

NEW JERSEY, 1879.

The twenty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New Jersey, was held in the City of Trenton, on Tuesday, September 9th, A. D. 1879, R. E. Sir Knight Martin M. Drohan, Grand Commander.

Eleven out of thirteen Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commander feelingly alluded to the death of Sir Knight T. J. Corson, and the following tribute to his memory embalms the attributes of a true Sir Knight and christian gentleman:—

Endowed by nature the peer of any, his scholastic attainments placed him high in the estimation of his fellows. In using his God-given talents, he succeeded in surrounding his life with love and a just admiration; the years of labor and the devotion he bestowed in the interests of Masonry made him a leader, and his life was an exponent of her exalted principles. The standard of Templarism he carried to the front, and, raising it aloft, ever pointed to the Cross of Calvary emblazed thereon, maintaining, with voice and pen, the salvation of the Lord. In him friendship displayed her holiest type, and few of those who mourn for him can hope to establish with the living so sacred a pledge. He cherished in his heart the good that was drawn within the influence of the irresistible magnetism of his worth. Endued with unswerving integrity, the courtesy of Knighthood, and of brilliant mind, he has enriched this jurisdiction with a halo that is imperishable, and his influence upon the Fraternity will be lasting.

During his protracted sickness, he watched the daily inroad of disease, as year by year it crept upon him—yet did he not blanch; as a man in the image of his God, whose hope is secure, he met the Great Destroyer, and, gazing upon him, month after month, from the confines of two worlds,—was not appalled, but with christian dignity and resignation, patiently bided the issue which should release him from his sufferings, to be at rest in the blessed hereafter.