

The sum of \$1000 was donated to the Ohio Masonic Home.

The following resolution was adopted :—

*"Resolved, That hereafter Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be required, except when it is contemplated at some future time to use full Ceremonials, to confer at least the essentials of the Order of Malta upon all candidates at the same Conclave at which the Order of the Temple shall be conferred, but in all cases the Order shall be conferred before the close of the Temple year."*

Frazer E. T. Carson submitted his twenty-first report on Correspondence, covering 158 pages and written with all the ability that invariably characterizes the author. Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1895.

Commanderies, 55 ; members, 8071 ; increase, 157.  
Barton Smith, (Toledo,) G. C.  
John N. Bell, (Dayton,) G. R.

#### OKLAHOMA.

Words of welcome are in order for this new creation, the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

Under the authority of the Grand Master of Templars, Frazer W. LaRue Thomas, the representatives of the three Commanderies in Oklahoma met in the City of Guthrie, on the 10th day of February, 1896, and duly organized the new body.

A constitution was adopted, officers elected and an address was delivered by the Grand Commander, from which we make the following extract :—

Masonry in Oklahoma will now be thoroughly organized, with a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter and a Grand Commandery, with the subordinate Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, it will henceforth be an important factor in molding the character of our people, and influential in establishing a state founded upon the eternal principles of truth and justice.

In my judgment Templar Masonry has already been the means of accomplishing more good feeling, more harmony of sentiment, more lasting and valuable attachments of individuals, one to another, than any other one thing in Oklahoma, and it is the mission of the Grand Commandery to strengthen these bonds of attachment where they now exist and to enlarge and extend them to all parts of the Territory. The inherent strength and power of Templar Masonry is found in the confidence and trust that it inspires in the breast of its votaries, and a Templar

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