food at \$5.00 each and delivered same to 5 needy families. Cards of Season's Greetings were sent to the widows of deceased Sir Knights.

Ascalon Commandery No. 16: The Christmas Party was held on December 17 with about 350 ladies, Sir Knights, their children and grandchildren in attendance. One hundred bags of fruit, candy and toys were given out to the kiddies from two to sixteen years of age.

Mary Commandery No. 19: Christmas services were held at 8:30 a.m. Christmas morning in the asylum in the City of Warrensburg, with sermon by Sir Knight O. L. Byrns. Widows of deceased Sir Knights were remembered.

Crusade Commandery No. 23: Several baskets of groceries, etc., were furnished to needy families and flowers to the shutins.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24: Dues receipt cards, together with a letter extending Christmas and New Year greetings were sent to all fifty-year members, and in cases where Sir Knights had undergone sickness or distress during the year, or who, for other good reasons, were entitled to fraternal consideration. Potted plants were sent to widows whose husbands had died in 1955; other widows were sent a letter explaining that the money usually spent for flowers at Christmas would be spent for shoes for needy children in our community; shoes were purchased for some 25 poor children, whose need was most urgent and who had been recommended by their school teachers or by the County Welfare office.

Calvary Commandery No. 28: Christmas greeting cards and boxes of candy were sent to all widows of deceased Sir Knights. A donation of \$12.50 was sent to the Masonic Home of Missouri. Approximately seventy members of Calvary Commandery, their wives and guests had their annual Christmas dinner on Tuesday evening, February 7, 1956, at the First Christian Church of Fulton, Missouri. Sir Knight Harold W. Nasse, retiring Eminent Commander, presided. The principal address was given by the Rev. August F. Larson, a member of Calvary Commandery.

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29: Annual Commander's dinner and Christmas observance was held on December 7, 1955, at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City. There was a total of 243 present. R. E. Sir Walter J. Eddlemon was toastmaster; he announced that Christmas contributions of \$50.00 would be given to the Masonic Home of Missouri; \$25.00 to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Columbia, Mo.; \$25.00 to the Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis. Entertainment was provided by the String Ensemble of the Jefferson City Symphony Orches-

tra. The speaker for the evening was Rev. and Sir Knight Ben L. Schmidke.

Boanerges Commandery No. 34: Following a custom of many years, we visited the widows of Sir Knights and took baskets of fruit to them.

Oriental Commandery No. 35: In conjunction with the Kansas City Council of Commanderies, Oriental Commandery No. 35 attended Christmas Observance Services at the Trinity Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, December 18, 1955.

Star of Bethlehem Commandery No. 37: A short service was held on Christmas morning with a goodly number of Sir Knights and their ladies and friends present. After appropriate music an able address was given by Sir Knight Leslie E. Ziegler, President of Culver-Stockton College. Several shut-ins were later visited.

Ascension Commandery No. 39: As has been done for a number of years, we again cooperated with the Social Order of Beauceant in preparing and distributing Christmas baskets, not only to our own members but also to others who were in need.

West Plains Commandery No. 48: Our usual practice at Christmas is to make donation to the Masonic Home and send Christmas baskets to some Sir Knight's widow or orphans, and this practice was followed this year at Christmas.

Olivet Commandery No. 53: Christmas Observance was held on December 11, at 4:00 p.m., at the Masonic Temple with 75 Masonic people attending. Eminent Commander Rev. Sir Knight Emil F. Abele had charge of the program and made the address. Special music was provided by Sir Knights Woodard B. Hopkins and Milferd Stigale.

Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55: At our regular conclave in December we had our annual turkey dinner, to which we had special guests and the widows of the deceased Sir Knights. We also sent each widow a nice Christmas card.

De Soto Commandery No. 56: Our usual Christmas manner of remembering the widows of our departed Sir Knights with gift boxes of candy was followed. Those widows within reach are presented with the gifts personally by some Sir Knight, who extends the Commandery's greetings. Those who live out of the radius of our activities receive their gifts by mail. We remember widows all over the United States.

Albany Commandery No. 60: Ours being a small commandery working in a small community, our Sir Knights requested to worship and assist their local churches in observing Christmas, which divided attendance in the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian Churches. A Christmas donation was sent to the Masonic Home.

Malden Commandery No. 61: Our Commandery mailed Christmas cards to the widows of twelve Sir Knights. We also sent a donation to the Masonic Home for the Christmas Entertainment Fund.

Havre de Grace Commandery No. 63: No Christmas observance held.

Westport Commandery No. 68: Potted plants were sent to the widows of our deceased Sir Knights and we joined with the other Commanderies in this area in a Christmas Observance Service held at the Trinity Methodist Church on December 18.

East Gate Commandery No. 70: Participated in Christmas Observance with the Council of Commanderies of Kansas City area, on Sunday, December 18, at Trinity Methodist Church; donated \$40.00 for Christmas baskets for needy families in our community and donated \$15.00 in conjunction with Swope Park Lodge and Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter for relief of a worthy brother.

EASTER OBSERVANCES

St. Louis Commandery No. 1: We joined with the three other St. Louis Commanderies in the Commandery Asylum, and held our annual Easter Day Observance on Easter Sunday, April 1, at 3:00 p.m., with families and friends of Sir Knights attending. Rev. Allen Hackett is the speaker and a musical program is arranged.

Weston Commandery No. 2: A breakfast and Easter Service was held on Easter morning for all Masons and their families residing in the 21st Masonic District. Breakfast was served from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.; Easter service was held at 8:00 until 8:45 a.m. Lodges represented were Rising Sun No. 13, Weston No. 43, Compass No. 120, Camden Point No. 169, Rowley No. 204, Fidelity No. 339, Adelphi No. 355, Platte City No. 504.

Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4: Our usual Easter service was held Sunday, April 1, at 6:45 a.m., with a breakfast immediately following in the dining hall of the Temple.

Excalibur Commandery No. 5: Easter services were attended in a body at the Park Methodist Church of Hannibal.

Liberty Commandery No. 6: On Sunday, April 1, an Easter service was held in the Masonic Temple. This service was well attended by Knights, families and friends. About 25 Knights in uniform, and a number not so dressed. We enjoyed a good sermon and nice music.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8: Easter observance was held in the Masonic Temple on April 1, at 3:00 p.m., with the four St. Louis Commanderies taking part. Rev. Allen Hackett, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, delivered the Easter sermon. Helen Graves and her choir, accompanied by Sir Knight V. P. Hilligardt provided the musical program.

St. Omer Commandery No. 11: On Easter Sunday, at 8:00 a.m., Easter services were held at the Masonic Temple with Rev. H. L. Alley giving a sermon on "The Meaning of Easter." Organ music was provided and a duet sung by Miss Sandra Maune and Kenneth Williams, Job's Daughters Choir also sang and the Organist was Sir H. A. Berlin.

St. Graal Commandery No. 12: Easter was observed in a religious service on Friday evening, March 30, with a local minister speaking.

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15: Our usual Easter breakfast for Sir Knights and ladies was held at the Mitchell Hotel, followed by special music and address by Rev. J. Basil Ramsey of the Presbyterian Church.

Ascalon Commandery No. 16: Easter Observance was held in the asylum of the Masonic Temple with all St. Louis Commanderies participating.

Mary Commandery No. 19: Special Easter services were held in the asylum Easter Sunday morning.

St. John's Commandery No. 20: Sunrise services at the Masonic Temple were held here in Springfield. Our Grand Prelate was present and delivered the address and services which were followed by breakfast served to all Sir Knights and their ladies.

Crusade Commandery No. 23: Easter Sunday morning a breakfast was held at the Jefferson Tea Room at 7:00 a.m. and then attended Church services at 8:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church.

Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 24: All Sir Knights met in the dining hall of the Masonic Temple where an Easter breakfast was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Appropriate devotionals were conducted and a member of the clergy talked. Following this meeting Sir Knights were free to attend service with their families in the Church of their choice.

Calvary Commandery No. 28: The Sir Knights attended in a body the Easter services at the First Christian Church of Fulton. The Rev. Karl W. Tuttle, pastor of the Church and member of Calvary Commandery, gave the Easter message.

Jasper Commandery No. 31: One hundred and one Sir Knights and ladies assembled at the Drake Hotel at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast Easter morning, after which we went to the First Methodist Church at 8:30 for our Easter service. A most delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Boanerges Commandery No. 34: Church was attended in a body in full dress.

Star of Bethlehem No. 37: No special service was held, but the Commandery attended a regular Church service in a body.

Ascension Commandery No. 39: Easter observance was held on Easter Day at 7:00 a.m. After a breakfast served by ladies of Ruth Circle O.E.S., the invocation was given by A. Duane Grey, welcome by Jean H. Lemons, address by Rev. Arthur M. DePew and benediction by Guy Spooner. Music was provided by the Quartet consisting of Clyde Grimsley, Charles Jackson, Mack Adair and Russell Stuckey, accompanied by Edwina Michael.

West Plains Commandery No. 48: Special observances were held.

Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55: Easter services were held in the asylum at 8:00 a.m. on Easter morning, with a special speaker and special music.

DeSoto Commandery No. 56: Easter services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Easter Sunday with all Sir Knights dressed in full uniform, at the Elvine Methodist Church. Appropriate music was provided by Mrs. Langley Clemons and sermon was given by J. C. McDaniel, pastor. After services we enjoyed refreshments with the congregation.

Albany Commandery No. 60: Easter was observed by all Sir Knights in our Commandery by attending the Churches of their own choice, for the reasons stated in our Christmas report.

Westport Commandery No. 68: As of March 9, 1956, no plans had been made for Easter observance.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH H. ROEPER,

Adopted

Chairman.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATIVES

We were honored this year by the presence of Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, R. E. Sir Sigurd R. Jensen. He brought the greetings of the Grand Master, M. E. Sir Walter A. DeLamater. In his remarks he stated that this was his first opportunity to visit this fine jurisdiction; he found among the officers of the Grand Commandery a fountain of perpetual youth; he referred to the forty-three years service rendered by Grand Treasurer Barnhill, and the thirty-three years service rendered by Grand Recorder Denslow. He informed us that the Grand Encampment had noted an increase of 24,648, but the record was seriously marred by 13,421 suspensions for non-payment of dues; he suggested that in each commandery there be a committee appointed to consider dimits and suspensions and avoid the slipshod method of handling financial conditions of each commandery. His closing words were those of the Grand Master: "Templary needs revitalizing."

Our own Past Grand Master, M. E. Sir William C. Gordon, being called upon, stated he had no special message for his fraters, but called attention to the successful Missouri breakfast held in New York, and the Templar parade on the occasion of the triennial. He said he knew the Grand Master had laid out an excellent program for Templars, including the Eye Foundation, and he thought the next period would be one of prosperity for the Templar Order.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:43 o'clock p.m. the Grand Commander declared the conclave adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:00 o'clock p.m., following an invocation by the Grand Prelate Emeritus, the Grand Commander reconvened the Grand Commandery, and official business was resumed.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year the Grand Commander suggested for appointment as Grand Representatives the following:

New Hampshire—Merle H. Shepard, St. Louis

New Jersey—Fay G. Fulkerson, Webster Groves

These commissions are to be presented in the commanderies in which the fraters hold membership.

The Grand Recorder was directed to list those Grand Representatives attending this conclave, and the list will be found in the report of the Credentials Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

At the 1955 conclave an amendment to the Section on Mileage and Per Diem was proposed. The fraters who presented the amendment were evidently in possession of the old section of the law, which had been amended so that portion of the proposed amendment was inapplicable—the increase of mileage from three cents to five cents, inasmuch as five cents is the amount being paid.

In considering the amendment it was proposed to add an assessment of 50c per year as per capita tax, but since Section 40 could not be changed without passing through the regular channels, it was decided to propose an amendment to Section 40 increasing per capita tax to \$1.50.

Then the question of the \$1.00 assessment made by the Grand Encampment for the Eye Foundation was discussed, and the various amendments and resolutions became so complex it was necessary for the Committee on Jurisprudence to present a com-

plete statement of exactly what had been accomplished. This is the statement:

1. The Grand Commandery passed a special assessment of 50c per capita, for one year (1956-57), for operating expense; 15c per capita for George Washington Memorial room to be taken out of this assessment.

2. The addition to our law, to be known as Sec. 40(e), assessing each chartered commandery \$1.00 for each name borne on the books on December 31 of each year, for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was adopted.

3. The amendment to Sec. 41 to raise the per diem from \$5.00 to \$10.00 was laid over until the next annual conclave by the consent of the proposers.

4. A resolution was presented to raise the per capita tax from \$1.00 to \$1.50. This will be acted on at the next annual conclave.

It is proposed to amend Sec. 40(d) by striking out the second and third words in line two (One Dollar) and adding in lieu thereof the words "One Dollar and Fifty Cents," so that when amended Sec. 40(d) will read:

Each chartered commandery shall pay the sum of One Dollar and Fifty Cents for each name borne on its books on the Thirty-first day of December of each year, who has received the Order of the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. HEGER,

Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: For the proper consideration of the financial affairs of the Grand Commandery your committee has carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Auditor, and report of the Educational Foundation, and wish to submit the following report:

Balance in treasury, April 20, 1955	\$22,488.19	
Receipts and deposits during the year	20,709.42	
		\$43,197.61
Vouchers Nos. 575-662 (590 void)	\$23,525.69	
Balance in treasury, April 20, 1956	19,671.92	
		\$43,197.61

We recommend the following appropriations for the fiscal year:

Payroll	\$ 3,590.15
Conclave expense	700.00
Surety bonds	112.50
Grand Encampment:	
Dues, 14,705 members at 10½c	\$1,544.03
Hospitality tax, at 5c	735.25
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	2,279.28
Triennial: 14,705 members at 5c	735.25
Rent	750.00
Salaries and allowances	5,610.00
Printing, binding, distributing proceedings	1,100.00
Printing, postage, incidentals	800.00
Conference of Grand Officers	300.00
Charity and relief	1,000.00
Educational	200.00
District Conclaves	900.00
Furniture and fixtures	250.00
Drill Committee	500.00
Publicity	100.00
Royal Arch Mason magazine	2,500.00
Emergency Expense Fund	100.00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial	2,205.75
*Patriotic Committee	50.00
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* (above represented \$25.00 for 1955 and \$25.00 for 1956)

\$23,782.93

We have examined the budget of the Educational Foundation and recommend its approval.

The committee desires to commend office of the Grand Recorder for the careful handling of the funds of the Grand Commandery so as to operate within the limits of a restricted budget during the past year. Although more funds will become available as a result of action taken by the Grand Commandery this year, we wish to stress the fact that this action was necessary to cover the actual expenses of the Grand Commandery and not to create surplus funds.

Courteously submitted,

ALBIN J. SCHMIDT,

Chairman.

Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:25 o'clock p.m., the business of the day having been concluded, the conclave was adjourned until 3:00 o'clock p.m., Saturday, April 21, 1956.

SECOND DAY SESSION

At 3:00 o'clock p.m., the Grand Commander reconvened the Grand Commandery, following a prayer by the Grand Prelate Emeritus, and the official business of the conclave was resumed.

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

SIR KNIGHTS: Your Triennial Committee reports as follows:

Headquarters for the Grand Commandery of Missouri was established at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, Saturday, August 20, and remained open through August 26. We were supplied with displays and pamphlets by the Missouri Department of Resources and Development. The committee was assisted at headquarters by the four principal officers and nine Past Grand Commanders who were in attendance.

The traditional Missouri ham breakfast, honoring the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Encampment, was served at the Park Sheraton Hotel Sunday morning with 210 present. This group included guests from all jurisdictions and a large number from Missouri commanderies who were in attendance.

After a welcome by the Grand Commander, the distinguished guests were introduced by Past Grand Commander George C. Marquis, who acted as Master of Ceremonies in his usual efficient manner.

Your committee is happy to report that though the expenses were high, they were not as excessive as anticipated, and out of \$4,797.70 we received from the Triennial Fund, we were able to return \$1,442.67 to the General Fund.

A detailed report of the receipts and expenditures has been filed with the Grand Recorder as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DEWITT,

Chairman.

Adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

In accordance with Sec. 215, Constitution and By-Laws, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, 1954, I propose that the following sections of the Constitution and By-Laws, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri, 1954, be amended to conform to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

Sec. 22: Change the ninth word of line five to read "Constituent." Re-Constitution and Statutes Grand Encampment, Sec. 61.

Sec. 27(c): Change to read, by striking out the entire paragraph: "To grant, during any recess of the Grand Commandery, Dispensations for the formation of new commanderies. No dispensation shall issue unless the following requirements are met:

(1) A petition by nine or more duly qualified Knights Templar.

(2) The consent and recommendation of the nearest Commandery in that jurisdiction, provided that if the new Commandery is to be located in a city having more than one Commandery, then all the Commanderies therein stationed must recommend and consent. A dispensation when issued shall be in force until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery." Re-Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Sec. 48(c).

Sec. 42: Change the first word of line three, paragraph three, page twenty-four, to read: "nine." Re-Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Sec. 48(c).

Sec. 164: Change the first paragraph by striking out the entire paragraph, to read: "Failure of a candidate to present himself for the Orders within twelve months after receiving his first written notice to appear for the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross voids his election and the disposition of any fees paid or any deposits made shall be determined according to the laws of the Grand Commandery." Re-Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Sec. 195. Amended 1952.

Sec. 219: Change the last paragraph to read: "See pages 79-97 incl., Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, 1949 edition.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS F. HEGER, P.G.C.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Grand Recorder was directed to write letters of thanks

to all groups and individuals who had rendered special service during the annual conclave. This included Station KFEQ-TV, which had a special spot the afternoon of April 20, at which time Grand Commander Roeper, Past Grand Commander Keller, Grand Captain General Williams, and Grand Recorder Denslow appeared.

APPOINTMENTS

The Grand Commander-elect announced the appointment of the following officers and committees:

Grand Prelate.....Rev. Harold L. Reader (16)
Grand Captain Guard.....Adolph Simon (8)

COMMITTEES

Credentials, Milcage and Per Diem.....
 { Roscoe A. Miller (12) (1 yr.)
 { Ralph J. Brooks (20) (2 yrs.)
 { Fay G. Fulkerson (16) (3 yrs.)

Grand Commander's Address.....Walter J. Eddlemon (5)

Jurisprudence.....
 { Louis F. Heger (16)
 { Walter J. Eddlemon (5)
 { James McB. Sellers (3)

Finance and Accounts.....
 { Allen L. Oliver (55) (3 yrs.)
 { Allen C. Sodemann (1) (2 yrs.)
 { Albin J. Schmidt (53) (1 yr.)

Returns of Commanderies.....Edwin Knudsen (24)

Hospitaller.....
 { Arthur A. Raymond (35)
 { Avery A. Drake (59)
 { Merrill B. Williams (4)

Triennial.....
 { James M. DeWitt (22)
 { Roy A. Dickie (1)
 { Merrill B. Williams (4)

Time and Place.....Arthur A. Raymond (35)

Educational Foundation.....
 { Marvin E. Boisseau (18) (3 yrs.)
 { F. C. Barnhill (36) (1 yr.)
 { Morris E. Ewing (43) (2 yrs.)

