

Chicago over night, arriving in St. Louis Monday evening; passengers to occupy sleepers while in St. Louis, car being side tracked near Clarke Avenue Street Car Line, near centre of city. Returning leaves St. Louis Thursday night, 23, for Chicago where sleeper is dropped. Excursionists can remain in Chicago several days on return trip. Tickets and sleeper \$25.00, double berth occupied by one person \$5.00 extra. Send application at once enclosing \$7.00 as guarantee to hold berth. Please notice that our sleeping palace cars are run direct through on fast express to Chicago and St. Louis by daylight, and that our excursionists occupy sleepers till returning to Chicago. That is use of Palace Sleeping Cars six days, and ticket good to return any time within fifteen days for \$25.00. Excursion for Masonic Knights Templar, Royal Arch and Master Masons, their families and friends. The route for our special cars is by Grand Trunk and Short Line to Chicago, through Detroit, thence via Chicago and Alton to St. Louis. A superb route. Train leaves 9 a. m. sharp. The best arrangements possible have been made.

WHAT ST. LOUIS PAPERS SAY.

Over 25,000 in line and will march double section (12 abreast). The march will not be a long one. The ladies are decorating St. Aldemar head quarters at a cost of over \$10,000. The California decoration at Armory will exceed \$30,000, they also bring a painting 100 ft x 40 ft, "The Knight's Templar entering Jerusalem." The celebrated XIII Battalion Band of Hamilton, Canada, and Gilmore's Band of New York will be amongst the 120 bands present.

While the Fraternity are in St. Louis the Masonic Orphan Home Concert takes place, 3,000 musicians; over 60,000 tickets now sold. Grand receptions to Knights' Templar. A night parade of St. Louis Trade Display Association. Parade Flambeau

Battalion. Brilliant illumination of St. Louis Exposition at its best, etc. Canada knights on parade are located in 19th Division near Members Grand Encampment.

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AN ENGLISH FRATER'S OPINION.

In a letter to the London Freemason's Chronicle R. E. Sir Knight Emra Holmes, K. C. T., representative of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada in the Great Priory of England, says:—

"I have received from the Great Prior of Canada an important statement relative to the position of the National Great Priory and certain local bodies of Knight Templars under the jurisdiction of the Chapter General of the Order in Scotland.

Great Priory claims absolute jurisdiction in Canada, and the Scottish Knights do not seem to see their way clear to give up their independence—or allegiance to Scotland.

It seems to me, as I think it will to your readers generally, that the Scottish Sir Knights are now in a false and an anomalous position, and it would be much better for them and for the Order in Canada if they would seek to be absolved from their allegiance to the Grand Master of Scotland (which absolution I feel sure would be as readily granted by the Earl of Rosslyn as a like request to the Grand Master of England the Prince of Wales when asked for by the Great Priory of Canada), and then they might throw in their lot with the English Canadian Templars, remembering that union is strength."

Undoubtedly if the advice of the illustrious Frater was followed peace would result throughout the Dominion, and we are confident the Scottish Templars would not suffer any disadvantage.