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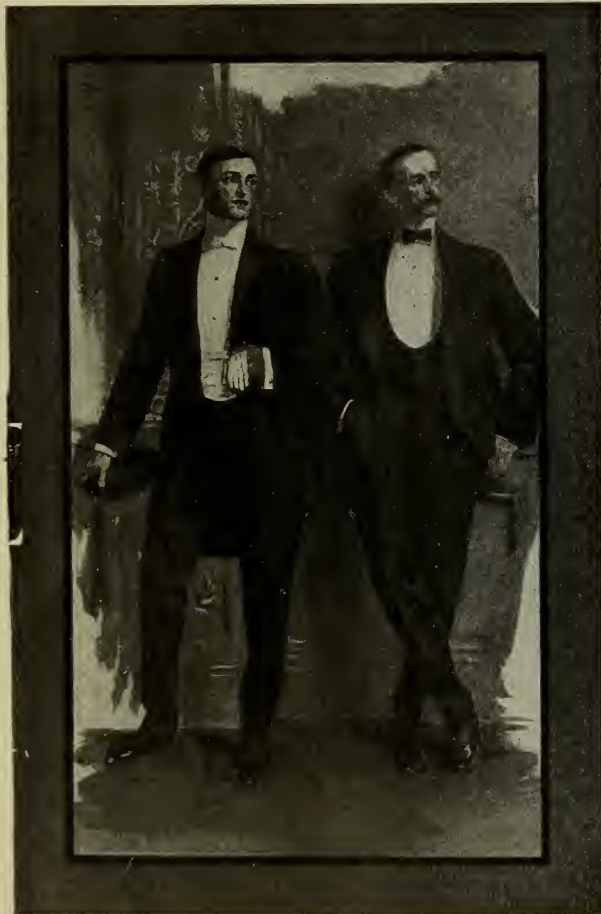
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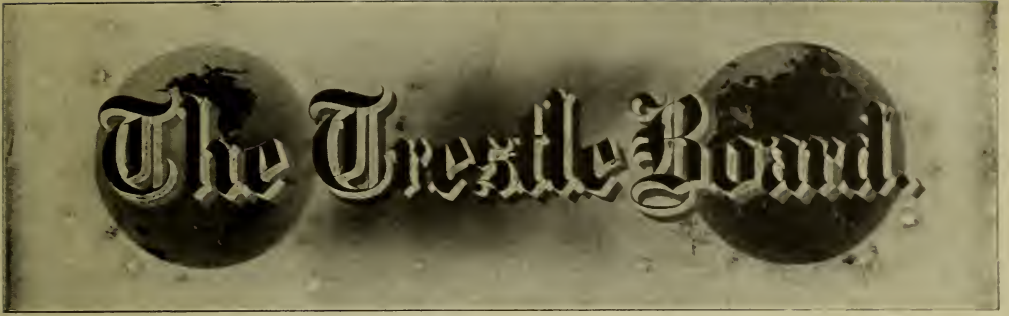


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Masonic Calendar.

SAN FRANCISCO AND ALAMEDA COUNTIES.

- Stated Meetings.
- MONDAY
- 1st *Occidental Lodge, No. 22.
 - 1st *Hermann Lodge, No. 127.
 - 1st †King Solomon's Lodge, No. 260.
 - 1st & 3d *San Francisco R. A. Chapter, No. 1.
 - 1st & 3d †Golden Gate Commandery, No. 16.
 - 2d & 4th ‡Benlah Chapter, No. 99, O. E. S.
 - 2d & 4th ††Olive Branch Chapter, No. 169, O. E. S.
 - EVERY ***Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies.
 - 1st & 3d ††San Francisco Chapter, No. 196, O. E. S.
 - LAST ****Fruitvale Lodge, No. 336.
- TUESDAY
- 1st *Golden Gate Lodge, No. 30.
 - 1st *Oriental Lodge, No. 144.
 - 1st **San Francisco Lodge, U. D.
 - 1st ††Brooklyn Lodge, No. 225.
 - 1st & 3d *California Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.
 - 1st & 3d **Starr King Chapter, O. E. S., No. 204.
 - 1st ††Oakland Commandery, No. 11.
 - 2d & 4th †Ivy Chapter, No. 27, O. E. S.
 - 2d & 4th ††Unity Chapter, No. 65, O. E. S.
 - 1st & 3d † Berkeley Chapter, O. E. S., Berkeley.
- WEDNESDAY
- 1st *Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 44.
 - 1st *Crockett Lodge, No. 139.
 - 1st *Excelsior Lodge, No. 166.
 - 1st †Mission Lodge, No. 169.
 - 1st & 3d ††Oakland Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.
 - 1st *California Council, No. 2, R. & S. M.
 - 2d †Islam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.
 - 2d & 4th ††Carita Chapter, No. 115, O. E. S.
 - 1st & 3d †King Solomon's Chapter, No. 170, O. E. S.
- THURSDAY
- 1st **Starr King Lodge, 344
 - 1st *California Lodge, No. 1.
 - 1st *Fidelity Lodge, No. 120.
 - 1st †South San Francisco Lodge, No. 212.
 - 1st *Doric Lodge, No. 216.
 - 1st †Mission R. A. Chapter, No. 79.
 - 1st †Alcatraz Lodge, No. 244.
 - 2d †Oak Grove Lodge, No. 215.
 - 1st *Yerba Buena Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, S. R.
 - At Call *Yerba Buena Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 1.
 - At Call *Godfrey de St. Omar Council, No. 1.
 - At Call *San Francisco Consistory, No. 1.
 - 5th ††Oakland Council, No. 12, R. & S. M.
 - At Call *Pacific Coast Masonic Veteran Association.
 - 2d & 4th †Harmony Chapter, No. 124, O. E. S.
 - 2d & 4th ††Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S.
 - 1st & 3d ††Oakland Chapter, No. 140, O. E. S.
 - 1st & 3d †California Chapter, No. 183, O. E. S.
 - 1st ††Presidio Lodge, No. 354.
- FRIDAY
- 1st *Pacific Lodge, No. 136.
 - 1st *Loge La Parfaite Union, No. 17.
 - 1st ††Live Oak Lodge, No. 61.
 - 1st ††Durant Lodge, No. 268.
 - EVERY *California Commandery, No. 1.
 - 1st & 3d †Golden Gate Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S.
 - 1st *Loggi Esperanza Italiana, No. 219.
 - 2d & 4th †Crescent Court, No. 3, R. & A. D.
- SATURDAY
- 1st †Mission Lodge, No. 169.
 - 1st ††Oakland Lodge, No. 188.
 - 2d †Alameda Chapter, No. 70, R. A. M.
 - EVERY Masonic Board of Relief, Emma Spreckels Bldg., 927 Market St., Room 604.
 - LAST *Past Masters' Association.
 - 2d & 4th †Mission Chapter, No. 155, O. E. S.
 - 1st & 3d †Aloha Chapter, O. E. S., No. 206.
- * Masonic Temple, Corner Post and Montgomery Sts.
 - † Franklin Hall, Fillmore, bet. Sutter and Bush Sts.
 - † Golden Gate Commandery Hall, 629 Sutter St.
 - † Masonic Hall, Railroad Ave., South San Francisco.
 - † B'nai B'rith Hall, 121 Eddy St.
 - † Masonic Hall, 2668 Mission St., bet. 22d and 23d Sts.
 - †† Masonic Temple, 12th & Washington Sts., Oakland.
 - †† E. 14th St., East Oakland.
 - †† Peralta St. near 7th St., West Oakland.
 - †† Masonic Temple, Park St., Alameda.
 - †† Masonic Hall, Berkeley Station.
 - ***Scottish Rite Cathedral, 14th & Webster Sts., Oakland
 - †††223 Sutter St.
 - **Devisadero Hall, 317 Devisadero St.
 - ****East 14th St. and Fruitvale ave., Fruitvale.
 - †††Octavia and Union Streets.



The Final Talk With the New Master.

WRITTEN FOR THE "TRESTLE BOARD" BY EDMUND C. ATKINSON, 33°, PAST GRAND MASTER OF CALIFORNIA.

My brother, it is hoped that the experience you have had in conferring the degrees of Masonry has fitted your mind and heart as receptacles for the riches of symbolic lore. In my judgment no brother can better prepare himself for the full appreciation of the beautiful and impressive lessons of Freemasonry than by faithfully and zealously discharging the duties which now devolve upon you as Master of your lodge, for it is established beyond controversion that the young teacher who imparts instruction in any of the sciences makes better progress than his pupil in the knowledge of the subject under consideration.

In a former interview I made reference to "the fruit beneath the foliage." You can now more fully appreciate the fact that beneath the symbolism of the degrees lies the delicious fruit.

In the initiation ceremonies of some of the Ancient Mysteries it was customary to display to the candidate the symbol only, and to leave to him the discovery of its meaning. Sufficient explanation is given of our symbols to encourage the novice to seek for further light. He learns that we use one of the symbols for the

noble and glorious purpose of divesting our hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life. To the rational mind this opens a limitless field for thought. What a mysterious thing is the human heart! How independent of the world it may be! The world may not appreciate intrinsic worth; it may withhold from true merit the approbation that is justly due; aye, it may even condemn the man who is bold in virtue's cause, but he can always turn to his own heart and there find a sweeter meed of praise than the world can ever bestow. Otherwise how dim and faint would be that praise which must shine through the panes of a blackened conscience!

Into the secret chamber of a true Mason's heart no character can ever come save that of the benevolent, the upright and the just. There is a holy of holies in his own bosom which no mere pageant of earthly greatness can enter. Ostentation, pomp and pride, worldly wealth and honors must all remain in the outer court; they cannot pass beneath the veil where rests the ark of the sacred law with the outstretched wings of a protecting conscience extended over it.

How rich is our symbolic lore! From the first to the last lesson occur the symbolic gems which "on the stretched fore-finger of all time sparkle forever."

My brother, it is not enough that the Master, to be well qualified, commit to memory the ritualistic and esoteric lessons to be repeated as so many words in regular order; nor is he a bright Mason who is versed in ritual only. Lessons imparted in a parrot-like manner are dry as dust. He who would impress others must himself be first impressed. Study well the symbolic meaning of every lesson, and when such lesson has impressed *you*, then will you impart your knowledge and understanding impressively to others.

The Holy Bible, which is given us as the rule and guide of our faith, contains abundant reference for him who seeks for light in the symbolism of Masonry. I will cite but one instance and recommend a careful research of the Sacred Volume. In the Book of Genesis, Chapter II., there is an account of the four rivers that ran out of Eden. Their names, Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel and Euphrates, symbolize the four cardinal virtues, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and in the very order in which they are given. You will be materially aided in your research by consulting the writings of Flavius Josephus and Philo Judæus.

Passing over many things which, would time permit, I should be pleased to notice, I will proceed to the allegory of the third degree. I refer, of course, to the second section. Most important of all is the lesson that is here taught, and without it this degree would never have been termed "sublime." Here the journey of life is portrayed, and supplemented by an exemplification of implicit faith in the immortality of the soul. The three stations named represent the three stages of human life. The first represents youth with the allurements that surround us in life's morning and beckon us to the by-paths that lead to dissipation and disgrace. Of these

let Byron speak, for Byron knew them well.

"Ah, Vice! How soft are thy voluptuous ways!
While boyish blood is mantling who can 'scape
The fascination of thy magic gaze?
A cherub-hydra round us thou dost gape,
And mould to every taste thy dear, delusive
shape."

The second represents manhood, that period which necessitates the fullest exercise of

"—— the strong-Will, and the Endeavor
That forever
Wrestles with the tide of Fate."

and when an unwavering devotion to Justice, Truth and Right proves an amulet of safety in the pilgrimage of life.

The third, so often misunderstood and misinterpreted, represents the last station where Death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, wields his emblem of unlimited power. He who has resisted the temptations of youth and trod the path that leads to virtuous manhood, and there with fortitude undaunted has gained the victory over the cohorts of Evil, will find the descent to the Eastern gate attended by the peace that passeth understanding and with the calm that ever succeeds the storm.

Westward from Mount Moriah there is a hill where grows the evergreen Acacia. It marks the spot that is sacred to the memory of one who defended his integrity with his life, and around it cluster the hallowed memories of Him who commanded men to love one another. As the evergreen is to every Mason the emblem of immortality, so may the new commandment ever be the golden rule of life.

My brother, may the suggestions and recommendations which I have given you in these interviews prove not only helpful in the discharge of your duties as Master of your lodge, but may some word here spoken, some truth here enunciated find a place in the casket of your memory, and afford you a pleasing reminiscence in the years that are to come.

No man is expected to reach perfection in his earthly career, but his course can always tend to a higher plane. And now in conclusion, I recommend to you a care-

ful consideration of the following golden words of Ruskin:

"In all things that live there are certain irregularities and deficiencies which are not only signs of life, but sources of beauty. No human face is exactly the same in its lines on each side, no leaf is

perfect in its lobes, no branch in its symmetry. All things are literally better, lovelier, and more beloved for the imperfections which have been divinely appointed, that the law of human life may be Effort, and the law of human judgment, Mercy."

Grand Commandery of California.

Ten o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, April 20th, 1904, marked the opening of the forty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of California, at Masonic Temple, corner Post and Montgomery streets, San Francisco.

The meeting was opened by preliminary service of worship, beginning with the Lord's Prayer said in unison by the members. An opening hymn, written expressly for the Grand Commandery was sung. Then there was responsive reading by the Prelate and Sir Knights. A selection was beautifully rendered by the Temple choir, the Scripture lesson was read, followed by prayer from the mouth of the Grand Prelate. Then came the grand conclave hymn, also written for the occasion, and the religious ceremonies were closed with a benediction.

The roll was called and the representatives in response gave a report of their respective commanderies.

Reports from various committees occupied the morning session.

ANENT THE CONCLAVE.

At the afternoon session the grand body voted an additional sum of \$25,000 for triennial conclave purposes, making \$60,000 donated by the Grand Commandery for that purpose up to date. Last year the Grand Commandery promised to raise \$35,000. At this session an additional \$25,000 was pledged.

One contribution of \$6,000 was given the Grand Commandery by Golden Gate Commandery of San Francisco.

While the question of the Grand Commandery's total contribution for the triennial conclave was under discussion, the statement was made that the Masonic bodies of the State must and would raise a grand total of \$100,000 to make the September conclave the most notable event in the history of the American Knights Templar.

The following named were elected officers: W. Frank Pierce, of Oakland, Grand Commander; J. B. de Jarnatt of Colusa, Deputy Grand Commander; Brilsford P. Flint of San Francisco, Grand Generalissimo; Charles Lord Field of San Francisco, Grand Captain General; Hudson B. Gillis of Siskiyou, Senior Grand Warden; William D. Stephens of Los Angeles, Junior Grand Warden; Edward Coleman of San Francisco, Grand Treasurer (re-elected); William A. Davies of San Francisco, Grand Recorder (re-elected).

Sir Knight W. Frank Pierce, of Oakland, who was elected Grand Commander for the ensuing year, was chosen by a unanimous vote.

This is the second time Sir Knight Pierce has been Grand Commander. He was specially requested to take the position this year in view of the triennial conclave, and much of the work of making the conclave a success will devolve upon him. The Grand Commandery is most fortunate in its selection of a Grand Commander, as no better choice could possibly have been made in this the great Conclave year.

RECEPTION BY CALIFORNIA COMMANDERY.

Thursday evening, April 21st, the members of the Grand Commandery, by invitation, were present at a grand reception tendered by California Commandery to its Eminent Commander, Sir Thomas H. Browne.

It is doubtful if there ever was a more fashionable audience in the Mechanics' Pavilion than on this occasion. The building was lavishly decorated with bunting, American flags and the various emblems of the fraternity in electric lights. There were more than 9,000 people present.

On the north side of the large hall was the reviewing stand, on which were seated Commander Browne, the special guest of the evening, Grand Commander Sir W. D. Knights, and other grand officers and their ladies. In front was a large table on which were displayed a set of silverware, beautiful tableware and a set of delicate glassware. To the right were twenty-four young ladies who compose the choir of Trinity Church.

EVOLUTIONS BY THE KNIGHTS.

There was a concert by Bennett's orchestra, after which a large number of the commandery, forming eight companies, entered the hall in the magnificent regalia of the order, each member wearing a chapeau with white and black plumes. After formation they passed in review. At the termination of the review Eminent Commander Browne, on behalf of the commandery, presented Right Eminent W. D. Knights, the Grand Commander, a richly mounted sword and belt. Then the Eminent Commander was called to the front, and Sir Knight Frank H. Kerrigan, as a token of the esteem of the members of the commandery for their Commander, presented him the ware that was displayed on the table, and then, on behalf of the commandery, he presented Mrs. Thomas H. Browne a valuable diamond cross. This was followed by the entrance of the commandery drill corps, commanded by Captain Reuben P. Hurlbut, escorting the ladies of the choir, who as they entered sang

"Onward, Christian Soldier." Then the corps formed a circle, within which the ladies formed a smaller circle, and at a signal the knights uncovered and all knelt while the members of the choir chanted the Lord's Prayer. Then followed an elaborate exhibition drill that was perfection in every movement.

The evening closed with a ball in which thousands took part. The affair was under the management of Sir Knights George W. Wittman, Charles M. Plum, T. L. Henderson, J. Phair, P. F. Ferguson and T. P. Andrews.

**Grand Chapter Forbids
Liquor.**

The fifteenth annual convention of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of California, began at 10 a. m. Tuesday, April 19th, at Masonic Temple, San Francisco.

Following the example set by the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of California last year, the Grand Chapter adopted a law prohibiting the use of malt or spirituous liquors at any banquet, entertainment or other function given by or under the auspices of the organization. The resolution caused a spirited debate, and was opposed by a number of the delegates, but the friends of the proposed law were more potent in their arguments and when the vote was called the resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The Grand Chapter concluded its fiftieth annual convocation by electing the following officers: Grand High Priest, Charles L. Patton, San Francisco; Deputy Grand High Priest, Thomas Flint, Jr., San Juan; Grand King, Joseph B. Cooke, Colusa; Grand Scribe, J. F. Hughes, Los Angeles; Grand Treasurer, Franklin H. Day, San Francisco; Grand Secretary, William A. Davies, San Francisco; Grand Chaplain, Thomas Kyle, San Francisco; Grand Lecturer, Henry Ascroft, San Francisco; Grand Captain of the Host, Charles J. Willett, Pasadena; Grand Royal Arch Captain, F. W. G. Moebus, Alameda; Grand Organist, Samuel D. Mayer,

San Francisco; Grand Sentinel, George W. Perkins.

GREAT PROSPERITY.

The reports for the year showed that the order had enjoyed the greatest prosperity of any year in all the fifty of its history. The gain in membership was 804, and the order now has 8,040 on its roll in the State.

A committee was appointed to purchase a testimonial to be presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, Charles F. Lott, as a mark of good will for his services on behalf of the organization.

The Grand Order of High Priesthood met in annual session and elected the following officers: President, William A. Davies; Vice-President, Jacob H. Neff; Chaplain, Thomas Kyle; Treasurer, Benjamin F. Tuttle; Recorder, Franklin H. Day; Master of Ceremonies, Henry Ascroft; Conductor, Hugh J. Owen; Herald, Florin L. Jones; Steward, John G. Bisbee; Sentinel, G. W. Perkins.

Grand Council Holds Session.

The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, met at Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Monday, April 18, 1904.

Much routine business pertaining to the Grand Council was transacted.

The following grand officers were elected and installed: Grand Master, D. M. Sutherland, Los Angeles; Deputy Grand Master, Edward Keil, Sonora; Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Charles J. Willett, Pasadena; Grand Treasurer, Franklin Henry Day, San Francisco; Grand Recorder, William A. Davies, Alameda; Grand Chaplain, Thomas Kyle, San Francisco; Grand Captain of the Guard, Charles Willis Norton, Stockton; Grand Steward, W. O. Girardv, Sacramento; Grand Organist, Samuel David Mayer; Grand Sentinel, George Washington Perkins.

At the triennial election meeting of Ohio Consistory, S. P. R. S., 33d Degree, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati, Bro. Wm. B. Melish was elected Commander in Chief, to hold office until December, 1906.

Eastern Star Notes.

A new Eastern Star Chapter has been organized in Dixon, Cal.

The members of Ocean Spray Chapter, Pacific Grove, were entertained by the Rebekah Lodge at that place recently.

The Chapter at Tulare, Cal., was officially visited by the Worthy Grand Matron April 18th.

Thirty or forty members of Santa Clara Chapter visited the Chapter at Los Gatos April 18th.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Chlo A. Routzahn, made an official visit to Lucerne Chapter, at Hanford, April 19th.

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron visited Woodbridge (Cal.) Chapter, O. E. S., April 28th.

Madera Chapter gave a very successful ball April 15th, which was very largely attended. Many graceful costumes were worn.

District Deputy Grand Matron Johanna W. Aden was on April 22d presented by Silver Star Chapter, No. 3, of Vallejo, with a handsome cut-glass vase and silver mounted mirror plateau.

Reveille Chapter, No. 47, O. E. S., was officially visited April 11th by the District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. M. V. Fifield, of Pacific Grove, who conducted a school of instruction. There was a large attendance.

District Deputy Grand Matron Miss Clara Stoddard visited Merced Chapter, No. 126, O. E. S., officially, April 11th, and was presented by the Chapter with a suitable and appropriate gift. Miss Stoddard is held in high esteem in the district.

Brevities.

Madera Chapter, O. E. S., held an initiation at that place on the evening of April 29th.

The new Masonic Temple at Everett, Wash., will be dedicated in the latter part of May.

Thirty-eight novices "held on to the rope" in Seattle, April 23d, at Afifi Temple's ceremonial.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia will convene in Roslyn, B. C., June 23d, and will hold a two days' session.

The twenty-third reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Valley of Salt Lake, Orient of Utah, began in that city April 25th, and included twenty-two visitors from adjoining states. There were twenty-four candidates for degrees present.

Souvenir Conclave Edition.

In September next there will be issued by the TRESTLE BOARD a SPECIAL ILLUSTRATED KNIGHT TEMPLAR CONCLAVE EDITION, consisting of several hundred pages, replete with Templar literature and illustrations, which is now in process of preparation. No expense will be spared to make this number the most elegant and meritorious fraternity publication ever issued in the great West. The cover, an elegant design, has been prepared, and specimen copies may be seen at the TRESTLE BOARD office, No. 102-104 Second street, San Francisco. The elegance of its make-up, the beauty of its illustrations, and the value of its text will ensure its careful preservation as a memento of the Great California Triennial Conclave. It will be a souvenir number commemorative of the greatest Knights Templar Conclave ever held in America, and the largest and most representative gathering ever assembled west of the Great Divide.

Considerably more than ten thousand copies will be circulated at the Conclave. It is the purpose of this journal to present to every Sir Knight in attendance at the Conclave a souvenir of Knight Templarism in California which shall be a work deserving of preservation, and shall worthily represent the great State in which we live.

The advertising, which will be limited, is now being rapidly engaged; hence, advertisers should reserve position and space without delay.

Shriners at Monterey.

Islam Temple paid a visit to the Oasis of Monterey April 30th. A large trainload of excursionists, nobles and ladies, left San Francisco that morning. In Monterey a number of candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the ancient fraternity. The next day was spent among the beautiful Del Monte grounds, the famous seventeen-mile drive and the old missions. A most delightful time was experienced.

Manila Lodge, No. 342, F. and A. M. was organized in 1901, with a membership of sixteen, which has swelled until it now numbers two hundred and twenty-five.

Our Crusader Knight.

The frontispiece of this number of the TRESTLE BOARD is a reproduction of the poster issued by the Knights Templar of California as a souvenir of the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave to be held in San Francisco next September. It represents an ancient Knight Templar of the Crusader type of the last Crusade, at the end of the thirteenth century, with armor, shield, attire and trappings in all the splendor of those warlike times. He is mounted on a fiery steed, halting upon the crest of a promontory facing the Golden Gate and Fort Point. Looking through the Golden Gate at the farthest point of the horizon, where the sky apparently rests upon the water's edge, and the golden orb sinks into the deep waters of the Pacific, a brilliant, glorious sunset scene is depicted. The knight turns his weatherbeaten face eastward, sitting erect in the saddle, with uplifted spear, and at a commanding pose, as though shouting a stern command to his followers from the East. The design is a work of art of the highest merit; it is after a water color by Hansen, who has acquired national reputation as a painter of the horse.

Made Grandson a Mason.

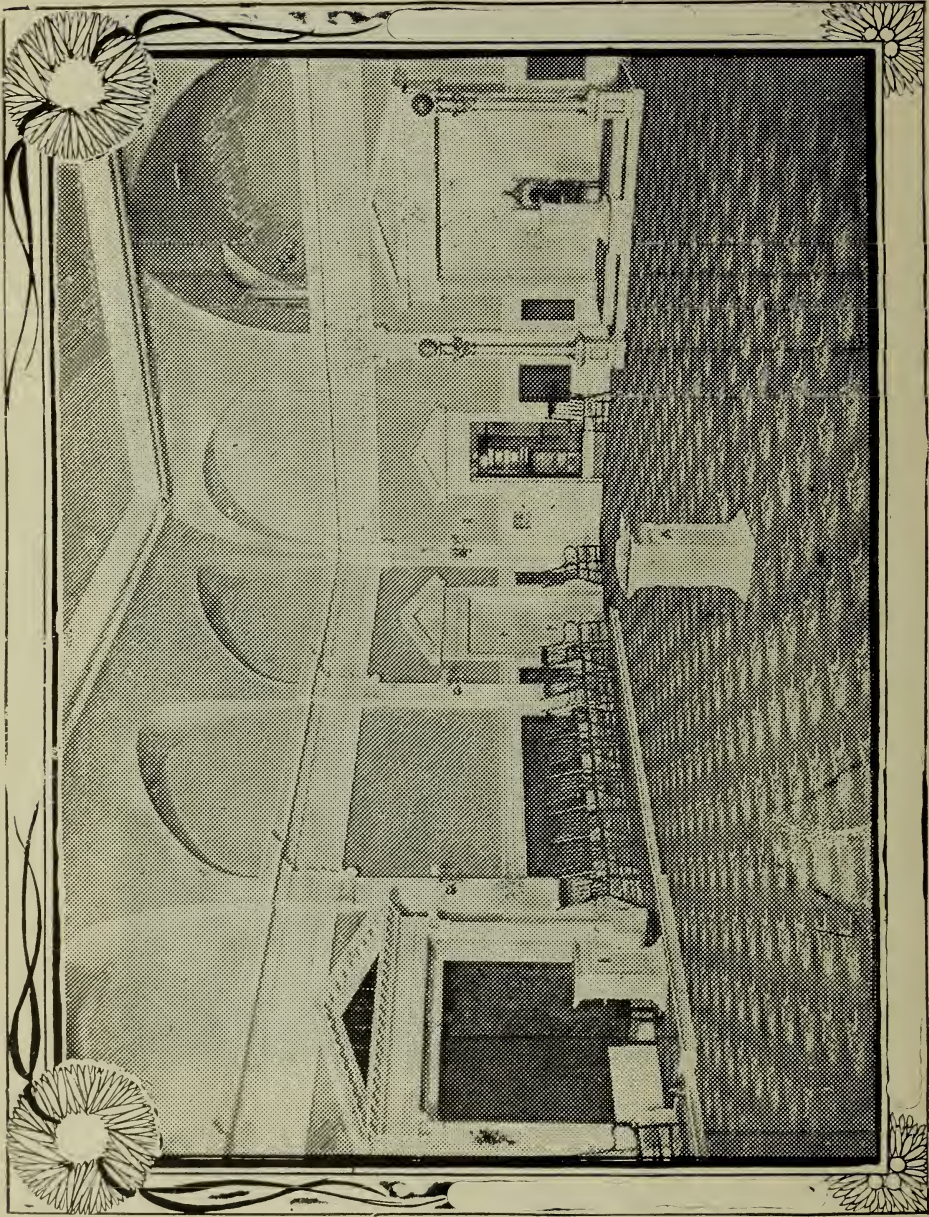
A correspondent, Bro. H. M. Fuller, writes to the TRESTLE BOARD from Waterville, Maine, giving information of a "past master's night" in Waterville Lodge, No. 33, of that community. A special communication of the above-named Masonic body was held April 11, 1904, the chairs being filled entirely by past masters. The third degree of Masonry was conferred upon Fred W. Rollins, by his grandfather, Mark W. Rollins, who was W. M. of Waterville Lodge in 1857, and who conferred the degree with impressiveness after an absence from the Master's chair of forty-seven years. Bro. Lynn W. Rollins, father of the candidate, acted as Tyler.

This is the first instance which has come to our knowledge in which a past master conferred the degrees upon his grandson.



W. FRANK PIERCE, PAST GRAND COMMANDER, K. T., UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED GRAND
COMMANDER BY THE CALIFORNIA GRAND COMMANDERY, AT ITS RECENT
ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL, 1904.

(See Pages 415-417.)



Courtesy Los Angeles Times.
INTERIOR VIEW OF ELEGANT NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT SANTA ANA, CAL., DEDICATED MARCH 29, 1904.
(See Page 421.)

New Masonic Temple at Santa Ana.

The TRESTLE BOARD is pleased to present on the opposite page a half-tone photograph of the interior of the elegant new Masonic Temple which has been in process of construction for several months past, and which being completed was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of California, March 29th last, Brother Motley H. Flint, Senior Grand Warden, of Los Angeles, officiating as Grand Master.

The new Temple is a three-story brick structure, being situated on the northeast corner of Fifth and Sycamore streets. It was completed at a cost of about \$32,000. The first floor is used for store room, the two upper stories being devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes. On the second story is the main lodge room, 40x60, 23 feet

high, with coved roof, finished in green and white, with cream tinted walls. Adjoining this is the chapel, with stained windows, black pillars and scarlet carpets. Three parlors with double doors connecting, 20x60 feet, are also on the second floor, and located on the third floor are the armory, banquet hall, kitchens, organ loft and billiard room. The whole is fitted throughout with the richest of furnishings.