Publicity.....Wm. R. Robbins (24)
Patriotic.....Pearl E. Waite (29)
Reviewer.....Ray V. Denslow (24)
Drill.....Marvin O. Sherman (35)
Cooperation.....Bruce H. Hunt (22)

INSTALLATION

The installation of Grand Officers was conducted by R. E. Sir Louis F. Heger as Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Calvin M. Keller as Grand Marshal, and Em. Sir Francis J. Bullivant as Grand Prelate.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS

During the conclave our distinguished visitors were called upon and in all cases responded, expressing their pleasure at being in attendance and for the courtesies shown during their stay with us.

REMARKS BY GRAND COMMANDER ROEPER

In accepting the station of Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Roeper said he was very appreciative of the honor of being selected as the banner bearer for Templars in Missouri, and he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the Order; that he wanted the support of all his associate officers in making the year's program a successful one. He informed the Grand Commandery that he was familiar with the problems of the various commanderies, but that he was not able to extend the necessary help in building up a commandery unless he knew what was most needed; if each commandery would communicate with him relative to its needs, he would make an honest effort to aid. He particularly desired to express his thanks to those who assisted in the installation, which included the officers and members of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, who formed the necessary lines at the installation ceremony.

DELIVERY OF RITUALS

The official rituals assigned to each Grand Officer were delivered at this time and receipts have been, or will be, filed in the office of the Grand Recorder.

ADJOURNMENT

The business of the conclave having been concluded, the Grand Commander declared the Ninety-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, adjourned at 3:55 o'clock p.m.

LIST OF LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

NAME	LOCATION, ST. ADDRESS	YEAR OF SERVICE
Bert S. Lee.....	Springfield, 1324 Washington.....	1911-1912
G. Goodson Wright.....	Newton, Kans.	1920-1921
Curtis J. Neal.....	Cape Girardeau.....	1926-1927
George C. Marquis.....	Independence, 114 E. Ruby St.	1927-1928
Wm. C. Gordon.....	Marshall	1932-1933
Theo. J. Evers.....	St. Louis, 1500 N. 7th St.	1933-1934
Leo H. Johnson.....	Neosho	1938-1939
John W. Calhoun.....	St. Louis, 3523 Longfellow Blvd.	1939-1940
Thos. P. Bedford.....	Fayette	1940-1941
Morris E. Ewing.....	Morrisville	1941-1942
Louis F. Heger.....	St. Louis, 921 N. Broadway.....	1942-1943
J. Fred Park.....	West Plains	1944-1946
James M. DeWitt.....	Kirksville	1946-1947
Robert W. Hedrick.....	Jefferson City.....	1948-1949
Arthur R. Sullard.....	3618 Lexington Ave., Kansas City....	1949-1950
Roy A. Dickie.....	707 Stewart Road, Columbia	1950-1951
James M. Sellers.....	Lexington	1951-1952
Frederick J. Marston....	Boonville	1952-1953
Calvin M. Keller.....	Moberly	1953-1954
Walter J. Eddlemon.....	3117 Missouri Ave., Joplin.....	1954-1955

APPENDIX

RAY BOND

(Grand Commander 1947-48)

The death of Ray Bond, March 12, 1956, removed from the Masonic ranks in Missouri, one of the finest characters it has been our privilege to know. His service as Grand Commander of Knights Templar, followed by his term as Grand Master of Freemasons in Missouri, made a deep impression on all who came in contact with him.

For Ray Bond was one of God's noblemen; he was a harmonizer; raised in the school of law, he always looked upon the justice of a cause, willing to hear both sides before rendering a decision. He was honored by his church, his brethren of the legal profession, the Masonic fraternity, and by all who knew him.



RAY BOND

He was born at Wilber, Nebraska, May 3, 1886, a son of Jacob and Mary Ann Bond. He was married, February 4, 1916 to Miss Delia Jean Cox, who, with two children, survive him. The children were: John Saunders Bond, and Barbara Jean Bond; another son, Robert Ray, died in 1920.

He graduated at the Joplin High School in 1904 and immediately continued his education in the Law School at Columbia, Mo., graduating in 1907 with the degree of LL.B. It was our pleasure to have been a student at the University at the same time, and we can testify to his fine character at that time which stood him in good stead in the years to come.

Returning to his home city, he became city attorney of Joplin, retaining that position for ten years; then he served as assistant prosecuting attorney of Jasper County for four years.

He devoted many years, while in good health, to the work of the Boy Scouts of America, becoming president of the Mo-Kan area in 1937-38. He was a past president of the Joplin Kiwanis Club.

He was made a Freemason in Joplin Lodge No. 335 in 1919; he became master in 1919. He was made district deputy grand lecturer and grand master in 1926 (44th district). He was a member of the committee on appeals and grievances of the grand lodge during the years 1936-39; he entered the grand lodge line in 1941 and became grand master in 1950. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Joplin Chapter No. 91, Nov. 16, 1923; was greeted a R. & S. Master in Jasper Council No. 30, November 16, 1923; he was knighted in Ascension Commandery No. 39, K.T. in May 1932, and in 1938 was elected commander. Placed in the official line, he became grand commander in 1947.

He was invited to membership in St. Andrew Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, June 26, 1939, and was installed sovereign in 1947. He received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the bodies at Joplin in 1921; became K.C.C.H. in 1925, and coroneted 33° October 25, 1929. He held Shrine membership in Abou Ben Adhem (1923).

He was an active worker in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Joplin and for several years taught the Men's Bible Class. He was a member of local, state and national bar associations and was honored in 1943 by receiving appointment from Gov. Donnell as a member of the state social security commission.

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Missouri Association of Past Commanders K.T. was held in the Masonic Temple, St. Joseph, Missouri, at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 1956, with President William H. Goedeke presiding. All officers of the Association were present. Em. Sir E. L. Robison gave the invocation.

The Secretary-Treasurer moved that the minutes of the 1955 meeting, as printed in the 1955 proceedings of the Grand Commandery, be approved as printed. Motion prevailed.

The report of the Treasurer was approved as presented.

Em. Sir Roscoe A. Miller, chairman of the auditing committee, presented their report. Report adopted.

R. E. Sir Walter J. Eddlemon presented the report of the nominating committee. The following Knights were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Em. Sir Rodger V. Atkinson.....	<i>President</i>
Em. Sir John S. Smarr.....	<i>First Vice President</i>
Em. Sir Robert C. Cavender.....	<i>Second Vice President</i>
Em. Sir P. E. Waite.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>

Em. Sir Bruce H. Hunt, chairman of a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws reported for the committee. The proposed instrument was adopted as presented.

Applications for membership in the Association, in regular form and accompanied with the required fee, from present and past commanders, were read by the Secretary and all were elected to membership:

Wayne Baldwin (1); James P. Hall (3); Artie Lyons (4); Kenneth Grace (5); John R. Sharp (6); William E. Zullig (8); Earl L. Borchardt (10); Harold N. Painter (11); Ollie N. Means (12); Robert L. Clay (15); Charles L. Thurston (16); Richard E. Givens, Sr. (17); Irvin J. Freiburger (18); Theo. V. Atwell (19); Joe Payne

(20); Burl W. Clarkson (22); William R. Robbins (24); Robert Hughes (26); Elmer D. Atkins (26); Cecil H. Jackson (28); E. Nebel (29); Roy A. Rusk (31); Marion W. Crabtree (32); Z. Willard Gunckel (33); Harry L. Jerome (34); Leo E. Power (35); Robert L. Leeper (36); W. A. Baxter (37); Harry M. Ward (37); Lester C. Bolton (38); Jean H. Lemons (39); R. Linn Terry, Jr. (41); Clyde Rogers (48); A. Basey Vanlandingham (53); August E. Ackman (55); Olin S. McDaniel (56); George R. Chesney (57); Paul C. Pitts (58); Hugh W. Harrison (59); Gerald G. Maggi (59); Charles Lester (61); Carl H. Layman (68); A. C. Armstrong (68); W. J. Snider (70).

The initiatory work was conferred by the officers of the Association, assisted by Em. Sir Robert McLeod. R. E. Sir Sigurd R. Jensen, Department Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Carl E. Anderson, Grand Commander of Illinois, and V. E. Sir Albert C. Eckert, Deputy Grand Commander of Iowa, were made honorary members and presented with our jewel and membership card. We are very happy to have these distinguished Knights as members of our Association. A very beautiful banner was presented to the Association by Em. Sir Bruce H. Hunt. We are very grateful to Bruce for this useful gift. The meeting was recessed by prayer by Em. Sir Robison.

At 7:00 p.m. the Sir Knights and their ladies assembled in the dining room of the Hotel Robidoux, where a delightful dinner was served to 376 Sir Knights and their ladies. The ladies were presented with favors and the Knights with cigars. President Goedeke welcomed the Knights, their ladies and several distinguished visitors. The officers of the Grand Commandery, knights representing their grand bodies, and several visitors were introduced. Sir Knight Harold Reader, the speaker of the evening, was introduced by the president. Sir Knight Reader delivered a very inspiring address on the responsibilities of a Freemason. We thank him very much and hope to have him talk to us again.

Mr. Marvin Genuch, baritone, accompanied by his charming wife, sang "I Got Plenty of Nothing" and "Old Man River." We are sure that his music was appreciated by all present.

The President presented Em. Sir Marvin Sherman, chairman of the drill committee who, assisted by Em. Sir Ralph Marriott

and Em. Sir P. E. Waite, members of the committee, presented the winners of the drills with trophies, and badges to the commanders of the winning teams.

The new officers of the Association were presented. The President-elect, Em. Sir Atkinson, responded with brief but appropriate remarks.

The Past President's jewel was presented to Em. Sir Goedeke by Em. Sir Paul A. King, junior Past President.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. and Sir Knight E. W. Potts.

P. E. WAITE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

The greatest duty that confronts the American people today is the proper education of its youth. We hear much these days of juvenile delinquency but too little of ways to combat it.

Education is the greatest enemy of ignorance, superstition, and crime.

It was Frederick the Great who said

An educated people is the most easily governed.

It was probably with this idea in mind that the Educational Fund of the Grand Encampment was established. While we have not made as many loans as we might, yet we are pleased to note the increase in demand for loans as shown in the report below, and in the additional loans which have been made since January 1, 1956.

Since the establishment of the Educational Foundation, the office of the Missouri Division has been maintained at Warrensburg. It was first managed by Sir Knight James H. Scarborough as Secretary; after his retirement by Sir Knight Paul R. Utt, and for the past several years by Sir Knight J. Lynn Drummond. However, during the latter part of the year, Sir Knight Drummond's employer moved its headquarters to Kansas City, necessitating his presence there during the business

days of the week. Because of this, your Committee deemed it advisable to move its headquarters at the close of the year to the office of the Grand Recorder at Trenton, and Sir Knight Ray V. Denslow has consented to serve as our Secretary hereafter. It is hoped that the fund may be of even greater service in the future.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

Grand Encampment requires us to maintain a capital account of \$121,860, being \$1.00 per member for nine years on the 1932 membership, which with assessments amounts to \$143,126. We now have \$82,536.57 earned income surplus, earned since 1924.

SECURITIES

Some changes have been made in our securities when bonds expire or cash is needed. Total securities on Dec. 31, 1955 amounted to \$175,000, on which income of \$4,613 was received during the year.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Expenses of administration were nominal, \$1,960.96, although \$5,061.14 were authorized. This permitted us to grant eleven scholarships of \$100.00 each to deserving students.

LOANS

Fifty-three new loans were made during the year—the largest yet reported, 43 being to boys, and 11 to girls. Total loans to boys since 1924 are 1,965; to girls, 892. A total of \$16,667.50 was advanced on the new loans.

The total amount of loans made since 1924 is \$513,992.07. The Grand Encampment has so far relaxed their rules as to make the interest on loans start AFTER graduation, which is as it should be; they have also permitted us to grant a certain amount of pure scholarships, which is more along the line the fund will eventually become.

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THE MISSOURI DIVISION IS ADMINISTERED

The Missouri Division of the Foundation is administered under the "Regulations and Standard Practice," issued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, as revised September 20, 1952 and with such revisions as have been made since that time.

Applications for loans will be considered from any bona fide resident of the State of Missouri irrespective of race, color or

creed. Loans are granted to students in any recognized educational institution in the United States.

It is not necessary that the course being pursued leads to a degree, and it may be academic, business, mechanical, professional, nurses training or trade school, not provided in the curriculum of the high schools of Missouri. Loans will be considered for graduate work or advanced degrees under certain conditions.

The maximum loan permitted is: \$800 when one scholastic year is required to complete the course; \$500 per year when two scholastic years are required to complete the course; \$500 each of last two years when three or four years are required to complete the course. The maximum of loans shall not exceed \$1,000.

Loans must be evidenced by a negotiable note for the amount loaned, bearing interest at the minimum rate of four per cent per annum. No repayment is required or interest charged while the student is in college. Applications should be made at least one month in advance of the beginning of the school term.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Financial Statement

January 1 to December 31, 1955

Cash on Hand or in Bank as of December 31, 1954 \$ 9,474.84

RECEIPTS

Principal Repayment on Student Loans:

On Current Loans \$ 9,519.39

On Loans assigned to Trustees
(Principal only) 43.00

9,562.39

Interest received on Student Loans 1,010.48

Income on Securities and Savings Accounts 4,613.00

5,623.48

Other Income:

Securities sold, exchanged or matured 10,000.00

Miscellaneous (1954 scholarship check
returned and voided, Carolyn Faurot) 100.00

Total Receipts \$ 25,285.87

Total Cash available 34,760.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Loans to Students:	
Male, 42	13,794.50
Female, 11	2,873.00
Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account	1,600.00
Operating Costs	1,960.96
Other Disbursements:	
Securities purchased	5,000.00
5 per cent Paid G. E. Committee	
1954 Statement	275.57
Total Disbursements	\$ 25,504.03

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1955 \$	9,256.68
Funds Invested: Securities and Savings Accounts	175,000.00
Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only— deducting Loans assigned to Trustees)	41,829.41
Funds in Knights Templar Scholarship Account	2,000.00
Total Current Assets	228,086.09

DEFERRED ASSETS

Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees (principal only)	239.00
Total Resources	228,325.09

LIABILITIES

Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for Expense	281.17
Total Liabilities	281.17
Net Worth	\$228,043.92

OPERATING COSTS

Maximum available for Administration Expense 1955	\$ 5,061.14
Expenses of Administration	1,960.96
Balance	\$ 3,100.18
Net Worth, December 31, 1954	\$143,126.00
Conserved Earnings 1955	281.17
Remaining 5 per cent of Earnings, 1955, Expense of G. E. Committee	281.17
Unexpended Income	3,100.18
Miscellaneous	
1954 Scholarship Check Returned & Voided (Carolyn Faurot)	100.00
Gross Capital	\$143,126.00
	\$ 86,299.09

DEDUCTIONS

Scholarships	\$ 1,100.00
The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1955	281.17
Total Deductions	1,381.17
Capital Account, December 31, 1955	84,917.92
Capital Account, December 31, 1954	82,536.57
Increase or Decrease, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1955	2,381.35

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

Earnings for 1955	\$ 5,623.48
Other Income	100.00

Total	\$ 5,723.48
Operating Costs	1,960.96
Other Expenses	1,381.17

Total	3,342.13
Net Increase or Decrease	\$ 2,381.35
Capital Account December 31, 1954	\$143,126.00
	\$ 82,536.57

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership at \$1.00 each) \$121,860.00

Total Assessments collected to Dec. 31, 1955 inclusive \$143,126.00

Accrued Earned Income to December 31, 1954 \$ 82,536.57

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Scholarship Account December 31, 1954	\$ 1,500.00
Transferred to Scholarship Account December 31, 1955	1,600.00
Total available for Scholarships	3,100.00
Scholarships granted from Scholarship Accounts	1,100.00
Balance December 31, 1955	2,000.00

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Division of the Grand Commandery of Missouri

Inventory of Securities

December 31, 1955

U. S. Defense Bonds, January 1944, Series G	\$ 10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V227268G-V227479G	
\$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, June 1944, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V481866G-V481938G	
\$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, November 1944, Series G	5,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$5,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) No. V510879G	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, November 1944, Series G	5,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$5,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. M3293689G-90-1-2-3	
\$1,000.00 each	

U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, May 1945, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.0. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V563627G-V563659G \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, November 1945, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.0. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V565291G-V565358G \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, February 1947, Series G	15,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$15,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V774361G-2-3, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, September 1947, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V831500G-1, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, March 1948, Series G	5,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$5,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) No. V889045G	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, January 1949, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V932427G-8, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, November 1949, Series G	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V1036017G-8, \$5,000.00	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, October 1950, Series G	5,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$5,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) No. V1071363G	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, June 1953, Series K	20,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$20,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V32630K-31-32-33, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, November 1953, Series K	25,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$25,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V33023K-4-5-6-7, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, June 1954, Series K	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V47236K-7, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, December 1954, Series K	10,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$10,000.0. Semi-annual interest by check) Nos. V62351K-2, \$5,000.00 each	
U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, April 1955, Series K	5,000.00
(Maturity Value in 12 years \$5,000.00. Semi-annual interest by check) No. V63057K	

Total Inventory of Securities \$175,000.00

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries:

Executive Officer	\$ 1,200.00
Stenographer or Clerical	58.30
Attorney or Collection Fees	18.25
Rent	60.00

Safe Deposit Box	4.40
Fidelity Bonds	43.75
Audit	47.24
Committee Meetings	164.35
Postage and Express	69.06
Telephone and Telegraph	92.40
Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	186.21
Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	2.00
Miscellaneous (Itemize)	15.00
P. O. Box rent	\$9.00
Bank service charge	4.50
Hauling trash	1.50

Total Expense \$1,960.96

SCHOLARSHIPS—AN INTANGIBLE ASSET

1-15-1955	\$100.00	Joycelynn Mason, Edina, Mo. Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville, Mo. Objective—Elementary Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Joanna Kay Woodfill, Joplin, Mo. Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Mo. Objective—Elementary Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Mollyann M. Schwaebe, Ferguson, Mo. University of Mo., Columbia, Mo. Objective—Secondary Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Patty Byler, Warrensburg, Mo. Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Mo. Objective—Music
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Darlene Marie Coleman, Cameron, Mo. Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Mo. Objective—Elementary Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Charles Curtis Clippard, Greenbrier, Mo. Southeast Missouri State College Cape Girardeau Objective—Elementary Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Charles Don Geilker, Kingston, Mo. William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Objective—Liberal Arts
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Dolores Focareta, Chicago, Illinois Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo. Objective—Music
1-15-1955	\$100.00	William John Bremser, Jr., St. Louis, Mo. Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. Objective—Pre-Medical
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Mildred Champion, Kansas City, Mo. Culver Stockton College, Canton, Mo. Objective—Religious Education
1-15-1955	\$100.00	Carolyn Collier, Rolla, Mo. Drury College, Springfield, Mo. Objective—Liberal Arts

DEFERRED ASSETS

December 31, 1955

Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees
(Principal Only)

Note No. 2317 David Allen Zook	\$100.00
Note No. 2600 David Allen Zook	10.00
Note No. 3212 Malcolm J. Carr	89.00
Note No. 3292 Malcolm J. Carr	40.00
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	\$239.00

LOAN RECORD

Total amount loaned since 1924	\$513,992.07
Principal repayments	\$470,648.00
Charged off, uncollectible, principal	1,275.66
Balance due—assigned to trustees	239.00
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Current loans outstanding 12-31-1955	\$ 41,829.41

MARVIN E. BOISSEAU, *Chairman*,
 FRANK C. BARNHILL, *Treasurer*,
 MORRIS E. EWING,
 RAY V. DENSLOW, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

*To the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri:*

FRATERS: Your committee has examined the certificates filed with the committee and beg to report the following:

Number of chartered commanderies represented, 50; Grand Officers, 12; Past Grand Commanders, 13; Past Commanders, not representatives, 30; Committees, 26; Commanders, 47 (8 being proxies); Generalissimos, 35 (17 being proxies); Captain Generals, 24 (10 being proxies); Grand Representatives, 24.

