

Commandery, with all the privileges of a Past Grand Commander of North Dakota.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest and calls for no special comment.

Commanderies, 7 ; members, 406 ; increase, 38.

Clarence A. Hale, (Grand Forks,) G. C.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo,) G. R.

Ohio.

Fifty-second Conclave, Cleveland, Oct. 3rd 1894.

Henry P. McIntosh, G. C.

In reply to a query, "Are the Orders of the Temple and Malta one and the same and indivisible?" he made the following decision:

No. The Order of Malta is "appendant to the Order of the Temple," and it is unnecessary for a Knight Templar to receive the former to become a full-fledged member of the Commandery and to be entitled to all the rights and privileges in it. He is entitled to the Order of Malta without any further action of the Commandery, and an Eminent Commander is remiss in his duty if he does not see that it is conferred upon him. There are cases where a Knight Templar has had the Order of Malta conferred upon him when visiting another Commandery, for there is no law to prevent a Templar who has not received the Order of Malta from visiting another Commandery. His obligation as a Knight Templar covers the whole matter, as he is pledged by it to keep the secrets of a Knight of Malta; as a Knight Templar he is, therefore, entitled to have the words and signs explained to him at any time thereafter, and his not getting them has no effect on his membership in the Commandery.

A new Commandery was opened at Van Wert.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Eminent Grand Recorder, that Recorders of subordinate Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction be instructed to enter in full upon their records the annual returns of their respective Commanderies, for the purposes of reference and permanent preservation, be and the same is hereby concurred in.

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio finds upon the table of the Grand Commander a beautiful basket of flowers and a "Welcome from the Newsboys of Cleveland," therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Commandery returns its thanks to its youthful friends, and that we assure them that they have our best wishes for their success in business and increase in knowledge, that they may eventually become useful and honorable citizens.