At this writing there are five bodies of Masonry and concordant orders in Santa Ana: Santa Ana Lodge, No. 241, F. and A. M., 191 members; Orange Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M., membership 170; Santa Ana Commandery, No. 36, K. T., 118 members; Santa Ana Council, R. and S. M., 76 members, and Hermosa Chapter, O. E. S., 205 members.

History of the Mystic Shrine.

The subjoined account of the origin and rise of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was published on the occasion of a celebration recently held in Spokane by El Katif Temple in that city:

The Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was founded in the city of Mecca, Arabia, A. D. 656, by the Mohammedan kalif, Alee, son-in-law of Mohammed. It was originally organized as an inquisition for the purpose of suppressing lawlessness, violence and the disregard of human rights, at that time running high in Arabia.

The order spread rapidly and its temples were soon established in all the great centers of population in the east, numbering among its members many of the eminent men of learning and of social and political prominence, while the influence for good exhaled by the order was far reaching. Moslem in its origin, the order even to the present day has been characterized in its ceremonies by the beautiful

imagery of the oriental customs, while its spirit of religious toleration has departed from the old Mohammedan principle of subverting all other beliefs to that of Mohammedanism.

The authority to establish the order in America was conferred on Dr. Walter M. Fleming, by Rizk Allah Hassoon Effendee, and Dr. Fleming founded Mecca temple in New York in 1872, since which time the order has grown to nearly 100 temples and a membership far above 60,000.

The story is related of a member of Mecca temple, of New York, who, a number of years ago, was consul from this country to Tunis. There it chanced that he became acquainted with an Arab pasha, who on one occasion saw the fez and its decorations of scimitar, crescent and star in the consul's apartment. He recognized them at once, and it developed that there is now among the Arabs the same order, with symbols preserved from the original organization of Mecca, though Arab and

American are far apart in other things. So struck was the pasha with the incident that he soon presented to the consul a large quantity of scimitars, robes and other paraphernalia saying that each had "seen service," and that they were genuine Arab weapons and accoutrements. This gift was promptly forwarded to Mecca temple, and now the visitor to the armory of the New York Shriners may see an outfit, some parts of which are centuries old.

Shriners at a Circus.

The following interesting account of Mystic Shrine circus party is taken from the *New York Press* and depicts the good times enjoyed by the brethren of Mecca Temple:

Facing the east and garbed in Shrine costume, 2000 nobles of Mecca Temple last night marched over the red-hot sands of the transplanted Sahara in Madison Square Garden and made their obeisance. It was raining without, but the dampness had no effect on the enthusiasm of members of the Temple who make the yearly pilgrimage. Indeed, their appearance, while no part or parcel of the Barnum & Bailey show, was one of its chief attractions, and the Garden was packed so thoroughly that all admission was refused after 8 o'clock.

The best and funniest part of it all was the surprise for the Shriners themselves. It had been announced that the great procession around the hippodrome track would be headed by Dr. Ellison, the Recorder of Mecca Temple, and by the Potentate, Millar, who has ridden more goats and had the soles of his feet scorched oftener than any other Shriner in America; but when it came down to the practical exemplification Ellison and Millar claimed exemption, and their places were taken by two of the cleverest performers in the show—Alex Seabert and Spader Johnson.

They made up for the part. Great wads of whiskers were pasted on their chins and cut out in such perfect fac-simile of the beards of the two eminent Shriners that their own mothers wouldn't have known them. The immense audience was deceived. Even those who knew Ellison and Millar intimately did not realize the deception at first.

Unknown even to those who were personated, the personators had studied out gesture, manner and expression, and so perfectly that the men burlesqued were as much surprised as the spectators, who knew nothing of the cheat. The trip over the burning sands, the transforming of a mule into a camel, the strange and unofficial antics of the Grand Sahandrim, the amazing cavorts of the Senior Master of the Goats, the agility of the Director of the Red Hot Irons, and the wonderful

horsemanship, or muleship, of the novitiate provoked roars of laughter even among those unfamiliar with the route that leads from a Masonic blue lodge to a temple of the Mystic Shrine.

The One-String Man.

Did you ever meet a one-string man? If you never did you may thank your stars that you have been so fortunate. As a rule the man with one string plays on it continually. His mind is occupied, preoccupied and completely filled up with but one idea. He talks about it morning, noon and night. He imagines he is the only living authority on the work, that he has the only proper conception of its meaning, and is the only person who can properly interpret the language of Solomon, Adoniram, Hiram of Tyre, and their colleagues who instituted the fraternity of Freemasons. If it is not the ritual it is some other feature of Masonry,—its charities, its government or something else.

Any one imbued with but one idea, no matter in what branch it may be, will talk, talk, talk about it and nothing else. If by any chance the conversation should be changed, he will soon revert to the old, old story. How many times have we listened with all the patience we could command, not to a "twice-told" tale, but to an oft-repeated story of the pet notion of some self-appointed critic of human affairs. Anything and everything that does not comport with his own hypercritical notion, he condemns. He hurls anathema against all who presume to gainsay his word. He is known by his one-string hobby.—*Exchange.*

Each in His Own Circle.

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole commonwealth and the whole civilized world.—*Dean Stanley.*

The Attraction of Masonry.

(FROM THE STANDARD.)

Masonry is a peculiar institution. It has peculiar attractions which command a man's attention for a longer or a shorter period, according as he is interested or impressed by its work. It is a matter of wonderment and surprise that there is so much attractiveness about it. Why do men go night after night to Lodges, see precisely the same ceremony, hear precisely the same words, meet the same persons, and go through the same exercises, and seem to be interested and satisfied with their surroundings? What fascination is there about the work that holds men with such a powerful influence? What is there in the institution so attractive?

The reasons for the interest are many. In some cases the fascination is because at each repetition of the ceremony, each hearing of the lessons, the mind reaches out to catch, if possible, something new. The listener realizes that the truths of Masonry, as taught by signs and symbols, by forms and ceremonies, by legend and story, underlie them all. That there is an inexhaustible mine of truth beneath the veil of Masonic symbolism, and it is by patient investigation that it is explored. Such a man never tires of beholding the beauties of storing his mind with ennobling principles of Masonry. There is no gainsaying the fact that the degrees are full of seed-thoughts, that make the reflective mind hunger and thirst after something more. Beholding the forms and ceremonies but whets the appetite for a more satisfying revelation. Masonry opens up a field for study and research unequalled by any science in the world. Indeed, it includes in its curriculum, and most properly, too, every science known to man. It is the vastest, most comprehensive storehouse of knowledge in existence. One thus interested in the study of Masonic truth will in all probability become a veteran in the cause.

The average Mason, however, is not a student of the secret and profound teachings and doctrines of the fraternity. He views the institution from a superficial standpoint. He beholds the surface of the ceremonies and sees nothing beyond them. He does not take the pickaxe to unearth the hidden treasures. They are revealed by the thoughtful, studious brother, and the revelation is enjoyed for a time by the less thoughtful. For example, when it is announced that a well-known, eloquent craftsman is to participate in the work of any degree, he is sure to receive a patient hearing. This is particularly true if he casts aside all monitors, and, reaching out into the unfathomed and almost unfathomable realm of truth, he raises the curtain that hides the ineffable glory of Masonic symbolism, and brings to light the true meaning of the mystic ceremonies.

This is an attraction that has its power and its influence for a time, and leads men to avail themselves of its benefits. The able, thoughtful, thoroughly interested worker is not found in every gathering of Masons. What, then, is the attraction?

Some men are attracted by the social side of Masonry. This is, of course, a pleasant feature of the Lodge. Men are drawn together in friendly relations, sociability is cultivated and acquaintances are made that frequently blossom into lifelong friendship. But this is not the binding, holding influence that affords a lasting interest. The average Masonic life of a man is seven years. As the body changes every seven years, and we are furnished with new bones, new cuticle, and new flesh, so the Lodge is furnished with a new membership. The social attraction of Masonry is short-lived, and has not the power to interest as the more important study of the doctrines. The one appeals to the body, the other to the mind. When

the social side of Masonry becomes monotonous, and its attractions all on the taste, the man's interest in the institution is gone.

Ambition is another thing that attracts a man to Masonry. He beholds his fellows honored by the Craft, and desires a like distinction. He unites with a Lodge and at once sets about laying his plans for official position. He is zealous and deeply interested in all that pertains to the Lodge. He is appointed to office, which is pleasing to him, and feeds his ambition. He is promoted, and in a few years, a very few, two, or three, or four, he presides in the East. Then the desire for the "purple of the fraternity to rest upon his honored shoulders" takes possession of him, and he seeks "preferment." He receives it; is appointed, perhaps, District Deputy. He receives the adulations of his brethren, and smiting himself upon the breast, he proudly says, "What a great man I am!" His year of service closes and so does his zeal and interest for Masonry. The Masonic life of such a man is not long. He becomes engrossed in other things, and seldom, if ever, crosses the threshold of his Lodge. Ambition is not a lasting attraction to Masonry.

The Masonic critic is attracted to Masonry because it affords an opportunity for the exercise of his "critical" powers. He goes from lodge to lodge to see the "perfectness" with which an officer does his work. He watches to see where a "slip" is made, and as soon as an officer makes a mistake his eyes dilate, and a sort of contemptuous smile plays about his mouth. His interest is centered in the "slip," not in the correct work. He helps to fill the lodge-room, that is all. He does not behold the beauties of the degrees, but is attracted solely by the desire to criticise.

Others are attracted by a desire to keep "posted" in the work. To a certain degree this is commendable, but it is not sufficient to keep a man wedded to the institution. As soon as he feels that he is thor-

oughly "posted," he is seldom seen at the lodge.

The only attraction that is lasting is an appreciation of the beauty and grandeur of the doctrines of the institution, the importance and sublimity of the truths underlying the forms and ceremonies. All other attractions are like the seed which "fell upon stony places, where they had not much soil; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was up they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away."

He Listened.

A reporter of a Salem, Oregon, newspaper was invited to attend the banquet which was given on the occasion of the conferring of the Order of Malta by De Molay Commandery No. 5, Salem, Oregon, and reception tendered the Grand Commandery. Not being a Knight Templar, he was obliged to wait in the ante-room in company with the ladies of the attending Knights, until the ceremony of the degree was finished. These are his impressions, as received at long distance through the "attentive ear":

There is a great deal of secret Masonic work that ladies and reporters are barred forever from knowing anything about. There was the usual amount of funeral chanting, the great chain was dragged out and slowly wound about the victim's neck, he was elevated to the ceiling, and dropped with a dull thud, and the bell tolled, and then, with a mighty crash and final clash the whole house was brought down about his ears, and he was dragged to the sacrificial altar, and the rest is too horrible to relate. The Salem Masons never do any of their degree work in a half-hearted manner, and the victim usually does not escape without a few bumps on his head that last him a month at least. But the reporter has promised not to give away any more of the secrets of the Order lest the cold and clammy waters of the Willamette close over another Morgan.

"Active love is attainable only for him who does not place his happiness in his individual life, and who also gives free play to feelings of good will towards others."

Tolstoy.



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The Masters of the Five Lodges of Sacramento.

There is probably no place in the State where Masonry receives greater attention than at Sacramento. The lodges are all in prosperous condition and doing good work. Grand officers and visiting Masons are always cordially received and hospitably entertained.

There are five Symbolic Lodges, a Royal Arch Chapter, a Council of Royal and Select Masters, a Commandery of Knights Templar, a Lodge of Perfection, a Chapter of Rose Croix, a Council of Kadosh, and three Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, besides various administrative bodies controlling the Masonic Hall Association and the Masonic Cemetery, all of which meet in one central building, the Masonic Temple.

The Sacramento lodges have furnished to the Grand Lodge of California five Grand Masters, namely: John A. Tutt, Tehama, No. 3; Nathaniel Greene Curtis, Washington, No. 20; James Lawrence English and Edmund Clement Atkinson, Sacramento, No. 40; Samuel C. Denson, Union, No. 58. Tehama, No. 3, formerly Connecticut Lodge, was one of the three original subordinate organizations composing the California Grand Lodge. Washington, No. 20, was organized in 1851; Sacramento, No. 40, in 1853; Union, No. 58, in 1854; Concord, No. 117, in 1857.

Union, No. 58, will, on June 6th, celebrate its Golden Jubilee, extensive preparations for which are now in progress.

Defense of Malta by the Knights of St. John.

During the attack upon St. Michael, on July 15, 1565, the land forces were engaged and a desperate attempt was made to carry the works on La Sangle. This assault was led by the viceroy of Algiers, named Hassan, in the van of which he placed his force of Algerines, who were among the most desperate of the invaders. But it was of no avail. They had encountered less barbarous men, but men who were intelligent, brave, and Christian soldiers, fighting for a holy cause. Every assault was repulsed. No quarter was asked and none given, for mingled with the old war-cry of the Hospitalers, "God will have it, God will have it so!" was the new war-cry of the Knights of Malta, "Remember St. Elmo!"

The loss to the Knights in this engagement was severe, for over one hundred members had fallen, among whom were many of the distinguished gentlemen volunteers who had so recently joined them, and fully two hundred soldiers. Of the Turkish loss, three thousand Algerines and Janissaries were numbered with the dead.

No rest was given the Knights, for daily was the battle renewed and under cover of darkness were attempts made to carry their works. In one of these engagements the nephew of Grand Master La Valette, a brave young Knight, being killed, when some of the old Knights went to sympathize with him upon his loss, the sturdy old warrior exclaimed, "All the Knights are alike dear to me; I consider them all as my children." And when spoken to of the possibility of a defeat he said, "No one shall ever live to see, while I am alive, a grand master taken in chains to Constantinople, for I shall die with my children and my brethren."

August 2d and 7th general assaults were again delivered and with the same results. In the latter the Maltese women

and children were engaged carrying weapons, ammunition and food to the soldiery; pouring boiling oil upon the heads of the Turks, Algerines and Janissaries as they mounted the scaling ladders, or rolling stones upon them from the walls as they struggled in the ditches below.

All seemed nerved with the undaunted courage of the noble grand master and his Knights, and the universal desire to defeat the foe or die in the breach. Fireworks, boiling water or melted pitch was in constant readiness, and no one there was more ready to make use of such than the brave Maltese women. Everything known to war and barbarity was used upon each side. Mines and countermines were made, Turk meeting Knight under the earth as they ran their galleries, and both being blown up together in the explosion of the mine.