Number of representatives, without duplication, 181; 20 Commanderies fully represented; 31 Commanderies partially represented. The following Commanderies had no representation: Nos. 2, 21, 33, 42, 52, 54, 62, 63, 67, 71.

Past Commanders, Not Representatives: Leonard Gasper (4); William E. Jamison (4); William E. Mathews (6); Claude O. Long (6); C. H. Merchant (10); William A. Slaughter (10); Claude E. McCormick (10); Carroll B. Henshaw (10); Linden L. Jones (11); Francis J. Bullivant (16); Paul A. King (20); R. Marvin Cowden (20); Leonard V. Bowers (20); Carlos E. Ellerbrook (35); P. N. Lindgren (35); James L. Donahoe (35); J. Harry Deeter (35); Alfred H. Goult (35); Allen L. Oliver (55); David R. McCoy (56); Hugh W. Harrison (59); Robert R. Wright (59); Robert L. Garrett (68); Robert C. Cavender (68); Carl H. Layman (68); Thomas O. Craig (70); Leland C. Wheeler, Sr. (70); Lafayette A. Moise (70).

Grand Representatives: Alabama, Charles L. Gasper; Arkansas, Thomas H. Ferguson; Colorado, John M. Plaskett; Connecticut, Virgil B. Saville; District of Columbia, L. Fred Stein; Idaho, Jay Dunlap; Illinois, John H. Roth; Maine, Albin J. Schmidt; Massachusetts-Rhode Island, William C. Gordon; Michigan, Allen L. Oliver; Montana, Robert R. Wright; Nebraska, William H. Goedeke; New Jersey, Fay G. Fulkerson; New Mexico, Walter L. Eshelman; New York, Henry E. Miller; North Dakota, Otto W. Blankinship; Ohio, George C. Marquis; Oklahoma, Yale Myers; Pennsylvania, Emmitt L. Robison; South Carolina, Bruce H. Hunt; South Dakota, John B. Vrooman; Tennessee, Charles L. Hickman; West Virginia, Adolph H. Roeper; Wisconsin, Clay M. Cundiff.

Educational Foundation: Marvin E. Boisseau.

GRAND OFFICERS

GRAND OFFICERS		LOCATION	MILES	MILE-AGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Grand Commander.....	Adolph H. Roeper...	St. Louis.....	306	\$30.60	\$10.00	\$ 40.60
Deputy Grand Commander..	Arthur A. Raymond..	Kansas City..	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
Grand Generalissimo.....	Avery A. Drake.....	Rolla.....	261	26.10	10.00	36.10
Grand Captain General.....	Merrill B. Williams..	St. Joseph....			10.00	10.00
Grand Senior Warden.....	John H. Rich.....	Jefferson City..	196	19.60	10.00	29.60
Grand Junior Warden.....	Frank C. Barnhill...	Marshall.....	130	13.00	10.00	23.00
Grand Treasurer.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton.....	86	8.60	10.00	18.60
Grand Recorder.....	Charles L. Hickman..	St. Louis.....	306	30.60	10.00	40.60
Grand Standard Bearer.....	Julius L. Johnson....	Kansas City....	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Samuel L. Jewett....	Boonville.....	154	15.40	10.00	25.40
Grand Warder.....	John H. Roth.....	St. Joseph....				10.00
Grand Captain Guard.....	Emmitt L. Robison...	St. Joseph....				10.00
Grand Prelate Emeritus....						
Total.....						\$274.90

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS	LOCATION	MILES	MILE-AGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
George C. Marquis.....	Independence.....	67	\$ 6.70	\$10.00	\$ 16.70
Walter L. Eshelman.....	St. Joseph.....		.....	10.00	10.00
William C. Gordon.....	Marshall.....	130	13.00	10.00	23.00
Thomas P. Bedford.....	Fayette.....	171	17.10	10.00	27.10
Morris E. Ewing.....	Morrisville.....	200	20.00	10.00	30.00
Louis F. Heger.....	St. Louis.....	306	30.60	10.00	40.60
J. Fred Park.....	West Plains.....	332	33.20	10.00	43.20
James M. DeWitt.....	Kirksville.....	154	15.40	10.00	25.40
Arthur R. Sullard.....	Kansas City.....	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
Roy A. Dickie.....	Columbia.....	180	18.00	10.00	28.00
Fred J. Marston.....	Boonville.....	154	15.40	10.00	25.40
Calvin M. Keller.....	Moberly.....	157	15.70	10.00	25.70
Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Jefferson City.....	196	19.60	10.00	29.60
		Total.....\$340.20			

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	LOCATION	MILES	MILE-AGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
Credentials, Mileage and Per Diem (Miller).....	Columbia.....	180	\$18.00	\$10.00	\$ 28.00
(Blankinship).....	Kansas City....	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
Finance and Accounts (Schmidt).....	Boonville.....	154	15.40	10.00	25.40
(Hunt).....	Kirksville.....	154	15.40	10.00	25.40
(Sodemann).....	St. Louis.....	306	30.60	10.00	40.60
Returns of Commanderies (Knudsen).....	Trenton.....	86	8.60	10.00	18.60
Patriotic (Waite).....	Jefferson City..	196	19.60	10.00	29.60
Public Relations (Robbins).....	Trenton.....	86	8.60	10.00	*18.60
Drill (Marvin E. Sherman).....	Kansas City....	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
(Wm. H. Goedeke).....	St. Louis.....	306	30.60	10.00	40.60
(Ralph E. Hahn).....	Kansas City....	55	5.50	10.00	15.50
(Ralph W. Marriott).....	St. Louis.....	306	30.60	10.00	40.60
(J. S. Smarr).....	Cape Girardeau..	431	43.10	10.00	53.10
(E. E. Browning).....	Appleton City..	145	14.50	10.00	24.50
		Total.....\$391.50			

REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMANDERIES

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	COMMANDER	GENERALISSIMO	CAPTAIN GENERAL	NO. OF DEL.	MILES	1/2 AMT.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
1	St. Louis.	St. Louis.	Wayne O. Baldwin.			1	306	\$150.75	\$30.60	\$10.00	\$ 40.60
2	Weston.	Weston.	James P. Hall.			26	63.40				17.80
3	DeMolay.	Lexington.	Artie L. Lyons.			1	78	43.15	7.80	10.00	30.00
4	Hugh de Payens.	St. Joseph.	Kenneth Grace.	Glen F. Bridges.	Edward W. Ziph.	1	194	376.25		30.00	30.00
5	Excalibar.	Hannibal.	John R. Sharp.	Loren V. Koch.	John J. Bowman.	1	194	163.15	19.40	10.00	29.40
6	Liberty.	Liberty.	Ralph T. Bennett.	Adolph F. Simon.	Fred C. Lindecke.	3	54	93.75	16.20	30.00	46.20
7	Emmanuel.	Macon.	Wm. E. Zullig.	Earl L. Borchardt.	Ralph B. Stewart.	1	134	51.00	13.40	10.00	23.40
8	Ivanhoe.	St. Louis.	Harold N. Painter.	Jesse H. Gwinn.	Roy F. Spears.	3	306	229.25	91.80	30.00	121.80
9	Kansas City.	Kansas City.	E. Jere Deal.	Maurice E. Votaw.	Louis W. Schluefer.	2	55	551.50	16.50	30.00	46.50
10	Kansas City.	Sedalia.	Robert L. Clay.	Chas. L. Darnold.	Elmer W. Weber.	3	134	134.90	40.20	30.00	70.20
11	St. Omer.	Columbia.	Chas. L. Thurston.	Wm. J. Irvine.	R. E. McClaran, Sr.	3	67	222.15	20.10	30.00	50.10
12	St. Graal.	Brookfield.	R. E. Givens, Sr.	LeRoy A. VanLoon.	Louis F. Dahn.	2	306	346.25	91.80	30.00	121.80
13	Coeur de Leon.	Coeur de Leon.	Irvin J. Freiberg.	A. L. Stevenson.	Robt. Worthington.	3	180	117.15	54.00	30.00	84.00
14	O'Sullivan.	Nevada.	Theodore W. Atwell.	Paul M. Murray.	Waldo Shoekey.	1	100	65.00	10.00	10.00	*40.00
15	Osallon.	St. Louis.	Joe Payne.	Albert Tade.	Louis D. Gust.	3	155	98.25	46.50	30.00	76.50
16	Palatine.	Independence.	Henry E. Miller.	Howard F. Kizer.	Louis D. Gust.	3	306	346.25	91.80	30.00	121.80
17	St. Aldemar.	St. Louis.	Wm. R. Robbins.	Edward E. Nixon.	Louis D. Gust.	3	67	222.15	20.10	30.00	50.10
18	Warrensburg.	Warrensburg.	Lyman McDonald.	Claude D. Adkins.	Robt. Worthington.	2	306	346.25	91.80	30.00	121.80
19	St. John's.	Springfield.	Lacy Stapp.	Hadley K. Irwin.	C. E. Hartley.	2	105	39.50	21.00	20.00	*41.00
20	Kadosh.	Cameron.	E. H. Nebel.	L. D. Robertson.	Earl Hopper.	3	228	546.65	68.40	30.00	98.40
21	Ely.	Kirkville.	Wm. R. Robbins.	Howard F. Kizer.	Louis D. Gust.	2	154	194.90	30.80	20.00	50.80
22	Crusade.	Trenton.	Robert Hughes.	Howard E. Nixon.	Louis D. Gust.	2	183	86.75	54.90	30.00	84.90
23	Godfrey de Bouillon.	Moberly.	Lacy Stapp.	Hadley K. Irwin.	C. E. Hartley.	2	86	165.50	17.20	20.00	37.20
24	Tancred.	Harrisonville.	E. H. Nebel.	L. D. Robertson.	C. E. Hartley.	2	157	159.00	15.70	10.00	25.70
25	Bayard.	Greenfield.	Roy A. Rusk.	Wm. W. Crabtree.	Earl Hopper.	2	97	53.50	19.40	10.00	29.40
26	Constantine.	Fulton.	Harry L. Jerome.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	1	125	79.65	12.50	10.00	22.50
27	Calvary.	Jefferson City.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00
28	Prince of Peace.	Charlottesville.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00
29	Asper.	Charlottesville.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00
30	Paschal.	Lebanon.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00
31	Boanerges.	Kansas City.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00
32	Oriental.	Kansas City.	Leo E. Power.	Wm. H. Cox.	Wm. H. Cox.	2	55	341.50	11.00	20.00	31.00

REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMANDERIES—(Continued)

NO.	COMMANDERY	LOCATION	COMMANDER	GENERALISSIMO	CAPTAIN GENERAL	NO. OF DEL.	MILES	1/2 AMT.	MILEAGE	PER DIEM	AMOUNT
36	Missouri.....	Marshall.....	Robert L. Leeper.....	*Clay M. Cundiff.....	Harry E. Tucker.....	3 130	68.90	38.90	30.00	68.90	
37	Star of Bethlehem.....	Canton.....	Wm. A. Baxter.....	*James W. Hawkins.....	J. Andy Zenge.....	3 218	40.50	10.50	30.00	40.50	
38	Temple.....	Fayette.....	Lester C. Bolton.....	.....	.....	1 171	31.50	17.10	10.00	27.10
39	Ascension.....	Joplin.....	Jean H. Lemons.....	*Edwin T. Perkins.....	.....	2 220	57.25	44.00	10.00	54.00
40	Marville.....	Marville.....	Claude Groty.....	.....	.....	1 40	61.00	4.00	10.00	14.00
41	Memphis.....	Memphis.....	Roscoe L. Terry, Jr.....	.....	.....	1 200	60.15	20.00	10.00	30.00
42	Bethany.....	Bethany.....	.....	.....	.....	75	39.00	.....	.....	.....
43	St. Elmo.....	Bolivar.....	*Samuel B. Brown, III.....	.....	.....	1 200	66.15	20.00	10.00	30.00
45	Navarre.....	Carrollton.....	John Bryden, Jr.....	Chas. F. Newkam, Jr.....	.....	2 107	68.50	21.40	20.00	41.40
47	Richmond.....	Richmond.....	.....	.....	George W. Nelson.....	1 70	50.65	7.00	10.00	17.00
48	West Plains.....	West Plains.....	Clyde Rogers.....	John O. Young.....	.....	2 332	78.50	58.50	20.00	78.50
52	St. Bernard.....	Milan.....	.....	.....	.....	113	28.50	.....	.....	.....
53	Olivet.....	Boonville.....	A. B. Vanlandingham.....	*Frank A. Arnold.....	.....	2 154	94.00	30.80	20.00	50.80
54	Aurora.....	Aurora.....	.....	.....	.....	220	35.00	.....	.....	.....
55	Cape Girardeau.....	Cape Girardeau.....	August E. Ackman.....	Ben F. Allen.....	*W. P. Caruthers.....	3 431	119.40	129.30	30.00	119.40	
56	DeSoto.....	DeSoto.....	Olin S. McDaniel.....	*L. R. McCormick.....	*Harry G. Hulsey.....	3 344	92.50	103.20	30.00	92.50	
57	Neosho.....	Neosho.....	George R. Chesney.....	*E. M. Campbell.....	.....	2 237	98.15	47.40	20.00	67.40
58	Harmony.....	Monett.....	Paul C. Pitts.....	*W. G. Hutchens.....	.....	2 243	65.90	48.60	20.00	65.90
59	Rolla.....	Rolla.....	Gerald G. Maggi.....	*Hugh W. Harrison.....	*John B. Vrooman.....	3 261	91.15	78.30	30.00	91.15	
60	Albany.....	Albany.....	Don Cochell.....	.....	.....	2 74	56.15	14.80	10.00	24.80
61	Malden.....	Malden.....	Charles E. Lester.....	*Gunard F. Kling.....	.....	1 441	42.65	44.10	10.00	*54.10
62	Plattsburg.....	Plattsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	26	16.40	.....	.....	.....
63	Havre de Grace.....	Marceline.....	.....	.....	.....	110	50.15	.....	.....	.....
64	St. Amand.....	Excelsior Springs.....	.....	Melvin F. Happy.....	*E. Fay Denney.....	2 53	42.00	10.60	20.00	30.60
66	Mountain Grove.....	Mountain Grove.....	*Yale Myers.....	.....	.....	1 295	65.15	29.50	10.00	39.50
67	Poplar Bluff.....	Poplar Bluff.....	.....	.....	.....	418	51.50	.....	.....	.....
68	Westport.....	Kansas City.....	A. C. Armstrong.....	Alex. T. Phillips.....	Forrest Batterton.....	3 55	177.50	16.50	30.00	46.50	
70	East Gate.....	Kansas City.....	Wm. J. Snyder.....	A. L. Pickerell.....	Wm. J. Critcher.....	3 55	243.65	16.50	30.00	46.50	
71	Saline.....	Slater.....	.....	.....	.....	138	13.15	.....	.....	.....
Total.....										\$2,685.45	

(* Proxy)

(† Wm. H. Goedeke overpaid \$9.00; Godfrey de Bouillon 24 overpaid \$25.00)

RECAPITULATION

Grand Officers	\$ 274.90
Past Grand Commanders	340.20
Committees	391.50
Representatives of Commanderies	2,685.45
Total	<u>\$3,692.05</u>

* (Wm. R. Robbins, overpaid \$18.60; Coeur de Leon No. 14, overpaid \$20.00; Mary No. 19, overpaid \$1.50; Constantine No. 27, overpaid \$9.85; Malden No. 61, overpaid \$11.45).

Fraternally submitted,

ROSCOE A. MILLER,

Chairman.

