

Eight new Commanderies were organized as follows:—Two each in New Mexico, Florida and Indian Territory, and one each in Idaho and Oklahoma. One was also formed in Mexico, but was afterwards cancelled:—

September 1st, 1893. I issued my dispensation to Sir Knight Richard R. Chism, as Eminent Commander, and fifteen others, to form and open a Commandery named Popocatepetl Commandery No. 1, of the Federal District of Mexico, stationed at Mexico City, Mex. The petitioners were of our own blood and kindred, and produced documentary evidence of their good standing, either by dimit or certificates from their several Commanderies. I had every reason to believe that a Commandery could be maintained there, and one ought to be established; thus believing, I granted my dispensation. Another reason which was considered by me in granting a dispensation, was the fact that large numbers of our Fratres annually visit Mexico, and they should have a rendezvous or Asylum where they could go if needs be.

For some time the Commandery was prosperous and the Fratres happy and proud of their Templar home, but an apple of discord was thrown into the Asylum and inharmonies took root, when I at once revoked my dispensation, which has been deposited with the Grand Recorder, likewise a record of the work done by the Commandery.

The correspondence with Scotland is thus detailed:—

At the last Conclave of this Grand Body it was recommended that the Grand Master obtain from the Grand Encampment of the Temple of Malta of Scotland, a copy of its constitution and all possible information in reference to said Body, its standing, jurisdiction, etc., and to lay the same before this Grand Body at its next Triennial Conclave. (Proceedings 1892, p. 136.)

Immediately upon the printing of our Proceedings, I caused to be sent to said Grand Body, through our Grand Recorder, a copy of the same, with a Knightly and courteous letter, under the seal of our Grand Body, calling special attention to our action, and requesting an answer.

The following answer, received July 15th, 1895, explains why no answer was sooner received to our communication, and is all the information received:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE TEMPLE OF MALTA FOR SCOTLAND,
OFFICE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,

15 New Bridge St., AYR, June 17th, 1895.

*William B. Isaacs, Esq., Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment,
U.S.A.:—*

VERY EMINENT SIR AND DEAR FRATER,—Having just had occasion to overhaul the correspondence of our late Foreign

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