

The Grand Captain General, under the direction of the R. E. Grand Commander, detailed a detachment for guard duty around the head-quarters, at such times as the Grand Body should be in session.

Promptly at 8 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, June 24th, A. D. 1879, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, of the State of Minnesota, convened at head-quarters. Sir Kt. Wm. Lochern, R. E. Grand Commander.

Representatives from ten subordinate commanderies in the jurisdiction.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that a number of distinguished Knights Templar had been invited to attend this "tented" conclave.

\$427 had been remitted for the relief of the suffering Fraters of Mississippi.

Of this meeting it is said:—

The "New Departure" of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota—holding its annual conclave in the woods on the banks of a lake—was a decided success.

The tent—sent up from St. Louis for the occasion—in which the conclave was held, was calculated to accommodate five hundred persons; upwards of one hundred smaller tents were set up in close proximity.

The installation ceremonies were a marked feature, all the space not required by the Grand Commandery in the large tent was occupied by the ladies accompanying the Sir Knights; and to give the hundreds of Sir Knights and others an opportunity to witness the ceremonies, the sides of the tent were rolled up, affording a fine view.

The tent and surrounding trees were brilliantly illuminated with