GRAND RECORDER'S TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMANDERIES, DECEMBER 31, 1955
(Officers for the year 1956)

NUMBER	NAME	LOCATION	CHARTERED	COMMANDER	RECORDER	NO. MEMBERS DEC. 31, 1954	KNIGHTED	ADMITTED	REINSTATED	DEMITTED	SUSPENDED	EXPELLED	DIED	NO. MEMBERS DEC. 31, 1955	TIME OF MEETING
1	St. Louis	St. Louis	Sept. 18, '47	Wayne O. Baldwin	George J. Grossius	301	23	...	2	3	4	...	12	306	1st-3d Mon.
2	Weston	Weston	Oct. 22, '53	Lee D. Hoy	Joseph H. Collison	124	13	...	...	3	...	...	1	129	1st Tu.
3	DeMolay	Lexington	Oct. 5, '69	James P. Hall	Eugene S. Holman	85	5	...	...	...	1	...	2	87	2d Tu.
4	Hugh-de-Payens	St. Joseph	Oct. 7, '67	Artie L. Lyons	John H. Roth	758	14	1	8	...	12	...	14	754	3rd-3d Mon.
5	Excalibur	Hannibal	May 16, '65	Kenneth Grace	Russell R. Ridge	320	18	1	1	4	4	...	2	330	3d Th.
6	Liberty	Liberty	May 21, '66	John K. Sharp	Robt. G. Kirkland	176	23	...	1	1	9	...	1	189	1st Wed.
7	Emmanuel	Macon	Oct. 8, '67	Ralph T. Bennett	Roy Blitter	107	4	...	...	3	...	...	1	104	2d-4th Th.
8	Ivanhoe	St. Louis	Oct. 8, '67	Wm. E. Zullig	Herman E. Docker	466	18	...	...	6	2	...	16	460	1st-3d Th.
9	Kansas City	Kansas City	Oct. 6, '68	Earl L. Borchardt	Frank A. Lewis	1127	35	1	16	7	22	...	21	129	1st-3d Mon.
10	St. Omer	Sedalia	Oct. 5, '69	Harold N. Painter	Wm. L. Reed	259	22	...	4	1	1	...	8	275	1st Tu.
11	St. Graal	Columbia	Oct. 5, '69	Ollie N. Means	Roscoe A. Miller	215	25	2	...	...	2	...	5	235	2d-4th Fri.
12	Coeur-de-Leon	Brookfield	Oct. 5, '69	D. L. Adams	A. P. Boyles	117	14	...	1	...	...	...	2	130	1st-3d Mon.
13	O'Sullivan	Nevada	Oct. 4, '70	Robert L. Clay	H. V. Reiley	185	16	2	1	...	2	...	4	198	4th Tu.
14	Ascalon	St. Louis	Oct. 4, '70	Chas. L. Thurston	Thomas R. Pascal	688	39	2	1	8	10	...	15	697	1st-3d Sat.
15	Independence	Independence	Oct. 3, '71	R. E. Givens, Sr.	LeRoy Van Loan	450	16	...	3	4	10	...	9	446	1st Th.
16	St. Aldemar	St. Louis	Oct. 3, '71	Irvin I. Freiburger	Jos. T. Strubinger	631	33	1	1	8	5	...	19	634	1st-3d Tu.
17	St. Mary	Warrensburg	Oct. 8, '72	Theo. V. Atwell	C. R. Collins	79	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	2d-4th Mon.
18	St. John's	Springfield	Oct. 8, '72	Joseph Payne	Lowell H. Scott	1091	41	1	3	4	19	...	13	1100	2d-4th Mon.
19	Kadosh	Cameron	Oct. 7, '72	George Beatty	Charles Estep, Jr.	111	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	112	4th Mon.
20	Ely	Kirksville	Oct. 7, '73	Burl W. Clarkson	Ernest T. Scofield	393	12	2	1	6	5	...	5	392	2d-4th Fri.
21	Crusade	Mexico	Oct. 6, '74	Ernest H. Spencer	Benj. C. Denton	169	12	1	1	...	...	...	6	175	3d Wed.
22	Godfrey de Bouillon	Trenton	Oct. 6, '74	Wm. R. Robbins	Stanley McKemy	341	14	1	1	4	4	...	6	343	2d-4th Th.
23	Tancred	Moberly	Oct. 6, '74	Parke Oxley	E. F. Wilson	324	7	...	2	2	3	...	11	317	2d-4th Tu.
24	Bayard	Harrisonville	Oct. 5, '75	Robert Hughes	Elmer D. Adkins	110	2	...	2	...	4	...	3	107	4th Th.
25	Constantine	Greenfield	Oct. 5, '75	Lindley J. Hacker	Carl B. Wilson	45	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	44	1st-3d Tu.
26	Calvary	Fulton	Oct. 5, '75	Cecil K. Jackson	John R. Westbrook	68	5	...	2	...	...	...	1	70	4th Fri.
27	Prince of Peace	Jefferson City	Oct. 2, '77	E. Harman Nebel	N. F. Stenberger	479	9	1	1	...	6	...	8	476	4th Mon.
28	Jasper	Carthage	Oct. 8, '78	Roy A. Rusk	Artie M. Wood	204	11	...	2	1	...	...	2	214	1st-3d Th.
29	Paschal	Chillicothe	May 4, '80	Marion W. Crabtree	Fred W. Cornuc	130	10	1	1	...	8	...	2	134	2d-4th Wed.
30	Lebanon	Lebanon	May 3, '81	Z. Willard Gunkel	J. W. Jones	95	11	2	1	1	...	...	...	100	2d Tu.
31	Boanerges	Clinton	May 3, '81	Harry L. Jerome	Philip D. Trainer	157	6	...	1	3	1	...	...	160	3d Th.

RITUAL RECEIPTS

The records in the office of the Grand Recorder show ritual assignment as follows:

NO.	NAME	COM.	GEN.	C. G.	PREL.	REC.	S. W.	J. W.	ST. B.	S. D.	WAR.
1.	St. Louis....	24686	24687	24688	15914	24691	24689	24690	24692	24693	24694
2.	Weston.....	15916	15917	15918	15919	15920	17218	17219	17220	17221	17222
3.	DeMolay....	15921	15922	15923	15924	15925	17223	17224	17225	17226	17227
4.	H. de Payens.	19592	19593	19594	19595	19596	19533	19597	19534	19598	19599
5.	Excalibar....	19816	19817	19818	19819	19820	19821	19822	19823	19824	19825
6.	Liberty.....	24965	24966	24967	24970	27085	24968	24969	24972	24973	24974
7.	Emmanuel....	15941	22296	15943	22299	15945	22297	22298	22300	17241	17242
8.	Ivanhoe.....	19978	22641	22642	15949	15950	17116	20629	17118	17119	17120
10.	K. City.....	19058	22634	15958	22635	22636	22789	17122	22637	22638	22639
11.	St. Omer.....	15961	15962	15963	15964	15965	17248	17868	17250	17251	17252
12.	St. Graal....	15966	15967	19647	17997	19648	17126	24448	19649	17129	19650
14.	C. de Leon....	17809	15972	15973	15974	15975	17253	17254	17255	17256	17257
15.	O'Sullivan....	15976	15977	15978	27095	15980	17258	17259	11677	17261	11678
16.	Ascalon.....	19523	15982	26319	15984	26959	26320	26054	23462	17134	19866
17.	Palestine....	15986	15987	15988	15989	15990	17263	17264	17265	17266	17267
18.	St. Aldemar..	15466	15467	20146	15468	15469	20147	15470	20148	20149	20150
19.	Mary.....	15996	15997	15998	15999	16000	17268	17269	17270	17271	17272
20.	St. John's....	24715	20540	22680	22681	16005	22682	22683	22684	17144	17145
21.	Kadosh.....	16006	16007	16008	16009	16010	17273	17274	17275	17276	17277
22.	Ely.....	26960	26961	26962	16014	26963	17278	17279	17280	17281	17282
23.	Crusade.....	16016	16017	16018	16019	17649	17283	17284	17285	17286	17287
24.	G. de B.....	14394	16022	16023	16024	16025	17288	17289	17290	17291	17292
25.	Tancred.....	16026	16027	16028	16029	16030	17293	17294	17295	17296	17297
26.	Bayard.....	16031	16032	16033	16034	16035	17298	17299	17300	17301	17302
27.	Constantine..	16036	16037	16038	16039	16040	17303	17304	17305	17306	17307
28.	Calvary.....	16041	16042	16043	16044	16045	17308	17309	17310	17311	17312
29.	P. of Peace..	20491	20492	20493	20496	20497	20494	20495	20498	20499	20500
31.	Jasper.....	16056	16057	16058	16059	16060	18423	17823	17320	24703	18000
32.	Paschal.....	16061	16062	16063	16064	16065	17323	17324	17325	17326	17327
33.	Lebanon.....	16066	17877	22797	17879	16070	17328	17329	17880	17331	17332
34.	Boanerges....	16071	16072	16073	16074	16075	17333	23414	23415	23416	23417
35.	Oriental.....	23626	23627	23628	23629	25093	25091	25092	25094	25095	26096
36.	Missouri.....	16081	16082	19813	16084	16085	19814	19815	17340	17341	17342
37.	Star of B....	16086	16087	16088	16089	16090	17343	17344	17345	19122	17347
38.	Temple.....	16091	16092	16093	16094	16095	17348	17349	17350	17351	17352
39.	Ascension....	22337	22338	22339	22342	22343	22340	22341	22344	22345	22346
40.	Maryville....	16101	16102	16103	16104	16105	17353	17354	17355	17356	17357
41.	Memphis.....	20597	16107	16108	16109	16110	17358	17359	17360	17361	17362
42.	Bethany.....	16111	16112	16113	16114	16115	17363	17364	17365	17366	17367
43.	St. Elmo.....	16116	16117	16118	16119	16120	17810	17369	17370	17371	17372
45.	Navarre.....	16121	16122	16123	16124	16125	17373	17374	17375	17376	17377
47.	Richmond....	16131	16132	16133	16134	16135	17383	17384	17385	18001	18002
48.	West Plains..	26022	23347	16138	16139	16140	17388	17389	17390	17391	17392
52.	St. Bernard..	16141	16142	16143	16144	16145	17393	17394	17395	17396	17397
53.	Olivet.....	16146	16147	16148	16149	16150	23458	23459	17400	17401	17402
54.	Aurora.....	16151	16152	16153	16154	16155	17403	17404	17405	17406	17875
55.	Cape G.	26409	26410	26411	24850	26414	26412	26413	17410	26415	26416
56.	DeSoto.....	16161	16162	16163	18223	16165	17413	17414	17415	17416	17417
57.	Neosho.....	16166	16962	16168	16169	16170	16963	17419	16964	17421	17876
58.	Harmony.....	16171	16172	18172	23551	16175	17423	17424	17425	17426	17427
59.	Rolla.....	19915	16177	19916	18069	19917	17428	18068	17430	17431	19918
60.	Albany.....	16181	16182	11372	16184	16185	12327	17434	17435	17436	17437
61.	Malden.....	16186	16187	16188	16189	16190	17438	17439	17440	17441	17442
62.	Plattsburg....	16191	16192	21189	16194	16195	17443	17444	17445	17446	17447
63.	H. de Grace..	16196	16197	16198	16199	16200	17448	17449	17450	17451	17452
64.	St. Amand....	16201	16202	16203	16204	16205	17453	17454	17455	17456	17457
66.	Mtn. Grove..	19944	16212	19945	19947	19948	19946	17464	17465	17466	17467
67.	Pop. Bluff...	24779	16217	16218	16219	16220	17488	19513	17490	19514	17492
68.	Westport....	20720	20721	20722	20723	20724	20725	20726	20727	20728	19084
69.	Caruthersville	16226	16227	16228	16229	16230	17468	17469	17470	17471	17472
70.	Eastgate.....	24964	19628	19629	19630	19631	19632	19633	19634	19635	19636
71.	Saline.....	16236	16237	16238	16239	16240	17473	17474	17475	17476	17477

RITUALS ASSIGNED TO GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Commander	15787	Grand Treasurer	15794
Dep. Gr. Commander	15788	Grand Recorder	15795
Grand Generalissimo	15789	Grand Stan. Bearer	15796
Grand Capt. General	15790	Grand Sword Bearer	15797
Grand Sen. Warden	15791	Grand Warder	15798
Grand Jun. Warden	15792		

ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

STATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
1. Alabama.....	C. H. Stubinger.....	Box 98, Montgomery
2. Arizona.....	Henry P. Johnson.....	Box 724, Bisbee
3. Arkansas.....	Charles D. Hill.....	Box 2216, Little Rock
4. California.....	Chester H. Newell.....	25 Van Ness Ave., San Fran.
5. Colorado.....	Fred W. Iichman.....	4228 Hooker St., Denver (11)
6. Connecticut.....	J. Z. S. Hunt.....	210 Lewiston Ave., Willimantic
7. Dist. of Columbia.....	Rodger R. Kauffman.....	859 N. Kentucky, Arlington, 5, Va.
8. Florida.....	John B. Phelps.....	Box 283, Miami, Fla.
9. Georgia.....	William J. Penn.....	811 Mulberry St., Macon
10. Idaho.....	Ralph W. Hopfgarten.....	Box 2367, Boise
11. Illinois.....	Edwin D. Wade.....	53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago (4)
12. Indiana.....	John T. Boyd.....	302 American Bank Bldg., Vincennes
13. Iowa.....	Clinton Kastner.....	Boone
14. Kansas.....	Arthur H. Strickland.....	320 W. 8th, Topeka
15. Kentucky.....	Carl P. King.....	533 Chinee Road, Lexington
16. Louisiana.....	Lionel L. Lemarie.....	300 Masonic Temple, New Orleans
17. Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Portland
18. Maryland.....	Charles H. Welden.....	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
19. Mass and R. I.....	George A. Weeks.....	Boston, Masonic Temple
20. Michigan.....	Elmer C. Geyer.....	100 Portage Ave., Three Rivers
21. Minnesota.....	John H. Anderson.....	St. Paul
22. Mississippi.....	Sid F. Curtis.....	Meridian
23. Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
24. Montana.....	Herbert F. Hosfeld.....	108 Grand St., Helena
25. Nebraska.....	Carl R. Greisen.....	Omaha, Masonic Temple
26. Nevada.....	Walter S. Macpherson.....	Box 568, Sparks
27. New Hampshire.....	Walter E. Dunlap.....	Concord
28. New Jersey.....	William Beck.....	269 Powers St., New Brunswick
29. New Mexico.....	Elmer H. Riemen.....	Box 6719, Roswell
30. New York.....	Walter A. DeLamater.....	30 E. Market St., Rhinebeck
31. North Carolina.....	John H. Parker.....	Box 792, New Bern
32. North Dakota.....	Albert G. Tverberg.....	Grafton
33. Ohio.....	Robert J. Hackett.....	501 Ohio Bldg., Akron 8
34. Oklahoma.....	James A. Lathim.....	Muskogee
35. Oregon.....	Richard H. Tusant.....	1119 S.W. Park Ave., Portland (5)
36. Pennsylvania.....	John W. Laird.....	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple
37. South Carolina.....	Henry F. Collins.....	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia
38. South Dakota.....	Elvin F. Strain.....	Sioux Falls
39. Tennessee.....	T. E. Doss.....	P. O. Box 216, Nashville
40. Texas.....	Harry B. Tuer.....	1317 Praetorian Bldg., Dallas
41. Utah.....	Bert Atwater.....	650 E. So. Temple, Salt Lake City
42. Vermont.....	Aaron H. Grout.....	Burlington
43. Virginia.....	C. Vernon Eddy.....	Winchester
44. Washington.....	Clifford L. Evans.....	716 American Bldg., Seattle, 4
45. West Virginia.....	Robert H. Bowlby.....	Box 825, Morgantown
46. Wisconsin.....	Ward A. Rowbottom.....	259 E. Wells, Milwaukee (2)
47. Wyoming.....	Edw. J. Treglown.....	Box 1311, Casper

Grand Encampment John T. Rice, 14 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS

COUNTRIES	NAME	RESIDENCE
Canada.....	C. E. Wells.....	205 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont.
England and Wales.....	Lt. Col. J. W. Chitty.....	{ Mark Masons' Hall, 71 Kingsway.
Ireland.....	John H. White.....	{ London, W. C. Freemason's Hall,
Scotland.....	D. R. Matheson.....	{ Molesworth St., Dublin 3 Howe St., Edinburgh

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

Convention for Organization

May 22, 1860, BENJAMIN M. RUYAN, President

LUDWELL R. RINGO, Recorder

DATE	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. G. COMMANDER	G. GENERALISSIMO	G. CAPT. GENERAL	G. SENIOR WARDEN
May, 1860.....	Geo. W. Belt.....	R. M. Henderson.....	*Jno. W. Crane.....	*Henry Flynt.....	*Wm. N. Loker
May, 1861.....	Geo. W. Belt.....	*W. R. Penick.....	Jacob C. Rineheard.....	*Jno. W. Crane.....	Paris S. Pfouts
May, 1863.....	Geo. W. Belt.....	*B. M. Runyan.....	*Wm. N. Loker.....	W. A. Cunningham.....	Jas. F. Aglar
May, 1864.....	*Geo. W. Belt.....	*Thos. M. Wannall.....	*Geo. Frank Gouley.....	James F. Aglar.....	*D. N. Burgoyne
May, 1865.....	Thomas M. Wannall.....	*Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Josiah Hunt.....	James F. Aglar.....	Martin Collins
May, 1866.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Lewis F. Weimer.....	James F. Aglar.....	James McDaniel.....	*Martin Collins
October, 1867.....	*Geo. Frank Gouley.....	*Lewis F. Weimer.....	James F. Aglar.....	James Carr.....	Samuel Hardwicke
October, 1868.....	James F. Aglar.....	John D. Vincil.....	James Carr.....	*D. P. Wallingford.....	Peter B. Grant
October, 1869.....	*James F. Aglar.....	*John D. Vincil.....	*James Carr.....	*Samuel Russell.....	Wm. K. Spinney
October, 1870.....	*Jno. D. Vincil.....	Joseph M. Fox.....	*Wm. H. Stone.....	Francis M. Tufts.....	John Ure
October, 1871.....	*Francis M. Tufts.....	Wilbur F. Tuttle.....	John Ure.....	Oren Root, Jr.....	Wm. Bosbyshell
October, 1872.....	††Oren Root.....	John Ure.....	Sam A. Gilbert.....	Jno. C. Bloomfield.....	Fred B. Young
October, 1873.....	††John Ure.....	Sam A. Gilbert.....	Jno. C. Bloomfield.....	Fred B. Young.....	Wm. W. Anderson
October, 1874.....	††Sam A. Gilbert.....	Jno. C. Bloomfield.....	Fred B. Young.....	Wm. W. Anderson.....	Burwell G. Wilkerson
October, 1875.....	††John C. Bloomfield.....	Fred B. Young.....	Wm. W. Anderson.....	Thos. W. Park.....	Burwell G. Wilkerson
October, 1876.....	§Fred B. Young.....	W. W. Anderson.....	Thos. W. Park.....	Jno. R. Parson.....	Burwell G. Wilkerson
October, 1877.....	*John R. Parson.....	Thos. W. Park.....	*James N. Burnes.....	W. W. Garth.....	*John B. Maude
October, 1878.....	*Carroll J. Atkins.....	W. W. Garth.....	*John B. Maude.....	*Wm. H. Hotchkiss.....	*Sol. E. Waggoner
May, 1880.....	*Sol. E. Waggoner.....	Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	John A. Sloan.....	*James Carroll
May, 1881.....	*Wm. G. Hall.....	Wm. J. Terrell.....	John A. Sloan.....	F. J. Tygard.....	E. H. Mix
May, 1882.....	††Wm. J. Terrell.....	R. E. Anderson.....	J. R. Hardy.....	F. J. Tygard.....	E. H. Mix
May, 1883.....	*Flavius J. Tygard.....	John A. Sloan.....	Geo. F. Rogers.....	Joseph S. Browne.....	E. H. Mix
May, 1884.....	*John A. Sloan.....	Geo. F. Rogers.....	Jos. S. Browne.....	E. H. Mix.....	Allan McDowell
May, 1885.....	*Geo. F. Rogers.....	Jos. S. Browne.....	E. H. Mix.....	Allan McDowell.....	Noah M. Givan
May, 1886.....	*Joseph S. Browne.....	Eli H. Mix.....	Allan McDowell.....	Robt. McCulloch.....	W. H. Stone
May, 1887.....	Eli H. Mix.....	Allan McDowell.....	Robt. McCulloch.....	W. H. Stone.....	C. C. Allan
May, 1888.....	*Allan McDowell.....	*Robt. McCulloch.....	Walter J. Hilton.....	Noah M. Givan.....	David W. Wallace
April, 1889.....	*Robt. McCulloch.....	Walter J. Hilton.....	Noah M. Givan.....	David W. Wallace.....	Joseph C. Hearne
April, 1890.....	††Walter J. Hilton.....	Noah M. Givan.....	David W. Wallace.....	Joseph C. Hearne.....	Chas. S. Glaspell
April, 1891.....	*Noah M. Givan.....	David W. Wallace.....	††Joseph C. Hearne.....	Chas. S. Glaspell.....	Thos. R. Morrow
April, 1892.....	*David W. Wallace.....	Chas. S. Glaspell.....	Thos. R. Morrow.....	Leslie Orear.....	I. V. McMillan
April, 1893.....	*Chas. S. Glaspell.....	Thos. R. Morrow.....	Leslie Orear.....	Ira V. McMillan.....	John Gillies
April, 1894.....	*Thos. R. Morrow.....	Leslie Orear.....	Ira V. McMillan.....	John Gillies.....	Morris Fred. Bell

* Dead.

