

without its recompenses, as Sir Moore had for many years been the conservative force holding Canadian Templars from more fully adopting the active tactics and methods of their fraters of the United States and thus held back many great advances that will now be left free to accomplish themselves.

While we should regret to see our Canadian fraters lay aside anything in their rituals or usages that may in any way be superior to ours, yet with hearts and arms wide open, the Templars from the Grand Encampment will welcome their Canadian fraters to a closer union."

Commanderies, 4; members, 283; increase, 49.

David P. Mason, (Albany), G. C.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene), G. R.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Erie, May 26th, 1891.

The Grand Commander, John J. Wadsworth, was prevented from being present through illness, and the Conclave was presided over by the Deputy Grand Commander, Joseph S. Wright.

The Grand Commander reports the following decisions:

"1. That a Knight rejected in a Commandery can apply for membership as often and whenever he chooses.

2. That the appointment of a Division Commander does not carry with it any change of uniform of the Grand Commander, nor is there such a thing as a jewel for that officer.

3. To the question asked by the Division Commander whether Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, should be allowed or permitted to carry at the head of their lines on parade the American flag, I decided:

"While I have as much love and respect for the flag of our country as any man living, I could not permit it to be carried in a Templar parade. Our Grand Commandery prohibits the wearing of all badges, etc., except Masonic, on all occasions where the Templar uniform is worn. Certainly all flags and banners other than those that are legitimate Templar banners should be prohibited as well. You will therefore inform the E. Commandery of No. 1 that such a proceeding on the part of his Commandery would be unlawful and cannot be permitted."

This is the largest Grand Commandery in the world and has among its members a Past Grand Master and the present Grand Master of Knights Templars of America.

Frazer M. Richards Muckle, their representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, presented his report, from which we learn that the Home is increasing in popularity with each additional year.

A charter was granted direct for the formation of a new Commandery in Philadelphia, to be named Pennsylvania Commandery.

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