

THE Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, New York, continued its annual conclave on the 13th of October. The grand procession in the afternoon was the finest and most attractive exhibition ever seen in Rochester. About one thousand Sir Knights were in line, and their glittering accoutrements, elegant uniform, and disciplined movements attracted much admiration. An immense throng of spectators filled the streets. At the Driving Park the line was reviewed by the Grand Officers, followed by the dress parade. At the conclusion of the parade St. Omer, Hugh de Payen and Central City Commanderies entered into competition in tactics and drill for the prize banner offered by Monroe Commandery. The prize was awarded to Hugh de Payen Commandery of Buffalo. The following officers were elected: Sir Charles Roome, G. C.; Sir Robert Black, D. G.; Sir Townsend Fondey, G. G.; Sir Charles H. Holden, G. C. G.; Sir and Rev. John G. Webster, G. Prelate; Sir Thomas C. Chittenden, G. S. W.; Sir George W. Walgrove, G. J. W.; Sir John S. Perry, G. Treas.; Sir Robert Macoy (for the twenty-sixth time), G. Rec.; Sir S. V. McDowell, G. St. B.; Sir John S. Bartlett, G. Sw. B.; Sir William S. Bull, G. Warder; Sir Johnson Fountain, G. Sentinel. The committee, through its chairman, reported the next place of meeting for the Grand Commandery to be in New York city.

BRO. JAMES L. REEVES, of East Tawas, Michigan, during the last thirty years, has been at work collecting Masonic periodicals and documents, and now has an exceedingly valuable Masonic library. He has over three hundred volumes of Masonic magazines and other Masonic publications, in proportion.

THE sixty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York, was opened in ample form at ten o'clock, A. M., on Oct. 12, in Rochester. There was an unusually large number of officers and representatives present. At the afternoon session the annual elections were held, Past Grand Commander H. Clay Preston, presiding.

At the thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, September 9th, ult., the following Grand Officers were elected: Sir Charles C. Kiefer, Grand Commander; Sir J. K. O'Neill, D. G. C.; Sir B. B. Babcock, G. Gen'o.; Sir L. Lyttle, G. C. G.; Sir P. Thatcher, G. Treas.; Sir James Nesbitt, G. Recorder.

THE following companions have just been elected Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, at the fifty-ninth annual convocation, held at Put-in-Bay, September 8th and 9th, ult.: Comps. Reuben C. Lemmon, G. H. P.; James W. Underhill, D. G. H. P.; James B. Hovey, G. K.; Daniel A. Scott, G. S.; F. J. Phillips, G. Treas.; James Nesbitt, G. Secretary.

THE Grand Commandery of New Jersey held its annual conclave at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, September 7th, and elected the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights W. L. Newell, R. E. Grand Commander; F. G. Wiese, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander; T. H. R. Redway, Grand Generalissimo; A. B. Frazee, Grand Captain-General; Rev. W. H. Jeffereys, Grand Prelate; M. M. Drohan, Grand Senior Warden; Charles Russ, Grand Junior Warden; Charles Bechtel, Grand Treasurer; Thomas J. Corson, M. D., Grand Recorder. Every Commandery within the jurisdiction was represented, with but one exception, and paraded over five hundred swords, with nine bands of music. The parade and drill were admirable, and the fatigued Sir Knights sat down to a fine banquet, refreshments being otherwise provided for them all day. The next annual conclave will be held at Camden, September 7th, 1876.—*Square*.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE London *Freemason's Chronicle* has been complimenting an editorial article taken from its own columns and reproduced as original in a New York periodical. How strange the *Chronicle* editor did not know his own handiwork!

THE monument to Fitz Greene Halleck, the poet, was dedicated on July 8th, 1869, at Guilford, Conn. New Haven Commandery, K. T., and St. Alban's Lodge, No. 58, assisted.

HARMONY is the chief support of every well regulated Institution. Without it, the most extensive empire must decay; with it, the weakest nations may become powerful. The ancient philosophers and poets believed that the prototype of harmony was to be found in the sublime music of the spheres, and that man, copying nature, has attempted to introduce this divine melody into human life. And thus it proves its celestial origin, by the heavenly influence it exerts on earth. Sallust represents the good king Micipsa as saying, that "by concord small things increase; by discord the greatest falls gradually into ruin." Let every Mason, anxious for the prosperity of his Ordet feel the truth of the maxim, and remember that *for* harmony should his lodge be opened—in harmony should it work—and *with* harmony should it be closed.

—*Mackey's Lexicon*.