† No Conclave in 1862 or 1879.

†† Demitted.

§ Dropped.

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DATE	GRAND COMMANDER	DEP. G. COMMANDER	G. GENERALISSIMO	G. CAPT. GENERAL
April, 1895.....	* Leslie Orear.....	Ira V. McMillan.....	John Gillies.....	Morris Fred. Bell.....
April, 1896.....	* Ira V. McMillan.....	John Gillies.....	Morris Fred. Bell.....	John Greenough.....
April, 1897.....	* John Gillies.....	Morris Fred. Bell.....	John Greenough.....	Reuben Barney.....
April, 1898.....	* M. F. Bell.....	John Greenough.....	Reuben Barney.....	Horace G. Clark.....
April, 1899.....	John Greenough.....	Reuben Barney.....	Horace G. Clark.....	John F. Eaton.....
April, 1900.....	* Reuben Barney.....	Horace G. Clark.....	John F. Eaton.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....
April, 1901.....	* Horace G. Clark.....	John F. Eaton.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Wm. A. Hall.....
April, 1902.....	John F. Eaton.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	* George M. McGuire.....
April, 1903.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	Wm. H. Hutters.....	Campbell Wells.....
April, 1904.....	* Wm. A. Hall.....	Wm. H. Hutters.....	Campbell Wells.....	Gib. W. Carson.....
May, 1905.....	* Wm. H. Hutters.....	Campbell Wells.....	Gib. W. Carson.....	Wm. Harvey.....
May, 1906.....	Campbell Wells.....	Gib. W. Carson.....	William Harvey.....	Arthur M. Hough.....
May, 1907.....	Gib. W. Carson.....	William Harvey.....	Arthur M. Hough.....	John T. Nixon.....
May, 1908.....	* William Harvey.....	Arthur M. Hough.....	William F. Kuhn.....	Bert S. Lee.....
May, 1909.....	* Arthur M. Hough.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Millard F. Faulkner.....	W. H. Glancy.....
May, 1910.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Bert S. Lee.....	W. H. Glancy.....	Isaac H. Hettinger.....
May, 1911.....	Bert S. Lee.....	Millard F. Faulkner.....	Wm. H. Glancy.....	Ernest Fowkes.....
May, 1912.....	* Millard F. Faulkner.....	Wm. H. Glancy.....	Isaac H. Hettinger.....	Charles F. Blomberg.....
May, 1913.....	* Wm. H. Glancy.....	Isaac H. Hettinger.....	Ernest Fowkes.....	Wm. K. Davis.....
May, 1914.....	Isaac H. Hettinger.....	Ernest Fowkes.....	Chas. F. Blomberg.....	William K. Davis.....
May, 1915.....	Ernest Fowkes.....	Chas. F. Blomberg.....	William K. Davis.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....
May, 1916.....	* Chas. F. Blomberg.....	William K. Davis.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	G. Goodson Wright.....
May, 1917.....	Wm. K. Davis.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	Herman Mauch.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....
May, 1918.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	Herman Mauch.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	William Y. Bean.....
May, 1919.....	Herman Mauch.....	G. Goodson Wright.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	Arthur C. Daily.....
May, 1920.....	G. Goodson Wright.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	William Y. Bean.....	Wm. S. Campbell.....
May, 1921.....	* Arthur T. Nelson.....	William Y. Bean.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	Thomas H. Reynolds.....
May, 1922.....	* William Y. Bean.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	Wm. S. Campbell.....	Curtis J. Neal.....
May, 1923.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	* Thomas H. Reynolds.....	Thos. H. Reynolds.....	Geo. C. Marquis.....
May, 1924.....	Wm. S. Campbell.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....
May, 1925.....	* Thos. H. Reynolds.....	Geo. C. Marquis.....	Geo. C. Marquis.....	Frank H. DeCou.....
May, 1926.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....
May, 1927.....	George C. Marquis.....	Frank H. DeCou.....	Frank H. DeCou.....	Albert Linxwiler.....
May, 1928.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Wm. C. Gordon.....
May, 1929.....	* Frank H. DeCou.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	William C. Gordon.....	Theo. J. Evers.....
May, 1930.....	* Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	William C. Gordon.....	* Elroy J. Pratt.....

* Dead.

† Resigned.

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DATE	GRAND COMMANDER	DEPS G. COMMANDER	G. GENERALISSIMO	G. CAPT. GENERAL	G. SENIOR WARDEN
May, 1931.....	*Albert Linxwiler.....	William C. Gordon....	Theo. J. Evers.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	B. C. Hunt
May, 1932.....	William C. Gordon....	Theo. J. Evers.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	B. C. Hunt.....	R. B. Strader
May, 1933.....	Theo. J. Evers.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	B. C. Hunt.....	R. B. Strader.....	James A. Kinder
May, 1934.....	*Alex S. Rankin.....	B. C. Hunt.....	R. B. Strader.....	James A. Kinder.....	Leo H. Johnson
May, 1935.....	Bernard C. Hunt.....	R. B. Strader.....	James A. Kinder.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	John W. Calhoun
May, 1936.....	*R. Burns Strader.....	James A. Kinder.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Thos. A. Matney
May, 1937.....	*James A. Kinder.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Thos. A. Matney.....	Thos. P. Bedford
May, 1938.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Thos. A. Matney.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	Morris E. Ewing
May, 1939.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	Louis F. Heger.....	Earle B. Potter
May, 1940.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	Louis F. Heger.....	Earle B. Potter.....	James F. Park
May, 1941.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	Louis F. Heger.....	Earle B. Potter.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt
May, 1942.....	Louis F. Heger.....	Earle B. Potter.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Ray Bond
May, 1943.....	*Earle B. Potter.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick
May, 1944.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Arthur R. Sullard
May, 1945.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Arthur R. Sullard
April, 1946.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Roy A. Dickie
May, 1947.....	*Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	James McB. Sellers
May, 1948.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	James McB. Sellers.....	Fred J. Marston
May, 1949.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	James McB. Sellers.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller
June, 1950.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	James McB. Sellers.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddlemon
May, 1951.....	James McB. Sellers.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Lowell H. Scott
May, 1952.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Adolph H. Roeper
May, 1953.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Arthur A. Raymond
May, 1954.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	Avery A. Drake
May, 1955.....	*Lowell H. Scott.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	Avery A. Drake.....	Merrill B. Williams
April, 1956.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	Avery A. Drake.....	M. B. Williams.....	John H. Rich

* Dead.

† Resigned

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DATE	G. JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND PRELATE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	G. STANDARD BEARER
May, 1860.....	Geo. W. Culver.....	Ludwell R. Ringo.....	John D. Daggett.....	E. G. Heriot.....	O. F. Potter
May, 1861.....	Jas. H. Matheny.....	Edward S. Dulin.....	John D. Daggett.....	E. G. Heriot.....	Robert Hale
† May, 1863.....	E. O. Sayle.....	Thos. E. Garrett.....	John D. Daggett.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	John E. Ryland
May, 1864.....	* John Glenny.....	Thos. E. Garrett.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	J. A. H. Lampton
May, 1865.....	J. A. H. Lampton.....	Jno. D. Vincil.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	Hampton Woodruff
May, 1866.....	B. F. Newhouse.....	P. M. Pinckard.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	A. B. M. Thompson.....	Hampton Woodruff
October, 1867.....	B. F. Newhouse.....	P. M. Pinckard.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Peter B. Grant
October, 1868.....	Washington Jones.....	Wm. M. Rush.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	F. H. Lewis
October, 1869.....	G. W. Tindall.....	Wm. M. Rush.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Wm. Bosbyshell
October, 1870.....	D. W. Wells.....	* Wm. M. Rush.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Wm. Bosbyshell
October, 1871.....	J. J. McElwee.....	* Jno. D. Vincil.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	John C. Bloomfield
October, 1872.....	Wm. W. Anderson.....	R. M. L. McEwen.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Burwell G. Wilkerson
October, 1873.....	Burwell G. Wilkerson.....	Wm. Wilcott.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	John H. Brown
October, 1874.....	David Goodfellow.....	* C. H. Foot.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	John H. Brown
October, 1875.....	* David Goodfellow.....	Geo. C. Betts.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	John H. Brown
October, 1876.....	H. C. Frost.....	Geo. C. Betts.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	S. E. Waggoner
October, 1877.....	* Wm. H. Hotchkiss.....	Geo. C. Betts.....	Wm. N. Loker.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John H. Brown
October, 1878.....	J. R. Hardy.....	Geo. C. Betts.....	John R. Parson.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Wm. J. Terrell
† May, 1880.....	Geo. Lambert.....	Geo. C. Betts.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	C. E. Ballard
May, 1881.....	Geo. F. Rogers.....	Geo. W. Penn.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Geo. J. Tyrrell
May, 1882.....	Geo. F. Rogers.....	Geo. W. Penn.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Wm. A. Hall
May, 1883.....	Allan McDowell.....	* Geo. W. Penn.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Asa Maddox
May, 1884.....	Noah M. Givan.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Asa Maddox
May, 1885.....	Walter J. Hilton.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	C. S. Glaspell
May, 1886.....	C. C. Allen.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John H. Brown
May, 1887.....	J. H. Brown.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Wm. P. Mullen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	E. B. Overstreet
May, 1888.....	Joseph C. Hearne.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	C. S. Glaspell
May, 1889.....	C. S. Glaspell.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John T. Williams
April, 1890.....	Thos. R. Morrow.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Leslie Orear
April, 1891.....	Leslie Orear.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Ira V. McMillan
April, 1892.....	John Gillies.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Morris Fred. Bell
April, 1893.....	Morris Fred. Bell.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John Greenough
April, 1894.....	John Greenough.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Reuben Barney
April, 1895.....	Reuben Barney.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Horace G. Clark
April, 1896.....	Horace G. Clarke.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John F. Eaton
April, 1897.....	Jno. F. Eaton.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	E. F. Hartzell

* Dead.

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DATE	G. JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND PRELATE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	G. STANDARD BEARER
April, 1898.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Wm. A. Hall
April, 1899.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Benj. F. Nelson
April, 1900.....	* Benj. F. Nelson.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Geo. M. McGuire
April, 1901.....	Wm. H. Hutters.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	* Alton A. White
April, 1902.....	Campbell Wells.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Gib. W. Carson
April, 1903.....	Wm. Harvey.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Arthur M. Hough
April, 1904.....	Arthur M. Hough.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Wm. F. Kuhn
May, 1905.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	* Wm. H. Mayo.....	John T. Nixon
May, 1906.....	John T. Nixon.....	John H. Miller.....	Flavius J. Tygard.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Bert S. Lee
May, 1907.....	Bert S. Lee.....	John H. Miller.....	* Joshua B. Thomas.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	John H. Babcock
May, 1908.....	John H. Babcock.....	John H. Miller.....	Tandy A. Dunn.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Millard F. Faulkner
May, 1909.....	Millard F. Faulkner.....	John H. Miller.....	Tandy A. Dunn.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Wm. H. Glancy
May, 1910.....	Ernest Fowkes.....	John H. Miller.....	Tandy A. Dunn.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Charles F. Blomberg
May, 1911.....	Chas. F. Blomberg.....	John H. Miller.....	Tandy A. Dunn.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Wm. K. Davis
May, 1912.....	Wm. K. Davis.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Herbert A. Hatfield
May, 1913.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Herman Mauch
May, 1914.....	Herman Mauch.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	George G. Wright
May, 1915.....	G. Goodson Wright.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Arthur T. Nelson
May, 1916.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	William V. Bean
May, 1917.....	Wm. Y. Bean.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Arthur C. Daily
May, 1918.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Wm. S. Campbell
May, 1919.....	Wm. S. Campbell.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Jerome G. Wing
May, 1920.....	* Jerome G. Wing.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Thomas H. Reynolds
May, 1921.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	George C. Marquis
May, 1922.....	George C. Marquis.....	John H. Miller.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	* Robert F. Stevenson.....	Walter L. Eshelman
May, 1923.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Frank H. De Cou
May, 1924.....	Frank H. De Cou.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Taylor B. Wyrick
May, 1925.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Albert Linxwiler
May, 1926.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. C. Gordon
May, 1927.....	Wm. C. Gordon.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Theo. J. Evers
May, 1928.....	Theo. J. Evers.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Elroy J. Pratt
May, 1929.....	Elroy J. Pratt.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Alex S. Rankin
May, 1930.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	B. C. Hunt
May, 1931.....	R. Burns Strader.....	Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	James A. Kinder
May, 1932.....	James A. Kinder.....	* Corona H. Briggs.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Leo H. Johnson
May, 1933.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	John W. Calhoun

* Dead.

† Made Emeritus, 1939.

‡ Resigned.

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DATE	G. JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND PRIMATE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	G. STANDARD BEARER
May, 1934.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Thos. A. Matney
May, 1935.....	Thos. A. Matney.....	Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Thos. P. Bedford
May, 1936.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Morris E. Ewing
May, 1937.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Louis F. Heger
May, 1938.....	Louis F. Heger.....	† Z. M. Williams.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Earle B. Potter
May, 1939.....	James F. Park.....	Harold L. Reader.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	James M. DeWitt
May, 1940.....	James M. DeWitt.....	Arthur D. Johnston.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Ray Bond
May, 1941.....	Ray Bond.....	Arthur D. Johnston.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Robert W. Hedrick
May, 1942.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Edward W. Potts.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Arthur R. Sullard
May, 1943.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	† Emmitt L. Robison.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Roy A. Dickie
May, 1944.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	Milton F. Hill.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	James McB. Sellers
May, 1945.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	Milton F. Hill.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	James McB. Sellers
April, 1946.....	James McB. Sellers.....	Milton F. Hill.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Frederick I. Marston
May, 1947.....	Frederick I. Marston.....	A. B. Jackson.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Calvin M. Keller
May, 1948.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Wm. T. Jolly.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Walter J. Eddlemon
May, 1949.....	Walter J. Eddlemon.....	Frank J. Pippin.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Lowell H. Scott
June, 1950.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Emil Abele.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Adolph H. Roeper
May, 1951.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	James D. Sill.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Arthur A. Raymond
May, 1952.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	† Roy Gregg.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Chas. C. Czeschin
May, 1953.....	Avery A. Drake.....	W. Bryant Hall.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Nerrill B. Williams
May, 1954.....	Merrill B. Williams.....	Arthur L. Huff.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	John H. Rich
May, 1955.....	John H. Rich.....	Fred C. Eastham.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Chas. L. Hickman
April, 1956.....	Chas. L. Hickman.....	Harold L. Reader.....	Frank C. Barnhill.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Julius L. Johnson

* Dead.

† Made Emeritus.

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DATE	G. SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDEN	GRAND CAPT. OF GUARD	CORRESPONDENT	G. DRILL MASTER
May, 1860.....	Sam M. Hays.....	A. D. Hoy.....	H. T. Shlossner.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	A. O'Sullivan
† May, 1861.....	Geo. W. Beardslee.....	Jos. S. Browne.....	H. T. Shlossner.....	Jas. N. Burnes.....	A. O'Sullivan
May, 1863.....	Ed. Dutton.....	D. N. Burgoyne.....	A. Stille.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	A. O'Sullivan
May, 1864.....	Ed. G. Brooke.....	W. T. Woods.....	* A. Stille.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	A. O'Sullivan
May, 1865.....	Jas. McDaniel.....	Wm. H. Stone.....	Thos. Harris.....	* A. O'Sullivan.....	Jas. F. Aglar
May, 1866.....	Wm. Bosbyshell.....	Wm. H. Stone.....	* Thos. Harris.....	A. O'Sullivan.....	* John D. Vincil
October, 1867.....	Wm. Bosbyshell.....	Wm. H. Stone.....	* Geo. B. Brua.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Geo. Frank Gouley
October, 1868.....	Wm. Bosbyshell.....	Wm. H. Stone.....	Jno. Geckie.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	* John D. Vincil
October, 1869.....	J. E. R. Miller.....	Wm. H. Stone.....	Jno. Geckie.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. B. Randolph
October, 1870.....	I. J. McElwee.....	Oren Root, Jr.....	Jno. Geckie.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Wm. H. Stone
October, 1871.....	Fred B. Young.....	Wm. W. Anderson.....	Jno. Geckie.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. B. Randolph
October, 1872.....	J. A. Tyler.....	John A. Dolman.....	Jas. X. Allen.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. B. Randolph
October, 1873.....	Wm. E. Whiting.....	Henry C. Frost.....	Jas. X. Allen.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. B. Randolph
October, 1874.....	T. W. Letton.....	John R. Parson.....	Jas. X. Allen.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	Thos. M. Wannall
October, 1875.....	Henry C. Frost.....	John R. Parson.....	Jas. X. Allen.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. B. Randolph
October, 1876.....	M. S. Clemmens.....	Jeff. W. Bedford.....	Geo. Thorp.....	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	C. E. Randolph
October, 1877.....	E. J. Nickerson.....	Sol. E. Waggoner.....	Geo. Thorp.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	C. J. Atkins
October, 1878.....	John A. Sloan.....	Robt. McCulloch.....	* Geo. Thorp.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	E. J. Nickerson
† May, 1880.....	R. O. Carscadin.....	Geo. F. Rogers.....	Geo. Thorp.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1881.....	Erwin Ellis.....	H. C. Litchfield.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Allan McDowell
May, 1882.....	Robt. Taubman.....	John T. Ruffin.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John A. Sloan
May, 1883.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	Geo. J. Tyrrell.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1884.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	Geo. J. Tyrrell.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1885.....	Chas. C. Allen.....	Seymour Hoyt.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1886.....	Seymour Hoyt.....	Jno. J. Baugh.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1887.....	Joseph C. Hearn.....	David W. Wallace.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
May, 1888.....	Ralph Muir.....	Geo. F. Putnam.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1889.....	Jno. W. Farris.....	Arthur M. Hough.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1890.....	Ira V. McMillan.....	John Gillies.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1891.....	John Gillies.....	Morris Fred. Bell.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1892.....	John Greenough.....	Reuben Barney.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1893.....	Reuben Barney.....	Chas. J. Lewis.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Sol. E. Waggoner
April, 1894.....	Chas. J. Lewis.....	John F. Eaton.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Chas. E. Sargent
April, 1895.....	John F. Eaton.....	Wm. M. Treloar.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Wm. A. Thoms
April, 1896.....	Emanuel F. Hartzell.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Arthur M. Hough
April, 1897.....	Wm. A. Hall.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	H. L. Verink