The battle raged at all points on land and sea with the chances in favor of the Turks, when Mustapha, finding himself attacked from the rear, sounded a retreat. This alone saved the day to the Knights of St. John, and it had been brought about by a small force from Citta Vecchia. The commandant of that ancient city in the interior of the island, an old and gallant Knight, named Musqueta, fancying from the continuous roar of artillery, the rattle of small arms and the dense smoke hovering over St. Michael's that it had been fired and a general assault was being made, sent out his small body of cavalry, each trooper taking a foot soldier on behind him, to make a diversion. This they certainly did, for upon striking the enemy's hospitals they attacked the guards and wounded, so that those who escaped ran into their own lines with the story that it was the advance of the Sicilian army and hence the cause for sounding the retreat.

It was well that Grand Master La Valette did not rely upon Philip II or his

viceroys in Sicily for aid, as, notwithstanding all their promises, it was not their intention to send him any, and anticipating such results, while continually pleading for succor, he was as determined to defend Malta with his Knights to the bitter end. The Turkish general, Mustapha, and admiral, Piali, becoming desperate with their repeated failures and dreading the displeasure of Sultan Solyman, while keeping up a continuous series of conflicts, determined upon another general assault to be continued both day and night until they had worn out the garrison. August 18th, 19th and 20th, assaults were delivered, every point being attacked, but the most desperate on St. Michael's and the positions defended by the Castilian and English Knights on the sea front of St. Angelo. In the latter Grand Master La Valette was severely wounded but remained in the works.

A letter shot into the city which contained only the word "Thursday," gave notice to the grand master that the assault was to be renewed that day. Every preparation was made, troops being drawn from St. Angelo and other forts to take their place along the outer defenses. All the Knights who were not mortally wounded left the hospitals and took their stations wherever most wanted. On Thursday, the 23d, the Turks under Mustapha advanced to the storming of St. Michael, while the fleet under Piali attacked the water front. St. Angelo, the Castilian and English posts were simultaneously attacked, the engagement becoming general. Fireworks and barrels filled with explosives were hurled into the works but as quickly thrown back, exploding in the ranks of the Turks, carrying death and destruction to the inventors. The women vied with the soldiers in their valor, choosing death before capture and dishonor. Every man, woman and child were in the defenses, and the battle raged with fury. Again the Turks were defeated and the Knights victorious.

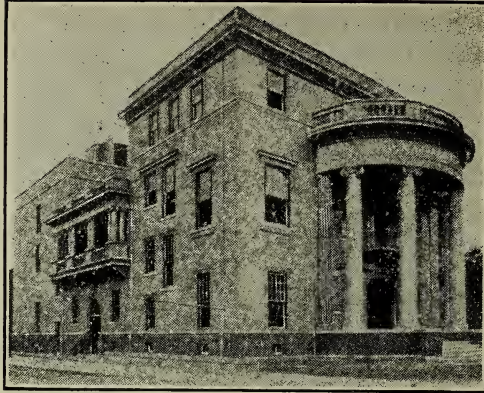
September 1st the assault was renewed and a desperate struggle ensued. The

Janissaries had been promised a license to plunder the city and do as they would by the inhabitants. With sullen bravery did they rush to the attack but to be repulsed with terrible loss. With the despondency of the Turks at their repeated defeats the spirits of the defenders arose until they almost ceased to hope for reinforcements, believing in their own ultimate success. Thinking to create a diversion in his favor and arouse a new spirit in his troops, Mustapha sent a column against Citta Vecchi, but to meet with defeat.

September 6th the long-promised assistance arrived, consisting of a body of Spanish and Italian troops, 8,500 in all. With them came 300 Knights of St. John. Mustapha, learning of the landing of these reinforcements for the Knights, immediately withdrew from St. Elmo, leaving his guns, fell back from the trenches, abandoning his heavy artillery, and retired to Marsa Sirocco, where his transports were, and embarked his troops. On the night of the 7th such artillery and stores as had not been abandoned were put on board, the troops following the next day. The morning dawned upon empty trenches and abandoned works, and when Grand Master La Valette discovered the enemy had entirely gone, great was his joy. All the inhabitants of the Bourg turned out and under the direction of the Knights the ditches were filled and earthworks leveled, men, women and children working night and day to accomplish their destruction. As the galleys were still in the outer harbor, the guns of St. Elmo were opened upon them and they were driven off. A force was thrown into the ruins of the little star fort, St. Elmo, and at high twelve the banner of the Order was again planted upon the spot from which it had gone down in such glory just ten weeks before.

—*Tidings.*

Brother J. E. Thornburgh thus exposulates: If there is anything worse than a gossip woman, it is a gossip Mason. He makes you feel just like a frozen toe —"itchy."



ALBERT PIKE CATHEDRAL, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE USES OF SCOTTISH RITE BODIES.

Historic Sketch of the Scottish Rite.

May 31, 1801, at Charleston, South Carolina, was founded the first Supreme Council, thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Mother Council of the World, by Brothers John Mitchell, a colonel in the United States army, and Frederic Dalcho, at that time a practitioner of medicine in Charleston, but who had formerly been a surgeon in the army and afterward became a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church. They are Sovereign Inspectors-General, instituted the Supreme Council and in the course of the year completed the whole number (nine) of Inspectors-General. To this Council all legitimate Supreme Councils, thirty-third degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, trace their origin, and it was supreme in the whole United States till in 1813, when acting for it, as the special deputy and representative of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, Edmund de la Motte, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the thirty-third degree, organized the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction and declared the body lawfully formed, organized and established at the Grand East of the City of New York,

August 15, 1813, with Daniel D. Thompkins, M. Ill., Sovereign Grand Commander.

It is not necessary to discuss the authority of this Supreme Council of 1801 to ratify the constitution of 1762 and 1786, or to extend the rite to thirty-three degrees instead of twenty-five as it seems to have existed prior to that date. If there was ever any irregularity in this Council or its acts, such irregularities ceased, as to any Supreme Council, Grand Consistory or subordinate body which afterward ratified, recognized and adopted it or was instituted under authority derived from it. It is to-day the recognized source and fountain of all Masonic authority for all degrees from the 4th to the 33rd inclusive, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States and the parent Council of the world.

Nearly all of the grand commanders of the Scottish Rite have been men of note in official life, as well as eminent in Masonry. The first in the line was Colonel John Mitchell, a native of Ireland, and an officer in the continental army, serving with distinction throughout the Revolution. After peace was declared he settled

in South Carolina, where he became a justice of the quorum court, a high judicial position in the young days of the republic. Dr. Dalcho was a young physician when he was made lieutenant grand commander. He was a brilliant man, and esteemed for many accomplishments. Before he engaged in the active practice of his profession he had been first lieutenant in the first regiment of artillerists and engineers. General Albert Pike, famous as statesman, soldier and scholar, poet, patriot and philosopher, is recognized as the most brilliant man in the long line of the able leaders of Scottish Rite Masonry.—*Ex.*

Distinguished English Visitors.

One of the most notable features of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which will convene in San Francisco on September 6th, next, will be the official visit, and reception with the highest honors, of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, who will be accompanied by Chas. F. Matier, the Great Vice Chancellor, the Reverend C. E. L. Wright, Grand Prelate; A. F. Woodiwiss, K. C. T., T. P. Dohrman; K. C. T., A. J. Thomas, and Thomas Frazer, all distinguished members of the Foreign Grand Priory.

General John Corson Smith of Chicago, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Grand Encampment, has received letters advising him that the Supreme Grand Master and his party are booked to reach New York City on the 21st of August, and Chicago on Tuesday, the 23d of August. They purpose traveling in a private car from Chicago to San Francisco, and while in San Francisco will make their headquarters with the officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States in the Grand-Palace Hotel.

The presence of so distinguished a party of foreign Knights Templar will be made the occasion of special entertainment in honor of the visitors. It is probable that

the Grand Master and the other officers of the Great Priory of Canada will also be present in the Grand Encampment.

Returning from San Francisco, the English party of Knights will visit the World's Fair at St. Louis, and then journey East to Boston, where they will attend the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the 33d degree, and then sail for England on or about September 24th.

Grand Captain General Wm. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, is making hotel and other arrangements for the English party, and it may be that they will join the official Grand Encampment special train leaving Chicago on August 16th instead of the 24th, and thus visit the Yellowstone Park en route with the official party.

Freemasonry in Scotland.

The Masonic year just ended has been a record year in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry. The grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year, according to the *Glasgow Weekly Mail*, by the unprecedented number of 12,035 new members, as compared with 11,495 in the year 1902, and with 9,320 in 1901, then the highest point ever reached. The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £10,895, as against £10,107 in the previous year—an increase of £788. During 1903 the grants from the benevolent fund have amounted to £954, and the annuities to £1,700. Since the formation of the annuity fund in 1889, the sum of £15,800 has been paid in annuities. The general fund amounts to £28,265, the benevolent fund to £8,522, and the annuity fund to £36,353—making a grand total for the three funds of £73,140, exclusive of the heritage and movable property, which is valued at £25,400. Altogether the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Scottish craft are in a position of unprecedented prosperity.

The Masonic Hall in New York City represents an investment of the sum of \$1,655,942.51 for buildings, grounds, fixtures and furnishings.



Perfect Ashlars of

Masonic Thought.



Let me say again that there ought to be something in or about every Mason to distinguish him from the rest of the world—something more than the charm on his chain, or the ring on his finger.

How does it behoove us to be Masons if we are only as other men are? The mere possession of secrets that other men have not is only a means to an end—a very little thing of itself without a tinge of virtue about it. To be sure, secrecy begets confidence, and confidence begets love (which is the reason for our secrecy), but what does our love beget? Every man whose heart has quickened its beating at the touch of a friend or in the worship of God knows the influence that comes with love. It is the impulse to serve and to sacrifice. It is the final test, and the man whose life does not measure up to it is of no use to his God, to his country, or to Masonry. But such men among the craft are few. However, regardless of our present attainments and perfections, there is more in Masonry than we have learned, and every brother here to-day ought to return home with a determination to measure higher up on the standard of self-sacrifice. It will make for him a new Heaven and a new Earth.—*Thomas A. Dewey, P. G. M., Kansas.*

Upon yonder vast ocean is a mere speck—the ocean is that of human surroundings, the speck is that of a human life. The ocean is calm; the wavelets are dancing in the sunlight, the breeze is prosperous and the bark glides smoothly on towards its harbor, because at the helm stand intelligence and truth as the master spirits. But now the dark clouds gather in the horizon, the ocean moans, the wind rises, the red lightnings flash, the tempest

breaks in its fury, the billows roll mountain high, and the sturdy ship is submerged and swallowed up. But responsive to the masterful genius of truth at her helm, she struggles on amid the surging billows, the rolling thunders and the awful darkness pierced only by the lightning's red glare. In yonder watch tower of eternity stand guardian angels anxiously watching and waiting, shuddering and wondering what will be the issue of the storm and the fate of the lifeship.

My brother, that ship is yours, it is mine. Let intelligence and the inspiration of truth abide with us, and with a piercing eye, a clear head, a strong heart and a steady hand, we will calmly face the tempest's terrors and bravely outride the storm.—*The Grand Orator of Arkansas.*

“The Royal Arch is, perhaps, the most far-reaching in its lessons of Masonic degrees. It is to York Masonry what the Rose Croix is to the Scottish Rite. It shows the sublime lesson, ‘Know thyself.’ It teaches the true word is at the squared feet of the youngest entered apprentice in the northeast corner or at the head of the prostrate master Builder. It tells us that ‘God within us,’ is the true meaning of ‘God with us’—that Immanuel is to be sought for by each one in his own heart, and will be there only after a revelation from the burning bush and much humiliation, sorrow and steadfastness of purpose in following it.” * * *

“Masonry without the chapters is a broken column showing all its parts a perfectness which proves the uncompleted work. The Blue Lodge is the body of the column—its shaft strong and symmetrical; the Royal Arch Degree is its chapter with lily work and wreathed work and

fruitful pomegranates. What has gone before it, had wisdom to contrive and strength to support it alone has beauty to adorn and complete the work."—*Levi C. Goodale, P. G. H. P., Peru.*

The right to use the black ball carries with it grave responsibilities, and is a sacred privilege, and should never be misused. It is a fine test of manhood and Masonry. If a Mason can lay aside all grievances, either fancied or real, that he may have against a brother or brethren of the Lodge, if he forgets all surroundings, though they may be unpleasant and have caused him to sulk under some real or fancied wrong, and decide upon the merits of the candidate alone, then, my brethren, he has stood the test, and is carrying out the principles and teachings of the Order.—*P. G. M. Neal McMillan, Michigan.*

In the heathen religions, the gods are simply ideals. Jove was the symbol of power, Venus of love, Bacchus of frivolity; and so they had a god for everything. There was no unity in this. But belief in the one ever-living and true God—that is the cement which has made this organization live from the time it was founded to the present day.—*Grand Orator Clinton A. Snowden, Washington.*

"Masonry is honored by no man, but is an honor to all who will diligently study its precepts and endeavor to apply them to his every-day life. The world judges Masonry by the acts of its individual members, therefore our lives should be such as will bear the scrutinizing eye of the world, and it is well for us to inquire of ourselves if we are exemplifying the true Masonic life. Are we living the obligations we have assumed? Do we practice that greatest of human virtues, charity, in its broadest, truest sense of love to our brethren, remembering the admonition, 'judge not that ye be not judged?' Do we remove the beam from our own eyes



before attempting to pluck the mote from a brother's eye? Perfection is attained by none. There is no life, however exemplary, but has its failures; no man so base as not to have in him something of good. Our own lives are made far richer and the world better if we search only for the good in a brother and pass lightly o'er his faults, raising him, if need be, by the strong grip of brotherly love and starting him again in the path of right and duty."—*Charles R. Montague.*

It is popular to be a Freemason, and it is natural that every man of profane or questionable reputation should desire membership with us. The time has come when drastic measures must be adopted, and I submit, harsh as it may appear, that a brother proposing a candidate for the degrees in Masonry should be held responsible for the worthiness of that candidate.—*Elbert Crandall, P. G. M., New York.*

Companions, let us remember that Freemasonry in its last analysis is goodness, and that this is its only claim to lasting greatness. This is what gives it its living power.—*John R. Wetherell, P. G. H. P., Florida.*

The highest honors and rewards await the Mason who best illustrates in his life the principles of Masonry. We are not working in these narrow walls of flesh and time under the eye of a cruel taskmaster, but in the inspiring presence of One who regards motives as well as actions and there is sure and great reward for all good work done.—*Cornelius Hedges, Montana.*

Freemasons should remember that no part of the greatest and most important tragedy of all the ages is a subject for comedy or burlesque. On no account should they forget its location, its personage, or its character and solemnity, and nothing should induce them to act any part of it as a farce.—*Grand Master Maz Meyerhardt, Georgia.*

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The Ballot.

