

plified in holy and devoted lives. There is abroad a spirit of materialism, a theory of utter extinction by death, a denial of the immortality of the soul and of all the hopes of future happiness which are sweet to him whose whole life has been spent in ceaseless struggles for the right and who looks for a blissful hereafter as the only just recompense of present pain. Against the insidious spread of this foe to our peace, Knights Templar must labor if they be true to their vows. What part or parcel of the Masonic heritage can any man have who denies the future existence and the immortality of the soul? How can any man take the vows of a Templar or remain a member of the Order of the Temple, whose faith in the fundamental doctrines of the society has been shaken? Against materialism, against new forms of paganism, against all that would rob Christ of his honor as a Divine Teacher and would dim the brightness of His lustrous example, and undermine faith in His merits as the Redeemer of the World, it behooves all Knights Templar to wage constant, steady and resolute war.

Sir Knight George F. Irvine, Wheeling, Grand Recorder and Chairman F. C.

WISCONSIN, 1879.

The twenty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin convened in the City of Eau Claire, on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 1 o'clock p.m., A.D. 1879:

Grand officers and Representatives from all 14 of the subordinate Commanderies.

The Grand Commander reports:—

Notwithstanding the depression in business, our Commanderies have experienced a healthy growth during the past year. Neither has malignant scourge afflicted us, nor calamity overtaken us; but instead, health and a fair degree of prosperity have been our portion.

The first Easter Service ever held by Knights Templar in this State occurred in 1878. In 1879 six of our Commanderies entered upon the discharge of this duty, and successfully celebrated this Christian Anniversary; and to-day we have publicly, and I believe sincerely, thanked our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings, and humbly prayed for His guidance, assistance and protection for time to come.

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