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Fifty-Sixth Annual, Springfield. September 14th.

The R. Em. the Grand Commander, Sir Knight R. V. Hampson, presided. Among the distinguished visitors was R. Em. Sir Knight W. B. Melish, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Commander reported that owing to the Grand Army of the Republic being called to meet on same date as the Grand Commandery he had decided to call the latter one week later. One Commandery constituted and dispensation to form another granted. Forms for official inspections had been prepared—and a Committee was at work on a Manual for Asylum Tactics. In an order issued by the Grand Commander we note that at the official inspection each Commandery is required to open in full form in the Order of the Temple and to confer the Orders of the Knight Templar and Knight of Malta upon one Candidate only—also, that it is desirable that Banquets be omitted at the inspections, but if given they form no part of the official inspection and should not be reported.

This latter order is a good one, for we have noticed that many inspecting officers pay more attention to the social aspect of their visits than to the business portion. This feature is not confined to any one locality or part of this continent.

Love and sympathy was extended to their Old Companion in Arms, R. Em. Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, owing to his absence through long and serious illness. Alas! "the Good Knight Sleeps." We were exceedingly sorry to receive the sad tidings later on that Sir Knight Carson had fought his last fight, and had laid down the "Cross" to take up the "Crown." We met the Valiant Knight and had a pleasant conversation with him at the Triennial in Boston. We have admired the sturdy and fearless manner in which he uttered his opinions on all subjects, though perhaps not