† No Conclave in 1862 or 1879. * Dead. † Dropped.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY—(Continued)

DATE	G. SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPT. OF GUARD	CORRESPONDENT	GRAND INSTRUCTOR
April, 1898.....	Chas. C. Woods.....	Benj. F. Nelson.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Jas. H. Frame
April, 1899.....	Geo. M. McGuire.....	Wm. H. Hutters.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	John R. Parson
April, 1900.....	Wm. H. Hutters.....	Alson A. White.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Clarence A. Sinclair
April, 1901.....	Campbell Wells.....	Gib. W. Carson.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Clarence A. Sinclair
April, 1902.....	Wm. Harvey.....	Arthur M. Hough.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
April, 1903.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	John T. Nixon.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
April, 1904.....	John T. Nixon.....	Bert S. Lee.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
May, 1905.....	Bert S. Lee.....	John H. Babcock.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. H. Mayo.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
May, 1906.....	John H. Babcock.....	Millard F. Faulkner.....	John W. Owen.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
May, 1907.....	Millard F. Faulkner.....	William H. Glancy.....	John W. Owen.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
May, 1908.....	Wm. H. Glancy.....	Vasco H. Roberts.....	John W. Owen.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	Isaac H. Hettinger
May, 1909.....	Isaac H. Hettinger.....	Alvin N. Martin.....	John W. Owen.....	Wesley P. Rickart.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1910.....	Wm. K. Davis.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. Y. Bean.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1911.....	Herbert A. Hatfield.....	Herman Mauch.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1912.....	Herman Mauch.....	George G. Wright.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1913.....	Geo. G. Wright.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	John W. Owen.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1914.....	Arthur T. Nelson.....	William Y. Bean.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1915.....	William Y. Bean.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1916.....	Arthur C. Daily.....	William S. Campbell.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1917.....	William S. Campbell.....	Jerome G. Wing.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1918.....	Jerome G. Wing.....	Thomas H. Reynolds.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1919.....	Thomas H. Reynolds.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1920.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	George C. Marquis.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1921.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	Frank H. DeCou.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1922.....	Frank H. DeCou.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1923.....	Taylor B. Wyrick.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Harry A. Krueger.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1924.....	Albert Linxwiler.....	Wm. C. Gordon.....	August Kron.....	Wm. F. Kuhn.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1925.....	Wm. C. Gordon.....	Theo. J. Evers.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1926.....	Theo. J. Evers.....	Elroy J. Pratt.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1927.....	Elroy J. Pratt.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1928.....	Alex S. Rankin.....	B. C. Hunt.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1929.....	B. C. Hunt.....	R. Burns Strader.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1930.....	R. Burns Strader.....	James A. Kinder.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1931.....	Leo H. Johnson.....	John W. Calhoun.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1932.....	John W. Calhoun.....	Thos. A. Matney.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1933.....	Thos. A. Matney.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Wm. Y. Bean
May, 1934.....	Thos. P. Bedford.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Position abolished.

*Dead

° Emeritus.

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DATE	G. SWORD BEARER	GRAND WARDER	GRAND CAPT. OF GUARD	CORRESPONDENT	GRAND INSTRUCTOR
May, 1935.....	Morris E. Ewing.....	Louis F. Hegar.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1936.....	Louis F. Hegar.....	Earle B. Potter.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1937.....	Earle B. Potter.....	James F. Park.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1938.....	James F. Park.....	James M. DeWitt.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1939.....	Ray Bond.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1940.....	Robert W. Hedrick.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1941.....	Arthur R. Sullard.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	† August Kron.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1942.....	Roy A. Dickie.....	J. McB. Sellers.....	E. Jere Deal.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1943.....	J. McB. Sellers.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Roscoe A. Miller.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1944.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddelemon.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1945.....	Fred J. Marston.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	* Oscar E. Deichmann.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
April, 1946.....	Calvin M. Keller.....	Walter J. Eddelemon.....	E. Jere Deal.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1947.....	Walter J. Eddelemon.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Robert St. George.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1948.....	Lowell H. Scott.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Fred C. McCurry.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1949.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	Elmer J. Johnston.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
June, 1950.....	Arthur A. Raymond.....	Chas. C. Czeschin.....	Russell L. Hanson.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1951.....	Chas. C. Czeschin.....	Avery A. Drake.....	Roe Clemens.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1952.....	Avery A. Drake.....	Merrill B. Williams.....	Albin J. Schmidt.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1953.....	John H. Rich.....	Chas. L. Hickman.....	Lyman P. McDonald.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1954.....	Charles L. Hickman.....	Julius L. Johnson.....	J. S. Hathaway.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
May, 1955.....	Julius L. Johnson.....	Samuel L. Jewett.....	John H. Roth.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	
April, 1956.....	Samuel L. Jewett.....	Paul A. King.....	Adolph Simon.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	

† Term completed by Reuben H. Barney

FROM MISSOURI

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE	GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	POST-OFFICE
Frank W. Gaines.....	Selma.....	Chas. L. Gasper.....	St. Joseph
Chas. F. Parker.....	Prescott.....	Paul H. Darby.....	Boonville
Jack B. Donham.....	Little Rock.....	Thos. H. Ferguson.....	Springfield
Willard G. Cartwright.....	Palo Alto.....	Harold M. Jayne.....	Memphis
Chas. E. Craig.....	Denver.....	John M. Plaskett.....	Kansas City
Alvin H. Hancock.....	Bridgeport.....	Virgil B. Saville.....	Jefferson City
Rodger R. Kauffman.....	Arlington, Va.....	L. Fred Stein.....	Kansas City
Dorsey H. Rutter.....	Daytona Beach.....	Earl F. Cheesman.....	Carrollton
Edgar D. Kenyon.....	Gainesville.....	Ray H. Brice.....	Hannibal
Paul M. Hill.....	Pocatello.....	Jay Dunlap.....	Kansas City
Howard M. Snapp, Jr.....	Joliet.....	John H. Roth.....	St. Joseph
Philip N. Kestner.....	Madison.....	E. Guy Patton.....	Moherly
Frank E. Koepfer.....	Marshalltown.....	Frederick E. Wilkinson.....	Clinton
Holmes W. Haviland.....	Kansas City.....	I. Gordon Blackmore.....	Trenton
Clifford A. Diecks.....	Elizabethtown.....	Fred W. Manchester.....	Joplin
E. P. J. Demonn.....	New Orleans.....	Eli S. Haynes.....	Columbia
Earle D. Webster.....	Portland.....	Albin J. Schmidt.....	Boonville
Grover L. Michael.....	Fredrick.....	Alex. C. Smith.....	Nevada
Harry G. Pollard.....	Lowell, Mass.....	Wm. C. Gordon.....	Marshall
Raymond M. Douglass.....	Alpena.....	Allen L. Oliver.....	Cape Girardeau
Burt D. Pearson.....	Virginia.....	Eugene L. McGee.....	Poplar Bluff
F. L. McKee.....	Vicksburg.....	Curtis J. Neal.....	Cape Girardeau
Howard N. Isaacs.....	Fort Peck.....	Robt. R. Wright.....	Rolla
Wm. F. Evers.....	Plattsmouth.....	Wm. H. Goedeke.....	St. Louis
Henry C. Schmidt.....	Kansas City.....	Arthur M. Willian.....	Marceline
Earle C. Quimby.....	Keene.....	Merle H. Shepard.....	St. Louis
Edward King.....	Denville.....	Fay G. Fulkerson.....	Webster Groves
Lewis R. Stead.....	Clayton.....	Walter L. Eshelman.....	St. Joseph
Everett Diehl.....	Poughkeepsie.....	Henry E. Miller.....	Mexico
Chas. P. Eldridge.....	Raleigh.....	John W. Adams.....	Marshall
James M. Thornton.....	Minot.....	Otto W. Blankenship.....	Kansas City
Virgil F. Kenton.....	Defiance.....	George C. Marquis.....	Independence
A. C. Leike.....	Bartlesville.....	Yale Myers.....	Mountain Grove
Arthur R. Kellogg.....	Oak Grove.....	Merritt S. Gwinn.....	Sikeston
Samuel Starkey.....	Pittsburgh.....	Emmett L. Robison.....	St. Joseph
O. Leo Johnson.....	Florence.....	Bruce H. Hunt.....	Kirksville
Carroll H. Lockhart.....	Watertown.....	John B. Vrooman.....	Rolla
Hugh W. Colville.....	Union City.....	Chas. L. Hickman.....	St. Louis
J. Wade Payne.....	Dallas.....	Louis Borlinghaus, Sr.....	St. Louis
Herald G. Price.....	Salt Lake City.....	Richard F. Eulbank.....	Columbia
Chas. A. Von Bruns.....	Burlington.....	John M. Gallatin.....	Chillicothe
R. H. Harrington.....	Marion.....	Bert S. Lee.....	Springfield
Roderick W. Jones.....	Spokane.....	Orlando C. Hood.....	Kirksville
Julian B. Hollingsworth.....	Richwood.....	Adolph H. Roeper.....	Clayton
Herman Freidrich.....	Milwaukee.....	Clay M. Cundiff.....	Marshall
Edw. W. Pendle.....	Pawling.....	Harris C. Johnston.....	Boonville

GRAND COMMANDERY

Alabama.....	Arizona.....	Arkansas.....	California.....	Colorado.....	Connecticut.....	District of Columbia.....	Florida.....	Georgia.....	Idaho.....	Illinois.....	Indiana.....	Iowa.....	Kansas.....	Kentucky.....	Louisiana.....	Maine.....	Maryland.....	Massachusetts.....	Rhode Island.....	Michigan.....	Minnesota.....	Mississippi.....	Montana.....	Nebraska.....	Nevada.....	New Hampshire.....	New Jersey.....	New Mexico.....	New York.....	North Carolina.....	North Dakota.....	Ohio.....	Oklahoma.....	Oregon.....	Pennsylvania.....	South Carolina.....	South Dakota.....	Tennessee.....	Texas.....	Utah.....	Vermont.....	Virginia.....	Washington.....	West Virginia.....	Wisconsin.....	Wyoming.....
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THE TEMPLAR WORLD

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By RAY V. DENSLOW

We have been withholding our review until this time in the hope of discovering what has been happening in the Templar World—but the failure to issue the proceedings of the Grand Encampment up to this date (May 6, 1956), has precluded giving our readers information as to specific action by that body. If *this* Grand Recorder should go eight months without issuing his proceedings, he would probably be removed by his Grand Commander. But the Grand Encampment U.S.A. and the Grand Commandery MO are two different organizations.

The Educational Foundation continues to carry on; we still like the idea of free scholarships, and an increase in the amount given. Within the last month, Missouri issued 12 of these scholarships, one to each of Missouri's leading educational institutions. The fact was broadcast by Associated Press and received honorable mention in the graduating exercises of each of the schools. But there is never any AP dispatches as to *loans* made to students—for that is a COMMERCIAL proposition. Again, the handling of scholarships without its collection of interest from time to time—and failure to remit in many instances—would relieve the state committees from the bulk of the work caused by the investigation and collection. Of the twelve scholarships awarded—one went to a Roman Catholic and one to a *Missouri* Lutheran. Certainly the Grand Commandery of this state can not be accused of religious prejudice. Since January 1, 1956, the Grand Recorder of Missouri has been serving as secretary of the Missouri committee. Thus far he has not been flooded with letters of gratitude for loans made; most of the loanees are happy to get their principal and interest paid off but are inclined to look upon the loan as a purely commercial matter.

The Eye Foundation is another project of the Grand Encampment—or should we say of the local commanderies? The

project is the GE's but the financial problem is that of local commanderies who have all they can do now to keep their heads above water. The cash on hand in Missouri commanderies as of December 31, 1955 was \$90,295, of which some \$18,000 was being held for Eye Foundation payments, while approximately \$15,000 was to be paid within four weeks to Grand Commandery in per capita taxes and fees. And much of this was being held by some six of the largest commanderies. This might not appear so bad except that 9/10 of Missouri commanderies are in dire need of robes and equipment.

No one has doubt as to the necessity of some program to aid those whose eyes are afflicted, but as to whether Templary should take on this added expense. Whatever payments are made by Missouri commanderies will result in the necessity of reducing the charity program in our own state, which has always been a program of which we have been proud. As we see it, it will wreck some of our commanderies which live in large temples and pay heavy rentals. To be a member in good standing in lodge, chapter, council, and commandery in one of our larger cities now costs almost \$50.00. This is a large amount when one considers what the average member gets out of it—and most of our members are average members. When hard times hit, then will come the deluge! Missouri bodies are just recovering from the million-dollar Masonic Home drive of last year; most of them took the money out of their treasury; York rite bodies of the state contributed \$20,000 to the drive. Our guess is that the next three years will begin to show losses in Templar membership and this will inevitably result in the death of the Foundation. We have been told that the Foundation was voted with not more than 65-80 members of the Grand Encampment present. Should we blame our own representatives for not being present? The Grand Encampment Laws were adopted under a similar situation! Should not the law be changed requiring a *majority* of the grand commanderies to vote?

And the Grand Encampment has a third project—a project which should have been taken up several years ago, but for lack of leadership or foresight—the Templar Room in the great Washington Memorial building in Alexandria, Va. All of the

other Masonic groups in the U.S.A. and some not Masonic, were given space in the Memorial. The Shrine and the Grotto drew the best spaces—probably because other groups were too slow in making up their mind. The Royal Arch Chapters took one floor, and the Royal and Select Masters another—leaving only the seventh floor open. In August 1955 the Grand Encampment decided to take this—but to be paid for by local commanderies. How much better it would have been for the GE to have paid the entire cost—the last published report we have shows the GE to have had cash and securities on hands of \$279,738; normal receipts for triennial period are almost \$300,000.

Some of our forebears once got disgusted with a Tea Tax. Our readers know what happened then. History is prone to repeat itself.

Grand Commander Martindell of Kansas told his Grand Commandery:

The strength of the Grand Commandery comes primarily from local commanderies, and not from Grand Encampment. That strength is renewed from the bottom—not from the top.

And so, beginning December 31, 1956, the Grand Commandery of Missouri will begin its annual payment of \$1.15½ cents for the support of Grand Encampment and its projects, which does not include the amount necessary to pay our representatives to go to triennial meetings which amounts to \$2,100 (it was \$3,000 in 1954).

Our readers might doubtless call us "critical," and we are—but we have a purpose in being so. Twenty-five years ago we began to tell what we thought of the Educational Foundation. We thought it should be made less commercial—and we said so. Today it is much less so—no interest being collected for the time in school. We suggested other things; they are now an accomplished fact.

It may be recalled that we thought the line of officers in GE should be shortened. We had good reason for saying so. It has been done, but if our leaders had been men of younger generations they might have injected more virility into the organization.

We criticized the GE Bulletin. Have you seen the most recent issues? Whether our criticism accomplished this, we cannot say, but it has been done.

We still continue to criticize the uniform situation—but it has had its effect. In Missouri, where we do not take the uniform too seriously, we are still showing gains in membership, while many of those jurisdictions around us are showing losses. The proof of a pudding—so they say—“is in the eating.” In Illinois and Michigan, where it has been sacrilege to criticize the uniform, we note the losses are appearing. Poor Missouri! No uniforms—only gains—and an increased interest in Templar matters.

We also criticized the amount of money spent in carrying on a triennial. The \$15-\$20 dinners have disappeared and we find now a registration fee which we suggested several years ago. But there is still room for improvement.

Ritual: The ritual is still undergoing corrections and improvements; scarcely a triennial passes until we receive sheets of corrections and additions. This has been true in 1956; we have just received twenty-five inches of such corrections to be inserted in some 600 Missouri rituals. We wager that less than 100 will be inserted as directed; it just is not done. All of the corrections were made in 1955.

Laws: Another twenty-five inches of laws which have been corrected or added, have also been received; all these were made in 1955.

Our New Grand Master: We have hope in the new Grand Master; he has had much experience as an executive and a coordinator. At least he has started out with a program. He has shown his interest in the foreign situation, a problem which was becoming critical, by establishing commanderies on foreign soil. If Templary is to do a world-wide job, it is necessary to see it firmly established on an international basis. Commanderies on Guam, Okinawa, and Japan are starts in the right direction. Let us hope he continues with his progressive ideas.

We hesitate about making suggestions—but again call attention to the obsolete, outmoded, and unhistorical ritual. Our ritual has the germ of a wonderful story. Why can we not take advantage of it?

Our funeral service tells us that

"change is the universal law of nature"

And by the number of slips pasted in our ritual in the salute to the flag—we have to admit that "our rituals DO change!"

CANADA

The Sovereign Great Priory has created a Knights Templar Orphan and Welfare Fund; it is to be managed by a board of eight governors. The fund is to be used in education, medical treatment of children under eighteen, helping distressed widows, assisting parents of crippled children, and any worthy knight who is in financial difficulties due to expense of hospital or doctor fees; the fund is to be raised by a \$10.00 contribution from each candidate knighted.

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2, at Toronto, has concluded a hundred years of activity. So has Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3, at Hamilton.

CHARITY AND RELIEF

MARYLAND: This Grand Commandery is contributing to the Pusan Charity Hospital fund in Korea.

NEW JERSEY: New Jersey Templars gave \$1,000.00 for the use of the Templar Charity Foundation at the Masonic Home in Burlington.

VERMONT: Vermont is still searching for an objective. It feels a small additional per capita tax would raise insufficient funds to provide support for a project. And now they have the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation, which should settle their troubles for the time.

COMMANDERIES, OLD AND NEW

ARIZONA: A new commandery has been organized at Safford, to be known as Columbine Commandery No. 9. An attempt is being made to establish a commandery at Yuma, but as yet they lack a meeting place.

CALIFORNIA: A new commandery has been established at Larkspur, to be known as Marin Commandery No. 73.

IDAHO: Bonners Ferry Commandery No. 15 and Sandpoint Commandery No. 14 have consolidated under the name of Sandpoint Commandery No. 14, and will be located at Sandpoint.

NEBRASKA: Temple Commandery No. 30, at Sidney, was chartered in April 1954, and constituted in May of that year. Present at the constituting ceremony and first meeting were 52 charter members and 21 visiting knights. It is the first commandery to be chartered in Nebraska since 1911.

NORTH DAKOTA: Temple Commandery No. 12, at Dickinson, surrendered its charter in 1952. Following an enthusiastic York Rite festival held there in 1955, fourteen Royal Arch Masons were knighted

and Temple Commandery had its charter returned. It appears that the Cryptic Rite had a big hand in bringing the commandery to life.

OKLAHOMA: Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21, at Sayre, had its charter revoked in 1955.

TENNESSEE: A new commandery was formed at Elizabethton, to be known as Carter Commandery No. 37.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

ALABAMA: A net increase of 337 was reported. Woodlawn Commandery No. 31 knighted 144; Cyrene Commandery No. 10, the largest commandery in the state, has 2,128 members.

