

that charges shall be preferred against him in his Preceptory and a trial had before he is suspended as a Templar. There are no lodge esoterics practiced in our Preceptories.

He hints at a visit to Canada. We can assure our distinguished confrere a most hearty reception:

William M. Brooks, (Memphis), G. C.

George C. Connor, (Chattanooga), G. R.

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Thirty-eighth Conclave, Corsicana, April 20, 1892.

James Garritty, G. C.

His address opens as follows:

"The history of our Templar year now closing will show a record seldom equalled of business depression, political and financial disturbance, famine and suffering, which, in some form mentioned, covers the entire civilized world, and in common with others, our State has had its share of these afflictions, yet I am happy to be able to assure you that during this time our Order has prospered, and shows an increase in membership."

We also quote his first decision:

"1. April 27, 1891, in answer to a letter from Sir Knight O. Heyworth, Eminent Commander, Galveston, Texas, inquiring in regard to the use of the words 'in the name of God and Prince Emanuel,' and in regard to uncovering at opening and closing of the Grand Commandery. I answered as follows:

In reply to yours of the 24th will say I know of no law governing the form of opening or closing except that laid down in our present ritual; and this, in my opinion, we are in duty bound to follow. There are no rules for the opening or closing of our Grand Commandery, for each Grand Commander does pretty much as he is in the habit of doing in his own Commandery, consequently, you will find some little variations (not essential) every time the Grand Commandery is opened or closed. The words you quote were used in this jurisdiction until the present ritual was promulgated, and by some since then, but as we are all bound by the laws and edicts of the Grand Encampment, it is now clearly wrong to use them. To uncover at opening or closing is incorrect, and was no doubt done by many at the Grand Commandery meeting through force of habit. All this goes to show that we should be careful in our Subordinate Commanderies to follow the ritual closely; otherwise, there will be more or less confusion when representatives of many Commanderies meet in the Grand Commandery."