

ings of Grand Commandery of Arkansas for 1881. The address by the Grand Commander Johnson is well written, and principally of local interest. He feelingly alludes to the death of the lamented Garfield and talented Blackie. The Committee on Memorials of the Dead, of which Sir Knight Salle was chairman, very properly add the name of the erudite Mackey. There are four commanderies on the roster, with a membership of one hundred and fifty-one. Rt. Em. Sir Knight A. J. Thompson, Gr. Com.; Em. Sir Knight J. A. Henry, Gr. Recorder, both of Little Rock.

The Royal Arch work differs so in the different jurisdictions of the United States, that when a Companion sometimes crosses the border line of his own State, he finds himself in a mist, and possibly unable to gain admission to a chapter, or rather to work his way in. Even the W. is in dispute. Some give the tri-literal, others the tri-syllabic, and others the tri-lingual, and the *Review* might have added, some demand all three. Pennsylvania, of course, works something like we in Canada. The question now is, what is the use of the General Grand Chapter? In 1880 that august but powerless body adopted a ritual. Wisconsin adopted it; Ohio rejected it; some acted upon it, others didn't; or rather, each Grand Chapter did as it liked, as each Grand Chapter will do as it likes regarding the Cryptic Degrees.

The *Kneph* gives an interesting account of the annual session of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Egyptian Rite of Memphis, 96°, held in London, England, Jan. 31—the day first appointed for holding the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada at London, Ont. The Rite is composed of 96 degrees, which are given in four distinct bodies, termed Rosi Croix Chapters, Senates, Grand Councils or Mystic Temples, and the Sovereign Sanctuary.

The Rosi Croix Chapter only confers from the fourth to the eighteenth inclusive. The Senates from the eighteenth to the forty-fifth inclusive. The Mystic Temple from the forty-fifth to the ninetieth inclusive. The ninety-first, ninety-second, ninety third, ninety-fourth and ninety-fifth are official, and regarded as rewards for merit, being conferred only in the Sovereign Sanctuary. The ninety-sixth is confined to the Grand and Past Grand Masters. The Rite is founded on the first three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and does not pretend to work or communicate the same to any profane.

At the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, held at Freemasons' Hall Feb. 1st, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S.E., informed Grand Chapter that during the recent search which had been instituted in the "muniment" room of Grand Lodge, among various old books and papers, they found an original document. On examination it was found to be no less than the original charter of compact under which Grand Chapter was constituted, and under which they were assembled that very morning. That charter of confirmation bore date 1767, and it appeared to have been the result of an understanding that was come to by various Royal Arch Masons on the modern side to form themselves into a body, having a regularly constituted government, and therefore they drew up this document. It is signed by Low Blamey and several other distinguished Masons of the period. Under that charter of compact Grand Chapter has ever since existed. This interesting document was at once cleaned and framed, and now hangs in the hall of the Grand Lodge of England.

The learned Bro. T. B. Whytehead, in an article on Worshipful Masters, in the *London Freemason*, writes: "Regarded from the intelligent side, the German system seems to have many