

The observance of Easter Sunday or Ascension Day for church services was left with the Grand Commander.

Charles F. Buck, (New Orleans,) G. C.

Richard Buck, (New Orleans,) G. R.

MARYLAND.

Twenty-second Conclave, Baltimore, November 22nd, 1892.

Stephen R. Mason, G. C.

On the state of the order, he says:

"The returns from the eight Subordinate Commanderies for the past year are very gratifying, as they show a net increase of thirty. There were 890 Knights Templar and 7 Knights of the Red Cross at the close of the last report, since which time 70 have been Knighted, 6 affiliated and 1 re-instated, making 974 in all; from which are to be deducted 6 Knights of the Red Cross, 21 who have died, 18 withdrawn and 9 suspended, leaving a total of 920 Knights Templar and 6 Knights of the Red Cross. Six of the Commanderies show an increase of 33, and two a decrease of 3, making a net increase of 30. We have Knighted 20 more than last year, affiliated 4 more, reinstated 2 less, lost one more by death, 7 less by withdrawal, 13 less by suspension and none by expulsion.

Our prospects look very bright for the incoming year, and, if the spirit of harmony and knightly courtesy continues to pervade the membership of all the Commanderies, we may confidently look forward for great success in Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the COMMENDATION of this Grand Commandery be given to the request of Maryland Commandery, No. 1, to be made to the Board of Managers of the Grand Lodge for permission to place a memorial window in the west end of the Asylum in the newly reconstructed Masonic Temple."

The Grand Recorder will please note that the Great Priory of Canada at a special Assembly, in September, 1890, made the Red Cross Degree one of the recognized Degrees of this jurisdiction and to be conferred before the Templar Degree.

Frater Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas is the author of the report on Correspondence. It is his sixteenth annual report and his experience and ability enable him to produce a most creditable review. Our Proceedings for 1892 are well noticed. In his conclusion he says:

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