No portion of the jurisprudence of Masonry is more definitely settled than that which relates to the ballot on candidates for the degrees or for membership. That the ballot must be secret and sacred is a cardinal principle. Every Mason should know that it is neither his privilege nor his right to inquire or to know how any other member may have voted or may intend to vote. Neither is it the privilege of any member to indicate how he intends to vote, or to tell how he has voted. A brother has no right to cast his ballot in such a way as will indicate to others how he votes. The matter of voting upon the admission of candidates is one of the most solemn and sacred duties that a Mason is called upon to discharge, and it should be discharged in a most conscientious and careful manner, and with a full recognition of the solemn obligations which every Mason has assumed. It is no exaggeration to say that 90 per cent. of the trouble and lack of harmony in our lodges arises from the improper use of the ballot. It is not the mere casting of the adverse ballot that causes the trouble and lack of harmony in our lodges; it is the improper, uncalled for, unwise, intemperate and unlawful remarks and conversation had among one another in consequence of the casting of such ballot. Were Masons, claiming to be honest men, "good men and true," to recognize the fact that any talk about the ballot, either in the lodge or out of it, is strictly forbidden, that it is in direct contravention of the principles of the Order, and in violation of plighted obligations, the evil would soon disappear. Were an example made by the proper punishment of parties guilty of such infraction of

Masonic law; were unmasonic conduct regarding the ballot treated as such conduct should be treated, violators of the secrecy of the ballot would seldom be found in our lodges.

In this connection permit us to remark that there seems to exist either great ignorance or misconception relative to the duties of investigating committees in our Lodges. True, these committees are composed of three members; but these committees are not to act in corporate capacity to counsel together as to what report they should make. Each member of the committee is to act separately and independently of the other members; it is the duty of each member to make his own careful examination as to the qualifications of the candidate, and, having done so, to present his report to the Secretary. No member of the committee has a right to know or to inquire how another member has reported, or intends to report. When the reports are presented to the Secretary, that officer simply declares the fact that he has a favorable, or an unfavorable, report; and none except the Master and the Secretary are entitled to know how any member of the committee has reported. These officers would render themselves liable to charges and punishment were they to divulge the character of the report of any member of the committee.

Obedience.

"It is at all times the duty of a Mason respectfully to submit to the decision of the Master whilst in open lodge, no matter what may be his own opinion as to the correctness of the Master's rulings. The peace and harmony of the lodge depend upon implicit obedience to the orders of the

presiding officer whilst the lodge is open, there being always the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, from an erroneous decision which he may declare."

A Master in one of our lodges decided, in the case of a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues, that it was necessary for such brother, on his being restored to membership, to again sign the by-laws of the lodge. In this particular case, the brother disputed the decision of the Master, and in such an unwarranted manner, that the Master found himself compelled to cause him to be forcibly ejected from the lodge room. The matter having been brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, that body decided that, notwithstanding the Master erred in making such decision, the brother who disputed was ordered to be reprimanded in open lodge, by the Master, for his insubordination and disobedience. The brother believing the decision of the Master to be erroneous, should have availed himself of his right of appeal. It is a well-established principle that the Master of a lodge is supreme in his lodge, and is accountable to no one therein, but only to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master during the interim of the sessions of the Grand Lodge. On two occasions which occur to us, the Grand Lodge has visited the penalty of expulsion for the offense of disobedience, and it is definitely certain that the authority of the Master will be sustained by the Grand Lodge. Masonry is an autocratic institution; and, if the lawful prerogatives of the Master are not sustained, the entire fabric of Masonry will be endangered. It is for this reason that the Grand Lodge has always jealously guarded these prerogatives, and considers any violation of them one of the gravest offenses, and one which renders the offender amenable to the severest penalty known to our laws.

This obedience is not required simply of the lay members of the lodge; the officers of the lodge are in duty bound to

respect the Master's orders and decisions. Particularly is this the case with the Secretary of the Lodge. "To obey the will and pleasure of the Master" is his cardinal duty; and it is not his right or privilege to question the will and pleasure. It is his duty not to cavil, but obey. Disobedience on his part is good ground for charges, even though he may deem the orders or decisions of the Master erroneous. The Grand Lodge has not granted to him, or to any other one, the right to sit in judgment upon the actions of the Master, but has given to him the right, if he thinks the orders erroneous, to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Behavior of a Candidate.

When a candidate, having been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry, presents himself for the first time at the portals of a Masonic Lodge, he should disclose his identity quietly to the Tyler, whom he will find at the outer door, and who should invite him to a seat, which should be in an obscure place, where he may meditate without disturbance, and not near the path traversed by the brethren as they approach the Tyler's desk or enter the Lodge room. Congratulations, felicitations and general hand-shaking at this juncture are entirely out of place and premature, and while there may be no objection to his being approached and engaged in conversation by one or two brethren with whom he may have an acquaintance, to be the subject of personal introduction, or the center of a hale, hearty, hand-grasping group at such a moment is out of taste Masonically, if not on general principles. To the Lodge the candidate is a stranger until he has been properly introduced therein and one degree has been conferred upon him. After this has been accomplished, the restraint may be to some extent relaxed, but before his introduction into the lodge his demeanor should be positively unostentatious.

The Preparation Room.

It is said that first impressions are most vivid and most lasting. From whom does the candidate receive his first impressions, when he presents himself at the outer door of a Lodge? Whom does he observe approaching him from the other side of that door, where things are being said and done of which he so far has no knowledge? Who propounds to him certain questions which must be answered in a satisfactory manner ere his initiation be performed? And with whom does he retire to the seclusion of the preparation room?

The brethren to whom these offices are entrusted should be men of dignified bearing, whose manner is such as to impress the candidate with the dignity and propriety of the process of preparation and the ceremony which he is about to undergo, and that nothing will be required of him except that which is eminently proper. A great measure of confidence may be inspired in the mind of the candidate at this point, his brain at such a time being extremely active and his observation most acute. The novitiate should be given to understand that Masonry is serious, instructive and sublime, furthermore that he will not be subjected to any indignity, horse-play or buffoonery.

No flippant person, nor one given to coarseness nor vulgarity, nor even carelessness of speech should ever be permitted to prepare a candidate. Too much care cannot be exercised in the preparation room.

Legal Instruction.

When installed, the Master of every lodge is enjoined to have the laws governing the lodge frequently read in open meeting, that none may remain ignorant of the excellent principles therein contained. This is seldom if ever done, and the members have not the opportunity to acquire the knowledge requisite to guide them in the discharge of their duties. The Masters of Lodges should seek occasion to instruct their membership, either themselves,

or through other competent authority, in relation to their duties as Masons, and to the laws, rules, edicts and regulations of the Fraternity.

Clandestine Bodies.

The State of Ohio seems to be the hot bed of spurious Masonry. There are thirty-six clandestine lodges in that State. Pennsylvania is not far behind, there being seventeen clandestine bodies in the Keystone State, and other lodges of this character are being organized in Kentucky, New York, Massachusetts and elsewhere. These figures do not include the various lodges of "colored" Masons which exist in every community where persons of African descent are numerous, and which are, of course, clandestine, their authenticity being denied.

Our Special Features.

On the first page of this number, the TRESTLE BOARD presents the third and last of a series of "Talks With the New Master," written especially for this magazine by Past Grand Master Edmund Clement Atkinson of the California jurisdiction.

It gives us pleasure to call the especial attention of all Masons to these talks, found by reference to the February, April and May numbers, and which may be read with deep appreciation and great profit by every Master of a Masonic lodge, or ambitious devotee of Masonry.

The June number will contain, among other good things, an article written especially for that issue by the well-known Masonic writer, Bro. Gilbert Patten Brown of Boston, which may be awaited with interest.

In the June number will also be published an article upon the Eastern Star in California, from the pen of Bro. Geo. F. McNoble, the Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

There are 116 persons domiciled at the Masonic Home at Decoto, Cal., at present—48 men, 23 women and 45 children.

Sotoyome Lodge, No. 123, F. & A. M.

BY JAMES WRIGHT ANDERSON.

On the 16th day of July, forty years ago, the senior editor had the ineffable pleasure and honor of being found worthy to be permitted to pass the threshold of Sotoyome Lodge, and to begin the acquisition of a knowledge of the arcana and the teachings of an institution that has more forcefully impressed him than perhaps all other influences combined. With the experiences and the acquisitions of these forty years of Masonic life and work, he bears testimony to the fact that Masonry has at all times been a formative force in his character, a talisman of safety to his integrity and honor, and a source of pleasure and profit that nothing else could have afforded.

While occupying a seat beside the Master of the Lodge, it was natural that the writer should advert in memory to the times, and to the brethren with whom he was wont to hold pleasant and profitable intercourse.

"It is written on the rose
In its glory's full array.
Read what those lines disclose—
Passing away."

Of the forty good men and true accustomed to greet one another around the altar in Sotoyome, not one was to be seen. Nearly all had "crossed over," a few, like the writer, had gone to other scenes and joined other Lodges.

Sotoyome Lodge was organized in 1857, and at the time of its first report, in 1858, had twenty members. It now has a membership of somewhat over 120. It is located in the flourishing city of Healdsburg, in one of the most picturesque and fertile valleys of the State. The people of Healdsburg and surrounding country are intelligent, well-to-do and progressive, and the prospect for still further progress in the Lodge is most flattering. Naught is needed but proper harmony. The brethren are alive with interest, as was

plainly indicated by the attendance, large even on a stormy night.

The work of the Lodge will bear favorable comparison with that of any of the Lodges in our larger cities; and this, doubtless, is the result as well as the cause of the general tone of interest manifested.

The writer was invited to visit the Lodge and give to the brethren some instruction in the jurisprudence of the Fraternity. He can truthfully say that he saw no need for instruction in the ritual. So interested were all, that it was a pleasure to give the desired help in this particular. The questions propounded gave opportunity to instruct in a manner that will result in great good to the Lodge, and generate greater interest in this important feature of Lodge work.

Now that our excellent Grand Lecturer has the ritualistic work so well in hand in the Lodges of the State, may it not be well to suggest the desirability of directing a considerable degree of attention to the laws governing the Lodges?

The visit to Healdsburg will be remembered with pleasure, and the hope is expressed that the good brethren of Sotoyome will in future, as heretofore, exemplify.

"How good a thing it is, and how becoming as well,
Together such as brethren are in unity to dwell."

Instead of the American expression, "cast-off clothing," the English use "left-off clothing." In an English newspaper an advertisement states that: "Mr. and Mrs. Brown have left off clothing of every description, and invite your careful inspection."

There are many Rites of Masonry, but as we write, the Rite that is all right and always all right, is the Symbolic Rite. In writing about Rites, first be sure you are right, and then write.—*Exchange*.

The "Jiner."

My ma an' me's decided by a strictly party vote
 That pa's the durndest jiner ever rode a billy goat,
 An' he keeps sayin' she's to blame fur all his jinin', fur,
 He got the jinin' habit time that he was jined to her.
 He jined the secret Masons fust, then jined the Woodmen's lodge,
 Then jined the Elks, it bein' one he said he couldn't dodge,
 An' then kep' on a jinin', gittin' secrets fur to keep,
 Ontil he got a talkin' about jinin' in his sleep.

Ma coaxed him to tell her what they do at lodge o' nights,
 An' why they don't take wimmen, in this State of wimmen's rights,
 'N'en pa he'll wink the other eye at me real sly an' say
 A woman couldn't ride the goat, not bein' built that way.
 Ma says while he's a jinin' he ort to jine the church,
 An' labor fur a roostin' place up on the Zion perch;
 But pa has jined the Shriners now, an' says he knows that sich
 A combination wouldn't jine in a successful hitch.

Ma had her dander up one night when pa come home, an' said
 She wouldn't stand fur fairy tales no more, fur, on the dead,
 She thought this jinin' business was a blind fur trustin' wives
 To let deceivin' husbands lead the wustest sort o' lives.
 Then pa explained the jiner cash 't'd come to her when he
 Would take the last sad fatal plunge into eternity;
 An' now she's jes' as patient as a hog stuck in the mire,
 A-waitin' fur the day when he will jine the heavenly choir.

—*Denver Post.*

Freemasonry and the Rosicrucians.

BRO. CHARLES D. RAYMER, IN MASONIC OBSERVER.

Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry is one of the best works of the kind published, yet it is not for any one man to have all knowledge, that is, in the general acceptance of the word, and so we do not expect perfection even in our wise and noble Brother Mackey. It is certain, judging from his article on the Rosicrucians, that he had never penetrated the veil of the Rosy Cross, for had he done so, he would have better understood the relation of those wise and philosophic brethren, who, becoming disappointed with the body and government of the craft, whose operative tendencies had attracted such hosts of men, who neither appreciated or cared for the beautiful symbols and grand principles of brotherly love and philosophical associations, and the power of the Roman College became so strong, that in the early Christian centuries several brethren, under the able leadership of Christian

Rosenkrenz, decided that in order to preserve those valuable secrets, the real esoteric meaning of the symbols, to originate a philosophic degree, that should have for its foundation "charity, knowledge and secrecy," that charity which is carried out in unpretending good works, was most emphatically insisted upon, a rule that is taught in both the esoteric and exoteric work of Freemasonry, but, after all, very little practiced in our modern times, the charities of Masonry are advertised to such an extent that the profane have somehow developed the idea of a definite association being agreed upon, a life insurance and sick benefit association, as it were. How sadly and rudely are they sometimes awakened is too often brought to the attention of the initiated. In contrast, let us glance at the few exoteric principles of the Rosy Cross that are manifested.

In the first place, we have simply to follow the candidate in Masonry from his first entrance to the preparation room to the ninth class of emblems and we find the essence of the disciples of the Rosy Cross, but to get the real oil out of the symbols is another thing. What did we declare on our first entrance to the preparation room? The declarations are printed in nearly every monitor, and some jurisdictions require that they be printed on the petition. Have we forgotten that we were asked, "Do you seriously declare upon your honor, in the presence of these gentlemen, that, unbiased by your friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?"

"Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, in the presence of these gentlemen, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow-men?"

"Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, in the presence of these gentlemen, that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity?"

The initiate knows the answer in each case, and then the solemn statement of the Senior Steward and his declaration . . . which set us to thinking, and yet how soon was it forgotten? Then let us remember, with the ancient Rosicrucians, that each day is "an age that calls for re-statement of truth," and "truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue," that which we look for, be it good or bad, we shall surely find. The "truth" which was hidden from the ignorant and vicious under symbols and figures in the past, is emerging from its outgrown shell so that he who runs may read. The veil of Isis has become a misty cloud, destined to disappear in the broader light of the coming century, and while the Rosy Cross has its lodges, pass words and signs, these external forms are regarded with indiffer-

ence by the genuine Rosicrucian, who is aware that he can become a complete epitome of the Order only through development of its principles within himself.

The true Rosicrucian may come from vice versa, from among the lofty or the lowly, the learned or the unlearned, wherever there are free souls, sympathetic and aspiring natures. It embraces all ages, races and climes. They see within the Temple and have and understand the real work and know that "men may profess what faith they please, but they have no more religion than that which always shows itself in every one of the minutest actions of our lives."

"Tear down the walls of Babylon and build up the new Jerusalem within ourselves."

"Smite the (natural) human rock and the spirit gusheth forth."

"To-day is ours—our time to love, our opportunity to do good, to bind up wounds, to wipe away tears from sad eyes, to make our faces bright with smiles, to cheer the faint-hearted. Oh, one to-day is worth a thousand yesterdays, for it can weave the golden thread of a thousand joys for the to-morrows yet to come."

"Give the kind word to-day, now, for to-morrow may never come."

And as our good Brother Forbes says, "Flowers look better in the hands of a live man than in the hands of the dead," and in saying that he sounded the key-note of both Masonry and the Rosicrucians.

Need we say more to show the thread that binds those two orders together? Then let us remember:

That the sweetest perfume ever stirred,
The sweetest music ever heard,
Cannot compare with this dear word,
The simple, sweet God bless you.
'Tis sunshine to a winter's day,
A brilliant dream that long will stay
To lead to happiness and guide the way,
That simple, sweet God bless you.

One born out of wedlock is not eligible for the degrees in Pennsylvania, unless his parents subsequently marry and give him legitimacy under the common law.

The American Mason Abroad.

We are so often asked the question as to the requirements for American Masons traveling abroad that the writer gives his experience in various countries. In England and the British possessions generally writes James H. McCall in the *Review*, there are to be found three different grand bodies: The United Grand Lodges of England, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Canada and some other provinces have Provincial Grand Lodges, but they all sprang from these mother grand bodies. The fact is that a great deal of trouble is experienced by traveling Masons from the fact that there is no Grand Lodge of the United States, and no uniformity of diplomas. But you must have a diploma of some kind, and, of course, with the lodge seal, then be sure and have the same certified to by the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge, whose gold seal goes a great way. The title "Grand" abroad, covers a multitude of red tape. A recent letter received by the writer from the Grand Secretary of England states that the diploma is indispensable, as we knew, but in addition they also require now personal identification of the holder. On the continent there are a number of grand bodies, especially in Germany. They are all, however, legitimate; and the various lodges can be visited on your diploma, and usually there is always present somebody who speaks English to examine it. In Norway, Sweden and Denmark the brethren are very hospitable, and require only the main signs of recognition. They are out of the way of much imposition and credit you in full faith. In Russia it is best not to seek a lodge. A Masonic charm or pin will bring someone to see you and greet you outside of police espionage, which is very rigid. In Austria Masonry is forbidden, but lodges exist there, cautiously guarded. In Italy you will find very pleasant friends and many courtesies. In Constantinople, once known, you are

the care of the craft, which flourishes there in luxurious ease, and through them you will be able to visit places closed to the ordinary traveler. In Egypt a Mason is never lost sight of; your rooms are fragrant with flowers; you are the guest of those hospitable brethren; excursions are planned, entertainments of all kinds are gotten up, a visit to the Pasha is arranged, and even a peep into the harem is permitted. On the Nile they keep you company, lunch you amid the ruins of Luxor, and help you climb the great pyramid.

Courtesy in Business.

A successful business man thus expresses himself regarding business courtesy, and emphasizes a truth which some people forget or ignore, to their own injury: "I make it a point to reply to every communication of a business nature addressed to me. It doesn't matter what it is about, provided only that it is couched in civil language. I do this because courtesy requires that I should; but aside from that I find also that it is good policy. Time and again in my life I have been reminded by newly secured customers that I was remembered through correspondence opened with me years before, and many orders have come through this passing and friendly acquaintance with people. On the other hand, I have known plenty of business men whose disrespectful treatment of correspondence has been bitterly remembered and paid with compound interest. Silence is the meanest and most contemptuous way of treating anybody who wishes to be heard or to hear, and resentment is its answer every time."

The Scottish Rite Masons of Guthrie, Oklahoma, have decided to erect a \$35,000 addition to their handsome temple. The addition will be in the rear of the present building and will be used for banquet hall and club rooms.

Were They Masons?

The assertion that nearly all of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons has of late been questioned. Albert G. Mackey, one of the great Masonic Triumvirate in America, and one who, from Masonic learning and great general erudition, was able to speak with authority, has this to say:

"The potentates of earth have knelt at our altar and breathed forth our vows. Frederick the Great of Prussia, and George IV of England, with all his uncles and brothers, and Oscar of Sweden, and Christian of Denmark, and Ernest of Hanover, may be named among the many kings and princes who have not only been the patrons, but the disciples of our art. Napoleon, with every marshal and general of Napoleon's camp; and Nelson and Wellington, and Collingswood and Napier, and every distinguished leader of England's army and navy, have worn the Mason's badge, and learned the Mason's sign."

"In our country the roll of distinguished Masons is not less honorable to the Fraternity. In the revolutionary war all the generals of the American army, both the children of our own soil and those noble and kindred spirits who came from France and Germany and Poland to assist us, were bound together, not only by the glorious bond of common struggle, but by the additional cords of Masonic fraternity. And when in after days, Lafayette, that patriot of two hemispheres had returned to the home from which, for our cause, he had so long been an exile, he could find no more appropriate token of his grateful recollection to convey to Washington, his venerated father-in-arms, than a Mason's scarf and a Mason's apron, and which, wrought by Madam Lafayette, a Mason's wife, was long treasured and worn by him to whom they were presented, and are now pre-

served as sacred relics by the Lodge at Alexandria.

"In civil life we claim an equally noble catalogue. *More than fifty of the signers of the Declaration of Independence*, several of our Presidents and Judges, and many of our most distinguished statesmen, have been initiated into the rites of Masonry. Franklin, the chief of our philosophers, and Griswold, one of the most pious of our prelates, and Clinton, the purest of our patriots, showed by their steadfast attachment to our institution their just appreciation of its principles; and Henry Clay, that man of immortal mind, is recorded in our annals as a Mason of unflinching devotion, who, years ago, sacrificed the aspirations of ambition to his love of the Craft and refused a nomination for the Presidency by what was then supposed a powerful party, when the price of his support was to be a renunciation of Freemasonry."

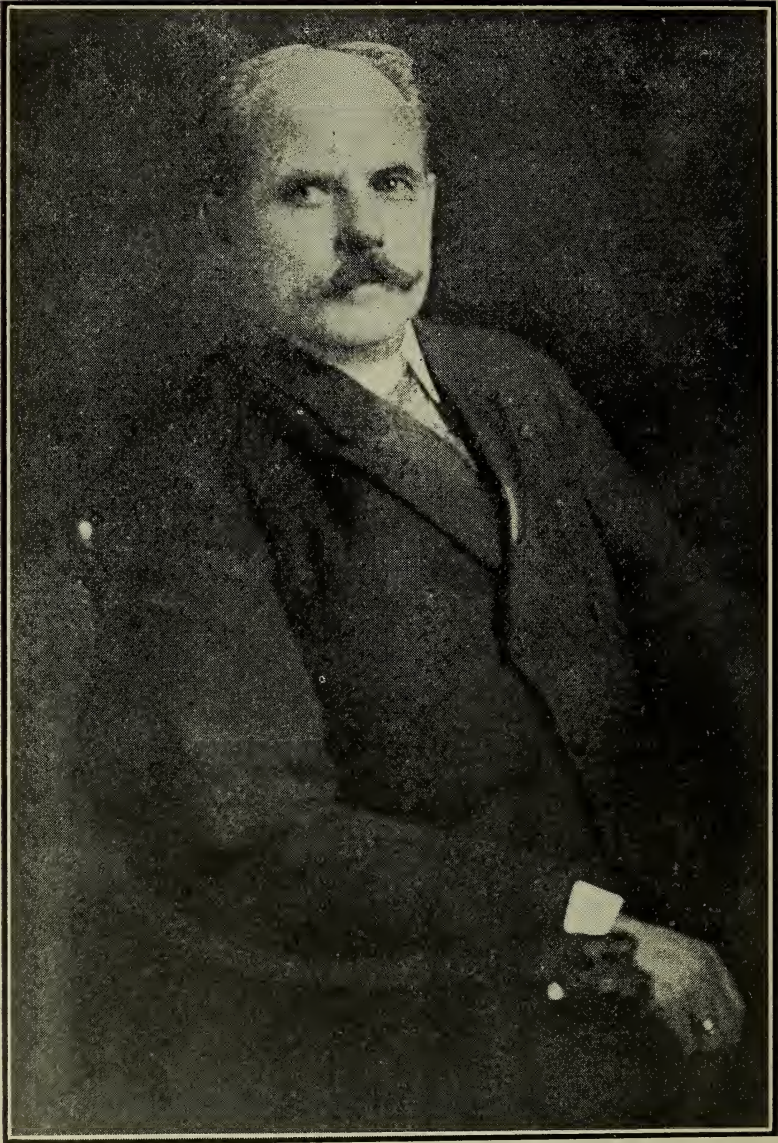
It is presumable that one bearing the reputation of Albert G. Mackey knew whereof he affirmed.

Impostors at Work.

It is reported in the general press that two smooth-tongued strangers recently organized a "fake" Masonic lodge at Johnson, N. Y. Twenty-five residents of the place, it is said, were initiated, three degrees being conferred in one evening. They paid \$5 each, when the degrees were conferred. The next day the organizers left town, promising to return with the paraphernalia of the lodge within a short time. They are still absent.

The Mason who does not take a Masonic publication is as much a "back number" as a teacher who does not subscribe for an educational journal.

There are 64 Masonic lodges in Nova Scotia. In the province there are 3,882 Masons.



SIR GEO. M. MOULTON, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
WHO WILL PROBABLY BE ELECTED GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AT THE
TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE IN SEPTEMBER, 1904.

THE INTEREST GROWS APACE.

Great Conclave Assumes Tangible Form.

More and more each day is the importance and magnitude of the Triennial Templar Conclave apparent as it approaches. Like some huge object whose gigantic dimensions appear like a mere speck on the distant horizon, but fill us with wonder, awe and admiration when it approaches. The coming Conclave to be held in San Francisco next September is now recognized as the greatest event that has ever taken place in California or on the Pacific Slope. An event that is now attracting attention throughout the United States and Canada and across the Atlantic. King Edward of Great Britain will send a special delegation of Noble Sir Knights to represent him at the Triennial Conclave. In the delegation are some of Great Britain's foremost men, well and favorably known on both continents. Among them are the following: Lord Euston, Sir C. F. Matier, G. C. T.; Sir A. Woodiwiss, K. C. T.; the Rev. Sir C. E. L. Wright, Past Great Prelate; Sir T. P. Dorman, K. C. T.; Sir A. J. Thomas and Sir Thomas Fraser. The party will sail from England on the steamer "Minnetonka" and is expected to arrive in New York about August 21st, where the Sir Knights of that jurisdiction will give the distinguished visitors a reception suitable to their rank and standing in the Order. The party will then proceed in its special car, via Chicago to San Francisco. On arrival the visitors will be welcomed by a delegation of California fraters, who will provide them with every comfort, and they will be afforded an opportunity to see California as it is.

NEWS FROM THE INTERIOR.

The annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California, held in San Fran-

cisco last week, afforded an excellent opportunity for Sir Knights from different sections of the State to meet and exchange views on the coming Triennial Conclave, which is uppermost in the thoughts of every Sir Knight on the Pacific Coast. Delegates met from every town and city in the State, from the mountains and the valleys, the mining and rural districts, from the seaboard and inland towns, and all were enthusiastic over the assured success of the coming Conclave. Every delegate had encouraging and cheering news from his own section, but the sum total was the most pleasing news to those who are to the front of the movement and give their time, energy and means to assure the success of the coming Conclave.

The Executive Committee held its meeting on the evening preceding the session of the Grand Commandery of California. Delegates came to that meeting from Siskiyou to San Diego, and from the mountains to the sea. The committee room proved entirely too small for such a gathering and the meeting adjourned to the lobby in the main body of the Triennial headquarters, a hall 155 feet in depth and 30 feet wide, one end being partitioned off for executive offices, and the center is occupied by twenty-four stalls for committees. The lobby will easily seat 200 persons, and in that space the meeting proceeded. It was an assemblage of California's representative men, occupying the front rank in every walk of life and leaders in all enterprises in their respective localities. They had come to San Francisco to attend the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of California, but were eager to learn all about the Triennial Conclave. The reports were terse but to the point, for the delegates are men of few

words and great activity, and each told what his commandery is doing to make the Triennial Conclave a success, and how all the people in his section of the State are imbued with the importance of the event, and making preparation to come to San Francisco during Conclave week. The reports were received with cheers and applause. It was stated that nearly every Sir Knight from Siskiyou to San Diego and his family will be in San Francisco, and that the Conclave will result in the most notable convention ever held in San Francisco. From all accounts it appears that Southern California will lead all the rest in making the Conclave a success, for all California, whether San Francisco be a "suburb" of Los Angeles, or vice versa. Los Angeles gave assurance that from the southern metropolis not less than 200 swords will be in the line of parade. Similar reports were made by delegates from Santa Barbara, Santa Paula, Ventura, Santa Ana, Riverside, San Bernardino, Pasadena, Pomona and Long Beach, where the baby Commandery of California is growing into splendid maturity, and has engaged accommodation at San Francisco for every member during Conclave week. Most of the commanderies from the interior will install and maintain exhibits of the wealth of their particular sections, will keep open house at their headquarters all the week, and distribute souvenirs to their guests as keepsakes of their California visit.

REPORTS FROM THE EAST.

Grand Commander W. Frank Pierce, who had but recently returned from the East, gave a glowing account of the enthusiasm which he found to prevail among the fraters East, West, North and South, and that they all unite to make the coming Conclave the most memorable in the history of Templarism.

COMMITTEE MAKES GREAT PREPARATIONS.

Sir Knight Harvey D. Loveland, chairman of the Executive Committee, briefly outlined what the fraters of San Francisco were doing in order not to disappoint

their guests, but prepare for them a round of entertainments the like of which has not been known at any Conclave. The chairmen of the various committees reported of the plans and preparations in progress for the entertainment of visitors. They told of the excursions on the bay and outside the heads, on ocean liners like floating palaces; Chinese productions at the Grand Opera House, trips to the great Universities of California, to the flower beds in the suburbs, to the park and ocean beach, the great Lick observatory and a thousand and one other places peculiar to California, and to the stranger like scenes from fairy land. They told of the grand and brilliant reception to be given to the visitors, the theater parties and the grand ball in the nave of the ferry building, the decorations planned on a scale of magnificence to outshine those of former Conclaves; of the brilliant and dazzling illuminations of the principal thoroughfares, and centering at Union Square, with artistic colonnades and a court of honor formed of myriads of lamps; of the prizes offered for the competitive drills, representing a fortune in gold and silver and a credit to California art and execution.

15,000 SIR KNIGHTS IN PARADE.

The grand parade on Tuesday, September 6th, will alone be worth going a great distance to see. According to conservative estimates there will be not less than 15,000 Sir Knights in uniform in line, and the parade will reach from lower Market street to the northern end of Van Ness avenue.

The delegates from the different sections of California who had been commissioned to secure accommodation for their fraters for Conclave week said that they found all available rooms in the first-class hotels engaged, and were willing to engage rooms in residences or rooming houses in the residence districts. Sir Knight W. L. Growall, chairman of the committee on accommodations for the Triennial, assured the fraters that ample accommodation was still available. Thus far only about 12,-



YOSEMITE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA'S GREAT NATURAL PARK.

