

He reports granting permission to Seattle Commandery to appear in full Templar uniform on Memorial Day. Admits it is not a Masonic occasion, but being representatives of an ancient and warlike body, and his country being now in a state of war, he thought it right to turn out in uniform to decorate graves of those who had died for their country. The Committee on the Address could not construe it into a Masonic occasion and consequently did not approve of the Grand Commander's action, notwithstanding the high motives of patriotism which prompted it.

The war excitement got the better of the Grand Commander and some of the Knights of his jurisdiction, for he telegraphed to the Secretary of War at Washington as follows:

In the event of war with Spain I am authorized by the Knights Templar of the State of Washington to tender through you our services to President McKinley and the nation.

The Grand Commander made numerous visitations, and his report thereon is interesting. He commends some for their Templar enthusiasm, and requested others to "brace up," and show more. In one Commandery he stated he "found the Knights filled with enthusiasm," and had a very pleasant and enjoyable time which will remain long in his memory. He, however, omitted to state when the Knights "filled" up what they took with their "enthusiasm."

In another Commandery he "found the Sir Knights in good condition and full of enthusiasm."

He ends his address by breaking into his propensity for rhyme, and "has the complaint badly." He presented a rhyming resolution to the "Ladies," in acknowledgment for flowers, and the following day the Grand Recorder presented it set to music and sung it; and the minutes state:

Which so surprised the Grand Commander and Sir Knights, no further action was taken in the matter.

Now we wonder whether the rhyme or the music caused the paralysis, or was it the combination?

The following resolution was passed: