

VERMONT.—At the regular Conclave of Lafayette Commandery, No. 3, stationed at St. Albans, Vt., on the evening of Feb. 14th, the Sir Knights were agreeably surprised by a visit from Sir Geo. O. Tyler, Grand Commander of Vermont. Although our worthy Eminent Commander, Sir Thomas S. Miller, was taken somewhat by surprise, yet he is not one of those Sir Knights that is disconcerted by the presence of his superior officers, as the work he performed will testify. The Red Cross Degree was conferred and the Grand Commander was pleased to highly commend the work as well as the Knightly appearance of the Sir Knights of Lafayette Commandery, and the courteous treatment he had received at their hands. After the work and business the Sir Knights sat down to a banquet at the Welden House, which judging from the tables after, was keenly relished by those present. Mine host Lavender knew the crowd he had to entertain and governed himself accordingly, and right royally were they entertained.

The position of Apollo Commandery relative to making the pilgrimage to San Francisco, next August, has given rise to remarks which rake up the unpleasant occurrences of the Chicago Conclave, and which are better by far forgotten. As is well known, Apollo Commandery is contemplating a trip to Europe, and gives reasons for not going to California which are anything but complimentary to the California Sir Knights. On the other hand, there are members of the Order in this city who say that Apollo Commandery is in a measure to blame for any ill feeling that may exist, and if their statements be true there is not much to the credit of Apollo Commandery. "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?"—*Ex.*

WORTH REMEMBERING.—By our ancient regulations, the humblest Brother holds the key of admission in his hands. On every member, whatever be his rank, is devolved the responsibility of determining who shall and who shall not become members of the fraternity. How important, therefore, that he realize his responsibility and have a proper appreciation of his duties and prerogatives in the discharge of that important trust. Let every Brother feel the responsibility that rests upon him, and not make this great safeguard an instrument of retaliation for fancied or real dislike, shown by the Lodge or the friends of the candidate. Realize that the ballot placed in your hands is a silent but efficient power. Use it without prejudice, without partiality of passion, discreetly, conscientiously, and for the best good of the fraternity. Hesitate not to use it when a candidate is proposed who has a questionable moral character,—one whose daily life is a constant reproach to our tenets and principles, or whose business or occupation degrades him in the eyes of all good citizens. It is enough that a man is a profane swearer, that he is intemperate, or engaged in any unlawful calling, to warrant his silent and prompt rejection.—*Past Grand Master Barlow, of Connecticut.*

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