000 visitors had been assigned to quarters and that rooms are being listed now for 25,000 more and will be available when needed. A suggestion was made that belated arrivals, unable to procure suitable rooms, could occupy their sleepers on the special trains on which they travel. The plan could not be put into practice, as it was estimated that the special trains coming to San Francisco for the Conclave will occupy seventeen miles of track, and would have to be stalled a considerable distance from the city while not occupied.

SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR THE LADIES.

The Ladies' Reception Committee, composed of the brightest and most prominent women of California, has secured the three large parlors at the Palace Hotel, in which the wives, daughters and sisters of visiting Sir Knights will find a genuine California welcome. Special committees will be assigned to each of the other large hotels to receive visiting ladies coming with Sir Knights, and make them as much at home in California as it is possible to make it. Receptions, parties, excursions and other functions will be arranged by the ladies in honor of the visitors.

LADIES WILL ENTERTAIN.

The Ladies' Reception Committee of the Triennial Conclave, after several preliminary conferences, held its first general meeting on April 12th, in the East Room, Golden Gate Hall. Sub-committees were appointed to attend to refreshments, decorations, music, badges, cut flowers and the Japanese tea room. A program was outlined for the special entertainments on the evenings of September 5 and 7. Numerous plans were discussed, though no decision was reached, except that the entertainments shall be of a class and attraction that shall please the visitors, and have them say that they did not cross the continent in vain.

The Reception Committee will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a. m. The Executive Board will meet on the mornings of the first and

third Thursdays at the Knights Templar Conclave headquarters, 645 Market street.

The following ladies of San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and Sacramento constitute the Executive Board:

Executive Board, Ladies' Committee—Mrs. J. W. Burnham, Alameda, Cal., Chairman; Miss H. Stadtmuller, 819 Eddy street, Secretary; Mrs. B. P. Flint, 1121 Hyde street; Mrs. J. P. Fraser, 418 Post street; Mrs. C. G. Kenyon, The Pleasanton; Mrs. C. A. Warren, 2215 Van Ness avenue; Mrs. C. M. Plum, 2510 Washington street; Mrs. C. M. Dougherty, 2517 Pacific avenue; Mrs. S. M. Shortridge, Palacé Hotel; Mrs. J. F. Merrill, 1782 Washington street; Mrs. F. W. Sumner, 2207 Scott street; Mrs. C. L. Field, 1232 Geary street; Mrs. H. D. Loveland, 297 San Carlos avenue; Mrs. F. D. Stadtmuller, 819 Eddy street; Mrs. Thos. Morf-few, 1725 Pine street; Mrs. P. D. Code, 976 Valencia street, San Francisco; Mrs. W. C. Knowles, 2318 Telegraph avenue, Berkeley; Mrs. J. W. McClymonds, 447 Thirty-fourth street, Oakland; Mrs. G. C. Pardee, Sacramento, Cal.

CHINA IN THE MIDST OF AMERICA.

Chinatown, with its peculiar and quaint sights, its noisy theaters and joss houses, temples and marts, workshops on the streets, hordes of Mongolians crowding and jostling at all hours of the day and night, constitutes the most fascinating novelty in the midst of an American city. It is Chinatown to which every visitor feels drawn to witness sights not to be seen elsewhere except in China. The guides through Chinatown and the Chinese theaters reap a rich harvest from tourists and strangers. To bring the most attractive feature of Chinatown closer to the visitors, the committee has secured the Grand Opera House, one of the largest and finest playhouses in the country, for Conclave week, and will present Chinese plays with a full Chinese orchestra all week. From 100 to 150 of the best Chinese performers will be engaged for the season. Each visiting Commandery will be furnished enough



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complimentary tickets for the Grand Opera House, to supply every Sir Knight and his family with seats for at least one performance, without going to Chinatown.

IMPOSING CAVALCADE IN PARADE.

The Committee on Horses and Carriages, appointed for the purpose of securing saddle horses and carriages required on the day of the great parade and during Conclave week, will have an easy task if Sir Knights will send their requisitions early. Carriages are ample in San Francisco, and no difficulty is expected in securing all that will be needed.

Good saddle horses are not quite so abundant, and so many mounted Commanderies will attend the Conclave, besides the large number of fine saddle horses that will be needed by the Grand Marshal and his numerous aides, may create a scarcity in saddle horses. Com-

manderies and Sir Knights who will go mounted in the parade, and have not made arrangements already, are urgently requested to communicate at once with the committee at Templar Headquarters, 645 Market street. It will be necessary to have all horses and military saddles engaged some days before the parade, and Sir Knights neglecting this part of the arrangements may find themselves without a mount on the morning of the parade.

The Grand Commandery of California, upon learning of the magnitude of the entertainment planned by the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction, made an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for the Grand Encampment, which makes the total appropriation from that one source \$60,000.

Golden Gate Commandery, through its Eminent Commander, Sir Robert W. Campbell, presented a purse of \$6,000 to

the Grand Commander of California to be used in entertaining during the Triennial.

These acts of the Grand Commandery of California and of Golden Gate Commandery merely indicate the spirit of generosity which pervades the whole ranks of California Templarism. There shall be no lack or stint in the generous, nay, lavish hospitality in entertaining the Sir Knights who will honor California with their presence during the Triennial, so that the visitors will regret to depart and bear away the most pleasant recollections of their sojourn in California, the land that overflows with milk and honey and with genuine Western hospitality.

Sojourning Sir Knights will be greeted at every turn with a display of Masonic emblems; dead walls, show windows, the very streets will be ablaze with the Maltese cross, the keystone and the square and compass. Ever beautiful Golden Gate Park will be resplendent with Masonic designs, the very flower beds carrying their message of welcome to visiting fraters. The superintendent of that delightful resting place has been directed by the Park Commissioners to set out Masonic and Templar designs in honor of the occasion. Sir Reuben H. Lloyd, Past Grand Master of the Knights Templars, will direct this work.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri will be escorted by St. Aldemar Commandery, of St. Louis. A prospectus will shortly be issued, which will be followed by an itinerary setting forth of the program in detail. St. Aldemar expects to be in the front rank.

Masonic Temple at Tacoma.

The new Masonic Temple at Tacoma will be dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Washington, June 13th. The programme of arrangements will include the usual dedicatory exercises in the morning, a public reception in the afternoon, and a grand ball in the evening. The cornerstone of the temple was laid by President Roosevelt, on the occasion of his visit to the Pacific Coast last year.

Unity Chapter, O. E. S.

Tuesday evening, April 12th, District Deputy Grand Matron Amelia M. Emary paid an official visit to Unity Chapter, Oakland. The ritual was exemplified in a very praiseworthy manner. As a token of appreciation of the excellent work accomplished by the Chapter, and as a deserved recognition of the successful efforts of Sister Lida Sanborn, the Worthy Matron, the Deputy Grand Matron presented the Chapter with a magnificent basket of carnations trimmed in ferns.

Past Matron Sister Helen Edwards, on behalf of Unity Chapter, presented to the Deputy Grand Matron a photogravure of Stratton's picture, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Then followed the banquet.

Islam's Ceremonial.

Islam Temple, Mystic Shrine, held a ceremonial session in the Mechanics' Pavilion, April 20th, when seventy-eight candidates, who constituted the largest class, save one, initiated by that organization, were piloted over the hot, parching sands. There were one thousand nobles present, nine hundred and eighty of whom sat down to the elegant banquet which followed. As a compliment to the Potentate, Major George Filmer, the First Regiment band volunteered the music for the banquet.

San Francisco Lodge, U. D.

The Grand Master has issued a dispensation to San Francisco, the baby lodge of the California jurisdiction, and the first meeting under dispensation took place Saturday, April 30th.

The first Thursday in each month has been selected as the time for stated meetings of San Francisco Lodge.

Death of Prominent Mason.

Hon. Joseph A. Locke, 33 degree, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine Consistory, A. and A. S. R., and Senior Grand Warden, Grand Encampment, K. T., died in Portland, Me., April 21st. Bro. Locke was one of the most prominent Masons on the Atlantic Coast.

Southern Journals Combine.

The *Western Mason*, of Los Angeles, Cal., has suspended publication, having consolidated with *The Freemason* of that city. Bro. H. J. Lloyd, the editor of the latter publication, will continue to produce a readable magazine, one which is a credit to fraternal journalism.

Santa Rosa Lodge.

The fifteenth anniversary of the organization of Santa Rosa Lodge, No. 57. F. and A. M., will be celebrated June 16th. Committees have been appointed to prepare for the Golden Jubilee.

Rode Wrong Goat.

"Brethren, I salute you," declaimed Attorney Peter G. Raff, putting his left thumb behind his ear and advancing with right hand outstretched toward three fellow attorneys in the rotunda of the Unity Building. The three men wore Masonic emblems. So did Raff.

"There is light in the heavens," he continued, impressively, as he grabbed the first friend's hand.

"Whence come the three wise men?" he demanded of the second.

"What have we here?" he chirped to the third, as he transferred the thumb from behind the ear to a coy position under his chin.

The three friends looked at each other amazed.

"It's the heat," whispered one.

"If he would only sign the pledge," whispered one who wore a white ribbon on his Masonic charm.

"Didn't I do it right?" demanded the abashed Raff. "You see I am a Mason now and those are the passwords and grip."

"Who made you a Mason?" demanded one of the three, who were beginning to smile broadly.

"Meyer Samson, in Steinheimer's Hall, for \$10," exclaimed Raff.

Then his friends kindly led him to the elevator and in the privacy of his office told him that he had been buncoed. He showed papers that he was a member of Hall of Justice Lodge, No. 204, A. F. and A. M., but neither the city directory nor the Masonic records show the existence of such a Lodge.

Raff took off his Masonic button and started searching for a policeman. Yesterday Meyer Samson, 249 Orleans street, was before Justice Caverly, at Harrison street, and his case was continued to August 11 under bonds of \$300.

Raff says that he joined on recommendation of A. L. Raclin, a life insurance

agent who had paid \$28 for various degrees. The hall where Raff "rode the goat" is said to be at 151 Randolph street, and the Masonic emblem used is on the stationery of the alleged Lodge.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.


Go to the "Top."

The writer read in an exchange the other day some advice which runs like this: "When you have once joined the order, don't stop until you have reached the top." It is difficult to understand what was meant by the top, but the presumption is that it is the pyramid of degrees. The fact of the matter is that this is just where the whole trouble with Masonry rests. Candidates nowadays don't stop until they have reached the top, with the result that they have a chaotic idea of Masonry and are of no particular value in any of its branches. "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," is an old saying, and it will apply very forcibly to much of the Masonry of the present time. A man had better master the first three degrees thoroughly and be useful in its sphere, than to attempt to swallow the whole forty-one degrees at a gulp and ever afterwards suffer with a Masonic nightmare.—*Illinois Freemason*.


Conclave Notes.

The Grand Encampment of the United States will hold daily sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and elect officers for the following term of three years.

It has been definitely decided to have three grandstands to view the parade, one for the Grand Master and his escort, one for the Grand Encampment of the United States, and one for the Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco and the heads of the administration, Federal, State and municipal.



CHIPS FROM THE STONE QUARRIES.



NEWS OF THE CRAFT GLEANED FROM ALL SOURCES.

Berkeley's Proposed Temple.

Durant Lodge, No. 168, F. and A. M., is to have a new home, as noted in a former issue of this magazine.

Plans have been accepted for a three-story Masonic Temple building, proposed to be erected at the northeast corner of Shattuck Avenue and Bancroft Way, within sight of Berkeley railroad station. The estimated cost of the structure, which will cover a site 75x105 feet, will be \$50,000.

According to the plans, there will be a large basement under the entire building. The first floor will be divided into four fine stores and an imposing entrance. The second and third stories will be devoted entirely to Masonic purposes. Both these floors will be accessible by both stairways and an elevator.

The main lodgeroom, which will be 42 x 62 feet and 25 feet high, is to be unusually elaborate, and will be finished in oak and sumptuously decorated and furnished. The banquet-room, which will have a kitchen attached, will seat more than 300 guests.

Among the other features of the building will be fine ladies' parlors, a large smoking-room and all necessary committee rooms, ante-rooms and lockers.

According to the committee which has charge of the proposed new structure, the edifice will be one of the finest buildings in Berkeley. The construction materials will be buff brick and terra-cotta.

Work will be begun on the structure about the middle of June, and it is expected that the temple will be completed in six months' time.

University Summer Session.

The University of California will open its doors from June 27th to August 6th for its annual six weeks' summer session. The summer session is planned primarily for persons of maturity who wish the stimulus of living for a time in a university atmosphere and of instruction from leaders in scholarship competent to bring their students into touch with the latest developments of knowledge and method in their special fields. Many teachers and other persons free for continuous study in summer time only will take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

Manila Lodge, No. 342, F. and A. M., celebrated Washington's Birthday by a steamboat excursion to the Island of Corregidor, in Manila Bay. The steam launch Kababayan was chartered for the occasion and carried a merry crowd of over 260 passengers.

New Eastern Star Chapter.

A new Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was instituted at Rio Vista on Tuesday evening, April 5, 1904, by Past Grand Matron Mabel B. Seymour, of Sacramento, acting as deputy for Grand Patron Geo. F. McNoble, with the assistance of Vacaville, Suisun and Onisbo Chapters, a delegation from each of which was present, the visiting members by courtesy filling various stations in the Chapter in connection with the members of the new body.

The degrees were conferred at sight upon nine candidates, and eight new petitions for degrees were received.

The new members presented the Chapter with a complete set of paraphernalia.

The following officers have been appointed: Julia M. Cook, W. Matron; Matthew Stewart, W. Patron; Inez M. Dozier, A. Matron; Margaret C. Hamilton, Secretary; Annie M. Johnson, Treasurer; Agnes M. Stewart, Conductress; Edith C. Church, A. Conductress; Edythe A. Stewart, Adah; Mathilda L. Christensen, Ruth; Annie C. Harvie, Esther; Hettie Z. Brown, Martha; Kate C. Harvie, Electa; Mary H. Pressley, Chaplain; Carrie G. Fleischer, Marshal; Josephine Stewart, Warden; M. I. Church, Sentinel.

After the closing of the Chapter all repaired to the banquet-room, where a bounteous spread was awaiting, and enjoyed the hospitality of the new Chapter members. Numerous toasts were given wishing all kinds of prosperity to Rio Vista Chapter, which had started out so favorably.

New Mexico Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite is growing rapidly in New Mexico and it is understood that within the next few months, the Santa Fe Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, of the fourteenth degree, located in Santa Fe, will commence the regular conferring of degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth regularly twice a year, and that as soon as this is in good working order, a Chapter of the Rose of Croix, eighteenth degree, will be organized for work. The Scottish Rite now numbers over 100 thirty-two degree members in the Territory, with very good chances for a further increase. The members are scattered all over the Territory, the largest membership being in Santa Fe, Roswell, Socorro, Hillsboro and Albuquerque.

El Kalah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Salt Lake, initiated a class of seventeen novices at a recent meeting.

