

We believe, that there is no more necessity for a General Grand Body of Templars than for a General Grand Chapter or a General Grand Lodge. Nearly three-fourths of a million of Masons live in unexampled harmony and prosperity on the American Continent without a General Grand Lodge, and we can perceive no reason why fifty thousand Templars cannot do the same thing. Royal Arch Masonry flourishes as well in Pennsylvania as in those States which submit to the authority of the General Grand Chapter, and we have no doubt that our Grand Commandery could administer our Templar affairs as successfully.

But the Grand Encampment is a reality; it exists and will exist—if not the present one, then some other. The idea of central organization has become an element in the Templar fabric, and it will not “out.” Let us, therefore, accept the practical, the inevitable fact, and the more cheerfully we do it the happier will we and all around us be. Let us unite to improve the Grand Encampment and perfect it, so that it may have sufficient resolution and courage to prescribe uniform laws which shall be equally enforced in all the thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions now recognizing its authority.

Sir Kt. Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, is Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1879.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Tennessee began its Seventeenth Annual Conclave in the City of Pulaski, on Thursday, May 8th, 1879, R. E. Sir Kt. Wilbur Fisk Foster, Grand Commander.

And the Representatives of twelve Subordinate Commanderies.

A large proportion of the proceedings is devoted to sad details of the late pestilence in the South.

The handsome volume containing these proceedings has an able report on F. C., Canada, however, for some reason receiving no mention.

Of the Templar Order, it is said:—