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## ARRANGING FOR THE TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

THE HOTELS ALREADY RECEIVING ORDERS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS—WHAT CHAIRMAN PARKER SAYS—THE FULL LIST OF COMMITTEES OF ARRANGEMENTS APPOINTED.

The Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templars of the United States will be held in Washington in October, 1889, and arrangements are already being made to accommodate and entertain the vast concourse which is expected to be present. Mr. Myron M. Parker is the chairman of the Triennial Committee, and has been devoting considerable time to the arrangements. He said last night to a *Post* reporter: "All the necessary preliminary steps to insure the success of the entertainment are being taken. The Triennial Committee is composed of thirty-six Sir Knights, being nine from each of the four Commanderies in the District. Out of this Committee we have created an Executive Committee of ten. These Committees will have the general management of the ceremonies. I have just appointed the necessary sub-committees and the chairman will soon have their committees organized and in working order. The corresponding secretary of the Triennial Committee, Sir Knight Harrison Dingman, is arranging the Commanderies of the country by States and is constantly receiving letters from all quarters about the Conclave."

"Do you think there will be a very large gathering?"

"Yes, probably larger than ever before attended during a Conclave of the Grand Encampment. In Chicago in 1880, there were 30,000 Knights in the parade. In San Francisco, in 1868, there was a large attendance;

and in St. Louis, in 1886, there were nearly as many as in Chicago. There are about 70,000 Knights Templars in the United States, and we expect to have 50,000 of them in Washington in 1889. Already a number of Commanderies have secured quarters. One Western State has contracted with the *Arlington* for five hundred. The *Riggs House* has been pretty well taken up by Philadelphia Commanderies. Col. Staples, of *Willard's*, has received a large number of applications. Ex Representative Maybury, a Past Commander of Detroit Commandery, was here last week and arranged with the *National* for three hundred. Mr. Maybury says Detroit Commandery will have 100 Knights in line, and will bring with them 200 guests. This, you know, is one of the celebrated Commanderies that has taken prizes for excellence in drill. Mr. Watson, of Mayville, Ky., is now here looking after quarters for Kentucky Knights. He says there will be 600 from Kentucky. Gen. D. B. Ainger, who is pleasantly remembered as a former Postmaster of Washington, and now Adjutant General of the State of Michigan, has contracted with the *Hamilton* for Charlotte Commandery, which is composed of prominent Michigan men—members of Congress, judges, bankers, and business men generally. Gen. Roome, of New York, the Most Eminent Grand Master will have headquarters and Parlors at *The Ebbitt*. Past Grand Commander William B. Isaacs, of Richmond, Va., the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, will probably be at *The Ebbitt*; also Palestine Commandery of New York City. Although it is about two years in advance of the time, you can form some idea of the interest that is already being taken."

"It would seem that the Committee on Hotels and quarters would have a pretty large job?"

"Yes, that's true; but Sir Knight Allison Nailor, the chairman, assures me that his committee will provide