

I find that a majority of the Commanderies overlook the importance or necessity of conferring this order upon all their members, that they themselves do not appreciate the fact nor impress upon the candidates the fact that they are not members in full standing, and have no right to vote or hold office until they have received the Order of Malta.

I do not wish to be understood as suggesting a seditious thought, but I do believe that it would inure to the benefit of Templarism if the Grand Encampment could be persuaded to eliminate the Order of Malta from the Ritual, as I do not think that either in theory or fact is it a part of Templarism.

What about the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, what part of Templarism is it, *either in theory or in fact.*

He concludes his report in a very grandiloquent peroration of the Cuban difficulty.

Committee on Drill and Tactics considered their system at present in use, not up to the standard, and decided to adopt and engraft a portion of the H. B. Grant tactics.

The Triennial Committee made a detailed report. The per capita tax of 90 cents for each member in the jurisdiction for Triennial expenses realized \$10,772.10. They will likely need it all.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and it was adopted: That a life member having demitted and affiliated with another Commandery, then demitted from the second Commandery, and is again admitted into one in which he was a life member, is not entitled to the life membership privileges, he having voluntarily abandoned and surrendered all his rights and privileges which he possessed therein, at the time of his demission.

R. E. Sir Kt. Lee S. Smith, P. G. C., indites the Correspondence report. He gives a courteous two page review to Canada for 1897 and is pleased to style the Grand Master's address "a most interesting and carefully prepared paper."

Under Maryland he says regarding uniforms:

We do it a little differently in this section of Pennsylvania, namely, the subordinate Commanderies charge the initiate a fixed sum and furnish him a uniform in connection with his initiation. This necessitates a supply of the uniform, and makes them in general character alike.