

But we must leave Frater Elgin and his interesting report.

Membership, 2,155; Commanderies, 31; net increase, 40.

A. A. Johnston,	Dallas,	Grand Commander.
J. C. Kidd,	Houston,	Grand Recorder.

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Fifty-sixth Annual. Burlington. June 14th.

Grand Commandery was opened by R. E. Sir Knight Robert J. Wright, the Grand Commander. Eleven Commanderies represented.

The Very Eminent Knight Joseph A. Locke, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment and the representative of the Grand Master, was received and welcomed.

The Grand Commander was pleased to welcome the Knights for the first time to their new Masonic Temple. They had gained in numbers, a new Commandery instituted, and a petition for another received.

In Canada the seal of the Grand body is attached to all dispensations and documents by the Grand Chancellor or Grand Secretary, who attests and keeps official record, after the presiding officer signs, but in Vermont it appears the presiding officer has a private seal for dispensations, etc. He evidently likes to add Secretary's work as well to his other duties.

The Grand Recorder in his twelfth annual report was pleased to announce the largest gain in number, the past year, in their history, there being a net gain of 101.

\$400 was appropriated to maintaining headquarters at Pittsburg.

Past Grand Commander George O. Tyler, an honorary member of Canada, was as usual in attendance, and in evidence on several of the Committees.

Our Green Mountain fratres devoted a memorial page to our beloved Daniel Spry, late Grand Chancellor, and Canada appreciates the kindly and knightly honor to his memory.