CALIFORNIA: The net gain was 1,304; 1,828 companions were knighted. A committee reported suggesting that one of the weaknesses in the past in selling the York Rite is that we have not offered the Rite in one package, forcing the prospect to make three separate decisions. They find a combined petition valuable. Many suggestions were made for improvement of the Rite and its work.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: A committee in the District of Columbia reported that there had been no cooperation of the three bodies in procuring petitions and that this phase of the York Rite program had been on a decline for the past six years. However, the program will be continued.

LOUISIANA: The Grand Commander thought growth of Templary in Louisiana was pitiful and that the Grand Commandery was suffering from dry rot.

MICHIGAN: In Michigan we learn:

With the competition of other organizations who are using modern methods in securing membership, we can no longer rely upon antiquated methods or no method at all, if we hope to provide our Order with the continuous flow of new blood which is so essential to a healthy body.

Grand Commander Stearns said:

For the past several years gains in membership have become less each year, until this year the trend has continued and we have, for the first time in many years, registered a loss in membership. This is a danger signal that cannot be ignored. Unless this trend is reversed, our Order has begun to die.

Probably the uniform question is the answer to their problem.

MISSISSIPPI: Inspector Gore said:

Quite a few of our commanderies cannot do any of their own work—and haven't for a generation or so. One reason could be lack of uniform, but Templar uniforms are not used in the Orders of Red Cross and Malta.

NEW JERSEY: A committee expressed its opinion that the net gain would have been much larger had there been a Royal Arch festival during the year.

NEW YORK: Grand Recorder DeLamater (now Grand Master) reported that the year 1954 showed a total of 589 candidates, which was 123 less than the previous year; the Grand Commandery showed a loss of 193. With a total membership of 16,090, the jurisdiction has four commanderies with a membership of over 500 each.

NORTH CAROLINA: The Grand Commander reported that the membership of 57,116 was three times that of twelve years ago, but that there were yet 50,000 Master Masons who had not received the Orders.

OKLAHOMA: Referring to sick commanderies, the Grand Commander said "they deal not, neither do they spin," and that these commanderies have done little, or nothing, for the past several years unless to prevent more active and aggressive commanderies from securing petitions in their jurisdictions. As a result there were several consolidations and some activity.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Grand Commandery passed a resolution which expressed the hope that the Grand Commandery and Grand Council might hold their annual sessions at the same place and during the same week.

TENNESSEE: Tennessee is deriving much good from York Rite festivals. The 1955 proceedings show that at these festivals 155 were exalted, 179 greeted in the council, 145 knighted in the commandery; 359 received the degree of Super Excellent Master; the total attendance was almost three thousand.

Templary in Tennessee has been on a very high level since 1942; the largest net gain was in 1947, when 701 net gain was reported; this has dropped gradually to 197 in 1955. A committee expressed the belief that the York Rite festival was responsible for the large increase in membership, that festival dates should be set as late in the calendar year as possible, that each group hold its meeting consecutively so that candidates can receive all the degrees of the Rite in a three or four day period.

Ted Doss gives his annual list of statistics, showing there was a net gain of 6,554 in commanderies last year, yet a net loss of 199 in other commanderies; the largest gain was in California, where a net gain of 1,304 was reported; in second place was Texas, with 932; Florida and Alabama almost tied for next place, Florida with 320, and Alabama with 337. There are 1,605 commanderies, with 378,699 members.

VERMONT: Vermont held a Templar festival April 23, 1955; it was State-wide and brought a large number of knights and ladies to Montpelier. Ten commanderies furnished candidates. For the first time in several years every Vermont commandery had knightings and the Templar festival is given credit for the activity.

VIRGINIA: Past Grand Commander Brown referred to the serious problems confronting Templary today, one of which was the net loss being shown. He said:

If we do not watch our step we are going to fall into the group of those, an increasing number, I'm sorry to say, Grand Commanderies who are showing a net loss instead of a net gain. I think that is one of the most serious problems facing the Grand Commandery of Virginia and all of our Grand Commanderies, with the exception of a very few, and the Grand Encampment of America at this time.

We all knew it was coming. When I first took the job of reviewer of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, if I'm not mistaken, I made the observation at that time, that the time was coming when we would come upon lean years and not necessarily seven lean years preceded or followed by seven fat years. But that we might have a long string of lean years. I'm not inclined to be pessimistic when I simply sound that warning that we need to revitalize Templary. It is not the vital influence in our lives and in Masonry in general, particularly among those of us who believe in the Christian Religion that it should be, and if we do not set up a program of some kind for our individual commanderies to overcome this drift toward the negative aspect of things, we shall find ourselves facing a situation which we faced fifteen or twenty years ago.

There was the hue and cry that we couldn't get any young people into Masonry, that Templary was too expensive. Nothing is too expensive if the new member feels that he is getting value received, and not necessarily financial value received, but value received mentally and spiritually as well.

WASHINGTON: The Grand Commander announced:

There has not been, during the past year, a concerted effort on the part of the three York Rite bodies. . . . This was entirely due to the decision of the head of one of the other York Rite bodies to carry on, in his own way. We make no comment thereon as to whether we think this was a mistake or not, as such decision manifestly was within the province of the head of the other body.

WEST VIRGINIA: The report of the Grand Commander shows that for a five year period, beginning 1950, the different Masonic bodies showed the following net gains: Grand Lodge, 3,977; Grand Chapter, 842; Grand Commandery, 571; Scottish Rite, 3,719. The Scottish Rite membership is now almost three times that of the commandery.

WISCONSIN: For the second consecutive year every commandery in Wisconsin had at least one knighting, but the net gain was only 19.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

GEORGIA: The Grand Commandery of Georgia has two foundations, one belonging to the Grand Encampment, the other was made possible by the generous gift of a former Grand Commander and now approximates \$100,000.00. The latter seems to be doing the greater good; it is being used for scholarships, and these have been given to girls from Japan, Holland, Greece, India, Germany, Belgium, Lithuania. In 1955 three went to girls from Berlin and Holland.

KANSAS: Kansas reported \$44,000.00 past due and unpaid principal on loans, and an estimated \$40,000.00 accrued interest now due. It was said:

It is regrettable that there are so many young people in Kansas that feel it is no harm to beat an organization as worthy as the Educational Foundation. Honor and gratitude, it seems, are oftentimes far from the thoughts of some of our young borrowers.

NORTH DAKOTA: The balance in the Educational Foundation amounts to \$22,663.65, most of which (\$18,000.00) is invested in U. S. Savings Bonds.

OHIO: The Grand Encampment Foundation amounts to \$454,635.00, of which \$34,204.00 is in student loans.

PENNSYLVANIA: A budget of \$7,059.00 was appropriated for the committee, \$5,000.00 being salary and \$1,000.00 for meetings of the board. The investment account in government bonds amounts to \$431,000.00.

TENNESSEE: One scholarship was granted to a student of George Washington University, in the amount of \$3,000.00. It is listed as an intangible asset.

EYE FOUNDATION

ILLINOIS: Department Commander Sigurd Jensen reported that the eye project passed overwhelmingly, and apparently the only opposition came from Illinois.

OHIO: The Grand Commander said:

The Grand Commandery of Ohio has been assessed this dollar per member; there isn't anything we can do but pay it, and the Grand Commandery does not have that kind of money, so we have to go back to each subordinate commandery. There has been a lot of discussion about it; there has been some resentment, but each commandery is going to have to raise the dollar. If you don't think some of the rest of us have been worried about it since the triennial meeting, you are wrong about it.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

KANSAS: The Grand Commander asked for an expression of wishes of the Grand Commandery as to instructing its representatives to Grand Encampment on the proposed Eye Hospital and the proposition to allow Grand Commanderies to make degrees of the council pre-requisite to the Commandery Orders.

One representative expressed the view that our energies should be devoted to the enterprise we already had and moved that representatives be instructed to vote against the hospital. The motion was ruled out of order by the Grand Commander. Then a substitute was presented instructing representatives to vote as convinced and without instructions, and this carried. The same action taken in the matter of the Cryptic degrees.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: The Grand Commander was disappointed at the attendance from New Hampshire at the triennial meeting in New York. While the triennial committee urged and encouraged—it was

next to impossible to arouse interest, so only five Past Grand Commanders attended.

NORTH CAROLINA: Reviewer Pugh believes that the shortening of the line of the Grand Encampment "has materially helped."

OHIO: Ohio reports:

The exhibition drill by Detroit Commandery No. 1 of Michigan, with 250 men, was an outstanding exhibition of precision and perfection. The Order of the Temple put on by them was something never to be forgotten by those who witnessed; all the scenes were portrayed by live characters instead of slides.

VIRGINIA: Joseph C. Dunn, Past Grand Commander of New York, speaking before the Grand Commandery of Virginia, said:

Twenty-two drill teams have been entered for competition at the triennial. The most regrettable part is, there is only one team from the Atlantic Seaboard, that coming from the District of Columbia. That is a sad commentary on the Order of Knights Templar on the Atlantic Seaboard.

HISTORICAL

ILLINOIS: The centennial conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois is scheduled for September 28-29, 1956, at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. They are to have a centennial parade on Sunday following a banquet in Medinah Temple on Saturday night.

INDIANA: A brief history of the Grand Commandery of Indiana is contained in the 1955 proceedings, written by a past commander of Raper Commandery No. 1.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Templars of New Hampshire held a church service in the old Union Episcopal Church at West Claremont. It was one of the first buildings ever erected in that area, built in 1771. The original box pews with their gates are still in use.

MISCELLANEOUS

COLORADO: Among the distinguished guests at the Grand Commandery were the Grand High Priest and eight Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Master and five Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council, and two Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: It was reported there were 624 knights in full Templar uniform, headed by the U. S. Marine Band, at the Easter sunrise service, April 10, 1955, at Arlington National Cemetery.

ILLINOIS: Because of an increase in operating expenses the Grand Commandery is proposing an increase in per capita tax.

INDIANA: Indiana is sponsoring a Knight Templar Camp for boys; 212 boys were sent to the camp last year; expenses were \$6,015.00.

KANSAS: Grand Commander Martindell said in his address:

It is not the purpose of a Grand Commandery to see what it can get out of local commanderies, but to see how much it can put into

them. The Grand Commandery cannot help local commanderies without knowing their needs and wishes. . . . The strength of the Grand Commandery comes primarily from local commanderies and not from the Grand Encampment. That strength is renewed from the bottom, not from the top.

MAINE: Past Grand Commanders are entitled to draw mileage at the rate of 3c per mile each way, plus \$6.00 for hotel expenses.

MICHIGAN: A basketball game between Wayne University and St. Francis College of Pennsylvania was sponsored by the Knights Templar Association on January 6, 1955, resulting in a check for \$12,000.00, which was given to the Starr Commonwealth for Boys.

MONTANA: Grand Commandery refused to issue joint proceedings with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council because of the expense involved.

NEW JERSEY: A Templar Festival, named in honor of Reno A. Pierce, brought together 450 knights and candidates. We are informed that the Orders of Red Cross and Malta "were superbly conferred and 116 candidates deeply impressed."

Harold Voorhis presents an interesting story of the origin of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers:"

The hymn may be said to be the marching song of the Order of the Temple. Probably every knight of our Order has, at some time, marched to the tune of or sung the hymn. Few, however, know that the tune and the hymn are less than a hundred years old. A few may know who composed the music, but those who can name the writer of the words are rare. The words were composed in 1865 in the *Episcopalian Church Times*, by the Rev. Sabine Gould, a clergyman of the Church of England and author of more than twenty-five books. He was born on January 28, 1834, in Exeter, England, attended Clare College, Oxford, from which he was graduated a Master of Arts in 1856, after which he became Rector of several churches. His skill in languages may be shown by the fact that he published in German, in 1882, a work called "Zitta: A Black Forest Romance," which was, the following year, published in English. His greatest work was "Lives of the Saints," a condensation of *Acta Sanctorum* of the Bollandists. He wrote several hymns, but "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was the only one successful.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Hymnal of 1902 shows three tunes for the words of this hymn: First, A. S. Sullivan; second, J. W. Barrington; third, H. R. Fuller. Only the first tune is well known and is the one with which we are concerned. A. S. Sullivan is Arthur Seymour Sullivan; he composed the music for this hymn in 1872, the year *The Hymnary* was published by Novello. It is one of twelve he composed for this work. It had number 476 in this book. Sullivan was born May 14, 1842, and was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1883. He died November 22, 1900, having written hundreds of compositions, including twenty anthems and sixty church hymn tunes. Two of his compositions, aside from the hymn we are discussing, are household tunes—"The Lost Chord" and "The Mikado," which he did with his partner Gilbert.

Sir Arthur Sullivan was a Freemason and had the distinction of being appointed Grand Organist of the United Grand Lodge of England on Wednesday, April 27, 1887, and served one year. Actually he only

attended one meeting of the Grand Lodge—which meets quarterly—a Special Communication held on June 13, 1887, held to commemorate the fiftieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria. It was a great affair attended by a host of grand officers of the Grand Lodge of England and many ranking members of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, among other visiting Masonic dignitaries. A special membership jewel for all English Masons then in membership was approved by the Grand Master and a bar to be attached to the jewel for all who were present at this special communication. Anticipating this great event in English Masonry, it is probable that Sir Arthur was made Grand Organist in England to play for the Commemoration Ceremony.

NORTH CAROLINA: Luther T. Hartsell received the achievement award of the Grand Commandery, as a token of his outstanding service.

NORTH DAKOTA: Carroll J. Atkins, Grand Commander of Missouri in 1878, is listed in the proceedings as a Past Grand Commander of North Dakota in 1895. The commandery at Jamestown offered to send a drill team to the next annual conclave "if the Grand Commandery will pay the expense." The matter was referred to the incoming Grand Officers.

OHIO: Grand Commander Thomas was made an honorary member of *Bonehead* at a dinner given in Jackson, Ohio. An amendment was proposed increasing per capita tax so as to include the \$1.00 per member per year, as of July 1, 1956. Ohio commanderies pay \$2.45 per capita tax. The Grand Commandery has a section providing:

Any degree conferred by a Masonic body not acknowledged as a regular Masonic body shall be and is hereby declared to be an irregular degree in an irregular body, and any Knight Templar holding to, or receiving, or having received such irregular degree shall, unless he forthwith withdraw therefrom, be expelled from the Order.

We should regard this as a rather high-handed statement and wonder against what organization it was directed. Is a Grand Commandery to be the judge as to what a man is to do, what he is to join? Ohio is to have a Sunday parade of Templars in 1958.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Grand Commander told the Grand Commandery that recorders were the backbone of the commandery "and wherever one sees an efficient recorder it follows just as naturally as night follows day that the commandery is also efficient and active." The Grand Commandery made a survey of the State with the idea of locating some new commanderies. They discovered that of the nine councils which had been organized, or reconstituted, during the past six years, only one did not reach the minimum of 75, while four have more than 100 members each. They decided that there should be 210 chapter members available to insure a commandery of 125. The practicability of locating a new commandery at a distance less than twenty miles from an existing commandery is very questionable. Nor can you study a map with existing commanderies spotted thereon and observe numerous large areas with no commandery for that immediate area; in

some instances this merely denotes sparse Masonic population and few chapters.

TENNESSEE: Past Grand Commander Harry Green died in Morocco, North Africa, January 20, 1955, as a result of a heart attack. Because of the eye foundation, the Grand Commandery found it necessary to increase per capita tax from \$1.55 to \$2.50.

VIRGINIA: Reviewer Brown quotes from the foreword which appeared in one of our reviews several years ago, in which we stated that Templar reviews which had constituted one of the best forms for discussion of Templar problems were rapidly disappearing. He added: "Signs point unmistakably to a gradual decline unless another abnormal situation—like World War II—should change the trend." And he goes further:

Our plea is for increasing the quality of our members along with the quantity. Templary is not a stepping stone to the Shrine or to some other type of preferment. Templary is to be cherished in and for itself first of all; else it cannot justify itself. The type of leadership furnished in the top brackets of the Order has not always been of the highest obtainable type, unfortunately. The Educational Foundation is not rendering its most valuable service, although it is now more than thirty years old. The waving of banners and plumes, the holding of parades and meetings, the wearing of the Templar uniform (described by an English writer as a smart military uniform with a cocked hat) do not in themselves guarantee the progress of the Order or its basic well-being. Yes, there is more to the picture than is provided by all these. When the "tumult and the shouting die," it will be found that an exact conformity to the highest requirements of Christianity and of Masonry is to be found in the loyalty of individual Templars and recognition of the fact that the ancient Templars never began to decay until their eyes were set on earthly, rather than spiritual, things. "My kingdom is not of this world," said Christ repeatedly to his hearers. It is love, integrity and unswerving devotion to Christian (which are also Templar) ideals, that will make Templary a living, vital, and indispensable force in American Masonry and every-day life.

WASHINGTON: The jurisprudence committee found the Grand Recorder had violated the law in failing to collect a penalty from two commanderies who were late in filing their annual reports.

WEST VIRGINIA: The Grand Commandery of West Virginia has been incorporated.

MISSOURIANS

ARIZONA: Grand Commander George F. Dyer, Sr., was born in Troy, Missouri, November 1, 1901, the eldest of a family of seven children. He was educated in the public schools of Troy; by profession he is an embalmer, manager and owner of a medical supply company, holds a pilot's license and owns his own plane.

ARKANSAS: Among visitors introduced at the Grand Commandery was Grand Commander Walter J. Eddlemon of Missouri; another visitor introduced was Thomas H. Ferguson of Missouri.

CALIFORNIA: Milford Barnett Bates, Grand Commander of California 1954-55, was born in Grant City, Missouri, June 29, 1891. He has been a resident of California since 1920.

ILLINOIS: Recorded as visitors at the Grand Commandery of Illinois were Past Grand Commander Theo. J. Evers and Grand Commander Lowell H. Scott from Missouri. Lowell Scott, being called upon, brought the greetings of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. He stated:

I have always had a warm feeling for Illinois; my parents were both natives of this State; they married in Illinois then moved to Missouri and a few years later I came along and missed by seven or eight years being born in Illinois.

INDIANA: The 1955 Indiana proceedings feature an address by Louis F. Heger, of Missouri. He called attention to the small number of educational loans.

MICHIGAN: Michigan proceedings record the reception of our Frater Louis F. Heger, who was introduced by Past Grand Commander Mahana.

OKLAHOMA: Ansel M. Crowder, Grand Commander 1954-55, while born at Albia, Iowa, has been a resident of Oklahoma since 1908. He graduated from the Western Dental College, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1917.

WYOMING: The Wyoming proceedings announce the death of Elwood Anderson, who was born in Cedar County, Iowa, February 16, 1881. He was elected Grand Commander of Wyoming in 1947; he received his Masonic degrees in Twilight Lodge No. 114, Columbia, Missouri, while attending the University of Missouri; he also became a member of chapter and commandery at that place, and was a charter member of Acacia Fraternity when it was organized at the University of Missouri. He came to Gillette, Wyoming, in 1911 and was the oldest practicing attorney in the county. He received the degree of Bachelor of Law from the University of Iowa and Bachelor of Science in Education at the University of Missouri.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

ARIZONA: The committee reported:

Very little response was received and even then no action of note was or has been taken.