Union Lodge's Golden Jubilee.

The Golden Jubilee of Union Lodge, No. 58, F. and A. M., of Sacramento, Cal., will be celebrated in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol in that city, Monday evening, June 6th, by a literary and musical entertainment, to be followed by a banquet in the Assembly Chamber. The celebration will be a grand affair and there will be not less than 700 ladies and gentlemen present. Arrangements are now actively in progress, and the promise is made that the celebration will be the most notable anniversary occasion ever held in Sacramento by a Masonic body. The Grand Master, the Grand Orator and the Grand Chaplain will be present, and several Past Grand Masters. Union Lodge is one of the strongest Masonic organizations in that portion of the State, and it may be confidently expected that its fiftieth anniversary will be upon a grand scale.

New Temple in San Francisco.

A movement is being made to induce the various Masonic bodies in San Francisco to co-operate with the Scottish Rite branch in the erection of a new temple on Post street facing Union Square.

The different Masonic Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters and Commanderies of Knights Templar owning stock in the present Temple, located at Post and Montgomery streets, have recently been invited to send representatives to a conference to discuss the advisability of joining in a movement to erect a large and modern building on the site recently purchased by Yerba Buena Lodge of Scottish Rite Masons.

While the plans for the new Masonic Temple are not fully matured, it is the idea of those who have taken hold of the project that a stone building of at least ten or twelve stories should be built.

Portland Scottish Rite.

An "at home" was given by the Scottish Rite bodies of Portland, Oregon, at their handsome new cathedral. The building was a blaze of light. The ballroom presented a charming mass of color, with fair visitors present from different parts of the State, while others of the guests played whist in the parlors or chatted in the reception room. An orchestra played delightful music, and the floor in the ballroom was in excellent condition. The event was one of the great social successes of the season. A delicious supper was served about 10:30 o'clock, and selections of music were played by a string orchestra. Many of the rooms were prettily decorated.

A new Masonic cemetery, nearly 200 acres in area, is to be located in San Mateo county, nearly opposite Cypress Lawn cemetery. A portion of the tract lies in what is called the City Extension Homestead Association, and the remainder, about seventy acres, has just been confirmed to the buyers by Judge Coffey at the price of \$35,000. The property was purchased from the Sutro estate.

Grand Matron at Visalia.

Mrs. Chlo. A. Routzahn, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S., paid an official visit to Martha Washington Chapter at Visalia, April 14th. Masonic Hall presented a rich appearance. The gowns worn by the ladies blended nicely with the varied colored flowers of the sweetest fragrance. The scene was inspiring and the occasion was a happy one. There were no candidates to initiate, but the degree work was performed for the purpose of inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron. A sumptuous banquet was served.

The arrangement of the tables was unique and above all pretty. Five tables converged in the center of the room beneath the huge cluster of incandescent lights. The tables were so arranged as to form a star, the end of each designating a point of the star. Each table was in a different color. Beginning with the end of the table where the Grand Matron was seated, the tables were white, yellow, blue, red and green. Staffs were arranged at the end of either table and each staff was entwined with crepe paper whose color was in harmony with that of the other features of decorations on that point. The crepe paper was attached to the chandeliers and swung loosely. Between the staff at either point of the huge star was suspended a large letter with which the name of that point commenced. Each table contained a number of large and beautiful bouquets. In the center where the tables converged was constructed a massive bouquet made of varied colored flowers and evergreens. The sides of the bouquet facing the respective points were made of flowers to correspond in color, so that the bouquet itself formed a huge star. This was the most unique part of the decorations. The platform had been banked with ivy, roses and evergreens of various kinds.

Souvenir Poster.

The poster issued by the Knights Templar Conclave Committee, as a souvenir of the Conclave, of which the frontispiece in this issue is a representation, is an exquisite lithograph in ten colors harmoniously blended, and makes a poster of exceptional merit, worthy the place of honor in the choicest collection in the land. The border is an exact imitation of California redwood, and the whole production is a most creditable specimen of California's art of design, execution and reproduction. The poster is from the press of the Louis Roesch Co., of San Francisco. Copies may be had at the rate of 25 cents each, from the Executive Committee, Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave, K. T., 645 Market street, San Francisco.

A resolution was introduced in the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R., at its last session at Boston, Mass., raising the minimum initiation fee throughout the different valleys in the Northern Jurisdiction to \$84. The resolution will be acted upon at the annual session in September, 1904, and in the event of its adoption the Scottish Rite bodies of New York city will raise the fees for initiation to \$100.

Unity Chapter's Anniversary.

The TRESTLE BOARD is pleased to note the celebration by Unity Chapter, No. 65, O. E. S., of the twenty-second anniversary of its organization, advice of which reached this office after the April number had gone to press.

The celebration was held in the regular Chapter rooms, which, with the banquet-hall and adjoining ante-rooms, and vestibule were tastefully decorated. Festoons of pink and white ribbons radiated from the ceilings and in the banquet-room the tables were adorned with bouquets of baby lillies, the festalboard being loaded with an abundance of those good things which cause a banquet at Unity Chapter to be remembered as a banquet.

An interesting musical and literary program was rendered, and the ceremonial work of the Chapter was performed in such a manner as to sustain the reputation which Unity Chapter enjoys for being perfect in the ritual. The officers, handsomely gowned, the star officers dressed in white, and in designs especially harmonious in their general effect, performed their several parts in a most finished manner.

Sister Lida Sanborn, the Worthy Matron, was justly complimented on all sides upon her own success as a presiding officer, and upon the fine *esprit de corps* which has been infused into all her officers during the short time since the commencement of her term. Sister Mary E. Partridge, P. M. W. G. M. of the General Grand Chapter, and Sister Lulu Anderson, Grand Adah of California, occupied seats of honor at the side of the Worthy Matron, and entertained the Chapter with interesting remarks. The occasion was highly enjoyed and will be pleasantly remembered by all who were present. There were at the meeting two of the three remaining charter members of the Chapter, Sisters Margarite Hawckett and Ildegone Beretta. There were present ten Past Matrons and five Past Patrons of the Chapter.

The committee of arrangements was composed of Sister Jamesie Monck (chairman), Sisters Hilma J. Buttlar, Edith Edwards, Bros. Jos. W. Umphred and Chas. J. Krytser, all of them Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Unity Chapter.

Temple for Santa Rosa.

Santa Rosa Lodge, F. and A. M., is fifty years old next month, and she will celebrate the attainment of her fiftieth year of Masonic usefulness by erecting a new Lodge home. Plans have not as yet been fully matured, but preliminary steps have been taken which involve the disposal of the property now used as a meeting place and the purchase of a site and the erection of an elegant three-story Masonic Temple thereon. Santa Rosa is a flourishing community Masonically, and will doubtless erect an edifice worthy of the noble and exalted use to which it will be put.

The Craft in General.

New York has a craftsmen's orchestra of 107 members, composed of Masons belonging to local lodges.

Sessions of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Kansas, will be held in Representative Hall, Topeka, commencing Wednesday, May 11th.

A Masonic club is to be formed at Springfield, O., with up-to-date club quarters, which will include reception, reading, billiard rooms, etc.

Work on the new Masonic Temple at Tacoma, Wash., is nearly completed. The carpenters expect to be out of the building shortly after the first of May. The Masonic organizations expect to occupy the building before the first of June. It will be dedicated about June 14th.

A most brilliant social function took place in Shanghai, China, on March 10, 1904, when the Masons of Shanghai entertained their friends at a grand ball. Twelve hundred persons were present. The guest of honor was Prince Lun of the ruling dynasty, who was present with his suite.

Book Shelf.

The TRESTLE BOARD acknowledges the receipt since the last issue of this magazine of the following Masonic publications:

From Companion John H. Miller, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland for 1903.

From Bro. William A. Sinn, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 1903.

From Sir Knight Eli C. Birdsey, Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Connecticut.

From Bro. James E. Price, Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Delaware, for 1904.

From Companion Charles Cary, Grand Secretary, transactions of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Pennsylvania.

From Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Kansas, for 1904.

From Bro. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Michigan, for 1904.

From Bro. John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Connecticut, for 1904.

From Ill. Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, 33d degree, a brochure, containing special programme of the forty-ninth annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Chicago, April 19-21, 1904.

California in Particular.

The Masons of Modesto, California, are planning a \$30,000 Masonic Temple.

Bro. W. H. Edwards, Grand Lecturer, made an official visit recently to Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Redondo Lodge, No. 328, will lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Building at Redondo, Cal., May 10th.

W. Frank Pierce, Sovereign Inspector General, A. and A. S. R., visited the new conistory at San Diego, April 30th.

Bro. Wm. H. Edwards, Grand Lecturer, visited Palo Alto Lodge April 16th for the purpose of instruction in the ritual.

An imposter has been traveling among the lodges of Pennsylvania passing as a member of Union Lodge, No. 58, of Sacramento.

Fifty Masons traveled from Long Beach to Santa Ana, Cal., in automobiles to be present at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at the latter place. Fifteen autos were in line.

The Masons of Modesto are agitating a new Masonic hall. It is proposed to organize a building association and erect an elegant temple.

Early in April Past Master S. Hecht delivered a lecture on "Operative and Speculative Masonry," before West Gate Lodge, in Los Angeles.

The new Masonic Temple at San Bernardino will, it is expected, be ready for occupancy early in June. The lights and furnishings of the new temple will be very rich and brilliant.

Architects are submitting plans and specifications for the proposed Masonic Temple at Pasadena, and it is thought that no difficulty will be experienced in selecting a handsome design.

Bro. T. J. Hesson of Sacramento, shows that he has true Masonry in his heart by sending the TRESTLE BOARD to five friends, among whom are three brothers at the Masonic Home at Decoto.

The Hawaiian Promotion Committee has sent three thousand circulars to Eastern Knights Templar, containing literature and information regarding Hawaii, embodying an urgent invitation to the Sir Knights to extend their trip to the island paradise.

Grand Master Nutting and the Grand Lodge of California laid the corner stone of the new Court House at Redwood City, Monday, May 2d. Many thousands of people were present from all parts of San Mateo County.

The ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter at Mokelumne Hill, Cal., presented a Masonic emblem to "Uncle Joe" Mayer, one of the founders of the Order in that community, on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday, April 27th.

The new Masonic Lodge at Ft. Bragg, Cal., has organized and selected the following officers: W. A. McCormack, W. M.; Eri Higgins, S. W.; J. E. Weller, J. W.; W. B. Ward, S. D.; H. Shaifsky, J. D.; C. Woodruff, T.; Henry Foye, S. S.; J. W. Cullen, J. S.; H. R. Baum, Treasurer, and Secretary *pro tem*.

At a meeting of Oak Grove Lodge, No. 215, F. and A. M., in Alameda, April 20th, two elegant brazen pillars which had been set up in the lodge-room were presented to that Lodge by Captain Joseph Knowland and Senator J. R. Knowland, his son. The pillars are said to be the finest ever seen on the Pacific Coast.

Sacramento Commandery, No. 2, K. T., has engaged its headquarters for the triennial conclave to be held in San Francisco in September, at Pioneer Hall, having secured two floors, the first floor taking in a dancing-hall, women's reception-room and parlors, and the lower floor the banquet-room, pantry, kitchen and the necessary ante-room to make up a first-class place for exhibition purposes.

An election was held April 4th by Gethsemane Chapter of the Rose Croix at the Masonic Cathedral on Fourteenth Street, Oakland, Cal. The following were elected: T. I. Miller, Master; R. L. Robinson, Senior Warden; H. W. Adams, Junior Warden; Jacob Mueller, Treasurer, and J. B. Merritt, Secretary. The first named was the only new officer elected, the others having been previous incumbents.

California Commandery No. 1, K. T., conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on a class of eleven candidates April 15th, and also received a handsome new banner for use during the coming Triennial Conclave, a gift from Past Commander Reuben H. Lloyd. To commemorate the event a banquet was given. Covers were laid for 250 persons at the Masonic Temple. Thomas H. Browne, Eminent Commander of California Commandery, acted as toastmaster. The presentation of the banner on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, who was unavoidably absent, was made by Grand Commander W. D. Knights; Mr. Browne responded accepting the gift for the Commandery.

Secretary Hare Resigns.

E. C. Hare, the venerable secretary of the Masonic Board of Relief, of San Francisco, who held that office for many years, has tendered his resignation. The office of the Board, which was located in the Masonic Temple for a great many years, has been removed to the Emma Spreckels building.

Tidings.

The Masonic bodies of North Yakima, Wash., will build a new hall.

Lodi Masons listened to an able lecture by Judge Frank A. Smith April 28th.

The Masons of Tacoma, Washington, will dedicate their new temple in June.

Mountain View Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 194, worked the third degree April 26th.

The Worthy Grand Matron visited Palm Leaf Chapter, No. 114, Porterville, and Heliotrope Chapter, at Selma, during the latter part of April.

Three hundred people were present at the "at home" given by the Scottish Rite bodies of Portland, Ore., at their beautiful cathedral April 15th.

The Masons of Monrovia, Cal., are making great preparations for a masquerade ball, to be given May 17th, in honor of the eighteenth birthday of the Masonic Lodge at that place.

Oakland Chapter, R. A. M., conferred the Mark Degree May 4th. Degrees will be conferred by this Chapter in the month of May as follows: Mark Degree, May 11th; Past and M. E. Degree, May 18th; Royal Arch, May 25th.

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota will convene June 14th next, at 10 a. m.; the Grand Chapter of that State will meet June 16th, at 9 a. m., and the Grand Commandery, K. T., June 17th, at 9:30 a. m., all meetings being held in Yankton, S. D.

Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, died at Washington C. H., Ohio, April 3d. He was instrumental in upholding the authority of the Grand Lodge of that State during the controversy growing out of the Cernean question, and the suppression of spurious Masonry in Ohio.

Book Shelf.

Receipt of the following Masonic publications is hereby acknowledged:

From Sir Frederic Speed, Past Grand Commander, Synopsis of Templar Law applicable to Chartered Commanderies.

From Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Montana, for 1903.

From Brother Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Florida, for 1904.

From Companion Wm. W. Perry, Grand Secretary, proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Wisconsin, for 1904.

From Sir Frederic Speed, Past Grand Commander, Devotional Offices adopted by the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

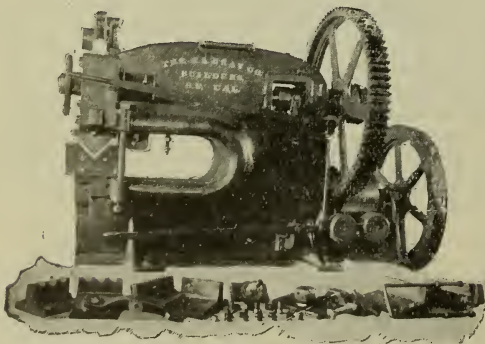
From Sir Knight Frederick Speed, Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Mississippi, for 1904.

From Sir Knight Frank J. Thompson, Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of North Dakota, for 1904.

From Brother, Companion and Sr Knight Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Louisiana, for 1904.

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