



THOMAS GLEASON SAMPLE, Supreme Grand Chancellor, Alleghany, Pa.

Thomas Gleason Sample was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 27th, 1843. When very young he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Harrisburg, in the same State, and where, until the age of fourteen, he attended the public schools. Then he became an indentured apprentice in the printing trade, remaining so employed until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion in 1861.

Under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops, for three months, in April, 1861, young Sample enlisted in Company F, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged in July, 1861, the term of service having expired. He re-enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company F, 127th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was at once promoted to First Sergeant and at the end of the month was further promoted to Second Lieutenant, being then but a boy. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and participated in all its engagements. In May, 1864, he became connected with the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the Cumberland, stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was finally discharged in January, 1865.

Brother Sample joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1877, and was elected Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, of that body, in 1895. For the last three years (1895-1898) he has been a member of the Committee on School Histories, in the National Encampment. He was also, for eight years, Secretary of the Soldier's Orphan's Home Commission, which had under its charge over eleven

hundred children. In Grand Army circles Brother Sample is known from ocean to ocean, and his friends and well-wishers are legion.

His connection with the Order of Knights of Pythias commenced with his initiation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September, 1869. He assisted at the organization of Fort Duquesne Lodge, No. 260; was one of the organizers of Great Western Lodge, No. 345, and of Leonidas Lodge, No. 385, and was one of the promoters of Lorena Lodge, No. 198, of Alleghany, Pennsylvania, of which at this date, September, 1898, he is still an honored member.

As to his record in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: In 1876 he was elected Grand Master at Arms; Grand Prelate in 1877; Grand Vice-Chancellor in 1879; Supreme Representative in 1881, entering the Supreme Lodge in 1882. Up to 1893 he was continuously re-elected Supreme Representative, against probably the strongest organized opposition that any member ever had to confront him.

In 1893, owing to the resignation of Stansbury J. Willey as Supreme Master of Exchequer, Brother Sample was chosen for that office by the Council of Supreme Officers, and at the convention of the Supreme Lodge which followed at Washington, in 1894, he was unanimously elected Supreme Master of Exchequer. At the convention at Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1896, he was unanimously elected Supreme Vice-Chancellor, and now at the recent meeting at Indianapolis, on Friday, August 26th, 1898, he was unanimously elected, and on Thursday, September 1st, 1898, he was duly and lawfully installed Supreme Chancellor of the Order of