COLORADO: The committee reported it did not believe—

Officers of the Grand Commandery are aware of the fact that they are members of the Patriotic Activity Committee.

KANSAS: According to the Grand Commander, the response of the commanderies to the patriotic program was disappointing.

MICHIGAN: The proceedings tell us that their committee—

Has given another year of effort, attempting to breathe life into the nostrils of this project, which is the infant of the Commandery objectives.

MINNESOTA: While the Grand Commandery proceedings record three pages of report by the committee, there is no evidence of any accomplishment on the part of the committee.

MISSISSIPPI: The committee in Mississippi sent a letter to each commandery in the State and "much to our disappointment we received only four replies."

MONTANA: In Montana the activity committee suggested three possibilities as objectives of the committee. The most popular one was the suggestion that an essay contest for sixth, seventh and eighth graders be held for essays on the Merit of Attending Church and Sunday School.

NEBRASKA: The Grand Commander stated:

The committee has functioned well, but its report will indicate that some of our commanderies have not fully grasped the significance of this program.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: The committee on patriotic activities reported:

To their knowledge there were no patriotic activities within this Grand Jurisdiction.

OKLAHOMA: Twelve commanderies filed reports, but apparently there was little activity.

OREGON: In Oregon we find "twenty commanderies have patriotic committees appointed, but that has been the end of the matter."

PENNSYLVANIA: A committee on patriotic activities reported:

Considerable apathy on the part of a number of commanderies to launch any special program.

WEST VIRGINIA: During the year a letter and report blank was sent out to all commanderies. Replies were received from 16, while 13 made no report; 7 commanderies appointed committees; 2 commanderies thought the program might be workable; 4 were doubtful; 1 had no comment; 9 thought the program unworkable in their area.

PRE-REQUISITION

LOUISIANA: A resolution to make the council degrees pre-requisite was presented, put to a vote and defeated.

MISSISSIPPI: The Grand Commander believed—

Our Masonic education is not complete without the council degrees. I recommend a committee be appointed to meet with the Grand Chapter and suggest that the council degrees be made pre-requisite.

Mississippi was one of the states which sent up a resolution to Grand Encampment suggesting the enactment of legislation which would make the council degrees requisite for commandery membership. It was signed by two Past Grand Commanders.

NEBRASKA: A resolution, presented by Past Grand Commander Smith, providing for the necessity of council membership before becoming a Templar, passed unanimously.

RITUAL

ARKANSAS: From the proceedings we learn:

Drill teams have not been accepted with much enthusiasm in many commanderies, or at least such teams are not in evidence.

IDAHO: The Grand Commander recommended shortening the full form opening and making its use optional with the full form opening. He found too much time was spent in drilling for the full form opening, or if eliminated entirely the time could be spent to much better advantage in conferring the Orders. The Grand Recorder found that inspection reports showed the Order of the Temple consumed four hours and ten minutes. He believes there was little excuse for that. He found too many unusual delays in the work and too much time lost in many meetings.

KANSAS: The Grand Commander found that thirty rituals had not been accounted for and that some method should be devised to eliminate this carelessness with rituals. When our fraters in Kansas discover a method of keeping track of rituals we would be glad to know it.

LOUISIANA: Louisiana fraters have made request of the Grand Encampment whereby Grand Encampment rituals might be purchased "for any interested fratres."

NEW YORK: The ritual committee reported that a member of the committee had proposed substitution of the revised standard version for the King James version in the Second Hermit's work in the Order of the Temple. The revised version states "do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

NORTH DAKOTA: Early in the meeting a statement was made that a resolution would be introduced requesting the Grand Encampment to liberalize its ritual requirements. A search of the proceedings fails to reveal any action.

STATISTICAL

ALABAMA: Ninety-fifth Annual, Tuscaloosa, April 27, 1955; 28 Commanderies; 732 knighted; 9,272 members; 337 net gain; Missouri was represented; J. Collier Foster, Grand Commander presiding; George G. Rees, Montgomery, Grand Commander elect.

ARIZONA: Sixty-second Annual, Bisbee, October 24, 1955; 10 Commanderies; 85 knighted; 1,091 members; 39 net gain; Missouri was represented; Thomas H. Bate, Grand Commander presiding; George F.

Dyer, Sr., Tucson, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Winslow, October 22, 1956.

ARKANSAS: Eighty-third Annual, Little Rock, April 18, 1955; 17 Commanderies; 164 knighted; 3,714 members; 61 net gain; Missouri was represented; Charles H. Cross, Grand Commander presiding; John M. States, Jonesboro, Grand Commander elect.

CALIFORNIA: Ninety-seventh Annual, San Francisco, April 21, 1955; 70 Commanderies; 1,828 knighted; 17,921 members; 1,304 net gain; Missouri was represented; Milford B. Bates, Grand Commander presiding; Glenn W. Gurtner, Riverside, Grand Commander elect.

CANADA: Seventy-second Annual, Toronto, August 8, 1955; 72 Preceptories; 843 knighted; 13,645 members; 420 net gain; Frederic G. Mann, Grand Master presiding; Perry S. Cochrane, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Grand Master elect; next conclave, Regina, Sask., August 11, 1956.

COLORADO: Eightieth Annual, Denver, September 23, 1955; 36 Commanderies; 183 knighted; 4,736 members; 34 net gain; Missouri was not represented; George Hoenshell, Grand Commander presiding.

CONNECTICUT: One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual, Waterbury, May 3, 1955; 12 Commanderies; 111 knighted; 3,744 members; 47 net loss; Missouri was not represented; Idris Anderson, Grand Commander presiding; Archibald G. Prisk, Yalesville, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Meriden, May 1, 1956.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Sixtieth Annual, Washington, May 14, 1955; 5 Commanderies; 81 knighted; 2,403 members; 5 net loss; Missouri was represented; Rodger R. Kauffman, Grand Commander presiding; Raymond N. Babcock, Washington, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Washington, May 12, 1956.

FLORIDA: Sixty-first Annual, Ocala, May 16, 1955; 34 Commanderies; 488 knighted; 6,447 members; 328 net gain; Missouri was not represented; DeCarr F. Hosford, Grand Commander presiding; Cristen D. Anderson, Welaka, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Sarasota, May 13, 1956.

GEORGIA: Ninety-fourth Annual, Augusta, May 11, 1955; 37 Commanderies; 535 knighted; 11,068 members; 199 net gain; J. Warner Neal, Grand Commander presiding; James R. Belflower, Tifton, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Atlanta, May 10, 1956.

IDAHO: Fifty-second Annual, Lewiston, May 18, 1955; 13 Commanderies; 66 knighted; 1,944 members; 1 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Walter E. Holz, Grand Commander presiding; Edward D. Sanman, Lewiston, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Salmon City, May 16, 1956.

ILLINOIS: Ninety-ninth Annual, Champaign, September 10, 1955; 82 Commanderies; 845 knighted; 19,235 members; 29 net loss; Missouri was represented; Leo C. Dimmer, Grand Commander presiding; Carl E. Anderson, Chicago, Grand Commander elect.

INDIANA: One Hundred First Annual, Muncie, May 13, 1955; 60 Commanderies; 517 knighted; 12,987 members; 80 net gain; Missouri was represented; Charles E. Cook, Grand Commander presiding; Samuel S. Geake, Fort Wayne, Grand Commander elect.

KANSAS: Eighty-sixth Annual, Hutchinson, May 10, 1955; 58 Commanderies; 559 knighted; 12,561 members; 178 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Donald C. Martindell, Grand Commander presiding; Glenn E. Williams, Oswego, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Pittsburg, May 8, 1956.

LOUISIANA: Ninety-second Annual, Baton Rouge, April 4, 1955;

16 Commanderies; 258 knighted; 3,788 members; 112 net gain; Missouri was not represented; John W. Felps, Grand Commander presiding; Edwin F. Gayle, Lake Charles, Grand Commander elect.

MAINE: One Hundred Fourth Annual, Portland, May 2, 1955; 24 Commanderies; 246 knighted; 6,635 members; 8 net loss; Missouri was represented; Alexander A. LaFleur, Grand Commander presiding; Nelson B. Camick, Eastport, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Portland, May 7, 1956.

MARYLAND: Eighty-fifth Annual, Baltimore, May 11, 1955; 13 Commanderies; 112 knighted; 4,336 members; 37 net loss; Conrad J. Raider, Grand Commander presiding; Harry B. Shaw, Hyattsville, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Detroit, June 1, 1956.

MICHIGAN: Ninety-ninth Annual, Saginaw, June 3, 1955; 55 Commanderies; 430 knighted; 12,099 members; 51 net loss; R. Dewey Stearns, Grand Commander presiding; Murray D. Wilson, Detroit, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Detroit, June 1, 1956.

MINNESOTA: Ninetieth Annual, Brainerd, June 9, 1955; 36 Commanderies; 497 knighted; 10,472 members; 189 net gain; Missouri was represented; Ransford R. Gould, Grand Commander presiding; Robert D. Dinwiddie, St. Paul, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, St. Paul, June 20, 1956.

MISSISSIPPI: Ninety-fourth Annual, Laurel, April 20, 1955; 26 Commanderies; 364 knighted; 5,909 members; 128 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Tom Z. Whitehead, Grand Commander presiding; J. W. Alford, McComb, Grand Commander elect.

MONTANA: Sixty-eighth Annual, Miles City, June 5, 1955, 21 Commanderies; 289 knighted; 3,133 members; 200 net gain; Missouri was represented; J. Fred Wetzsteon, Grand Commander presiding; Harry Bennetts, Butte, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Butte, June 3, 1956.

NEBRASKA: Eighty-third Annual, Omaha, April 21, 1955; 28 Commanderies; 359 knighted; 4,742 members; 272 net gain; Missouri was represented; Charles O. Showalter, Grand Commander presiding; Guy L. Raber, Scottsbluff, Grand Commander elect.

NEVADA: Thirty-seventh Annual, Fallon, June 6, 1955; 6 Commanderies; 26 knighted; 488 members; 18 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Laurence A. Gulling, Grand Commander presiding; Yale Williams, Elko, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Boulder City, June 11, 1956.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: One Hundred Eighth Annual, Claremont, October 3, 1955; 11 Commanderies; 59 knighted; 1,731 members; 12 net loss; Missouri was represented; Leonard W. Lewis, Grand Commander presiding; George E. Tuttle, Peterborough, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Keene, October 1, 1956.

NEW JERSEY: Ninety-fifth Annual, Trenton, March 5, 1955; 25 Commanderies; 178 knighted; 3,728 members; 8 net gain; Missouri was represented; William R. Wheelan, Grand Commander presiding; Earl E. Seiwel, Pleasantville, Grand Commander elect.

NEW MEXICO: Fifty-fifth Annual, Las Vegas, May 17, 1955; 11 Commanderies; 170 knighted; 2,471 members; 130 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Fred B. Hartman, Grand Commander presiding; Christopher A. Bernard, Raton, Grand Commander elect.

NEW YORK: One Hundred Forty-second Annual, August 19, 1955; 73 Commanderies; 589 knighted; 16,090 members; 193 net loss; Missouri was not represented; Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Commander presiding; James C. Corbett, Rochester, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Rochester, June 9, 1956.

NORTH CAROLINA: Seventy-fifth Annual, Greensboro, March 21, 1955; 29 Commanderies; 186 knighted; 5,696 members; 52 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Phil J. T. Rawlins, Grand Commander presiding; Wm. N. Harper, Charlotte, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Charlotte, May 7, 1956.

NORTH DAKOTA: Sixty-ninth Annual, Mandan, May 15, 1955; 12 Commanderies; 82 knighted; 2,059 members; 4 net loss; Missouri was represented; Herman E. Fowler, Grand Commander presiding; Roland M. Gross, Bottineau, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Williston, May 13, 1956.

OHIO: One Hundred Thirteenth Annual, Cincinnati, October 9, 1955; 83 Commanderies; 1,190 knighted; 26,529 members; 283 net gain; Missouri was represented; George H. Thomas, Grand Commander presiding; Earl T. Armesy, Cleveland, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Cleveland, October 1, 1956.

OKLAHOMA: Sixtieth Annual, Enid, May 2, 1955; 34 Commanderies; 330 knighted; 5,498 members; 104 net gain; Missouri was represented; Ansel M. Crowder, Grand Commander presiding; Rennie L. Moore, Holdenville, Grand Commander elect.

OREGON: Sixty-ninth Annual, Portland, April 11, 1955; 23 Commanderies; 224 knighted; 5,357 members; 23 net gain; Missouri was not represented; M. Patrick Dunn, Grand Commander presiding; George F. Ostrom, Astoria, Grand Commander elect.

PENNSYLVANIA: One Hundred Second Annual, Erie, May 24, 1955; 93 Commanderies; 1,176 knighted; 28,325 members; 167 net gain; Missouri was represented; James N. Deeter, Grand Commander presiding; Channing M. Galbreath, Pittsburgh, Grand Commander elect; next conclave Pittsburgh, May 22, 1956.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Forty-eight Annual, Sumter, March 6, 1955; 16 Commanderies; 277 knighted; 3,742 members; 165 net gain; Missouri was represented; R. W. Coleman, Grand Commander presiding; E. I. Johnson, Spartanburg, Grand Commander elect.

TENNESSEE: Ninety-fourth Annual; Nashville, September 14, 1955; 27 Commanderies; 429 knighted; 7,837 members; 197 net gain; Missouri was not represented; William J. Sanders, Jr., Grand Commander presiding; Euel G. Frizzell, Fountain City, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Knoxville, September 19, 1956.

UTAH: Forty-sixth Annual, Salt Lake City, May 10, 1955; 5 Commanderies; 57 knighted; 1,223 members; 32 net gain; Missouri was represented; Ollie D. Cortner, Grand Commander presiding; Ethelbert H. Bingham, Salt Lake City, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Salt Lake City, May 8, 1956.

VERMONT: One Hundred Thirteenth Annual, Middlebury, April 23, 1955; 13 Commanderies; 148 knighted; 2,724 members; 51 net gain; Missouri was not represented; J. Wesley Murdock, Sr., Grand Commander presiding; Paul Glynn, Bellows Falls, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Bellows Falls, near June 1, 1956.

VIRGINIA: One Hundred Thirty-third Annual, Roanoke, May 12, 1955; 30 Commanderies; 234 knighted; 6,599 members; 22 net gain; Missouri was represented; F. Allen Brown, Grand Commander presiding; Carl F. Wood, Petersburg, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Petersburg, May 10, 1956.

WASHINGTON: Sixty-eighth Annual, Seattle, May 15, 1955; 28 Commanderies; 280 knighted; 6,216 members; 54 net gain; Missouri was represented; Sam A. Wright, Grand Commander presiding; Ben Wood, Colfas, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Wenatchee, May 21, 1956.

WEST VIRGINIA: Eighty-first Annual, Beckley, May 20, 1955; 29 Commanderies; 270 knighted; 6,010 members; 67 net gain; Missouri was represented; W. Bernard Rocke, Grand Commander presiding; Earle V. Townshend, Huntington, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Huntington, May 18, 1956.

WISCONSIN: Ninety-seventh Annual, Madison, June 10, 1955; 45 Commanderies; 311 knighted; 7,639 members; 19 net gain; Missouri was represented; Orrin D. St. Clair, Grand Commander presiding; Arthur J. Olsen, Superior, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Superior, June 22, 1956.

WYOMING: Sixty-eighth Annual, Evanston, September 13, 1955; 17 Commanderies; 99 knighted; 2,177 members; 47 net gain; Missouri was not represented; Raymond W. Allen, Grand Commander presiding; Alfred R. Corsberg, Laramie, Grand Commander elect; next conclave, Casper, September 11, 1956.

UNIFORM

ARKANSAS: The Grand Commander said that respect for Commandery uniform and feeling of pride when worn was diminishing and that most knights seem more anxious to remove their uniforms than to wear them.

MAINE: It was voted that the first three officers should dispense with the baldric and apron, all other knights shall dispense with the apron. The apron has long been one of the marks of the Maine commandery.

MISSISSIPPI: The grand commander said:

As you know, the uniform situation in the commanderies in Mississippi has been a delicate situation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: The wearing of the apron, which has been compulsory in New Hampshire, is not now compulsory, and the wearing of the baldric will not be insisted upon.

NEW JERSEY: A committee (Good of the Order) found that in talking with officers and members of commanderies the trend always turned to two things—uniforms and knightings. These seem to be tied together. The committee urged the Grand Commandery to settle the uniform situation and not keep it as a special order of business for each conclave. Potential petitioners are delaying filing petitions until they can find out what constitutes the uniform. None of the recommendations of the committee was adopted.

UNUSUAL

ARIZONA: The Easter Vesper Service was held at the Pueblo Grande ruins, near Phoenix, at sunset. The service was televised.

ARKANSAS: The proceedings record the healing of E. W. Cochrane "who was illegally created a Knight Templar by Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67, Poplar Bluff, Missouri."

LOUISIANA: Grand Commander-elect Gayle has reached the age

of ninety years; he had previously served as presiding officer in Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Lodge.

MAINE: Honorary titles were conferred upon two individuals, that of Honorary Grand Commander, Arthur J. Lloyd and Convers E. Leach.

MARYLAND: On October 12, 1954, officers of the Grand Commandery visited Baltimore Chapter No. 40, were received and proceeded to confer the degree of Most Excellent Master.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Walter E. Dunlap, Grand Recorder and a Past Grand Commander, serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, on January 29, 1955, knighted Leslie F. Murch, who, at the time, was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

NEW JERSEY: The Northern Supreme Council A.A.S.R. recently conferred a great honor on York Rite Masonry by electing Grand Recorder Beck to receive the 33° in recognition of his splendid work for York Rite Masonry.

NORTH DAKOTA: The speaker at the annual banquet of the Past Commanders' Association was Governor Norman Brunsdale. Part of the ceremony for the convening of the Past Commanders' Association is the presentation of the jewel and sword of the late Governor Frank White. The annual sermon given to the Grand Commandery was preached by Leslie R. Burgum, Attorney General of North Dakota. Another speaker was the retiring Grand Commander, Herman E. Fowler, who is a Judge of the Supreme Court.

OKLAHOMA: Grand Commander Crowder reported the knighting of F. Neal Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

PENNSYLVANIA: Pennsylvania presents small gold cards to Templars who have been members for fifty years or more; most of them are being presented by the Grand Commander.

SOUTH CAROLINA: The Grand Commandery was extended a greeting by the Mayor of Sumter. Investigation proves that Her Honor, the Mayor, was Miss M. Priscilla Shaw.

VIRGINIA: The Grand Commander wrote a personal letter to each Templar created during the year, which involved writing 190 letters.

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